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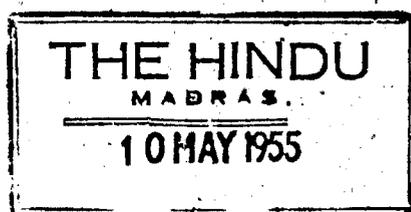
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PREFATORY NOTE.

This volume contains the Proceedings of the President in Council of Fort St. George from 3rd January to 12th December 1758 and is the eighty-eighth volume of the series "Diary and Consultation Books, Public Department." The transactions of the period subsequent to 12th December are recorded in the "Journal of Transactions during the siege of Fort St. George" which has already been published in 1915 as Sundry Book, Public Department, 1758-59.

As in the previous volumes of the series, a table of shipping has been appended and an introduction has been written describing in the main the events or transactions recorded in this volume.

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EGMORE,
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INTRODUCTION

This volume, like the earlier volumes in this series, portrays the activities of the Governor and Council of Madras on the civil side of their administration, as different from the military and political side. The distinction between the Public and the Military Departments, between the deliberations of the General Council on the one hand and the Select Committee on the other, had gradually become very marked. The Select Committee had, as its name shows, been originally constituted with a few select members of the Council. It had been formed with the object of dealing with military and political matters which required secrecy and it was empowered to correspond directly with a similar Secret Committee in England. In course of time, however, this Committee began to encroach upon the functions of the General Council and to deal with all important affairs itself, until at last the General Council "became a shadow." This encroachment must undoubtedly have been felt as unjust both by the members of the Council who were not lucky enough to be in the Select Committee and by the Directors who were not included in the Secret Committee. At any rate, the authorities in England thought that it was irregular and therefore proceeded during this year to define the powers of the two bodies. The Select Committee, they observed, was to confine its business to transacting and negotiating matters with the European and the Indian powers "so far as secrecy was absolutely necessary and not otherwise." All other matters, including the concerting of the necessary plans and measures for military operations and for the reduction of the Nawab's debts, were to be laid before the General Council for their determination and execution. On receipt of these instructions it was decided to open a separate department to deal with the "Military and Country affairs." This department was to be under the General Council and was to have its own Secretary and establishment. It was to correspond directly with the Court of Directors on matters falling within its purview. For corresponding with the Secret Committee in England on matters requiring secrecy a committee consisting of three councillors was appointed.¹ All these arrangements were however not put into practice during this year as the instructions were received too late for doing so.

The most notable event of the year was the famous siege of Madras by Lally, an event which may be said to mark the beginning of the final decline of the French power in India. Although the siege was not actually commenced before the middle of December the fear of the French attacks kept Pigot and his Council on the alert throughout the year. Pigot was assisted in all his measures by Colonel Lawrence who was now one of the members of the Council. Pigot, we find, was not a man to be intimidated by the French. Calmly and cautiously he watched the situation and did whatever was necessary for a successful defence of the settlement. Troops were recalled from several outposts. The fortifications were hurriedly strengthened. The siege of 1749 had shown the danger of allowing houses to remain close to the Fort. The northern Esplanade was therefore broadened so as to make it impossible for an enemy to approach the Fort walls under cover. A large number of houses were demolished for this purpose and the occupants of these houses were provided with house-sites further north. The inhabitants, it is stated, carried away most of the building materials to build their new homes and it was therefore found unnecessary to pay more than 18,150 Pagodas by way of compensation.² It is interesting to note that on this occasion Pigot and his Council resorted

¹ See pages 216-217.

² See pages 62-64.

to what is perhaps the first known instance of land acquisition for a public purpose by taking compulsorily from Poli Chetty, one of the inhabitants of Madras, a piece of land which was required for rendering communication to the plots of land given to those whose houses had been demolished for the extension of the Esplanade, and which he positively refused to give up. Pigot and his Council also showed their resentment against such unsocial conduct by ordering that no compensation should be given to him.¹ An encouragement was on the other hand given to those who had rebuilt their houses in the new sites by a remission of one year's quit-rent and scavenger's duty.²

More interesting is the restriction imposed by Pigot and his Council upon the sale of spirituous liquors, a restriction which may perhaps be regarded as the first instance of an experiment in Prohibition. No doubt the prohibition was partial, temporary and was intended mainly to preserve the lives and the health of the Military on whose service the safety of the entire settlement depended. But it shows that Pigot and his Council recognized the pernicious effects of immoderate drinking. The arrack farmers were of course affected by this reform. Their hopes of making huge profits by vending liquor to the large concourse of coolies, artificers, soldiers, sailors and sepoys, who had gathered in Madras in view of the impending war with the French, were suddenly disappointed. They represented their losses to the Council in exaggerated terms. They applied for permission to sell liquor at least at St. Thomas's Mount and in the villages round about Madras. And, what is curious, they pointed out that "if the sale of arrack should cease these two months it will surely disuse the people from the practice of it by which reason there is no probability of expecting a good market" for it for a long time. The Council did not however listen to any of their protests but ordered that no one should sell arrack within the limits of Madras except in the Fort under the inspection of a proper officer.³ Attempts were, as may be expected, made to evade these restrictions and to smuggle in liquor. But the Council would not tolerate this. It is recorded that they sent back to Europe one Thomas Osman who had been sent out from England as a charcoal burner but who was found to be "of no manner of service in his possession" and was "detected in retailing spirituous liquors to the Military."⁴

The threat of French invasion naturally created a panic among the people. Shortly after the fall of Fort St. David the shroffs began to secrete their gold with the result pagodas which were used for the current disbursements of the settlement became very scarce and the rupee began to depreciate in value.⁵ This was followed by the discovery of a fraud in the mint resulting in the debasement of the pagoda.⁶ Pigot and his Council were however in no difficulty for money, for, although they incurred great losses of revenue by the disturbances in the Country, they received large supplies from Bengal.⁷ In this respect the English were more fortunate than the French who were seriously handicapped for want of funds. In fact the defeat of the French may partly be ascribed to their inability to defray the expenses of their campaigns.⁸

While Pigot and his Council were making preparations to meet the impending attack of the French they learnt with disgust that one of the senior councillors was quietly arranging to leave Madras for Europe. This was no other than Robert Orme, the celebrated historian. Soon after the fall of Cuddalore and Fort St. David he began to sell his effects and to remit the proceeds home in Dutch bills. He also booked his passage on a ship which was shortly to sail for Europe. Such conduct was naturally looked upon by Pigot and his Council as unmanly and dishonourable. It was felt that a person occupying his position should have set a better example to the other inhabitants at a time of general consternation. Nor was this all. Before leaving India for good Orme had decided to give the celebrated pagoda tree a parting shake. With this object

¹ See pages 138-139.

² See page 146.

³ See pages 95-98.

⁴ See page 140.

⁵ See page 112.

⁶ See page 145.

⁷ See pages 114-115.

See Malleson's History of the French in India, pages 525, 533, 545.

he approached the Nawab of Arcot whose bounty had enabled many an Englishman to make his fortune. Unfortunately the Nawab was at this time neither inclined nor in a position to gratify Orme whose modest demands amounted to no less a sum than 20,000 Pagodas. Threats and cajolery failed alike in inducing the Nawab to part with a single pie. In fact Orme's conduct was so outrageous that the Nawab was forced to defy him to his face and to report everything to the Governor. Pigot lost no time in exposing Orme. He openly accused Orme of unmanly and dishonourable conduct before the Council. Orme of course denied the charges, but while the Council was examining the Nawab and the witnesses and trying to arrive at the truth, Orme resigned his appointment. Although therefore the Council found him guilty on both the charges it could not show its resentment towards him except by sending a copy of its proceedings to the Directors in England.¹ In fact the whole affair while it reflects much credit on Pigot and his Council reflects not a little discredit on the character of the eminent historian. The ship on which Orme sailed was captured by a French ship² and he was landed at the Cape of Good Hope. From there he proceeded on a French ship to the French Islands instead of going home to England.³ When the Directors came to know these affairs they characterised Orme's conduct as "dastardly and iniquitous" and ordered that if he had left any effects behind him they should be sold and given as compensation to the Madras merchants from whom he had extorted large sums.⁴

An affair like this would not in normal times have seen the light of day, for Orme was by no means the only servant of the Company who had amassed a private fortune in India by questionable means. In fact the Directors themselves were well aware that most of their servants including Pigot, their trusted Governor of Madras, were in the habit of receiving large sums of money from the Nawab, from the renters of the various revenues, and from the merchants of the Company in return for various favours shown to them, needless to say, at the expense of the Company.⁵ The reason therefore why Orme was publicly exposed was that everybody in Madras was at this time in a state of great tension. It was a critical time. The French were expected every moment. It was certainly not a time when a Councillor could be allowed to amass a private fortune and to run away with it, leaving his colleagues to face the danger. Early in the year Lally had arrived from France with a large force of Europeans and a powerful fleet with the avowed object of capturing all the English settlements in India. Within two months of his arrival he had captured Cuddalore and Fort St. David. The latter had lately been fortified at considerable expense and it was expected that it would withstand all the attempts which the French might make against it. The capitulation of this place after a short siege and its demolition caused a general panic in Madras. When Clive heard of it he characterised it as 'infamous'⁶ and the Council insisted upon an enquiry being made into the causes of it.⁷ The inferiority of the English in land forces was to some extent made up by their superiority on the sea. The English fleet had again and again met and fought the French fleet and, although it did not win a signal victory, it had eventually forced the French fleet to withdraw from India. The English affairs in Bengal had also prospered beyond their expectations. Encouraging news had likewise been coming from the Northern Circars where the withdrawal of Bussy from the Deccan had led to the rapid conquest of almost the whole of the country after a short and brilliant campaign conducted by Forde 'the right hand man of Clive.' Still the English settlers in Madras were by no means sanguine in their hopes of ultimately defeating the French. They knew that Lally would fall upon them as soon as the rains were over. They therefore made every preparation for a long siege. Arrangements were made even for the efficient conduct of affairs during the siege. When therefore the French appeared on the Choultry plain at daybreak on the 12th of December the Council unanimously entrusted the management of all the affairs to Pigot and Lawrence and calmly awaited the result.

¹ See pages 175-179, 181-183, 185-187.

² Love's Vestiges of Old Madras, Volume II, pages 518-519.

³ The Madras Despatches—1754-1765, page 214.

⁴ *Idem*, page 221.

⁵ The Madras Despatches, 1754-1765, pages 189-190.

⁶ History of British India by Roberts, page 120.

⁷ See page 204.

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COMPANY'S SHIPPING TABLE.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Warwick	Nicholas Webb	21 st February 1758. From Bengal.	200 tons of Saltpetre—bales of the Northern settlements and sixty pipes of Medeira Wine—French Prisoners ¹ —Passengers ¹ —Mr. D. Hery, Commander of Chandernagore—3 General letters, dated 21 st January 1758 and one from William Hay at Ingellee, dated 29 th January 1758—A packet from England—Letter from the Select Committee, dated 24 th January 1758 with a packet containing letter from the Secret Committee in England, dated 25 th March 1757 and with the translation of letter ⁹ , dated 31 st December 1755 from D. Bussy to Count Agrenos.	16 th March 1758. For England.	From Bengal: Bales of goods ² —Packet to the Secret Committee in England ⁴ —Col. Clive's address to the Secret Committee in England, dated 23 rd December 1757 ⁵ . From Fort St. George:—General letter to Court of Directors, dated 13 th March 1758 ⁶ —27 men of His Majesty's 39 th Regiment, and 2 Officers: viz. Captain Eyre Coote, Lieutenant Mathew Pierson ⁷ —836 Bales and Invoice of goods amounting to Pagodas 83,337-11-60 ⁸ .—Diamonds and precious stones amounting to Pagodas Seventy-six thousand two hundred and eighty-three Pagodas Eleven Fanams and fifty-five Cash ¹⁰ —5 packets marked A, B, C, D and E ¹¹ —In the box apart Musters of Gold and Silver, and packet from the Select Committee—Fort St. David Papers—Copy of a treaty with the King of Ava—Letters from Governor Pigot, Colonel Lawrence and Mr. Call. ¹² —20 Arcot Rupees—and Madras Pagodas from Mr. Pybus and Edwards. ¹⁴ For England:—Captain Webb's Private Trade ¹⁵ parcels ² —containing presents ¹⁶ —3 General Books of Fort St. George prior to 13 th March 1758—A packet containing list of officers (men of Adlercron's Regiment who have entered into Company's Service)—A packet

Duke Thomas Powney.	25 th July From Marlbro.	1758. Fort	General letter, dated 14 th June 1758 and a letter from Mr. Carter, dated 14 th June 1758 ²⁰ —Captain Jackson's Private Trade ²¹ —Ten Chests containing forty thousand dollars, 1 box, $\frac{1}{8}$ Tails of gold, useless Military stores, Powder ²² —Two packets marked A and B containing list of papers to Fort St. George ²³ —Books of Fort Marlbro.	23 rd October 1758. For Fort Marlbro (touching at Tappanouly, Natal and Moco Moco respectively and to land the necessary Stores). (Returns into the road on 30 th October on account of gale and again sails for the West Coast of Sumatra on 2 nd November 1758.)	For Fort Marlbro:—Salt, Wares and Sundry Stores—Damaged cloth—Three hundred bales of Gunpowder—fanams that have been coined amounting to about four thousand dollars—Copy of the general letter from the Hon'ble Court of Directors ²⁴ —Coir Cordage—Military Stores—Passenger: M ^r . Charles Frederick Noble, a Factor ²⁵ —Four packets, Viz. ²⁶ :—1. For Deputy Governor and Council at Fort Marlbro, 2. One for Resident at Moco Moco, 3. One for Resident at Natal and 4. One for Resident at Tappanouly.
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¹ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, page 90.² Do. do. do. page 88.³ Letters to Fort St. George, 1758, page 7.⁴ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, page 99.⁵ See Military Despatches to England, 1758-59, Volume 2, page 5.⁶ See Public Despatches to England, Volume 22, 1757-58, page 2⁷ See Public Despatches to England, 1757-58, Volume 22, page 2⁸ See Public Despatches to England, Volume 22, 1758-59, page 237⁹ See Military Consultations Volume 9-A, 1758, page 90.¹⁰ See Public Despatches to England, Volume 22, 1757-58, page 238.¹¹ Do. do. do. page 248.¹² Do. do. do. page 246.¹³ See Public Despatches from England, Volume 62, 1758-59, page 57.¹⁴ Do. do. do. pages 142 and 141.¹⁵ See Public Despatches to England, Volume 22, 1757-58, page 238.¹⁶ Do. do. do. pages 243-45.¹⁷ See Military Despatches to England, 1758-59, Volume 2, page 10.¹⁸ See Public Despatches to England, 1756-58, Volume 22, page 245.¹⁹ See Letters to Fort St. George, 1758, Volume 38, page 8.²⁰ See letter from Fort St. George, 1758, page 5.²¹ Letters to Fort St. George, 1758, Volume 38, page 49.²² Do. Do. Do. page 50.²³ See letters to Fort St. George, 1758 Volume, 38, pages 63 and 64.²⁴ See letters from Fort St. George, 1758, page 6, Volume 33.²⁵ Do. Do. page 7, Volume 33.²⁶ Do. Do. pages 8 and 9, Volume 33.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Hunter (Schooner).	Magnus Nicholson.	11 th January 1758. * From Bengal was employed in February to search vessels passing by to take out French Men and bring in grain vessels.	....	26 th April 1758. For Fort St. David. 26 th September 1758. For Bengal.	Saltpetre. General Letter to the President and Council, Bengal, dated 26 th September 1758.—Redwood.
Favistock ..	Benjamin Jenkins.	14 th April 1758. From Bombay.	Two General letters, dated 25 th February 1758 and 4 th March 1758—Packet to Bengal—Two letters from the Select Committee, dated 25 th February and 3 rd March 1758 ¹ —Passengers ² —Lieutenant Powell Ensign Bradbridge, a Serjeant, corporal and five private men of Captain Hunt's Detachment—Lead and Redwood ³ .	23 rd May 1758. For Canton.	Redwood—One hundred Candys of cotton freighted by M ^r . Bouchier—Addition of five Chests of Silver to the consignments to purchase raw Silk—Two letters to the Secret Committee in England via China, dated 20 th May 1758 ⁶ —Five French Prisoners of War to be sent to Europe as Charterparty Passengers—General letter, dated 22 nd May 1758 to Mess ^{rs} . Mordecai Walker, & ^{ca} ., Supra-cargoes of the Ship, and Dispatch to Captain Jenkins of that Ship to Canton, dated 22 nd May 1758.
Boscawen ..	Benjamin Braund.	5 th July 1758. From Bengal touching at Ingellee. ⁴	General letter, dated 20 th March 1758—Packet for the Select Committee—Six thousand Bags of Saltpetre—Seventy-five Chests of Bullion—Two Chests of Gold—A packet from the Company—Seventeen Bales—General letter No. 44, dated 1 st April 1758 from Ingellee—Passenger: Joseph Gethin, Free Merchant—Seapoy Officers ⁵ —Letter from Colonel Robert Clive, dated 12 th January 1758 with Bill for 30,000 Rupees ⁶ —Letter from the Select Committee at Fort William, dated 23 rd March 1758 ⁶ .	11 th August 1758. For Canton.	A letter to the Secret Committee of Court of Directors via China, dated 10 th August 1758. ⁷ (The Ship is consigned to Mess ^{rs} . Thomson & ^{ca} . Supra Cargoes in China).

<p>For (Europe ship). Alexander Hume.</p>	<p>5th July 1758. From Bengal (touching at Ingellee⁸).</p>	<p>General letter No. 46, dated 1st April From Ingellee—† 6,000 Bags of Saltpetre, 75 Chests of Bullion and two Chests of Gold—Seapoy officers⁹—Letter from Colonel Clive, dated 12th January 1758 with Bill for Rs. 30,000—Letter from the Select Committee, dated 23rd March 1758—Horse Furniture¹⁰.</p>	<p>11th August 1758. For Canton. Old unserviceable Iron Guns to be used as Kintlege—Treasure—Lead—Letter to Secret Committee of Court of Directors via China¹¹, dated 10th August 1758. ⁸ The Ship is consigned to Messrs. Thomson &^{ca}., Supra Cargoes in China.</p>
<p>Grantham (Europe Ship). John Oliver</p>	<p>5th July 1758. From Bengal (touching at Ingellee¹²).</p>	<p>General Letter No. 45 From Ingellee, dated 1st April 1758—6,000 Bags of Saltpetre—75 Chests of Bullion—Two Chests of Gold—Sepoy Officers¹³—Letter from Colonel Robert Clive, dated 12th January 1758, with Bill for Rs. 30,000—Letter from the Select Committee at Fort William, dated 23rd March 1758.</p>	<p>12th October 1758.†¹⁴ For England (with full load). From Bengal:—4,000 Bags of Saltpetre. From Madras:—Redwood—Diamonds—Warlike Stores—Crew consisting of one hundred and three persons—General letter to Court of Directors, dated 10th and 12th October 1758—General letter to St. Helena—Letter to the Secret Committee in England, dated 5th October 1758¹⁵—One packet to the Secret Committee in England containing Books pertaining to the Proceedings of the Select Committee¹⁶—another packet to the Secret Committee containing letters to the Secret Committee—Letters from the Nawab of Arcot to His Majesty and Company, dated 12th October 1758¹⁷. A packet containing letter from the Hon'ble Mayor's Court, dated 21st September 1758. Passengers:—Robert Orme,</p>

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* Originally despatched from Bengal in October 1758 to Negrais but having lost the passage bore away to Fort St. George.

† Consigned on Fox, Grantham and Boscawen together.

‡ The Grantham was, however, taken on 4th January 1759 on her passage home, off Cape Falso by 2 French shipsmen of war and brought to Cape of Good Hope on 7th January 1759 and the packets were tossed over board (see pages 365-373 and 376 Military Consultations, 1759, Volume 10).

¹ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, pages 123 and 124.

² Do. Do. page 126.

³ See letters to Fort St. George, 1758, Volume 38, page 27.

⁴ See letters to Fort St. George, 1758, Volume 38, page 38.

⁵ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, pages 300 and 302.

⁶ Do. Do. pages 181 and 183.

⁷ Do. Do. pages 340 and 353.

⁸ See letters to Fort St. George, 1758, Volume 38, page 38.

⁹ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, pages 300, and 302.

¹⁰ See letters to Fort St. George, 1758 Volume 38, page 74.

¹¹ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, pages 340 and 353.

¹² See letters to Fort St. George, 1758, page 38.

¹³ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-A, pages 300 and 302.

¹⁴ See Military Dispatches to England (Volume 2), 1758-59, page 50 and letters from Fort St. George, 1758, page 9.

¹⁵ See Military Consultations, 1758, Volume 9-B, pages 426, 433, 468 and 471.

¹⁶ See Military Dispatches to England, 1758-59, Volume 2, pages 46 and 47.

¹⁷ Calendar of Madras Despatches 1754-65, pages 219, 222.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Pitt	Commodore William Wilson.	14 th September 1758. From England (touching at Madeira and Anjengo).	A packet from the Court of Directors—Five General Letters, dated 3 rd August 1757, 11 th November 1757, 23 rd December 1757, 27 th January 1758 and 15 th February 1758—2½ Chests of Gold ³ —Private goods and merchandize such as glass beads, Gold Thread, Redlead, Hats, Looking glass, Cutlery, Plate, glass, etc. ⁴ .		member of Council his servants and necessaries—Robert Palk, member of the Select Committee and his servants—M ^{rs} . John Pybus, her daughter Ann, one man and one woman servant—Edward Biggs, Percy Earl and Charles O'Hara—Three Invalids of the Royal Artillery as Passengers—Captain Vincent, late of His Majesty's Ship, Weymouth and two European Servants—Mr. Vansittart's son, Henry, a child—M ^r . William Heron, Midshipman of the squadron—Charles Boddam, his family with one European-maid and two Black Servants—Captain William Martin and his Servants, William Westwood, John Deborah and James Cato—Joseph Coleman ¹ —Lieutenant Balfour of His Majesty's Land Forces of Colonel Adlerson's Reg ^t ² —Thomas Osman, the Charcoal Burner.
Do.	Do.	14 th September 1758. From England.	Lead—Naval and Victualling Stores—Treasure—One Chest of Private Gold and one Chest of Private Silver and another Chest of Treasure ⁵ —Letter	23 rd September 1758. For Canton.	Thirty-five Chests of Silver to Supra Cargoes in China—General letter to the Supra Cargoes of Council, dated 23 rd September 1758,

from the Secret Committee in England, dated 11th November 1757 and 23rd December 1757⁶—*Letters patent, dated 14th January 1758 regarding Company's right to Booty*⁷—Letter from Mr. Spencer at Anjengo, dated 4th September 1758⁸—

Passengers:—Lieutenant Colonel Draper and about 120 men of a part of a battalion of Foot of His Majesty's Troops⁹—Samuel Talcott, Free Merchant¹⁰—George Troutback—Captain Jasper¹¹—Major Brereton with Companies¹²—John Stacey, Cadet¹³.

London .. Richard Alwright. 12th October 1758.
From England.

General Letter, dated 8th March 1758 and 23rd March 1758—Treasure and Military, Viz., A Detachment of 94th Battalion of His Majesty's Forces Commanded by Captain Fell of 100 men¹⁴—Gold¹⁵—One Chest of Private Gold and one Chest of private Treasure¹⁶—Private goods and merchandize as Coral Beads, Lead¹⁷, Wares, Stores, Cutlery—Coral Jewels, Emaralds to purchase Diamonds¹⁸—Passengers¹⁹:—Francis Empson—Elizabeth Empson and Lewis Dencker—Articles to private persons:—Emaralds, Coral Beads, Faggots Steel, Sword Blades, Quick Silver, Silver spoons and books¹⁷, Medicine, etc.

22nd October 1758. General to the President and Council, dated 20th October 1758—A packet containing copy of General letter from England per *Pitt*²⁰, dated 15th February 1758 and per *London*, dated 8th March 1758 and nine other items²⁰.

¹ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9-B, page 537.

² See Military Dispatches to England 1758 Volume 2, page 39.

³ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 79.

⁴ Do. Do. page 171.

⁵ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 156.

⁶ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9-B, page 437.

⁷ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 80.

⁸ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 B, page 441.

⁹ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 B page 437 and Military Dispatches to England 1758-59 Volume 2, page 43.

¹⁰ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 105.

¹¹ See Military Dispatches to England 1758-59 Volume 2, page 58.

¹² See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 70.

¹³ Do. Do. page 73.

¹⁴ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 B page 488.

¹⁵ See letters from Fort St. George 1758 Volume XXXIII, page 2.

¹⁶ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 155.

¹⁷ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, pages 172-174.

¹⁸ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volume 61, page 7.

¹⁹ See Dodwell's Dispatches 1750-65 page 444.

²⁰ See letters from Fort St. George 1758 Volume XXXIII, page 2.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Mermaid (Sloop).	Ninian Lewis	5 th . Oct. 1758. From Bengal.	General letter, dated 14 th and 26 th . August 1758—A packet from the Court of Directors with Company's General letter ¹ dated 3 rd . August 1757—A packet from Negrais and another one from Marlbro'—A packet for Europe—Two Letters from Robert Clive and Select Committee, dated 10 th . August and 25 th . July 1758 ² — A packet from the Select Committee in England.	19 th . October 1758. For Bengal.	Two hundred barrels of Gunpowder—General letter to President and Council, dated 18 th October 1758—Stores ³ .
Good Intent (Sloop) (purchased by the Select Committee at Negapatam for Secret Service).	Master Robert Holford.	Sails from Negapatam to Ceylon and is employed in cruizing off Ceylon to give intelligence to the expected Shipping. After cruizing off Ceylon joins the Squadron under Admiral Pocock on 8 th September 1758 ⁴ . Arrives at Fort St. George about 14 th October 1758 after cruizing in a leaky condition. It is decided to be sold at outcry but not sold for want of bidders.		24 th . October 1758. Sails to Enore to be laid up in the river during the monsoon but the bar being closed at Enore proceeds to Pulicat. Again ordered to be sold at outcry on 1 st . December 1758.	
Tyger Ship).	(H.M. Thomas Latham.	23 rd . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	Passenger: Admiral Pocock with H. M. Ships Salisbury, Cumberland, Tryton and Company's Ship Protector ⁵ , —Letter from the Secret Committee in England, dated 27 th .	17 th . April 1758. For Southward (off Sadras and Allumpurwa).	Under the Command of Admiral Pocock with His Majesty's Squadron consisting of H. M. Ships Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Weymouth, Cumberland, New Castle, Salisbury

April 1757⁶—2 General letters, dated 29th January 1758 and a letter from Negrais, dated 5th January 1758—30 Chests of Bullion and one Chest of Gold amounting to £41,187-7-0⁷.

and Queenborough with Company's Ship Protector.*

D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758.	Pocock with H. M. Squadron.	25 th . July 1758. For Southward (Windward of Pondicherry).	With H. M. Squadron.
D ^o .	D ^o .	25 th . September 1758. From Southward.	Under the command of Admiral Pocock with H. M. Squadron and Trichinopoly garrison with Major Caillaud and Troops from Trichinopoly consisting of 230 Europeans and Coffreys embarked in Negapatam Road ⁹ .	11 th Oct ^r . 1758. For Bombay.	With H. M. Squadron leaving 100 men in the Garrison of Fort St. George with H. M. Ships, Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Cumberland, Tyger, Weymouth, New Castle, Salisbury, Queenborough (Frigate) and Protector (Fireship).
Cumberland (H.M. Ship).	John Harrison ..	23 rd . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	See under H. M. Ship 'Tyger.'	17 th . April 1758. For Southward.	See under H. M. Ship 'Tyger.'
D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	25 th . July 1758. For Southward.	D ^o .
D ^o .	D ^o .	25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	11 th . October 1758. For Bombay.	D ^o .
Salisbury ..	William Martin ..	23 rd . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	D ^o .	17 th . April 1758. For Southward.	D ^o .
D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	25 th . July 1758. For Southward.	D ^o .
D ^o .	D ^o .	25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. For Bombay.	D ^o .
Tryton (H.M. Ship).	Edmund Townley.	23 rd . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	See under 'Tyger'	8 th . March 1758. For Fort St. David.	A Lack of Rupees—General letter, dated 7-3-1758.

¹ See Public Dispatches from England 1757-58 Volumes 61, page 32.

² See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 B page 472-475.

³ See letters from Fort St. George 1758 page 2.

⁴ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 B page 448.

⁵ See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 A page 94.

⁶ Do. page 95.

⁷ See letters to Fort St. George 1758 Volume 38 page 10.

* See Military Consultations 1758 Volume 9 A page 249.

Do. Volume 9 B page 461 and Military Dispatches to England 1758-59 Volume 2 page 43.

* The Squadron had two engagements with the French Squadron under Mr. D'Ache and defeated them in both one on 29th April 1758 of Allumparwa and another on 3rd August 1758 off Negapatam (see pages 138, 342 of Military Consultations 1758 Volumes 9 A and 9 B resp).

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Tryton (H.M. ship).	John Stanton.	14 th . March 1758. From Fort St. David.	324 Bales—General letter, dated 11—3—1758—Books of Fort St. David ¹ .	22 nd . March 1758. To the Southward.	On 28 th . April 1758 the Ship was surrounded by the French in Fort St. David, in such a manner, that finding it impossible to get away, the Captain ran the ship ashore and destroyed it to prevent her falling into enemy's hands ² .
Protector (Company's Ship) afterwards fitted for a Fireship. ³	David Crichton	23 rd . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	See under H.M. Ship 'Tyger'	17 th April 1758. For Southward.	Supplies to the Garrison of Fort St. David ⁴ .
D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	25 th . July 1758. For Southward.	See under 'Tyger'.
D ^o .	D ^o .	25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. From Southward.	D ^o .	11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. For Bombay.	Do.
Bridgwater (H.M. Ship).	1. Henry Smith.	24 th . Feb ^y . 1758. From Bengal.	....	8 th . March 1758. For Fort St. David.	....
D ^o .	2. Thomas Manning.	....	....	On 28 th . April the Ship was surrounded by the enemy in Fort St. David and finding it impossible to get away, the Captain ran the Ship ashore and destroyed it. ⁵	....
Queenborough (H.M. Ship).	George Legg	10 th . March 1758. From Bengal.	Treasure	17 th . April 1758. For Southward.	See under 'Tyger'.
D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758. From Southward.	See under 'Tyger'.	25 th . July 1758. For Southward.	D ^o .
D ^o .	D ^o .	25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. From Southward.	Do.	11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. For Bombay.	D ^o .
Elizabeth (H.M. Ship).	Richard Kempfelt.	24 th March 1758. From Bombay. (touching at Anjengo).	Passengers : ⁶ Commodore Steevens with H.M. Ships Yarmouth, Weymouth and New Castle—Letter	17 th April 1758. For Southward.	D ^o .

			from the Select Committee at Bombay, dated 17 th January 1758—A Company of Royal Artillery.			
	D ^o .	D ^o .	6 th . June 1758. See under 'Tyger'. 22 nd . July 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
			25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. See under 'Tyger'. 11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. Letter to the Select Committee at Bombay, dated 10 th October 1758 ¹ .			
			From Southward.			
Yarmouth (H.M. Ship).	The Captain Dead.		24 th March 1758. See under 'Elizabeth'. 17 th April 1758. See under 'Tyger'.			
			From Bombay.			
			6 th June 1758. See under 'Tyger'. 25 th July 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
			25 th Sept ^r . 1758. Do. 11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
Weymouth (H.M. Ship).	Nicholas Vincent.		24 th March 1758. See under 'Elizabeth'. 17 th . April 1758. See under 'Tyger'.			
	D ^o .	D ^o .	From Bombay.			
			6 th June 1758. See under 'Tyger'. 22 nd . July 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
			25 th Sept ^r . 1758. D ^o 11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
New Castle (H.M. Ship).	The Captain Dead.		24 th . March 1758. See under 'Elizabeth'. 17 th . April 1758. See under 'Tyger'.			
			From Bombay.			
			6 th June 1758. See under 'Tyger'. 22 nd . July 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
			25 th . Sept ^r . 1758. D ^o 11 th . Oct ^r . 1758. D ^o .			
			From Southward.			
*Concern (Snow).	Richard Dawson		.. .. 20 th . Oct ^r . 1758. Passenger:—John Andrews— General letter, dated 20 th . Octo- ber 1758 to Lieutenant Colonel Francis Forde commanding the expedition from Bengal.			
			.. .. For Vizagapa- tam.			
Victoria (Dutch Snow)†	1. Captain Jasper	Employed on				
		12—12—1758 for				
		intercepting a				
		French Ship				
		coming from				
		Pondicherry with				
		Military Stores ² .				
		On 17—12—1758				

¹ See letters to Fort St. George 1758 Volume 38 page 19.

² See Military Consultations 1758, Volume 9 A, page 140.

³ See Military Consultations 1758, Volume 9 A, page 301.

⁴ Do. pages 172 and 208.

⁵ Do. page 140.

⁶ See Military Consultations 1758, Volume 9 A, page 102.

⁷ Do. 9 B, page 477.

⁸ See Public Sundry 1758—59, page 2, Volume XIII.

* Purchased by the Company for the sum of two thousand Pagodas on 4th October 1758 for four months.

† Taken by the Company at the time of Siege from Captain Matthys Frans (See pages 2 & 136 of Public Sundry Book, 1758—59, Volume XIII) and rendering themselves answerable to the owners in Bengal for the value of the Snow.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Victoria (Dutch snow)*	2. Robert Holford.	..... ordered to disembark the troops and the vessel was detained on the Roads ¹ . The Snow lying at anchor opposite the Sea gate was fired by the French from some field pieces on 20th Dec ^r . 1758 (Morning time).	.....	20 th December 1758. (Night time). For Negapatam and from thence to Anjengo, Tellicherry and to Bombay.	Passengers.—Nabob of Arcot with his wife and family and attendants accompanied by Mr. Huga Norris, one of the Council—a Chest with twenty thousand Pagodas for the use of the Garrison of Trichinopoly—Letter No. 50 to Stephen Vermonte Governor and Gentlemen of the Council at Negapatam, dated 18th December 1758—Letter to Captain Smith at Trichinopoly, dated 19—12—1758, No. 51—Letter No. 52, dated 19th December 1758 to the King of Tanjore—Letter No. 53, dated 19—12—1758 to Tondaman—Letters to Bombay ² .
Thames†	.. Captain Wedderburn.	23 rd . December 1758. From Vizagapatam.	Provisions for the Garrison—10 Bales of Company's cloth for Mr. Andrews—Rice, Wheat and Salt Petre (not landed) ⁴ —Letter from Bengal ⁵ , dated 12 th & 23 rd September 1758.	24 th December 1758.	Sailed away (out of sight) to beward of St. Thome ³ .

* Purchased by the Company for the sum of two thousand pagodas on 4th October 1758 for four months.

† The Ship came to the Roads during the period of Siege.

¹ See Public Sundry Book, 1758-59, page 5, Volume XIII.

² See Public Sundry Book, 1755-59, pages 9, 10, 144-146, Volume XIII.

³ See Public Sundries, 1758-59, Volume XIII, pages 14-15.

⁴ See pages 13-14 and 151, 152 of Public Sundries, 1758-59, Volume XIII.

⁵ See page 1, Letter from Fort St. George, 1759, Volume XXXIV.

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Received by Pattamars from Anjengo General Letter dated 9 th . December and one from S ^t . Helena enclosed recd there from Fort Marlbro dated 4 th . July last.	JANUARY 3			
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AT A CONSULTATION

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY
THE 9TH
JANRY.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 31st. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
letters
read Viz^t.

N^o. 1. From John Spencer Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors at Anjengo dated the 9th. December, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 26th. August and acquainting us that the Tavistock imported there the 5th. November and on the 8th. Ultimo arriv'd the Hawke, Latham, Lord Anson and York and Sail'd again for Bombay, they left England the 5th. June. That the Gheriah Ketch from Bencoolen bound to Bombay was also arriv'd there and brought a Packet for Us and one for the Gentlemen at Bengal, both which they enclose, at her departure from Bencoolen the Falmouth from England, last from S^t. Helena, was arrived there.

N^o. 2. From Charles Hutchinson Esq^{re}. Governour & Council at S^t. Helena dated the 4th. July 1767, advising that they wrote Us the 31st. May & 21st. June 1756 in answer to ours of the 2^d. March 1756 and have since received our Letter of the 21st. November 1756 p Chesterfield with the Goods consign'd to them by her, desiring We will send them Stockings and Long cloth the prices of which they particularize and the rest of the one p Cent in Arrack & Rice. Enclosing a List of the arrival and Departure of Shipping.

From S^t.
Helena.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1758 —

From Pondicherry.

N^o. 3. From the Council at Pondicherry dated the 31st. December, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 21st. October last and acquainting Us that the Council at Fort S^t. David had wrote to them for payment of the Bills drawn on them by the Gentlemen of Chandernagore but that they had apprized them they had a sum of Rupees 8,414-12-10 to deduct therefrom for sundry Disbursements made at Chandernagore on Account of several of our Gentlemen Soldiers and others to whom they gave protection after the loss of Calcutta, the particulars of which were transmitted to them by the Gentlemen at Chandernagore who wrote them that there would be some further charge, however they only desire to be reimbursed the amount of the Accounts which have come to their hands and which they send Us and are ready to pay the Ballance of the Bills being Rupees 26,585-3-30.

St. David.

N^o. 4 & 5. From Alexander Wynch Esq^{re}. and the rest of Council at Fort S^t. David, the first dated the 30th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 22^d. and acquainting us that they had Communicated our Orders to M^r. Robert Sloper for his proceeding to DeveCotah to relieve M^r. James Bouchier, but he begs leave to acquaint us that his present infirm state of Health will not permit him to undertake the Chiefship of that place and that he is of opinion he must go to Europe for the recovery of it, he therefore desires leave to come hither to be in readiness to take his passage. That they have wrote to Pondicherry in regard to the Bills but have not yet receiv'd any Answer. The other dated the 1st. Instant advising Us that they have receiv'd a Letter from the Council at Pondicherry acquainting them that they are ready to pay Rupees 26,585-3-30 in full of the two Bills for Arcot Rupees 35,000, the remaining Rupees 8,414-12-10 having been disbursed at Chandernagore on account of several Gentlemen and others of Calcutta who went thither after the loss of that place, in answer to which they have wrote them that they cannot receive that Sum without our Orders.

Mr. Brickenden.

N^o. 6. From M^r. Richard Brickenden at DeveCotah dated the 31st. December representing that he has long laboured under an ill state of Health and the Doctors are of Opinion that a Change of Air is the only means of effecting his recovery, requesting therefore to be stationed at Fort S^t. David.

Answer to be given to the Pondicherry Letter.

AGREED to send to the Council at Pondicherry the amount of the accounts enclosed in their Letter N^o. 3 being Rupees 8,414-12 and ten Gundas or three pice and to write them at the same time that we are much obliged to them for the assistance they gave to the distressed Inhabitants of Calcutta, who sought their Protection at Chandernagore in the late Troubles, and that had they tender'd Us those Accounts before they should have been immediately paid with proper Acknowledgments without putting them to the necessity of making the deduction they propose, which is unprecedented in Bills of Exchange.

Resolution on & answer to the Fort St. David Letters.

AGREED that M^r. Robert Sloper be permitted to come up hither Agreeable to his Request, that the Gentlemen at Fort S^t. David be advised thereof and at the same time acquainted that We have remitted to Pondicherry the Sum the Gentlemen there proposed to deduct from the Chandernagore Bills, and therefore We would have them again demand payment of them without any abatement. That if any good opportunities should offer of sending Us their Bales by Country Vessels We would have them do so, but if before any such Occasion should present Commodore Steevens should arrive at Fort S^t. David, they may request of him to permit one of the Ships of his Squadron to transport what Bales they may have ready to Us and We doubt not of his Compliance when they inform him Admiral Watson shewed us the like favor on several Occasions.

To send up their Bales by Country Vessels or Commodore Steevens.

Mr. Richd. Brickenden station'd at Ft. St. David. Mr. J. McCarmick order'd to DeveCotah.

AGREED that M^r. Richard Brickenden be removed from DeveCotah to Fort S^t. David agreeable to his request. And M^r. James MacCarmick is appointed Assistant at Deve Cotah in his room.

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AGREED that Mr. Joseph Hinchley Surgeon's Mate at DeveCotah, in consideration of his services, be appointed to Act as Surgeon with the usual Allowances.

Mr. Hinchley
App^d. a
Surgeon.

Petition of Coja Shawmier Sultan read, as enter'd hereafter, requesting for the reasons therein mention'd to be paid the sum of One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty six Pagodas for Rent (with Interest thereon as p a particular Account annex'd & enter'd hereafter) of his House and Godowns in Charles Street during the time they were occupied by Mr. Prince and others, desiring also to be paid for some Furniture (an Account whereof is annexed to his S^d. Petition and enter'd hereafter) which was left in the said House and which he has valued at prime Cost, but submits to such Abatement as shall be thought proper Representing that he was possess'd a Piece of Ground behind the Company's Garden House which Mr. Saunders took in to the said Garden and in lieu thereof promised him a Piece of Ground adjoining to the Westward of the Armenian Church measuring Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty (17250) feet as appears by Mr Brohier's Certificate thereof, which he annexes to his Petition and is enter'd hereafter) but as he has not yet had the promised Grant for the same he requests that it may be done. Representing further that he is desirous of selling his two houses in Charles Street and gives this Notice as well to request permission to do so, as that the Company may have the preference of purchasing if it be thought proper.

Petition of
Coja
Shawmier
Sultan.

The foregoing Petition being Considered the following Resolutions are taken thereon viz^t. In regard to the Rent the Board do not think proper to pay it. As to the Furniture it is Order'd to be return'd. The piece of Ground adjoining to the Armenian Church being wanted for the Inhabitants of the Black Town, whose Houses have lately been pull'd down to enlarge the Esplanade to the Northward, cannot be granted to Coja Shawmier in lieu of that behind the Garden House but it is Agreed that he be at liberty to make choice of a spot of Ground to the Northward towards Trivitore, or to the Westward near Vepary. Agreed to purchase the House adjoining Southward to the Company's House in Charles Street and that Coja Shawmier have liberty to sell the other to any European Protestant.

Resolution
thereon.

Letter from the Mayor's Court read, as entered hereafter, accompanying a List of the Fines levy'd by the said Court in the year 1757 amounting to thirty five Pagodas, thirty two fanams and twenty Cash which sum is now paid in for the Honble Company's Use.

Letter from
the Mayrs.
Court &
Fine Levy'd
in 1757
paid in.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eighteen thousand seven hundred and eight Pagodas thirteen fanams and sixty five Cash (18708-13-65) which is carried forward.

Cash ac-
count for
December
read.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in Thirty thousand (30000) fanams making at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda Eight hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (833-12-) on Account Rice sold.

Expt.
WareHoKr.
pays in
fanams.

Chinna Nella Chittee and Vademala Pillai Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License pay in Six hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams (650-30-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo.

Arrack rent
paid.

AGREED that three thousand Pagodas (3000) be advanced the Export Warehousekeeper for the Charges of that Employ.

Advance to
the Expt.
WareHo- Kr.
To Chepper-
mall Chittee
for the St.
David
Investment.

And that Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) be advanced Cheppermall Chittee on Account of the Fort S^t. David Investment.

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

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To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of Shawmier Sultan of Madras.

