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**LETTERS FROM FORT ST GEORGE,
1757**

(VOLUME 32)

No 1

**TO M^r JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF OF DEVECOTAH**

SIR

In our Letter of the 15th Oct^r last we directed you to give M Hopkins such Assistance as you found reasonable in Collecting what Debts he had outstanding in the Country about DeveCotah We now transmitt you the Particulars of his demands as they have been laid before Us amounting to Pag^s 5500 and You have enclosed also a Letter from the President to Goderow & the Renter of the Sheally Country When this Money is collected the sum of Two thousand Five hundred & Eleven Pagodas Nine Fanams & Sixteen Cash is to be paid into the Company s Cash on Account M Hopkins Debt to them You will therefore use your Endeavours that this Money be receiv d as soon as possible

We are

SIR

Your Affect^d Friends

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

WILLIAM PERCIVAL

JOHN SMITH

CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT S^r GEORGE
8th JANRY 1757

No 2

**TO M^r JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL OF
VIZAGAPATAM**

GENTLEMEN

We have received your several Letters of the 15th October 3^d & 25th of November and 18th of December

As soon as the Repairs on the Cuddalore Sloop are completed she must be dispatch d hither with as many Bales as she can take in The Account of disbursements delivered you by the Captain of that Vessell appears to Us reasonable and you have our Permission to discharge it as well as to comply with his Request for an Advance for four Months Impress to his People

We approve of Your advancing a Month s Pay to the Military on board the Cumberland and as this & the other unexpected Charges which you mention must have reduced your Cash we consent to your drawing Bills on Us for such a sum as you shall think absolutely necessary to answer your present Occasions

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affect^d Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
WILLIAM PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
12th JANRY 1757

No 3

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQ^r
RESIDENT AT INGERAM

SIR

We have receiv d your Letters of the 4th & 8th of Nov^r and 3^d & 24th Ultimo the last of which accompanvng Duplicate Copy of your Books was forwarded to Us from DeveCotah where the Sloop you consign d to Us has put in having pass d this Port

We observe what you say in regard to the ruinous Condition of the Buildings and the Walls round Suncrapollam Factory as well as of the Company s Godown at Nellepellee but can by no means think this a proper Time for making the Repairs you propose We have no objection however to your pulling down & Rebuilding the Walls of the Company s Godown at Nellipelle unless You should find it practicable to support it by Buttresses

Agreable to your Request you may take the first Opportunity of returning to the Presidency after delivering over the Charge of the Settlement to M John Calland & interchangeably with him signing an exact Acc^t Remains

We are
SIR
Your affect^d Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
WILLIAM PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
12th JANUARY 1757

No 4

To ALEX^s WYNCH ESQ^r AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN
OF COUNCIL AT
FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

HAVING considered the Clause in the Cowle for the Arrack Farm at your Settlement prohibiting Toddy being sold any where but at the Toddy Gardens which You mention to be thought a Grievance by the Inhabitants we have come

to a Resolution not to insert it in the new Cowle you will therefore give Public Notice of this when You advertize the sale of the Farm which is to be on the 11th of next Month at the Sea Gate at this Settlement when it will be cryed down to the best Bidder for five years

You may continue to send us your Consultations & Monthly Papers over land as usual

Your Bill dated 21st Ult in favour of M Henry Powney for Pag 1300 was paid the 28th of the same Month

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affect^t Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROB ORME
WILL^m PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
21st JANRY 1757

No 5

To ALEX^r WYNCH Esq^r &
THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

This serves to inclose Invoice & Bills of Lading for sundry Military Stores laden on the Neptune Sloop for your Settlement As she has also several Consignments for DeveCotah You must dispatch Her thither with all Expedition

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affect^t Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROB ORME
WILL^m PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
26th JANRY 1757

No 6

To M^r JA^s BOURCHIER
CHIEF AT DEVECOTAH

SIR

Enclosed We send you Invoice & Bills of Lading of sundries consign d to you by the Neptune Sloop Such Part as is designed for Tritchinopoly is specified in a separate Invoice also enclos d concerning which you l receive the necessary Directions from the Secret Committee

We are
SIR
Your Affect^t Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROB ORME
WILL^m PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
26th JANRY 1757

No 7

TO ALEX^{rs} WYNCH ESQ^{rs} AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF
COUNCIL AT FORT S^r DAVID
GENTLEMEN

We have had under Consideration the several Charges Captain D Illens lodged with you which have been transmitted to Us That against M Richard Fairfield your Military Store Keeper consists of many heavy Articles and requires our Chief Attention You will therefore make the strictest Enquiry into that Gentleman s Conduct & how far Captⁿ D Illen s Charges against him are well grounded and transmit Us the Result The Alligations [*sic*] against Istrislopudy Conicopy to the Civil & Military Paymaster & against Trevengaddom Conicopy of the Artificers and Cooleys must likewise be enquired into

We think it unnecessary to take any Notice of the Charges against Captⁿ George Gardner and M Call the Engineer further than that We think them ill Grounded & improper & that Captⁿ D Illens justly merits the severest Censure for presuming to call in Question the Capacity and Abilities of two Officers whom We have thought proper to entrust in their several Employes You will acquaint that Gentleman that such are our sentiments and at the same time that notwithstanding We think Ourselves obliged to him for the other Information he has lodged he has gone too far in offering to determine who shall be the Judges of the Misdemeanours

An Officer has a Right to demand a Court Martial on himself but it is sufficient when he thinks that the service is hurt by the bad Conduct of others to lodge Information with his superiors You will acquaint Captⁿ D Illens with this also & let him know if he pays a proper Attention to the Business of his own Employ it is as much as is required of him It will be time enough when he comes to the Command of the whole to offer to direct Captⁿ Gardner is at present his Commanding Officer and as such We expect he will obey him

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
WILL^m PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT S^r GEORGE
31st JANRY 1757

No 8

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^{rs}
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves only to enclose Duplicate of our Letter of the 4th November which acknowledges the Receipt of the last We have received from Your Presidency

We have not yet had any accounts from the Bay but are in hourly Expectation of hearing that the Expedition has met with the desired success

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH

FORT ST GEORGE
3^d FEBRUARY 1757

No 9

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^A FACTORS AT
TELLICHERRY

GENTLEMEN

We take this opportunity of forwarding a Duplicate of our last of the 9th November and acquainting you that we have received your Letter of the 17th & 28th of October last enclosing his Majesty s Declaration of War

The Chesterfield was dispatched from hence for England the 21st November with a full Loading of Bales

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH

FORT ST GEORGE
3^d FEBRUARY 1757

No 10

TO GEORGE SCOTT ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^A FACTORS AT
ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

At present we have only to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 27th September & 28th December & the Packet for the President enclosed in the Latter

The Unhappy situation of affairs in Bengal having frustrated our Intentions of sending home the Delawar in July as We advised you in our last We were under the Necessity of fixing on one of the latter ships the Chesterfield which made the Dispatch so late as the 21st of November

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH

FORT S GEORGE
3^d FEBRUARY 1757

No 11

To M^r JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF AT DEVECOTAH

SIR

As the season is now somewhat favourable You will dispatch hither as soon as possible the Nancy Sloop which you advise to have put in at Deve Cotah with Bales from Ingeram on the Honourable Company s account but lest it may happen that it shall be hazardous for her to pass Pondicherry We would have you give the Syrang Orders to call in her way at Fort S^t David as should that be the case the Gentlemen there have our Orders to detain her

We are

SIR

Your affectionate friends

GEORGE FIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
WILLIAM PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
4th FEBRUARY 1757

No 12

To ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
& THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

In answer to your Letter of the 30th Ultimo We leave it to you to take the first opportunity w^{ch} you shall think the most proper for sending up your Bales when you think they can pass Pondicherry wth safety

The Nancy Sloop from Ingeram which is loaded with Bales on the Honourable Company s Account having passed this Port & put in at Deve Cotah We have directed M^r James Bourchier the Chief there to send her up as soon as her Passage is practicable but to Order the Syrang to touch in his Way at your Settlement in order that you may detain her in case you find that her proceeding hither shall be attended with any Risk

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE FIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
WILLIAM PERCIVAL
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
4th FEBRUARY 1757

No 13

To M^r JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF AT DEVECOTAH

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 24th Ultimo Enclosed We send you another Letter for Goderow from the President relating to the Debts due to M^r Hopkins in the Chially Country which you will forward to him acquainting him at the same time that as you have our Orders to recover them You shall

expect from him all the Assistance in his Power the President s former Letter to him as well as this meant nothing more than that he should assist you & It is therefore on you chiefly We depend for the Recovery of the Money the amount of which as We have already told you is five thousand five hundred Pagodas and a thousand Rupees you will receive the Bonds from M Hopkins Executors who have our Directions to send them to you The Prices of the several Articles in the Account of the DeveCotah stock which you lately transmitted to us being ascertained by our Accomptant conformable to the Books of the Presidency We now return it you and you will enter it in the Books of your Settlement accordingly As the time draws near when the DeveCotah Renter by his Cowle is obliged to deliver fifty Garce of Paddy in lieu of part of his Rent you will call upon him for that Quantity & receive none but what is of the best sort

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

WILLIAM PERCEVAL

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
14TH FEBRUARY 1757

No 14

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

On the 3^d Instant We addressed you by way of Tellicherry and have since received your Letter of the 31^t December

We take this opportunity of forwarding a Packet for your Honour &c^a which We received a few days ago from the Gentlemen in Bengal from whom We have had the satisfaction to learn that on the 2^d of January Fort William with the Town of Calcutta was retaken & put in Possession of our Honble Masters Representatives These advices are dated the 7th when the Gentlemen likewise write us a Considerable Quantity of the Companys Export Goods having been found in the Godowns they intended to load the Delawar for Europe as soon as possible but were in the mean time to dispatch home the Syren Sloop which was to sail in three or four Days No ship being yet returned us from the Bay We almost now despair of having one in time to dispatch home this season which We regret the more having made so considerable an Investment as to have near sufficient Number of Bales for the Tonnage of two ships

We are

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

ROBERT ORME

WILLIAM PERCEVAL

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
19TH FEBRUARY 1757

No. 15.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r.
& THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your several Letters of the 2^d., 3^d., 11th. and 14th. Instant with the Papers that accompanied them. As you represent the Rice you have in store to be Considerably the worse for lying by, & We imagine You will soon have an opportunity of Procuring a fresh supply we would have you dispose of it on the best terms you are able. The Danger which you seem to think, at present threatens Vessels in Passing Pondicherry, will be greatly removed when the Southerly Winds set in strong, You therefore must then and not till then send us up the Ingeram Bales by the Nancy Sloop & Your own Investment by any other opportunity taking care that you dispatch them in such time as they may pass Pondicherry in the night. Your bill in favour of Lieutenant Colonel Forde for fifteen hundred Pagodas was paid the 16th. Instant. Agreeable to the Notice the Cowle for the arrack Farm at your Settlement was put up to sale here the 11th. Instant and cryed down to Linga Chitty at Two thousand Two hundred & sixty Pagodas a Year. A Copy of the Cowle shall be sent you in a few days.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 16.

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL AT
FORT WILLIAM.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Letters of the 7th. January and 4th. Ultimo and congratulate you on your being again in Possession of Calcutta. We have paid your Honour & c^a. Bill for five thous^d. Arcot Rupees in favour of Captain Robert Baillie, and now take the opportunity of the Ship Sally & Betsey Schooner to consign you two Lacks with some Gun Powder and Musket ammunition Invoices & Bills of Lading for which are enclosed. By the ship Sally you will also receive a Box of Stationery as mentioned in the Enclosed Invoice; The Remainder of what was detained here shall be sent by the next Opportunity. We observe with Concern that no Salt Petre has been procurable, and that the Walpole will be as late of Coming on the Coast as our Powder Mills will shortly stand still for want of that Article, & We yet beg you will send us up what you are able by any ship that is bound hither. We dont see how we can procure Captain Mackmath any satisfaction from the Malays for their Treacherry at

Jank Ceylon, however should an opportunity offer We shall assist him as far as in our Power. Your Packet for the Gentlemen at Bombay was forwarded by Pattamar soon after it was Received.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
5TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 17.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^R.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

Having appointed you to be Chief of Vizagapatam you will embark on the Neptune Sloop now bound thither and on your arrival take Charge of the Settlement which We now direct the provisional Chief &c^a. Council to deliver over to you.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends,
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 18.

TO M^R. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.
GENTLEMEN

Having appointed William Perceval Esq^r. to be Chief of Vizagapatam he now proceeds thither on the Neptune Sloop and on his arrival you will deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to him as Chief and then take your former Stations.

We have paid your Bill drawn on Us for Eighteen thousand Madras Pagodas.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affection^t. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No 19

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

The several Letters received since our last are dated the 8th January 1st 4th and 13th Ultimo

We shall soon send an account Sortment of the Bales received by the Betsey Schooner and Hartop and Vizagapatam Snows At present We can only say the Number is very satisfactory

The Honble Court of Directors having in their Letter dated 11th February 1756 recommended an abatement in the Northern Cloths of five Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Corge on super fine Izzarees two Pagodas $\frac{1}{3}$ Corge on fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloth such abatement must be made

We now consign to you by the Neptune Sloop Thirty Thousand Arcot Rupees which is all We can at Present spare and We also send you by the same Vessell five Candys of Copper which must be coined into Dubbs

Being Ignorant of the Nature of the stores M Westcott had consigned to the Gentlemen at Bengal on the Sloop that lost her Passage and put in at Vizagapatam you must send Us an account of them before We can give any direction concerning them

Captain Beaver having been put under Arrest must be immediately released and order d to this Presidency or to Bengal by the first Opportunity that shall offer for either

M Pocock having left some Gun Powder at Vizagapatam We shall defer complying with the Indent for Military Stores lately receiv d from thence till the next Opportunity

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affection^t Friend

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

JOHN SMITH

CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S^r GEORGE
24th MARCH 1757

No 20

TO M^r JOHN CALLAND
PROVISIONAL RESIDENT AT INGERAM

SIR

The several Letters from your Settlement dated the 7th and 16th of January 9th and 13th of February and the 1st Instant have been received

As We shall be always careful to supply you with what Money We think necessary You must not in future draw any Bills upon Us The Two that were already drawn We have paid

The Bales from your Settlement are all arrived and We shall soon send you the Account sortment

The Company in their Letter dated the 11th February 1756 having recommended an Abatement in the Northern Cloths of five pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Corge on super fine Izzarees two Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Corge on Fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloth such Abatement must be made

We are
SIR

Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CH BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
24TH MARCH 1757

No 21

To M^r JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT BANDARMALANKA

SIR

We have received Your letters of the 7th and 23^d of January and 3^d Ultimo in the first of which You have omitted to send Us an Invoice of the 8 Coils of Cordage you herein advise to have returned to Us for want of which We are at a Loss how to bring them to Account

An abatement in the Northern Cloths of Five Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Corge on Super fine Izzarees Two Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Corge on Fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloths having been strongly recommended by the Court of Directors in their Letter dated the 11th February 1756 such Abatement must be made

All your Bales are safe arrived and an Account Sortment shall shortly be sent you

We are
SIR

Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
24TH MARCH 1757

No 22

To M^r JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT BANDARMALANKA

SIR

Since our last of the 24th Ultimo We have received Yours of the 28th February 5th and 20th March

As you write pressingly for a supply of money to carry on your Investment We now send you by the Sea Horse Sloop (a Country Vessell) Five thousand Madrass Pagodas We are providing more and you shall have a further supply when a good opportunity offers by this Vessel We also send you a Box of Stationary The Invoice and Bill of Loading are enclosed

Your Bales by the Ankatasium are landed but not yet sorted We have paid your Draught on Us for Eleven hundred Pagodas

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

JOHN SMITH

CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE

7TH APRIL 1757

—
No 23

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^R

AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL

AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 18th and 22^d February and your Annual Letter of the last mention d date also those of the 1st 9th 15th 18th 27th and 29th Ult

Your Cloth not being yet sorted We cannot at Present give our opinion on it With respect to your Merchants all possible encouragement should be given to those who exert themselves most and since no proposals have been offer'd notwithstanding your repeated advertisements to Contract with you for any part of the Investment there remain no other means that We know of but to continue to employ such of your old Merchants as are in Circumstances to be trusted with the necessary Advances We observe the rigorous measures used with Persheram Pillah have had a good Effect and induced him to reduce his Ballance considerably in the Course of the last year We wish as much could be said of Govindah Chitty who has not brought you in a single piece of Cloth and paid but two hundred Pagodas in part of large Ballance he has long owed you must be very pressing with him and to prevent any further delays on account of the absence of his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah We have order'd him to proceed immediately to St Davids We were inform'd that a great part of the Debts due to Cawn Moodalair were recoverable as well as some of those due to Tonneveroy Pillah and on that ground expected they would have been able with your Assistance to have reduced their Debt to the Company very considerably but We find that little has as yet been done we hope v^r attention and assistance will not be wanting in future

The Measuring Farm at Fort St David having been taken by Cootah when it was put up at Outcry here in January last order him to provide sufficient security to answer the Rent and proceed hither immediately to sign the counter part of the Cowle & Irshippah Chitty the Renter of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm must also come up to execute his part of that Cowle

We observe by the List of Debts outstanding in your Books ending April 1756 that Andeapah Moodalair and Irshippah Chitty the Bound Renters of Deva Cotah whose Cowle expired in May 1755 stand indebted in two thousand Five hundred (2500) Pagodas on Account of the Rent of that Farm and We do not find by your Cash Accounts since the close of those Books that any part of the above sum have been paid in We find by your Letter of the 21st July 1755 that their Prefence at that time for delaying the Payment was that they could

not recover a large sum of Money which they said was due to them by Sundry persons for Juncan &c an Account whereof you transmitted Us We have caused a particular enquiry to be made into their demands which in general appear to be ill grounded and unreasonable you must therefore insist on their immediately paying in the Rent for We do not think them entitled to any allowance

We are glad to find by your Letter of the 29th Ultimo that Captain D Illens s Charge against M Fairfield for using false Weights arose from a Mistake and that the Weights were just

We have had under our Consideration M Fairfields answer to Captain D Illins s charge and these are our sentiments thereon

We are of opinion that the Answer sufficiently invalidates the charge Art 1 f
th charg
1 and 2

The Director of the Laboratory is the person that should be answerable Charge 3
for the Irregularitys represented and not the Military Storekeeper

4 We think Captain D Illens s culpable in taking the Keys of the Grand Magazine by Force as M Fairfield was improvident in Trusting them to Serjt Carter The Deputy Governour is the person with whom the Keys of the Magazine ought to be lodged and you will therefore direct the Military Store keeper to do so hereafter

5 It appears to Us that M Fairfield did make application to Captain D Illens but never could prevail upon him to deliver in the Accounts he mentions or at least proper ones You must call upon the Director of the Laboratory to deliver in Monthly regular Accounts of the Stores made and Worked up

6 In regard to the Weights your Letter of the 29th Ultimo is satisfactory

7 We think this Article of the Charge intirely groundless the Committee of Accounts having never taken notice of any thing of the Kind

8 We agree in Opinion with you that this Article of the Charge is without foundation

9 We think M Fairfields Answer to this Article might be admitted as sufficient however for further satisfaction it is proper you should enquire whether all the Powder Barrills have been duly accounted for

10 This Article of the Charge does not touch any part of the Military Storekeepers Duty

11 M Fairfields Account remains and the Papers annexed sufficiently convince that he has adhered to the Customery Forms in which no blame can fall on him but as it is proper those Farms should be better regulated We shall desire M Milton one of the Conductors in his Majestys Detachment of Artillery who has for some time been employed in new Modelling our Storehouse after the manner of those in Europe to regulate yours also

12 If any Deficiencies of Stores appear on examining the Account remains M Fairfield of Course is Accountable for them

13 This Article of the Charge has much the Air of improbability and untill it be proved We think M Fairfields Answer sufficient

We have referred the Petition and Memorial of Serjeant James Galloway to the Secret Committee from whom you will receive directions thereon

Manoel Da Silva Bragg may be continued on the Pension List

We shall send you a supply of Pagodas by the first safe Sea Conveyance in the mean time if any Opportunity should offer you may draw on Us

The four Barrels of Tarr you landed from the Don Carlos were Invoiced to Ingeram at twenty Pagodas We shall replace them and therefore you may Credit this Presidency for that sum

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Frd & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 10 APRIL 1757

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No 24

To M^r JOHN CALLAND
PROVISIONAL RESIDENT AT INGERAM

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 14 March By the Nancy Sloop We now send you sundry stores as ^{is} Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed and are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 13TH APRIL 1757

—
No 25

To ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

By Order of the President and Council Therewith send you Invoice and Bill of Loading of five Pipes of Madeira Wine consigned to you by the Dragon Sloop also an Account of two Months Impress Paid and provisions delivered the Syrang for the said sloop The Invoice and Bill of Loading for a Chest of Stationary consigned to the Chief of Deve Cotah are likewise enclosed and are to be forwarded

I am
GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

JOS^s DUPRE

Sec^{ry}

FORT S GEORGE
THE 23^d APRIL 1757

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No 26

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

GENTLEMEN

The Committee for affairs of the West Coast having laid before Us their Report of the state of our Honourable Masters Settlements & Concerns under your Management Collected from your advices Consultations & Accounts for two yeais past We herewith send you a Copy thereof to which so far as it is not contradicted [*sic*] herein you will pay the same regard and attention as if it were here repeated

In some of our former advices We acquainted you that We should comply with your request for two sloops of Fifty Tons as soon as We could purchase them We have not yet met with any that would answer your purpose and shall therefore Order them to be built at Vizagapatam immediately

The Three Long Boats you Indented for will proceed with the Hartop Snow now under dispatch

The Sloop of Force of 80 Tons being intended chiefly for the protection of Natal will now become unnecessary as that Settlement will probably be with drawn

We have purchased a ship on the Companys Account in the room of the Prince George last in Bengall River and purpose dispatching her to you as soon as she can be properly fitted

We do not think proper that the Walpole should proceed to the West Coast and as we shall be better able to Judge after the Arrivall of the expected shipping from Europe how to dispose of all the Tonnage on hand We shall acquaint you in our next Advices of the provision We shall have made for your Surplus Pepper

The great and unusual Rains on this Coast last season has made it difficult to procure any quantity of Salt however as We are sensible it is an exceeding necessary Article with you We now consign you about 33 Garse by the Hartop tho it turns out very dear and shall endeavour to send you a further quantity by the new purchased ship as also some more Gun Powder and six twelve pounder Gun Carriages

We approve of the method recommended by the Committee for supplying you with Slaves and shall accordingly write to our Honourable Masters and the two other Presidencys on that Subject

Upon mature Consideration of the Advantages and Inconveniencys that will probably attend the Settlements of Natal and Tappanooly the former appear precarious and the latter so certain that We cannot think they will ever answer to the Company if therefore on the arrivall of the store ship you should not receive positive orders from our Honble Masters to maintain those Settlements they must both be wholly with drawn leaving only such marks of possession as are recommended by the Committee

We are sensible that the opportunity of Trade on the West Coast are few and Confined and therefore We think it but reasonable that the Trade to that part of the Island should be reserved entirely to the Companys Servants there and purpose recommending to our Honble Masters to give positive orders to the two other presidencys to prohibit their Vessells from trading at those Ports.

Instead of Collecting the Import Dutys in the Manner you were directed in October 1754 let this be the Rule in future On all merchandize from hence add Twenty five ¢ Cent to the Value expressed in the Manifest and on that sum levy five ¢ cent in full of all Dutys in all other Respects we Confirm the Directions given in October 1754 and the Regulations made by you in Consultation the 15th May last

We confirm M Frith in the Rank of a Captain to which you promoted him and his Brevet comes in the Packet the time of his taking Rank is left Blank it is to be the date of the Brevet you gave him and it must be inserted accordingly

Mess Charles Frederick Noble and Hallet Saunders who were appointed Factors on your Stabishment [*sic*] and arrived here last Year have had Notice to embark on the Hartop

You should always in your advices to Us insert in the Margin the dates of the Consultations or Letters which have any relation to the subject of the Paragraph Your Consultations must never again be sent Us without an Index and Marginal Notes You must also observe that your Consultations Letters received and sent &c are to be transmitted to Us in Setts commencing the 1st January and Ending the 31st December and when you send a part of the Years transactions let the sheets be only stitched together that they may be afterwards bound here in proper setts with the other part of the year when received but the broken setts to or from any dispatch must never be bound with any part of another Year as you have some times done

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 26TH APRIL 1757

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort
St George to be shipp d on board the Hartop Captain
Thomas Savage for Fort Marlbro by the
following persons Viz^t

BY CAPTAIN THOMAS SAVAGE ON HIS INDULGENCE

M ks & Numb rs	B los	T tal B les	Co go	P	P	f	P	f	—
TS									
B									
N 1 @15	15	Long Cloth blue 1/2 p	60 @Pg	27	1620	—	—		
Carried over					1620	—	—		

M ks & Numbe	Bal a.	T tal Bales		C go P	P f	a.	P f	e.
Brought over 15					1620	—	—	
W								
N 1 @ 12	12		Long Cloth White	18 @p	35	—	630	—
TS } N 1	1		Buggess Cambays	8	13	—	104	—
BC }								
TS } N 2	1		Batties blue flowered	20	5	18	110	—
BM }								
TS			Blue Morees	2	38	—	76	—
P N C N 3	1		Pulliacat Cambays	4	28	—	12	—
			Metchlepatam Cam bays	4	26	—	104	—
TS N 4	1		Long Cloth White	1	60	—	60	—
			Metchlepatam Chints	2	25	—	50	—
			Pulliacat Handker chiefs	1	38	—	38	—
			Cambrick	5	30	—	7	18
TS								
SN 1	1		Buggess Cambays	10	—	13	—	130
			Handkerchiefs Red in a Peice	1	18	30	—	57
N 2	1		Buggess Cambays	10		13		130
N 3 4	2		Long Cloth Blue Peice	10		27	—	270
R								
N 1 2	2		Long Cloth Blue Ditto	12		27	—	324
N 3 4	2		Long Cloth White	3		35	—	105
N 5	1		Metchlepatam Handkerchiefs	5		23	—	115
			Blue Morees	2		38	—	76
WB								
N 1	1		Ditto Batties	20		5	18	110
			Ditto Morees	3		38	—	114
N 2	1		Northward Handker chiefs	4		23	—	92
			Malay Chints	1		32	—	32
			Ginghams Ordinary	2		18	—	36
			Long Cloth fine	—	2	10	2	20
			Cambrick	—	1	18	14	4
			Madras Handker chiefs	1		60	—	60
N 3 & 4	29		Long Cloth blue Peices	8		27	—	216
	— 44							4803
BY MR RICHARD DAWSON Chief Mate on his INDULGENCE								
R D	—							
GL								
N 1	1		Containing Vizt					
			Fine Long Cloth	— 2 @P	10		20	—
			D D D	— 6	6 18		39	—
R D	—		Gingham	6	10 24		156	—
CH N 2	1		Chints	5	5 25		156	9
R D } N 3	1		Containing Vizt					
BC }			Cambays	3	10 17		59	18
			Ginghams	2	10 15		37	18
R D	—		Pullicat Handker chiefs	1	— 50		50	—
BM N 4	1		Morees	9	5 34		314	9
— R D	1		Chest Plain shirts	3	— 17		42	—
Carried over	5						874	18 — 4803

Marks & numbers.	Bales	T tal Bales.	Co ges	P	f	o	P	f	o	P	f	a.
Brought over	5						874	18	—	4803	—	—
	2	Bags	Cummun Seeds One Candy	—	@P23	—	23	—	—			
	7		Bales Chests and Bags amounting to BY M ^r STEPH ⁿ BERROW Second Mate on his Indulgence							897	18	—
S B No 1	1		Containing Viz ^t Fine Dimty Fine White Gun Eight Chint Shavs Cloths Fine Cambrick Coarse Cambrick Morees Blue Cloth				6	6	18	39	—	—
							4	4	18	18	—	—
							—	—	18	4	—	—
							9	3	18	31	21	—
							2	2	18	5	—	—
				1			17	25	—	46	11	—
							10	32	—	16	—	—
	1		Bale amounting to BY WALSH AND VAN SITART Consign d to M Joseph Darvel							159	32	—
ID No 1	1		Long Cloth blue $\frac{1}{2}$ Peices BY DU PRE & ALEXAN DER Consign d to M John Wilhams	4			19	27	—			133 — —
N 1 & 3	3		Long Containing Viz ^t Cloth blue $\frac{1}{2}$ Peices D D D D Salampores blue $\frac{1}{2}$ D Morees $\frac{1}{2}$ D	3			—	25	—	75	—	—
				3			—	25	—	75	—	—
				3			—	26	—	78	—	—
				3			—	31	27	95	9	—
	3		Bales amounting to BY DU PRE & ALEX ANDER Consign d to M John Wilhams							323	9	—
I W N 4 & 7	4		Containing Viz ^t Pull acat Handker cheifs Metchlepatam Handkerchiefs Ditto Ditto Serashes Ditto Stockings Long Cloth Ordinary White Ditto Ditto Sundry necessarys for Apparell	4			@ p	30	120	—	—	—
				2			10	22	18	66	9	—
				1			10	25	—	37	18	—
				4			—	25	—	100	—	—
				5			—	7	—	35	—	—
				1			—	—	—	17	—	—
				2			—	—	39	78	—	—
				2			—	—	39	78	—	—
										120	16	—
	4		Bales amounting to							652	7	—
	60		Bales Chest and Bags amounting to							6 968	30	—
							Pagodas					—