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

THAT in the month of November the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty nine your Petitioner received an Extract of a Letter from the President and Council of Fort S^t. David to the Government of this Place, dated the seventeenth of that Month directing your Petitioner not to sell his Great House in Charles Street in the White Town, which said Extract mark'd A is hereunto annexed for the Inspection of your Honour & c^a. your Petitioner did in conformity to the said Order, deliver his said House & the two large Godowns belonging thereto with all the Household furniture that were contain'd in the same to Richard Prince Esq^r. then Deputy Governor of this Place who dwell therein all the time of his Government till his Departure for Europe your Petitioner sometime before M^r. Princes leaving India demanded of him the Rent of his said House & Godowns he reply'd that the Honble Company would pay your Petitioner and advised your Petitioner to apply to the Governor & Council of Fort S^t. David your Petitioner thereupon went to Fort S^t. David and Address'd the President and Council thereby a Petition to which they were pleas'd to give your Petitioner an Answer in writing (which is also annexed mark'd B) setting forth they deferr'd coming to any Resolution on the subject till the arrival of the expected Orders from Europe that Season. The House continued in the Possession of the Honble Company from the time of M^r. Princes departure till the 10th. July 1752 (during which Interval Richard Starke Esq^r. & Captain Speke liv'd in it) that the same was deliver'd over to your Petitioner after the removal of the Presidency from Fort S^t. David to this Place, your Petitioner made several applications to the late Governor Saunders for the Payment of the Rent of your Petitioners said House & Godowns, but was always Answer'd that his time was so much taken up with the War, and other Affairs of Government that he could spare none to settle that matter your Petitioner presuming your Honour & c^a. might likewise be as much engaged by the troublesome situation of Affairs in the Country, was therefore unwilling to intrude upon your Attention sooner, hoping that before this time a Peace would have been happily Re-established, But finding there is no Great Prospect of it at Present; He is therefore now induced to apply to your Honour & c^a. more especially as he has lately suffer'd very considerably in his Circumstances, by being obliged to Pay a very large sum of Money for the release of his family from Persia An Account of the Rent agreeable to what your Petitioner receiv'd afterwards from Colonel Clive and other People is subjoin'd; As is also an Account of some Furniture left in the House by your Petitioner when the House was bought by the Company, at the desire of the Honble George Pigot Esq^r. which is valued at prime Cost, but as it has been a good deal used, your Petitioner leaves it to your Honour & c^a. to make such a deduction thereon as you Judge proper. Also your Petitioner begs leave to represent to your Honour & c^a. that having a peice of Ground lying behind the late M^r. Madeiros's Garden House (afterwards bought by the Company) Measuring upwards of 30,000 feet Governor Saunders ask'd your Petitioner for the same, and promised him in lieu thereof a piece of Ground adjoining to the Armenian Church, to the Westward measuring 17,250 feet) Captain Brohier's Certificate for which is also hereunto annex'd (mark'd C) Governor Saunders accordingly order'd Captain Brohier and M^r. Du Pre' Secretary to give your Petitioner a Grant for the same, but as it has not yet been done your Petitioner therefore most humbly desires your Honour & c^a. will give Orders that it now may be. Your Petitioner being directed by Governor Saunders likewise that he should acquaint you & the Honble Council when he might determine to sell his 2 Houses in the White Town, standing to the Southward of the Great House, now the Companys that the Company might have the

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preference, if they choose to buy them, As by their Situation they would greatly incommode the Great House ; should they be bought and upper Rooms be built upon them Your Petitioner therefore now intending to dispose of them takes this occasion of giving your Honour &c^a. Notice thereof And desires your Honour &c^{as}. permission for so doing, if it should not suit Your Honour &c^a. to purchase them AND Y^r. Petitioner as in Duty bound shall

EVER PRAY.

EXTRACT from the Governour & Council of S^t. David their Letter to Major Stringer Lawrence & the Council of Madras dated 17th November 1749.

With regard to the Armenians we do not think proper that any of them be permitted to reside within the Walls of the White Town excepting Cojah Petrus and therefore direct, that the others be immediately order'd to quit their Houses &c^a. they have our Permission to make sale of, provided it is to a European Protestant, though to none else. But the House of Cojah Shawmier in Charles Street, We desire may not be dispos'd of as yet, as we apprehend the Company may have Occasion for it.

GIVEN to Coja Shawmier. By Order of Major Lawrence

JOHN WALSH,
Secretary.

FORT ST. DAVID 3^D FEB^R. 1751/2.

WHEREAS Coja Shawmier Sultan has presented Us a Petition requesting the delivery of his Dwelling House in Charles Street at Madras or that He may be indulged with an Allowance for the Rent of it. Concerning which being in Expectation of the Hon^{ble} United East India Company's Orders by the Shipping of this Season We have therefore thought proper to defer coming to any determination on the matter and to let it remain in Suspence till their Arrival.

BY ORDER of the President & Council

CH^s. BOURCHIER,
Secretary.

AN ACCOUNT of House and Godown Rent due from the Hon^{ble} Company to Coja Shawmier Sultan charged at the same Rate as paid by other Persons Viz^t.

Rent for the House from the 17 th Nov ^r . 1749			
to the 10 th July 1752 is ^{yr. mo.} 2-7 @ 30 ꝯ M ^o . is	930	—	—
Ditto for the Two Godowns @ 6 Pag ^s . ea' is 12			
Pagodas ꝯ month for the same time is ..	372	—	—
			1,302 — —
Interest on Pagodas 1,302 from the 10 th July 1752			
to the 10 th December 1757 is ^{yr. mo.} 5-5 @ 8 ꝯ C ^t . ꝯ			
Annum	564	—	—
			1,866 — —
	Pagodas ..		

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AN ACCOUNT of Furniture belonging to Coja Shawmier Sultan left in the Great House and charg'd at their first Cost Viz^t.

2 Marble Tables	200
2 Large looking Glasses	100
2 D ^o . D ^o	60
1 Large Lanthorn	25
1 D ^o . Picture	20
8 Small D ^o	32
	437 — —
Pagodas ..	

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That in the Year 1754 Thomas Saunders Esq^r. Then Governor of this Place took a Piece of Ground belonging to Coja Shawmier Sultan situated in Chepauk behind the Companys Garden House for the Use of the said Garden Measuring upwards Thirty thousand feet and in Lieu thereof the said Thomas Saunders, Esq^r. Order'd me to measure for the said Shawmier Sultan a Piece of Ground adjoining to the Armenian Church to the Westward Measuring Seventeen Thousand Two hundred and fifty feet Superficial. WITNESS my hand at Fort S^t. George this first day of June 1757.

J. BROHIER.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH

CONTRA.

			DR.						CR.		
			PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.
1	To	Balance brought from last Months Account. . .	28750	36389	10	29760	29	10			
6	To	Henry Powney Import Warehouse-keeper recd. of him on his running Account	5000	..		5000	—	—			
—	To	Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him in full for one Months rent due 12 Ultimo.	311	22404	—	933	12	—			
—	To	Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty recd. of him in full for two Months rent due the 12 Ultm ^o .	..	9660	—	268	12	—			
—	To	Vencaty Ramah Renter of Trivitore &c ^a . Villages recd. of him in full for one years Rent due 31 st . August last	2220	..		2220	—	—			
—	To	Vencaty Ramah Renter of Egmore &c ^a . Villages recd. of him in full for one years Rent due 31 st Aug ^t . last	1600	..		1600	—	—			
—	To	Oppajee Nayenar Renter of Chingleput recd. of him (with Pagodas 10,000 paid in the 10 th October) in full for six Months Rent due 31 st July last	4250	..		4250	—	—			
20	To	Pombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans recd. in full for six mouths Rent due the 12 th . Instant	457	18	—	457	18	—			
		Carried over ..	42588	68471	10	44489	35	10			
6	By	Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad	20000	..					20000	—	—
12	By	Antonia de Medeiros paid her one years Interest due the 3 ^d . Instant on a Bond for P. 20000@8 3/4 C ^t	1600	..					1600	—	—
20	By	Fort St. David paid their Draft in favour of Robert Orme Esq ^r . dated the 9 th . Instant	1610	19	—				1610	19	—
27	By	John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	..	54000	..				1500	—	—
—	By	Charles Bouchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that employ	1500	..					1500	—	—
31	By	Fort S ^t . David paid their Draft in favour of John Smith Esq ^r . dated the 20 th . Instant	2000	..					2000	—	—
—	By	John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that employ	4000	432000	—				16000	—	—
—	By	John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that employ	6000	..					6000	—	—
—	By	the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Court & Corporation.	70	..					70	—	—
		Carried over ..	36780	486019	—				50280	19	—

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH			D ^r .			CONTRA.			C ^r .				
	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.		PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.
	42588	68471	10	44480	25	10	31	36780	486019	—	50280	19	—
Brought over ..							By Batta Issued in the						
20 To Chinna Nella Chittee & Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them in full for 1 Month's Rent due the 12 th . Instant ..		23430	—	650	30	—	Course of the month to be Exchanged into Fanams as $\frac{2}{3}$ Contra.	10000	..	—	10000	—	—
— To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	9000	..		9000	—	—		<hr/>			<hr/>		
— To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account ..	2000	..		2000	—	—		46780	486019	—	60280	19	—
31 To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	2000	..		2000	—	—		<hr/>			<hr/>		
— To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account ..	2000	..		2000	—	—							
— To Henry Powney Land Customer recd. of him for the November Ballance of that Account ..	185	4271	55	303	23	55							
— To Mahomed Ayar Cawn Renter of Mannamangalum recd. of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due 31 st . July last when the Cowle expired	6500	..		6500	—	—							
Carried over ..	64273	96172	65	66944	16	65	Carried over ..	46780	486019	—	60280	19	—

— To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him in full for 1 M ^{os} . Rent due 12 th Inst- ant	311	22404	—	933	12	—
— To Batta for the produce of 10000 Pagodas issued as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to Account here at 36 fa ^s . ⌘ Pag ^s...	..	400000	—	11111	4	—
STAR OF CURR^r. PAGODAS.	<u>64584</u>	<u>518576</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>78988</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>65</u>

By Ballance carried to next
months Account .. 17804 32557 65 18708 13 65

STAR OF CURR^r. PAGODAS. 64584 518576 65 78988 32 65

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^o. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I am order'd by the Honble the Mayors Court to transmit your Honour & c^o. a List of the several Fines which have been paid into the said Court, for the Year 1757 as also to pay the Amount thereof being Thirty five Pagodas thirty two fanams & twenty Cash, into your hands, on account of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
JANRY. 3^d. 1758.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obed^t. Servant,
DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^r.

ACCOUNT of Fines levy'd by the Honble the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for the
Year 1757.

JUNE	..	14	On William Wallen Serjeant	..	3	—	—
AUGUST	..	16	On William Wallen Serjeant	..	3	—	—
DECEMBER	..	2	On M ^r . John Maxwell Stone Attorney.	..	5	—	—
		9	On M ^r . Archdale Palmer	..	5	—	—
						16	

DEC^r. 20 1759.

DAN . MORSE Reg^r.

FINES levy'd by the Clerk of the Market.

1757								
JANUARY	..		Received for a Measure being short from Aneetiah Butterman	..	30	—	—	
MARCH	..		D ^o . of Comrah for 2 false weights	..	60	—	—	
APRIL	..		D ^o . of Mootall Chittee for a false Measure	..	30	—	—	
AUGUST	13		D ^o . of Cantah Permal for a false weight	..	30	—	—	
	17		D ^o . of Tomby Andy for bad Bread.	..	2	21	60	
SEPTEMB ^r .	14		D ^o . of D ^o . for a false Mercal	..	5	—	—	
			D ^o . of D ^o . for a false Measure	..	5	—	—	
	20		D ^o . of Mootiah Baker, for 5 Loaves short in Weight, under an ounce each @ fanams 11. 20 @ 43½ fa ^s . 7½ Pagoda.	..	1	12	60	
DECEMBER	15		D ^o . of D ^o . for bad Bread	..	2	21	60	
						19	32	20

FORT S^t. GEORGE
19th. DECEM^r. 1757.

JOHN SMITH,
Clerk of the Market.

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Arriv'd the Hoñble Companys Schooner Hunter Magnus Nicholson 11.
 dispatch'd from Bengal in October to the Negrais but not being able to reach
 that Port was oblig'd to bear away for this Place and brings Advice that he
 spoke with the Grantham & Elizabeth, two of the Coast & Bay Ships from
 England, off the Nicobars the 4th December bound to Bengal who informed
 him they parted with the others in October.

Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David & DeveCotah dated this 13.
 day Sail'd Sloop Lyon William Sutherland for the Mallabar Coast.

Sent by Peons General Letter to Pondicherry with AR^s. 8,414-12-10 14.
 agreeable to Minute of last Consultation.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^s. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^s. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FRIDAY
 20TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 9th. Instant read & Sign'd.

In the year 1754 Application was made to the Board by M^{rs}. Dela Mettrie
 for permission that her Husband M^r. Vincent Quintin Dela Mettrie, who was
 then lately arrived at Pondicherry from Europe might reside here for some time
 to settle his Affairs, which was granted, and no particular directions having
 been received from the Court of Directors relating to him, he has been permitted
 to remain here ever since in Consideration of his Wife and Family who were
 Natives of Madras and have always been thought to be well affected to
 the English Constitution, but as M^{rs}. Dela Mettrie died some Months ago the
 President recommends to the Consideration of the Board whether it may be
 adviseable to permit M^r. Dela Mettrie to reside here any longer, considering
 that he is a subject of France, has strong Connections at Pondicherry and that
 the Attachment which he might have had to this Settlement on account of
 his Wife now ceases. The President further adds that M^r. Dela Mettrie shortly
 after the decease of his Wife declar'd his purpose of returning to Europe but
 seems now to have drop'd that Intention. The Board are of Opinion that for
 the reasons aforesaid it is not proper that M^r. Dela Mettrie should remain in
 India, but that he should have Notice to prepare himself to embark for European
 board the first Ship to be dispatch'd from hence which will probably be in
 March and the *Secretary is Order'd to give him Notice accordingly.

The Occa-
 sion of
 Mr. La
 Mettrie
 residing
 here.

Considera-
 tion thereon.

to Embark
 on the next
 Ship for
 Europe.

*Vide Sect.
 Letter
 Enter'd
 hereafter.

Letter from the Mayor's Court read, as enter'd hereafter, Signifying that
 the seat of M^r. John Smith late one of the Aldermen and Judges of that Court
 is become vacant by resignation, And requesting an Advance of Four hundred
 Pagodas for some necessary Disbursements of the Corporation.

Mayors
 Court
 signify a
 vacancy &
 request an
 Advance.

Reference being had to the Minutes of Consultation the 20th. December
 last, it thereby appears that the Resignation of the said M^r. John Smith was
 then accepted by the Board.

M^r. Hugh Norris being propos'd to supply the Vacancy occasion'd by the
 Resignation of M^r. John Smith is unanimously chosen an Alderman and Judge of
 the Mayor's Court accordingly.

M^r. Hugh
 Norris
 chosen an
 Alderma.

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Advanced to
the Mayors
Court.

AGREED that the Four hundred Pagodas requested by the Mayor's Court be advanced accordingly.

Draught
from the
Accountant
General.

A Draught from the Accountant-General of the Mayors Court for Two thousand four hundred and thirty Eight Pagodas thirteen fanams and fifty five Cash (2,438-13-55) payable to Coja Phillipus Aga Peery Account the Creditors of Coja Miguel Paulo deceased is now presented and order'd to be paid.

General
Letter to
Bengal
Sign'd
Impt.
Ware HoKt.
pays in
Money.

General Letter to the President and Council of Bengal is now Sign'd and dated this day.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Twelve thousand (12,000) Pagodas on his running account.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The Seat of M^r. John Smith late one of the Aldermen and Judges of the Honble the Mayors Court being become vacant by Resignation, I am Order'd by the said Court to acquaint your Honour & c^a. thereof, that the Vacancy may be fill'd up as soon as possible.

And I am at the same time directed to draw upon your Honour & c^a. for the sum of 400 Pagodas to defray some necessary Disbursements of the Corporation.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servant,

FORT S^r. GEORGE
12th JANRY. 1758.

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^r.

TO M^r. VINCENT QUINTEN DELA METTRIE.

SIR,

The Connections which were urged as your principal Motives for desiring to reside in this settlement and which prevail'd with the President & Council to permit it, having ceased some Months ago, They were well pleas'd with the declaration you then made of your Resolution to return to Europe, as they hoped it would have dispensed them from the Necessity of intimating to you how proper they judge that step. But as they apprehend you have drop'd that Intention, or at least postpon'd the execution of it to a further time than

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they think convenient in the present Circumstances of Affairs, I have it in Command to acquaint you that a Ship will be dispatch'd from hence for England sometime in the Month of March and that they desire and expect you will prepare yourself to return to Europe by that Conveyance I am SIR

Your most humble Servant,

JOS. DUPRE'.

Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE

The 21ST JANR^Y. 1758.

Arriv'd Sloop Tartar Thomas Henderson from the Nicobars.

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D^O. Snow Darling Alexander Balneavis from Bengal with General Letter from the President & Council there dated the 21ST December accompanying a Packet from the Hoñble Court of Directors received at Bengal by the Warwick dated 29 December 1756 the Duplicate whereof was recd. in September by the China Ships and one from Mess^{rs}. Chambers Hiccox & Chambers at Madeira receiv'd by the same Ship dated 30TH April 1757 on the same Snow arrived William Perceval Esq^r. late Chief of Vizagapatam but now a Prisoner of War on Parole to the French.

Recd. by Peons General Letter from Pondicherry dated 21ST Instant.

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Arriv'd Snow Caroline, Peter Gallopine, from the Eastward.

25

D^O. Sloop Joana Cornelia, Abraham Jacob from Bengal.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^R LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

WEDNES-
DAY THE
25TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20TH Instant read & Sign'd.

A Packet from Madeira Receiv'd at Bengal by the Warwick and transmitted from thence is laid before the Board and contains a Letter from Mess^{rs}. Chambers, Hiccox & Chambers dated 30TH April 1757, advising of their having Consign'd Us by the Warwicke One hundred and fifty (150) Pipes Wines and enclosing Invoice & Bill of Loading & an account of the Gauge.

Packet
from
Madeira &
Warwick
open'd

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
Letters read
from Bengal

N^O. 7 From Roger Drake Esq^r. President and Governor &c^s. Council at Fort William dated the 21ST December, acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 16 & 20 October by the Boscawen and acquainting Us that they are sensible of our want of Salt Petre, but that after the disappointment of the Mermaid Sloop they had no opportunity to send Us any on Account of the French Squadron being on the Coast, but that they are now taking all Opportunities to supply Us amply having freighted Four hundred (400) Bags on the Darling Snow and Three thousand (3000) Bags on the Drake, a Ship they have taken up to fetch Timbers from the Negrais, and Three hundred (300) Bags on a small Vessell M^r. Perceval has purchased on the Company's Account and they intend to send Us by the Company's Ships to be filled up & dispatch'd from hence three or four thousand Bags more, intending to lodge here in all about ten thousand Bags. That they intend to dispatch the Boscawer

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to England in February with a full loading if the Coast & Bay Ships should not arrive in time to be sent home this season, in which case one of them must be employ'd to China in lieu of the Boscawen. That they intend to dispatch the Warwicke to Us in January to be fill'd up (unless the Arrival of the Coast & Bay Ships should oblige them to alter their Measures) with Five hundred (500) Bales and as much Salt Petre as she can take in and Seventy (70) Pipes of Madeira, having detained the other Eighty (80) Pipes to supply the Officers of the Squadron & Army and the Inhabitants. That if the Coast & Bay Ships arrive in time they will agreeable to our request dispatch three of them to Us and the Boscawen also. That the Marlborough was on dispatch for Europe with a full Loading: Enclosing a Packet for Us which they received by the Warwicke and were oblig'd to open for the necessary Papers, and advising that they have drawn on Us the following Bills.

One sett for A. Rupees.	3286	3	0	in favor of M ^r . Dawsonne Drake.
One D ^o .	20000	—	—	D ^o . Robert Orme Esq ^r .
One D ^o .	20000	—	—	D ^o . Mess ^{rs} . Peter Mariette & And ^r . Ross.
One D ^o .	7842	—	—	D ^o . M ^r . John Lewin Smith.

From
Pondicherry.

N^o. 8 From the Council at Pondicherry dated the 21st. Instant acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 14th. Instant with Seventeen Sealed Bags containing According to what we write them Eight thousand four hundred and fourteen Arcot Rupees twelve annaes & ten Gundas (8414-12-10) for the amount of the Chandernagore Accounts which they sent Us that they will forward that sum in the same Condition to Fort S^t. David and it will make a part of the payment of the Bills they are to make good.

AGREED that the Bills of Exchange drawn from Bengal as advised in their Letter N^o. 7 be accepted and paid when due, as well as another Bill presented for Acceptance drawn by them in June for AR^s. 1650 in favor of M^{rs}. Frances Coales, but omitted in their Advices.

Report of
the Com-
mittee of
Accounts.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of this Settlement Viz^t. Treasury Mint, Sea Customs, Land Customs, Import Warehouse, Export Warehouse, Paymaster, Military Paymaster Storekeeper and Military Storekeepers Accounts for the Months of May, June, July, August, September, and October last, giving it as their opinion that the said Accounts are fit to be passed And they are pass'd accordingly.

Letter from
M^r. Dela
Mettrie.

Letter from M^r. Vincent Quintin Dela Mettrie read, as enter'd hereafter, containing his representation in regard to the Notice given him by Order of Consultation the 29th. Instant and alledging amongst other things that his Affairs are disposed abroad, that he is indebted in the place and cannot settle his Concerns so as to embark for Europe by the first ship without sustaining great loss. That if his residence here is not agreeable he will go to any French or Neutral Settlement, that the Board will name and return here in October to embark for Europe on one of the Companys Ships.

Resolution
thereon.

As the time between this and the next intended dispatch is but short, and M^r. Dala Mettrie represents the impossibility of settling his Affairs by that time without suffering considerably the Board unwilling to prejudice him in his Fortune, are of opinion that his embarkation on the first ship may be dispensed with, but that his departure on the next afterwards be insisted on even should it happen in May or June and the Secretary* is order'd to give him Notice accordingly.

*Vide Sec.
Lette^r Entd.
hereafter.

Bengal
Bonds
deposited
by the
President

The President acquaints the Board that M^r. William Fullerton of Calcutta writes him that the President & Council there have granted Bills of Exchange on the Court of Directors for the amount of the undermentioned Bonds which have been lodged in his hands for sometime and have taken security from him.

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(Mr. Fullerton) that the said Bonds shall be deliver'd up to the President and Council here to be Cancelled. The President accordingly now tenders the following Bonds to the Board Viz^t.

One dated 13 th December 1752 payable to Messrs. Watts & Amyatt for Acco ^t . of W ^m Barwell Esq ^r ..C ^t .	R ^s	13080	—	—
One d ^o . 20 d ^o . to D ^o . for Account of D ^o .		540	—	—
One d ^o . 20 April 1753 to D ^o . for Account of D ^o .		3056	11	—
One d ^o . 12 May 1753 to Messrs, Watts & Amyatt		63899	14	3
	C ^t . R ^s .	80576	9	3

but as the Gentlemen at Bengal have not mention'd any thing in their Advices on this Subject, the President desires that the said Bonds may remain deposited uncanceled untill proper Advices be receiv'd from Bengal relating to them.

AGREED that the said Bonds be deposited in the Treasury agreeable to the Presidents desire and they are now deliver'd into the Charge of the Committee of Treasury for that purpose.

The President represents to the Board that notwithstanding Mr. Edward Edwards the Assay Master had been suspended from the Company's Service in the Year 1755 for refusing to Instruct one of the Company's Servants in the Art of Assaying but was again restored upon a proper submission and promise to teach Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, yet has ever since under various pretences delay'd giving him any Insight or Instruction in that Art. That he (the President) thereupon sent for Mr. Edwards yesterday and enquir'd into his reasons for thus evading the performance of his duty & promise and desired that he would not give any further Cause of Complaint on that Account, in Answer to which he desired to be excused from instructing any one untill he should hear from his Friends in England and persisted in his refusal notwithstanding he (the President) represented to him the Consequences that might ensue. The Minutes of Consultation of the Year 1755 relating to Mr. Edwards are produced and read. The Board are of Opinion that Mr. Edward's repeated Contempt of Orders tho' founded on express directions from the Company ought not to be pass'd over, as the good of the Service requires that the Authority of this Board over all the Company's Servants under this Presidency be maintain'd and to that end it is Agreed that Mr. Edward Edwards be suspended from the Hon^{ble} Company's service, And Mr. John Pybus is appointed Assay Master in his stead and Mr. Alexander Dalrymple his Assistant.

Mr. Edward refuses to teach.

Vide Minutes of Cons. 21 July 1755 28 do. 1755 11 Aug. 1755 18 do. 1755

He is suspended. Mr. John Pybus app^d. Assay Master and Mr. Dalrymple his Assistant.

Mr. Edwards is thereupon called before the Board and acquainted with the foregoing Resolution and Order'd to deliver over the Charge of the Mint Utensils to Mr. Pybus.

Mr. Edwards call'd before the Board.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand Pagodas (4000) on his running Account.

Choliapah Renter of the Company's Old Garden pays in One hundred and thirteen Pagodas (113) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo.

Rent of Compys. Old Garden paid in.

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

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To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL AT

FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The Intention of this is to acquaint You that the several Accounts which follow have undergone the examination of the Committee without anything being observed to prevent them being passed in Council

CASH	}	for	May
TREASURY			June
MINT			July
SEA CUSTOMS			August
LAND CUSTOMS			September
IMPORT WAREHOUSE			&
EXPORT WAREHOUSE			October
PAYMASTER			
MILITARY PAYMASTER			
STOREKEEPER			
MILITARY STOREKEEPER			

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed. hum. Servant,

FORT S^t. GEORGE
23 JANUARY 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JA^s ALEXANDER.

To THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL AT MADRAS.

GENTLEMEN,

The motive of my Return to Europe is too material for me to lose sight of it, it concerns the Education and well being of my Children. That for prolonging my stay in India till October next, is not less so, it regards the disposing of my eldest Daughter in Marriage in a suitable manner. That affair which I settled in September last has been the Cause of my new Engagements for as I foresaw at that time by M^r. De S^t. Pauls Measures that I should not be able to take the Advantage of the January Season, I endeavour'd to employ the time in adding something to the Fortunes of my Children and I resolv'd to go home in October, so that my Affairs are now dispers'd in different places, I have Goods in the Loom, I have some actually in being. If I should be under the necessity of selling them to pay off what I owe in the place I must sustain a real and Considerable loss and instead of finding myself in a Condition to maintain my family with Decency. I shall have gone backwards instead of advancing I beg Gentlemen that this may engage your Attention If only myself were Concerned you might without regard persist in the execution of your Orders but the Interest of four Minors is in Question, humanity pleads in their favor and happily for me humanity is the darling Virtue of your Nation. If it is not agreeable that I should continue in your settlement I am ready to withdraw myself to any Neutral place or to one of my own Nation and in October if you will grant me a Passage for me and my family upon one of your Ships I will return here to embarque any place that you shall think proper to name for my retreat will be agreeable to me my usual tranquility will accompany me every where and I value it too much to disturb that of others I am with Respect

GENTLEMEN Your most h'ble & most Obed^t. Serv^t.

MADRAS THE 23^d. JANUARY 1758.

V. QUINTIN DELA METTRIE.

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M^r. VINCENT QUINTIN DELA METTRIE

SIR,

Your letter of the 23^d. Instant has been laid before the President & Council, in answer to which I am order'd to say, that as the Notice they gave you by my Letter of the 21st. Instant proceeded from prudential Motives respecting the future, they could wish your Affairs had been so circumstanced as to permit your departure on the first Ship for Europe without inconvenience ; however, as you represent that your Concerns cannot be settled in that time without considerable Loss, the President & Council unwilling to be the cause of any prejudice to you in your Fortune, will not insist on your embarking on the first Ship in March, if your Affairs cannot be adjusted by that time but desire you will be prepared to proceed on the next Ship that shall be dispatch'd afterwards which possibly may happen in May or June. In the mean time they permit you to reside here but recommend to you to refrain from all Correspondence with the French Settlements except such as shall be permitted by the President.

I am

SIR

Your most humble Servant,

JOSIAS DU PRE'

Sec^y.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

THE 25th JANUARY 1758.

Arriv'd Sloop Mary Alexander Barclay from Bengal.	26
D. Sloop Speedwell John Johnson from D ^o .	27
D ^o . Sloop Kistnah Persaad, Nina Beera from Ballasore.	..
D ^o . D ^o . Brigantine Gertruyda, John DeCastro from Bengal.	28
Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.	29
D ^o . D. to Tellicherry dated this day.	31

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 31st.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25th. Instant read & Sign'd.

The President lays before the Board (as entered hereafter) an Account of the produce of the Mint Customs for the last year ending 31st. Ultimo compared with those of the preceeding Year, whereby there appears a decrease of Three hundred and Twenty one Madras Pagodas (MP. 321) and Five hundred and fifty four Current Pagodas eleven Fanams and forty five Cash (CP. 554-11-45).

Annual
Account of
the produce
of the
Mint.

The Sea and Land Customer delivers in (as enter'd hereafter) the State of those Revenues respectively Collected by them for the last twelve Months ending 31st. Ultimo and compared with those of the preceeding Year, wherby there appears a decrease in the Sea Customs of Six thousand seven hundred and twenty one Pagodas two fanams and sixty five Cash (6721-2-65) occasioned chiefly by the loss of Calcutta but few Goods having been imported from Bengal the last Year & the import of Grain from the Northward and Coral from Europe

Do. Sea &
Land
Customs.

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has also been less than usual. In the Land Customs there appears an increase of Two thousand and fourteen Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifty five Cash occasion'd by an increase in the quantity of Tenassaree and other painted Goods and the Manufactures of Sydapettah & S^t. Thome' brought in.

The Sea and Land Customers also deliver in (as enter'd hereafter) the Accounts of the Town Conicoply's Duty for the Year 1757 as Collected by them respectively at the Sea Gate and Choultry And pay in the Net Ballance thereof Viz .

Annual Account produce of the Town Conicoplys Duty & Ballance paid in.

Sea Customer	183	30	60
Land Customer	73	17	3
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Pagodas ..		257	11	63

The Net amount of this Duty in the Year 1756 being Pagodas 480-30-70 the Decrease in the last Year is Pagodas 223-19-7.

West Coast Certificate presented.

The following Certificates for money paid into the Honble Company's Cash at Fort Marlbrō all dated the 31st. August last are now presented to the Board. Exchange at 16½£s. for 10 Pagodas Viz^t.

By whom paid.	To whom payable.	£.	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
1 By Thomas Savage.	To Thomas Savage ..	5400	—	—	3272	26	14
1 By D ^o .	To Edward Burman ..	3150	—	—	1909	3	21
1 By D ^o .	To D ^o ..	2172	—	—	1316	13	7
1 By D ^o .	To George Stratton ..	1267	—	—	767	31	50
1 By D ^o .	To Jos. Du Pre' & Jam ^s . Alexander.	558	—	—	338	6	43
1 By D ^o .	To Samuel Stavely ..	337	—	—	204	8	58
1 By George Freeth	To Richard Dawson ..	1650	—	—	1000	—	—
1 By Mary Pero ..	To Thomas Pelling ..	300	—	—	181	29	36
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8 Certificates amount-	ing to.	£ 14834	—	—	8990	10	60

Not advised in the Marlbro Packet.

Captain Thomas Savage late Commander of the Harlop Snow who arrived a few days ago in a Boat from the Northward and brought with him the above-mentioned Certificates is called in and acquaints the Board that he sailed from Fort Marlbrō the Middle of September in the Harlop Snow with a Packet for this Presidency but it being late in the Season he judged it unsafe to venture into this Road and therefore proceeded to Vizagapatam but finding that place in the hands of the French he put to Sea again intending to touch here, but in the night by the carelessness of the Officer upon Deck the Vessell struck upon Ingeram point and beat to pieces, that all the people got safe ashore and the Europeans were made Prisoners by the French at Metchlipatam, but that he had sunk the Packet of Letters before he quitted the Vessell lest it should fall into the hands of the French.

To be paid notwithstanding.

Notwithstanding the want of proper Advice of the abovemention'd Certificates occasioned by the Loss of the Packet, yet as the Signatures of the Deputy Governor & Council are well known the Board are of Opinion that the said Certificates may be paid and they are order'd to be paid accordingly.

G. Ven. Ramah & Nella Chittee desire separate Advances.

The President acquaints the Board that Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah and Nella Chittee Company's Merchants have clear'd their Ballance with the Company and are desirous of dissolving their Partnership and being seperately employ'd and each of them now request an Advance of Ten thousand Pagodas on Account of the Investment.

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AGREED that the desir'd advance be made them seperately and that seperate Accounts be open'd for them on the Books. Granted.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the Tripoty Renter has sent in a Bill on Gocul Terwaudy for Six thousand Pagodas in part of the Second or December Kist of the present Year of Phasely 1167 ORDER'D that the amount when due be receiv'd into the Treasury. Bills on account of the Tripoty Rent.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Thirty two thousand fanams (32000) amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to Eight hundred and Eighty Eight Pagodas as thirty two fanams, being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Eighty thousand Pagodas into fanams this Month at the rate of forty fanams ꝯ Pagoda and brought to Account at the rate of thirty six fanams ꝯ Pagoda. Batta on Pagodas paid in.

Henry Powney Import Wherehousekeeper pays in Four thousand five hundred and fifty Pagodas (4550) on his running account. Money paid in by the Imp^t. Ware HoKr

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand six hundred (1600) Pagodas on his running account. Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Two hundred and seventeen Pagodas and twenty six Cash (217-26) for the December Ballance of that Account. Land Customer.

Ramariah Renter of S^t. Thome' pays in One thousand Eight Hundred and seventy Pagodas (1870) in full for Six months Rent of that Farm due the first Ultimo. Rent of St. Thome' paid in.

Collasiah Farmer of the Banksall pays in five hundred and fifty Pagodas (550) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo. D. of Banksall.

Linga Chetty Farmer of the Ruby Brokerage pays in Two hundred and Fifty five Pagodas in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Instant. Do. of Ruby Brokerage.

AGREED that the following advances be made out of Cash Viz. Advances to the Pay master.

To the Paymaster thirteen thousand Pagodas (13000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

To the Military Paymaster Ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. Military Paym^r.

To the Military Storekeeper Four thousand Pagodas (4,000) for the Charges of that Employ. Military Storekr.

GEORGE FIGOT.
 STRINGER LAWRENCE.
 HENRY POWNY.
 ROBERT ORME.
 JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER.

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ABSTRACT OF MINT CUSTOMS FOR THE YEAR 1756 AND 1757.

1756—				M. Pag ^s .	CURT.		
					P.	F.	C.
January	Amounted	106	—	16	75
February	..	..	D ^o .	123	—	4	10
March	..	..	D ^o .	250	—	19	50
April	..	..	D ^o .	166	—	29	40
May	..	..	D ^o .	325	1	4	20
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	295	8	40
June	..	..	D ^o .	295	—	17	40
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	10	5	15
July	..	..	D ^o .	116	—	29	30
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	28	17	65
August	..	..	D ^o .	..	64	2	55
September	..	..	D ^o .	90	—	26	40
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	163	31	70
October	..	..	D ^o .	150	—	23	45
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	470	24	30
November	..	..	D ^o .	73	—	1	35
December	..	..	D ^o .	9	—	1	50
MAD ^s . PAGODAS				1703	1038	32	70

1757—							
January	..	..	Amounted	135	—	24	40
February	..	..	D ^o .	46	—	9	70
March	..	..	D ^o .	170	—	31	55
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	10	21	35
April	..	..	D ^o .	208	—	22	70
May	..	..	D ^o .	156	—	25	45
June	..	..	D ^o .	141	—	9	—
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	43	30	5
July	..	..	D ^o .	99	—	12	75
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	76	33	25
August	..	..	D ^o .	82	—	17	10
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	59	32	40
September	..	..	D ^o .	204	—	30	20
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	102	25	40
October	..	..	D ^o .	19	—	14	45
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	101	33	25
November	..	..	D ^o .	31	—	22	10
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	57	24	55
December	..	..	D ^o .	91	—	27	70
"	..	..	D ^o .	..	24	4	40
Mad ^s . Pag ^s .				1382	484	21	25
Decreased				321	554	11	45
MAD ^s . PAGODAS.				1703	1038	32	70

DIFFERENCE OF THE SEA CUSTOMS BETWEEN THE YEAR 1756 & 1757.

	Custom on Goods.						Custom on Grain.						Anchorage.					
	1756			1757			1756			1757			1756			1757		
	Pa.			Pa.			Pa.			Pa.			Pa.			Pa.		
1758—2A January	354	7	16	597	19	52	107	35	28	249	12	36	3	18	—	3	18	—
February	2684	10	60	1822	20	37	986	22	36	242	10	44	55	—	—	23	18	—
March	903	27	68	692	30	36	406	18	20	864	21	24	43	—	—	49	18	—
April	2647	22	61	2768	14	12	1087	26	24	718	19	44	62	—	—	54	18	—
May	2350	34	8	1664	3	24	1335	2	—	515	11	72	46	18	—	27	18	—
June	1391	16	4	2334	35	44	884	9	36	472	23	60	46	18	—	38	—	—
July	2478	20	72	1835	6	60	68	4	28	434	14	28	49	18	—	37	18	—
August	1957	9	40	671	24	4	125	1	44	174	33	4	64	18	—	53	—	—
September	1116	33	56	466	32	52	315	3	32	154	11	28	57	18	—	57	18	—
October	821	9	32	1313	28	8	173	5	76	29	18	52	82	—	—	55	18	—
November	6066	21	27	3286	10	60	160	14	52	191	24	4	9	—	—	19	—	—
December	875	21	37	1163	10	59	..			23	28	28	..			..
	23648	19	1	18617	20	48	5649	35	56	4061	13	24	519	—	—	417	18	—
Decrease ..	..			5030	34	33	Decrease	..		1588	22	32	Decrease	..		101	18	—
				23648	19	1				5649	35	56				519	—	—
Decrease on Goods this Year is ..	5030	34	33															
D ^o . on Grain	1588	22	32															
D ^o . on Anchorage	101	18	—															
Total Decrease this Year Pag ^a . ..	6721	2	65															

The Decrease of Pagodas 6721—2—65 is Occasion'd by a less Quantity of Bongal Goods, Grain and Coral imported this Year, than in the foregoing Year.

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31ST DECEMBER 1757.

HENRY POWNEY,
Sea Customer.

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ABSTRACT OF THE LAND CUSTOMS FOR THE YEAR 1756 AND 1757 COMPARED WITH EACH OTHER.

1756—	Pag ^s .	1757—	Pag ^s .
January	409 11 20	January	276 9 8
February	474 7 69	February	246 17 13
March	364 14 38	March	400 22 1
April	307 33 23	April	660 34 68
May	301 30 6	May	732 12 61
June	292 18 39	June	644 20 46
July	324 12 5	July	580 19 11
August	246 — 7	August	630 1 40
September	322 11 77	September	503 — 4
October	350 22 28	October	521 — 29
November	145 17 70	November	303 23 55
December	162 24 5	December	217 — 26
	3701 23 67		
Increased ..	2014 29 55		
PAGODAS ..	5716 17 42	PAGODAS ..	5716 17 42

The increase in the Custom this Year is Occasion'd by a greater quantity of Tenas-saree Paintings Sydapettah and S^t. Thome' Goods brought in than in the foregoing Year.

HENRY POWNEY,
Land Customer.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN CONICOPLY'S DUTY COLLECTED AT THE SEA GATE 1757.

	Pag ^s .
January	3 — 10
February	13 26 25
March	10 35 40
April	59 11 35
May	46 22 40
June	87 24 35
July	31 22 45
August	33 15 5
September	26 16 55
October	19 21 70
November	— 14 65
December	— 35 55
	333 30 60
Deduct the usual Allowance.	
To the Town Conicoply	100
To the Collector ..	50
	150 0 0
PAGODAS ..	183 30 60
In gold ..	51 — —
In fanams d ^o .	132 30 60
	183 30 60

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
31st DECEMBER 1757.

HENRY POWNEY,
Sea Cust.

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AN ACCOUNT OF DUTIES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN CONICOPLY ON GOODS CLEARED BY THE LAND CUSTOMER ANNO 1757.

					Pag ^s .						
January	15	..	..	..	2	2	24			
	31	..	..	..	1	21	34			
					<hr/>			3	23	58	
February	22	..	..	..	3	22	75			
	28	..	..	..	—	33	5			
					<hr/>			4	20	—	
March	11	..	..	..	1	35	14			
	18	..	..	..	3	10	1			
	31	..	..	..	1	20	74			
					<hr/>			6	30	9	
April	6	..	..	..	1	3	7			
	18	..	..	..	2	32	8			
	30	..	..	..	4	22	17			
					<hr/>			8	21	32	
May	11	..	..	..	2	5	15			
	18	..	..	..	—	11	40			
	25	..	..	..	2	7	77			
	31	..	..	..	—	1	40			
					<hr/>			4	26	13	
June	8	..	..	..	1	—	69			
	23	..	..	..	2	23	40			
	30	..	..	..	6	11	72			
					<hr/>			10	—	21	
July	9	..	..	..	1	24	37			
	20	..	..	..	5	13	45			
	30	..	..	..	2	16	60			
					<hr/>			9	18	62	
August	10	..	..	..	2	33	5			
	30	..	..	..	2	4	64			
					<hr/>			5	1	69	
September	6	..	..	..	1	13	—			
	13	..	..	..	1	13	22			
	30	..	..	..	2	20	24			
					<hr/>			5	10	46	
October	14	..	..	..	1	9	11			
	31	..	..	..	3	—	18			
					<hr/>			4	9	29	
November	5	..	..	..	1	3	16			
	30	3	34	68				
					<hr/>			5	2	4	
December	14	1	25	10				
	31	4	7	51				
					<hr/>			5	32	61	
					<hr/>						
					Fanams	..	2645	3	or		
					PAGODAS.	73	17	3
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FORT ST. GEORGE,
31ST. DECEMBER 1757.

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HENRY POWNEY,
Land Customer.

FEBRUARY

— FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1758 —

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Sali'd Sloop George William Powney for Negapatam.

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Sali'd Ship Sally Richard Finley for Bengal.

FRIDAY
THE 10TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 31st Ultimo read & Sign'd.General
Letter from
St. David.

N^o. 9. General Letter from Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and rest of the Gentlemen of Council at Fort S^t. David dated the 2^d. Instant acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 13th Ultimo and advising that they have ask'd all the Merchants whether they would receive Advances here on Account of the Investment but they decline it. That they have therefore advanced Irshippah Chittee Five thousand Pagodas & Nella Chittee four thousand Pagodas and shell debt Cheppermall Chittee for the ten thousand Pagodas We have advanced him desiring to be informed whether they are to transfer Linga Chittee's Ballance to this Account. That they have received the amount of the two Bills drawn by the Council of Chandernagore on the Council of Pondicherry. That they transmit us Capt. Hume's Plan and Estimate of M^r. Kiernander's House & Ground at Cuddalore and that the price he demands for it is two thousand two hundred Pagodas.

Vide Letter
recd. 1757
No. 136.
Letters
sent 1757
No. 95.

Agreed to
purchase
Mr. Kier-
nanders
House at
Cuddalore
for the
Dutch
Factory.

AGREED to purchase M^r. Kiernander's House and Ground at Cuddalore on the terms mentioned in the foregoing Letter for the Dutch Company in lieu of their Factory House at Tegeneapatam which has been pulled down, that the Gentlemen at Fort S^t. David be directed to put M^r. John James Baptist Trembley the Dutch Agent in Possession of the same, and to procure a proper Bill of Sale to be drawn and executed by M^r. Kiernander to Us for the Use of the Company, on receipt of which We will pay the purchase money here to M^r. Kiernander's Order. AGREED also to write the Gentlemen at S^t. David that they need not transfer Linga Chittee's Balance to his Son Cheppermall Chittee as the latter will soon clear it.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts on the following Accounts, Viz^t.

The Commissary
General's
Arcot
Chingleput
Carangoly.

} From 1st. May to Ultimo December 1757.Camp Disbursements—From 1st. May to October 1757.

setting forth that the Commissary's Disbursements as well as those made in Camp are supported by Vouchers and are fit to be pass'd That they do not find anything in the Disbursements abroad that requires Animadversion but they repeat their Representation that the Expenses of the Out Garrisons are defrayed by the Officers without Check or Controul That the Commissary had represented to the Committee that having observ'd some irregularitys in the Trichinopoly Accounts sent up in Captain Caillaud's Absence he had returned them to be corrected and shortly expected them back, when the Committæe will examine and report them.

The said Accounts are passed accordingly.