The following are to be free of duty

By Captain Edward Burman for Peter Downes

1 Box directed for M Walton Braham

R M 1 half Chest China for M Marriott

D 1 Box Tea directed for Mess^{rs} Marriott and Gunn

D 1 Box Tea for Mess^{rs} Marriott Gunn and Williams

2 Small Boxes of Tea for Mrs Marriott

1 Small Long Box of silks for Ditto

By Captain John Brohier

N 1 & 3 } Three Bales }
4 } One Box } Containing Military Cloathing

FORT ST GEORGE THE 25TH APRIL 1757

JOS DU PRE

Secry

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro by the Hartop Snow

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 26th April 1757
2 Report of the West Coast Command dated the 13th D
3 Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Hartop on the Honourable Com
panys account
4 Bills of Lading for D
5 Manifest of Private Trade
6 Captain Friths Commission

FORT ST GEORGE 26TH APRIL 1757

JOS^s DU PRE

Secry

N^o 27

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS SAVAGE

OF THE SNOW HARTOP

SIR

You are hereby order d to repair on board and make the best of your way to FORT MARLBRO on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Directions in delivering the Cargo Consigned to them Dated in FORT ST GEORGE the 26th April 1757

GEORGE FIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CHA BOURCHIER

N^o 28TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^RAND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT
FORT S^r DAVID

GENTLEMEN

Since our last We have received your several Letters of the 9th 11th 15th 19th and 21st April

The late Cowle for the measuring Duty Commenced the 1st November 1751 therefore Cootahs plea that 100 Pagodas of the Rent were forgiven him in July 1751 cannot respect the late Cowle That sum might probably have been abated in M Floyers time as he sets forth in his Petition which accompanied your Letter of the 8th September 1754

Cawn Moodeliare and Irshippah Chitty are Jointly and Separately answerable for the Rent of the Deve Cotah Bounds therefore if the one is not in Circumstances to furnish his share the other must pay the whole

We herewith send you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chitty upon Nauchiepah Chitty for Twenty thousand Pagodas of which 5000 are payable at 5 days sight 8000 more at 20 days and the remaining 7000 at 30 days sight

Linga Chitty and Irshippah Chitty are willing to receive advances here on Account of your Investment Acquaint Us therefore in your next what Ballances remain with them

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 9th MAY 1757

N^o 29

TO M JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 12th April

The Tamarind Wood will not answer for Gun Carriages as it very soon decays

In regard to the Dispute between the Renter and Polygar We find on enquiry that there is no such Measure used at Deve Cotah as a Caunce We shall Consider this matter further when the Farm is relet for the present the Poligar must be allowed the same quantity of Ground and other advantages that he enjoyed under former Renters

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CH^s BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 18TH MAY 1757

N^o 30

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^R
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 16th and 17th Instant with the Consignment by the Mahamudv

We would by no means have compulsion used in the sale of the Companys Rice but rather than let it perish still more by longer keeping We would have you offer it in the Buzar even as far as ten or fifteen Pagodas $\frac{7}{8}$ Garce under the Market price of new Grain

We approve of M Humes succeeding M Call as a Member of the Board of Works and you may make him the same allowance for a Palankeen as M Call had

It does not appear by the Consultations for July 1751 That any allowance or abatment was made to Cootah in the Rent of the Weighing and Measuring Farm he must therefore pay in all arrears and in future you must insist on all the Farmers paying in their Rents regularly as they become due and if it should be on any Occasion reasonable to make an allowance on proper application it may be done afterwards but we will not have the Payment of the Rents delayed under pretence of such application

We cannot at present furnish you with all the Articles of your Indents but you shall be supplied with such as We have as opportunity may Offer

Copy of the Arrack Farmers Cowle comes herewith

We do not think it necessary to make any further advance to Irshippah Chitty or Linga Chitty on account of your Investment untill they have advanced their present Ballance

Your several Drafts on Us have been paid

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

&c COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 26TH MAY 1757

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N^o 31

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^a COUNCIL
 AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Our last was dated the 19th February a Duplicate whereof Accompanys this and We have since received a Duplicate of your Letter of the 5th February (the Original whereof with the papers enclosed by the Prince George is not yet come to hand) and your favour of the 22^d April

The two accompanying Packets under your address We are desired by the Gentlemen at Bengal to forward to you

The Walpole not arriving here from the Bay till the 13th of last month We judged that too late to attempt the passage round the Cape We therefore do not purpose dispatching her till some time in June

The Delawar has been sent home from Bengal The Marlborough is now here and will shortly be returned to the Bay from whence she will probably be dispatched to Europe with a full Loading early in September as the Gentlemen in Bengal write Us

The Gentlemen at the West Coast write to Us for a large supply of Male Slaves which We are unable at Present to furnish them with To hire a Country Vessel for a slaving Voyage to Madagascar would turn out very expensive and be subject to much risque We propose therefore writing to our Honourable Masters to appoint a Ship from Europe for that Service in the mean time some might be procured We imagine by contracting with Owners of the Vessells that Trade some times from your Port to Madagascar and the other Islands for Cowries &c^a to pay them a certain stipulated price for every slave they deliver you If your Honour &c^a should find this scheme practicable We beg the favour you will carry it into execution submitting it to you to stipulate the different prices of Males females and children observing that only males if possible should be contracted for should your Honour &c^a be able by this means to procure any We are to request you will send them round to Us as opportunities may offer

The King of Acheen in a Letter to the President (a Copy whereof accompanys this) Complains that a Sloop which some time ago he lent to Captain Scott who sailed from your Port has never been returned We beg leave to recommend to your Hon &c [an] enquiry into this affair and herewith forward a Letter from the King of Acheen to M Bouchier on that subject

We are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
 Your most Obedient servants
 GEORGE FIGOT &C^a COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
 THE 28th MAY 1757

N^o 32

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^a COUNCIL
 AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

The Walpole arrived here the 13th of last month and brought Us your favour of the 28th February and by the Marlbro which imported here the 27th of last Month We rec^d your advices of the 26th March

This waits on you by our Honble Masters Snow Arcot our intention in sending her down to you is that she may be sold to the best advantage as We imagine you will be able to obtain a better price than can be had here This Vessell has cost the Company much money in Repairs and Still proves leaky tho on a survey had here her Timbers & plank are reported to be sound and good but as We think it best to avoid any further Expencc for Repains We are to request your Honour &c will cause her to be sold and credit this Presidency for the amount

We purpose shortly to return the Marlborough to you with such of the last years Europe Consignments to you which were landed here as she can take in

We so well know the Consequence to the Company of the Bengal Investment that nothing should ever be wanting on our parts to promote it but at present We are utterly unable to assist you with any further supply of Treasure having but barely sufficient to defray our own unavoidable Expenses but Your Honour &c may be assured that by the earliest Conveyance after we receive supplys from Europe We shall make you as large Consignments as possible and in this We shall observe your request to have the whole in Bullion

Agreeable to your desire We herewith send you an Account of the Assay of the several sorts of Silver & Gold coined in our Mint with an account of the Charges of Coinage

The Walpole not arriving here till We judged it too late to attempt the passage round the Cape We purpose keeping her here till some time next month

The Gentlemen at the West Coast write to Us for a large supply of Male Slaves which We are unable at present to furnish them with To hire a Country Vessell for slaving Voyage to Madagascar would turn out very expensive and be subject to much risque We purpose therefore writing to our Honourable Masters to appoint a ship from Europe for that service in the mean time some might be procured We imagine by Contracting with the Owners of the Vessells that Trade some times from your Port to Madagascar and the other Islands for Cowries &c to pay them a certain stipulated price for every Slave they deliver If your Honour &c should find this scheme practicable We beg the favour you will carry it into execution submitte it to you to stipulate the different prices of Males females and children observing that only males if possible should be contracted for should your Honour &c be able by this means to procure any We are to request you will send them to Us or to Fort Marlbro as opportunitys may offer

We are
HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your Most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 28TH MAY 1757

N^o 33

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^R
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

We addressed you by the Arcot Snow under date the 28th Instant and this waits on you by the Protector on which ship We laden One hundred Tons of Copper and sixty Barrells of Cannon Powder the Arcot Snow is under orders to touch at Vizagapatam with supplys for our Northern Settlements but having lately received Intelligence from those parts which give Us but too much

reason to apprehend that the French either have or are preparing to make an Attempt upon Vizagapatam We have judged it proper for the security of the Arcot Snow to direct Captain England to Convey her to Vizagapatam and to lay too till they receive advices from that Settlement should the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam be in want of Power We have given them Liberty to detain a part or the whole of what We now design for your Honour &c by the Protector and shall make use of some other Opportunity to supply you as fully as We are able

The Protector has on board ten French Deserters having already entertained as many here as We think consistent with prudence these you will either please to incorporate with Your Military or deliver to Admiral Watson as you shall think best

We are
HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
30th MAY 1757

N^o 34

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQ^R VICE ADMIRAL
OF THE BLUE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S
SQUADRON IN INDIA

SIR

Having been acquainted by the Committee on the Arrival of the Revenge Captain James that your Intention in sending that ship hither was to receive on board such part of your provisions as the Marlbro and Protector could not take in the Captain had all Assistance given him in our Power and had shipped a part thereof but learning soon after that part might very conveniently be put on board the Marborough and seeing at how great a hazard our Honble tect her while Loading We took the Liberty to direct Captain James to transport the Provisions to the Marlbro and shall detain the Revenge untill the Walpole s departure

We are
SIR
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
30th MAY 1757

N^o 35

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^R
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM
GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 9th and 12th April and the Bales by the Neptune Sloop

We have laden and consign'd to you by the Honble Company s Snow Arcot Fifteen thousand Madrass Pagodas of which five thousand are for the service of Madapollam Factory and are to be forwarded thither and out of the remainder you will supply M Calland at Ingeram with what may be necessary for the Charges of the Settlement

Having occasion for a Sloop of about fifty Tons for the service of the West Coast We would have you Contract upon the most reasonable terms for building one of that Burthen to be finished as soon as possible

Captain Bibb of the Arcot Snow has our Orders to proceed to Bengal as soon as the Consignments to you are landed

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 28TH MAY 1757

Since writing the foregoing having received Intellegence by a Peon from your Place of the preparations making by the French against our Honourable Masters Northern Settlement We have Judged it improper to send the Madrass Pagodas at this time and in the room thereof now Consign you Twenty Thousand Rupees and should no Accident have happend to Ingeram and Madapolam you will supply the Gentlemen there with what may be necessary for their Expences

The Protector accompanys the Arcot Snow We have laden on the former 60 Barrells of Gun Powder Consign d to the Gentlemen at Bengal but should you be in want of any the Commanders has [*sic*] Orders to deliver you such part as you may demand of him

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 30TH MAY 1757

N^o 36

TO M^R JOHN CALLAND
AT INGERAM

SIR

We have received your two Letters of the 4th and 10th April and have directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to supply you with what money may be necessary to defray the Charges of the Factory at Ingeram

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CH^S BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 28TH MAY 1757

N^o 37

To M^r JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT BANDARMALANKA

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 14th April and to forward your Investment as much as possible We have sent five thousand Madrass Pagodas to Vizagapatam by the Arcot Snow which are to be forwarded to you from thence

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 28TH MAY 1757

P S —Since writing the above having received Advice that the French had made or were preparing to make some attempts upon the Northern Settlements We have Consign'd only twenty thousand Rupees to Vizagapatam with Orders to the Gentlemen there to supply you (should no Accident have happened to the Factory under your Charge) with what may be necessary to your Expences

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 30TH MAY 1757

N^o 38

To CAPTAIN GEORGE ENGLAND
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SHIP PROTECTOR

SIR

Advices lately received having given Us reason to apprehend that the French may have possessed themselves of the Companys Northern Factorys and having laden on board the Honble Companys Snow Arcot some supplies for the service of those Settlements in case they should still be in our Possession We would have you take the said Snow under your Convoy and proceed to and lay off Pondemarke where the Commander of the said Snow has Orders to send a Peon on shore for Intelligence If you should there learn that Vizagapatam is still in the hands of the Companys servants you will then proceed thither and should the Chief and Council be in want of all or any part of the Gunpowder now laden on the Protector you are to deliver such part as they shall demand and then you may proceed on your Voyage but if you should learn at Ponde marka that Vizagapatam has fallen into the Enemys hands you are then to proceed with the said Snow to Bimlipatam that if the Companys Servants should be at Liberty and so inclined they may have an opportunity of proceeding with you to Bengall

Having been under a necessity of detaining our Honble Misters ship the Revenge the Captain of Which ship had the Orders of Admiral Watson to Convey a small Ketch named the Betsey on board of which is laden a part of the provisions for his Majestys Squadron in Bengal you will take the said ketch under your Protection untill your arrival in Bengal

Dated in FORT S^r GEORGE the 30th May 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

N 39

To CAPTAIN EDWARD BIBB
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SNOW ARCOT

SIR

Having some reason to apprehend that the Companys Fort & Settlement at Vizagapatam may have fallen into the hands of the French We do not think it safe for you to Anchor in that Road without a certainty that the place is still in our possession you are therefore to touch at or bring too off Pondemaika and send ashore one or two of the Companys Peons (who are order d to proceed with you) for Intelligence If you should there learn that the Settlement is still in the hands of the Companys servants you are then to proceed thither immediately and after delivering the Treasure Consigned to the Chief and Council make the best of your way to Bengal but if you should learn that the french are in Possession of the Settlement you will proceed under Dutch Colours to Bimlipatam and remain there untill you can learn whether the Companys servants are released and are inclined to go with you to Bengal and if so you will accommodate as many as you can and make the best of your way to FORT WILLIAM where you are to follow such Orders as you shall Receive from the President and Council as Well touching the Treasure Consign d to Vizagapatam as in all other Respects and for your greater security We have directed Captain England of the Protector to take you under his Convey

Dated in FORT S^r GEORGE the 30th May 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA^s BOURCHIER

N^o 40

To GEORGE SCOTT ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a FACTORS AT ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

We now return the Pattamars that brought Us your Letter of the 7th March

The Prince Henry Packet arrived here for England the 25th of last Month but brings Us nothing new having been dispatched so long ago as the begining of August

The Walpole is now taking in her Loading for Europe and We propose dispatching her some time in next Month

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHA^S BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 30 MAY 1757

N 41

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^A
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

Since we wrote to you by the Arcot Snow under date the 28th and 30th Ultimo We have had the pleasure to learn that no attempts had been made by the Enemy against Vizagapatam As it is left to the Secret Committee to concert what further measures may be necessary for your security we have only now to acquaint you that the Commander of the Honble Company s ship Marl bro by whom you will receive this has orders to touch at your Port in his way to Bengall that you may have an opportunity of sending such advices thither as your situation may require but you are not to detain the Ship longer than may be absolutely necessary

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 18TH JUNE 1757

N^O 42

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^B
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to your desire expressed in your favour of the 26th March We now return to you our Honble Masters ship Marlborough with such part as remains of the Europe Consignments intended for you last year but landed here except forty Tons of Copper which shall be sent by another conveyance some of those Consignments having been sold or expended an Account of the particulars accompanys this as does also an Invoice of those now Consigned you for which last we debt your Presidency having before Credited you for the

whole that was landed here except the 29 Chests of Iron Work for Gun Carriages by the Marlbro of which we know not the Value the Invoice having been sent in the Europe Packet to you and we must therefore beg the favour you will send us an Extract of it so far as relates to this Article

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 18TH JUNE 1757

P S—We request your Honour &c will comply with the enclosed Indent for Gunneys Ropes & Twine by the earliest Conveyance

LIST OF THE PACKET ☿ MARLBRO

- No 1 General Letter dated
- 2 Duplicate General Letter dated 30th May 1757
- 3 Invoice of the Marlbro
- 4 Bill of Loading D
- 5 Invoice of Copper by the Protector omitted to be sent by that ship
- 6 Three Accounts Viz^t Import Warehousekeepers Storekeepers and Military Storekeepers Accounts of sundrys detain d or Expended here of the Consignments from Europe to Bengall by the Ships of last season
- 7 Copy of the Marlbro s Charterparty
- 8 Account Current between the Company and the Owners of the Marlbro in regard to deficiency in the Cargo to be forwarded to England in the Marlbro s Packet
- 9 Two Vol of Acts of Parliament of the 20th and 28th of George 2^d—to be received from the Captain
- 10 Patterns of Broad Cloth rec d from Europe ☿ Chesterfield and now forward d ☿ Marlbro—to be rec d from the Captain
- 11 Indent for Packing Stuff

JOS^S DU PRE
Sec^y

FORT S^T GEORGE
18TH JUNE 1757

N^o 43

TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MACLEOD
OF THE SHIP MARLBROUGH

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your Arrival you are to deliver to the Chief and Council the accompanying Letter under their Address and then proceed to the River of Bengal where on your Arrival you will deliver to the President and

Council there the accompanying Letter under their address and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT ST GEORGE the 19th June 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 44

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^R AND

THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL

AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 11th Instant and herewith send you the Invoice you desire of the Arrack you received from the Squadron and M Kellet

As M Turner is desirous of returning hither for the recovery of his health he has our permission to do so and we have appointed M Andrew Newton to succeed him at your Board and in his Employ

Being in want of Timber if you can supply us with the particulars mentioned in the accompanying List as also the Gun Carriages we would have you send them by the first opportunity

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 21ST JUNE 1757

TIMBERS &C^A WANTED AT FORT ST GEORGE

Teak Timber 18 feet long and from 9 to 11 Inches Square	20
Teak Timbers of 25 feet long and not less than 12 by 10 Inches but if such cannot be had there are two Timbers prepared for the Bascule of a Draw Bridge which may be sent if they are of the proper Length	2
Teak Timbers of 15 feet long and 12 Inches Square	2
Garrison Carriages with Wheels 18 L ^{rs} made by M Call	4
D for 24 L ^{rs}	2

N 45

To M^r JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH

SIR

The Cowle granted to Guntoor Vencatachilum for the Bounds of Deve Cotah having expired the 30th Ultimo we have relet that farm to Linga Chitty for one year commencing the 1st Instant for Pagodas 7100 and in all other respects upon the same terms and Conditions as are expressed in the last Cowle a Copy whereof having been sent you last year we refer to it The present farmer Acquaints us that he purposes to repair some of the old and cut new Channels for better conveying the Waters into the Paddy Grounds in these and all other improvements and affairs relative to his Cowle you will give him all reasonable Countenance and Support We are informed that certain Bramins who enjoyed some Grounds as free Gifts under the Tanjour Government and which was reserved to them in the Phirmaund from the King of Tanjore to the Company have made great encroachments it must be your Care to see that they assume no more than their antient [*sic*] Privilege We find on due enquiry that the 176 Cawnees of Ground Granted to the Polygar of Deve Cotah should Contain Three thousand six hundred feet Square each Cawnee let him therefore enjoy so much rent free according to his Cowle and no more

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 21st JUNE 1757

N 46

To WILLIAM JAMES ESQ^r
COMMANDING THE HONBLE COMPANYS
SHIP REVENGE

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board the Said Ship and put yourself under the Command of Edmund Townley Esq Commanding his Majesty's ship Triton whose orders you are to observe and follow untill you receive our further directions Dated in FORT S^t GEORGE the 27th June 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N 47

To CAPTAIN GEORGE BAKER OF THE
HONBLE COMPANYS SLOOP CUDDALORE

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board the said Sloop and put yourself under the Command of Edmund Townlay Esq Commanding His Majesty's

ship Tryton whose orders you are to observe and follow untill you receive our further Directions Dated in FORT S GEORGE the 27th June 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N 48

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL AT
BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last of the 28th May We have received your favour of the 1st June by his Majestys Ship Triton enclosing a Packet for the President and Council at Fort William which shall be forwarded by the first opportunity and we beleive that may be in a few days

The accompanying Packet we received the 26th Instant from the Gentlemen at Anjengo and according to their Desire now forward it to you

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 28TH JUNE 1757

N 49

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

This serves to accompany a Duplicate of our last by the Mailbro and a Packet lately received from the President and Council of Bombay by his Majestys ship Triton

We request your Honour &c will by the earliest Conveyance send us up at least one hundred Tons of Salt Petre with which and the Bales we have ready we shall be able to dispatch one of the expected Coast and Bay Ships early in September if no unforeseen event should impede it We shall advise your Honour &c in time what further quantity of Salt Petre we shall have occasion for

Notwithstanding our Intention of dispatching one of the expected ships back to Europe in September if your Honour &c should be disappointed in a Cargo for the Marlbro it may be adviseable to put on board her what Bale

Goods and Salt Petre you can procure and send her to us to be filled up in that [or ne]ar any other that may intervene We shall alter our [wa]res accordingly

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 30th JUNE 1757

N^o 50

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r AND
THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

By the Honble Companys Ship Revenge which sailed a few days ago We consigned you 350 Slabs of Lead and now by the Dragon Sloop we send you a further part of your Indents Invoices and Bills of Loading for Cloth Consignments come enclosed as also an Account of Stores supplied to and disbursements made here for the Dragon Sloop [We] have also put on board that Ves sell [] Deve Cotah which you will forward together with the Invoice and Bill of Loading now enclosed to you advising the Chief thereof

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 3^d JULY 1757

N^o 51

TO JOHN SPENCER ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a FACTORS AT ANGENGO

GENTLEMEN

Your favour of the 1st Instant we received the 26th with the Packet for the President and Council of Bombay which according to your desire was forwarded immediately

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

FOSS WESTCOTT

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 3^d JULY 1757

N 52

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ AND THE
REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have laden on the Mahamudy and consigned to you the Wares and Stores expressed in the enclosed Invoice the Commander is ordered to proceed to Deve Cotah to deliver such part of them as you shall direct him after which he is to follow the Orders he received from the President and Council at Fort William

We have received your letter of the 30th Ultim^o and have paid your draft for Pags 1850 We shall at another time give you our sentiments on the case you mention regarding Cawn Moodelhar

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 9th JULY 1757

N 53

TO CAPTAIN DAVID CRITCHTON
OF THE MAHAMUDY

SIR

Having laden sundry Wares and Stores on board the Mahamudy you are hereby requ red to make the best of your way to Fort S^t David and deliver such part of them there as shall be demanded of you by Alexander Wynch Esq and the [rest of] the Gentlemen of Council and if they shall requie you to proceed to Deve Cotah to land the remainder you are to do so and you are then to follow such Orders as you have received from the President and Council at Fort William for your further Proceedings Dated in FORT S^t GEORGE the 9th July 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 54

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

As the Cowle for the Trevendeporum Country expired the 11th Instant you will give Publick Notice that it will be relet at the Sea Gate here by Outcry for the term of five Years Commencing from the 12th Instant on Saturday the

30th of this Month and that the last Renter who still continues in possession will account with the New Renter for all benefits accruing from the expiration of his Cowle untill he delivers over possession

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE FIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
FOSS WESTCOTT
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 17TH JULY 1757

N^o 55

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last was dated the 30th June and having nothing new to communicate touching our Honble Masters affairs We have only to enclose a Duplicate with a Packet lately received from the West Coast under your address

The Walpole Sail d this morning for England

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE FIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 3^D AUGUST 1757

N^o 56

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL AT
BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last of the 28th June accompanied a Packet sent us for you by the Gentlemen at Anjengo We have lately received from them another which we now forward with a Packet which came to our hands from the West Coast

Within these few days we were favoured with your Letter of the 5^h July and shall Communicate to the King of Acheen what you write us in regard to the Sloop he lent Captain Scott

We are obliged to your Honour &c for your Intentions of sending us as many of your Male Slaves as you can they will be very acceptable

Mess^{rs} Gee and Lowis Supra Cargos of the Prince George having requested our Permission to land here part of the Freight Treasure by that Ship from Bussorah to Bengal We permitted them to do so as terms of Peace and Accommodation had been settled at Bengal betwⁿ the Company and the Nabob

The Walpole sailed from hence for England on the 3^d Instant We detained her thus long in hopes that we might have had the pleasure to Advise Our Honble Masters of the Arrival of their outward Bound Shipping but as yet we hear nothing of them

We are
 HONBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your Most Obedient Servants
 GEORGE PIGOT
 HENRY POWNEY
 ROBERT ORME
 JOHN SMITH
 CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
 THE 7TH AUGUST 1757

N^o 57

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL
 AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Prince George which sailed the 3^d Instant we sent you a further part of the Stores Consigned to you last year from England but the Invoice having been omitted we herewith transmit it

Upon M Brohiers departure for Bengal having found it necessary to put the direction of the Works at this Settlement under M Call We wanted a Capable Person to Conduct those at St David and have on that Account detained M John Hume who arrived here from England in August 1754 with a Brevet for a Lieutenancy on your Establishment and that this detention on the Companys Service might not deprive him of that promotion which you intended him We have given him a Captains Brevet to take Rank as such from the 10^h of April last being the date of M Drakes Letter to the President on that Subject We shall therefore be Glad your Honour &c would [report] of the Captains belonging to this Establishment [in that] Head and as soon as we are advised that you have done so we shall appoint him to a Company here We are also to desire that for all the Military it may be absolutely necessary to detain for the Protection of the Companys Settlements in Bengal your Honour &c will be pleased to appoint the proper Number of officers out of those we sent you [who] already have Commissions as otherwise our Officers on this Establishment will be more than proportionate to our Men

We are
 HONBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your Most Humble Servants
 GEORGE PIGOT
 HENRY POWNEY
 ROBERT ORME
 CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
 THE 14TH AUGUST 1757

N 58

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

Your Letteis of the 13 and 30th July are received

We have directed the Renter of the Trevendeporam Country to pay the Rents to you for the last Cowle which expired the 11th Ultimo We have relet that Farm by Outery to Linga Chitty for five Years the rent of which is also to be paid to you as well as the Rent of Devicotah bounds likewise farmed by Linga Chitty for one Year Copys of these Cowles shall be sent you by the next opportunity

Your Military Storekeepers representation in regard to the Overplus and deficiencys of Stores stands referred to our Committee of Accounts our directions on that head must therefore at present be deferred

You will receive this by the Honble Companys Sloop Neptune intended for the service of the West Coast as are also the three long Boats now at Cudalore and we would have them all proceed to[gether] Our Orders to the Master of the Sloop are to follow such as he shall receive from you as soon therefore as the long Boats are ready (and we hope they are so now) you will put them under the care of M Thomas Forrest Master of the Sloop to whom you will give orders to receive them under his Charge and proceed first to Deve Cotah to land Captain Achilles Preston who goes from hence on her and then to make the best of his way to Fort Marlborough

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 14TH AUGUST 1757

P S—The Impress to the three Boats Crews expired the 24 of last Month you will therefore advance them four Months more and send us an Account thereof immediately as well as of all other Charges on their account

N^o 59

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you by the Hartop Snow the 26 of April a Duplicate will be sent you by the Honble Companys ship Duke now under dispatch by which we shall give you the necessary advices touching our Honble Masters affairs in the meantime We now Dispatch to you the Sloop Neptune and three long Boats which in compliance with your representations are intended for the service of

the West Coast the particulars laden on the Sloop as well on the Companys Account as on the Masters Indulgence will appear by the Accompanying Invoice and Manifest

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 14TH AUGUST 1757

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT
ST GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE NEPTUNE CAPTAIN
THOMAS FOREST FOR FORT MARLBRO VIZ^T

M & N	Bales	By Captain Thomas T B.	Corge P	Price	P f o P ^s f o
LCWTF		Forest	--		
1 @ 4	4	Long Cloth White	7	@35 $\frac{3}{4}$ C ^o	245 -- --
LCBTF 1 @ 3	3	Long Cloth Blue	12	25	300 -- --
TF 1 @ 3	3	Cambays Red	20	12	240 -- --
TF 1	1	Ginghams	4	10	} 85 -- --
N 1		Handkerchiefs	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ P	
TF 2		Cambays Red	40	$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ P	} 99 -- --
N 1		Long Cloth White	6	4	
		D	--	2	} 40 -- --
		Chuntz 5 Pat- ches		3 $\frac{3}{4}$ P ^s	
		D	--	10	} 37 18 --
		Izzarees	2	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ P	
TFLW N 1	1 Box	Lacquered Ware			40 -- --
TFCV	1 Bale	Cuttanees	100	P ^s	37 18 --
OPTF N @ 4	1 4	Ophium		@ 70 $\frac{3}{4}$ C ^t	280 -- --
		13 Bales			} Amounting to Pagodas 1 326 18 --
		1 Box			
		4 Chests			

FORT ST GEORGE
14TH AUGUST 1757

Jos DU PREE
Secretary

N^o 60

To M^r THOMAS FORREST
MASTER OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS
SLOOP NEPTUNE

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort St David where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Alexander Wynch Esq^r and rest of the Gentlemen of Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings Dated in FORT ST GEORGE the 14 August 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 61

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have your Letter of the 15 Instant with a Duplicate of that of the 9th Accompanying your Monthly Accounts

We wrote you the 14th Instant by the Sloop Neptune the Trevendeporum Renter both by the last and present Cowle is to pay the Rent to you you will therefore Credit him for the Paddy dispatched you on that account

As our Cash is low and we cannot so well at this time spare you a Supply We would not have you make any further Advances to your Merchants at Present

You will receive this by the Honble Companys Sloop Diagon as well as some stores the particulars whereof will appear by the Invoice enclosed and we also send you herewith Copys of the Cowles for the Trevendeporum and Deve Cotah Country