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M^r. Charles Bouchier Contractor for making gunpowder represents to the Board that by his *Contract he is to be supply'd with Salt Petre at the same rate it had been Issued to John de Roos the former manager of the Powder Mill Viz^t. Fifteen Pagodas ₹ Candy but that the Salt Petre lately deliver'd him from the Export Warehouse had been charged considerably more, the Invoice price and Charges from Bengal being much higher than usual.

Representa-
tion from
Powder
Contractor
in regard
to the price
of Salt Petre
*Vide Cons
29 April
1756.

AGREED that the Salt Petre be issued to the Contractor at fifteen Pagodas ₹ Candy agreeable to his Contract.

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to him
15 Pag^{as} ₹
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The President acquaints the Board that he has received information several times from M^r. Brooke residing at Pulliacat that French Officers have taken the Opportunity of passing to and from Pondicherry in Country Boats and as the Hunter Schooner is now lying in the Road he proposes to the Board to put a party of Soldiers on board and send her to lie in the Offing with Orders to the Master to search all Country Vessells and to take out any French Men he may meet with and to bring in all Grain Vessells bound to Pondicherry that they may be obliged to sell their Grain here. Which the Board approve.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month, Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eleven thousand Seven Hundred and sixty three Pagodas and thirty eight Cash (11,763-0-38) which is carried forward.

January
Cash
Account
read.

Sunca Venkaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine Hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo.

Rents paid
in Viz^t.
Beetle &
Tobacco.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty pays in Two hundred and sixty eight Pagodas twelve fanams (268-12-0) in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

Measuring
Duty.

Chinna Nella Chittee & Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License pay in Six hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams (650-30-0) in full for one Month's Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

Arrack &
Wine.

AGREED that Thirty thousand Rupees (30,000) and Twenty five thousand Rupees (25,000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ and that a Lack of Rupees be sold to answer the last mentioned Sum as there are not sufficient Pagodas in Cash at present.

Advances t
the Com-
missary.

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

THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

PER CONTRA.

	PA.			DR.			PER CONTRA.			CR.		
	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.
1 To Ballance brought from last Month's Account ..	17804	32557	65	18708	13	65						
9 To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper recd. of him an account of Rice sold .. .. .	..	30000	—	833	12	—						
To Chinna Nella Chittee and Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them in full for one Months Rent due the 12 th Ultimo. ..	..	23430	—	650	30	—						
20 To Henry Powney Imp ^t . Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	12000	..		12000	—	—						
25 To Henry Powney Imp ^t . Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	4000	..		4000	—	—						
— To Choliapah Renter of the Companys old Garden recd. of him in full for six Months' rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo.	113	..		113	—	—						
31 To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	4400	5400	—	4550	—	—						
To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account ..	1600	..		1600	—	—						
To Henry Powney Land Customer recd. of him for the December Ballance of that Account	67	5400	26	217	—	26						
Carried over	39984	96788	11	42671	56	11						
2 By Rents and Revenues paid the Widow of Hussein Cawn Cauked late Killedar of Poonamallee and Hussein Khan his Brother in full for six Months Pension of 1000 Pagodas ꣳ Annum settled on them as ꣳ the Nabob's Saned	500	..					500	—	—			
9 By Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ... ..	3000	..					3000	—	—			
By Ingeram Factory paid Mr. John Calland the Ballance of an Account enter'd after Cons. the 31 st Dec ^r . last	1392	13	61				1392	13	61			
By Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Drafts in favour of Coja Philipus Aga Peery Account Creditors of Coja Miguel Paulo deceased	2438	13	55				2438	13	55			
26 By the Mayors Court advanced for sundry Disbursements	400	..					400	—	—			
31 By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ. ..	4000	324000	—				13000	—	—			
— By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	10000	..					10000	—	—			
Carried over	21730	324027	36	30730	27	3						

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Brought Over ..	39984	96788	11	42671	56	11		
To Town Duty received as ⌘ Consultation this date the net produce of the Town Conicoplys Duty Collected at the Sea Gate & Choultry for the year ending Ultimo December 1757 Viz ^t . By the Sea Customer.. 51 4782 60 By the Land d ^o . .. 2645 3							51	7427 63
				257	11	63		
To Ramariah Renter of St. Thome' recd. of him in full for six Months Rent due the 1 st . Ultimo ..	1870	..		1870	—	—		
To Collasiah Farmer of the Banksall recd. of him in full for six Months Rent due the 12 th Ultimo.	550	..		550	—	—		
To Linga Chittee Farmer of the Ruby Brokerage recd. of him in full for six Months. Rent due 1 st Instant	255	..		255	—	—		
To Batta for the produce 8000 Pagodas Issued as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to Account here at 36 ^f ⌘ Pag. .. .. .	..	320000	—	8888	32	—		
STAR OF CURR^r. PAGODAS.	<u>42710</u>	<u>424215</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>54493</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>74</u>		

Brought Over ..	21730	324027	36	30750	27	36
— By Charles Bouchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	4000	..		4000	—	—
— By Batta Issued in the Course of this month to be Exchanged into fanams as ⌘ Contra ..	8000	..		8000	—	—
	<u>33730</u>	<u>324027</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>42730</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>36</u>
By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	8980	100188	38	11763	—	38
	<u>42710</u>	<u>424215</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>54493</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>74</u>
STAR OF CURR^r. PAG^s.						

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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Diary and Consultation Book, 1758

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL AT
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

Since our last Address of the 23^d. We have been engaged in the Examination of the Accounts presented the Committee by the Commissary General & those receiv'd from the Out Garrison from 1st. May to the end of the Year Viz^t.

ARCOT.

CHINGLEPUT.

CARANGOLY.

DISBURSEMENTS made by the Commissary in Madras.

The Camp Disbursements from the said Period to October, at which time the Troops were called in, have likewise passed under the Consideration of the Committee.

The Cash Disbursements by the Commissary General in Madras are supported by Vouchers as well as those made in Camp, & are fit to be passed.

Altho' We do not find anything in the Disbursements abroad which seems to require a particular Animadversion, Yet We must take the Liberty to respect our Representation That the Expences of the Out Garrisons are defray'd by the Officers without Check or Controul.

An Enquiry being made for the Trichinopoly Accounts. The Commissary acquainted the Committee That, in the Absence of Captain Caillaud, They had not been transmitted by his Successor, in the usual Regularity; That he had pointed out some Errors and shortly expected to receive the Accounts corrected and properly drawn out, from Captain Smith. As soon as they arrive We shall do ourselves the Honour to report them.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & very humble Servants,

FORT S^t. GEORGE.
1st FEBRUARY 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.

JOHN SMITH.

ROB^t. ORME.

JA^s. ALEXANDER.

- 13 Sent to Fort S^t. David & Negapatam General Letters dated this day.
Arriv'd Ship Princess Carolina De Lange from Pulliacat.
- 15 Sail'd Sloop Mary Alexander Barclay for Bengal.
- 19 D^o. Kistnah Par[s]aud Nine Beera for Ballasore.
- 20 Arriv'd Sloop Mary Colin Campbell from Bengal.
- 21 D^o. The Honble Companys Ship Warwick Nicholas Webb from Bengal with the following General Letters Viz^t.
Three from the President & Council at Bengal dated 21 & one from M^r. William Hay at Ingellee dated 29 January and a Packet from England recd. at Bengal by the Grantham.

D^o. Ketch from Malacca.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEOGRE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 21ST

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Packet from England by the Grantham rec'd from Bengal & Warwick being come on Shore is now open'd and found to agree with its List. The General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 25th March and 27th April 1757. read as also the List of Investment and other material Papers referr'd to.

Packet from
England &
Grantham
open'd.The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 10th Instant read and Sign'd.General Letters read Viz^t.General
Letters
read.

N^o. 10, 11 & 12 From Roger Drake Esq^r. President & Council at Fort William all dated the 21st. Ultimo, the two first being Duplicates (the Originals of which & Drake & Vizagapatam Snow not yet received) acquainting Us of having consign'd Three hundred Bags of Salt Petre with some Packing stuff by the Drake and Four hundred Bags on the Vizagapatam The last by the Warwick acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter by the Queenborough acquainting Us of the arrival of the Grantham & Elizabeth from Europe, that they had station'd the Elizabeth for their latter Ship to Europe and intend sending the Grantham hither with the Treasure receiv'd by her from Europe, and forwarding the Elizabeth's Treasure & Packet on the Protector that they had laden Two hundred Tons of Salt Petre and Bales for Europe on the Warwick also the Bales receiv'd from the Northern Settlements and Sixty Pipes of Medeira Wine for this Place. That the Duke having been refitted was dispatch'd for Marlborough the 21st. Ultimo with Fifteen hundred Bags of Rice & Fifteen hundred of the best Gunny Bags for the amount of which & her Repairs they have debted this Presidency. That they had detain'd all the Powder which was on board the Duke and desire to be supply'd as largely as possible by the first opportunity with that Article both for Cannon and Musquetry that they had freighted the Drake to fetch them Timbers from Negrais and requesting that She may not be detain'd here longer than absolutely necessary to land the Consignments for this Place that having complied by the Drake with the Negrais Indents have debted this Presidency for the Amount. That they have drawn bills on the Company for the amount of four of their Interest Notes of which they insert the * particulars which Notes being lodged with M^r. Pigot as they are acquainted by M^r. Fullerton they desire may be Cancelled here. That the Warwick has on board all her Proportion of S^t. Helena Stores except arrack which was not procurable at Bengal That M^r. Carter the Deputy Governor of Bencoolen arriv'd there on the Grantham and they are preparing the Phoenix Schooner to carry him thither and to remain on that Establishment as she is rather too large for the Pilot Service, requesting that she may be replaced by one of those order'd to be built for the West Coast service—That they have drawn on Us the following Bills of Exchange Vizt.

From
Bengall.*Vide Cons.
25 Janry.
when these
Bonds were
deposited
by the
President.

One set for Seven thousand, two hundred and Ninety two Arcot Rupees

Eight Annaes (AR^s. 7,292-8-0) payable to Mess^{rs}. Mariette & Ross.One set for Twenty one thousand five hundred and Nine Arcot Rupees three Annaes (AR^s. 21,509-3-0) payable to Robert Orme Esq^r.

N^o. 113 From M^r. William Hay dated at Ingellee the 29th. Ultimo Enclosing the Report of the Warwicks Ammunition and Warlike Stores, the Muster Roll of her Crew & First Bill of Lading acquainting Us with the Ships Draught of

From
Mr. Hay at
Ingellee.

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Water & that he had endorsed Thirty three (33) Bales for Europe and Seventeen (17) for this Presidency off the Bill of Lading, the Sloop on board of which they were not being arrived & his Orders enjoining him not to delay the Ships Dispatch.

Consignments to this Place Warwick to be landed & the Expt. Ware Ho. Kt. to send Bales aboard for Europe.

ORDER'D that the several Consignments from Bengal for this Presidency by the Warwick be landed with the utmost dispatch and that the Export Warehousekeeper send the Bales on board for Europe as soon as the Ship is ready to receive them And as We are not yet fully advised from Bengal what Cargos can be provided there for Europe and how the Gentlemen at that Presidency intend to dispose of the Shipping and for want of such advice cannot from a true Judgment what reserve of Bales to make but as further Advices may be expected before the final dispatch of the Warwick It is agreed that the whole two hundred Tons of Salt Petre laden at Bengal be continued on board and reckon'd in the Charterparty Tonnage reserving to ourselves the liberty with the Consent of Captain Webb on the behalf of the Owners if We should hereafter think proper to lade any Surplus Tonnage on the Warwick to declare so much of the Salt Petre as shall exceed the Charterparty Tonnage to be at half Freight only.

Resolution in regard to Salt Petre aboard & the Tonnage of the Warwick.

AGREED that the two Bills of Exchange drawn on Us from Bengal and advised in their Letter N^o. 12 be paid.

Bills drawn from Bengal to be paid.

Four Bengal Interest Notes Cancelled these were deposited 25 Janry.

The four Interest Notes or Bonds which were deposited in the Treasury by the President the 25th. January for the purposes mention'd in the Minutes of Consultation of that date are now cancelled in Consequence of the advice from the President and Council of Fort William in their Letter dated 21st Janry. last N^o. 12 which Notes thus Cancelled are to be transmitted to the Gentlemen at Bengal that M^r. Pigots receipt which is in their possession may be also Cancelled and returned to him.

Stowage of Madeira Wine Warwick to be Survey'd & Reported.

Order'd that the Stowage of Madeira Wine on board the Warwick be Survey'd as usual and reported to the Board.

Letter from Mr. Ross Alderman desiring to resign.

Letter from M^r. Andrew Ross one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter requesting leave for the reasons therein given to resign his place and Office of an Alderman and enclosing his Resignation thereof in due form under his hand and seal.

To lye on the Table.

ORDER'D that the said Letter and Resignation do lye on the Table to be further Consider'd.

Acct. Genl. Draft Acct. Cruttenden agt. Rannie Order'd to be paid. Rent of Poonamallee Order'd to be paid.

Draught from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Five thousand four hundred and two Pagodas fourteen fanams and thirty five Cash (5,402-14-35) payable to John Maxwell Stone Account the Cause Cruttenden against Rannie, is now presented to the Board and order'd to be paid.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in Five thousand Pagodas (5,000) in further part of Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June last.

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

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Arriv'd Ship Drake John Mills from Bengal. Sail'd Sloop Speedwell John Johnston for Bengal.	22
Arriv'd Admiral Pocock with His Majesty's Ship Tyger carrying the Flag Thomas Latham Esq ^r . Salisbury William Martin Esq ^r . Cumberland John Harrison Esq ^r . Tryton Edmund Townley Esq ^r .	23
	} From Bengal.
also the Honble Companys Ship Protector Cap ^t . David Crichton and the Ship Ganges Captain Peter Duncan both in the Kings Service.	
Receiv'd by the abovemention'd Squadron two General Letters from Bengal both dated the 29 th . January and a Letter from the Negrais recd. at Bengal by the Ilchester.	-
Arriv'd at the same time from Bengal Roger Carter Esq ^r . Deputy Governor of Fort Marlborough who came out of England in the Grantham.	-
Arriv'd Sloop Durgée Passaud Alljuna Mana from Ballasore.	-
Arriv'd his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater Henry Smith Esq ^r . from Bengal.	24
Rec'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 20 th Instant.	27
Sent by Tappies D ^o . D ^o . this day.	

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 28TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 21st. Instant read and Sign'd.General Letters read Viz^t.

N^o. 14 and 15 From Roger Drake Esq^r. President &^{ca}. Council at Fort William both, dated the 29th. Janry. The first advising that they have Consign'd Us on his Majesty's Ship Tyger Thirty Chests of Bullion and one Chest of Gold and acquainting Us that the said Treasure has not been weigh'd off there for want of Troy weights, the Elizabeth's Treasure having proved extreamly deficient by being weigh'd with avoirdupoize weights tho' the Seals of the Chests were not broken or hurt, desiring therefore that We will have both those consignments weigh'd off and inform them how they turn out; That each of the Commanders of those Ships had been obliged to open one of the Chests of Bullion and make use of part of them at the Brazils which they shall make them Account for. The second is duplicate the Original by the Queenborough not being yet receiv'd advising that they have sent Us the Elizabeths Treasure by that ship amounting to Forty one thousand and twenty two pounds Sterling, thirteen shillings and three pence (£s St : 41,022-13-3) at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. C^t. Freight.

N^o. 16 From Lieutenant Newton at Negrais, dated 5th. January acquainting Us that the Treaty with the Burmahs is at last fully compleated of which a Copy is sent enclosed that three of the Coast & Bay Ships touching there in their Passage to Bengal, he had taken out some of the Recruits in lieu of some Men who had serv'd their contracted time and were desirous of proceeding to the Coast or Bengal that he had likewise taken out some Stores for the Use of the

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Settlement of which he encloses an Account & that the Occurrences for the whole year 1757 shall be transmitted by the first Conveyance representing that the Cash is reduced to a very low Ebb and begging a supply as soon as possible that he had given Bills for Ten thousand (10,000) Arcot Rupees payable to M^r. Mackay that he had taken Possession of the Ground granted to the Company at Persaim but that the Improvements go on very slowly for want of Workmen also representing the Necessity they lye under for a long Boat, or some such Vessell, as that they had was sent out to the Assistance of the Bridgwater in November last in her way to the Eastward and that the Boat has never since been heard of.

From Fort
St. David.

N^o. 17 From Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the Gentlemen in Council at S^t. David, dated 20th. Instant informing us that they shall put the Dutch Resident in possession of M^r. Kiernanders House that they had drawn on us for Four thousand (4,000) Pagodas in favor of M^r. Sloper.

AGREED that the Bill of Exchange for Four thousand Pagodas drawn from Fort S^t. David as advised in their Letter N^o. 17 and also the Bill drawn from Negrais for ten thousand Rupees by M^r. Newton as advised in his Letter N^o. 16 be paid.

Considera-
tion of the
Negrais
affair
deferr'd.

AGREED that the Consideration of the affairs of the Negrais be deferr'd till after the dispatch of the Warwick.

Report
Stowage of
Madeira
Wine.

A Report of the Survey of the Stowage of the Madeira Wine made by Captain Magnus Nicholson and M^r. John Line with the Company's Cooper read as enter'd hereafter signifying that they found the whole stow'd Bung up and Bilge free.

The Committee of Treasury Report that they had caused the Treasure receiv'd from Bengall by the Tyger to be weigh'd and that the Silver turn'd out four pounds six Ounces (4 ^{lb.} 6 ^{oz.}) and the Gold twelve penny weights (12 dts.) short of the Invoice and they also acquaint the Board that the Chests were none of them Seald, most of them without Iron Hoops and in such bad Condition that the Dollars (which were loose in the Chests) drop'd out before they were open'd.

Bengal to
be advised.

AGREED that the Gentlemen at Bengal be particularly advised thereof that they may take such Measures as they shall think proper for recovering the said Deficiency.

Batta on Ex.
of Pagodas
paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Twenty thousand fanams (20,000) amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to five hundred and fifty five Pagodas twenty fanams being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of five thousand Pagodas into fanams this Month at the rate of forty fanams ₹ Pagoda and brought to Account at the rate of thirty six fanams ₹ Pagoda.

Money paid
in by Imp^t.
WeHo Kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Twelve thousand six hundred (12,600) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea
Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Two thousand three hundred and fifty two Pagodas thirty one fanams and seventy two Cash (2,352-31-72) on that Account.

Land
Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Two hundred and fifty Pagodas fifteen fanams and twenty six Cash (250-15-26) for the January Ballance of that Account.

Advances
to the .

AGREED that the following Advances be made.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Thirteen thousand Pagodas (13,000) for the Charges of that Employ.

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To the Military Paymaster Six thousand (6,000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. Military Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper Two thousand (2,000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. Military Storek^r.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

In obedience to your Orders We have Surveyed the Honble Company's Wine on board the Ship Warwick & find it stowed bung up & bilge free.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obed^t. hum^{ble}. Ser^{ts}.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 23^d. FEBRUARY 1758.

MAGNUS NICHOLSON.
JOHN LINE.

MARCH 1758.

	MARCH
Arriv'd Sloop Peur John de Mulliere from Negapatam.	3
D ^o . Ship Jaganada Passaud, Mage, from Ballasore Sail'd Ship Princess Caroline D'Lange from Negrais.	4
Arriv'd Schooner Betsy Cudbert Thornhill from Negapatam.	5
Arriv'd Sloop George William Powney from Negapatam.	
„ Snow Good Hope Edward Tilly from Malacca.	7
Sail'd Sloop Mary Collin Campbell for Bengal.	
Received from Fort St. David two General Letters one dated 20 th Febr ^y . the other 3 ^d . Instant.	

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 7th

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.
The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th Ultimo read & Sign'd.
Draught of a General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by the Warwick is now read and approved.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1758 —

General
Letters from
St. David.

N^o. 18 and 19 General Letters from Alexander Wynch Esq^r. &c^a. at Fort St. David read the first dated the 20th. February being their Annual Letter containing a Summary of their translations in the Hon^{ble} Companys Affairs in the year 1757. The second dated the 3^d. Instant accompanying the Annual Letter and other Papers agreeable to a List of the Packet and acquainting Us that they waited thus long in hopes of a Southerly Wind and that their General Books & Accounts shall follow the first Sea Conveyance. Enclosing a Bill of Sale for the House and Ground in Cuddalore purchased of M^r. Kiernander with a Plan and description annexed of which the Dutch Resident is in Possession and acquainting Us that M^r. Kiernander built the House himself that he bought the Ground of two Black Men but lost the Bill of Sale in the Storm in 1749 and that he desires the purchase Money may be paid to John Smith Esq^r. requesting a supply of Madeira Wine the first opportunity.

Accountants
Annual
Report.

The Accountant lays before the Board a General Report dated 1st May 1757 of the Increase and Decrease in the several Revenues and Expences of the Settlements on this Coast extracted from the Books Commencing 1st May 1756 and ending Ultimo April 1757 with the reasons of their variation from the preceding Year. Order'd that the same be enter'd hereafter.

Letter from
Mr. Edward
Edwards.

Letter from M^r. Edward Edwards read as enter'd hereafter acknowledging the Receipt of a Paragraph extracted from the Company's General of the 25th March 1757 signifying that he is ready to comply with the same and referring to a Letter he address'd to the Board the 10th August 1755. Order'd that the said Letter be enter'd hereafter.

Letter &
Resigna-
tion of
Mr. Andrew
Ross.

Letter from M^r. Andrew Ross one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court dated the 14th February which was read in Consultation the 21st of the same Month and then ordered to lye on the Table is now again read requesting for the reasons therein given permission to resign his Place and Office as an Alderman of the said Court, and enclosing his Resignation under his hand and Seal which the Board Accept and order that the said Letter and Resignation be enter'd hereafter.

Accepted.]

Letter &
Resignation
of
Mr. George
Mackay.

Letter from M^r. George Mackay one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court dated the 23^d February read requesting for the reasons therein given permission to resign his Place and Office as an Alderman of the said Court and enclosing his Resignation under his hand & Seal which the Board accept and order that the said Letter and Resignation be enter'd hereafter.

Accepted.

Letter from
the Mayors
Court.

Letter from the Mayors Court dated 2^d Instant read as enter'd hereafter acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from the Secretary with Extracts of a General Letter from the Court of Directors and acquainting Us that as by the Charter such of the Orders of the Court of Directors as are to become Rules of Practice are required to be sign'd by a Majority of the Court of Directors it is necessary the Mayors Court should be Certifyed of the authenticity of such Orders by having the originals produced in Court ORDER'D that the Secretary attend the Court at their next sitting and produce the Original letter from the Court of Directors.

The Sect. to
attend the
Court
with the
Company's
G. Letter.

Madeira
Wine
reported
by the
Imp^t.
Wareho^{se}Kr.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter a report of Madeira Wine deficient 7 Ship Warwick amounting to Two hundred and twentyfour Gallons (224) and reports also that the Casks being Gauged are found to Agree with the Certificate sign'd by Mess^{rs}. Chambers, Hicox and Chambers. ORDER'D that the said deficiency be paid for by the Commander.

Draft of
the Acco^t.
General
Account
S. H.
Bunyon.

Draft from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Pagodas One thousand two hundred and fifteen nine fanams and seventy five Cash (1215-9-75) payable to Josias Du Pre' Account the Estate of Stephen Holloway Bunyon deceased is now tender'd to the Board and order'd to be paid.

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The President acquaints the Board that applications have been made to him by several persons to pay very considerable sums of money into the Companys Cash for Bills on the Court of Directors and he also informs the Board that he is advised by private Letters that the Gentlemen at Bengal have drawn for upwards of twenty five Lacks of Rupees and that large Sums have been sent round to Bombay to be paid into Cash there, and as those large Draughts may possibly put the Company to some difficulties considering they were disappointed of the Bengal Investment of 1756 and the Ships for the Coast & China in 1757 arrived here too late to proceed to Canton and cannot return till 1759 he therefore recommends to the Consideration of the Board whether under these Circumstances it is not adviseable to decline making any Draughts on the Companys at this time (unless in return for Coral &c^a.) more especially as We are in no immediate want and shall probably be fully supply'd with Treasure from Bengal, ALL which being consider'd the Board are of Opinion that for the foregoing reasons it is not adviseable to draw on the Company at present and accordingly it is resolved not to receive any Money into Cash on that Account except in return for Coral &c^a.

Consideration whether it be proper to draw on the Company by the Warwick.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest four thousand Nine hundred and forty seven Pagodas twenty fanams and fifty two Cash (4947-20-52) which is carried forward.

Janry. Cash Account read.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Beetle & Tobacco pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo.

Rent of Beetle & Tobacco.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^a.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

According to a Standing Order from the Honble the Court of Directors I now beg leave to lay before you a state of the Expences and Revenues of this Settlement and its Subordinates on this Coast for the last Year compared with those of the former By which your Honour &c^a. may Judge of the proper directions to be given in relation thereto.

EXPENCES OF FORT ST. GEORGE.									
	Ending April 1756			Ending April 1757			Increase.	Decrease.	P.F.C.
CHARGES GARRISON ..	147133	35	15	103620	20	60	..	43513 14 35	..
CHARGES HOSPITAL ..	4530	35	35	6104	19	71	1573 20 36	..	..
PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES.	6349	11	78	5923	32	68	..	425 15 10	..
ACCOUNT SALARY. ..	4194	31	0	4584	24	40	389 29 40	..	..
ACCOUNT PRESENTS ..	5343	22	41	2111	7	72	..	3232 14 49	..
CHARGES DIET ..	7000	0	0	7000	0	0	..	..	..
CHARGES CATTLE ..	800	0	0	800	0	0	..	..	..
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.	7351	22	28	10593	5	67	3241 19 39
CARRIED OVER ..	162704	14	37	140738	3	58	5204 33 35	47171 8 14	..

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EXPENSES OF FORT ST. GEORGE—cont.

	Ending April 1756.	Ending April 1757.	Increase.	Decrease.	P.F.C.
BROUGHT OVER ..	162704 14 37	140738 3 58	5204 33 35	47171 8 14	..
REPAIRS	4,451 30 40	4,260 34 67	..	190 31 53	..
MAYORS COURT ..	1100 0 0	800 0 0	..	300 0 0	..
COURT OF REQUESTS ..	175 13 0	166 28 0	..	8 21 0	..
CHARGES GENERAL ..	10695 35 37	11124 16 1	428 16 44	..	..
CHARGES MERCHANDIZE.	3419 25 69	6504 31 38	3085 5 49	..	..
The Annual Expence ..	202547 11 23	163595 6 4	8718 19 48	47670 24 67	..
Deduct the Increase from the Decrease	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	8718 19 48	..
The Expenses of this Settlement are decreased this Year	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	38952 5 19

EXPENSES OF FORT ST. DAVID.

CHARGES GENERAL ..	1748 10 34	1534 12 65	..	213 33 49	..
CHARGES GARRISON ..	38565 2 22	26438 14 12	..	12126 24 10	..
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.	3837 0 18	5358 22 27	1521 22 9	..	..
CHARGES HOSPITAL ..	2628 6 25	3187 1 45	558 31 20	..	..
CHARGES CATTLE ..	600 0 0	894 9 27	294 9 27	..	..
CHARGES DIET ..	3344 0 0	4583 0 0	1239 0 0	..	..
ACCOUNT PRESENTS ..	723 31 60	59 22 40	..	664 9 20	..
ACCOUNT SALARY ..	1301 23 50	1776 1 40	474 13 70	..	..
REPAIRS	3523 24 17	4739 24 49	1216 0 32	..	..
The Annual Expenses ..	56271 26 66	48571 0 65	5304 4 78	13004 30 79	..
Deduct the Increase from the Decrease	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5304 4 78	..
The Expences of this Settlement are Decreased this Year	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7700 26 1
Fort St. George & Fort St. David decreased this Year ..	.. ..	.. ..	PAGODAS ..	.. ..	46652 31 20

The reasons for an Increase and Decrease in the following Heads Viz:—

FORT ST. GEORGE.

CHARGES GARRISON—Decreased Pagodas 43513. 14. 35. This Decrease is occasioned by the Number of Troops belonging to this Garrison sent on the Bengal Expedition.

CHARGES HOSPITAL—Inceas'd Pagodas 1573. 20. 36 which arrises by a Charge of Pagodas 1473. 5. 8 in the Month of June for a Provision of Banian Coats, Quilts, Drawers, Shirts, Caps and Pillows for the Sick as also Pagodas 100 paid for a Years Rent of a Medicine Shop due the 31st. March last.

PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES—Decreased Pagodas 425. 15. 10. This decrease is chiefly occasion'd by a charge of 9 Horses for the Noubett from May 1755 to December following and by Pagodas 106. 24. 0. Paid Colonel Heron for 12 Months allowance of a Pallankeen & Servants Wages of which .. Charges are in the Year 1757.

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ACCOUNT SALARY—Increased Pagodas 389. 29. 40 By the Addition of 9 Writers. M^r. Hopkins having received his salary who before received it at Deve Cotah and some of the Covenanted Servants rising to a higher Rank.

ACCOUNT PRESENTS—Decreased Pagodas 3232. 14. 49 which is Occasioned by Presents made the Nabob in October 1735 and April 1756. Whereas none considerable were made in the Year 1757.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY—Increased Pagodas 3241. 19. 39. This Increase is occasion'd by 189 Soldiers renewing their Contract with the Company for 5 Years at Pag. 10 ea. Pagodas 1890. Dieting French Prisoners and Deserters at different times Pag^s. 1000. Dieting our Troops aboard the Men of War going to Bengal Pa. 153 with several other small Charges.

REPAIRS—Decreased P. 190. 31. 53 by reason of Repairs to M^r. Barnewals house in May 1755 as ᳚ order of Consultation.

MAYORS COURT—Decreased P. 300 by repairs done to the Court House in the Year 1756 and none being wanted in 1757.

COURT of REQUESTS—Decreased Pagodas 8.21 which is occasion'd by a Gown being provided for the Beadle in 1756 & the Expence of Binding 30 Books none of which charges are in the Year 1757.

CHARGES GENERAL—Increased Pagodas 428. 16.44 which arises chiefly in a greater Expence of Oyl for the use of the Garrison this Year than Last and a Greater Number of other small Charges.

CHARGES MERCHANTIZE—Increased Pagodas 3085. 5. 49 which arises on Freight paid for ^{Ca. Md. lb.} 598. 2. 1 Redwood Charges on making Military Stores Godown Rent paid at different times for the Companys Goods and several other small Charges more this Year than Last.

FORT S^t. DAVID.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY—Increased Pagodas 1521. 22. 9. The increase arises in the Paymasters Accounts for Pulling down Houses and levelling Ground at Tevenepatam Cooley hire bringing Iron and Stones for the use of the Artillery Travelling Charges to Mess^{rs}. Clive and Wynch and for Potts & Pans to be kept as a Stock for the Garrison and Pagodas 21. 6. 2 arising in the Military Paymasters Accounts for Batta to Sepoys sent to Madras in September last.

CHARGES HOSPITAL—Increased Pagodas 558—31—20. By the Surgeon and his Mates monthly Allowance inserted under this Head this Year which were under that of Charges of Garrison in the last Year.

CHARGES CATTLE—Increased Pagodas 294, 9. 27. By the Allowances to Robert Clive Esq^r.

CHARGES DIET—Increas'd Pagodas 1239. By the Allowances to Robert Clive Esq^r. 1175 and the remaining Pagodas 64. 0. 0 by an Addition of Servants.

ACCOUNT SALARY—Increased Pagodas 474. 13. 70 by the Allowance of Robert Clive Esq^r. and those to the Surgeons Mess^{rs}. Wilson and Hancock also by two or three Covenanted Servants arising to a Superior Rank this Year than the last.

REPAIRS—Increased Pagodas 1216. 0. 32. By Converting the Horse Stables at Tevenepatam into an Hospital and by sundry necessary Repairs to the other Buildings.

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THE VARIABLE REVENUES of FORT ST. GEORGE and FORT ST. DAVID.

		FORT ST. GEORGE.						
		Ending April 1756.	Ending April 1756.	Increase.	Decrease.			
SEA CUSTOMS	..	34,365 21 7	28,022 32 65	..	6,342 24 22			
LAND CUSTOMS	..	6,019 16 67	3,730 4 7	..	2,289 12 60			
MINT CUSTOMS	..	1,933 33 30	1,248 3 62	..	685 27 48			
		FORT ST. DAVID.						
CUDDALORE SEA CUS- TOMS.		5,437 31 41	2,353 17 6	..	3,084 14 35			
CUDDALORE LAND CUSTOMS.		2,083 15 76	1,400 7 48	—	683 8 28			
TEVENEPATAM CUS- TOMS.		935 24 26	604 1 70	..	331 22 36			
Total Decrease in the Variable Revenues					..	13,417 1 69		

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SEA CUSTOMS—Decreased by Pagodas 6342. 24. 22 which arises by a less quantity of Bengal Goods Grain and Coral Imported this Year than in the foregoing year.

LAND CUSTOMS—Decreased Pagodas 2289. 12. 60 occasion'd by a small Quantity of Painting and other Goods being brought in this Year than the preceding.

MINT CUSTOMS—Decreased Pagodas 685. 27. 48. By a smaller Quantity of Treasure being Coind for private persons this Year than the foregoing one.

FORT ST. DAVID.

CUDDALORE SEA CUSTOMS—Decreas'd Pagodas 3084. 14. 35. By the apprehension of War and the little safety the Merchants have in Landing their Effects many of the Inhabitants having gone away there is very little Imported and the Place being some distance from the Fort the Security from thence is very little relied on by the Merchants and Inhabitants.

CUDDALORE LAND CUSTOMS—Decreas'd Pagodas 683. 8. 28. By the danger of War and disturbances which have decreased the Number of the Inhabitants and Consumption of Goods in the Buzar sales and the quantity of Cloth dyed Blue from what was rejected by the Company has been small this year in Comparison of the last year.

THEVENEPATAM CUSTOMS—Decreased Pagodas 331. 22. 36 by a very few Ships having touched here and the Trade to Pondicherry being Prohibited together with many of the Inhabitants having left the Place.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient hum^{ble} Serv^t.

ROBERT ORME,

Accomptant.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL

AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

I have receiv'd from your Secretary the copy of a Paragraph in the Honble Companys General Letter of the 27th. of March 1757 relating to me as Assay Master, and am both ready and willing to comply with every thing therein mentioned.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1758 —

I beg leave to request that your Honor &c^t. will peruse a Paragraph in a Letter I wrote you the 10th. of August 1755 which I think amounts to the same purpose. My chiefest desire is to be always Esteem'd.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE

Your most Obed^t. humble Servants,

MARCH 6 : 1758.

EDW^d. EDWARDS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^a. COUNCIL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Upon my arrival from Mocha in September 1753 having receiv'd an intimation from the President & Council that I was nominated in his Majesty's Charter, as one of the Aldermen of the Corporation which was then Re-established at this place, I consider'd it as my Duty not to refuse an Office, which (however, Inconvenient I might find the Execution thereof) would enable me to be of some Service, to that Society whereof I was a Member and therefore, I qualified myself as an Alderman & Judge of the Mayors Court, by taking the usual Oaths None of the Members of the Corporation except M^r. Andrew Munro (who himself had come into the former Court, but a short time before the dissolution thereof) had ever filled these Offices. It therefore became the more necessary for each to give all possible attention to the Publick Service That I have continued to do this from my first putting on the Gown the Records of the Court will bear Testimony. In 1753 I was absent but two Court days, in 1754 not once; In 1755 but three Court days (by going a Journey into the Country) 'till I went to Bengal in the Month of September from whence having return'd in April following, I was Absent but two Court days for the rest of that Year; and in my own Mayoralty last year having held a Court almost every fourth day I attended at each as I ought to do This attendance upon a Publick Office, for near four years and a half will, I hope, procure me the favour which I now ask of your Honor &c^a. that you will permit me to resign my seat persuaded as I am, that you will be so just as to think it reasonable, that other Inhabitants, should in their turn take upon them the Burthen of such Publick Services, as are attended with no Emoluments; but in the discharge of which I have employed so much of my time & attention as frequently to interrupt & thereby to prejudice my own private Concerns a Consideration too, which I hope you will not disregard and in confidence thereof I take the liberty herewith, to send you my Resignation in the usual Form and my Hand and Seal. I have the Honour to be with great Respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

14th. FEBRUARY 1758.

Your most Obed^t. Hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

ANDREW ROSS.

I ANDREW ROSS one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madrasspatnam for divers good Causes and Consideration me hereunto moving. Do by these Presents Resign Surrender and Yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^r. President & Governor of Fort St. George and the Council thereof and to the President & Governor for the time being IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1758 —

Fort S^t. George the fourteenth day of February in the thirty first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a. and in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

ANDREW ROSS.

WITNESS :

GEORGE MACKAY.

THOMAS SAVAGE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having already serv'd near four Years as Alderman and Judge of the Mayor's Court I request the favor you will accept of my Resignation of that Office, which I send you here inclos'd.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most h'ble Ser^{vt}.

GEORGE MACKAY.

I GEORGE MACKAY one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for divers good Causes and Considerations Me hereunto moving. Do by these presents Resign Surrender and Yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^r. President & Governor of Fort S^t. George and the Council thereof and to the President & Council for the time being. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Fort S^t. George this twenty third day of February In the thirty first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a. and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

GEORGE MACKAY.

WITNESS :

GEORGE GARDNER.

DOMINGOS DA CRUZ.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

			DR.			
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1 To Ballance brought from last months Account	8,980	100,188	38	11,763	—	38
3 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury.. ..	10,000	..		10,000	—	—
10 To D ^o .	9,000	..		9,000	—	—
— To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him for one Months rent due the 12 th . Ultimo..	311	22,404	—	933	12	—
— To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty receiv'd of him in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo.	..	9,660	—	268	12	—
— To Chinna Nella Chittee and Vadamala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of him in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th . Ultimo .. ..	..	23,430	—	650	30	—
— To Fines and Forfeitures recd. from the Mayors Court for Fines levied in the year 1757 as ^{per} their Letter entered after Consultation 9 Jañry.	35		32 20	35	32	20
20 To Current Pagodas recd. from the Treasury	10,000	..		10,000	—	—
21 To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country recd. of him in further part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30 th . June last	5,000	..		5,000	—	—
Carried over.	43,326	155,714	58	47,651	16	58

			CONTRA.			
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
3 By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation	70	..		70	—	—
— By Fort Marlbro paid the following Certificates all dated the 31 st August 1757 Viz ^t .—						
	By whom paid.	To whom payable.	Dolla.	P.	F.	C.
1	By Thomas Savage	To Thomas Savage ..	5,400	3,272	26	14
1	By d ^o .	To Edward Burman ..	3,150	1,909	3	21
1	By d ^o .	To d ^o ..	2,172	1,316	13	7
1	By d ^o .	To George Stratton ..	1,267	767	31	59
1	By d ^o .	To DuPre' & Alexander	558	338	6	43
1	By d ^o .	To Samuel Staveley ..	337	204	8	58
1	By George Freeth	To Richard Dawson ..	1,650	1,000	—	—
1	By Mary Pero ..	To Thomas Pelling ..	300	181	29	26
8		Certificates amounting to ..	14,834			
	8,987	118 69	8,990	10	69	
10	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	10,000	..	10,000	—	—
21	By Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favor of John Maxwell Stone Account the Cause Cruttenden against Rannie.	5,402	14 35	5,402	14	35
28	By Fort St. David paid their Draft of the 20 Instant in favor of Robert Sloper for.	4,000	..	4,000	—	—
—	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	15,000	..	15,000	—	—
—	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	40,00	324,000 —	13,000	—	—
Carried over.	47,459	324,133 24	56,462	25	24	

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.				DR.		
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Brought over.	43,326	155,714	58	47,651	16	58
28 To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account	12,600			12,600		
— To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account	2,117	8,491	72	2,352	31	72
— To Henry Powney Land Customer recd. of him for the January Ballance of that Account	132	4,263	26	250	15	26
— To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury	6,000			6,000		
— To Batta for the Produce of 5,000 Pagodas Issued as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to account at 36 fanams ⌘ Pag'.		200,000		5,555	20	
STAR or CURRT. PAGODAS.	64,175	368,469	76	74,410	9	76

CONTRA.			CR.			
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
Brought over.	47,459	324,133	24	56,462	25	24
— By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	6,000			6,000		
— By Charles Bouchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	2,000			2,000		
— By Batta Issued in the course of the month to be exchange'd into fanams as ⌘ Contra...	5,000			5,000		
	60,459	324,133	24	69,462	25	24
— By Ballance carried to next Months Account	3,716	44,336	52	4,947	20	52
STAR or CURRT. PAGODAS	64,175	368,469	76	74,410	9	76

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1758 —

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL.

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I am order'd by the Honble the Mayors Court to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from your Secretary of the 27th. Instant Accompanying an Extract of sundry Paragraphs from a General Letter receiv'd by you from the Honble the Court of Directors, some of which Paragraphs containing Orders or Rules of Practice to be observed by the said Court, they have directed me to acquaint you that since the Court of Directors have signified their resolution of conveying their Sentiments to the Mayors Court thro' your, Honour &c^a. Yet those Orders or Rules of Practice made by the Court of Directors for the observance of the Mayors Court, are by the Charters required to be sign'd by a Majority of the Court of Directors, for the Establishment thereof, of the authenticity of which the Mayors are of opinion they ought to be ascertain'd before they are authorized to act under such orders, they therefore upon this occasion think it necessary to require a sight of those Paragraphs as inserted in the original Letter, that they may be the better satisfied by comparing the Extract with the Original Letter itself; as they do not conceive your Secretary to be in the Eye of the Law a Publick Officer consequently his Attestation can be of no force, or validity.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

MARCH 2^d. 1758.

DANIEL MORSE,

Regr.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The 60 Pipes of Madeira Wine Imported from the Warwick have been survey'd and by the Gauge find that 224 Gallons are wanting the cost of which I shall demand of the Captain, the Pipes all answer to the Marks Numbers & Contents as specified in the Certificate sign'd by Mess^{rs}. Chambers, Hiccox & Chambers & the Purser of the Ship I am with due Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Serv^t.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

1st MARCH 1758.

HENRY POWNEY,

Imp^t. Ware Ho. K^t.

Sign'd General Letter of this date to go to Fort S^t. David & his Majesty's Ship Tryton with a Lack of Rupees. 7

D^o. General Letter of this date to go to Bengal. —

Sail'd his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater Tho^s. Manning Esq^r. for Fort S^t. David. 8

D^o. Tryton John Stanton Esq^r. —

Arrived his Majesty's Ship Queenborough George Legg Esq^r. from Bengal. 10

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY
THE 13TH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 7 Instant read & Sign'd.

The two following Setts of Bills of Exchange of this date drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven Shillings and eight pence payable at Ninety days sight are now Sign'd Viz^t.

	£.	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
1 Sett payable to Joseph & David Franco or order value of Salamon Franco in full return for one Chest of Coral marked ∓ FD No. 53 imported ∓ Walpole Anno 1756 ..	123	1	—	321	—	—
1 Sett payable to Joseph & David Franco for one Chest of Coral marked ∓ FD No. 54 imported ∓ Chesterfield Anno 1756 ..	219	10	2	372	22	72
2 Setts amounting to	£ 342	11	2	893	22	72

Eight hundred and ninety three Pagodas twenty two fanams and seventy two Cash which We have receiv'd into your Cash here.

Letter from John Smith Esq^r. Paymaster and M^r. Jonathan Brooke Lieutenant of the Train read accompanying a Muster Roll of the Crew and a return of the Ordnance Ammunition and Warlike Store on board the Warwick ORDER'D that the said Report be enter'd hereafter and that the Roll & Return be forwarded in the Packet by the Warwick to England.

The following are now sign'd.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors	} all dated this day.
Calculate of Quick Stock	
Storehouse Indent for 1759	
Additional Military Storehouse Indent for 1759	
General Letter to S ^t . Helena.	

Sailing Orders to Captain Nicholas Webb of the Warwick, the date left blank to be filled up when deliver'd.

General Books HH ending Ultimo April 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1758 —

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to your Orders of the 11th Instant Signified to Us by Mr. Secretary Du Pre' We have survey'd the Warwick Captain Webb, muster'd her Ships Company & Examined her Artillery Stores which we find According to the Lists annexed & believe she is in a fit Condition to proceed for Europe.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient h'ble Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
 12 MARCH 1758.

JOHN SMITH.

JONATHAN BROOKE.

Arriv'd his Majesty's Ship Triton Captain John Stanton from Fort S ^t . David.	14
Receiv'd from Fort S ^t . David two General Letters dated 10 & 11 th . Instant. The Packet for England by the Warwick being closed and deliver'd and the letter from the Gentlemen at Fort S ^t . David of the 10 th . March containing their Answer in regard to the damaged Cloth landed there from the Colchester after the November Storm 1752 The Secretary is order'd to transmit an Extract thereof by the Warwick to M ^r . Secretary James for the Information of the Honble Court of Directors as also the Fort S ^t . David Account of Quick Stock.	15
Arriv'd Sloop Allah Bux Delal Cawn from Ballasore.	16
Sail'd Honble Companys Ship Warwick Nicholas Webb for England.	—
D ^o . Sloop George William Powney for Bengal.	—
D ^o . Sloop Peur John de Mulliere for Nagapatam.	—
D ^o . Ship Ganges, Peter Duncan for Fort Marlbro' & Batavia.	—
Arriv'd Sloop Goverdena Persuaad, Laul doss from Ballasore.	17
D ^o . Sloop Betsey from Bengal with two General Letters dated 7 th . & 11 th . February.	18
Receiv'd General Letter from Fort S ^t . David dated 13 th . Instant.	—
D ^o . from Pulliacat 16 d ^o .	—
Arriv'd Sloop Goveree Persaad Harrydoss from Ballasore.	21
Arriv'd Sloop Sadashava Persaad Dool Majee from Ballasore.	21
D ^o . Tarra Persaad, Faquier Majee from D ^o .	22
Sail'd His Majesty's Ship Triton Captain John Stanton to the Southward.	—
Arriv'd his Majesty's Ships Elizabeth { Commodore Steevens Capt. Richd. Kempenfelt. Yarmouth the Captain Dead. Weymouth Capt. Nichs. Vincent. Newcastle the Captain Dead. } from Bombay	24
Received from Bombay General Letter dated the 17 January.	
Arriv'd Brigantine Fyguhussanee, Sydoo Hussein from Cudda.	25
Sail'd a Dutch Ketch for Negapatam.	—

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SATURDAY
THE 25.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letters read Viz^t.General
letter read
Fort St.
David.

N^o. 20.21 & 23 From Alexander Wynch Esq^r. & c^a. Council at Fort S^t. David, The 1st. dated the 10th. Instant, accompanying their Calculate of Quick Stock to 31st. January last and acquainting Us that they are unable to comply with the Companys Orders to send a Regular Account Sale of the damaged Callicoes landed from the Colchester in 1752 as they cannot find that any particular Account was kept of them tho' they have great reason to believe they were included in Parcel of Wrappers sold in April 1755 as upon Enquiry they are inform'd they had been promiscuously mixed with other wrappers Concluding that it is their Opinion the only way to adjust this matter is by taking the Medium of the Outery made in April 1755 which stands thus

	Cor.	P ^s .						P.	f.	c.
Wrappers Long Cloth	103	2 sold for P ^a.	..	..	..	..	..	2765	11	20
Sallampores	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	907	1	60
								PAGODAS	..	3672 13 0

The loss on the above sale is Pagodas 1322-26-58 & the charges rewashing the Colchester's Wrappers Pagodas 64-2-60.

The Second by the Triton dated the 11th acquainting Us of having laden Three hundred and twenty four (324) Bales on that Ship that they have One hundred (100) remaining which she could not take in & that they had not paid Freight as the Captain chose to receive it here forwarding their Indents for Wares & Stores & advising that M^r. Bodle had presented his Bill amounting to Thirty three Pagodas (33) $\frac{2}{3}$ month The last dated the 13 enclosing Invoice & Bills of Lading for the Bales by the Triton also Copies of two Accounts deliver'd to them by Ensign Smith—the one shewing what he has disbursed. Ballance due to him being Four hundred and twenty two Pagodas fourteen fanams and two Cash (422-14-2) has been discharged, The other shewing the Ballance that still remains due to the Prisoners.

Devecotah.

N^o. 22 from M^r. James Bouchier Chief of Devecotah dated 9 March enclosing his Account Quick Stock & indent for Stationery.

Bengal.

N^o. 24 & 25 From the Hon^{ble} Roger Drake Esq^r. President and Governor & c^a. Council of Fort William the first dated 7 February informing Us that they have detain'd the Redwood for China which was left on board the Boscawen as Captain Brohier had represented it to be necessary for their Works—acquainting Us of the arrival of the Fox in the River & of the Ilchester and Worcester in Ballasore Road & that they intended dispatching the Boscawen in the Beginning of March—The other dated 11 February accompanying the Ilchester's Packet transmitted by a Country Sloop as no other Conveyance would offer till the middle of March.

Pulicat.

N^o. 26 From John Lubert Baron Van Eck & c^a. Council at Pulicat dated the 16 Instant desiring a Dutch Pilot named Govert Van Wellen who last year ran away with one of their Companys Sloops & has since committed Acts of

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Piracy & Murder & is at present at this Place may be secured & sent to them & that some Goods belonging to their Company which they are inform'd have been landed here may be likewise secur'd.

N^o. 27 From the Hon^{ble} Richard Bouchier Esq^r. President & Governor & C^a. Council of Bombay dated 17 January acquainting Us of the arrival of all the Ships from Europe consign'd to them except the Prince Edward of which Ship they have heard nothing altho' their last Advices from Gombroon were dated 29 November that the Tavistocks having been dock'd had been tender'd to them but that they had declin'd entertaining her as her Demorage would be greatly encreas'd by such Admission—but that in case the Prince Edward should not arrive before the Tavistocks Departure they had some thoughts of dispatching her home with the York & Lord Anson which if they did they would give us immediate Advice of Desiring to know if We have any particular Instructions regarding two Sloops they are order'd by the Company to build for the West Coast service Enclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for some Iron Work for Gun Carriages receiv'd by their Ships from Europe for this Place & now sent Us by the Yarmouth—also a Packet for John Barrow Esq^r. Commissary & Paymaster to His Majesty's Artillery which they desire may be delivered to him as it contains Advices of a Consignment of Treasure from the Board of Ordnance for the use of the Artillery under Captain Hislops Command Requesting that an attested Copy of the Directions received from the Company in regard to the Right of dismissing any of their Military may be sent them and that a Packet to Bengal (which they enclose) may be forwarded by the first safe sea Conveyance.

Bombay.

ORDER'D that the Indents from Fort S^t. David and DeveCotah be complied with as opportunity offer.

St. David & Deve Cotah Indents to be complied with.

The Accounts relating to the Prisoners at Pondicherry enclos'd in the General Letter from Fort S^t. David N^o. 23 are referr'd to the Select Committee.

Accounts relating to Prisoners referr'd to the Select Committee.

The President acquaints the Board that upon Receipt of the General Letter from Puliacat N^o. 26 he caused enquiry to be made, and finding that Govert Van Wellen the person therein mention'd was on board a Vessel in the Road he caused him to be apprehended & he is now in Custody to be disposed of as the Board may determine. The Board considering that the Crime he is accused of is of the most atrocious Nature Agree to deliver him up to the Chief & Council at Puliacat agreeable to their request ORDER'D that he be sent thither under an Escort of Peons.

The person demanded in the General Letter from Puliacat to be deliver'd up.

The Committee of Treasury Report that they had Caused the Treasure receiv'd from Bengal by His Majesty's Ship Queenborough to be weigh'd and found a deficiency of two Pounds two Ounces and fifteen Penny weights in the Silver (Silver 2 2 15^{lb Ozs its}) and two Ounces in the Gold (Gold 2 Oz.) That the Chests were pack'd in as careless a manner as those by the * Tyger some without Iron Hoops none of them Seal'd and the Dollars loose in many of them, that most of the last mention'd were deficient but those that were well pack'd turn'd out right.

Treasure Queenbro' weigh'd & found deficient.

* Vide 28th Febr. Cons.

AGREED to advise the President & Council of Fort William thereof, and also that as it is probable from what is said in the Bombay Letter N^o. 27 relating to the Tavistock she may be dispatch'd home from thence and if so We shall want a Ship for China more than We expected that therefore We desire they will send Us up four Ships and that if the Tavistock should arrive here We will return one back to them if they think it eligible or otherwise dispose of her as may seem most for the Companys Interest.

Bengal to be wrote to about the above deficiency & to send four ships.

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Letter from the Mayors Court dated the 9th Instant and receiv'd just before the dispatches to England by the Warwick were closed but, too late to be then enter'd in the Diary is now read and order'd to be enter'd hereafter, the Papers which accompanied it having been transmitted to the Court of Directors by the Warwick.

Another
Letter
from the
Mayors
Court.

Another letter from the Mayors Court dated the 21st Instant read signifying that the Seat of M^r. Andrew Ross one of the Aldermen and Judges of that Court has become vacant by Resignation Signifying also that the request they made in their Letter of the 2^d Instant that the Companys General Letter of the 25th March 1757 might be produced them in order that they might compare the Extracts transmitted them by the Secretary has not yet been complied with.

The Secretary thereupon informs the Board that he had acquainted the Register of the Court that in consequence of the Orders he had received' he was ready to attend the Court with the said General Letter whenever Notice should be given him of the Courts sitting but that no such Notice had yet been given him.

Certificate
from the
Accountant-
General.

A Certificate is presented to the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court purporting that James Lister is to pay in the sum of twelve thousand three hundred and eight Arcot Rupees five Annaes and three pice Account the Estate of John Warren deceased. ORDER'D that the same be received into the Treasury.

6 Months
salary
order'd to
be paid.

An Account of Six months salary due to this day to the Hoñble Companys Covenanted Servants at this Presidency amounting to two thousand six hundred and seven Pagodas thirty five fanams and twenty Cash (2607-35-20) is now laid before the Board and ORDER'D to be paid.

Interest on
Orphan
Stook.

ORDER'D the Interest due the 3^d. Instant on Six thousand Pagodas (6000) on Account of the Female Orphan House deposited at six. $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent be paid to Padre Severini.

Rent of
Poonamallee.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country pays in Seven Thousand (7000) Pagodas in further part of Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th June last.

Do. Arrack
& Wine.

Chinna Nella Chittee and Vadamalla Pillah Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License pay in Six hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams (650-30-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 Ultimo.

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

ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HONBLE COMPANY'S COVENANTED SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 1757 TO THE 25TH MARCH 1758.

				M ^{OS} . d ^{YS} . 3 ^Q Annum.		£. s. d.			£. s. d.			P. f. c.			
1758—4	George Pigot Esq ^r.	..	..	President & Governour	..	..	6	—	200	100	—	—	..	..
				Gratuity	..	..	..	..	..	100	50	—	—	..	..
										150	—	—	375	—	
	Henry Powney	..	..	3 ^d . of the Coast.	2 ^d . of Fort S ^t . George	..	..	..	100	..	50	—	—	125	—
	Robert Orme	..	..	4 of d ^o .	3 ^d . of D ^o.	..	..	..	70	..	35	—	—	87	18
	Charles Boddam	..	..	5 of d ^o .	4 of D ^o.	..	..	..	50	..	25	—	—	62	18
	William Perceval	..	..	7 of d ^o .	5 of D ^o . from 25 th , March 1757	..	12	—	40	..	40	—	—	100	—
	John Smith	..	..	8 of d ^o .	6 of D ^o.	..	..	..	40	..	20	—	—	50	—
	Charles Bouchier	..	..	9 of d ^o .	7 of D ^o.	..	..	..	40	..	20	—	—	50	—
	John Walsh	..	..	....	Senior Merchant	..	..	..	40	..	20	—	—	50	—
	John Andrews	..	..	....	D ^o.	..	..	..	40	..	20	—	—	50	—
	John Pybus	..	..	....	D ^o.	..	..	..	40	20	—	—	..	..	..
					Gratuity as Assay Master from the 25 th . Jan ^{ry} . to the 25 th . March.	2	—	80	13	6	8	..	..	..	..
	Henry VanSittart	..	..	....	Junior Merchant from 25 th . Sept ^r . to 8 th . Oct ^r .	—	13	30	11	1	8	..	..	..	..
					Senior D ^o . from 8 th . Oct ^r . to 25 th . March.	5	17	40	18	11	1	..	..	..	..
					Gratuity as Translator	..	..	..	30	15	—	—	..	..	..
										34	12	9	86	21	30
	Samuel Ardley	..	..	....	Senior Merchant	..	..	..	40	..	20	—	—	50	—
	Edward Edwards	..	..	....	D ^o.	..	..	..	40	20	—	—	..	..	..
					Gratuity as Assay M ^r . from 25 th . Sept ^r . to 25 th . Jan ^{ry} .	4	—	80	26	13	4	..	..	..	..
	Charles Turner	..	..	....	Junior Merchant from 25 th . Sept ^r . to 8 th . Oct ^r .	—	13	30	1	1	8	..	..	..	..
					Senior D ^o . from 8 th . Oct ^r . to 25 th . March.	5	17	40	18	11	1
										19	12	9	49	3	30
					Carried over	534	5	6	1335	24	60	..

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ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HON^{BLE} COMPANY'S COVENANTED SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 1757 TO THE 25TH MARCH 1758—cont.

			M ^{os} .	d ^{ys} .	⌘	Annun.	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
			Brought over ..				534	5	6	1335	24	60			
Thomas Heath	..	..	1	5	30	..	2	18	4	7	10	40			
Junior Merch. from 25 Feby. to 25 th March.			6	—	30	15	—	—	..	..	..	..
Josias Du Pre'	..	..	D ^o .			100	50	—	—	..	..	..
Gratuity as Secretary			..	..	45	22	10	—	..	..	..	..
D ^o . as Clerk of the Peace			..	..	..	..	..	..	77	10	—	193	27	—	—
James Alexander	..	..	6	—	30	15	—	—	..	..	..	..
Junior Merchant			..	..	100	50	—	—	..	..	..	..
Gratuity as Sub Accomptant			..	..	20	10	—	—	..	..	..	..
D ^o . for keeping the Compys. Accounts with the May ^{rs} . Court			..	..	..	..	..	..	75	—	—	187	18	—	—
John Smith	..	..	Junior Merchant			30	..	..	..	15	—	—	37	18	—
John Lewin Smith	..	..	D ^o .			30	..	..	..	15	—	—	37	18	—
Daniel Morse	..	..	D ^o .			30	15	—	—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gratuity for keeping the Mayors Court Book.			..	..	20	10	—	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Factor			..	..	15	..	..	..	25	—	—	62	18	—	—
John Call	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
George Stratton	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Philip Francis Greenslate	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Marmaduke Best	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Matthew Clarke	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Henry Brooke	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Thomas Maunsell	..	..	12	—	15	..	..	..	15	—	—	37	18	—	—
John Calland	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Claud Russell	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
George Dolben	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
John Perceval	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
Thomas Rumbold	..	..	D ^o .			15	..	..	..	7	10	—	18	27	—
George Pyne	..	..	Writer			5	..	..	..	2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Smith	..	..	D ^o .			5	..	..	..	2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexander Dalrymple	..	..	D ^o .			5	2	10	—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accountant General of the May ^{rs} . Court.			20	10	—	—
			Carried over ..				859	13	10	2149	8	20			

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The Honble the Court of Directors having by their Letter to your Honour &c^a. of the 11th. February 1756 signified it as their pleasure that all Addresses from the Mayors Court to them should be thro' you, their President and Council. The Court did in consequence thereof Address your Honor &c^a. under date the 6th. June last & now continue so to do.

I am therefore directed to say, in reply to some of the Paragraphs of the General Letter from the Court of Directors of the 25 March 1757 (the receipt of which the Court acknowledged in a Letter I had the Honor to write to you of the 2^d Instant) that altho' the Court has lately come to a resolution to accept such Orders from the Court of Directors as relate to the Rules and Practice of the Court upon having a sight thereof, in the General Letter to your Honor &c^a. Yet they cannot help expressing it as their opinion, that it would be more Eligible, if in future such orders were to be transmitted to them, under the hands of the Directors themselves in order to their being lodg'd as an Authentick Record in this Court & this satisfaction the Court apprehend may be given them, without the Court of Directors deviating from their resolution of not corresponding with the Mayors Court.

A due attention has been given to the Explanation contain'd in the 126 Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of Directors relating to Transfers of Bonds & a proper regard will be paid thereto.

The Court having no further remarks to make on any other Paragraphs of the said Letter I shall now proceed to such Subjects, as have been thought necessary to write upon besides.

The Court having at several Meetings held for that purpose, taken into Consideration, the standing Orders & Rules of Practice of the former Court, & such as have been made since the re-Establishment of the present Court, and having confirm'd alter'd or amended most of such Orders and set aside some, which they found by experience to be inconvenient or improper and having likewise framed some new rules which were thought necessary to be made, for the better regulating the Practice of the Court, they now transmit a Copy of the whole for your Honor &c^a. perusal, & for the approbation or controul of the Court of Directors.

In the month of June last, the then Mayor & three of the Aldermen, besides two of the Attornies of the Court having been summoned to serve upon the Petty Jury, at the Quarter Sessions to be held on the 1st. July following, The Court having met thereupon were unanimously of opinion, that the conduct of the Sherif therein was contrary to Law & with regard to the Mayor, wholly unprecedented. Wherefore it was unanimously Agreed that the Sherif should be prosecuted at the Quarter Sessions, by way of Information against him for such his illegal proceeding. Which determination of the Court, with the reasons leading thereto, together with the steps pursued in lodging the Information as well as the Information itself and what happen'd subsequent to the presentment thereof at the Quarter Sessions, would greatly swell a Letter were they inserted therein, to avoid which, & as the Court did not transmit any account of that matter, by the Walpole, deferring so to till the time of writing their General Letter. The Court think it sufficient to enclose a Copy of the whole, that the same may be laid before the Court of Directors. Who will doubtless thereby be able to Judge of the Merits without further animadversion on the Subject.

In the Letter from this Court to the Court of Directors dated 3^d March 1756 mention was made of some of the Records and Minutes of the former Mayors

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Court being missing a List whereof was transmitted & copys desired from England of which request the Court not finding any notice taken must therefore again repeat it.

There is also sent herewith List of sundry Law Books which in order to the better understanding those already here as well as to discover points, which these do not speak of, the Court think it very necessary to apply for.

I am
 HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your most Obedient Servant,
 Sign'd By Order of the Mayors Court

FORT ST. GEORGE
 MARCH 9TH. 1758.

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^r.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL
 OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

The seat of M^r. Andrew Ross as an Alderman and Judge of the Hoñble the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam, being become vacant by Resignation, I am Order'd by the Court to acquaint your Honor & c^a. thereof, that another may be Elected in his stead.

The Court not finding any notice taken of the Letter I had the honor to write you, under date the 2^d Instant signifying their desire of having a sight of the General Letter from the Court of Directors of the 25 March 1757 in order to compare the Extracts transmitted to them from your Secretary therewith, have directed me to repeat that application and to desire that the same may be complied with.

I am
 HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your most Obedient h'ble Serv^t.

FORT ST. GEORGE
 MARCH 21ST. 1758.

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^r.

Arriv'd Brigantine Mahomud abuxee, Nayel Mahomud from Cudda.	26
Sailed Sloop Watson, Alexander Ramsay for Bombay.	27
Snow Carolina Peter Gallopine for Bengal with General Letter dated 26 Instant.	29
Arrived Sloop Allabux, Laal Cawn from Ballasore.	30

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
 ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FRIDAY
 31ST

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.
 The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25 Instant read & Signed.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH-APRIL 1758 —

Maderia
Wine to be
Issued to
Compys.
Servants at
60 P $\frac{2}{3}$ Pipe.

The Import Warehousekeeper reports that the Madeira Wine received from Bengal has been Gauged filled and is ready to be deliver'd ORDER'D that it be Issued to the Companys Servants at the usual rate of sixty Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Pipe.

Batta on
Exchange
of Pagodas
into fanams
paid in.

The President as Cash keeper pays in Twenty thousand (20000) fanams amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to five hundred and fifty five Pagodas twenty fanams being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Five thousand (5000) Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams $\frac{2}{3}$ Pagoda and brought to Account at the rate of thirty six fanams $\frac{2}{3}$ Pagoda.

Money paid
in by the
Imp't.
WH:Kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Thirty two thousand (32000) Pagodas on his running account.

Land
Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Four hundred and fifteen Pagodas thirty fanams and forty one Cash (415-30-41) for the February Ballance of that account.

Advances
to the

AGREED that the following Advances be made.

Commissary.

To the Commissary Thirty four thousand (34000) Rupees and Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military
Paym't.

To the Military Paymaster Nine thousand and fifty (9050) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military
Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ AND

Mootemar
Chittee
Investment.

To Mootemar Chittee Twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas on account of the Investment.

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

APRIL

APRIL 1758.

- 1 Arriv'd Ship Hardwicke Captain Matcham, M^r. Alexander Ross Supra
Cargo from Bombay.
Sail'd Snow Good Hope Edward Lily for Bengal.
- 5 Arrived Ship Mary William Ormston from the Streights of Malacca.
- 9 Receiv'd from Puliacat General Letter from the Council dated the 7th.
Instant.
- 10 Arrived Brigantine Meera Muddet Mahomed Hussein from Tenassaree
Parted her Cable, stranded & lost Brigantine Fygo Hussanee Sydo Hussain
Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.
- 14 Arrived the Honble Companys Ship Tavistock Benjamin Jenkins from
Bombay and receiv'd by that Conveyance two General Letters from the
President & Council there dated 25th February and 4th March.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1758 —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SATURDAY
THE 15TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 31st. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

N^o. 28 General Letter from the Chief & Council at Puliacat dated 10th. Instant acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 27 March returning Us their thanks for delivering up to them one Govert Van Wellen.

General
Letters
read from
Puliacat.

N^o. 29 and N^o. 30 From Richard Bouchier Esq^r. President & Governor &c^a. Council at Bombay the first dated the 25 February advising Us of the arrival of the Hoñble Companys Ship Prince Edward the 23^d. January having been obliged to touch at Acheen for Refreshments that they immediately landed her Persia Consignments and were loading her for Europe, whither they hoped to dispatch her with the York & Lord Anson the middle of February but are in great want of the Salt Petre expected from Bengal. That Captain Haldane informs them he parted from the Coast & Bay Ships in Latt. 44 N^o. That the Commander of the Tavistock has again tender'd that Ship but the Prince Edward being arriv'd they inform him they had no occasion for her Service, he therefore returns to Us with the Lead and Redwood We had put on board That by a Vessel from Bussorah they learn the News of the arrival of the Chesterfield Portfield and Edgcote at Limerick in June last. That M^r. William Stratton has their Permission to come round hither to settle some Family Accounts which when done they desire We will take care that he return by the first Conveyance. That the Commanders of the Revenge & Mahumudy have debted them three Rupees a day for Entertaining several Military Officers at their Table in their Passage to Bengal assuring them that We allowed the same to the Commander of the Delawar desiring we will inform them if it be so or not and that we will Credit the Presidency for Five Pagodas and two fanams paid by the Commander of the Mahomedy for Anchorage at Fort S^t. David tho' the ship was Freight'd by the Company. The other dated the 4th. March acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 29th. January and desiring We will forward a Packet to Bengal which they enclose.

Letter from Captain Benjamin Jenkins of the Ship Tavistock read as enter'd hereafter acquainting Us that since his departure from hence in October last he has been at Bombay and has had the said Ship Docked and thoroughly repair'd and requesting that she may be survey'd and receiv'd again into the Companys service.

Letter from
Captⁿ.
Jenkins
tendering
the Tavi-
stock.

ORDER'D that the said Ship be survey'd and reported.

Letter from M^r. John Michie read as enter'd hereafter representing that he has in his hands about One hundred and forty thousand Arcot Rupees belonging to the Heirs of deceased Officers and Seamen of his Majesty's Ships and not having an opportunity of remitting the same to England at present he requests that the same may be received into the Companys Treasury till he may have an opportunity of disposing of it otherwise.

The Ship to
be survey'd.
Mr. Michie
desires to
deposit
money in
the
Treasury.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain John Harrison of his Majesty's Ship Yarmouth is also desirous of depositing the sum of Fifty thousand Rupees in the Treasury for some time.

Capt.
Harrison
also.

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To be
receiv'd
but the
Company
not to be
at any
risque.

ORDER'D that the Committee of Treasury receive into the Treasury and give Receipts for the said two Sums expressing therein that in case of inevitable Loss the Company is not to be answerable for the same.

Letter from
Mr. Russell
desiring
leave to go
to China for
the recovery
of his
Health.

Letter from Mr. Claud Russell read as enter'd hereafter representing that since his application about Twelve months ago for Permission to resign the Sub-Secretarys employ he has continued to labour under the same bad state of Health and notwithstanding he has had the best assistance the Place affords his Complaints continue to encrease. That the Doctors are of Opinion a Change of Air may contribute to his Recovery and being desirous by their Advice of trying the Cold Season in China he requests Permission to proceed thither by the first Opportunity and to remain there till the return of the Ships to the Coast.

Granted.

The Board are convinced from their own Knowledge of the truth of Mr. Russell's representation in regard to his Health and as Doctor Wilson (whose opinion in regard to his Case is enter'd hereafter) thinks that a Change of Air may have a good Effect and contribute to his Recovery.

AGREED that he be permitted to proceed to China agreeable to his Request.

Accountant
Generals
Draft in
favor of
Torose.

Draft from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Six hundred and eighty six Pagodas Twenty seven fanams and twenty Cash (686. 27. 20) payable to Torose account the Cause Cheriman Versus Torose is presented to the Board and order'd to be paid.

Order to the
expected
Ships from
Europe to
open the
Packet &
take out
Letters
for the
Admiral
& Squadron.

An order (which is to be delivered to admiral Pocock) is now sign'd as enter'd hereafter to the Commanders of any of the Companys Ships coming from Europe directing them to open the Box Packet for this Presidency in the presence of their Chief and Second Officers and to take thereout the Letters for Admiral Pocock and other Gentlemen of His Majestys Squadron and deliver them to the Bearer of the said Order and then to Nail down the Packet again and proceed hither.

Report
from the
Select
Committee
of money
remitted
Account the
Tripoty
Rent.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the Tripoty Renter has deliver'd in Bills on Gocul Terwaudy for the undermention'd Sums in full for the December or Second Kist of the present year of Phasely 1167 Viz^t.

One for	..	..	..	..	..	Pag ^s .	1,500	0	0	
One for	Balance	..	..	..	..		74	15	60	
							<hr/>	1,574	15	60
							<hr/>			
One for	..	..	..	..	..	Rup ^s .	17,150	0	0	
One for	Balance	..	..	..	..		92 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	
							<hr/>	17,242 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
							<hr/>			

ORDER'D that the amount be receiv'd into the Treasury.

March Cash
Account
read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Twenty three thousand five hundred and fifty three Pagodas Nineteen fanams and sixty five Cash (23553. 19. 65) which is carried forward.

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Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Beetle and Tobacco pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933. 12. 0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo. Rents paid in Beetle & Tobacco.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty pays in Two hundred and sixty eight Pagodas twelve fanams (268. 12. 0) in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Ultimo. Measuring Duty.

The Secretary pays in Three hundred and twenty four Pagodas (324) receiv'd by him of Mess^{rs}. Lopes & De Castro for Rent of the Confiscated House the Corner of Charles Street from 12th. January 1756 to 12th. Instant being 27 Months at Twelve (12) Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ month. Rent of Confiscated houses comes of Charles' Street paid.

GEORGE PIGOT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANYYS CASH.

	Pa.			DR.			
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	
1 To Ballance brought from last months Account ..	3716	44336	52	4947	20	52	
7 To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him in full for one months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	311	22404	—	933	12	—	
13 To Bills of Exchange for two Setts of this date drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at 7/8 & 90 days sight viz ^t .	893	22	72	893	22	72	
Sett.		L.	s.	d.	P.	f.	o.
1 To Joseph and David Franco or order value of Salamon Franco in full return for one Chest of Coral mark'd I.F.D. No. 53 imported ꞑ Walpole Anno 1753		1231	0	0	321	0	0
1 To Joseph and David Franco or order value of Salamon Franco in full return for one Chest of Coral mark'd I.F.D. No. 54 imported ꞑ Chesterfield Anno 1756		219	10	2	572	22	72
2 Setts amounting to		£342	11	2			
14 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury	14000	..		14000	—	—	
Carried over	18920	66763	14	20774	19	44	

CONTRA.

	Pa.			CR.		
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
6 By Bengal Presidency paid Freight from Bengal for Gold & Silver ꞑ His Majesty's Ship Tyger value £ S ^{rs} . 41187-7-0 at 1 ꞑ C ^t . & 8 ꞑ Pag ^a . ..	1029	24	60	1029	24	60
25 By Bengal Presidency paid Freight from Bengal for Gold & Silver ꞑ his Majestys Ship Queenbro' value £ S ^{rs} . 41022-13-3 at 1 ꞑ C ^t . & 8 ꞑ Pagoda	1025	20	20	1025	20	20
— By Roman Female Orphan House paid Father Severini one years Interest on Bond dated 21 st Febr ^y . 1745/6 for Pagodas 6000 at 6 ꞑ C ^t . ꞑ Annum due the 21 st Ultimo	360	..		360	—	—
— By the Mayors Court advanced to defray the Charges of that Corporation for this month ..	70	..		70	—	—
— By Fort S ^t . David paid John Smith Esq ^r . for M ^r . John Zackariah Kiernander the purchase money of a House in Cudalore bought of him for a Factory House for the Dutch Company in lieu of one pulled down in Tevenepatam	2200	..		2200	—	—
Carried over	4684	45	0	4685	9	0

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	Brought over ..	18920	06703	14	20774	19	44	
25	To Numboor Vencaty Sou- biah Farmer of the Poo- namallee Country recd. of him in further part of Six months Rent of that Farm due the 30 th June last	7000	..		7000	—	—	
—	To Chinna Nella Chittee & Vademala Pillah Farmer of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo .. .. .	..	23430	—	650	30	—	
31	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him in his running Account	31900	3600	—	32000	—	—	
—	To Henry Powney Land Customer recd. of him for the February Ballance of that Account .. .	272	5178	41	415	30	41	
—	To Batta for the produce of 5000 Pagodas Issued as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged into fanams at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to account at 36 fanams ⌘ Pagoda .. .. .	..	200000	—	5555	20	—	
	STAR OF CURRENT PAGODAS.	58092	298972	5	66396	28	5	

	Brought over ..	4684	45	0	4685	9	0
—	By Account Salary paid the Honble Companys Coven- anted Servants at this Presidency six months Salary due this day ..	2607	35	20	2607	35	20
31	By Robert Orme Commis- sary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad	10000	..		10000	—	—
—	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	3000	252000	—	10000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	9000	1800	—	9050	—	—
—	By Charles Bouchier Mili- tary Storekeeper advanc- ed him for the charges of that employ	1500	..		1500	—	—
—	By Batta Issued in the Course of the Month to be exchanged into fanams as ⌘ Contra	5000	..		5000	—	—
		35791	253880	20	42843	8	20
	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	22301	45091	65	23553	19	65
	STAR OF CURRENT PAGODAS.	58092	298972	5	66396	28	5

ERRORS EXCEPTED,

⌘ GEO. PIGOT.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
GOVERNOR PRESIDENT & C^a. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I am to acquaint you of my having been at Bombay since left this Place in October last & have had the Ship Tavistock Dock'd and thoroughly repair'd & am now returned into Madras Road & entreat you will be pleas'd to Order a survey on the Ship & receive her into the Honble Companys employ, agreeable to the Tenour of the Charter Party agreed on in England & you will Oblige (in behalf of my Owners & self).

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient h'ble Serv^t.

SHIP TAVISTOCK in Madras Road
APRIL the 14th. 1758.

BENJ. JENKINS.

TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
AT FORT S^r. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have in my hands about One hundred and Forty thousand Arcot Rupees belonging to the Heirs of Deceased Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Ships lately emply'd at Bengal and not having an Opportunity there of Remittances by Bills on the Company was obliged to bring it hither and being inform'd that it is not convenient for you to grant Bills on the Company at present I desire you will be pleas'd to receive the said sum into the Companys Treasury 'till such time as I may have an Opportunity of disposing of it otherwise. I am

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient h'ble Serv^t.

JN^s. MICHIE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Since my application to your Honor & c^a. about twelve Months ago for Permission to resign the Sub Secretary's employ, I have continued to Labour under the same bad state of health I had at that time, and tho' I have all along had the best Advice and Assistance the Place afforded my Complaint are now so bad I am given to understand that I must hope for Recovery from Change of Climate only. To confirm this I have the Honor to enclose Doctor Wilson's Opinion and Certificate. Being therefore driven to the necessity of making the Experiment and as the cold Season in China may probably contribute to the desired End, I beg your Honor & c^a. will favor me with your Permission to proceed thither by the first Opportunity to remain there till the departure of the Ships for the Coast. I am very respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient & most h'ble Serv^t.

FORT S^r. GEORGE
15 APRIL 1758.

CLAUD RUSSELL.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1758 —

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that M^r. Claud Russell has been a long time labouring under a bad state of Health for which he has made use of various Remedies, but without the desired success. Wherefore I have advised him to a Change of Air, which I think may have a good Effect, and of service to his Recovery.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
APRIL 15 1758.

JAMES WILSON.

TO THE COMMANDER OF ANY OF THE
COMPANYS SHIPS FROM EUROPE.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to open the Box Packet from the Company directed for this Presidency (if you have any such on Board) in the presence of your Chief and Second Officers, and take thereout the Letters for Admiral Pocock and other Gentlemen of His Majestys Squadron, which you are to deliver to the person who shall be sent to you with this Letter ; and if you are then to cause the said Box Packet to be nail'd down, and make the best of your way to this Port.

DATED in FORT SAINT GEORGE the 15th. April 1758.

GEO. PIGOT.

S. LAWRENCE.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CH^r. BOURCHIER.

- Sail'd to the Southward his Majesty's Ships Yarmouth, Elizabeth Tyger, Weymouth, Cumberland, Newcastle, Salisbury and Queenborough with the Hon^{ble} Companys Ship Protector under the Command of Vice Admiral Pocock. 17
- Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Tellicherry dated this day.
- Arrived Ship Sally, Richard Finley from Bengal & brought General Letter from the President & Council dated 6th. March. 18
- Arrived Sloop Gopaul Persaad Laal Maajee from Ballasore. 20
- Sail'd Ship Hardwicke Captain Matcham for Bengal and carried General Letter to the President & Council there dated 21st. 22
- Arrived Sloop Watson Christopher Oliphant from the West Coast. 23
- Arrived Ship S^{ta}. Catharina Francis de Rozario from Macao, last from Fort S^t. David & other Ports to the Southward. 24
- D^o. Snow Gertruyda John de Castro from Bengal.
- Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.
- D^o. by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^t. David dated this day.
- Dispatch'd the Hunter Schooner, Magnus Nicholson to Fort S^t. David.
- Arrived Sloop Lyon William Sutherland from Cochin. 25

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 15th. Instant read & Sign'd.

N^o. 31 General Letter from Roger Drake Esq^r. President & Governor &c^s. Council at Fort William dated the 6th. March acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 20 & 25 January to which they say they will reply by the Companys Ships which they are preparing to dispatch to Us the middle of that Month and on them they shall send Us six thousand Bags of Salt Petre Seventyfive Chests of Bullion and two Chests of Gold enclosing a Letter for the President & Council of Bombay which they desire Us to forward by express.

A Letter read from the Committee appointed by the Select Committee to value sundry Houses before the North front of this Town which the Select Committee Order'd to be demolished and to allot certain Grounds to the proprietors of those Houses to build on representing that they Estimate the value of the Houses that have been demolished at about One hundred and Eighty thousand (180000) Pagodas but as the proprietors have carried away all the Materials the Compensation to be made them for their loss they Calculated at Eighteen thousand One hundred and fifty Pagodas (18150) representing further that there still remains several Houses which must be removed and that as soon as they are valued a List of them will be presented to the Board.

AGREED that the abovemention'd sum of Eighteen thousand One hundred and fifty Pagodas (18150) be advanced the Paymaster to be paid by him to the respective proprietors of the Houses so pull'd down agreeable to the Committees Calculation.

Letter from the Committee of Works read as enter'd hereafter requesting an Advance of Two thousand five hundred Pagodas to purchase a Stock of Jaggery for the Service of the Current year and other necessary Disbursements.

AGREED that the same be advanced accordingly.

Letter from Captain Edward Burman John Mackmath and William Ormston read as enter'd hereafter being their report upon the Survey of the Tavistock giving it as their Opinion that the said Ship is in all respects fit to be employ'd in the Companys service.

ORDER'D that the Secretary signify to Captain Jenkins that the Board will again receive the said Ship into the Companys Service and require him to hold himself and the said Ship in readiness to proceed to China.

ORDER'D that the Redwood on board the Tavistock intended for China be landed the Engineer being in want of it for Pallisades.

The Companys Orders in the 39th. Para of of their Commands dated 25th March 1757 relating to the Island Negrais and the State of that Settlement being taken under consideration The Board are of opinion that in the present Circumstances of affairs the most adviseable Measure will be barely to keep Possession in the manner the Company direct but what particular directions are proper to be given on this Occasion is deferred for further consideration.

TUESDAY
THE 25.

Report of
the Com-
mittee for
valuing the
Houses
pull'd down
in the Black
Town.

Compensa-
tion to
be paid the
Inhabitants.

The Com-
mittee of
Works
desire an
advance.

Advanced
accordingly.

Import
Survey of
the Tavi-
stock.

Tavistock
taken into
the service.

Redwood on
board the
Tavistock
to be landed.

Negrais
Consider'd.

Resolv'd
barely to
keep
Possession.

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In Consequence of the foregoing Resolution barely to keep possession of the Negrais it is RESOLV'D that the Stores and Provisions on board the Ship Drake now lying in the Road and Consign'd by the Presidency of Bengal to the Negrais be landed here and in regard to the Ship which the Gentlemen at Bengal advise they have Freight'd on the Company's Account without mentioning the terms that it be signified to the Captain Mills the Commander that having no further occasion for that Ship the Board do as far as in them lies discharge her from the Companys Service a Letter from the Secretary to the Commander to the foregoing Effect is accordingly now wrote & approved and ordered to be enter'd hereafter.

The stores on
Drake for
Negrais be
landed here
and the Ship
discharged.

Oppajee Nynar Renter of the Chingleput Country pays in Eight thousand Pagodas (8000) in part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st February last.

Money paid
in Vizt.
Rent of
Chingleput

Number Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in One thousand five hundred (1500) Pagodas in lieu of Fifty Garce of Paddy which should have been deliver'd in, in March 1757 being six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st January 1757.

Money paid
in Vizt.
Rent of
Poonamalle.

AGREED that Thirty thousand Rupees (30000) and ten thousand Pagodas (10000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Advance to
the Commis-
sary.

The President acquaints the Board that the French Officers and others who came up from Bengal on the Drake and are now here being some of those who were taken in Chandernagore desire an advance of Three thousand Pagodas (3000) for their Subsistence and offer to draw on the Council at Pondicherry for the same agreeable to M^r. De Leyrits permission so to do as appears by a Letter now produced from M^r. De Leyrit to M^r. D'Hery the Chief of the French Officers.

Advance
to the
French
Prisoners
for their
Bill on
Pondicherry.

AGREED that the said sum be advanced them accordingly and that the Bill be endorsed to the Council at Fort S^t. David.

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

TO THE HON^{ble} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{OA}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs,

The Select Committee in consequence of a Representation from the Engineer having resolved that the Houses before the North Front of this Town should be demolished to the Distance of four hundred (400) Yards appointed Us a Committee for valuing the said Houses, and allotting Ground to the Inhabitants for rebuilding. This Commission has been executed in the exactest manner the nature of the Affair wou'd admit & tho' the greatest regard has been had to aconomy in the valuation, yet such measures have been taken to render the loss of the Inhabitants easy that it is hoped they have as much reason to be satisfied as people so circumstanced could with Justice be made. The Drawing & List here to annexed will show the situation & Number of houses demolished the new Ground allotted: and the Compensation proposed which We imagine will be the most usefull to the sufferers the sooner it is paid as they will thereby be enabled to rebuild their habitations before their Materials are stolen or otherwise dissipated.

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The value of the houses which have been demolished has been computed from the Rent some of them let at & by Judgment on others at least 180,000 Pagodas but as such a Calculation could not be depended on it has been omitted in the List & the compensation only inserted which amounts in all to 18150 Pagodas a Sum indeed for short of the above computed value but as every Person has carried of the Materials belonging to him & had an equivalent spot of Ground assign'd him, it is presumed the loss of the Inhabitants is not so heavy as might at first be supposed. There are yet several Houses remaining which must be removed as soon as they are valued & evacuated a List of them will be presented to you We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most h'ble Serv^{ts}.

GEORGE PIGOT.

JOHN SMITH.

CH. BOURCHIER.

JOHN CALL.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

24 APRIL 1758.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Finding it necessary to purchase a stock of Jaggary for the use of the present year, we request you will be pleased to make us an advance of Two thousand five hundred Pagodas for that purpose, and for the other necessary disbursements of the branch under our direction We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

JOHN SMITH.

CH. BOURCHIER.

JOHN CALL.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

THE 22 APRIL 1758.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Agreeable to your request signified to us by M^r. Secretary Du Pre' we have been on board the Ship Tavistock Benjamin Jenkins Commander & having well examined her State & Condition do find her in all Respects fit to be employ'd in the Companys Service for the Voyage intended We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

EDW^d. BURMAN.

JN^o. M^o. MATH.

WILL. ORMSTON.

FORT S^t. GEORGE

THE 25 APRIL 1758.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1758 —

TO CAPTAIN MILLS OF THE SHIP DRAKE.

SIR

The President & Council being inform'd that the Ship Drake which you Command has been Freight'd at Bengal to carry sundry Stores & Provisions to the Island of Negrais on the Companys Account but what Stores and Provisions is unknown to them as well as the Terms & Conditions on which the said Ship has been so freight'd but having receiv'd such orders from the said Company with respect to the said Island as renders it improper that any further Quantity of Stores should be transported thither on their Account I am therefore order'd by the President and Council to demand of you the Packet or Packets that you may have in Charge on the Companys Account for the Chief or Agents there and also to require of you to deliver at this Port all the Wares Stores and other things that have been laden on board the said Ship Drake on the Companys Account and consign'd to their Chief or Agents at the said Island and I am further order'd by the President & Council to give you Notice which I do hereby give you accordingly that they do hereby as far as in them lies and they lawfully may henceforth discharge the said Ship Drake from the said Companys Service, leaving the said Ship from this day forth at the Charge and for Account of the Owners thereof Dated in Fort S^t. George the 25th day of April 1758.

Sign'd by Order of the President & Council

JOS DU PRE'

Sec^y.

Receiv'd General Letter from Fort S^t. David dated 24 Instant.

Sail'd Sloop Durgou Persaad Alljuna Mana for Ballasore.

D^o. Jaggernada Persaad Jay Magee for d^o.

D^o. The Hoñble Companys Schooner Hunter Magnus Nicholson for Fort S^t. David.

Arrived Sloop Watson Alexander Ramsay sail'd from hence 27th March for the Malabar Coast but lost his Passage & returned.

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Sent by Tappies General Letter to Negapatam dated this day.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SATURDAY
29th.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25th Instant read & Sign'd.

General
Letter from
St. David.

N^o. 32 General Letter from Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council at Fort S^t. David dated the 24th Instant advising that they have sent Us their Consultation and Monthly Accounts for January and February by the Lyon Sloop.

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Letter from
Mr. Perceval
Ch & Co. Co.
at Vizaga-
patam
with their
account.

Letter from Mess^{rs}. William Perceval &c^a. Gentlemen late Chief & Council at Vizagapatam read as enter'd hereafter accompanying the Accounts of that Settlement for the Months of May & June and acquainting the Board that the Vizagapatam Snow which was employ'd in carrying the Inhabitants and their Effects to Bengal received so much damage that she could not be got ready to return in time which occasioned the Charges in the Account Current but that she is daily expected with Salt Petre for the Company & Effects belonging to the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam.