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 21ST AUGUST 1757

N 62

TO THE RESIDENT FOR THE TIME BEING
AT TAPPANOULY

SIR

Having laden on board the Honble Companys Ship Duke about Eleven Garce of Rice and twenty one Garce of Salt for the service of the Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra We have ordered the Commander to call first at Tappanoully that in case the Settlement should be in distress for either of those Articles you may be as speedily supplied as possible in such case therefore We permit you to take out what your necessitys may immediately require but no more advising your Superiours at Marlbro thereof and this you are to do with as little detention to the ship as possible

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH

FORT S GEORGE
THE 24th APRIL 1757

N B —The like letter omitting the word First to Natal & Moco Moco

N^o 63

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT
FORT MARLBOROUGH

GENTLEMEN

Having wrote to you the 26th of April last by the Hartop Snow and therein fully answered your Letters rece d to that time and given you such Instructions as appeared necessary in the Conduct of our Honble Masters affairs we have now occasion only to take Notice of such Matters as arise from your Letters of the 21st April 6th and 27 May received Since

2 The Loss of the Companys Settlements in Bengal last Year and with them their Ship Prince George altered the disposition of the shipping so much that were not able to send you any supplys but as soon as we could We dispatch ed the Hartop to you with a Good Quantity of Salt knowing your Demand for that Article and seeing by your abovementioned Letters that you are also in Distress for Rice We dispatched our Honble Masters Sloop Neptune to you the 14th Instant with a Supply of the latter as you will see by the Papers in the Packet and by their Ship Duke We now send you a further Quantity of both with such other Articles as are mentioned in the Invoice We observe and shall endeavour to comply with your request to be annually supplied from hence at least thirty five Garce of Rice but as Circumstances may vary it is proper that you send us every Year as well of this as of all other Stores whatever an exact account remains together with an Indent of what supplys may be wanted

3 We have in part complied with your Indent for long Cloth Ordinary having laden on the ship Duke Fifty Bales Thirty four of which are good Cloth such as we send to Europe part of the remainder is such as has been turned out on Sorting as unfit for the Europe Market and the remainder is such as has been torn and darned or otherwise damaged at the Wash they are particularly distinguished in the Invoice and as we apprise you so we would have you acquaint the purchasers of the Defects

4 Your Indent for Eight thousand Dollars worth of fanams and one thousand Dollars worth of Copper Cash Four thousand Dollars worth of fanams were sent you by the Hartop the remainder and the Cash shall be coined and forwarded to you

5 We have compared your Account remains of Ordnance and Military stores with your Indent by the Hartop and have thence formed a List of such Articles as we think necessary and sufficient but as all these cannot be got ready against the time of the Duke s Dispatch such as remain shall be sent by future Conveyances We observe by your Account remains that you have some Unserviceable Guns and many Shott for some of which you have no Guns of the proper Calibre and other exceeding the proper Quantity for the Number of Guns The useless Shott we would have sent hither the unserviceable Guns may be sent to England Freight Free and we imagine the Commander of the Store ship will be glad to carry them on those terms as your Cargo s are light That you may at once have a view of what we intend to send you and what we would have you send hither or to Europe we enclose a List drawn out in Columns to which we refer

6 By the Sloop Neptune we sent you Eighty and by this Ship one hundred and twenty Barrells of Gun powder which we think a full supply for your Garrison and in the present situation of affairs on this Coast and in Bengal We cannot spare a Man to reinforce it

7 It is not in our Power to send you an Engineer and in regard to Artificers we refer you to what we said on that Subject by the Hartop

8 The Shipping from Europe for these parts not being yet arrived We cannot tell what disposition We may make for your Surplus Pepper but as you represent to us that you expect to have by the end of January above six hundred Tons over and above your annual ships Cargo and that if it be not Shipped off you shall be at a loss how to secure it wanting Godown Room to Guard against such an Inconvenience We would have you send us by the return of the Duke as much pepper as she can take in reserving the remainder of the surplus to be disposed of as we shall hereafter advise

9 We send you by this Conveyance Seven Male Coffree slaves which we received from Bombay and we have acquainted our Honble Masters how necessary it is you should have a supply

10 You will find in the Packet an Account Coinage of the Gold you sent us by the Sloop Marlbro The sugar and Arrack reced by that Conveyance are not yet sold but what you sent us by the Hartop last year has been lately disposed of the Sugar at Pagodas 17½ ₤ Candy and the Arrack at Pagodas 53 ₤ Leaguer

11 We would by all means have you send us by the return of the Duke or other good Conveyances all the Treasure you have more than sufficient for your own Demands and as the Gold you sent us by the Marlbro yields a Good Profit We recommend to you to Invest as much of the Treasure you intend for us in that Article as you can

12 M Charles Frederick Noble appointed by our Honble Masters a Factor on your Establishment and of whom we made some mention in our Letter by the Hartop now takes his passage to you on the Duke

13 In the former part of this Letter we made mention of the Neptune sloop dispatched to you with a Cargo of Rice We have purchased that Vessell on the Companys account for the service of the West Coast you will therefore detain and employ her as you shall see occasion the three Long Boats which you have repeatedly wrote for were dispatched to you in Company with the said sloop and are to be employed as the service may require and here we must observe that we apprehend the Chief Cause of your Vessells so soon going to decay is that they are suffered to run too long without being examined We therefore recommend to you to have them (as well sloops as Boats) frequently haled ashore and the defects repaired in time You will find in the Packet the accounts of the Costs and Charges of the abovementioned Sloops and Boats for which Fort Marlbro being Debted in our Books you will Credit this Presidency in yours

14 The Great increase in the Rent of the Arrack Farm relet by the Supravisors having given them Ground to imagine that Mess^s Hurlock and Hindley had during their Governments been guilty of [some] Collusion in farming out that Revenue they thought it but equitable to insist on a Refund but however reasonable the Conjecture might be it seems that sufficient proof has not been brought to support the Charge Our Honble Masters have therefore directed us to call upon you as well as the late Supravisors for further and Authentick Evidences and that you may be particularly informed what it is our Employers require of you We herewith send you a Copy of their Orders to us on that head and also a Copy of a Memorial presented to them on that occasion by M Hurlock Whatever proofs you may be able to Collect you will transmit to the Court of Directors properly authenticated and Copys to us

15 We observe by your Address to the Court of Directors the 27th February last in Consequence of their Orders touching the Credit on your Books account the Estate of John Savage deceased you say you had ordered Extracts to be made from your Books in order to give us all the information you could towards settling that matter in as Clear a light as possible We also have

received Orders from our Honble Masters on this head and wait for such Extracts and Observations as your Books may furnish in order to send them such remarks as may arise on Comparing them with ours

16 As the Northern Settlements may be in want of some of the Stores we send you on the Duke We have ordered the Commander to touch first at Tappanouly thence to Nattal then to Moco Moco and so on to Marlbro our Intention in this is that those Settlements or such of them as are in being may be supplied with what Stores are immediately necessary for their subsistence and consistently with the more important Necessitys of Fort Marlbrō

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

STRINGER LAWRENCE

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

JOHN SMITH

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 24TH AUGUST 1757

ACCOUNT of Ordnance & Stores remains indented for to be sent to and returned from Fort Marlbrō

Quality of Stores	Indented for	Remains in Store	To be sent	Total	To be sent from Fort Marlbro
12 Pounder Guns	6 with carriages		2	2	--
9 Pounders		8 Unservbl	--	8 Unservbl	8 Unserviceable to Europe
6 Pounders	4	9 Good 2 Unservbl	3	12 Good 2 Unserv	2 Unserviceable to Europe
3 Pounders	--	7 Good 8 Unserv	--	7 Good 8 Unse	8 D D
3 Pounders Field Pieces	2		2	2	--
2 Pounders	--	1 Good	--	1 Good	5 Unserviceable to Europe
1 Pounder		5 Unserv		5 Unserv	--
12 Pounder Gun Carriages	6	3	3	3	--
6 Pounder D	9	3	9	12	--
3 Pounder Field Carriages	3		2	2	--
3 Pounder Carrison D	7	4	4	8	--
2 Pounder D	1	1		1	--
1 Pounder D	3	1		1	--
Iron Work for 4 Six Pounder Carriages and 6 three Pounder Carriages to be sent				1	--
24 Pounder shott		21		21	21 to Fort St George
8 Pounder d		92		92	92 D

ACCOUNT of Ordnance & Stores remains indented for to be sent to and returned from Fort Marlbrö—cont

Quality of Stores	Indented for	Remains in Store	To be sent	Total	To be sent from Fort Marlbrö
12 Pounder shott	1000	103		300	403
9 Pounder do		495		495	495 To Fort St. George
8 Pounder d		438		438	438 D
6 Pounder d	400	1471	--	1471	
5 Pounder		214		214	D
4 Pounder		3080		3080	3080 D
3 Pounder	200	3879		3879 of w ^{ch}	1879 D
2 Pounder		27		27	
1 Pounder		81		81	
1/2 Pounder		387		387	387 D
8 Inch Brass Mortars	2				
4 1/2 Cohorn D		3		3	
Beds for 4 1/2 Cohorns	4		4	4	
Shells for 8 Inch Mortars	100				--
Shells for 5 1/2 Inch Royalls		271		271	271 D
Shells for 4 1/2 Inch Cohorns		188		188	
Granades		1189		1189 of w ^{ch}	689 D
Fuzees for 7 3/4 Inch Shells	300				
D for 4 2/5 Do Powder	500 250 Barrels	17	300 200	300 217	83 Barrels w ^h are unserviceable to be sent To Fort St George
Cutlasses	50	60	50	110	
Swords	50	38	50	88	
Lead	2 Candy	900 lb	1000 lb	1900 lb	
Cartridge Paper	10		10	10	
Flannel	1 P		1	1	
Hand spikes	80				To be cut in the Woods at Fort Marlbrö
Junk	10 cwt		10 cwt	10 cwt	
Buntin			10	10	
Powder Horns	20		20 ea	20 of each	
Bits and Prickers for Guns	ea 100				10 of sizes for the Guns
Worms for D	100		4	4	
Tanned Hides	4		2	2	
Brass Scales for Weights Powder	2				
Brass Weights Troy	1 Sett				
d Averdu poize	1 Sett		2 setts	2 setts	
Moulds Carbine	2 setts		1 P	1 P	
Sulphur Sublimate	1 Pair		1 cwt	1 cwt	
Copper Measures from 1 lb to 1/4 oz	1 cwt		1 Sett	1 Sett	
Spirits of Wine double distilled	1 Sett		2 Gall	2 Gall	
White Wine Vinegar	2 Gallons		12 Gall	12 Gall	
Drum Heads	12 Gallons		30		
Match	30	38 lb	1 cwt	1 cwt	

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St George to be shipped on board the Duke Captain Thomas Powney for Fort Marlborough by the following persons viz^t

Marks and numbers	Bales	Total bales	Corges Pieces		P	f	c	P	f	c
BY CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY on his INDULGENCE										
TP										
LCW 1 @ 12	12		Long Cloth White	18 @ P 96	648	—	—			
BC 1 @ 5	5		Long Cloth Blue half Pieces	20 } @ 26	1 742	—	—			
LCB 6 @ 17	12		D D D	47 }						
SB 1 @ 5	5		Sallampores Blue	19 24	456	—	—			
BB 1	1		Beeteelas Blue	3 12	36	—	—			
BC 1	1		Cambays Blue	5 18	90	—	—			
MC 2	2		Morada Cambays	8 24	132	—	—			
BC 3 & 4	2		Bugguess Cambays	16 13	208	—	—			
CC			Cambays Blue Coarse	4 } 8	64	—	—			
H 5	1		Handkerchiefs D	4 } 10						
BRH 1	1		Handkerchiefs Blue D	4 } 10	144	—	—			
THS 1	1		Taffitys	2 32	64	—	—			
			Red Handkerchiefs	2 28	56	—	—			
			Sarastes	2 5½	11	—	—			
BM T 1	1		Morees Blue	4 22	88	—	—			
			Tappys	3 4½	13 18	—	—			
BM S 2	1		Morees Coarse	3 15	45	—	—			
BC			Rugguess Cambays	1	13	—	—			
WM 1	1		Morees White	11 9 10	114 18	—	—			
MC 2	1		Morada Cambays	8 24	192	—	—			
TPO	26	Chests	Ophium	127 Md 16½	2 095 18	—	—			
TPN 1 @ 2	2	D	D	10 D 16½	165	—	—			
TP 1 @ J	3	Do	Do	15 D 16½	247 18	—	—			
TP IH	2	D	D	9 D 16	144	—	—			
TP 1	1		Hummums	5 20	140	—	—			
TP PH ?	1		Pulliacat Handkerchiefs	3 40	120	—	—			
	—	81	Bales and Chests amounting to					7 080	—	—
By M JOSEPH SPARKE Chief Mate on his INDULGENCE										
IS 1	1		Bugguess Cambays	1 15	15	—	—			
			Blue D Fine	1 25	25	—	—			
			Coffree Gingham	1 9	9	—	—			
			Blue Cambays Coarse	2 10½	21	—	—			
Carried over		81				70	—	—	7 080	—

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort
St George etc —cont

Marks and numbers	Bales	Total bales	—	Corges	Pieces	P	f	c	P	f	c.
Brought over	1	81				70	—	—	7089	—	—
			Wootcott Cambays	1	26	26	—	—			
			Blue Handkerchiefs	1	11½	11	18	—			
		1	Bale amounting to By MR CHARLES FREDERICK NOBLE Factor for Bencoolen on his own Acc ^t						107	18	—
CN 1 @ 4	4		Ordinary Blue Sal lempores	20	@ P 26	520	—	—			
5 @ 7	3		Ordinary Blue Long Cloth ¼ P	15	26	390	—	—			
8 @ 10	3		Ordinary Blue Long Cloth ¼ P	20	13½	270	—	—			
11	1		D Red Cam bays	5	15	75	—	—			
12	1		Do Handker chiefs	6	12	72	—	—			
13	1		Pulliacat Cambays	6	24	114	—	—			
		13	Bales amounting to By CLARKE and RUSSELL Consigned to M ^r ALEXANDER HALL						1471	—	—
AH 1 @ 2...	2		Long cloth blue half Pieces	8	28 8 48	227	32	64			
	3...	1	Long Cloth Blue quarter Pieces	4	13 34 10	55	28	40			
	4	1	D Midling half Pieces	4	— 27 —	108	—	—			
	5 @ 6	2	D Ordinary White	3	— 40 —	120	—	—			
	7 @ 8	2	Sallempores Blue	8	— 16 9	210	—	—			
	9	1	Buggess Cambays Handkerchiefs Met chlepatam	5	13 4 50	65	23	10			
		9	Bales amounting to						815	12	34
		104	Bales & Chests amounting to The Following are to be free of duty By CLARKE and RUS SELL for M ALEX ^r HALL						Pagodas	9482	30 34
		10	One Bundle contain ing Shirts Thirty— one Short Drawers 24 Pair Stockings Ten Pair Shoes 14 Pair Goa Arrack One Hogshead Ghee two Duppere								