The Said Accounts are referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to examine & Report.

*Letter
from Capt.
Mills of the
Drake
Vide Cons.
25 Inst.

Letter from Captain John Mills of the Ship Drake acknowledging the Receipt of a Letter* from the Secretary and signifying that he shall comply therewith but that he is humbly of Opinion that the Ship Drake cannot be discharged from the Companys Service untill all the Goods on board her are landed and a sufficient quantity of Ballast shipped.

Letter from
the Mayors
Court
desiring the
Vacancies
may be
filled up.

Letter from the Mayors Court dated the 25th Instant read as enter'd hereafter acknowledging the Receipt of a Letter from the Secretary signifying two Vacancies by the Resignation of Mess^{rs}. Mackay & Ross and desiring that the same may be filled up as soon as possible as several of the Members by reason of sickness or absence cannot attend so that there is often a necessity of deferring the process in the Causes depending for want of Members to compose a Court which they think it necessary to represent lest the due Administration of Justice should be thereby impeded to the discredit of the Company and perhaps to the utter dissolution of the Charter.

ORDER'D that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further Considered.

To lye on
the Table

Packing
stuff from
Bengal
to be
deliv'd
the Es^t.
We HoKr.
at Invoice
price.

The Gentlemen at Bengal having sent up Forty Bales of Packing stuff on the Companys Account AGREED that the same be deliver'd to the Export Warehousekeeper at the Invoice Price he being under Contract for packing the Companys Bales at a stipulated Price.

List of fine
Goods
to be
provided.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter a List of Fine piece Goods to be provided as Extracted from the List of Investment receiv'd by the last Ships, in which the Company having signified that they should not regard a small Advance in the Price of Betteelas to have them of a Superior quality and the Merchants insisting that they cannot promise any amendment without an Advance Agreed that five ₹ Cent be added to the last Years prices.

Advance on
Betteelas of
5 ₹ Ct.

Rent for
Tripossore.

The President reports from the Select Committee that Cheppermall Chittee is ready to pay in the sum of Nine thousand five hundred and seventy seven Pagodas sixteen fanams and fifty nine Cash (9577-16-59) for the Ballance of the May and September Kists 1757 & the May Kist 1758 of the Tripossore Rent assign'd by the Nabob an Account whereof is stated in the Minutes of the Committee.

to be
received
into the
Treasury.

ORDER'D that the same be receiv'd into the Treasury.

Batta
on the Ex.
of Pags.
paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Twentyfour thousand fanams (24,000) amounting at the rate of thity-six fanams to the Pagoda to Six hundred and sixty-six Pagodas twenty-four fanams (666-24-0) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Six thousand Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams ₹ Pagoda and brought to Account at the rate of thirty six fanams ₹ Pagoda.

Money paid
in by Imp^t.
Ware
HoKr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Twenty five thousand one hundred (25,100) on his running Account.

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Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Three thousand (3,000) Pagodas on his running Account.	Sea Customer.
Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas thirty one fanams and twenty six Cash (666-31-26) for the March Balance of that Account.	Land Customer.
Charles Bouchier Rental General and Scavenger pays in Twelve hundred (1200) Pagodas on Account of Quit Rent.	Rental General.
Cheppermall Chittee (on account of his Father Linga Chittee deceased) Renter of Covelong pays in Four thousand Pagodas for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1 st . February last.	Rent of Covelong.
Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Farmer of the Town Brokerage pays in One thousand four hundred and five Pagodas (1405) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th . Ultimo.	Do. of Town Brokerage.
Chinna Nella Chittee and Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence pay in Six hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams in full for One months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo.	Do. of Arrack License.
AGREED that the following Advances be made for the Current Charges of the month Viz ^t .	Advances to.
To the Paymaster Thirteen thousand Pagodas (13,000) for the Current Charges of that employ.	Paymaster.
To the Military Paymaster Seven thousand one hundred Pagodas (7100) for the Charges of that Employ.	Military Paymr.
To the Military Storekeeper Seven hundred Pagodas (700) for the Charges of that employ.	Military Storekr.
AGREED that the following Advances be made to the Companys Merchants on Account of the Investment.	To the Investmt.
To Cheppermall Chittee and Servannah Chittee for the provision of Fine peice Goods Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000).	Cheppermall and Servannah Chittee Fine peice Goods.
To Cheppermall Chittee and Servannah Chittee for fine Long Cloth and fine Salempores Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000).	Do. Do.
To Mootemar Chittee for the provision of five peice Goods Ten thousand Pagodas (10000).	Mootemar Chittee Fine peice Goods.
To Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah for the provision of fine peice Goods Five thousand Pagodas (5000).	Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah Do.
To Nella Chittee for the provision of fine peice Goods Five thousand Pagodas (5000) And	Nella Chittee Do.
To Cheppermall Chittee and Servannah Chittee for the provision of Coarse peice Goods Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000).	Cheppermall & Servannah Chittee Coarse peice Goods.

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

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TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL,
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,

This Accompanies the Vizagapatam Accounts for the month of May and June 1757 also a List of the Hoñble Companys Plate saved there.

The Vizagapatam Snow which was employed in carrying the Inhabitants and their Effects to Bengal receiv'd so much Damage in her Passage that She could not be got ready to return in the limited Time which Occasion'd the Charges in the Account Current of this date She is daily expected from thence with Salt Petre for the Hoñble Company and some Effects belonging to the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam We are with the greatest Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

FORT S^r. GEORGE.
31ST. MARCH 1758.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from your Secretary of the 18th Instant intimating that upon the application of M^r. George Mackay one of the Aldermen and Judges of the Mayors Court to resign that Place and Office You had accepted his resignation thereof, & that you purpose shortly to fill up the vacancy occasioned thereby, as well as the vacancy made by the Resignation of M^r. Andrew Ross, late one of the Alderman & Judges of the said Court.

In Answer to which the Court have order'd me to acquaint you, that it is their Earnest desire that those Vacancies should be filled up as soon as possible, and at the same time to represent to your Honour & c^a. the particular hardship a few Members of the Court (on whom the Burthen of attendance is thrown) labour under occasioned by the ill state of health of Mess^{rs}. Claud Russell & Hugh Norris, & the Absence of M^r. Henry Brooke appointed Resident at Puliacat by which & the Resignations abovementioned, the Number of Members capable of attending is reduced to five only, two of whom being interested in suits now depending are thereby disqualified to sit as Judges, when any matter relative to those such occurs, the Process of which has been frequently deferr'd thro' the want of other Members to compose a Court as some, even of the remaining Members thro' the Nature of their Employments in the Companys service, have at certain times Omitted giving their attendance.

All which matters are offered to your Hon^r. & c^a. Consideration, lest they should prove the means of further Impeding the due Administration of Publick Justice to the discredit of the Company and Perhaps to the utter dissolution of the Charter.

I am

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,
Your most Obedient Servant,

DAN^l. MORSE,

Reg^r.

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TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,

I receiv'd yesterday a Letter from your Secretary M^r. Du Pre' wherein he tells me that you are inform'd the Ship Drake which I Command has been Freightd at Bengal to carry Sundry Stores to the Island of Negrais on the Companys Account and that he was order'd by you to demand of me the Packet or Packets that I may have in Charge on the Companys Account for their Chief or Agents there and also to deliver at this Port all the Wares Stores & other things that have been laden on board the said Ship Drake on the Companys Account and consign'd to their Chief or Agents at the said Island and further to give me Notice that you have as far as in you lies discharged the said Ship from the said Companys Service from that day. In compliance with which order I shall deliver the Packet and Goods as soon as possible, but as to the Ship being discharged from the Companys service I am humbly of Opinion that cannot be done till the Goods are all out and a sufficient quantity of Ballast Ship'd on board I am with the greatest Respect.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs
 Your most Obedient hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

FORT S^r. GEORGE.
 26 April 1758.

JOHN MILLS.

LIST OF FINE GOODS ORDER'D TO BE PROVIDED IN THE LIST OF INVESTMENT DATED 1757.

						P.	f.	c.	Pieces.
Long Cloth Superfine	..	..	..	..	N ^o . 1	114	—	—	⌘ Corge 800
					2	104	18	—	
Moorees Ordinary	..	..	..	..	1	26	21	48	5000
					2	24	25	16	
Moorees Fine	..	..	..	..	1	49	14	32	2500
					2	45	21	48	
Moorees Superfine	..	..	..	..	1	74	3	48	800
					2	70	10	64	
Sastra Cundees	..	..	..	..	1	28	18	—	2500
					2	26	21	48	
Calliapore	..	..	..	..	1	27	2	56	500
					2	25	6	24	
Romalls Metchlepatam	..	..	..	..	1	40	13	40	2000
					2	38	—	—	
Ginghams blue strip'd	..	..	..	..	1	23	27	—	200
					2	21	30	48	
Ginghams Red striped	..	..	..	..	1	29	16	16	200
					2	27	19	64	
Moorees Ordinary Chints	..	..	..	..	1	26	21	48	1000
					2	52	9	—	
Moorees Fine Chints	..	..	..	..	2	49	14	32	1500
Beteelas Oringal	..	..	..	..	1	57	—	—	2000
					2	52	9	—	
Beteelas Puliacat 2 Covids broad	1	93	3	48	1800
					2	83	21	48	
Beteelas Puliacat 3 Covids broad	1	142	18	—	500
					2	133	—	—	

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LIST OF FINE GOODS ORDER'D TO BE PROVIDED IN THE LIST OF INVESTMENT DATED
1757—cont.

	P.	f.	c.	Pieces.	
Beteelas Puliacat 4 Covids broad	1	247	—	—	200
	2	228	—	—	
Beteelas	25				1000
	26				
Beteelas	28				1000
	29				
Lampasses	1	33	9	—	500
	2	31	12	48	

MAY

MAY 1758.

- 1 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 23^d. April.
— D^o. D^o. from DeveCotah dated 27th do.
- 3 Sail'd Sloop Lyon William Sutherland for Bengal. Upon a Report made from the Select Committee by the President that Admiral Pocock had engaged a French Squadron the 29th Ultimo to the Northward of Pondicherry who after a Smart Action of two hours bore away and that Mr. Pocock had desired that all the recover'd Men in the Kings Hospital might be sent to him as soon as possible, it being Resolved that all the Recovered Men with One hundred Lascars be embark'd on the Tavistock and dispatch'd to the Admiral now lying off Sadrass an Order to Captain Jenkins for that purpose is signed of this date.
- 4 Pursuant to order of yesterday the Recovered Men in the Kings Hospital and 100 Lascars were embarked on the Tavistock in order to be sent to the Admiral but the Southerly Winds blowing so strong that little success can be expected from working to Windward it is Resolved that the said Men be sent to the Admiral in Boats and an Order to the Commander of the Tavistock to deliver them is now signed accordingly.
- 8 Receiv'd from Fort St. David General Letter dated 5th. Instant.

Recovered
Men in
the Hospital
to be sent
to Mr.
Pocock &
Tavistock.

Counter-
manded.
Men to be
sent in
Boats.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

WEDNES-
DAY THE
10TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 29th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
Letters read.

From
St. David.

N^o. 33 and 35 From Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the rest of the Council at Fort St. David The first dated the 26th. Ultimo acquainting Us that since the arrival of Tonneveroy Pillah they have had several Meetings to endeavour to settle his Affairs and get in the Debts due to him but to very little purpose that all his Effects were sold sometime ago by order of the Mayors Court and they see very little probability of recovering any of his Debts there and as to those owing to him by persons in the Country they do not see how they can be of any assistance in the recovering of them as the persons are out of their Power enclosing an Account of Debts said to be due to him here which they look upon to be as desperate as those there, concluding that they have no reason to think Tonneveroy had any Intention to settle his Affairs having left his Accounts

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at Madrass and upon the whole think there are little or no hopes of recovering his Ballance. That as to the Ballance due from him and Govindah Chittee which is about Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas the latter says he owes Three thousand (3000) which he is willing to pay at the rate of Two hundred (200) Pagodas ₹ Month and for the remaining Four thousand (4000) due from Tonneveroy he has four Houses and a Garden made over to him which may go towards discharging it, upon all which they wait our directions observing however that Confining them will have no effect as they have found by those who have already been dealt with in that manner. The other dated the 5th Instant enclosing the Articles of Capitulation for the Town of Cuddalore which was Surrendered to the French the 4th not doubting but that step will be approved when they lay their reasons before Us and advising that the French Prisoners have been delivered and a proper receipt taken agreeable to the Article in the Capitulation.

N^o. 34 From M^r. James Bouchier Esq^r. of DeveCotah dated the 27th Ultimo acquainting Us that he has ballanced his Storehouse & other Accounts and was in hopes to have finished his General Books but on making a tryal Ballance finds they do not strike but is in hopes soon to discover the Error, desiring a supply of Stationary Remarking that it has been Customary there to bring to Account the Pay advanced the Military the 1st of the Month in the preceding Months Account by which there will appear only Eleven Months by the Books the Month of May 1756 not being Extant to rectify which in future he proposes to write off that Charge in the close of his Books. That the Renter is bringing in the Grain he is to deliver by his Cowle that when the whole is delivered the Quantity in Store including what has been before laid in will amount to One hundred and Fifty Garce (150) which he thinks more than sufficient for that Garrison desiring therefore our directions whether any part should be disposed of but observing that the Market Price is not above half the price at which it was purchased.

General
Letter from
DeveCotah.

The Letter from Fort S^t. David of the 5th Instant with the Articles of Capitulation of Cuddalore are referr'd to the Select Committee.

Fort St.
David
Letter
referr'd
to the
Select
Committee.

The Consideration of Tonneveroy Pillahs Affairs mention'd in the General Letter from Fort S^t. David N^o. 33 and the disposal of the Grain at DeveCotah remark'd in the General Letter from thence N^o. 34 is deferr'd untill the Seige of Fort S^t. David now carrying on by the French be determined.

Tonneveroy's
Affairs
deferr'd also.

Disposal of
Grain at
DeveCotah.

The matter relative to the Accounts in the Letter from DeveCotah N^o. 34 are referr'd to the Accountant.

DeveCotah
referr'd
to the
Accountant.

Some doubts having arisen since the departure of Colonel Adlercron in regard to the Powers of appointing General Courts Martial whereby the Tryals of several persons confined for desertion and other Crimes have been for a considerable time deferr'd and as the same doubts do still subsist without any probability of finding a satisfactory solution Colonel Lawrence lays before the Board a Letter which is read as enter'd hereafter representing that as the bad Consequences which must attend the Continuance of any difficultys in so material a Point are too Evident especially at this time when operations of the utmost Consequence to the Interest of the Nation in India are to be expected and it is therefore highly necessary to find some remedy he is willing to sacrifice his Opinion to the Publick Service and to decline taking on him that Power altho' by the Terms of the Act of Parliament and of his Majesty's Commission

Doubt in
regard to
the Power
of appoint-
ing Courts
Martial

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for holding Courts Martial he judges it devolved on him upon Colonel Adlercron's departure requesting only that his Letter may be Register'd for his Justification in case it should be determined in England that the Power did properly devolve upon him being only anxious for the good of the Service and that he may not suffer in his Character as an Officer in his Majesty's on the Companys Service.

Proposed to put the King's Troops in orders to Embark that the Power may devolve on the Presdt. & Council. Question put.

But as the General difficulty arising upon the 3^d Article of the Act for Punishing Mutiny and desertion &c^a. in India still remains altho' it be obviated with respect to Colonel Lawrence by his aforementioned Letter, it is proposed as an Expedient to remove the doubts that the said 3^d Article may create to put all the Kings Troops in orders to Embark on His Majesty's Squadron, and after mature deliberation. The Question being put "Whether it is the Opinion of the Board that in case the King's Troops be so put in Orders the Power of appointing General Courts Martial will then devolve on the President & Council."

Resolved by Majority.

RESOLV'D by the President M^r. Powney M^r. Orme and M^r. Smith that the Power of appointing General Courts Martial will in such case devolve on the President & Council.

Colonel Lawrence assents with a particular remark.

Colonel Lawrence agreeable to his aforementioned Letter is of Opinion that the Power is lodged in him, but approves of the Expedient proposed and thinks that in such case the Power will devolve on the President & Council.

Mr. Bourchier's dissent.

M^r. Bourchier dissents to the Expedient proposed and delivers in his reasons in writing as follow Viz^t.—

"I Dissent to the Expedient proposed of putting his Majesty's Troops in Orders to embark on board the Squadron because I cannot take upon me to determine that this will disqualify Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence who bearing the Commission of Lieutenant Colonel in his Majesty's Service by the following Clause seems clearly pointed out to me as Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces for the time being Viz^t. Para. 3 of the Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion &c^a" That "when and so long as any of his Majesty's Forces shall be employed to act in Defence of the said Company's Settlements or to assist against any of their Enemies in the East Indies the Power of appointing Courts Martial or Authorizing such appointment as aforesaid shall be in the Commander in Chief of such his Majesty's Forces for the time being Besides this is an Expedient which cannot serve at all times, for Instance in case the Town is invested and it should be necessary to try any of his Majesty's Train of Artillery by a General Court Martial.

The Majority being of Opinion that in case the King's Troops be put in Orders to embark on board his Majesty's Squadron the Power of appointing General Courts Martial will devolve on the President & Council.

The King's Troops to be put in Orders. Warrant for holding Court Martial & for Judge Advocate to be prepared.

RESOLV'D by the said Majority that they be put in Orders accordingly. That a Warrant be prepared to be sign'd by the President & Council for holding a General Court Martial on Friday the 19th. Instant, and another Warrant appointing Charles Todd Esq^r. Lieutenant in the Companys Service Judge Advocate.

Letter from the Mayrs. Court with their Cash account for the 6 Mos.

Letter from the Mayor's Court read as enter'd hereafter accompanying their Cash Accounts from the 1st January to the 30th. April last the Ballance whereof laid out by the Court more than they have receiv'd being Thirty Eight Pagodas and forty three Cash (38-0-43) they desire may be paid them signifying also that in future Copys of their Cash Accounts shall be sent in like manner twice every year at the time of Ballancing the Accountant General's Books.

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ORDER'D that the said Ballance be paid accordingly.

Balance to be paid them.

A Certificate from the Accountant General of the Mayor's Court being presented to the Board, that Robert Orme Esq^r. is to pay in the Sum of three thousand and forty eight Pagodas twenty seven fanams and twenty Cash Account the Estate of William Lindsay deceased. A Receipt is now sign'd for the same.

Cert. from Accot. General for money paid on Account Estate Wm. Lindsay.

There being two Vacancies of Aldermen in the Mayor's Court occasioned by the Resignation of Mess^{rs}. George Mackay & Andrew Ross, M^r. Walton Steevens Merchant of this Place is proposed as a proper person to fill up one of the said Vacancies And he is chosen accordingly an Alderman of the Mayor's Court.

Mr. Walton Steevens appointed an Alderman.

ORDER'D that the usual Notice be given thereof.

The President acquaints the Board that application has been made to him by one Bussopah Chittee a Merchant in this Place of good Credit and supposed to be a Man of Substance to be employed in the Company's Investment.

Bussopah Chittee admitted a Company's Merchant.

This being the only person who has hitherto made any proposals since the receipt of the Company's Orders of 1754 except the old Merchants and those mentioned in Consultation the 3^d March 1755 the Board are willing to give all proper Encouragement, He is therefore now called in and acquainted by the President that the Board have Consented to make a tryal of him and that he may depend on their favor and Assistance in proportion as he shall shew himself deserving of it by his performance, recommending to him to be particularly attentive to amend the Quality of the Manufacture which he promises and requests an Advance of Five thousand Pagodas to make a beginning which is Granted.

AGREED that the Tavistock be dispatch'd to Canton in Eight or ten days and that the Silver landed from her in October last be shipp'd off to the same Consignment as before.

Tavistock to be dispatch'd to Canton.

M^r. Bouchier desires leave to Freight about One hundred Candys of Cotton on the Tavistock for Canton at the usual rate which is permitted at the Freight of Six Per Cent on the Invoice.

Mr. Bouchier desires to Freight Cotton on Tavistock Granted

AGREED that fifteen Garse of Salt, Twenty Bales of Long Cloth Ordinary and Thirty Barrells of Gunpowder be laden on the Marlborough Snow at Freight for Bencoolen.

Salt L.O.C. & Gunpdr. to be laden on the Marlbo^r Snow for West Coast.

The President acquaints the Board that the Mint Contractor objects to the Dollars receiv'd from Bengal alledging that they turn out much worse than their usual Standard which should be

Mint Contractor refuses the Dollars being worse than usual.

Viz^t. Mexico dwts 3 } worse than Standard.
Pillar dwts 4 }

ORDER'D that the Silver be Assay'd by the Assay Master and Reported.

To be Assay'd & Reported.

The President acquaints the Board that M^r. George Mackay is desirous of having a Lease of a Peice of Ground on Choultry Plain a plan or Ground Plot whereof is now laid before the Board containing three Millions four hundred and forty eight thousand One hundred and Fifty Feet of Superficies.

A Lease of a Peice of Ground on Choultry Plain granted to Mr. Mackay.

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AGREED that a Lease be granted him on the following Conditions Viz^t. The Term Ninety nine years a Fine on Granting the Lease of Thirty Pagodas The Rent one Pagoda ₹ Annum if demanded, a Fine of Thirty Pagodas at the expiration of every thirty years of the term and at the expiration of Ninety nine Years the Ground with all Buildings and improvements to revert to the Company.

April Cash
Account
read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Five thousand five hundred and sixty one Pagodas twenty nine fanams and seventy one Cash (5,561-29-71) which is carried forward.

Money paid
by the
Beetle &
Tobacco
Farmer.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

AGREED that Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ.

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

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

The Want of General Courts Martial since Colonel Adlercron's Departure occasion'd by the doubts which have arisen as to the proper Authority for making the Appointment has been to me a subject of much Concern.

The bad Consequences which must attend the Continuance of any Difficultys in so material a Point are too evident especially at this time when Operations of the utmost Consequence to the Interest of the English Nation in India are to be expected.

It becomes therefore Gentlemen highly necessary to find some Remedy to so dangerous an Evil and although by the Terms of the Act of Parliament and of His Majesty's Commission for holding Courts Martial I cannot help judging that the Power devolves to me upon Colonel Adlercron's departure yet am I willing to sacrifice this Opinion to the Good of the Service and to decline taking upon me that Power requesting only that this Letter may be registered for my Justification in Case it should be determined in England that the Power did properly devolve upon me and that I ought to have acted accordingly, I am only anxious for the Good of the Service and that I do not suffer in my Character as an Officer in His Majesty's or the Company's Service.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient and most h^{ble} Servant,

FORT S^T. GEORGE
10TH. MAY 1758.

STRING^R. LAWRENCE.

THE HOÑBLE COMPANYS CASH.						DR.			CONTRA.			CR.		
	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.		PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	
1 To Ballance brought from last months account ..	22301	45091	65	23553	19	65	1	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation ..	70	..	70	—	—	
14 To Current Pagodas recd. from the Treasury ..	17000	..	..	17000	—	—	..	By Mootemar Chittee advanced him on account of the Compy's Investment	20000	..	20000	—	—
15 To Confiscated Houses recd. of Messrs. Lopes & De Castro for Rent of the House the Corner of Charles Street from 12 th Jañry, 1756 to 12 th April 1758 being 27 Months @ 12 Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ Month	324	324	—	—	18	By Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favor of Torose account the Cause Cheriman <i>versus</i> Torose.	686	27	20	686	27	20
.. To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	311	22404	—	933	12	—	..	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad	10000	..	10000	—	—	
.. To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty recd. of him in full for One Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo .. .. .	..	9660	—	268	12	—	..	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him to pay the Inhabitants whose Houses have been demolished in the black Town as a Compensation for their losses	18150	..	18150	—	—
25 To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingleput Country recd. of him in part of six months Rent of that Farm due 1 st February	8000	..	..	8000	—	—	29	By Fort St. David remitted thither in a Bill of Exchange drawn by Mr. D'Hery upon the Council of Pondicherry for the Subsistence of the French Prisoners here ..	3000	..	3000	—	—
Carried over	47936	77165	65	50079	7	65	..	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that employ	4000	324000	—	13000	—	—
							Carried over	55906	324027	20	64906	27	20	

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THE HONBLE COMPANYS CASH.						CONTRA.							
CASH.			DE.			CONTRA.			CR.				
PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.		
Brought over	47936	77165	65	50079	7	65	Brought over	55906	324027	20	64906	27	20
.. To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country recd. of him in lieu of 50 Garce of Paddy which should have been deliver'd in March 1757 being (with P. 10000 paid 1 February 1757 P. 10000 paid 3 March 1757 & P. 4325 paid 22 ^d April 1757) in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due 1 st February 1757	1500	..	..	1500	—	—	.. By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the charges of that Employ	7000	3600	—	7100	—	—
29 To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of them on his running Account	25000	3600	—	25100	—	—	.. By Charles Bouchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that employ..	700	..	..	700	—	—
.. To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account	3000	..	..	3000	—	—	.. By Cheppermall Chittee and Servannah Chittee advanced them for the Provision of Fine Long Cloth & fine Sallampores.	20000	..	..	20000	—	—
.. To Henry Powney Land Customer recd. of him for the March Ballance of that Account	388	10039	26	666	31	26	.. By Cheppermall Chittee & Servannah Chittee advanced them for the provision of fine peice Goods	20000	..	..	20000	—	—
.. To Charles Bouchier Rental General & Scavenger recd. of him on Account of Quit Rents.	700	18000	—	1200	—	—	.. By Mootemar Chittee advanced him for the provision of Fine peice Goods	10000	..	..	10000	—	—
.. To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..	70000	..	..	70000	—	—	.. By Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah advanced him for the Provision of fine peice Goods	5000	..	..	5000	—	—
							.. By Nella Chittee advanced him for the provision of fine peice Goods ..	5000	..	..	5000		

.. To Linga Chittee Farmer of Covelong reed. of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due 1 st Febry.	4000	..	4000	—	—
.. To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Farmer of the Town Brokerage reed. of him in full for six Months Rent due the 12 th March.	1405	..	1405	—	—
.. To Chinna Nella Chittee and Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License reed. of them in full for one Months Rent due 12 th Ultimo .. ..	..	23430	—	650	30
.. To Batta for the produce of Pags. 6000 Issued as ⌘ Contra & Exchanged into fanams at the rate of forty fanams ⌘ Pagoda & brought to account here @ 36 f ^s ⌘ Pag .. ..	..	240000	—	6666	24 —
PAGODAS ..	153929	372225	11	164268	21 11

.. By Cheppermall Chittee & Servannah Chittee advanced them for the provision of Coarse Goods	20000	..	20000	—	—
.. By Batta Issued in the Course of the month to be Exchanged into fanams	6000	..	6000	—	—
	149606	327627	20	158706	27 20
By Ballance carried to next months account ..	4323	44597	71	5561	29 71
PAGODAS ..	153929	372225	11	164268	21 11

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ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1758 —

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Agreeable to an Order of the Honble the Mayors Court, I now transmit your Honor & c^a a copy of their Cash Account commencing the first day of January and ending Ultimo April 1758 whereby you will observe that the Court have laid out a Ballance of thirty eight Pagodas and forty three Cash (38-0-43) which sum they desire your Honour & c^a will be pleased to Pay them.

I am likewise directed by the Court to acquaint you that Copys of their Cash Accounts will be in future continued to be sent you twice every Year at the time of Ballancing the Books of the Accomptant General

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servant,

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^t.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
MAY 8TH. 1758.

- 11 Arriv'd Ship Elizabeth John Meyer from Bengal.
- .. Sail'd Sloop Watson Alexander Ramsay for Bengal.
- 16 Sail'd Ship Mary, William Ormston for Bengal.
- 18 Arriv'd Snow Darling, Alexander Balneaves from the Malabar Coast.
- 19 Sloop Hazard Roger Woodburne from Cochin. Sloop Mary Collin Campbell from Ceylon.
- .. Sail'd Brigantine Mahamud buxie, Nayel Mahomud for Pondicherry & Quedah.
- Sail'd Sloop Watson Christopher Oliphant for Bengal.
- .. Receiv'd General Letter from DeveCotah dated 8th Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SATURDAY
THE 20TH.

The Book of standing orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 10th Instant read & Sign'd.

General
Letter from
DeveCotah
read.

N^o. 36 General Letter from M^r. James Bourchier Chief at DeveCotah dated the 8th Instant read advising that he has drawn on us for Ten thousand Rupees in favor of Bocanjee Cossidoss and that he drew on Us the 4th Instant for three thousand Rupees payable to the same Person.

Bills from
DeveCotah
paid.

The Bill for Three thousand Rupees (3,000) drawn and advised as above was paid the 12th Instant and the other for Ten thousand (10000) Rupees being now presented is ordered to be paid.

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Letter from Mess^{rs}. Mordecai Walker &c^a. Supra Cargos of the Tavistock dated the 13th Instant read as ener'd hereafter desiring That Five thousand Pounds may be added to the Tavistocks Treasure in order to enable them to purchase the whole Quantity of Raw Silk order'd by the Company for both the Ships which were Consign'd to them.

Supra Cargoes of Tavistock desire an addition to their Treasure of £5000.

AGREED that Five Chests of Silver of that landed from the Norfolk be added to the Consignment by the Tavistock.

5 Chests of the Norfolk silver to be laden on Tavistock

Another Letter from Messrs. Mordecai Walker &c^a. Supra Cargos of the Tavistock dated the 18th May accompanying a Packet directed to themselves and said to contain one Set of the Hon^{ble} Companys Instructions to them & List of Investment which if we should send them another Ship, they desire may be forwarded by that Conveyance which is ordered to be complied with.

Supra Cargoes of the Tavistock deposite a Packet to be forwarded to them by another Ship.

AGREED that Five French Prisoners of War now in the Garrison be sent to Europe on the Tavistock and the Secretary is ordered to give the Commander Notice to receive them as Charterparty Passengers.

5 French Prisoners to be sent to Europe by Tavistock

Letter from M^r. John Pybus Assay Master read as entered hereafter containing his report of the Assay of the Bullion in the Treasury whereby it appears that the Pillar Dollars turn out five penny weights and the round or Mexico Dollars five and a half penny weight worse than Standard.

Assay Master reports the Assay of Bullion

ORDERED that the Bullion be deliver'd to the Minters at the abovemention'd Assays being the true value and that the remaining part of those Dollars from which the Assays were cut as well as a few of the other Dollars promiscuously taken from the rest be sent home by the first Ship advising the Court of Directors thereof and requesting that they will be pleased every year to have the silver they send out Assay'd in the Tower and transmit Us the report thereof for our Guidance.

To be deliver'd to the Minters.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the said Committee Judging it necessary in the present Circumstances of affairs to lay in stores of every kind for the use of the Garrison in case of a seige have Agreed on a List of what they think proper & sufficient and have allotted to the Gentlemen in the several Employes the proportion to be provided by each of them, desiring therefore that the necessary sums may be advanced for that purpose.

Report from the Select Committee of their resolution to provide Garrison provision against a seige.

AGREED that a head be open'd on the General Books for each of the Gentlemen appointed to provide the said Stores and Provisions particularly for that purpose and that a General head be also open'd with the Title of GARRISON PROVISIONS by which the particular heads are to be ultimately clear'd And there being now under Charge of the Export Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper sundry Stores which properly fall under that head such as Rice, Paddy, Salt Provisions, Arrack & Sugar ORDER'D that they be wrote off to that head accordingly.

Head to be open'd on the General Books on that Occasion

to which sundry stores to be wrote off.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that finding the Rice purchased out of the Prussian Ship in 1756* decaying he by the Presidents direction had used all means to sell it in small Quantitys by exposing it to Sale in the Botiques in the Buzar but there still remains about Thirty three Garce which is much decay'd. ORDER'D that the remainder sold at Outery in small quantitys for the most it will fetch.

* Cons. 5 April 1756.

Rice purchas'd in 1756 being decayed to be sold at outery.

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Allowance for Traveling Charges to Messrs. Perceval & Andrews and the Cos. Servants Prisoners of War to have the same Allowance as before.

AGREED that one Hundred Pagodas be allowed Mr. William Perceval late Chief of Vizagapatam and Fifty Pagodas to Mr. John Andrews late Resident at Bandermalanka for their Travelling Charges after the Capture of those places and that they and all other of the Company's Servants who are Prisoners of War have the same Allowances agreeable to their respective Rank in the service as they would have receiv'd had they not been Prisoners.

2 Setts of Surgeons Instruments to be purchased.

The Surgeons representing that they are in want of Capital Instruments for the use of the Garrison and that two good Setts are offered to sale ORDER'D that they be purchased on the Companys Account.

Mr. Mackays fine for a peice of Ground paid in.

The Secretary pays in Thirty Pagodas (30) recd. by him of Mr. George Mackay as a fine for a peice of Ground on Choultry Plain Agreed to be Leas'd to him at the last Consultation.

Rent of Chingleput paid in.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingleput Country pays in Six thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas (6250) which with Pagodas Eight thousand (8000) paid in the 25 April is in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st February last.

Advance to Mr. Powney for Garrison Provisions.

Mr. Henry Powney requests an advance of Three thousand Pagodas (3,000) to provide Garrison Provisions which is granted.

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

MADRAS 13TH MAY 1758.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,

As the time of our dispatch draws near and our hopes that we shall arrive early enough to procure the Companys whole quantity of Raw Silk for the two Ships. We think it incumbent on us to acquaint you that with the Stock we now have and what is before sent to China there will not be sufficient to purchase more there of this then for one Ship, as the Price is so much advanced and the Contract for it cannot be made without three Quarters paid at first in ready money this done we shall not have where withall to purchase the other ships Moiety which may be hurtfull to our Hoñble Employers Interest as they seem very desirous to have this part of their Orders punctually complied with so that if your Honour &c^a. think proper to increase our present Stock Five thousand pound we shall have enough to compleat the whole as likewise room to carry it from China in this Ship if another should not reach Us We are further to remark to you SIR & SIRs the soonest you can dispatch a Ship from hence after

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us she will be too late to procure what we now address you about We imagine this Conducibile to our Principals Advantage & therefore submit it to your determination.

We are
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

MOR. WALKER.
NATH. GARLAND.
THO^s. SANDYS.
THO^s. SMITH.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^s. & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We take the Liberty of leaving with you a Packet directed to ourselves at CANTON containing the Hoñble Compy^s. Instructions & list of Investment as we have two setts that if Your Honour &c^a. sends us another Ship this may be forwarded by the Captain with care to Us. We are

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant,

MADRAS
MAY THE 18TH. 1758.

THO^s. SANDYS.
THO^s. SMITH.
MOR. WALKER.
NATH. GARLAND.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^s.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

Agreable to your directions I have Assay'd the Bullion in the Treasury and now present you with the following Report thereof.

5 Assays of Square or Pillar Dollars turned out on an Average 5 dts W^t.
than Stand^d.

5 D^o. of Round or Mexico Dollars do. 5½ D^o.

The above Assays were made of Peices cut off from ten Dollars of each sort taken promiscuously from as many Chests and are therefore most likely to be the Standard of the whole.

I am very Respectfully
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Serv^t.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
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JOHN PYBUS.

Sign'd General Letter to Mess^{rs}. Mordecai Walker &c^a. SupraCargos of the Tavistock also Dispatch to Captain Jenkins of that Ship to Canton dated this day. 22

Sail'd the Hoñble Companys Ship Tavistock Benjamin Jenkins for Canton. 23
Arriv'd Ship Prince Edward, Edward Roch from Musquat & Bombay.

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- 26 Arriv'd Sloop Hertford Edward Tuckey from the Mallabar Coast last from Negapatam with a General Letter from Tellicherry dated 30th April & one from Anjengo dated 6 May.
- Sail'd Ship Prince Edward, Edward Roch for Bengal.
- 28 Arrived Ketch Boneta, John Edwards from Bombay.
- 29 The Cowles for the Farms of DeveCotah & S^t. Thome expiring the 31st Instant were this day put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate after due Notice and let to the highest bidder as under Viz^t.
- DEVE COTAH for One year commencing the 1st June next to Cheppermall Chittee for Five thousand two hundred Pagodas (5200) This Farm let last year for Pagodas 7100.
- S^t. THOME' for one year commencing the 1st. June next to Colasiah for Three thousand five hundred and twenty Pagodas (3520) This Farm let last year for P. 3740.
- 30 Arriv'd Brigantine Tatae Murad, Hussman from Surat.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*TUESDAY
THE 30TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
 ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
Letter from
Tellicherry.

N^o. 37 From Thomas Hodges Esq^r. Chief & c^a. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 30th April acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 31st January and acquainting Us that nothing material has happen'd since their Chief last wrote to the Committee which he will continue to do, that the Ships York Lord Anson & Prince Edward were finally dispatch'd from Bombay the beginning of April and that they are in daily expectation of the Hawke that a Ship formerly the Success Galley lately anchor'd in Mahe' Road and Saluted under Danish Colours tho' they are well inform'd the Commander and Officers are French, and that they hear that thirteen French Officers from Mahe' have taken passage for this Coast on board a Danish Ship at Calicut.

General
Letter from
Anjengo.

N^o. 38 From John Spencer Esq^r. Chief & c^a. Factors at Anjengo dated the 6 Instant accompanying a Box Packet for the Honble Court of Directors and a Letter to be forwarded with it to Europe by the first Ship being obliged to take this Conveyance as the Ships from Bombay left the Coast on the appearance of bad Weather without calling there.

Committee
of Accounts
report on
the home
Accounts,

A Report read and enter'd hereafter from the Committee of Accounts dated the 24th Instant on the Accounts of this Presidency from the 1st October Viz^t.

CASH
 TREASURY
 MINT
 IMPORT WAREHOUSE
 LAND CUSTOMS

} to the end of April 1758.

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SEA CUSTOMS	}	to the end of March 1758.
EXPORT WAREHOUSE		
PAYMASTERS	}	to the end of February 1758.
MILITARY PAYMASTERS		
STOREKEEPERS		
MILITARY STOREKEEPERS		

Signifying that they had inspected the said Accounts without finding any irregularitys and therefore are of opinion that they may be pass'd AND they are now passed accordingly. The said Committee further reports that they have also examined the Engineers Accounts from 20 May 1757 to the end of February 1758 and think they may likewise be passed but recommend to the Consideration of the Board whether the carrying of Earth by Boats which is now paid for after the rate of one and a half fanam for one hundred Baskets may not be perform'd cheaper by Contract—The Engineers Accounts are also now passed and the Consideration of the Contract recommended by the Committee is deferr'd untill the Attention of the Board shall be less engaged in the more material Concerns now under their Care.

Passed.

Reference for further Consideration.

Another report read and enter'd hereafter from the Committee of Accounts dated the 27th Instant on the Accounts of the Out Garrisons Viz^t.

Another Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Out Garrisons passed.

ARCOT	}	from the 1 st . of January to 30 th April 1758.
CHINGLEPUT		
CARANGOLY		
and		
TRICHINOPOLY		from the 1 st May to 31 st December 1757.

Signifying that they have inspected the said Accounts and have nothing to add to their former Reports on the subject of those Disbursements adding that Captain Caillaud at Trichinopoly writes that the Accounts of that Garrison from 1st. January to 30th April only wait for a safe Conveyance to Madras All the said Accounts are therefore now passed.

Another report read and enter'd hereafter from the Committee of Accounts dated this day on the General Books of Vizagapatam Factory to the 20th. June 1757 the day that Settlement was surrender'd to the French which they think are fit to be passed and they are now passed accordingly and the Ballance of Cash remaining in the hands of M^r. William Perceval the Chief at the time of the Surrender of that Settlement being Seven thousand eight hundred and sixty two Pagodas twenty seven fanams and twenty seven Cash (7862-27-27) is now by him paid into the Honble Companys Cash.

Another from the committee of Accounts on the books of Vizagapatam.

A certificate dated 2^d November 1746 granted by the then President & Council to Solomon Salomons for Two thousand Arcot Rupees is now Presented for Payment, This being the Certificate mentioned in the Companys General Letter of the 24 January 1753 is now order'd to be paid with Simple Interest to the day of the receipt of that Letter on the 24th July 1753 the whole Principal and Interest amounting to Three thousand and seventy six Rupees seven Annas and one pice (3076-7-1).

A Certificate to Solomon Salomons dated 1746 paid.

The Import Warehousekeeper Reports that upon the Broad Cloth Consign'd from Bengal to the Negrais by the Drake and which has been landed here he finds Twenty peices damaged by the Worm.

Some damaged Broad Cloth to be sold.

ORDER'D that it be sold at Outcry at such time as the Import Warehousekeeper shall think it may best answer.

The President represents to the Board that the Surgeons have frequently complain'd to him of the great inconvenience they suffer for want of a proper place for a Dispensary having no other at present than a Godown where their Medicines and drugs lye in Confusion The President also acquaints the Board

Two House in Charles Street to be bought for the Company.

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that Coja Shamiers House in Charles Street (next to that adjoining to the Admiralty House and which was Agreed to be purchased for the Company in Consultation 9 January) may be made commodious & fit for the purpose and that the two Houses are valued together at Two thousand six hundred Pagodas, which being judged a Moderate price AGREED that they be both purchased for the Company.

Captain Richard Smith refuses to sit at a Court Martial.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Richard Smith had refused to set [sic] as a Member at the General Court Martial appointed for the purpose mentioned in Consultation the 10th Instant alledging that he had some scruples in regard to the legality of the Powers by which that Court was assembled and therefore could not in point of Conscience sit in Judgment of Life or Death on the Prisoners to be tried.

Referr'd to the Presidt.

The Board submit it to the President to do therein as he shall think best.

Bills passed for Paym^t.

The following Bills are now laid before the Board and passed for Payment Viz^t.

BY THE EXPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER.

To Cheppermall Chittee	for Salt for the West Coast .. P.	240	—	—
To d ^o	for Redwood	2810	7	16
To Catchalla	for d ^o	628	10	18
To Muckendo	for d ^o	43	7	33

BY M^r. ORME FOR GARRISON PROVISIONS.

To Robert Turing	for Pease & Doll	R ^s . 1251	4	72
To d ^o	for Rice	P. 1198	40	16
To Nella Mootah Chittee	for d ^o	1303	29	—
To Nellana Chittee	for d ^o	726	26	53
To Robert Orme for Colonel Clive.	for Wheat	67	7	70
To Aaron Nunes	for d ^o	170	7	52
To Captain Jenkins	for d ^o	467	27	72
To Coparty Verassum	for Grain	650	—	—
To d ^o	for d ^o	366	23	18
To Vencatachilum	for Salt	27	33	60
To Robert Orme for Cap ^t . Crichton.	for Wax Candles	440	31	55
To Captain Mills	for d ^o	76	23	5

Batta on Pagodas exchanged paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Thirty two thousand fanams (32000) amounting at the rate of Thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to Eight hundred and Eighty eight Pagodas thirty two fanams (888-32-0) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Eight thousand Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams ₹ Pagoda & brought to account at the rate of 36. Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Two thousand two hundred Pagodas (2200) on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Three hundred and two Pagodas two fanams and fifteen Cash (302-2-15) for the April Ballance of that Account.

Land Customer.

Arrack Farmer.

China Nella Chittee and Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License pay in Six hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams (650-30-0) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

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AGREED that Nine hundred and seventy Pagodas (970) be paid to the Owners of the Ship George for the Ballance of the Account of Freight or hire of that Ship taken up in Consultation the 23^d March 1756 for a Guard Ship at the Negrais and discharged from that Service the 30th March 1757 being 12 Months and 7 days of which Nine Months were paid the 29th January 1757 at the rate of Three hundred Pagodas ₹ Month. Ballance of Freight of the George to be paid.

AGREED that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand Rupees (20000) and Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) for the Charges of the Troops abroad. Advances to

To the Export Warehousekeeper Five thousand Pagodas (5000) to pay for Redwood and other Charges of that Employ. The Commissary.

To Robert Orme Six thousand Pagodas (6000) to pay for Garrison Provisions. Advances to Expt. Ware Ho.Kr.

To the Paymaster Sixteen thousand (16000) Pagodas for the Charges of that employ. Mr. Orme for Garrison Provisions.

To the Military Paymaster Seven thousand Pagodas (7000) for the Charges of that employ. Paymaster.

To the Military Storekeeper Two thousand five hundred Pagodas (2500) for the Charges of that Employ. Military Paymaster.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The Home Accounts being laid before the Committee from 1st. October 1757 to the Periods observed below Viz^t.

CASH.	}	To the end of April 1758.
TREASURY.		
MINT.		
IMP ^t . WAREH ^o .		
LAND CUSTOMS.		
SEA CUSTOMS.	}	To the end of March &
EXP ^t . WAREH ^o .		
PAYMASTERS.	}	To the end of February.
MILITARY PAYM ^r .		
STOREKEEPER.		
MILITARY STOREK ^r .		

were inspected and no Irregularities being observ'd We give it as our Opinion that they may be pass'd in Council.

The Engineers Accounts from 20th May 1757 to the end of February 1758 have likewise passed under the Committees Examination & may, we think likewise be passed but We observe in the Charges of Fortification that in all

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those Parts where Earth can be brought by Water Boats are employ'd to bring it at the rate of One hundred Baskets for one fanam and a half it is certain that the same Earth cannot be brought at so cheap a Rate by Cooleys but it is possible it may be brought by the Boats at a still cheaper Rate It might not be improper to contract for the hire of these Boats & We recommend it to the Consideration of the President & Council.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants,

FORT ST. GEORGE.
24 MAY 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We have inspected the Accounts of the Out Garrisons Viz^t.

ARCOT.

CHINGLEPUT.

CARANGOLY.

} from the 1st. January to 30th. April.

Likewise those of Trichinopoly from 1st. May to 31st. December 1757 and have nothing to add to our former Reports on the subject of Disbursements.

M^r. Orme acquaints Us that he is advised by Captain Caillaud that the Trichinopoly Accounts from 1st. January to 30th. April 1758 only waited for a safe opportunity of being sent into Madras.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants,

FORT ST. GEORGE.
27th. May 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We are to acquaint you that on M^r. Percevals laying before Us the General Books of Vizagapatam Factory ending 30th. April 1757 We directed him to bring forward the Ballances to open another set of Books and to close them to the time the Place was surrender'd to the French 20th. June 1757. This has been done & those Books have been laid before Us & examined.

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The form is in Method the Ballances due to the Company at that Period and the Heads of the Companys Property then remaining there are wrote off to Account Current Fort S^t. George & in the Books of the Presidency will be regularly adjusted.

M^r. Perceval at our first meeting represented to Us that on his taking Charge of the Settlement a Note for Rupees 379-12-0 or Pagodas 126. 21. was deliver'd to him as a part of Cash tho' it was a very dubious debt & had been in that manner kept on the Books & transmitted from Chief to Chief.

We gave it as our opinion that it might be wrote off to Profit and Loss, as it appears to us he had never receiv'd the Money and this is done in the final Books.

He likewise represented to Us that in the Intention of obeying the Secret Committees Orders for sending away by Sea the Company's Effects in case of Damage he had kept four Bar Boats for this Service which otherwise he could have saved by sending to Bengal We acquainted him that We thought there would be no objection to the Companys paying him for those Boats & the amount Pagodas 394. 26. 42. is likewise wrote off to Profit & Loss.

The Charges of the Arcot Snow employ'd for carrying the Inhabitants & Effects to Bengal AR^s. 2732 Pagodas 718. 34. 8. is likewise wrote off to Profit & Loss which We think may be admitted.

We have nothing else to remark & think the Book may be pass'd.

The Ballance of Cash remaining due from M^r. Perceval to the Company is Pagodas 7862. 27. 27. and Orders should be given for receiving it from him.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants,

GEORGE FIGOT.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

JAMES ALEXANDER.

FORT S^t. GEORGE.

30 MAY 1758.

June 1758.

Sail'd Sloop Tartar, Thomas Henderson for Sadrass D^o. Brigantine Tatae Morad, Hussain for Bengal. 1

Arrived Sloop Speedwell, John Johnson from Bengal with General Letter from the President & Council there dated the 4th. April. 2

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

SATURDAY
2^d. JUNE.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 30th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

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General
Letter from
Bengal.

N^o. 39 From Roger Drake Esq. President &c^a. Council at Bengal dated the 4th April read, advising that they wrote Us by the Boscawen Grantham and Fox and have receiv'd our Letter of the 7th March by the George Sloop and the Gunpowder sent by the Speedwell That M^r. Pigots receipt for the Companys Bonds account M^r. Barwell is cancelled. That they hope the abovemention'd Ships will arrive here in April as they did their utmost to dispatch them from thence as soon as possible after they receiv'd advice that no French Squadron was on the Coast.

Report
of the
Committee
of Accounts.

Report of the Committee of Accounts dated this day read as ener'd here- after representing that they have examined the Export Warehousekeepers and Sea Customers Accounts for the Month of April, and the Commissarys Disbursements from November 1757 to 30th. April 1758 and that they are of Opinion the said Accounts may be passed. The said Accounts are now passed accord- ingly.

6 Capt.
Commissions
order'd.

The President & Colonel Lawrence representing it to the Board as necessary for the Service to make six New Captains of Infantry and recommending the undermention'd Gentlemen now Lieutenants AGREED that Commissions be given them accordingly to rank as follows.

JOHN PERCEVAL	..	..	..	..	29 th . May 1758
DONALD CAMPBELL	..	..	..	..	30 th . d ^o .
ANDREW GRAIG	..	..	..	..	31 st . d ^o .
THOMAS NEWTON	..	..	..	..	1 st . June.
RICHARD BLACK	..	..	..	..	2 ^d . June.
JOHN FRANCIS DE BECK	..	..	..	..	3 ^d d ^o .

CASH
Account
for May
read.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eleven Thousand Nine hundred and eighty Pagodas sixteen fanams and ten Cash (11980. 16. 10.) which is carried forward.

Advances
to the

AGREED that the following Advances be made.

Commissary.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand Rupees (R^s. 20,000) for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Military
Paym^r.

To the Military Paymaster Two thousand Pagodas (2000) for the Charges of that Employ and

Mr. Smith
for Garrison
Provision.

To John Smith Six thousand Pagodas (6000) to provide Garrison Provi- sions.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIEB.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH				DR.			CONTRA							
	[PA.	FA.	CA.]	PA.	FA.	CA.]		[PA.	FA.	CA.]	PA.	FA.	CA.]	
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	4323	44597	71	5561	29	71	1	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation ..	70	..	70	— —	
..	To Current Pagodas recd. from the Treasury ..	20000	..	..	20000	—	—	..	By the Committee of Works advanced for providing Materials ..	2500	..	2500	— —
10	To Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General of the Mayors Court recd. of Robert Orme Esq ^r . Account the Estate of William Lindsay deceased	3048	27	20	3048	27	20	10	By the Commissary advanced Robert Orme for the Charges of that Em- ploy	10000	..	10000	— —	
..	To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Beetle & Tobacco received of him for one Months Rent of that Farm due 12 Ultimo	311	22404	—	933	12	—	18	By Bussopah Chittee advanced him on Account of the Investment ..	5000	..	5000	— —	
20	To Rents & Revenues recd. of M ^r . George Mackay as a fine for a peice of Ground on Choultry Plain leased to him for 99 years as R Book ..	30	..	..	30	—	—	25	By Henry Powney advanced him to provide Garrison Provisions ..	3000	..	3000	— —
..	To Oppajee Nynar Renter of the Caingleput Country recd. of him (with Pagodas 8000 paid in the 25 th . April is in full) for six months Rent of that Farm due 1 st February last	6250	..	..	6250	—	—	30	By the Commissary advanced Robert Orme for the Charges of that Em- ploy	10000	..	10000	— —
30	To Vizagapatam Factory recd. from William Perceval late Chief & Cash-keeper there the Ballance of Cash at the Capture of that Settlement ..	7862	27	27	7862	27	27	..	By the Export Warehouse-keeper advanced Robert Orme for the Charges of that Em- ploy	5000	..	5000	— —	
..	Carried over ..	41824	67056	28	43686	24	38	..	By the Paymaster advanced John Smith for the Charges of that Em- ploy	6000	360000	—	16000	— —
..								..	By the Military Paymaster advanced John Smith for the Charges of that Em- ploy	7000	..	7000	— —	
								..	By the Military Storekeeper advanced Charges Bour- chier for the Charges of that Em- ploy	2500	..	2500	— —	
								..	Carried over ..	51070	360000	—	61070	— —

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH				D ^r .			CONTRA						
	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]	
	41824	67056	38	43686	24	38	51070	360000	—	61070	—	—	
Brought over ..							Brought over ..						
.. To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..	35000	..		35000	—	—	.. By Robert Orme advanced him to provide Garrison Provisions ..	6000	..	6000	—	—	
.. To the Sea Customer recd. from Henry Powney on that Account ..	2200	..		2200	—	—	.. By Negrais paid the Owners of the Ship George the Ballance of the Freight or hire of that Ship stationed in Cons. 23 ^d . March 1756 as a Guardship at the Negrais ..	970	..	970	—	—	
.. To the Land Customer recd. from Henry Powney for the April Ballance of that Account ..	120	6554	15	302	2	15	.. By Houses purchased of Coja Shaumier in Charles Street paid the purchase money of the two Houses adjoining to the Southward of the House called the Admiralty ..	2600	..	2600	—	—	
.. To Chinna Nella Chittee & Vademala Pillah Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd. of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th . Ultimo ..	..	23430	—	650	30	—	.. By the Mayors Court advanced them for the Ballance of their April Cash Account & for the further Expences of the Corporation ..	108	43	108	—	43
.. To Batta for the produce of Pagodas 8000 Issued in the Course of the Month as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at the rate of forty fanams ⌘ Pagoda & brought to account at the rate of 36 fanams ⌘ Pagoda ..	..	320000	—	8888	32	—	.. By Batta Issued in the Course of the month to lie exchanged into Fanams as ⌘ Contra ..	8000	..	8000	—	—
							68748	360000	43	78748	—	43	
							By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	10396	57040	10	11980	16	10
							STAR OF CURR ^t . PAGODAS ..	79144	417040	53	90728	16	53

ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL.

OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

The President having recommended to us to take all Opportunitys of inspecting the monthly Accounts of this Settlement, as soon as they should be prepared by their respective Offices & to present our Reports of them, as soon as examined. We are now to acquaint you that the Export Warehouse & Sea Customers Accounts for the month of April have been lay'd before us, & that We have nothing particular regarding them to take Notice of. We have likewise examined the Commissary Generals Accounts of Disbursements of Cash from November 1757 to the 30th of April 1758 which Disbursements were supported by proper Vouchers and We give it as our opinion that all those Accounts may be passed. We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

FORT S^T. GEORGE.

JUNE 3^D. 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

JAMES ALEXANDER.

Sail'd Snow Marlbrō Richard Knightly for Fort Marlbrō with General Letter dated 3^d. Instant. 4

Sail'd Ship Sally Richard Finlay for Bengal. 5

D^o. Ketch Boneta John Edwards for D^o. —

Arriv'd Admiral Pocock from the Southward with his Majesty's Squadron under his command of the following Ships. 6

Yarmouth.

Elizabeth.

Cumberland.

Tyger.

Weymouth.

Newcastle.

Salisbury.

Queenborough and the Compsys Ship.

Protector.

Sail'd Ship Drake John Mills for Pegue. 6

D^o. Snow Darling Alexander Balneavis for Bengal. —

D^o. Sloop Goore Persaad Harydoss for Ballasore. —

Arrived Ship Victoria J Marinhe from Puliacat. 8

Sail'd Sloop Mary Colin Campbell for Bengal. —

D^o. Sloop Betsy Ninian Louis for Bengal. —

Arriv'd Ship Edingburgh David Scott from Bombay with General Letter from the President and Council there dated 29 April. 9

Arrived Snow Nancy, Stephen Jveson from Bombay. —

Sail'd Sloop Alla Bux Delal Cawn for Ballasore. —

Arrived Sloop Tartar, Thomas Henderson from Sadras. 10

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Sail'd Brigantine Gertruyda John de Castro for Bengal.

12

Sail'd Ship Elizabeth John Myer for Bengal.

Receiv'd from Fort S^t. David General Letter dated the 4th. Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 3^d. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
Letters read
From
Bombay.

N^o. 40 From Richard Bouchier Esq^r. President & Governor & c^a. Council at Bombay dated the 29th April advising that their last was by the Tavistock since when they have not heard from Us That by the Arrival there of the Thames from Bengal the 17 March they were enabled to dispatch home the Prince Edward, York & Lord Anson fully laden the 8th. April.

General
Letter from
St. David.

N^o. 41 From Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the Council at Fort S^t. David dated the 4th Instant advising that they Surrender'd that place by Capitulation the 2^d Instant the Articles of which they enclose That the 2^d Article relating to the Exchange of Prisoners is to remain in Force provided We order those at Trichinopoly to Pondicherry otherwise the Garrison are to remain Prisoners of War & That the Companys Servants Civil and Military are part gone and the rest going to Pondicherry.

Referr'd to
the Select
Committee.

The abovemention'd Letter from Fort S^t. David and the articles of Capitulation are referr'd to the Select Committee to do therein as they shall see proper.

Amount of
Ingeram
Cloth paid
Mr. Calland.

An Account Sortment of Cloth provided at Ingeram by M^r. Calland and sent before the Capture of that place to Bengal and receiv'd from thence by the Warwick is now laid before the Board amounting to Two thousand one hundred and thirty one Pagodas thirty two fanams and twelve Cash (2131-32-12) which Sum is order'd to be paid M^r. Calland agreeable to resolution taken in Consultation the 20th. December last.

Lieutt.
Brooke
made Capt.
Lieutt. of
2d. Com-
pany of
Artillery.

Upon the recommendation of the President & Colonel Lawrence AGREED that a Commission be granted to Lieutenant Jonathan Brooke to be Captain Lieutenant of the Second Company of Artillery.

Advance
to the
Commissary.

AGREED that Twenty Thousand (20000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ.

Rent of
Beetle &
Tobacco.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933. 12. 0.) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

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Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty pays in Two hundred and sixty eight Pagodas twelve fanams 268. 12. 0. for two Months Rent of the measuring Duty due the 12th Ultimo. Measuring
Duty.

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

Arriv'd Sloop Madina Mootial from Tranquebar.	13
Sail'd Sloop Tartar Thomas Henderson for Puliacat.	16
Sail'd Ship S ^{ta} . Catharina Francis De Rosario for Macao.	17
D ^o . Sloop Sadashava Persaad Dool Majee for Ballasore.	—
Arriv'd Brigantine Victoria Peter Francis from Bengal.	22
Sail'd Sloop Hertford Edward Tuckey for Bengal.	—
Receiv'd General Letter from Mess ^{rs} . Fairfield, Sloper & Newton at Tranquebar dated 17 Instant.	23

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

FRIDAY
THE 23RD

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 12th. Instant read & Sign'd.

N^o. 42 General Letter read from Mess^{rs}. Richard Fairfield, Robert Sloper and Andrew Newton at Tranquebar dated the 17th. Instant advising that M^r. Fairfield was just arriv'd there and had inform'd them that by the Articles of Capitulation for the Surrender of Fort S^t. David the Companys Servants both Civil & Military are to be exchanged for the Gentlemen taken at Chandernagore, desiring that they may have the benefit of that Exchange when it takes place and when they are made acquainted therewith they will return to their Duty being desirous of rendering the Company all the Service in their power. General
Letter from
Mr. Richd.
Fairfield
&ca.
at Tranque
bar.

The foregoing Letter is referr'd to the Select Committee.

Letter from M^r. James Alexander Sub-Accomptant and M^r. George Stratton Steward read containing their report relating to the Companys Furniture a particular account whereof accompanys the said Letter. Report
relating to
the Com-
pany's
Furniture.

ORDER'D that the several deficiencies arising from wear & decay be wrote of to Profit & Loss. That it be referr'd to the Committee of Works to value all such Articles as have not yet been brought on the Books and that they be carried to Account as such valuation and that the Gentlemen in the several employs give the Steward Receipts for all Furniture under their Care and that the Paymaster also give him a Receipt for Furniture provided for the Squadron and other uses mention'd in the 7 Paragraph. Orders
thereon.

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Mr. Hancock appointed one of the Surgeons of this Presidency.

AGREED that M^r. Tyso Saul Hancock late Surgeon of Fort S^t. David be appointed and he is accordingly appointed to be one of the Companys Surgeons at this Presidency and to act as such in all things jointly with Mess^{rs}. Robert Turing and James Wilson the other Surgeons.

Diet & Salary due to M^r. Heath to be paid.

An Account is now laid before the Board of Salary Diet & Travelling Charges due to M^r. Thomas Heath Viz^t. salary from 25th. September 1753 to February 1758. Diet from 30th. June 1757 to 7th. March 1758 and thirty Pagodas for Travelling Charges amounting together to Three hundred and seventy nine Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifty Cash (379-29-50.) which is order'd to be paid.

Rent of Salt Pans paid.

Pombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans pays in Four hundred and fifty seven Pagodas eighteen fanams in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant.

Advance to M^r. Smith for Garrison Provision.

AGREED that Four thousand Pagodas be advanced M^r. John Smith to purchase Garrison Provisions.

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

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL.
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS,

1. In Consequence of your Orders We now lay before you an account of the Hon^{ble} Companys Furniture & c^A. at this Settlement with the several deficiencies arising thereon from the 1st. May 1746 to 30th. April 1757 collected from the General Books Paymaster and Engineers, all which are particularly specified under the heads of the several persons who have now charge thereof to whom We leave it to assign reasons for deficiencies.

2. Having observ'd in the Course of Our proceedings some Omissions & Irregularities in the account of Dead Stock belonging to the Company We think it a part of Our Duty to lay them before your Honour & c^A.

3. Upon M^r. Brohiers departure for Bengal he deliver'd Us an account of Instruments & c^A. under his care as Engineer with an account of others at Fort S^t. David & Deve Cotah which We now deliver in & have only to observe that they have never been carried to account of dead Stock or household necessary's We have also to remark that sundrys under the head of Dead Stock which have been sent to the Negrais still remain under that head.

4. We likewise lay before you a List of Sundries under the care of the respective Persons therein mention'd which we cant find were ever carried to Account.

5. In the Military Paymasters Books in October 1754 We take notice the Charges under the head of Dead Stock for Horses and Furniture the Particulars whereof we now deliver in.

6. The Company is charged for Cotts supplied the Military at the Barracks and Hospital and the amount carried to the head of Dead Stock in the Paymaster's Books. As no one has Charge of this Article and as they are continually in want of Repair we humbly conceive Charges Garrison as much proper Head.

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7. We submit it to your Honour &c^a. Consideration whether it is not proper that Receipts shou'd be given the Steward by the several Persons who are in Charge of the Company's Furniture and whether the Paymaster should not give him one for sundrys provided by the Company for the Accommodation of His Majesty's Squadron & Land Forces, also for several Articles now in the Mainguard Room (for the use of the Officers on Guard) S^t. Thome' Gate and the Companys Stables, as his Conicoplys have generally had Charge thereof.

8. We have only further to remark that it is now upwards of ten Years since great part of the Companys Furniture has been provided and of consequence is grown very old and some useless We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

JAMES ALEXANDER

Sub Accompt.

GEORGE STRATTON

Steward.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
THE 23^d. JUNE 1758.

Sail'd Sloop Hazard, Roger Woodburne for Bengal.

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D^o. Sloop Goree Persuaad, Laul Doss for Ballasore.

28

D^o. Sloop Gourdonna Persuaad Laul Doss for Ballasore.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FRIDAY
THE 30TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 23^d. Instant read & Signed.

The President acquaints the Board that the Select Committee having taken under Consideration the pernicious Effects of Spirituous liquors among the Solidiery and having found that the many means which have been tried to prevent the immediate Use of them ineffectual Were of Opinion that for the preservation of the lives & health of the Military on whose Service so much at this time depends it was adviseable to abolish the Arrack Farm and that no person should be permitted to sell any Arrack in the Bounds except only in the White Town under the inspection of a proper Officer That in Consequence of the Committees opinion he had order'd the Arrack Farmers distillery to be shut up and forbid their selling any arrack by way of trying what might be the Effect among the Military & had at the same time directed the Arrack Farmers to draw out an account of the losses they should sustain thereby for two months, in consequence whereof they had deliver'd him two Memorials which he now lays before the Board. The same being read (as enter'd hereafter the Board after having deliberated thereon came to the following Resolutions which the Secretary is Order'd to signify to the Arrack Farmers Viz^t.

Deliberation
in abolishing
the Arrack
Farm.

RESOLVED that the Arrack Farm be suspended for the space of two Months from the 19th Instant the day the Presidency forbid the Distilling and selling of Arrack and that all persons be forbid the Selling of Arrack on any pretence whatsoever except as hereunder.

Resolution
thereon.

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THAT Whereas the Arrack Farmers have set forth in their Account that they have in their Godown twenty six Leaguers of Batavia and Eighteen hundred Bottles of Pariar Arrack by which they must suffer a great loss if they are forbid the Sale They are permitted to retail the same in the White Town to the Military at their usual Godown price in such Quantitys as shall be thought reasonable under the Inspection of a proper Officer.

THAT in Consideration of the Arrack Farmers being precluded from the benefit of their Cowle for two Months, the Rent for that time is remitted them being thirteen hundred Pagodas.

THAT they be allowed Eighty three Pagodas eighteen fanams for two months Interest on the value of their dead stock and One hundred and Eighty Pagodas for Servants Wages as charged in their Account and no other Allowance whatever.

The Expt.
Ware HoKr.
Accot.
Profit &
Loss for the
Books endg.
Ultmo.
April 1758
Approved.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board the Account of Profit & Loss gain'd and Lost from 1st May 1757 to Ultimo April 1758 together with the Journal Entrys for the close of the Books of that Employ which the Board approve and Order to be enter'd hereafter.

Batta on
the Ex. of
Fanams
paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Forty thousand (40000) fanams amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to eleven hundred and eleven Pagodas four fanams (1111-4-) being the difference of Batta on the exchange of Ten thousand Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams to the Pagoda & brought to account at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagodas.

Money paid
in by the
Imp't. Ware
HoKr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Eight hundred and fifty (850) Pagodas on his running Account.

The Sea
Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

The Land
Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Two hundred and Eighty two Pagodas ten fanams and fifty six Cash for the May Ballance of that Account.

Advances
to the

AGREED that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

Paymaster

To the Paymaster Seventeen thousand (17000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military
Paym^t.

To the Military Paymaster Eight thousand two hundred (8200) Pagodas to pay the Military &c^a. next Month.

6 Months
Pension paid
Poona-
mallee
Killedar.

AND that five hundred (500) Pagodas be paid to the Widow and Brother of the late Killedar of Poonamallee for six months pension which will be due the first of next month.

GEORGE PIGOT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

The Memorial and request of China Nella Chittee and Vadamalla Pillah Arrack Farmers.

SHEWETH.

THAT whereas your Honor was pleased to acquaint us that you intend to stop the Distilling & selling of Arrack for two Months and desired that we should let you know what Detriment it will occasion to the Arrack Farm, We now beg leave to set forth hereunder only the heads of such that they think most necessary, & reasonable to ask upon that Occasion.

We desire you will buy up all the Batavia & Pariar Arrack that are now in the Godown at the Godown Price which will serve for the Garrison & at the same time enable us to pay the Company The two Months Arrears of their rent and Discharge some very little part of those Debts that have been contracted for the Farm.

We desire & hope you will think it reasonable to allow us Interest for two Months on the value of the Godown Utensils &c^s. and Jaggery that is now in the Godown as also on the Account of those Sums that have been Advanced to the several Contractors for the providing of Jaggery which is to be supply'd for the Use of the Godowns hereafter.

We desire we may be freed from Paying the Companys rent for two Months being the time beforementioned in which no Sale will be Permitted.

If the Sale of Arrack should cease these two Months it will surely disuse the People from the Practice of it by which reason there is no Probability of expecting a good Market for it afterwards untill April next; for this is the most Plentifull time of the Year to make money by the sale of Arrack. The other Months of the Year being but Deadly Season, We beg some recompence also may be granted to us for our being so Unfortunate as to suffer our Profits to be taken away now when there are great hopes of reaping good Advantage and for the future when you shall permit Us to Distill & sell Arrack as Usual We beg you will make an Abatement of Two hundred & fifty Pagodas every month untill the beginning of April next from which time. We promise to pay the usual Rent of Six hundred & fifty Pagodas a Month in fanams at 36 fanams ₹ Pagoda. As We expect a great Importation of Toddy, Jaggery Arrack Root & Firewood from our Contractors every Month, we shall want some money to pay Custom and Cooley hire thereupon and likewise all the Usefull Servants of the Godown are to be still continued in the Service that we may have them for the Conduct of the rent for the future. We therefore beg you will Permit Us to Distill Arrack and sell in the Mount, S^t. Thome' and other Villages round about Madras as Usual that we may get a little Money for the aforesaid purposes and we promise to take care it shall never be brought into the Town of Madras nor sold to Europeans.

There are about 250 large Pots of Toddy mixt with a good Quantity of Jaggery valued after Distilling it to Pagodas 187-72 which will be all spoiled if you stop the Distilling of it suddenly now But if you will be so good as to permit us to Distill it which will require eight days we shall save the above-mentioned sum thereby that otherwise the ceasing of Distilling it will cause us to lose and for which we beg we may be also paid for.

In case your Honor don't think proper to comply with all our requests above set forth then We pray you will buy up all our stock Godown Utensils &c^s. by paying their prime cost and Interest and pay us all our Chārgés & expenses with Interest (which we shall give you an account of hereafter) and We further pray you will be pleased to give us proper Compensation for giving

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up the Proffits, which we expected & would have reaped had we enjoy'd the Libertys and Authorities mention'd in the Cowle during the whole Term of five years and then we shall give up the Cowle.

Account Particulars of the Detriment which will sustain to the Arrack Farm if we should not be permitted to Distill and vend arrack for two months. Batavia Arrack remaining in the Godown 26 Leag^{rs}. @ 100 P Leag^r 2600

	Bot ^s	Bot ^s	P.	f.	p.
Pariar Arrack 1800 @ 12 P Pagoda			150		
				P. 2750	
Godown bought for			P. 1385		
Utensils & Copper Pots			P. 761		
Mortavan Jars			220		
Large Pots			70		
Other Furniture &c ^s			90		
Jaggery in the Godown 20 Candy value ..			100		
Arrack Root 40 Ca [']			140		
Sundry Sums advanc'd to the Contractor for providing Jaggery amounting to			2800		
			4181		
				5566	
Interest upon the above sum for two months @ 9 P Ct P Ann is			83	18	
Proffit expected to reap in this two Months which will amend the common loss that will sustain by the poor sale in other months of the Year is			2000		
Loss that shall be sustained by not Distilling the 250 large Pots of Toddy that are now in the Godown mixt with Quantity of Jaggery is			187	18	
Servants Wages for two months as P Account particulars at 90 P month			180		
					PAGODAS .. 5201

N.B.

Besides which the Companys rent is to be freed for two months In case we should be permitted to Distill and sell Arrack in St. Thome' Mount & other Villages as usual we do not expect the last Article of Servants Wages.

CHINA NELLA CHITTEE. } Arrack Farmers.
VADAMALLA PILLAH .. }

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The Memorial & request of China Nella Chittee & Vadamalla Pillah Arrack Farmers.

SHEWETH.

Since we deliver'd your Honor our last address containing an Estimate of the Loss we may sustain by suspending the Distillery & Sale of Arrack for two Months, it has Occurr'd to Us that as we have therein only mention'd the Charges without supporting them with reasons, some of them may possibly seem Extraordinary tho' in reality they are rather under than over rated, the Article that we particularly apprehend may raise your doubt is that of Pagodas 2000 for our Proffits of two Months on which we humbly crave leave to say that our expectations are founded on the large concourse of Cooleys, Artificers & Seapoys now employed in & about the place & that it was the Consideration that the Works carrying on at this Settlement would necessarily bring together a great number of Cooleys as well as the prospect of the Fleet being frequently here and the probability of a great Number of Seapoys being called in during the War that induced the bidders to bid so large a Rent for the Arrack Farm among whom we were the highest, who were

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in Expectation that the Gains which might be made under the aforementioned Circumstances might enable us should they fall off in the latter term of the Cowle to pay the Companys rent and indemnify us for the great Charges we were obliged to be at in the first setting out, to which we beg leave to add that this season of the Year is upon other Accounts the most Profitable and tho' we may reasonably during this Season expect the Proffit we have mention'd at some other times we can but barely hope to save ourselves. This we humbly refer to your honours generous Consideration begging you will be so good to do us both justice and favor that we may not be press'd by our Creditors from whom we have borrowed large Sums for the Conduct of the said Farm.

FORT ST. GEORGE

JUNE THE 22^d. 1758.

P. S. Ever since the 19th Instant we have agreeable to your Orders laid a stop to the Sale of Arrack & so there is no Sale at all.

CHINA NELLA CHITTEE. }
 VADAMALLA PILLAH } Arrack Farmers.

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Sundry Accounts Dr. to BENGAL PRESIDENCY Pagodas 3702-30-68 to rectify a mistake of Ca. 118-8-0 Salt Petre receiv'd ^{of} Snow Darling in the Month of January last which was charged to the latter account and ought to have been charged to the former with Charges.

SALT PETRE Candy 236-16	2962	10	22
CHARGES MERCHANDIZE	740	20	46

3702 30 68

PROFIT & LOSS D^r. to LONG CLOTH FINE Pagodas 7-18 for the difference between the Charge in the Invoices sent to Europe & the real cost to the Company

Sundry Accounts Dr. to PROFIT & LOSS Pagodas 68-4-54 for the difference between the charge in Invoices sent to Europe & the real cost to the Company Viz^t.

LONG CLOTH ORDINARY Verandeporum	3	—	—
LONG CLOTH ORDINARY	23	17	18
LONG CLOTH MIDLING	2	22	40
SALAMPORES MIDLING	36	16	30
SALAMPORES FINE	2	20	56

68 4 54

PROFIT & LOSS D^r. to RAW SILK Pagodas 2-1-44 for 2 lb. deficient

2 1 44

Sundry Accounts Dr. to Profit & Loss Pagodas 685-17-0 Gain'd on the following Articles Viz^t.

SALT PETRE	470	28	79
RAW SILK	214	23	78
ROMALLS METCHLEPATAM	—	—	3

685 17 —

Profit & Loss D^r. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 2582-15-57 lost on the following Articles Viz^t.

RICE	412	14	34
CHARGES ON MERCHANDIZE	1690	23	34
CALLIAPORES	—	—	2
ACCOUNT PRESENTS	477	4	57
BATTA	2	9	10

2582 15 57

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STOCK D^r. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 630254-31-57 to close the
follow^r. heads Viz^t.

THOMAS COOKE	689	1	54
PASQUAL & C ^a . BOATMEN	763	32	—
ACCOUNT CURRENT LONDON	447646	28	53
FORT MARLBRO'	8868	34	76
MATERIALS deliver'd John Call	6548	14	50
PROFIT & LOSS for neat loss	1838	13	47
BALLANCE for Goods & Cash remaining & Debts Outstanding	63919	14	17

630254 31 57

Sundry Accounts D^r. to STOCK Pagodas 336795-7-40 to close the
following heads Viz^t.

MOOTA CHELEMBRUM & WYDELINGUM	429	35	57
FORT S ^r . DAVID	50679	3	73
THE HO ⁿ BLE COMPANYS CASH	19166	24	—
LINGA & SERVANNAH CHITTEE	56014	30	33
TELLISINGA CHITTEE	8295	29	77
NELLA CHITTEE	7928	16	21
GUNDAVEDDY VENCATA RAMAH	8741	27	15
LINGA, TELLESINGA, SERVANNAH CHITTEE & GUNDA- VEDDY VENCATY RAMAH	7236	30	18
TELLESINGA CHITTEE & C ^a . MERCHANTS	23489	22	28
GUNDAVEDDY VENCATA RAMAH & NELLA CHITTEE	22708	27	66
TONAPAH, CONDAPAH & C ^a . Painters	22927	23	68
VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY	16085	2	47
MADEPOLLAM FACTORY	11232	18	—
MOOTA MAR CHITTEE	30001	8	8
SUNCA VENCATA RAMAH & AMBALATADDY CHITTEE	1667	29	8
CHEPPERMAILL & SERVANNAH CHITTEE	36261	16	30
BENGAL PRESIDENCY	13752	20	46
RICHARD STARKE	163	1	5

336795 7 40

BALLANCE D^r. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 163919-14 17 for the following Goods and Cash remaining & Debts Outstanding in these books this 30 April 1758—cont.

										Ballance D ^r . to Sundry Accounts Brought Over ..P. 100736			23	46
LAMPASSES	C ^o .	3	3@	P. 31	25	7					99	30	33	
MOOREES ORD ^r . CHINTS		5	16	26	22	20					154	14	4	
MOOREES FINE D ^o		12	2	46	15	50					561	30	41	
JUGDEA BAFTAES		3	4½	18	15	60					59	16	8	
SANNOES ORDINARY		21	16	28	7	71					615	6	26	
SANNOES FINE		7	17	48	2	65					377	14	72	
SANNOES SUPERFINE			15½	71	18	—					55	14	71	
MUSTERS CALLICOES			26½								80	9	54	
TEAKE HORSES		43									296	12	20	
REDWOOD China		516	13	2 @	P. 4		2066	22	18					
Piles		280	13	14	3		842	1	19					
Compys.		72	9	3										
				2	9		163	—	78					
Candy		869	15	19							3071	24	35	
SALT PETRE		807	13	18	13						10499	33	4	
TARPAULINS		35									249	1	70	
GOODS for PRESENTS—														
1 Pair Silver mounted Pistols							33	—	—					
16 Brass mounted Guns							236	23	—					
1 Silver mounted Gun							38	—	—					
10 Musquetoons							70	15	50					
2 Clocks							187	29	55					
3 Double lid Snuff Boxes							17	18	32					
1 large Looking Glass							12	18	—					
											595	32	57	
											67	29	76	
OIL Measures 714											166	22	40	
MATERIALS for PACKING 1 Screw &c ^a														
RICE Garce		5	90	5/8	P. 58		303	5	4					
		33	20	3/16	70		2313	19	14					
		1	110	11/16	100		127	24	15					
		39	222	1/2							2744	12	33	
CASH											401	31	67	
FORT S ^r . DAVID GOODS—														
Long Cloth Chinnamanaickpollam.														
No. 1		5	7	10 @	P. 48		360	—	—	Carried over ..	P. 120834-1-37			

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Ballance D^s. to Sundry Accounts Brought over .. P. 120834 1 37

1758—7A*

1	8		12
2	36		54
2	..	..	23		34 10
3	..	..	26		39
3	..	..	13		19 10

47	18	570	—	—
47	—	2538	—	—
46	18	1604	9	—
46	—	1794	—	—
45	18	887	9	—

Bales ..	..	111	—	..	166	10
Washing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Packing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Boat & Cooley ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

68	269	24	—	7753	18	—
2	222	—	—			
2	6	6	—			

497 30 —
8251 12 —

LONG CLOTH SALEM.

No. 1	..	..	7	10	10 @ P.	49	18
2	..	..	35	52	10	48	18
3	..	..	5	7	10	47	18

Bales ..	..	47	C ^o .	70	10		
Washing ..	..	..	..	..	..	68	
Packing ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Boat & Cooley ..	..	..	..	..	..		2

114	6					
94	—					
2	22					

3422 9 —
210 28 —
3633 1 —

LONG CLOTH WORRIARPOLLAM.

No. 1	..	..	5	7	10	47	—
1	..	..	3	4	10	46	18
2	..	..	39	58	10	46	—
2	..	..	16	24	..	45	18
3	..	..	22	33	..	45	—
3	..	..	16	24	..	44	18

Bales ..	..	101	C ^o .	151	10		
Washing ..	..	..	..	..	..	68	
Packing ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Boat & Cooley ..	..	..	C ^o .	P ^s .	..	2	
Rewashing ..	..	..	6	10	..	31	40
Darning ..	..	..	2	4	..		

245	12	—				
202	—	—				
5	22	—				
5	24	60				
1	11	40				

6897 27 —
459 34 20
7357 25 20

Carried over 19242 2 30 Carried over P. 12. 834 1 37

BALANCE D^r. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 163919-14-17 for the following Goods and Cash remaining & Debts Outstanding in these books
this 30 April 1758—cont.

Balance D^r. to Sundry Accounts Brought Over P. 19242-2-20 P. 120834-1-37

SALAMPORES MIDLING.

No. 1	12	48	23	18	1128	—	—
1	22	88	22	18	1980	—	—
2	44	176	23	—	4048	—	—
2	97	388	22	—	8536	—	—
3	5	20	22	18	450	—	—
3	35	140	21	18	3010	—	—
Bales	215	C ^o . 860			19152	—	—
Washing			31	634	32	—	—
Rewashing			15	—	16	40	—
Packing			2	430	—	—	—
Boat & Cooley			2	—	11	34	—
					1077	10	40
						20229	10 40
Long Cloth midling Blue.							
No. 1	4	6	—	46	276	—	—
2	8	12	—	45	540	—	—
Bales	12	C ^o . 18			816	—	—
Dying & Conjeeing			13	234	—	—	—
Packing			2	24	—	—	—
Boat & Cooley			2	—	24	—	—
					258	24	—
						1074	24 —
SOOT ROMALLS.							
Red	5	40	14	27	590	—	—
Blue	19	152	12	18	1900	—	—
Bales	24	C ^o . 192			2490	—	—
Packing			2	—	48	—	—
Boat & Cooley			2	—	1	12	—
					49	12	—
						2539	12 —
						43085	12 60
						163919	14 17

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Arriv'd Sloop Tartar Thomas Henderson from Puliacat. 3

D^o. The Honble Company's Ships Boscawen Benjamin Braund, Grantham John Oliver and Fox Alexander Hume from Bengal with the following General Letters one from the President & Council of Bengal, dated the 20th March and three from M^r. William Hay dated at Ingellee the 1st April relating to the dispatch of those Ships from thence. 5

D^o. Ⓕ Snow Overbeck John Mathias Lasboon from Negapatam.

Receiv'd General Letter from Tellicherry dated 31st May.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY
THE 6th

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 30th Ultimo read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

N^o. 43 General Letter from Roger Drake Esq^r. President & C^o. Council at Calcutta dated 20th March acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 20th and 25th January and advising that they send Us a particular Account of the Cloth they received from our Northern Settlements which they did not resort or examine but sent it up to Us for that purpose that the whole was intended by the Warwick but seventeen Bales having been left behind they are now sent by the Boscawen but were inserted in the Invoice by the Warwick. That they learn by a Sloop that the Warwick and Drake were arrived here and that Admiral Pocock was standing into the Road with his Squadron That by their Letters of the 21st of January We may find they took all Opportunitys to supply Us as amply and early as possible with Salt Petre, that they suppose the Vessels we hint at on which they neglected to send Us any are the Sally, Betsy Schooner and Lyon Sloop but the Owners did not apply to them for any Freight That we Take no Notice of Four hundred Bags (400) Consigned us on the Darling. That the aforementioned Letters acquaint Us of their having given Bills on the Company for the amount of M^r. Barwells Bonds which they requested might be Cancelled at the Board. That they Consign Us by the Boscawen Grantham & Fox Six thousand Bags (6000) of Salt Petre Seventy five Chests (75) of Bullion and Two Chests (2) of Gold—desiring that we will inform them as early as possible what Salt Petre We shall want for the ensuing year that they may provide accordingly and that We shall acquaint them by the first opportunity how far We can assist in Lading the Ships of this Season for Europe and whether it will be agreeable to Us to have one of the Ships they have detain'd sent up to Us in September with Four or Five hundred Bales to be fill'd up and dispatch'd home, desiring also to be informed what Surplus Pepper there is likely to be at Fort Marlbro' by December or January. That they have fixed on the 15th June for selling at Outcry the Jewels received from the Nabob in part payment of the sum stipulated in the Treaty with him desiring We will give Notice of it that any persons chusing to bid may give orders for that purpose. That if we can spare any Eighteen and Twenty-four Poundshott they desire We will send them Five thousand of each and all the small arms We can spare will be acceptable. That they have endorsed off the Europe Invoices of the Consignment to Us by the Coast & Bay Ships what part they have detain'd That a Chest of Treasure has been landed there from

General
Letter from
Bengal.

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the Grantham which has not been Claimed desiring that if any one should claim it here he may be acquainted it will be deliver'd to his Order on producing a proper power. That by the Manifest of Silver ₹ Walpole last year there appears to have been sent out on her a Chest of Treasure marked ND N^o. 1 which they find has not been landed there and the Administrator to M^r. Nathan Drakes Estate having applied to them about it they desire that if it is in our Treasury we will have it coined and placed to the credit of their Presidency and they will Account with the Administrator. That by the Boscawen they send Us the Companys Packet received ₹ Worcester and on the Fox the Packet receiv'd by that Ship.

General
Letters from
Ingellee.

N^o. 44, 45 & 46 From M^r. William Hay all dated at Ingellee the 1st April, the first on board the Boscawen advising her draft of Water &c^a. and that the Captain having refused to sign his Bills of Lading for One hundred and five Pigs of Lead which by his Account has not been receiv'd on Board and it being too late to wait for the Officers receipt from Town he has endorsed them on the Bill of Lading. The second on Board the Grantham advising her draft of Water &c^a. as usual And the third on board the Fox to the same Effect and also that he has had no Account of the Horse Furniture being on board therefore imagines it has been prevented from coming down by bad Weather which he judges proper to mention as Cap^t. Hume has sign'd Bills of Lading for the same.

General
Letter from
Tellicherry.

N^o. 47 From Thomas Hodges Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors at Tellicherry dated 31 May advising that they wrote Us the 30th April and have received ours of the 16th of that month. That the Hawke imported there the 6th May and the 13th sail'd on her destined Voyage. That the Ship mention'd in their last to be in Mahe' Road under Danish Colours sail'd the 9th May with such a Cargo as induces them to think she is design'd for Bengal.

To write to
Bengal

AGREED to write to the President & Council of Bengal That we can only say in General in answer to their Paragraph relating to the quantity of Salt Petre We shall want that if they send Us as much as they can by the Companys Ships and Vessels they dispatch to us we shall not be over burthened as our Constant demand for Gunpowder is considerable and much may be necessary for the dispatch of the Europe Shipping tho' it is impossible to ascertain the exact quantity as that depends on other Circumstances that we cannot at present advise them how far we can be assisting to them in the dispatch of a Ship in September not having yet receiv'd any advices from Europe of the Shipping intended for India this Season but we shall take the first opportunity after they arrive to write them fully on that and other material Concerns That we are unable to say any thing in regard to the Surplus Pepper at the West Coast for want of Advices from thence. That the Danish Missionary's have apply'd to Us in regard to a Chest of Silver mark'd E M F containing Two thousand two

Ozs.

hundred and eighteen (2218) Ounces by the Grantham which We imagine may be the same they take notice of, if so, We desire they will coin and receive it into Cash advising Us that We may pay the amount here. That we will get the Chest of Silver N D N^o. 1 coin'd & brought to Account as they desire.

Resolution
in regard to
the dispatch
of the
Boscawen
Grantham
& Fox.

AGREED that the Boscawen Grantham and Fox be unloaded as soon as possible, and in case no Coast & Bay Ships should arrive from England by the time they are ready to receive their Treasure for China that then only the Boscawen and Fox be dispatch'd to China and that the Grantham be loaded for Europe, but if any Coast and Bay Ship should arrive that then they be all three sent to China and the Coast & Bay Ship return'd home directly.

Secretary
to write to
the above
Commr.
to Exchange
their Europe
Gunpowder
for country.

ORDER'D that the Secretary write to the Commanders of the Boscawen Grantham & Fox that if they will exchange with Us their Europe Gunpowder for an equal quantity of ours made here they will do the Company an acceptable Service as our powder does not answer so well for Muskets as that made in Europe tho' it has been found by repeated proofs to be full as good for Cannon.