FORT ST GEORGE
THE [] AUGUST 1757
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List of Papers in the Packet to Fort Marlbro ꝑ Duke

- N^o 1 General Letter Dated 24th August 1757
- 2 Duplicate Copy of the Report of the West Coast Committee Dated 13th April 1757 ꝑ Hartop
- 3 Duplicate General Letter ꝑ Hartop Dated 26 April 1757
- 4 Do Do ꝑ Sloop Neptune 14 August 1757
- 5 Invoice of Sundrys ꝑ Duke
- 6 Bills of Loading ꝑ D
- 7 Duplicate Invoice ꝑ Hartop
- 8 Second Bills of Loading ꝑ Ditto
- 9 Duplicate Invoice ꝑ Sloop Neptune
- 10 Second Bills of Loading ꝑ D^o
- 11 Manifest of Private Trade ꝑ Duke
- 12 Account of Ordnance and Military Stores remaining—Indented for—to be sent to—and returned from Fort Marlbro
- 13 Account of the Cost and Charges of the Sloop Neptune
- 14 Account of the Cost and Charges of three Long Boats
- 15 Account Coinage of Gold received ꝑ Marlbro Sloop
- 16 Extract of General Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 11th February 1756 para 39
- 17 Copy of M Hurlocks Memorial to the Court of Directors desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlbro for \$ 5200
- 18 Copy of Letters to the Residents at Tappanouly Natal and Moco Moco ꝑ Duke Dated 24th August 1757
- 19 Copy of Captain Powney Sailing Orders

Fort S^r GEORGE 24 AUGUST 1757JOS^s DU PRESec^{ry}

N B—The Numbers 5 7 9 13 14 not being sent in by the Accountant in time for this Packet are to be reced seperately from him

N^o 64

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY

OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SHIP

DUKE

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Tappanouly on the West Coast of Sumatra where you are to deliver to the Resident such part of your Cargo as he shall demand of you and then proceed to Natal where you are to do in like manner and then make the best of your way to Moco Moco for the same purpose and then proceed to Fort Marlbro where you are to deliver the remainder of your Cargo to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Herewith are delivered you four Packets Viz^t

One for the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbro

One for the Resident of Moco Moco

One for the Resident at Natal and
One for the Resident at Tappanoully
which on your arrival at those ports you will deliver as directed Dated 11th
FORT S^t GEORGE the 24th AUGUST 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH

N 65

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last of the 7th Instant we have received your favour of the
17th July by the Fort William Schooner with the Seven Slaves you sent us
If your Honour &c can spare any more it will be agreeable to our Honble
Masters that you send them to S^t Helena by the first Conveyance where they
are much wanted

Your Packets (Originals & Duplicates) for the Honble Court of Directors
and the Secret Committee shall be forwarded as you desire

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry having sent us a Packet to be forwarded to
you it accompanys this We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A
COUNCIL

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 26th AUGUST 1757

N 66

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^A FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY
GENTLEMEN

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 19th January
16th February 18th March and 1st August and to thank you for the advices
you give us from time to time of the arrival and Departure of our Honble
Masters Shipping which besides the Satisfaction it gives us has this further
use that it enables us to communicate it to them

Your Packet for the President and Council of Bombay has been forwarded
as you desire

The Walpole sailed for England the 3^d Instant with a full loading of
Bales None of the expected shipping as yet appear

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 26th AUGUST 1757

N^o 67

To JOHN SPENCER ESQ^a
 CHIEF & C^a FACTORS AT
 ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

The 7th Ultimo We advised you that we had forwarded the Packet to Bombay which accompanied your Letter of the 1st June We have since received and forwarded that which you sent us with your Letter of the 30th June

The Walpole Sailed for England the 3^d Inst We as yet hear nothing of the expected Shipping We are

GENTLEMEN
 Your Most Obedient Servants
 GEORGE PIGOT & C^a COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
 THE 26 AUGUST 1757

N^o 68

To THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^a
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
 AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our Honble Masters Ship Duke having been loaded and dispatched to Fort Marlbro but proving too leaky to proceed was obliged to put back after beating several days to the Southward We are therefore under the necessity of sending her down to the Bay to be caulked and Sheathed the want of which we apprehend to be the only defect and as she has been compleatly fitted here with all necessary Stores and consequently in no want of any more we hope the expence that may be incurred with you will not be very considerable and we must request your Honour &c will be pleased to give directions that the necessary repairs be made with the utmost expedition

The salt on board the Duke was intended for the West Coast but is now Consigned to you to be disposed of at Bengal Invoice of which is enclosed

We also inclose an account of what particulars remain on board the Duke and are intended for Fort Marlbro amongst which your Honour &c will observe there are one Hundred and Twenty Barrels of Gun Powder of which you will please to detain such part as you may have immediate occasion for but if your want should not be pressing We had rather the whole were forwarded to Fort Marlbro where they have but very little remaining whether you keep any or not we must desire your Honour &c will advise us as well as the Gentle men at Marlbro that the Accounts may be properly adjusted

As soon as the ship is refitted we are to request that your Honour &c will put on board as much fine Rice as she can take in with Fifteen hundred of the best Gunny Bags for Pepper and dispatch her to the West Coast directing the Commander to proceed first to Tappanouly next to Nattal then to Moco Moco

and from thence to Fort Marlbro our Intention in which is that those Settlements may as soon as possible have a supply of Rice of which they are in great Want

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 1757

N^o 69

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBRO
GENTLEMEN

We had laden and Consigned to you by our Honble Masters Ship Duke the several Articles you will find inserted in the Invoice enclosed in our Packet of the 24th Ultimo but after the Ship had been at Sea two or three days being too leaky to proceed and therefore obliged to return We found it necessary to send her down to Bengal to be caulked and sheathed and have landed here the Rice and Military Stores (except Gunpowder) intended for you and have Consigned the Salt to the President and Council at Fort William to whom we now write to send you as much fine Rice as the Ship can take in and fifteen hundred of the best Gunny bags for Pepper and to give the Commander Orders to proceed first to the Northern Settlements and then to you in the same manner and for the same purpose as we had intended in our former dispatch

Since closing our Packet of the 24th Ultimo we have reced from Fort St David an Account of some further Expences on the Neptune Sloop and three Long Boats for which also you will Credit this Presidency agreeable to the Copy thereof enclosed and you will also receive herewith an Account of such of the Articles included in the Invoice accompanying our Packet of the 24th Ult as have been relanded here or Consigned to Bengal

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 5TH SEPT^R 1757

N^o 70

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SHIP DUKE
SIR

As it is judg'd unsafe for the ship Duke to proceed directly to the West Coast in her present leaky Condition We think it necessary she should be Caull ed and Sheathed and for that purpose you will repair on board and make

the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your Arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there to whom we now write Concerning the said Repairs desiring that all possible Expedition may be used Part of the Cargo intended for the West Coast has been relanded here the salt remaining on board we now Consign to Bengal and you will likewise deliver there such part of the Gunpowder as shall be demanded of you It is our intencion you should proceed to the West Coast from Bengal after being refitted but concerning the Cargo to be taken in there your dispatch from thence and all other your further proceedings you will follow such orders as you shall receive from the President and Council there Dated in FORT ST GEORGE the 5th SEPTEMBER 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 HENRY POWNEY
 ROBERT ORME
 JOHN SMITH
 CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 71

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
 AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have the pleasure to advise you that since closing our Letter of the 5th Instant our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen Norfolk Tavistock and Princess Augusta arrived here from England by the Boscawen and Norfolk we received two Packets from the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded to you one of them accompanys this the other shall be sent by the next Conveyance

As it is reported and with some appearance of Truth that your Affairs have for some time past been imbroiled with the Country Government We imagine that under such Circumstances you have not been able to establish a Mint agreeable to the permission granted you by the Nabob upon the retaking of Calcutta upon that supposition we are coining the Treasure received by the above mentioned ships and shall forward you a supply of Rupees by the very next Conveyance which if we are right in our Conjecture will be more usefull to you than Bullion indeed we should not think it all together prudent to Venture much on the Duke as she is very leaky and we have at this time no more than twenty thousand Rupees remaining in the Treasury

In our Letter of the 30th June we desired your Honour &c would send us at least One hundred Tons of Salt Petre by the earliest Conveyance and promised to advise you of what further quantity we should want having received Orders from our Honble Masters to send home as much Salt Petre as their ships can take in without Prejudice to the more valuable part of their Investment We are now to request your Honour &c will take every opportunity to send us up as large a quantity as you can

We are
 HONBLE SIR & SIRs
 Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 HENRY POWNEY
 ROBERT ORME
 JOHN SMITH
 CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
 THE 8th SEPT^r 1757

N^o 72

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

When we closed our Letter of Yesterdays date We were in expectation that some Conveyance might have offered by which we should have been able to send you a supply of Rupees but as the Arrival of a French Squadron at Pondicherry has rendered it less probable We take the opportunity of his Majestys Ship Triton to send you Twenty Chests of Bullion an Invoice of which shall be sent hereafter as time will not permit it now

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
9TH SEPT^R 1757

P S — We herewith forward a Packet reced from England by the Norfolk

N^o 73

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last was dated the 26th August and Yesterday we received your favour of 5th of the same Month accompanying a Packet for the President and Council at Fort William which shall be forwarded by the first Conveyance

Our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen Norfolk Tavistock and Princess Augusta imported here the 6th Instant from England and are destined from hence to Canton We have received the following Packets from the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded to you Viz^t

⌘ Boscawen	two Packets	to be forwarded by the same Conveyance
⌘ Norfolk	two D	to be forwarded together by another Conveyance
⌘ Tavistock	One D	to be forwarded by a third Conveyance

Those by the Boscawen accompany this the others shall be sent by future opportunitys

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
15TH SEPT^R 1757

N^o 74

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT
FORT MARLBRO

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you by the Hartop Snow in April that we purposed to dispatch the Honble Companys Ship Duke to you with such Stores as you were most in need of We accordingly did put on board such articles as you will find mentioned in that Ships Invoice and gave the Commander his Sailing Orders the 24th of August in consequence of which he put to sea but was obliged to return after beating two or three days the ship proving too leaky to proceed We have therefore been obliged to send her down to Bengal to be Caulked and Sheathed and have disposed of the Cargo which was intended for you in the following manner The Rice and Military Stores (except Gunpowder) have been reloaded here the Salt we have Consigned to Bengal and the Gunpowder or any part is either to be landed there or forwarded to you as the Gentlemen there may think proper at the same time we have acquainted them that your remains of that Article are very small and desired they would not detain any part unless it be absolutely necessary When the ship is refitted (which we think may be done by the end of November) she is to be dispatched to you from thence with what Articles remain on board of those originally intended for you as much Rice as she can take in and fifteen hundred Gunny bags The whole Transactions relating to the Cargo of the Duke We mean the particulars of what was laden the Articles reloaded here those remaining on board and of them what consigned to Bengal will clearly appear by the several Papers in the Packet to which we refer

2 We now return the Marlborough Sloop to you with Rice and some Military Stores We should be glad to send also a supply of Cloth but want room and as we have consigned a Considerable quantity to you by the Duke We hope you will be able to appease the Planters until that Ship arrives should any uneasiness have arisen amongst them for want of their Contract Cloth you will also receive by this Sloop some Copper Cash

3 The Trval Sloop arrived here the 10th Instant with your Advices of the 3th August The Agents on behalf of Admiral Watson for the Grampus Tender are acquainted with the terms on which you hired the abovementioned Sloop and will Account with the Owners accordingly

4 The 6th Instant imported here our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen Norfolk Tavistock and Princess Augusta and are destined for Canton but whether we shall dispatch them thither this season is not yet determined as it is too late to leave us any hopes of their making the Passage

5 By the abovementioned Ships the Court of Directors have transmitted us Copys of their Commands to you by the Falmouth one of which we forward to you least the Original should in these Precarious times have miscaried

6 You will observe by the 23^d and 24th Paragraphs of that Letter what is said in regard to your Surplus Pepper the Non arrival of the Coast and Bay ships puts it out of our Power to make any disposition thus much is certain that should they arrive safe Bengal and this Coast cannot furnish Cargos for them all and in that case it would be a Great Saving of Demorage if your Surplus amounted to a full Loading and were entirely reserved for one of them as it is most probable one of them will be dispatched to you should they arrive in time but circumstanced as we are we cannot take upon us to give you any positive directions on this Head

7 In the 27th Paragraph you are told that directions will be given to Bombay to build two sloops of about 80 Tons Burthen for the Service of the West Coast but that you are first to discribe to us the most convenient Construction

for that Service In some of your former Letters you did request of us two sloops of Fifty Tons and one of Eighty the latter being Chiefly designed to lay as a Guard at Natal We told you by the Hartop We thought the Sloop of 80 Tons would be expensive and unnecessary of the other two one (the Neptune) was dispatched to you last Month and the Marlbro Sloop purchased by you since your request to us is now returned to you so that we Conclude there will be no occasion for the two Sloops intended to be built however should the service require it you will give us proper Advice we may write to Bombay

8 Our Honble Masters directions in regard to the Trade of the West Coast and the Freight and Customs to be levied are full and Explicit except in the 57 Paragraph which speaks of Freight to be paid for Private Trade laden on the Companys Vessells passing between the Presidencys and the West Coast without expressing the rate We therefore supply it with respect to this Presidency and direct that you do collect a Freight of three Ɔ Cent on the Value expressed in the Manifest of all private Merchandize permitted to be laden here on any of the Companys Vessels and as in the said 57 Paragraph it is directed that the Freight of Private Merchandize laden on any of the Companys Vessells at the West Coast for either of the Presidencys shall be paid at such Presidency you will allways on such occasions send us a Manifest expressing the Prime Cost of such Merchandize which it is our meaning shall pay here the like Freight of 3 Ɔ^t

9 It is with pleasure we observe that some Recruits are intended you by the Storeship as it is impossible for us more now than ever to supply you with any

10 We find that the Standing Orders compiled by M Combes of which you sent a Copy to the Court of Directors is much approved it is proper that we should have a Copy of them also and you will therefore direct it to be done but we would not have any more material Business postponed on that Account

11 M Charles Frederick Noble who had taken his Passage on the Duke now proceeds on this Sloop

12 One Findal and Twenty three Lascars are sent by this sloop for the service of the West Coast they have had six Months Advance an Account of which as also of the provisions put on board the Sloop for them you will find in the Packet

13 A Squadron lately arrived at Pondicherry consisting of ten ships of which two supposed to carry seventy Guns Six others large and Two Frigates after landing some Men Seven of them put to Sea again but where they are gone We cannot yet learn from various Circumstances We Conjecture that the abovementioned Squadron consists of Companys ships only and came from the Islands it is reported at Pondicherry that another Squadron of Eighteen Sail (of which Six Kings ships of the Line) with a Great Number of Land Forces are expected in January this agrees nearly with the Account given you by the Court of Directors of the Preparations at Port l Orient if any material Intelligence should reach you by the way of Batavia or otherwise concerning them or any ships in the Streights you will give us immediate Notice