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Mr. Bouchier requests permission to Freight about Two hundred Candys of Cotton to China on the Companys Ship which is granted on the same terms as that Freight on the Tavistock Viz^t. 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ C^t. on the Invoice.

Mr. Bouchier permitted to Freight Cotton to China

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of Deficiencies in the Stores laden at Bengal on the Drake & consign'd to the Negrais which were order'd to be landed here amounting in the whole to One thousand and fifty six Current Rupees ten Annaes and nine pice (C.R^s. 1056-10-9) and he at the same time reports that no Allowance is made in the said Account for the usual Waste on the Arrack & Vinegar nor for the loss of the live Stock by Death &c^a. which at the usual rate would amount to Two hundred and seventy one Current Rupees six Annaes and four pice (C. R^s. 271-6-4) Order'd that the said Allowance be made and that the ballance being Seven hundred and eighty five Current Rupees four Annaes and five pice (C. R. 785-4-5) be demanded of the Agent for the Owners of the Drake.

Account Deficiencies in Negrais Stores from Bengal & Drake.

The Storekeeper also lays before the Board an Account of Wages due to the Crew of the Protector from the 1st. Jañry. to the 30th. June last amounting to Five thousand three hundred and Sixty Arcot Rupees eight Annaes and five pice (Ar^s. 5360-8-5) and requests an advance of Seven thousand Rupees (7000) to pay the same and other disbursements in that employ which is granted.

Account Wages due to the Protector to be paid. Advance to the Storekr. 2 Drafts from the Account General

Two drafts from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court Account the Estate of Solomon Salomons Insolvent are now presented and order'd to be paid Viz^t.

One for ninety eight Pagodas twenty one fanams and seven Cash (98-21-7) payable Solomon Salomons.

One for six Pagodas twelve fanams (6-12) payable to Charles Bouchier Esq^r. Rentall General & Scavinger.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Bodle Resident at Negapatam has by the direction of the Select Committee purchased a Sloop intended for Secret Service, for the Sum of Seven hundred and ninety nine Spanish Dollars which the late Owner now applys for, ORDER'D that the said Sum be paid him.

A Sloop purchased for Secret Service paid for.

The President also acquaints the Board that Colonel Clive has drawn on the Select Committee for Thirty thousand Rupees on Account of the Seapoys sent down on the Bengal Expedition and has duly advised the Select Committee thereof ORDER'D that the same be paid.

Draft from Col. Clive Account Seapoys to be paid

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Five thousand five hundred and fifty one Pagodas four fanams and fifty four Cash (5551-4-54) which is carried forward.

June Cash Account read.

AGREED that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

Advances to.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000) and Twenty thousand Rupees (20000) for the Charges of that employ.

Commissary

To the Export Warehousekeeper One thousand Pagodas (1000) for the Charges of the employ.

Expt. Ware HoKr.

And to Mr. Orme Two thousand Pagodas (2000) to purchase Garrison Provision.

Mr. Orme for Garrison Provision.

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

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.			D ^r .			CONTRA									
	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]	8	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]		
1	To Ballance brought from last month's Account ..	10396	57040	10	11980	16	10	8	By the Paymaster advanced Mr. John Smith for the Charges of that Employ	2000	..	2000	— —		
12	To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd. of him in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	311	22404	—	933	12	—	—	By John Smith advanced him to purchase Garrison Provisions	6000	..	6000	— —		
—	To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty rec'd. of him in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	9660	—	268	12	—	17	By Ingeram Factory paid Mr. John Calland the amount of an Account sortment of Cloth provided by him at Ingeram (as ₹ Cons. 12 th Instant)	2131	32	12	2131	32	12
16	To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury .. .	7000	..	..	7000	—	—	13	By John Smith advanced him to purchase Garrison Provisions	4000	..	4000	— —
23	To Poombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields & Salt Pans recd. of him in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	457	18	—	457	18	—	30	By the Paymaster advanced Mr. John Smith for the Charges of that employ	5000	432000	—	17000	— —	
—	To the Import Warehouse-keeper recd. of Henry Powney on that Account.	800	1800	—	850	—	—	—	By the Military Paymaster advanced Mr. John Smith to pay the Military &c ^a . next month	8000	7200	—	8200	— —	
—	To the Sea Customer received of Henry Powney on that Account	1900	3600	—	2000	—	—								
—	To the Land Customer recd. of Henry Powney for the May Ballance of that Account	139	5158	56	282	10	56								
	Carried over ..	21003	99680	66	23771	32	66		Carried over ..	27131	439232	12	39331	32	12

Brought over ..	21003	99680	66	23771	32	66
— To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury ..	20000			20000	—	—
— To Batta for the Produce of 10000 Pagodas Issued as ⌘ Contra and Ex- changed into fanams at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda & brought to Account at 36 fanams ⌘ Pagoda ..	..	400000	—	11111	4	—
STAR OF CURRENT PAGODAS ..	41003	499680	66	54883	—	66

Brought over ..	27131	439232	12	39331	32	12
— By Batta Issued in the course of this month to be exchanged into fanams as ⌘ Contra	10000	..		10000	—	—
	<u>37131</u>	<u>439232</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>49331</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>12</u>
By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	3872	60448	54	5551	4	54
	<u>41003</u>	<u>499680</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>54883</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>66</u>
STAR OF CURRENT PAGODAS ..	41003	499680	66	54883	—	66

ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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- 1 Sail'd Sloop Speedwell John Johnston for Puliacat.
 10 D^o. Sloop Taura Persuad Faquier Magy for Ballasore.
 — D^o. Gopaul Persuad Laul Doss for Ballasore.
 11 D^o. Ship Edinburgh David Scott for Bengal with General Letter to
 the President & Council dated the 10th Instant.
 — D^o. Sloop Allahbux Laul Cawn for Ballasore.
 12 D^o. Ship Victoria Marinho for Puliacat.
 D^o. Sloop Madina Mootiah for Tranquebar.
 13 Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 8th June.
 17 Arriv'd Sloop Speedwell John Johnston for Puliacat.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY
THE 17TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th Instant read & Sign'd.

General
Letter
from
Bombay.

N^o. 48 General Letter from Richard Bouchier Esq^r. President & Governor &c^a. Council at Bombay dated the 8th June read acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 10th & 24th April with a Packet from Bengal and acquainting Us that they have given directions for Building a Sloop for the Service of the West Coast agreeable to our desire.

Letter from
Mr. Best
desiring to
go to China
&c^a.

Letter from M^r. Marmaduke Best read as enter'd hereafter representing that he has for some years past had but a very indifferent state of Health and finding from the opinion of the Doctors that there is little reason to expect any amendment from the help of Medicines he is desirous of trying a Change of Air & a different Climate and therefore requests permission to proceed to China from whence (if he should find his health sufficiently restor'd) he will return hither, otherwise he requests leave to proceed to Europe.

Granted.

The Truth of M^r. Bests representation in regard to his Health being well known his request is granted and it is AGREED to mention his case to the Court of Directors in the next General Advices.

Report
deficiency
of Treasure
from Bengal.

The Committee of Treasury Report that the Treasure receiv'd from Bengal by the undermentioned Ships has been weigh'd and turns out short of Invoice. Viz^t.

				lb.	ozs.	dts.		ozs.	dts.
⌘ Boscawen	..	deficient	..	Silver	..	1	8	13	
Grantham	..	d ^o .	..	d ^o .	..		8	4	Gold 2 4
Fox	..	d ^o .	..	d ^o .	..	2	—	12	

that the Chests were all in a bad Condition some without hoops others very slightly nailed and covered with Gunny and in most the Dollars thrown in loose AGREED to advice the Gentlemen at Bengal of the foregoing particulars.

Debate
whether
or not to
load Salt
Petre for
Kintledge
on the Fox
for China.

The Hoñble Companys Ship Fox intended for China having no Kintledge on board but being by a Clause in Charterparty subjected to the same terms and conditions if loaded for Europe at China as the Ships Originally Freighted for that Voyage which Ships carry Eighty Tons of Iron Kintlege it is now debated whether it will be proper to put on board that Tonnage in Salt Petre in lieu of

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Iron Kintlege or Stones, whereupon the President acquaints the Board that the SupraCargos having been Consulted object to the loading of Salt Petre for Kintlege, alledging that the Damp which rises from it may Damage the Teas, it is therefore Agreed to write to the Court of Directors for Instructions whether if the like case should happen again Salt Petre may be sent on Tea Ships with safety and in the present case it is RESOLV'D not to load any Salt Petre but that all the old useless Iron Guns in the Garrison be sent on board the Fox as Kintlege and that the remainder of the Eighty Tons be made up in Stones & Ballast.

Resolved in the Negative & to write home.

The letting the Farm of the Poonamalle Country at Outcry (the last Cowle for which expired the 30th Ultimo having been deferr'd that the late Renter Numboor Vencaty Soubiah might have time to prepare & lay his Accounts before the Board in order to their forming a Judgment whether he is a proper person to be again admitted to take the Farm, The President now acquaints the Board that the said Renter did sometime ago deliver him an Account of sundry damages arising from the Depredations of the Pollygars and the Losses he has sustain'd by the Number of Labourers he has furnished out of the Country for carrying on the Works at this place as also by the Juncan on all the Articles brought in for the Nabob which he has been prohibited from receiving the amount of all which he computes in his Account at Pagodas Fifteen thousand seven hundred and nine twenty four fanams and sixty Cash (15709-24-60). But as the said Account of damages appear'd to be greatly exaggerated, The President further acquaints the Board that he had order'd proper persons to make enquiry and to collect from the best Vouchers a true Account of the real Losses sustained by the Renter who have made their Report (which he now lays before the Board and is read as enter'd hereafter) estimating the Renters Losses at Nine thousand five hundred and forty four Pagodas eleven fanams (9544-11) exclusive of the Nabobs Juncan And it appearing by the Metton accounts that the Loss of Juncan on account of the Nabob amounts to Eight hundred and thirty Pagodas which with the above sum make together Ten thousand three hundred and seventy four Pagodas eleven fanams (10374-11-). It is AGREED that he be allowed so much in Abatement of his Rent, which he is entitled to by his Cowle. The President further acquaints the Board that the said Renter being greatly in Arrear he had order'd him to deliver in a true Account of all the means he had to discharge his debt to the Company which the 30th of June last stood as follows:—

State of the Poonamallee Renters Account of Damages.

Allowance made him for Damage.

Arrears of Rent on the Cowle ending 30 th June 1757	P. 3825	—	—
12 Months Rent due on the Cowle ending 30 th June 1758	52600	—	—
From which deducting the Sum by him deposited as Security	P. 10000		
Allowed as above	10374 11		
		20374	11
Remains due to the Company P ^{AGS}		36050	25

State of his accounts with the Company.

to discharge which (as appears by his Account of Grain and Debts due to him) he has no more than Twenty five thousand and twenty Pagodas (25020) of which above Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) are outstanding debts many of them doubtful but even if the whole were recover'd (which is not reasonably to be expected he would still be deficient above Pagodas Eleven thousand (11000) for which he can give no manner of security. It is therefore RESOLVED that he is an improper person to Farm the Country any longer and as such is prohibited from bidding at the Outcry RESOLVED that the said Farm be put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate on Tuesday the 25th Instant and that publick Notice be given as usual.*

He is forbid the Outcry.

The Farm to be put up at Outcry the 25th

*Vide Cons. 30th June 7th July 21st July 1755.

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Rupees sold
Chepper-
maul
Chittee.

The difficulty of procuring Pagodas for Rupees being great the Shroffs having secreted their Gold under apprehension of the French since the loss of St. David which has occasioned Rupees to fall in their price and as the disbursements for the Current Expences of the Settlement are made chiefly in Pagodas and Cheppermall Chittee offering to buy to the amount of Eighty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees payable half in ready money and half in Thirty days AGREED to accept his offer at the Current price of Three hundred and eighty four Rupees for One hundred Pagodas amounting to Three hundred and seven thousand Two hundred Rupees (307200).

Beetle &
Tobacco
Rent
paid in

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Beetle & Tobacco pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

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

REPORT of Mutoo Comrapah and Domadara Pillah touching the Damages & Losses in the Poonamallee Country.

According to your Honors order We went to examine whether there were any damages done by the Pollygars in the Poonamallee Country as had been represented by Venkata Subbia Renter thereof and upon examination found that the Pollygar of Cundalore who committed a Murder in that Village and ran away to Wadamazey's Pollam had disturbed the Villages mention'd in the said Representation and by his frequent Hostilities and Threatning greatly obstructed the Husbandmen and Inhabitants in their Cultivation and other Occupation to the Loss of the Renter as did Wadamanzey Rangapah Naick &c^a. Pollygars also mention'd in the said Representation on the proof of the Natavars, Canogoes, Conicoply's and others who jointly sign'd a Certificate thereof but as to the Total loss of Pagodas 11879 as set forth in the Representation, we could not fully examine into some of the particulars thereof in so short time as they were estimated on the computation and Judgment of the Renter by reason of the Inhabitants being prevented from sowing &c^a. in the Fields on account of the Disturbances This is not only the thing, but some of the Conicoplies & Inhabitants whom we should examine were absent or carried away Prisoners by the Pollygars into their Woods however as it appear'd to us by the above proof that those Villages were actually disturbed and had suffer'd Agreeable to the usual method observ'd in the Country of adjusting the like Affairs in suspence we did in conjunction with the Natavars Canogoes &c^a. take down the produce of 7 years of every Magan or Village (so disturb'd or Plunder'd by the Pollygars from the year 1751 the time the Poonamallee Country fell under the Companys Jurisdiction out of the Town Conicoply's and Canogoes Books and having casted up and stated the sums one with another, then compared the same with what was collected by the Renter the last year (1758) the time it was disturbed & suffer'd and whatever deficiency appears is the loss sustained by the Renter. The following is the Demonstration of the Statement: Produce of Cundatore Magan containing 6 Villages Viz.

Year	Produce	Loss
For the year 1751	3885	9
D ^o 1752	4798	18
D ^o 1753	3699	9
D ^o 1754	4508	9
D ^o 1755	4725	9
D ^o 1756	4754	21
D ^o 1757	4689	—
	P. 31060	3 which
		is P. 4437 9 th year.

One with other

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and what was collected by the Renter in 1758 amounts to Pagodas 960 18 so that the deficiency is Pagodas 3476 27. Thus and in the same method a deficiency was stated of the disturb'd Villages for the said year as P Account particulars amounting in the whole to

	P. 7277	31	
Paddy &c ^a . carried away in the year			
1757 out of Cundatore Magan as P			
Account particulars	P. 1691	20	
D ^o . out of Pacam Magan & Chamber-			
bauck	574	32	
	2266	16	—
	9544	11	—

ALL which was attested and sign'd by the Natavars Canogoes Mazomedars and Town Conacopies. This is recommended to your Honor's consideration to order as you think fit.

In regard to the Article of Cooleys set forth by the Renter as well as that of the Juncan on the Nabobs Goods, we do not know what are his agreements with the Company.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &c^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs,

I take the liberty of presenting you with this Address to acquaint you, that the very indifferent state of Health I have been in, for some years past having greatly injured my Constitution and finding by the advice of the Doctors I have little reason to expect the Enjoyment thereof from the help of Medicines makes me desirous of trying what the Change of Air and a different Climate may conduce to my Relief.

As China is the most likely to produce that Effect I shall esteem it a singular favor if your Honor &c^a. will permit me to make a tryal thereof and give me leave to go thither on one of the Hoñble Companys Ships from whence I shall think it the greatest peice of good Fortune to have it in my power to return to my Duty otherwise should I find my Health not restored I request your Honor &c^a. Permission to proceed to Europe and I beg leave to assure you this Indulgence will ever be most gratefully acknowledged by

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HOÑBLE SIR & SIRs
 Your most Obedient & most h'ble
 Servants,
 MARMADUKE BEST.

Arriv'd Ship Greyhound William Dunn from Batavia with the following General Letters Viz^t.

Duplicate one from Fort Marlbro' dated 23^d. Jañry. 1758 Original P Sloop Tryal not receiv'd.

D^o. one from d^o. dated 8 Febry. 1758. Original P Sloop Mary not recd.

Original one from d^o. dated 29th April 1758.

D^o. one from M^r. John Goodwin at Batavia dated 26th May 1758.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 17th Instant read & Sign'd.General Letters read Viz^t.General
Letters read
from Fort
Marlbro'

N^o. 49, 50 & 51 Three General Letters from Randolph Marriot Esq^r. Provisional Deputy Governor &c^a. Council of Fort Marlbrō. The first dated the 23^d. January 1758 being a Duplicate the Original whereof Ψ Tryal Sloop has not been received. The second dated the 8th February 1758 being also a Duplicate the Original whereof by the Mary Sloop has not been received, And the third dated the 29th April sent via Batavia giving an account of their Transactions in the Hoñble Companys Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra.

General
Letters read from
Batavia.

N^o. 52 From M^r. John Goodwin dated at Batavia the 26 May 1758 advising of his being sent to that place by the Deputy Governor &c^a. Council of Fort Marlbrō to purchase Gunpowder & Timber.

The above
Letters
referr'd
to the W^t.
Coast
Committee.

The abovementioned Letters from Fort Marlbrō and Batavia are referr'd to the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast to examine and Report.

Letter from
Admiral
Pocock to
have 30 men
from each
of the
Company's
Ships.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Vice Admiral Pocock address'd to the Select Committee (who have referr'd the same to the determination of the Council) reciting part of His Majesty's Instructions to him whereby in case of his Majesty's Ships being short of their Compliments and in the absence of his Majesty's Troops, he is directed to apply to the Governor & Council to assist him with such a Number of Seamen as may be necessary, and thereupon applying for Thirty Seamen from Each of the Companys Ships in the Road his Majestys Ships being One hundred and seventy four Men short of their Compliments besides One hundred and fifty Sick which must be left on shore.

*Vide
printed
Book
Charter
Party
folio 2,

Reference being thereupon had to the Charterpartys of the Companys Ships and particularly to that* Clause where it is Covenanted that the Master with Thirty Men of the Ships Compliments unto from and upon the Land in Trade or Warfare or otherwise at all times as occasion shall require shall serve the Company &c^a. The Board are of opinion that they are not Authorized to oblige the Commanders of the Companys Ships to part with any Men of their Compliments for the Service of His Majesty's Ships and consequently that their so doing might subject the Company to all damages that might thereafter happen to those Ships. It is therefore RESOLVED to address Admiral Pocock to the foregoing Effect and a Letter is accordingly now wrote and sign'd which, as well as M^r. Pockock's Letter is enter'd hereafter.

Not
complied
with.Letter wrote
to M^r.
Pocock.Letter from
Mess^{rs}.
Thomson
&c^a. to pay
in money
for Bills
Account
Estate of
M^r. Maple-
toft.

Letter from Mess^{rs}. Thomson, Torriano & Fead read as enter'd hereafter representing that M^r. Mapletoft one of the Companys SupraCargos in the same Commission with them dying here they took out Letters of Administration of his Effects and in Consequence thereof have a Ballance in their hands belonging to his Estate of about One thousand and fifty Pagodas (1050) which they desire to pay into Cash for Bills on the Company.

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The Board considering the large Draughts that have been made on the Company from Bengal that the present Ballance of the Treasury amounts to near Eight Lacks of Rupees that it may reasonably be supposed the expected shipping from Europe will bring a fresh supply. That there is but little probability of employing much in the Investment for some time to come. That many applications have been made from other persons to pay money into Cash to a large amount for Bills and that to receive from one, and not from others in the like circumstances would be an Act of Partiality for all these reasons it is RESOLV'D not to receive the above tender'd sum into the Companys Cash at present.

Reason for not granting it.

ORDERD that three Certificates granted at Fort Marlbro for money paid into the Company's Cash there as advised in the General Letter from thence dated 23^d January 1758 be paid.

Fort Marlbro' Certificates to be paid.

A Certificate is now presented to the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court that M^r. Robert Orme is to pay the sum of Three thousand five hundred and Eighty eight Arcot Rupees twelve Anaes and six pice (AR^s. 3588-12-6) to be placed to the Credit of the Estate of William Lindsay deceased the same is ordered to be received into the Treasury and receipt is now signed by the Committee of Treasury for the same.

Money paid in Account the estate of Wm. Lindsay.

The President reports from the Select Committee that in the present Circumstances of Affairs they think it for the good of the Service that a Majors Brevet be Granted to Captain John Caillaud and therefore recommends the same to the Board. RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Select Committee that a Majors Brevet be granted to Captain Caillaud accordingly.

Majors Brevet to be granted to Capt. Caillaud.

A Bill from Captain Hume is presented to the Board for the Diet of one Soldier at six fanams ᱞ day and twenty Seapoys at four fanams ᱞ day for Ninety two days in their passage from Bengal amounting to Two hundred and nineteen Pagodas twenty eight fanams (219-28-) which is order'd to be paid.

Passage & Diet of Seapoys from Bengal ᱞ Fox to be paid.

Numboor Vencaty Subiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country pays in Two thousand Pagodas (2000) in further part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th June 1757.

Rent paid in Account Poonamallee Country.

Collasiah Farmer of the Banksall pays in Five hundred and fifty Pagodas (550) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12th June.

Money paid in Account the Banksall.

AGREED that the following Advances be made

To the Commissary Thirty thousand Pagodas (30000) for the charges of that employ.

Advance to the Commissary.

To the Military Paymaster Five thousand Pagodas (5000) to be remitted to Pondicherry for the Pay of the Prisoners there.

Military Paymr.

GEORGE PIGOT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE

ROBERT ORME.

HENRY POWNEY.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

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YARMOUTH IN MADRAS ROAD
22^d. JULY 1758.

GENTLEMEN,

Some days ago I wrote to the President concerning the Departure of the Squadron from this Road, and at the same time inform'd him of the Number of Men His Majesty's Ships were deficient of their proper Complement which Letter was laid before you, but in your answer, no mention is made of a supply of Seamen.

Therefore I think it incumbent on me at this occasion to lay that part of my Instructions before you relative to being supplied with Men, when His Majesty's Ships are short of their highest Complement, and likely to come to Action Viz^t. "whenever you shall have reason to think there is a probability of the squadron under your Command or part thereof coming to Action, You are to acquaint the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Troops therewith and that the Ships under your Command require such a Number of Men to compleat their highest Complement which Number the said Commanding Officer will forthwith Order of the Troops under his Command to serve on board His Majesty's Ships; and you are not to keep them longer than you shall find it necessary for the Good of the Kings Service. But if at the time you may want the Men the Station of the Ships and Troops should be at such a distance that the latter cannot be had You are then to apply to the Governor and Council of such of the Companys Settlements as may be nearest to assist you with such a number of Seamen as may be necessary."

His Majesty's Squadron under my Command being at present One hundred and seventy four Men short of Complement, after allowing One hundred and eighteen Lascars as part of what We have on board, and the Surgeon of the Hospital informs me, that One hundred and fifty must be left sick on shore, and the probability of coming to Action is well known, in which case agreeable to the above recited part of my Instructions I apply to you Gentlemen to furnish His Majestys Squadron under my Command with Thirty Seamen from each of the Companys Ships in this Road the Boscawen Grantham and Fox as at plainly appears to me, the protection of the Companys Settlements at the present Juncture and annoyance of the Enemy, make it absolutely necessary and at the same time beg leave to observe that the Number I desire, is not One third of what We want to make up the highest Complement including the Sick that must be left on shore. I have the Honor to be

GENTLEMEN

Your Most Obedient humble Servant,

G. POCOCK.

GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r. President and Select Committee of Fort S^t. George.

To GEORGE POCOCK Esq^r.,

VICE ADMIRAL OF THE WHITE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF HIS MAJESTYS SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR,

The President has laid before Us your Letter address'd to the Committee of this date wherein you are pleas'd to desire We will give you Thirty men from each of the three Ships of the Company's now in this Road. It gives us great

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Concern that the want of sufficient Authority, to oblige the Commanders of those Ships to part with any of their Complements puts it out of our power to comply with your request. We are with great Esteem SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

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22^d JULY 1758.

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

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT, ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & C^a. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

The Death of M^r. John Mapletoft one of the Hoñble Companys Supra Cargoes appointed in the same Commission with us has occasioned our taking out Letters of Administration in Consequence whereof We have done the needfull find a Ballance in favor of his Estate of about One thousand and fifty Pagodas which Sum we must earnestly desire your leaves to pay into the Hoñble Companys Cash & that you will give Us Bills of Exchange upon them to the amount of the said 1050 Pagodas at the usual terms whereby we may be enabled to acquit ourselves of our Bond to the Mayors Court here We hope this our Request will meet with due approbation & success as we only are acting for the benefit & security & more speedy satisfaction of the Heirs.

WE ARE GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Serv^t.

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
21st JULY 1758.

THO^s. THOMPSON.
HILLARY TORRIANO.
W^m. FEAD.

Arriv'd the Hoñble Companys Ship Duke, Thomas Powney from Fort Marlbro' with General Letters of the 19th May & 14 June.

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Sail'd His Majesty's Ships Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Cumberland, Tyger, Weymouth, Newcastle, Salisbury and Queenborough & the Company's Ship Protector, under the Command of Vice Admiral Pocock to the Southward.

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Pursuant to Resolution of Consultation the 17th Instant the Farm of the Poonamallee Country was put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate for one year from the 1st Instant and cryed down to Rayapah the highest bidder for Pagodas 37,600.

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Sail'd Brigantine Victoria, Peter Francis for Bengal.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY
31ST.

GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 22^d. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General
Letters read
From
Marlb^{ro}.

N^o. 53 & 54 From Roger Carter, Esq^r., Deputy Governor &c^a., Council at Fort Marlbro' the first dated the 19th May being a Duplicate the Original whereof $\frac{3}{4}$ Ganges is not yet receiv'd The second is dated the 14th June containing a detail of their transactions on the West Coast.

From
Mr. Carter
at Marlbro.

N^o. 55 From Roger Carter Esq^r., Deputy Governor of Fort Marlbro to the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast dated 14th June containing some Observations on the State of Affairs there, not taken Notice of in the General Letter and particularly in regard to the withdrawing of Tappanooly and Natal.

Referr'd to
the W^t.
Coast
Committee.

The foregoing Letters are referr'd to the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast to examine and report.

Hunter
Schooner
to be dis-
patched to
Bengal with
advices of
the surplus
Pepper at
Marlb^{ro}
&c^a.

AGREED to dispatch the Hunter Schooner to Bengal and to write the Gentlemen there that our Letters from the West Coast inform us they expect full Seven hundred Tons of Pepper over and above the Cargo of their annual Ship and that they had in June last in their Godowns upwards of Four hundred Tons (400) so that if they think proper to dispatch the two Ships now at Bengal partly loaded with Salt Petre and Bales they may depend on a sufficient quantity of Pepper on the West Coast to fill them up and that We recommend this step as We cannot assist them in dispatching one of those Ships in September as they propose finding it necessary to dispatch the Grantham home directly from hence with a loading of Bales.

Duke to be
sent to
Marlb^{ro}
with Salt
&c^a. Stores.

AGREED that the Hoñble Company's Ship Duke be return'd to the West Coast with Salt &c^a., that at the same time the Indents for Wares and Stores received from thence be as fully complied with as possible.

Redwood
to be sent
to Bengal
in Hunter
Schooner.

AGREED that as much Redwood as the Hunter Schooner can carry be sent on her to Bengal.

Letters from
Capt.
Braund
Oliver &
Hume.
To be
assisted
in getting
Lascars.

Three Letters from Captain Braund Oliver and Hume all dated the 24th Instant read as enter'd hereafter purporting that Vice Admiral Pocock had the day before press'd twenty seamen from each of their Ships and requesting Assistance in procuring the same Number of Europeans as Lascars.

The President informs the Board that he had acquainted the said Commanders they might entertain such of the discharged Military as were willing to enter and that they should have all the Assistance that could be given them in procuring Lascars.

Mr. Craw-
furd desires
leave
to go to
China for
his Health
& thence to
Europe if he
should not
recover.

Letter from Mr. John Crawford read as enter'd hereafter representing that he has long laboured under a bad state of Health and finding no relief from Medicines is advised by the Doctors (as appears by a Certificate annexed) to try a Change of Climate he therefore requests permission to proceed to China from whence if he should recover his health he purposes to return to his Duty otherwise he begs leave to proceed from thence to Europe.

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The Board being satisfied of the truth of Mr. Crawford's representation and having reason to believe (as he alledges) that his Complaint may in great Measure have proceeded from the close Attention he has always given to the Business assign'd him in which he has acquitted himself much to the satisfaction of his superiors AGREED that he be permitted to proceed to China and from thence to England if he shall find it necessary and that his case be mentioned to the Honble Court of Directors.

Granted

A report of the Committee of Accounts dated the 29th Instant read as enter'd hereafter representing that they have examined the following accounts, Viz^t.

Report of the Committee of Accounts on the home Accounts.

PAYMASTERS	} For April.
STOREKEEPERS	
IMPORT WAREHOUSE	For May & June.
MILITARY PAYMASTERS	For April & May.
LAND CUSTOMERS	} For May.
SEA CUSTOMERS	
MILITARY STOREKEEPERS	For March & April.

observing that the Charge of Boats in the Paymaster's Accounts remains at the same rate as before and recommending some Attention to the Curtailing that expence if practicable and giving their opinion that in all other respects the said Accounts are fit to be pass'd as well as the Accounts kept by Mr. Orme of the Duty levied on Massoolah Boats which they have examined from the 7th September 1756 to 30th April 1758.

All the abovemention'd Accounts are now pass'd and it is referr'd to the Committee of Works to consider whether any saving can be made in the Charge of Boats employ'd to carry Earth for the Works and to report to the Board their Opinion thereon.

Accounts pass'd.

The Farm of the Poonamallee Country having been put up at the Sea Gate the 25th Instant and cryed down to one Rayapah on enquiry he is found to be the Brother of Numboor Vencaty Soubiah the late Farmer who was forbid the Outcry on account of his inability to discharge his Arrears, and as the Family Connections are such that the granting a Cowle to this Rayapah will in reality be only changing the Name but not the Farmer it is therefore RESOLVED for the reasons fully expressed in Consultation the 17th Instant not to grant a Cowle to Rayapah but that the Farm be put up at Outcry again at the Sea Gate on Wednesday next the 2^d August.

The Poonamallee Farm to be put up at Outcry again the 2^d August.

The two following Certificates of the Deputy Governor & Council at Fort Marlbro dated the 31st August 1757 are now presented Viz^t.

Two West Coast Certificates order'd to be paid.

One for One thousand Spanish Dollars (1,000) or Six hundred and six Pagodas two fanams and fourteen Cash (606-2-14) payable to Josias Du Pre' and James Alexander value received of John Williams.

One for Nine hundred and thirty Spanish Dollars (930) or Five hundred and sixty-three Pagodas twenty two fanams and seventy two Cash (563-22-72) payable to John Brohier value receiv'd of Captain Joseph Gabbett.

These Certificates were drawn at the dispatch of the Hartop from Fort Marlbro but that Vessel being lost the Advices never came to hand; several Certificates in the same case with those abovemention'd were order'd to be paid in Consultation the 31st January for reasons then given and for the same reasons those now presented are also order'd to be paid.

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Report from
the Select
Committee.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the Tripoty Renter has sent in a Bill on Gocul Terwaudy for Six thousand Pagodas (6,000) payable the 12th August in part of the June Kist of the present year of Phasely 1167 ORDER'D that the amount of the said Bill when due be receiv'd into the Treasury.

Mr. Orme
resigns the
Export
Warehouse.

Mr. Orme represents to the Board that the business arising on the several employs under his Management is more than he can well attend to at this time and therefore desires to resign the Export Warehousekeeper's employ and the Charge of the Grain, to which the Board Consent and Mr. Henry Powney is thereupon appointed Export Warehousekeeper and as the Charge of the Grain alone requires much care and attention AGREED that Mr. Charles Turner be appointed Grain Keeper and it is Order'd that all the Grain in the Godown be Aired and Shifted and an exact Account taken and a report made thereof to the Board and that the like method be observed once in every four months.

Mr. Powney
appointed
Expt.
Ware Hokr.
&
Charles
Turner
Grainkeeper.

Batta on
Pagodas
paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Forty thousand fanams (40,000) amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to Eleven hundred and eleven Pagodas four fanams (1,111-4) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Ten thousand Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams ₹ Pagoda and brought to account at the rate of thirty-six fanams ₹ Pagoda.

Money paid
in by the
Sea
Customer
Impt.
WareHokr.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Three thousand one hundred Pagodas (3,100) on his running account.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Seven hundred Pagodas (700) on his running account.

Land
Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Two hundred and one Pagodas eight fanams and sixty-one Cash (201-8-61) for the June Ballance of that Account.

Duty on
Mussoolah
Boats.

Robert Orme pays in Eighteen hundred and thirty one Pagodas nine fanams (1,831-9-0) being the ballance of the Account of Duty Collected on Mussoolah Boats to the 30th April last as is particularly explain'd in the report of the Committee of Accounts mention'd in the former part of these Minutes.

Rent of
Manna-
mangalum.

Meerza Mahomud Caussum Beg Farmer of the Mannamangalum Country pays in Nine thousand five hundred Pagodas (9,500) in full for six months rent of that Farm due the 1st February last.

Do. of Seven
Magans.

Meerza Mahomud Caussum Beg Farmer of the Seven Magans of the Tripossoore Country pays in Six thousand five hundred Pagodas (6,500) in full for six months rent of that Farm due 1st February last.

Do. of old
Garden.

Choliapah Renter of the Companys old Garden pays in one hundred and thirteen Pagodas (113) in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

AGREED that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

Advances
to the
Commissary.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand Rupees for the Charges of that Employ.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Seventeen thousand Pagodas (17,000) for the Charges of that Employ.

Military
Paymr.

To the Military Paymaster Eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas (18,250) to pay the Military &c^a. next month.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIEB.

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HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

This serves to acquaint you that Vice Admiral Pocock has press'd Twenty Seamen belonging to the Boscawen under my Command I must beg your Honours Assistance in procuring me the same quantity of Europeans or Lascars I am.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24TH JULY 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servant,
BENJ. BRAUND.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

This serves to acquaint you that yesterday forenoon Vice Admiral Pocock sent on board Ship Grantham now under my Command and Press't Twenty of my Seamen which has Disabled me so that I must beg your Assistance in procuring me either Europeans or Lascars in their room to enable me to defend & Navigate my Ship now on her intended Voyage I am

24TH JULY 1758.
MADRAS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obed^t. & most h'ble Serv^t.
JOHN OLIVER.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

This serves to acquaint you that Vice Admiral Pocock sent yesterday morning and took from the Ship under my command twenty Seamen & must beg your Honors Assistance in procuring the same number of Europeans or Lascars I am

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24TH JULY 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obed^t. Servant,
ALEXANDER HUME.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT, ESQ^a.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having for some past labour'd under a very ill state of Health & finding but small relief from all the Assistance I have had of Medicines I am advised to a Change of Climate I therefore take the Liberty to desire your Honor &c.^a, permission to return to Europe by the way of China which is esteem'd a Climate that often contributes greatly to the recovery of Persons troubled with my Indisposition, I shall esteem it a great Indulgence in your Honor &c.^a, to allow Me to go thither upon one of the Ships now under dispatch where should I have the good fortune to recover my health so far as to enable Me to go thro' my Duty here I shall then return with the greatest pleasure otherwise with your permission my Intention is to proceed to Europe—But least the Honble the Court of Directors may impute my desire of leaving the Settlement to an unwillingness of serving them, which I am conscious of never having been remiss in, but have reason to impute my disorder in some measure to the fatigue of my late employ I shall esteem it a particular Mark of your Indulgence

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if your Honor &c^s. would please to mention Me in a favourable manner to them in your next General Letters. I have taken the liberty to enclose Doctor Wilson's Certificate and am with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
29TH JULY 1758.

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

JOHN CRAWFURD.

FORT S^t. GEORGE JULY 28TH 1758.

This is to Certify that M^r. John Crawford has been a long time in a bad state of helath, and as I think the continuance of his disorder chiefly owing to the heat of the Climate I am of opinion that he ought to proceed to Europe as the most promising course he can take for his Recovery.

JAMES WILSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We are now to report that We have examined the Paymaster's Accounts for the month of April in which the Charge of Boats remains at the same rate as before & we must again recommend some attention to the Curtailing that Article of Expencc if practicable. The other Charges are as usual and we see nothing in them to prevent this Account being passed.

We have likewise examined the Storekeeper's Account for April in which the Ballance entry is finished and the Books closed. We see no objection to passing this Account.

We have likewise examined the Import Warehouse Accounts for May and June, the Military Paymasters Accounts for April & May. The Land Customers' for May, The Sea Customers for May and the Military Storekeepers for March and April and We see no Objection to the passing these Accounts.

M^r. Orme acquaints the Committee that at the time the Bengal expedition was preparing the Boats which ply at Sea in this Settlement were deliver'd to his Charge with Orders to levy a Duty of two fanams for every trip made in the Service of the Company and four fanams for every Boat Load of Water that in Obedience to this Resolution a Book has from the 7th September 1756 been kept in which the Trips made daily by every Boat is enumerated & a daily Abstract formed of the Money which accrues to the Company as their Duty on the Service of the Boats at the rates abovementioned for each day the Book was laid before Us and appears to be Methodical and exact—M^r. Orme then laid before Us his monthly Cash Accounts from 7th Sept^r. 1756 to 30th April 1758 of the Moneys received on account of the aforesaid Duties in which Credit is given every day for the abstract of Duties levied for the Company from the Service of the Boats—and on examination of the Accounts We find that regular Credit has been given for these Duties—The monthly Charge of this Service consists in the Wages of

1 Writer at	84
1 Conicoply	84
1 Do.	42
1 Peon	30

in all 240 fanams ꝑ month.

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besides which there are in some Months incidental Charges which are trifling for Stationary Ware and in the month of December 1756 a Charge of Pagodas 15-27 for Broad Cloth given to the head Boatmen as Encouragement it appears that in the said month of December 12,000 fanams were paid into the Companys Cash and the Ballance remaining in M^r. Ormes hands the 30th April 1758 is

In Pagodas 619-2-0	26000
In fanams	43649
	69649

which he informs us he shall pay into Cash on the next Consultation day We think these Accounts to 30 April 1758 may be be pass'd & are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants,

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

29TH JULY 1758.

— AUGUST 1758 —

- Agreeable to a Resolution of last Consultation the 31st Ultimo the Poona-mallee Farm was again put up at Outcry this day for one year from the 30th June last and cryed down to Oppajee Nayenar at the Rent of Thirty-seven thousand four hundred Pagodas (P. 37400) which is Two hundred Pagodas less than it was cryed down the 25 Ultimo to Rayapah—N.B. This Farm was let at Outcry last Year for P. 52600. 2
- Sent to Durassapatam by Peons to go by a Dutch Vessel from thence General Letter to the President & Council of Bengal of this date. —
- Sail'd Snow Nancy, Stephen Iveson, for Bombay. 3
- D^o. Sloop Speedwell, John Johnstone for the Streights of Malacca. 5
- Arriv'd Ship Ganges Peter Duncan from Batavia by which Conveyance recd. General Letter from M^r. John Herbert & one from Mess^{rs}. Peter Garden & John Herbert both dated the 5th July. 6
- Arrived Sloop T'Loo, Hans Moore from Bussorah last from Negapatam, Captain James Barton on board who left England in August last in the Expedition Packet, was taken by a French Privateer & carried into Spain from whence he proceeded to Allepo and thence overland to Bussorah. 8

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT, ESQ^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THURSDAY THE
10TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.
The Minutes of last Consultation, dated the 31st Ultimo read and Sign'd.

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General Letter from J. Herbert & Garden & Herbert at Batavia.

N^o. 56 and N^o. 57 Genreal Letters read both dated at Batavia the 5th July the first from M^r. John Herbert who was sent from Fort Marlbro, with M^r. John Goodwin as his Assistant to purchase Gunpowder Timber &c., the other from M^r. Peter Garden and the said M^r. John Herbert jointly advising the Death of M^r. Goodwin before he had executed any part of the Commission on which he was sent, that Gunpowder is not to be procured there at any rate, and that in consequence of directions from Marlbro, they send us by the Ganges Captain Duncan Six thousand Spanish Dollars ₣ 6,000.

Treasure from Batavia ₣ Ganges to be landed.

ORDER'D that the Silver Consigned from Batavia by the Ganges be landed and rec'd into the Treasury.

Letter from Capt. J. Barton dispatch'd from Engd. taken by a Privateer.

Letter from Captain James Barton read as entered hereafter acquainting the Board that he was dispatch'd from the Court of Directors in the Expedition Packet in August last with Advices for this Presidency and Bengal but being taken by a French Privateer and carried into Vigo he destroyed the Letters, that he proceeded from Vigo to Allepo and thence overland but having been robb'd in crossing the Deserts of Arabia of some Extracts from the General Letter to Bengal which according to Directions he has Secreted when taken by the Privateer he has no other Credentials than a Letter from M^r. Secretary James of the 18th November which he receiv'd at Allepo—That he arriv'd at Carrack the 20th May and there purchased a Sloop (the Loo) and being informed by the Resident at Bussorah that Wheat was wanted here he purchased a small quantity on the Companys Account which he landed at Negapatam & left under the care of M^r. Bodle thinking it hazardous to bring it hither as the French squadron was then plying up the Coast, desiring, if what he has done herein be agreeable, that the Board will give directions concerning the disposal of the Wheat and order the Cost thereof being as ₣ Invoice Four thousand and ninety five Surat Rupees (4095) to be paid to M^r. Bouchier.

travels Overland.

buys some Wheat for the Company at Carrack and lands it at Negapatam.

As the abovemention'd Wheat may be useful to his Majesty's Squadron while they continue to the Southward and as the Correspondence touching that Service and other Affairs under the Charge of M^r. Bodle has been hitherto carried on by the Select Committee AGREED that it be referr'd to the said Committee to give such directions in regard to the abovemention'd Wheat as they shall think it.

Referr'd to the Committee to order touching the above Wheat.

Capt. Edward Burman resigns his Office of Aldermen.

Letter from Captain Edward Burman, dated the 8th Instant read (as enter'd hereafter) signifying that as he intends to leave this place in a few days for China & does not propose returning that his Seat as an Alderman of the Mayors Court may not be kept vacant a twelve month for want of his resigning that Office he therefore encloses his resignation under his hand and Seal.

AGREED that the said Resignation be accepted and it is accepted accordingly.

Deficiencies in Salt Petre ₣ Boscawen & Fox to be represented home.

It is the Custom in the Warehouse here when the Warehousekeeper receives Salt Petre from Bengal to oblige the Captain to allow four Pounds for the Fare of each Bag, but upon weighing several of the Bags by the Boscawen & Fox they are found to weigh very little more than three pounds this of Consequence will occasion a deficiency in the neat weight of Salt Petre, and this deficiency by the abovementioned Ships amounts to CR^s. 1483 6 1

It is the Custom also to Charge an Advance of
 20 ₣ C^t. on the deficiency which amounts
 to 296 10 9
 CR^s. 1780 — 10

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It is also the Custom to Exchange at the rate of Three hundred and fifty Current Rupees for One hundred Pagodas which amounts to Five hundred and eight Pagodas twenty one fanams and eleven Cash (508-21-11) when in reality the Exchange at this time is Three hundred and eighty three Arcot Rupees for One hundred Pagodas which Arcot Rupees are Eight $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent better than Current Rupees, but as it is inconvenient at this time to make any alterations in our method the Commanders of the above Ships have been called upon to make good the whole deficiency and it is AGREED to represent this case home by the Grantham as well to enable the Owners of the Boscawen and Fox to settle their Accounts in England as to receive Our Honble Master's Orders on this head for our future Guidance.