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT

STRINGER LAWRENCE

HENRY POWNEY

ROBERT ORME

JOHN SMITH

CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
25TH SEPTEMBER 1757

MANIFEST of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St George to be shipped on board the Sloop Marlborough Captain Alexander Sherrard for Fort Marlbrō by the following Persons Viz^t

Marks & Numbers	Bales &c	Total Bales		Corge	Pieces		P ^s	f	c	P ^s	f	c
			BY CAPTAIN ALEXANDER SHERRARD—									
B N 1	1		One Bale containing Viz ^t —									
			Long Cloth	—	1 @	10	₹P	10	—	—		
			Mushn Handkerchiefs	—	1	4		4	—	—		
			Gingham	1	—	28	₹ ^{co}	28	—	—		
			Bugguess Cambays	8	—	14		112	—	—		
			Bengal Taffatees	1	—	39		39	—	—		
			Cambrick	—	2	—		7	18	—		
			Muslim Handkerchiefs	—	2	—		8	—	—		
			Neck cloths	—	6	—		18	—	—		
			Pallampores	—	2	—		6	—	—		
			Cambrick Handkerchiefs	—	1	—		3	18	—		
			Chints	—	2 Patch	—		14	—	—		
			Ginghams fine	—	1	—		5	—	—		
			Handkerchiefs blue fine	—	2 P	—		7	—	—		
A N 1	1		One Bale containing—									
	4		Blue cloth	3½	—	@30	₹C ^o	105	—	—		
	9		Casks Beer	—	—	@10	₹Cask	40	—	—		
			Cheeses	—	—	—		33	10	—		
			Freight free being on his Indulgence									
			BY GEORGE STRATTON TO HEW STUART—									
Directed	1		One Bundle containing Viz ^t —									
			Shirts	10	—	—		15	18	—		
			Long Cloth for Table Cloths	—	1 P	—		5	18	—		
			Izzarees for Waist coats	—	1 P th	—		4	27	—		
			Stockings	—	10 p	—		8	9	—		
			Pallampores	—	1	—		3	—	—	37	—
			BY CLARKE & RUSSELL TO M^r ALEXANDER HALL (the following articles were Manifested									
			₹ Duke)—									
N 10	1		One Bundle containing—									
			Shirts thirty one	—	—	—		28	—	—		
			Short Drawers twenty four Pr	—	—	—		11	27	—		
			Stockings 10 p ^s	—	—	—		6	—	—		
			Shoes 14 P ^s	—	—	—		2	—	—		
			Goa Arrack one Hogshead	—	—	—		28	—	—		
			Ghee two Duffers	—	—	—		14	—	—	89	27
Carried over	17										667	1

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Records of Fort St George

MANIFEST of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St George to be shipped on board the Sloop Marlborough Captain Alexander Sherrard for Fort Marlbro by the following Persons Viz^t —cont

Marks & Numbers Brought over	Bales &c ^s	Total Bales		Corga.	Pieces	P ^s f o	P ^s f o	
		17					667 1 —	
			Freight free being for the use of the above mentioned Person—					
			N.B.—The following Particulars were likewise inserted in the Dukes Manifest					
			BY CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY TO M ^r CHARLES FREDERICK NOBLE—					
TP		16	Sixteen Chests Ophium	72 M ^d	@ 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ M ^d		1224 — —	
			BY M ^r CHARLES FREDERICK NOBLE Factor for Bencolen on his own Account—					
CN 1 @ 4	4		Ordinary Blue Sallampores	20	@ P ^s 26	520 — —		
5 @ 7	3		D D long Cloth $\frac{1}{2}$ P	15	26	390 — —		
8 @ 10	3		D D long Cloth $\frac{1}{2}$ P ^s	20	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	270 — —		
11	1		D D Red Cambays	5	15	75 — —		
12	1		D D Handkerchiefs	6	12	72 — —		
13	1		Pulliacat Cambays	6	24	144 — —		
		13	Bales amounting to					1471 — —
			By Clarke and Russell consigned to M Alexander Hall—					
A H 1 @ 2	2		Long Cloth Blue Half Pieces	8	28 8 48	225 32 64		
	1		D quarter d	4	13 34 10	55 28 40		
	1		Long Cloth Midling half P ^s	4	27 — —	108 — —		
5 @ 6	2		D Ordinary white	3	40 — —	120 — —		
7 @ 8	2		Sallampores blue	8	26 9 —	210 — —		
9	1		Buggess Cambays	5	13 4 50	65 23 10		
			Handkerchiefs Metchlepatam	3	10 — —	30 — —		
		9	Bales Amounting to					815 12 34
		54	Bales &c ^t Amounting to					Pagodas 4177 13 34

Letters from Fort St George 1757

FORT ST GEORGE 25TH SEPTEMBER 1757

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LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET ☞ SLOOP MARLBRO

- N 1 General Letter dated September 1757
 2 Duplicate General Letter dated 5th September 1757 } ☞ Duke
 3 D 24 August }
 4 Triplicate D 14 August ☞ Neptune Sloop }
 5 D^o D 26 April } ☞ Hartop
 6 D Copy of the Committees Rep^t 13 D }
 7 Invoice of Sundrys ☞ Sloop Marlbro
 8 Bills of Loading ☞ D^o
 9 Duplicate Invoice ☞ Duke
 10 Second Bills of Loading for D
 11 Duplicate Account of Sundrys (part of Invoice N^o) relanded @ Ft
 St George
 12 Triplicate Invoice of Sloop Neptune
 13 Triplicate Invoice ☞ Hartop
 14 Manifest of Private Trade ☞ Sloop Marlbr^o
 15 Account of 6 Months Impress paid and provisions Supplied
 1 Tindal and 23 Lascars Passengers ☞ Marlbro Sloop for the Ser
 vice of the West Coast
 16 Packet Cont^s the particulars of Expences on Account the Marlbro
 Sloop Viz^t
 A Captain Sherrads acc^t Current of wages ☞ Marlbro Sloop to
 26 August 1757
 B Account of 4 M Impress ☞^d for said Sloop from 25 Aug^t
 1757
 C Account of Stores and provisions supplied the Marlbr^o Sloop
 17 Duplicate Account of Ordnance and Military Stores remaining—
 Indented for—to be sent to—and returned from Fort Marlbro
 18 Duplicate Packet containing the Accounts of the Costs and Charges
 of the Neptune Sloop and three Long Boats
 19 Duplicate Account Coinage of Gold ☞ sloop Marlbro
 20 Dup Extract of General Letter from the Court of Directors dated
 11 Feby 1756 Para 39
 21 Dup Copy of M Hurlocks memorial to the Court of Directors
 desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlbr^o for \$ 5200
 22 Copy of Captain Sherrards Dispatch
 23 Copy of the Companys Letter to Fort Marlbro dated 29th December
 1756 ☞ Falmouth

FORT ST GEORGE
 20TH SEPT^R 1757

JOS DU PRE
 Sec^{ry}

N 75

TO M^R ALEXANDER SHERRARD
 MASTER OF THE SLOOP MARLBRO

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT S GEORGE THE SEPTEMBER 1757

GEORGE FIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 HENRY POWNEY
 ROBERT ORME
 JOHN SMITH

N 76

TO RANDOLPH MARRIOT ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBRO

GENTLEMEN

After closing our Letter of the 25th Instant having found it necessary to detain the Marlbro Sloop here a few days We have thereby the opportunity to send you ten Lascars besides those mentioned in our last Letter and you will receive herewith an Account of their Impress and provisions

Admiral Watson s Agent for the Grampus Tender acquaints us that he is now returning the Tryal Sloop to Fort Marlbro and has put on board two Garce of Salt towards discharging the Freight as that Article of Trade is reserved to the Company you will purchase it on their Account

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 30TH SEPT^R 1757

GEORGE FIGOT
& C^A COUNCIL

N^o 77

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^R
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have discharged the Bills you drew on us as advised in your Letter of the 12th Instant

It is not necessary to return any answer to the Protest sent you by the Governour and Council at Negapatam as the Company have nothing to do with the Captures made by the Kings Ships

M Newton should have desired an explanation of his Parole before he signed it but as he did not you should write to Pondicherry to know their Sense of it for they are the proper judges in this case and not we

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 30TH SEPT^R 1757

GEORGE FIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 78

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to accompany a Duplicate of our Last with the Packets therein mentioned received from England by the Norfolk

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 1ST OCTOBER 1757

GEORGE FIGOT
& C^A COUNCIL

N^o 79

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
 AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Triton and Duke we advised you of the arrival of four Ships from England the Expectation of advices from you as well as the hopes of seeing some of the Coast and Bay Ships suspended any resolution in regard to the destination of these arrived till at length the approaching change of Moon soon has rendered it absolutely necessary to determine on some Measures We have accordingly resolved to dispatch the Norfolk and Princess Augusta with about two hundred Tons of Bales each to the West Coast to fill up there with pepper and proceed to Europe they are now loading and we hope will sail by the end of this Month The Tavistock having received some Damage and being found unfit to proceed to Europe is out of the Service and going to Bombay to refit and the Boscawen we now Dispatch to you with Twenty Chests of Treasure

We are in Great Want of Salt Petre by the Duke we requested that your Honour &c would send us by every opportunity as much as possible We beg leave to repeat it and that you will lade as large a Quantity as you can spare on the Boscawen and Dispatch her to the Negrais with a supply of Treasure Rice and other Stores to fill up there with Timber and Plank and return her in January or February We have not had any Advices from that Settlement since January last their Ballance of Cash the end of December was about Thirty thousand Rupees and we reckon their Monthly Expences between four and five thousand Rupees so that they must probably be distressed for Cash where fore we request your Honour &c will give the Boscawen as early a Dispatch as possible with such a supply of Treasure as you can spare and we conclude that all other kinds of stores usually sent thither will be acceptable as a Variety of Incidents have prevented our sending them any supplies or Advices for above a twelve Month past

The Warwick Captain Webb from England and Madeira for Coast and Bay arrived about a fortnight ago at Trankebar and being informed there that a French Squadron had been at Pondicherry and sailed again as it was supposed to Attack this Settlement put to sea without advising us of his Intentions and has not since been heard of

None of the other Coast and Bay ships are yet arrived and as the Season is now so far advanced We conclude they will not Venture to come on the Coast before January

We were in hopes we might have heard from you before we took any Steps in regard to the distination of the shipping that we might have concerted such measures as would best suit the Circumstances of your affairs as well as ours but as we are unfortunately Deprived of that advantage it is necessary you should be apprized of our Intentions that your dispositions may not Clash with them

We have already Acquainted your Honour &c that the four ships Boscawen Norfolk Tavistock and Princess Augusta were intended for China and you are herein before informed how we have to this time disposed of them our further intentions are that the Boscawen and Tavistock (when sufficiently repaired) return hither and proceed in proper Season in 1758 to Canton according to their Original Consignments and Instead of the Norfolk and Princess Augusta which were also destined for Canton but are about to sail for Europe We purpose to appoint two of the expected Coast and Bay Ships when they

arrive to that Voyage Wherefore should all or any of the Coast and Bay Ships proceed directly to you without touching here we must request that your Honour &c will send us up at least three of them whereof two for China and the third (early in January) for Europe as We reckon we shall have nearly a full loading of Bales left after the Dispatch of the Norfolk and Princess Augusta We shall leave room in the two last mentioned Ships for about 350 Tons of Pepper and by Advices from the West Coast we judge they may have by the end of January near 600 Tons so that if any of the Coast and Bay ships should proceed directly to Bengal and your Honour &c could furnish One hundred and fifty Tons of Goods exclusive of Kintlage and Redwood We believe you may depend on a sufficient Quantity of Pepper at Fort Marlbro in January to Compleat one Ships Tonnage

We have only to add that we should by this Conveyance have sent you a large Quantity of Treasure but that we think it most probable the Coast and Bay ships will proceed directly to you in which case your Honour &c will have an ample supply and in this case we are to request that you will please to put on Board the Boscawen for her China Stock Thirty five Chests of Bullion as the want of our usual supplies will lay us under the necessity of coming part of the Treasure intended for China

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE FIGOT
&c^a COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 16th OCTOBER [1757]

N 80

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^a
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &c^a COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

We had prepared the Letter which accompanys this and were on the point of dispatch^s the Boscawen to you the 16th Instant when We received by the Watson Sloop your agreeable Letters of the 11th August 12th 16th and 27th September acquainting Us of the great change that has been effected in the Province of Bengal We congratulate your Honour &c on that fortunate Event by which the Company as well as many private persons and in them the Nation will receive such great advantages

In regard to the Demorage to be paid the Owners of the Fort William for her detention at the Negrais We can only say that we allowed Three Hundred Pagodas ₹ month for the George which lay d there as a Guard ship a considerable time and leave it to your Honour &c^a to settle with the Owners as you shall think reasonable

We had laden twenty chests of Treasure on the Boscawen for your Use but as you advise Us that you have already more than sufficient and desire that no further supplies may be sent We have again landed that Treasure and shall wait your Further Advises before We make you any remittances

The Salt petre you intended Us by the Marlbro and Restitution would have been very acceptable for want of it We are obliged to leave 80 Tons of Iron Kintlage on board the Norfolk and Princes Augusta now under dispatch for Europe

The Bills you send Us drawn by the Gentlemen of Chandernagore on the Superior Council of Pondicherry shall be presented and the amount when paid carried to the credit of your Presidency

We cannot account for the deficiency of copper by the Protector it was weigh d off here as usual

Your Accountant must be mistaken in the Report made to you in regard to the Invoice prices of the Copper and Madeira Wine The advance upon the Copper is but a few fanams for Boat and Cooly hire in landing and reshipping and other incident charges on the Madeira Wine there is an advance indeed of near four Pagodas $\frac{3}{4}$ Pipe but that addition arises from the Leakage which upon the whole consignment your and ours together amounted to above fifteen Pipes for so many were taken to fill up the rest In regard to your Resolution on this occasion to credit account Current London for the whole of Last years Consignments to you and Debt us for what We have detained of them We have only to remark that it will occasion an adjustment at home as We have already credited that account for all those consignments and we could not with any propriety do otherwise at that time when the Company were divested of their possession in Bengal and it was doubtfull what might be the Event of the Efforts that were made from hence to regain them they have to our infinite satisfaction been crowned with success beyond our hopes but why that should occasion such an Entry as you propose we cannot see

The Iron Work for Gun Carriages has all been employed here and not to enlarge on this subject the foregoing paragraph will we think be sufficient reason for our so doing

This province is so much impourish d by Wars that few are capable of Purchasing Jewells to any considerable amount however We shall publish the Notice you desire in regard to the Gold Joys We can find no other use for them than as Gold for Coinage and if they cannot be disposed of to better advantage they will be acceptable for that purpose

In our accompaying Letter of the 16th We have acquainted your Honour &c what Tonnage We judge We may provide for and in what manner to which We have nothing to add

Your Packet for the Court of Directors shall be forwarded by the first conveyance

We have the pleasure to learn that the Warwick is arrived in Bengal River the Consignments by that ship to this presidency will be very acceptable and We therefore hope your Honour &c will forward them as soon possible

The Companys Dutys have been paid here on the Chest of Coral W B *No 1 mentioned in your Letter of the 16th Ultimo

As the Syrian Sloop is bound to the Negrais We shall take that opportunity to send a supply of cash and therefore We shall not Trouble your Honour &c^a to send any by the Boscawen as We requested in your Letter of the 16th Instant that ship may however call there in her return for Timber and plank

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
THE 20th OCTOBER 1757

N 81

To CAPTAIN BENJAMIN BRAUND
OF THE SHIP BOSCAWEN

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal and on your Arrival there deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT S GEORGE the 20th October 1757

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

N^o 82

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

By our Letter of the 15th Ultimo We advised your Honour &c of the arrival of the Boscawen Norfolk Tavistock and Princess Augusta intended for China but as it was too late for them to proceed thither this season and none of the Coast and Bay ships being arrived We have resolved to part Load the Norfolk and Princess Augusta with Bales and send them to the West Coast to fill up with Pepper from whence they are to be dispatched to England The Boscawen We have sent to Bengal to pass the N E Monsoon and we purpose to dispatch her to Canton in 1758 The Tavistock having received considerable Damage and being judged on a Survey unfit to proceed to Europe We have protested against the Owners and Commander leaving him at his discretion to go to what port he thinks proper to repair the defects he has acquainted Us of his Intentions to proceed to Bombay and has requested of us to Leave on board some Lead and Red Wood untill his return promising that the Company shall not be liable to any demorage or other charges on that account We mention this that in case any accident should prevent his return your Honour &c^a may demand of him those articles (an Account of which is enclosed)

If the Tavistock should be sufficiently repaired to be again received into the service We entered upon her being tender d to Us here in proper Season to send her to China according to her Original Consignment if She should be tendered to your Honour &c^a and you should be able to put on board her a proper Cargo for the Canton market We submit to your Honour &c whether it would not be for the Companys Interest to do so and in that case you will be pleased to consign the same to us and draw upon Us for the amount or if you should not have Occasion for the money Debt Us in Account and send the Ship to us to take in her Treasure and Supra Cargos

Herewith We forward two Packets one received from England the other from Bengal

We are advised from Bengal of a Revolution in the Government as Extraordinary as fortunate by which great advantages have accrued to the Company the particulars will We imagine be communicated to you by the Select Committee

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servant

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 20TH OCTOBER 1757

N 83

TO DUVAL DE LEYRIT ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR AND
THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL
AT PONDICHERRY

GENTLEMEN

The President and Council at Calcutta having advanced to Mess^{rs} Renault and the late Council of Chandernagore Thirty five thousand Arcot Rupees they have given Bills of Exchange on you Gentlemen for that sum the first whereof We now enclose for Acceptance and shall endorse the seconds to the Gentlemen of the Council at Fort S^t David to whom you will be pleased to forward the firsts and pay the amount when they become due

We have the honour to be
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^a COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
THE 22^D OCTOBER 1757

N^o 84

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT
FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 11th Instant and have paid your Bill for Pagodas 1500 in favour of M Call if you should find opportunity you may draw on Us at any time for the sums you may want as the Risque of the Enemy will be saved and cannot always command proper Conveyances we are now at a Loss for one to send you the Medicines and stores you Indented for but you may depend on being supplied as soon as We have it in our power

We enclose you two second Bills of Exchange on the Council at Pondicherry amounting together to A R^s 35'000 The First We have sent to Pondicherry for acceptance and desired the Gentlemen there to forward them to you and pay you the amount when due

We approve the Journal Entrys of Profit and Loss you sent Us and you may Write off the Leakage of arrack but you must direct your Store keeper to be carefull that the casks are frequently examined

In our Letter of the 8 December 1756 We acquainted you that We did not think We could take upon ourselves to allow M^r Wynch the Deputy Governours appointments but as Colonel Clive contrary to our Expectation still continues at Bengal they may be paid to M^r Wynch with all arrears

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 24th OCTOBER 1757

N 85

TO RANDOLPH MARRIOT ESQ^r
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

GENTLEMEN

We take the opportunity of the Watson Sloop to acquaint you that We shall send two Ships the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up with pepper on the West Coast they are now taking in such part of their Cargos as We intend for them here and We hope will sail by the 10th of next month We shall leave room for about One hundred and Eighty Tons of Pepper in each Ship so that if you should not have been disappointed in the expected quantity of sur plus you will in January have remaining (after these two ships are fill d up) near two hundred and fifty Tons above your annual ships Loading We would have you reserve all such remains as it is not improbable but that a ship may be sent from Bengal to take it in We shall order the aforementioned two ships to touch at your Northern Residencys to take in their pepper if it should not have been before transported to Marlbrō therefore on the receipt of this you will immediately dispatch the necessary Orders to them

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 26th OCTOBER 1757

N^o 86

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT
FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

By order of the President and Council I herewith send you an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores consign d to you by the Country Boat Ramaswamy in the same Board are also some Stores for Deve Cotah the Invoice and Bills of Loading for which are also enclosed and are to be forwarded

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your Most Obedient Humble Serv^t

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 31st OCTOBER 1757

JOS^s DUPRE
Secretary

N^o 87

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF
COUNCIL AT FORT S^t DAVID

GENTLEMEN

By order of the President and Council I enclose you the Invoice and Bills of Lading of four Chests and five hogsheads of medicines now sent you on the Country Boat Tooptary

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your Most Obedient Humbl^l Servant

FORT S GEORGE
THE 31st OCTOBER 1757

JOS^s DUPRE
Secretary

N^o 88

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^a
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 17th 21st and 25th October and have paid the several Bills you therein advised to have drawn on Us

As M^r Newton is prohibited by his Parole from acting you have done very right in Committing his Employs to the charge of others who may continue to execute them until M^r Newton be exchange d

As M^r Norris is advised to try a change of Air for the recovery of his Health he has our permission to repair hither for that purpose

We sent you sundry Stores and Medicines by two Country Boats the 31st Ultimo and the Invoice and Bills of Loading were then forwarded to you by our Secretary

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

FORT S^t GEORGE
THE 4th NOVEMBER 1757

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N^o 89

To RANDOLPH MARRIOTT ESQ
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBRO

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you a short Letter the 26th of last Month by the Watson Sloop to apprize you of our Intentions to send the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up on the West Coast We accordingly now dispatch them to you with orders to touch first at Moco Moco to land there such part of the Consignments to you as may be wanted at that Settlement and to take in what pepper may be there ready and then proceed to Fort Marlbro where you are to compleat their Charter party Tonnage with the usual addition for Wastage and no more their Account of Tonnage is as follows Viz^t

We have laden on the Norfolk Three hundred and fifteen Tons Nine hundred Three quarters and fourteen pounds including Kintlage Privilege &c	315	9	3	14
Remains to be laden by you One hundred and Eighty three Tons Ten hundred and fourteen Pounds	183	10	—	14
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Charterparty Tonnage	499	—	—	—
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We have laden on board the Princess Augusta Three hundred and fifteen Tons sixteen hundred and two quarters including Kintlage Privilege &c	315	16	2	—
Remains to be laden by you one Hundred and Eighty three Tons three hundred and two quarters	183	3	2	—
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Charterparty Tonnage	499	—	—	—
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We hope you will have Pepper enough ready to dispatch both those and your annual ship before they enter on Demorage but should it happen otherwise you are to Dispatch those first which enter first on Demorage the Norfolk and Princess Augusta arrived here the 6th of Septem and their Demorage will of course commence the 6th of January

We enclose for your Information a Copy of our Dispatch to the Commanders of those ships by which you will observe that we have deviated from the usual course of subjecting them to your Orders for their further proceedings our reasons for which are in favour of the consigners of Diamonds as the Insurances made in England generally run on ship dispatched from this Coast for England it is therefore necessary that the Commanders should be under peremptory Orders to proceed to England you will therefore act in conformity

We refer you to the accompanying Invoice for the particulars of our Consignments to you by these ships the scarcity of salt has prevented our sending you any

The Norfolk cargo seven coffrees slaves which are all we can supply you with and you are to pay the Commander for victualling them at the usual rate

As we send you a considerable quantity of Rice we have not put any on board either Ship for St Helena you are therefore to send on each the one $\frac{7}{8}$ Cent for the service of that Island in arrack and Rice in the usual proportions

You will observe by the Norfolk s Invoice a parcell containing a three coige of stockings consign d to you they are intended for St Helena and are accordingly to be included in your Invoice and forwarded thither

We are
GENTLEMEN
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19TH NOVEMBER 1757

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7 Bills of Loading of the Norfolk
8 Duplicate of the Princess Augusta s Invoice
9 Second Bills of Loading ☿ Princess Augusta
10 Copy of Captain Bonhams sailing orders
11 { Muster Roll of the Norfolk s crew
Return of the Norfolk s ammunition and Warlike stores
The two last papers are to be forwarded to England in the Norfolks Packet

JOS^S DU PRE
Secretary

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19TH NOVEMBER 1757

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To THE RESIDENT AT MOCO MOCO

SIR

By the Norfolk and Princess Augusta We have consign d a considerable quantity of Rice Fifty Bales of Long Cloth Ordinary and some Military Stores to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro but have Ordered those Ships to call first at Moco Moco to deliver you such part of those consignments as the Settlement may be in immediate want of and to take in what Pepper you may have ready and then proceed to Fort Marlbro the Commanders have our orders accordingly and if you should have occasion to land anything from those ships or put on board any Pepper you will be as expeditious as possible that no time may be unnecessarily [*sic*] lost

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

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FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 19TH NOVEMBER 1757

N^o 91

To RANDOLPH MARRIOTT ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBRO

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you a short Letter by the Sloop Watson the 26th Ultimo to acquaint you of our Intentions to send the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up on the West Coast they are almost ready to sail and We hope will be with you before this which We dispatch to you by the Cuddalore Sloop you will see by a Copy of the Commander s Sailing Orders what are our Intentions you will therefore give him all proper advice for his further proceedings and communicate to us such as may occur as well relating to the dispatch of the above mentioned two ships which are to fill up with you as whatever else may be immediately necessary but We would not have the sloop detained

The Cuddalore Sloop carries you some Lascais for the service of your Coast and as they are victualed by the Commander you will pay him for the same at the usual rate and on account of money advanced them here is enclosed

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friend and Servants

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FORT S GEORGE
THE 19TH NOVEMBER 1757

N^o 92

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
 AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF
 COUNCIL AT FORT S^t DAVID
 GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 1st Instant with your Account of Quick Stock

Our directions in our Letter of the 24th Ultimo to pay to Mr Wynch the Deputy Governours appointments with all arrears are a sufficient authority for your so doing

We now dispatch the Cuddalore Sloop to you with Fifty thousand Rupees Thirty thousand Pagodas Two hundred stand of arms and other articles expressed in the Invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed You will be as expeditious as possible in Landing these consignments the Commander having our orders to proceed without Loss of time on further service

We are
 GENTLEMEN
 Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

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FORT S GEORGE
 THE 19th NOVEMBER 1757

N^o 93

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE BAKER
 OF THE SLOOP CUDDALORE

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort S^t David where having duely delivered the Treasure &c consignd to the Council there you are without loss of time to set sail and Winds and Weather permitting proceed to Acheen where you are to gather all the Intellig^{ce} you can in regard to shipping in General and if you should meet with any of the expected ships from Europe you will acquaint the Commanders that we would have them proceed hither directly as the earlier they arrive on the Coast the safer We think it will be you are then to make the best of your way to Fort Marlbró on the West Coast of Sumatra touching first if the Wind and Weather permit at some or one of the Northern Residencys of that Coast for Intelle gence Herewith you will receive a Letter for the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro directing them to give you all proper advices and you are then to proceed as hereinafter directed but notwithstanding any thing hereinbefore in case you should find it difficult on account of the Wind and Weather to fetch Acheen or that it should much retard your Passage you will in that case make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro calling at some or one of the Northern Residencys as above directed When the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro shall have signified to you that you may depart you are then to proceed round through the Streights of Sunda (touching at Batavia) into the

Streights of Malacca and from thence back to this Port calling at Malacca and Acheen for Intelligence and this We hope and expect you may perform so as to be here again in all the month of February Dated in FORT S GEORGE the 19th November 1757

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

N^o 94

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRs

We have received your favour of the 28 September acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 7th July since which We have address d you under date the 26 August 15 September 1^t and 20th October the last We advised you of the Disposition We had made of the four ships intended for China the Norfolk and Princess Augusta were accordingly part Loaded with Bales and Dispatch d to the West Coast the 19th Instant to be filled up and sent home and the next day the Prince Henry Packet sail d for England

We are

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRs
Your most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
HENRY POWNEY
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CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 30TH NOVEMBER 1757

N^o 95

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^R
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF
COUNCIL AT
FORT S^T DAVID

GENTLEMEN

The Governour and Council at Negapatam having desired that We would put them in possession of M Keirnander s New House and Ground at Cuddalore in lieu of their Factory House at Tegenapatam which was last year pull d down you will cause a plan and Estimate of the said House and Ground in Cuddalore to be drawn and transmitt the same to us and you will likewise at the same time enquire of M Keirnander and acquaint us whether he is willing to sell his said House and Ground and for what consideration

We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
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FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 12TH DECEMBER 1757

N^o 96

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ^r
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT S DAVID

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 1^t 7th & 9th Instant

If the Gentlemen at Pondichery have not yet remitted you the amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn on them from Bengal it will be proper that you acquaint them We have sent you the Second Bills and wrote you that we had addressed them the 22^d October enclosing the firsts for acceptance and desiring them to pay the amount to you

The Indent accompanying your Letter of the 7th Instant shall be complied with by the first opportunity

Your Draft in favour of M Orme has been paid

We have permitted M^r James Bouchier Chief of Deve Cotah to return to the Presidency and have appointed M Robert Sloper to succeed him We would therefore have him repair thither as soon as he conveniently can and we now write to M Bouchier to deliver over to him on his arrival the charge of that Settlement

M^r Slopers removal making a Vacancy in your Council We have appoint^d M George Dawson to succeed him at the Board the Employs We leave to you to settle as you all think best for the service

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
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STRINGER LAWRENCE
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CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S GEORGE
22^d DECEMBER 17^o7

N^o 97

TO M^r JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH

SIR

The President having represented to Us that you have for some time past been in a declining state of Health and are on that account desirous of returning to the Presidency We have appointed M Robert Sloper to succeed you on his arrival you will therefore deliver over to him the charge of the Settlement with all the Wares and Stores having first taken an exact Account Remains which is to be interchangeabl signed by both of you and then you have our permis sion to return hither

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
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