The Boscawen and Fox being ready to proceed on their Intended Voyage to Canton it is debated whether both those ships shall be consign'd to the SupraCargos in Commission with Mr. Thomson or whether only one of those ships shall be consigned to them, and the other jointly to them and the SupraCargos in Commission with Mr. Walker in equal porportions. It is urged on the one hand that as each of those Commission had originally two Ships Consign'd to them (Viz^t. Mr. Thomsons Commission the Boscawen & Princess Augusta and Mr. Walker's Commission the Norfolk and Tavistock) and were equally promised that the ship taken from each Commission & return'd to Europe (Viz^t. the Norfolk & Princess Augusta) should be replaced they ought to be put upon the same footing and as the sending home the Grantham will occasion a deficiency of one Ship the Fox should be Consign'd jointly to the two Commissions. On the other hand it is observ'd that the two Commissions are not in all respects upon the same footing for that Mr. Thomson has a concern in the stock with the Company Whereas Mr. Walker has not any that Mr. Thomson has regularly protested against the Company for all damages he may suffer by returning the Princess Augusta to England being resolv'd to abide by his Covenants with the Company so that whether the Ship be Consign'd to him or not he may probably be able by Law to recover the value of his concern & Commission from the Company and therefore if one of the Ships be Consign'd jointly to the two Commissions the Company may become liable to the payment of double Commission on one half of the Cargo, but if to avoid this difficulty both Ships be Consign'd to Mr. Thomson &c^a., SupraCargos it is reasonable to suppose that the Court of Directors will find some way to recompence the Gentlemen in the other Commission for their disappointment should We not be able to Consign them another Ship upon the whole it is resolv'd by the Majority that both the Boscawen and Fox be Consign'd to M^{rs}. Thomson &c^a. SupraCargos in the Commission with him whereupon Mr. Orme delivers in in his dissent in Writing which he desires may be inserted in the body of these Minutes and is as follows

Consign-
ment of the
Boscawen
& Fox
debated

both ships
to be con-
signed to
Mr. Thom-
son &c^a.,
Supra
Cargos.

“ I think one of the Ships should be equally divided between Thomson's & Walker's Commission and should be consign'd to both as I imagine the Company will expect that both Commissions should fare alike and I see no inconvenience attending this.”

Mr. Orme
dissents

RESOLV'D that the Boscawen & Fox be dispatch'd tomorrow and that the Treasure which was Consigned to Mess^{rs}. Thomson &c^a., SupraCargos by the Princess Augusta & landed here & the same quantity of Lead be laden on the Fox.

both ships
to be
dispatched
tomorrow
Treasure
&c^a. $\frac{1}{2}$
Augusta to
be laden in
the Fox.

AGREED to write to Mess^{rs}. Walker &c^a. SupraCargos in his Commission that We intended to Consign the Grantham to them but that unless a Ship should arrive from England before the Season is too far advanced to attempt the Passage to China the present circumstances of Affairs will make it necessary to send the Grantham to England.

To write to
Mess^{rs}.
Walker &c^a
Supra
Cargos.

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Capt.
Commission
for Capt.
Barker of
Second
Company
of Artillery

The Command of one of the Companys of Artillery on the Coast Establishment being vacant by the death of Captain D. Illens in March last AGREED that a Commission as Captain of the second Company of Artillery be granted to Captain Robert Barker who went down with Colonel Clive on the Bengal Expedition and was appointed to Act as Captain there the 4th of January 1757 from which time he is to take Rank.

July Cash
Account
read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Twenty seven thousand four hundred and two Pagodas thirty four fanams and twenty eight Cash (27402-34-28) which is carried forward.

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

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH				D ^R .			CONTRA				C ^R .		
	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]	[Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.]	
1 To Ballance brought from last months Account ..	3872	60448	54	5551	4	54	1 By Rents & Revenues paid the Widow of Hussein Cawn Cauked late Kille-dar of Poonamallee & Hussein Cawn his Brother in full for 6 months Pen-sion of 1000 Pagodas ꣳ Annum settled on them as ꣳ the Nabobs Saned.	500		500			
15 To Current Pagodas recd. from the Treasury ..	20000			20000			By Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General paid his two Drafts account the Estate of Salomon Salomons Insolvent Viz ^t .						
17 To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Far-mer recd. of him in full for one months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	311	22404		933	12		1 payable to Sala-mon Salomons. 98 21 7						
22 To Numboor Vencaty Sob-biah Renter of the Poonamallee Country recd. in further part of six months Rent of that Farm due the 30 th June 1757 ..	2000			2000			1 payable to Char-les Bour-chier Rent :						
— To Collasiah Farmer of the Banksall recd. of him in full for 6 months Rent of that Farm due 12 th June	550			550			Gen. & Sca. .. 6 12 —	104	33	7	104	33	7
25 To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury ..	20000			20000			13 By the Export Warehouse-keeper advanced Robert Orme for the Charges of that employ	1000			1000		
31 To the Sea Customer recd. of Henry Powney on that Account	3000	3600		3100			— By Robert Orme advanced him to purchase Garrison Provisions	2000			2000		
— To the Import Warehouse-keeper recd. of Henry Powney on that Account	700			700			Carried over ..	3604	33	7	3604	33	7
— To the Land Customer recd. of Henry Powney for the June Ballance of that Account	130	2564	61	201	8	61							
Carried over ..	50513	89017	35	53335	25	35							

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CONTRA—cont. CR.

	[Pa.]	Fa. Ca.	Pa.	Fa. Ca.]
Brought Over ..	50563	89017 35	53035	25 35
To Mussoolah Boats recd. of Robert Orme for the Balance of that Account to the 30 th April last ..	619	43651 —	1831	19 —
To Choliapah Renter of the Companys Old Garden recd. of him in full for six months rent of that Farm due the 12 June ..	113	..	113	— —
To Meerza Mahomud Caussem Beg Renter of the Mannamangalum Country recd. of him in full for 6 months Rent of that Farm due the 1st Feby. last ..	9500	..	9500	— —
To Meerza Mahomed Caussem Beg Renter of the Seven Magans of the Triposore Country recd. of him in full for 6 months Rent of that Farm due 1 st Feby. last ..	6500	..	6500	— —
To Fort Marlbro recd. the two following Bills drawn by Cap ^t . Jackson on George Pigot, Esq ^r . for money advanced by the Deput ^y Gov ^r . & C ^a Council for the use of the Grampus Tender Viz ^t . 1 dated 3 June 1758 for £ 1500 909 3 21 1 do. 1000 606 2 14				
	1515	5 35	1515	5 35
Carried over ..	68810	132673 70	72495	13 70

	[Pa.]	Fa. Ca.	Pa.	Fa Ca.]
Brought over ..	3604	33 7	3604	33 7
15 By the Commissary advanced Robert Orme for the Charges of the Troops abroad ..	20000	..	20000	— —
19 By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation for the months of June & July ..	140	..	140	— —
22 By Fort Marlbro paid the following Cert. dated 17 January 1758. 1 To the order of Gayer & Herbert Val: of themselves. £ 1000 .. 606 2 14 1 To Walsh & Van Sittart val. of Hen. Stuart. £ 614 92 £ 372 9 30 1 To Claud Russell value of Will. Kier £ 100 60 21 65				
	1038	33 29	1038	33 29
24 By the Military Paymaster Advanced John Smith for the pay of the Prisoners at Pondicherry ..	5000	..	5000	— —
Carried over ..	29783	66 36	29783	30 36

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Brought over ..	68810	132673	70	72495	13	70
— To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..	20000	..		20000	—	—
— To Batta for the produce of 5000 Pagodas Issued as ⌘ Contra and Exchanged into fanams at 40 fanams ⌘ Pagoda & brought to Account at 36 fa ^s . ⌘ Pag.	..	400000	—	11111	4	—
STAR OF CURR ^t . PAG ^s .	88810	532673	70	103606	17	70

Brought over ..	29782	66	36	29783	30	36
31 By Fort Marlbro' paid the following Cert. dated 31 August 1757.						
1 To Du Pre' & Alexander value of Jn ^o . Williams. P.					f.	c.
	£ 1,000	606			2	14
1 To John Brohier, value of Joseph Gabbot						
	£ 930	..	563	22	72	
— By the Paymaster advanced John Smith for the Charges of that Employ.	5000	432000	—	17000	—	—
— By the Military Paymaster advanced John Smith to pay the Military &c ^a . next month ..	18000	9000	—	18250	—	—
— By Batta Issued in the Course of the month & Exchanged into fanams as ⌘ Contra ..	10000	..		10000	—	—
	63951	441091	42	76203	19	42
— By Ballance carried to next months Account ..	24859	91582	28	27402	34	28
STAR OF CURRENT PAG ^s .	88810	532673	70	103606	17	70

ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{ca}. COUNCIL AT
 FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I was charged with a Packet from the Court of Directors both for this Presidency & that of Bengal when I left England the 13th August last in the Expedition Packet, but being unfortunately taken by a French Privateer and carried into Vigo, I destroyed the Letters, I have therefore no other Credentials of my coming abroad by directions from the company than a short Letter from Mr. Secretary James dated 18th November last which I received at Allepo having been robb'd on the Deserts of Arabia of an open Letter of Extracts from the General Letter to Bengal which I had secreted according to directions, when taken by the Privateer—I reach'd Carrack the 20th May where I found Credit with the Chief to purchase a small Sloop the T' Loo and being inform'd by our Resident at Bussorah that you were put to Inconveniencies on this Coast for What I thought it would be acceptable if I purchased a small Quantity on the Company's Account and accordingly did so, but on my arrival at Negapatam finding the French Squadron plying up the Coast, I judg'd it hazardous to risk it hither and therefore landed and left it at Negapatam under the Charge of Mr. Bodle your Resident there, the Invoice thereof waits on you with this, and if the steps I have taken herein are agreeable to You it will give me pleasure and you will please to send the necessary directions to Mr. Bodle & order payment of the amount to Mr. Charles Bouchier being Surat Rupees Four thousand Ninety five (S.R^s. 4095) I am

FORT ST. GEORGE,
 10TH AUGUST 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
 Your most Obedient humble
 Servant,
 JA^s. BARTON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{ca}. COUNCIL,

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I intend to depart from this Place in a few days for China and as I do not purpose returning here again, it would be neglecting a Duty which I owe to the Publick should I for want of resigning my Office of an Alderman of this Corporation occasion my seat to be kept vacant for twelve months. I therefore take the Liberty herewith to send you my Resignation under my hand and Seal. I am with the greatest Respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
 THE 8TH OF AUGUST 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,
 Your most humble & most
 Obedient Servant,
 ED^d. BURMAN.

I EDWARD BURMAN One of the Alderman of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for Divers good Causes & Considerations me hereunto moving Do by these Presents Resign surrender and yield up my said place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court, & all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^r., President &

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Governor of Fort St. George and the Council thereof and to the President & Council for the time being IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal in Fort St. George this eighth day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand and seven hundred and fifty eight

EDW^d. BURMAN.

WITNESS

T. S. HANCOCK.

THOMAS SAVAGE.

Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Boscawen, Cap^t. Benjamin Braund and Fox Captain Alexander Hume both for Canton Mess^{rs}. Thomas Thomson Hillary Torriano and William Fead SupraCargos. 11

Sail'd Sloop T^r Loo, Han Moore with Captain James Barton for Bengal who carried a General Letter to the President & Council there, dated the 10th Instant. 12

Arrived Ship Anna Dorotha John Bolt from Batavia. 13

Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay, dated this day. "

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r., GOVERN^r. PRESID^t.

STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
15TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The President acquaints the Board that the Select Committee have thought it necessary that the Troops should take the Field and as the Troop of Horse which the Company have Order'd to be entertained in the Service has not yet been established the Companys directions thereon are now Consider'd and the following Regulations made.

Gen. Lettr.
from Engd.
29 Decr.
1758
Para. 39
and 44.

Gen. Letter
from do.
26 March
1757 Para
78 & 77.

The Board are unanimously of Opinion that it will be impossible to procure proper Horses for the Troop at the price of four hundred Rupees the sum limited by the Company for each Horse and can devise no better way of providing them than that Baron de Vasserot do make enquiry and use all the means he can do to that end and when he meets with any Horses that he judges proper for the Service that they be shewn to the Governor and if he approves of them and the prices that they be then purchased RESOLVED therefore that this method be observ'd.

Resolutions
in regard
to the
Establishmt.
& Regula-
tions of a
Troop of
Horse.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the Expence of keeping a Horse on the Coast of Choromandel has not been fully explain'd to the Court of Directors by the person who assured them that could be done for four Pagodas a Month in Garrison. Baron de Vasserot being now discoursed with on their subject acquaints the Board that as well upon his former experience as his late enquirys particularly of Lieutenant Spellman (to whom the President had given the care of the Companys Horses as well as his own at an Allowance of six Pagodas 3rd month) who informs him that he should have been a loser by that undertaking had not the President furnish'd him with a sum of money to lay in a store of Provender at the Cheapest season and deliver'd the stable over to him so compleatly furnished with all manner of necessarys that he has not been. at

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any Charge on that Account. On these Grounds he has made a Calculate of the Charges of maintaining a Horse in Garrison and in the Field and offers as the lowest rate possible, to maintain the Horses of the Troop in the Field at Six Pagodas ₹ month each horse the Company being at all the Charge of Farriery and contingent necessarys such as Halters, Heel Ropes &c. and furnishing Bullocks to Transport the Provenders and Puckalls or Water Bullocks to bring water for the Troop, which is the footing he was on when he had charge of the Troop before.

And he offers to maintain the Troop Horses in Garrison at six Pagodas a Month he paying the Wages of Horsekeeper's and Grass Cutters and the company being at the Expence of Farriery and other Contingencies as above.

The Board finding on a Calculate the above proposal as reasonable as the necessary Charges of the undertaking will admit do Contract with Baron de Vasserot for the Maintenance of the Troop Horses on the abovementioned terms.

RESOLV'D that Lieutenant Henry Spellman do act as Quartermaster of the Troop.

RESOLV'D that the Pay of the undermentioned Officers and private Men of the Troop be as follows the Pay of the Captain being already settled by the Company at two hundred and seventy Pounds ₹ Annum and the pay of the Farrier at sixty pounds ₹ Annum Viz^t.

The Quarter Master at P 22 ₹ month

The Serjeant	at	9	do.	of which	₹ M ^o .	Stoppage	P. 7
				P 2		for Clothing	₹ M ^o .
						remains clear.	
The Three Corporals ea'	at	7	do.	2	₹ do.		5 do.
The Drummers	at	7	do.	2	₹ do.		5 do.
30 Private men each	at	5	do.	1½	₹ do.		3½ do.

That part of the 39 Paragraph of the General Letter, dated 29 December 1756 is now read, wherein the Company are pleas'd to direct that "a Captains Commission be given to Baron de Vasserot on his arrival and that" should there be any Lieutenants his seniors they are to rank before him on their being appointed to the Command of Companys, but if any Junior Lieutenants should be made Captains before his arrival his Commission is to bear date before the said Junior Lieutenants."

Baron de Vasserots Commission from the Company as Second Lieutenant of Captain de Zieglers Company on the Bombay Establishment bears date the 12th February 1752 but the first Lieutenant of that Company dying at Bombay shortly after his Arrival Baron de Vasserot was appointed to Act as first Lieutenant in his room sometime in the beginning of the year 1753 and continued to act as such 'till he left India so that taking his Rank from the time he first acted as first Lieut^t. he was Senior to M^r. Achilles Preston whose Lieutenants Comission bears date the 26th June 1753 and who was promoted to a Company the 1st June 1756.

Captain Frederick Gurtler came out from England as first Lieutenant of Captain Schaub's Company of Swiss, and his Commission as such bears date the 21st November 1751, but as the Swiss Officers by their Capitulation had no promotion in the English Corps till by the Companys Orders recd. in 1756 they were put upon the same footing as their English Troops, he was not promoted to the Command of a Company till the 23^d January 1758.

By the Companys Orders above quoted all those Lieutenants who were senior to Baron De Vasserot are to rank above him but those who were Junior are to rank below him. Captain Gurtler was his senior Lieutenant but by the date of his Captains Commission taking rank below four Captains who were

Genl. Letr.
29 Decr.
1756
Pa. 39
do. 25
Mar. 1757.
P. 142.

Considn. on
a Capt
Commission
for Baron
De Vasserot.

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Baron De Vasserots Juniors (Viz^t. Captains Preston, Richard, Smith, Rumbold & Hume) it follows that if the Baron be placed in the Rank assign'd him by the Company which will be next above Captain Preston he will also have Rank of Captain Gurtler who was his Senior Lieutenant on the other hand if the Baron be ranked below Captain Gurtler he must then be Commanded also by the four abovemention'd who were his Juniors and Captain Carnac who quitted the Kings Regiment & had a Captains Commission given him in the Company's Service here the 6th September 1757. But as a difficulty arises on either side and the Companys Orders are plain and clear that Baron de Vasserot is to have Rank of all those who were his Juniors it is proposed that a Commission be granted him accordingly and that he take rank next above Captain Preston, the rather as Captain Gurtler having already accepted of a Captains Commission under many who were his Junior Lieutenants he cannot reasonably urge the date of his Lieutenancy as an objection in this case; but Colonel Lawrence declaring that if such a Commission be granted to Baron de Vasserot several of the Officers will be disgusted and as the Troops are now in Orders and on the point of taking the Field under his command he cannot think of putting himself at their Head under such Circumstances. Therefore to avoid the Consequences that in the present Juncture might ensue it is RESOLV'D that a Captains Commission be granted to Baron de Vasserot to take rank next below Captain Gurtler untill the Company's further pleasure be known.

Letter from Captain Francis Taylor and Robert Jackson read as enter'd hereafter signifying that in pursuance of a Letter from the Secretary they had been on board and surveyed the Grantham and find her in good State and Condition and are of Opinion that she is fit to receive a Cargo for Europe.

Report
survey
of the
Grantham.

ORDER'D that the Export Warehousekeeper send on board the Charter-party quantity of Redwood that the whole quantity of Salt Petre brought up from Bengal in the Grantham be continued on board as part of the Cargo for Europe being Two thousand Bags reserving to ourselves the liberty of declaring before the ships dispatch what part shall be at half Freight and when the Salt Petre & Redwood are properly stowed that then Bales be sent on board.

Redwood & ca
to be sent
off & the Salt
Petre from
Bengal to
remain
aboard.

Letter from the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter signifying that Captain Burman having informed the Court he had resign'd his Office of Alderman and there being now two Vacancies they desire they may be filled up as by Absence and Sickness they have but three Members besides the Mayor capable of attending.

Mayors
Court desire
two vacan-
cies may be
filled up.

Mess^{rs}. Peter Mariette of Fort St. George Merchant and Francis Taylor of the same place Mariner being proposed as fit persons to fill the said Vacancies are unanimously chosen Aldermen and Judges of the Mayors Court to wit M^r. Peter Mariette to fill the first Vacancy and M^r. Francis Taylor the second.

Mess^{rs}. P.
Mariette &
Francis
Taylor
Chosen
Aedermen.

ORDER'D that the usual Notice be given.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an account of four months Wages due the 8th July last and four Months Impress from that time to the 8th November for the Honble Companys Ship Duke amounting to Six thousand thirty two Rupees (R^s. 6,032) which is order'd to be paid.

Account
wages and
Impress ^{of}
Duke.

The Store keeper also lays before the Board an account of disbursements made by Captain Thomas Powney on account of the Ship Duke since his departure from hence in September last together with an Account Current of Receipts and Payments Ballance due from Captain Powney One thousand five hundred and sixty two Arcot Rupees Eight Anaes and four pice (1,562-8-4) which the Storekeeper is order'd to receive.

Disburse-
ments
Account the
Duke
Ballance
due from
Capt.
Powney
to be
received.

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Indents for
Stores &
Duke to be
complied
with.

The Storekeeper and the Military Storekeeper severally lay before the Board Captain Thomas Powneys Indents for Stores and Provisions wanted for the Ship Duke which are Order'd to be complied with.

Advance to
the Commis-
sary.

AGREED that Fifty thousand Rupees (50,000) and eight thousand Pagodas (8,000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad AND

& Store-
keeper.

That six thousand Rupees (6,000) be advanced the Storekeeper to pay Wages Impress and other Charges on Account of the Ship Duke.

Beetle Rent
paid in

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmar pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

&

Measuring
Duty.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty pays in two hundred and sixty eight Pagodas twelve fanams (268-12-0) in full for two months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

In pursuance of the request made to us by your Secretary we have been on board the Ship Grantham Captain John Oliver and on a survey find her to be in good state & condition & we are of Opinion that she is fit to receive a Cargo for Europe we are with Respect.

FORT S^r. GEORGE.
AUGUST THE 15th 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Servants,
FRAN^s. TAYLOR.
R^s. JACKSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

M^r. Edward Burman (who is departed from hence) having acquainted the Honble the Mayors Court that he did on Tuesday last resign his Office of Alderman to your Honor & c^a. and there being another Vacancy in the Court yet open, Notwithstanding the pressing remonstrances made by the Court to your Honor & c^a. under date of the 25th day of April last that the then two Vacancies might be filled up as soon as possible, And the same reasons still subsisting as Mess^{rs}. Claud Russell & Henry Brooke are absent, the one at China, the other at Puliacat, and M^r. John Davidson labouring under a bad state of health, which often prevents his attendance so that only three Aldermen besides the Mayor, remains, who have at present no declared Impediment to hinder their attendance on the duty of their Offices; tho' how soon Accidents may prevent some of them

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from attending is uncertain and the Court thereby be disabled from meeting according to its Adjournment thro' want of three Members to assemble, the consequence of which might be the Forfeiture of the Charter I am therefore order'd again to repeat the Courts earnest desire that your Honor &c^a will fill up such Vacancies as happen agreeable to your intimation with respect to that mention'd in your Letter of the 10th May last, which you then said should be shortly supplied, but which promise, it is presumed, Business may have caused you to forget I am

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15th AUGUST 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.
DANIEL MORSE,
Reg^r.

Sail'd Sloop Tartar, Anthony for Puliacat.

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Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,

GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 22^d

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops in the Field.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 10th and 15th Instant read and Sign'd.

The President acquaints the Board that he had informed the Baron de Vasserot of the Resolution taken at the last Consultation to give him a Captains Commission to take Rank next below Captain Gurtler but the Baron beg'd leave to decline accepting a Commission on those terms as he thinks it must prejudice him in the Opinion of his Brother Officers were he to accept of a Rank inferior to that which the Company have been pleas'd to give him but being desirous of doing the Company all the Service in his Power he beg'd leave to act in the Troop as a Voluntier untill the Companys pleasure be known, that he has accordingly taken the Field in that Capacity and purposes addressing the Board on the subject.

Baron de Vasserot declines accepting a Capt. Commission on the terms agreed at last cons.

The Arrack Farm having been suspended for two Months which expired the 19th Instant AGREED that the suspension be continued for two Months longer and that the same Allowances be made the Farmers as were settled in Consultation the 30th June when the Board first agreed to suspend that Farm.

Vide Cons. 30 June The Suspension of the arrack Farm continued for 2 Mos. longer.

The Farm of the Town Brokerage having been let in 1757 for the term of five years to Numboor Vencaty Soubiah (who was then the Farmer of the Poonamallee Country) at a Rent far exceeding its real value the occasion of which is fully setforth in Consultation the 30th March 1757. The said Soubiah is now desirous of surrendering his Cowle alledging that his principal view in renting that Farm was the Advantage which would arise to him therefrom by means of his being also the Farmer of the Poonamallee Country which being now let to another his great Losses render him utterly incapable of paying the Annual Rent at which he holds the Town Brokerage being Two thousand eight hundred and ten Pagodas q^d Annum which is above three times as much as he can hope to collect from the Duties of that Farm now that the Poonamallee

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Farm is taken from him. The Board considering that Soubiah is greatly in Arrear to the Company in the Rent of the Poonamallee Country which he is not in a Capacity to pay and consequently there can be no probability of his paying the Rent of the other Farm which so much exceeds its real produce AGREED that he be permitted to surrender his cowle and that the said Farm be put up at Outcry on Tuesday next the 29 Instant for five years.

The Farm to be let again at Outcry.

Capt. Brevets given to Lt. Wood and Ogilvie.

Letter from the Board of Works relating to the reduction of Cooley & Boats.

AGREED that Captains Brevets be granted to Lieutenant John Wood to Rank the 17th Instant and Lieutenant James Ogilvie to Rank 18th Instant.

Letter from the Committee of Works read (as enter'd hereafter) representing that agreeable to Order of Consultation the 31st Ultimo they will consider of the most prudent Measures for effecting a reduction in the price of Conveying Earth by Boats, that they did make an Attempt of that kind the beginning of this year and proposed at the same time to reduce the price of Cooley hire but that many concurring circumstances (which they set forth) obliged them to drop their Intentions for that time that they will again endeavour to effect a reduction as soon as the Circumstances of affairs will permit and then address the Board again and at the same time report their valuation of the Furniture &c^a. which has not yet been brought on the Books.

GEORGE PIGOT.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.,

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & THE OTHER GENTLEMEN IN COUNCIL

AT FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Agreeable to your Orders in Consultation the 27th Ultimo we shall consider the most prudent measures for effecting a reduction in the price of Conveying Earth by Boats. In the mean time we beg leave to observe to your Honor &c^a. that at the beginning of this year we had form'd a design of the like nature and had the greater prospect of Success as we proposed therewith to reduce the hire of men Cooleys from 2 fanams to 1.72 Tho' we were sensible we should at first have put some little stop to the Works by this attempt yet the dryness of the Season occasion'd so small a demand for Cooleys in the Country, and so many came hither for employment that we were almost assur'd by a short perseverance we should have reduced them to the necessity of accepting our Terms. The arrival of the French Squadron on the Coast at this juncture, and the consequent alteration of Affairs, obliged us to lay aside all thoughts of reduction, and on the contrary necessitated us to practice every expedient to Collect more Cooleys and to procure Materials sufficient for erecting the several Works. which the Engineer informed us, he had orders to execute with the greatest expedition. The prosecution of these Works since; and the other preparations for the Defence of this place, made us conclude we cou'd not in prudence resume our scheme till some favorable alteration. The Works lately undertaken, being now indeed nearly compleated occasion a less demand for Earth, from whence we hope more easily to reduce the price of that article; but we apprehend we cannot yet risque the desertion of our Cooleys by attempting a reduction in their Pay: tho' the charge of labour is extreamly heavy on the Honble Company, and also affects every Inhabitant of this place.

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We shall address your Honor &c^a. again as soon as we can establish a reduction, and at the same time comply with your orders in laying before you our valuation of the several pieces of Furniture not yet brought on the Books We are very respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

JOHN CALL.

Recd. by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated 4th Ultimo. 29

The Farm of the Town Brokerage being put up at Outcry pursuant to a resolution at the last Consultation is let to Kelleva Chittee the highest bidder at P. 845 Annum for the term of five years to commence the 12th. of next month.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^a., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

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HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 29th.

The Book of Standing orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation, dated the 22^d. Instant read & Sign'd.

N^o. 58 General Letter from Richard Bouchier, Esq^r. Resident and Governor &c^a. Council at Bombay dated the 4th. July acquainting Us that they have order'd a Sloop to be built for the West Coast as mention'd in their last & that our Honble Masters have directed them to lade on her such a Cargo as will best turn to account they therefore desire We will acquaint them whether we choose to have her sent to Madras or directly to the West Coast and in the latter case how they can best comply with their commands.

General
Letter from
Bombay.

AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at Bombay to send the abovemention'd Sloop round to Us when finish'd as We may have occasion to send Advices and Stores to the West Coast.

Bombay
to be wrote
to, to send
the West
Coast
Sloop
round
hither.

The Grantham being now on disptach for Europe The President proposes to the Consideration of the Board whether it will be adviseable to receive money into Cash for Bills on the Court of Directors and thereupon a State is laid before the Board of the remains of Cash with an Estimate of what may be receiv'd on account of Sales of Goods and the fixed and variable Revenues and also an Estimate of the Monthly Expences whereby it appears that not more than between three and four Months Expences can be depended on and as it is utterly uncertain whether the Ships expected this Season from Europe may arrive herebefore the Monsoon or proceed directly to Bengal or Bombay in either of which last mentioned cases no supplies of Treasure can be expected from them at the soonest till January or February Upon these Considerations it is Agreed to receive money into Cash and to draw on the Court of Directors for the amount on the usual term.

Considera-
tions
whether to
draw on the
Comy.
by the
Grantham
or not.

Agreed to
draw.

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Rent of
Poonamallee
paid in.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah late Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in One thousand and eighty three Pagodas (1083) in further part of six months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June 1757.

Also for
Ruby
Brokerage
& Batta on
Ex. of
Pagodas.

Cheppermaul Chittee Farmer of Ruby Brokerage pays in Two hundred and fifty five Pagodas (255) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th of June.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Thirty two thousand fanams (F^s. 32,000) amounting at the rate of Thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to Eight hundred and Eighty eight Pagodas thirty two fanams (P. 888 32—) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Eight thousand Pagodas into fanams this month at the rate of forty fanams $\frac{1}{3}$ Pagoda and brought to account at the rate of thirty six fanams $\frac{1}{3}$ Pagoda.

On Import
WareHo.
Account.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^r. pays in One thousand six hundred and seventy Pagodas (1670) on his running Account.

On the Sea
Cusrs.
Account.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas on his running Account.

On the Land
Cusrs.
Account.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Two hundred and Ninety five Pagodas twenty two fanams and fifty five Cash (295-22-55) for the July Ballance of that Account.

Advances to

AGREED the following advances be made.

The Pay-
master.

To the Paymaster Eighteen thousand Pagodas (18000) for the Charges of that employ.

Military
Paym^r.

To the Military Paymaster Eleven thousand one hundred Pagodas (11100) for the Charges of that employ

and

Military
Storek^r.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand Pagodas (1000) for the Charges of that employ.

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

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

„—————“ „—————“ HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

TUESDAY
THE 5TH.

Colonel Lawrence Absent being Indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 29th Ultimo read & Sign'd.

Letter from
the Com-
mittee of
Works
relating
to the

Letter from the Committee of Works dated this day read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that they have at length pitch'd upon two spots of Ground to be allotted to the Inhabitants whose Houses have been pull'd down in the Black Town and should have proceeded to the distribution thereof but that some

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Obstacles have occur'd particularly in the objection made by Poly Chittee to give up a peice of his Ground on any reasonable terms and the situation of that Ground is such that it is necessary to be taken in to render the Communication of the Streets convenient and as other difficulties of the like kind may Occur they desire to be authorized to take such Grounds, Gardens, &c^a. from the proprietors as may be necessary for reducing the New Streets to a regular form and preserving an easy Communication thro' them giving in return a reasonable equivalent in money or Ground out of the Companys Garden or any other spot belonging to them.

distribution
of Ground
for a New
Town.

RESOLV'D that the said Committee be empower'd and they are accordingly hereby empower'd to take such Grounds Gardens &c^a. from the properties as they may judge necessary for reducing the streets of the new intended town to a regular form and preserving an easy Communication thro' them and they are further empower'd to assign to the Proprietors of the Ground so taken for the aforesaid purposes an equivalent in Ground out of the Companys Old Garden or any other convenient place or to allow the proprietors of such Ground a reasonable Compensation in money. And in regard to Poly Chittee who has been the Cause of such delay and trouble by his obstinate refusal to part with the peice of Ground described by the Committee, tho offer'd a valuable consideration and tho' the general Good and convenience of the Inhabitant is so immediately concerned the President recommends to the Consideration of the Board whether some resentment should not be shewn him on this occasion and moves that the said peice of Ground be taken from him without giving him any Compensation for the same. The Question being thereupon put RESOLV'D by the Majority That the said peice of Ground be appropriated to the uses intended by the Committee as expressed in their said Letter and that no Compensation whatever be allow'd to the said Poly Chittee for the same. M^r. Smith dissents and now delivers in such his dissent in Writing which he desires may be enter'd in the Body of these Minutes being as follows.

The Com-
mittee
empower'd
to take in
such
Grounds or
they think
necessary
& allot
others to
the Inhabi-
tants.

“ The best expedient to satisfy both Casts is to make a Passage round the Pagoda that each may perform their Ceremonies But I think it just a Compensation should be made to Poly Chittee for such part of his Garden as must be taken from him for that purpose.”

JOHN SMITH.

The 39th. Paragraph of the Honble Company Commands, dated 11th. February 1756 having been deliver'd to M^r. Pybus acquiring of him an explicit Account of the Transactions relating to the refund charged by M^r. Walsh and himself as Supravisors of the West Coast to M^r. Hurlock on Account of the sale of the Marlbro' Arrack Farm a letter from him containing his answer thereto is now read and order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Letter from
Mr. Pybus
relating
to the
Collusion
in the Sale
of the
Marlbro'
Farm by
Mr. Hurlock.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that the Salt Petre laden on the Hunter Schooner in April last and intended for Fort S^t. David having been relanded and weigh'd of there is a deficiency of Thirteen Candy nineteen maund and four pound (13-19-4) which the Master alledges is occasion'd by his having been obliged to throw overboard twenty four (24) Bags and by the quantity of Water which got into the hold in a Squall which happen'd the 1st. May last.

Deficiency
of Salt
Petre $\frac{3}{4}$
Hunter
Schooner
to be wrote
off to Profit
& Loss.

ORDER'D that the said deficiency be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Mr. Cotsford
employ'd
as a monthly
Writer
under the
Military
Storekr.

AGREED that M^r. Edward Cotsford be employ'd as a monthly Writer under the Military Storekeeper in the room of M^r. Crawford who lately was permitted to go to China for the recovery of his Health.

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Thomas
Osman the
Charcoal
burner to
be sent
home by
Grantham.

AGREED that Thomas Osman the Charcoal burner sent out from England in 1755 be sent home on the Grantham being of no manner of Service in his Profession but of prejudice to the Garrison having been detected in retailing spirituous Liquors to the Military.

Two Drafts
of the
Account
General.

The following Draughts from the Accountant-General of the Mayors Court are now presented and order'd to be paid Viz^t.

1 Account the Estate of William Lindsay deceased payable to Robert Orme Esq^r. for Pag^s. 3048-27-20 and AR^s. 3588-12-6.

1 Account the Estate of John Warren deceas'd payable to the Rev^d. M^r. Robert Palk for AR^s. 12308-5-3.

Certificate
of the
Account
General of
money to
be paid
in.

A Certificate from the Accountant-General of the Mayors Court that M^r. William Dunn Administrator to the Goods and Chattels of James Duff deceas'd is to pay in One thousand and eight Pagodas on Account the Cause Thomas Powney *versus* William Dunn Administrator to the Goods Chattels & Credits of James Duff deceas'd being now presented to the Board, a receipt is sign'd for the said sum which is to be receiv'd into Cash.

Draught of
General
Letter to
England by
Grantham.

Draught of the General Letter to England to go by the Grantham is now read and approv'd and Order'd to be transcribed.

No money
to be recd.
for Bills on
England
after next
Wednesday
nor
Diamonds
registered.

ORDER'D that Notice be given by the Secretary that money will be receiv'd into Cash for Bills on the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors untill Wednesday the 13th. Instant and not after and that no Diamonds or precious Stones will be Register'd to go on the Grantham after that time.

August
Cash Accot.
read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eighteen thousand one hundred and fifty seven Pagodas five fanams and three Cash (18157-5-3) which is carried forward.

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

TO THE HON^{ble} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & THE OTHER GENTLEMEN
OF COUNCIL AT FORT S. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR & GENTLEMEN,

Having at length after some difficulty pitch'd on two spots of Ground and concerted such a plan for the situation of the several Casts as we hope will prevent any disputes about the Privileges of Streets, we should have proceeded immediately to the Distribution of the said Ground to the Inhabitants whose houses have been demolish'd or are now demolishing ; but some obstacles having occur'd we beg leave to request your further orders in the removal of them.

The Plan hereto annexed will show the Distribution we propose making of Kistnah's Garden (which we have taken & given an equivalent for out of the Companys) to the right hand Cast, and part of the Company's Garden to the left hand. To render the communication of the Streets convenient it is

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absolutely necessary to make a street thro' Poly Chitte's Garden and to take another Garden belonging to a Goldsmith. The Proprietor of the first refuses to part with so much of his Garden as is included between the red dotted Lines on any Terms we can propose; except buying the whole Garden at a greater price than it is worth. The other person makes less difficulty; but as many like cases will probably occur before the distribution of Ground is completed we beg you will be pleas'd to authorize us to take such Ground, Gardens &c^a. from the Proprietors as may be necessary for reducing the new streets to a regular Form and preserving an easy Communication thro' them; giving in return a reasonable equivalent In money or Ground out of the Companys Garden or any other spot belonging to them.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5TH SEPT^R. 1578.

We are
HONBLE SIR & GENTLEMEN
Your most Obed^t. H'ble Servant,

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN CALL.

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

CONTRA.

			D ^r .						C ^r .							
			PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.	PA.	FA.	CA.					
1	To Ballance brought from last months Account	2485 3	91582	28	27402	34	28		1	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation for this month.	70	..	70	—	—	
15	To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Beetle & Tobacco rec'd of him in full for one months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo	311	22404	—	933	12	—		17	By the Commissary advanced M ^r . Robert Orme for the Charges of that employ ..	8000	..	8000	—	—	
15	To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty recd. of him in full for two months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo .. ..	..	9660	—	268	12	—		30	By Sloop Good Intent paid M ^r . Justice for a Sloop purchased by the Select Committee for Secret Service £799 at £ 17 for 10 Pagodas.	470	..	470	—	—	
30	To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury	20000	..	..	20000	—	—		—	By the Paymaster advanced M ^r . John Smith for the Charges of that employ ..	6000	432000	—	18000	—	—
—	To the Import Warehouse-keeper recd. from M ^r . Henry Powney on that Account	1600	2520	—	1670	—	—		—	By the Military Paymaster. advanced M ^r . John Smith for the Charges of that employ	11000	3600	—	11100	—	—
—	To the Sea Customer recd. from Henry Powney on that Account	3900	3600	—	4000	—	—		—	By the Military Storekeeper advanced M ^r . Charles Bouchier for the Charges of that employ	1000	..	1000	—	—	
—	To the Land Customer rec'd from M ^r . Henry Powney for the July Ballance of that Account	76	7906	55	295	22	55									
—	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country recd. in further part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30 th June 1757	1083	..	..	1083	—	—									
	Carried over	51829	137673	3	55653	9	3			Carried over	26540	435600	..	32640	—	—

Brought over	51829	137673 3	55653 9 3
— To Linga Chittee Farmer of the Ruby Brokerage recd. for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th June	255	..	255 — —
— To Batta for the produce of Pagodas 8000 Issued in the Course of the month as ⌘ Contra and Exchang'd into fanams at the rate of forty fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to account at the rate of 36 fanams ⌘ Pagoda.	..	320000 —	8888 32 —
 STAR OF CURR. PAGODAS ..	 52084	 457673 3	 64797 5 3

Brought over	26540	435600 —	38640 — —
— By Batta Issued in the course of the Month & Exchanged into fanams as ⌘ Contra ..	8000	..	8000 — —
— By Ballance carried to next months Account	17544	22073 3	18157 5 3
 STAR OF CURR ^T . PAGODAS.	 52084	 457673 3	 64797 5 3

ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
OF FORT S . GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Conformable to the Tenour of the Extract sent me by the Secretary of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to this Place dated 11th February 1756 requiring of me to give them an explicit account of the Transaction relating to the refund charged by M^r. Walsh and myself to M^r. Hurlock on account the sale of the Marlbro' Arrack Farm I am to acquaint you that Proposals having been made to us soon after our arrival at Fort Marlbro' as supravisors by some Chinese of Credit & Substance there, to rent the Arrack Farm at £ 300 p month, which on referring to the Preceeding year's sale we found had been let for no more than £130 we were led to enquire into the reason of it and learnt from the Information as well of the then members of Council as others. That although no more than £130 p month was brought to the Companys Credit, yet the Farmer in fact paid about £ 300. The difference of £ 170 having from a Practice of long standing been appropriated to private Emolument in the following manner " The sum of Twelve hundred Dollars or thereabouts, was paid to the Deputy Governor for the time being (in whose name the Farm was purchased at a kind of pretended sale of it, by the Chinaman to whom he granted the License, who likewise paid for it the Rent of 200 Dollars monthly 130 of which was brought to the Companys Credit, the remaing 70 divided equally between the Surgeon & Secretary for the time being." A Collusion so very notorious and Injurious to the Interest of Our Masters oblig'd us in Consequence of our Commission to endeavour to obtain them redress ; The Measures we pursued to that Effect recd. no Recapitulation here. It rests now with them whether to avail themselves of the satisfaction we have secured to them or not. I am very Respectfully

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
1st SEPTEMBER 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your very Obed^t. humble Serv^t.
JOHN PYBUS.

- 6 Sail'd Ship Greyhound William Dunn for Bengal with General Letter
to the President & Council dated 31st. August.
8 Sail'd Ship Anna Dorothea, John Bolt for Bengal.
— Arriv'd Ship Gadan Madit, Cade Kundou, from Batavia.
11 Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay, dated this day.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNES-
DAY
THE 13th.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRING^r. LAWRENCE HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultations, dated the 5th Instant read & Sign'd.

Letter from M^r. Robert Orme late Export Warehousekeeper dated the 6 Instant read accompanying the Account sales of Rice which stood on the Ballance of the Export Warehouse Books the 30 of last April together with an Account Current thereof by which there appears a loss of One thousand six

Letter from
the Expt.
Ware
H^o.K^r.

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hundred and seventy two Pagodas eleven fanams and thirteen Cash (1672-11-13) of which sum Seven hundred and nineteen Pagodas fourteen fanams and nineteen Cash (719-14-19) arises from the deficiency of weight being ten Garce & One hundred twenty Mercalls and Nine hundred and fifty two Pagodas thirty two fanams and seventy four Cash (952-32-74) from the difference of price between the Cost & the Sale desiring leave to write off the said deficiency to Profit & Loss, which is granted & the said Letter & Accounts are Order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Loss on
Grain to be
wrote off.

Another Letter from M^r. Robert Orme late Export Warehousekeeper, dated this day read, desiring leave to make the two undermentioned Entries in the Export Warehouse Books in order to deliver them to M^r. Powney Ballanced to the time of delivering over to him that employ Viz^t. The one in consequence of delivering over the Rice Received p Ship Drake & the Salt which remained on Ballance to M^r. Charles Turner The other to clear off the deficiencies which were found on reweighing the abovementioned Rice as well as a Deficiency of Ten Tarpaulins worn out & One hundred and sixty five Measures of Oil wasted (165) which proposed Entries as well as an Account Current of the Rice are annex'd to the said Letter. The said Entries are permitted to be made accordingly and the said Letter Entries and Account are Order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Another
Letter from
the Expt.
WHoKr.

Entries to
be made for
Ballancing
those Books.

Letter from M^r. Robert Orme Accountant dated this day read as enter'd hereafter accompanying an Explanation of the Auditors remarks on the Fort S^t. David Adjustments proving that there is no difference arising on them as suppos'd that having lately not been capable of any laborious Attention he recommended that Work to M^r. Alexander the Sub-Accomptant who has executed it with great exactness. Acquainting the Board that the Books of Ingeram Vizagapatam and Maddapollam are adjusted to the periods those places were taken That the reason our Books ending April 1757 & 1758 are not adjusted with those of Fort Marlbro' is, that the latter did not arrive here till the 25th July at which time our Books were too near a Conclusion to admit of such an Insertion. That the Books of Fort S^t. David from 1749 to 1750 were not to be found in the Office or at S^t. Davids when he took the Accountants employ so that they cannot be adjusted on the Fort S^t. George Books till Copies come from England. That the ascertaining the debts owing to the Company and valuing the Buildings &c^a. as specified in the List of heads sent from England is a Work which falls immediately under the Consideration of the Council.

Letter from
Mr. Orme
Account
with Ex-
planation
of the
Auditors
remarks
from
England &
other
matters

Remarks
to be sent
home.

ORDER'D that the Explanation of the Auditors Remarks now laid before the Board be sent to the Honble Court of Directors in the Packet by the Grantham.

Letter from M^r. John Pybus, Assay Master read as enter'd hereafter representing that he has lately discover'd a fraud in the Mint committed by one Anantyah Chittee a shroff who has frequently brought Gold to be coin'd giving an account of the manner in which the said fraud was discover'd and subjoining thereto the confession & declaration of three of the Mint people who were Concern'd with him, adding that one of the Brothers of the said Anantyah Chittee has been secured as well as the Effects found in his House (a List of which accompanys the said Letter) and the Parcel of Gold he brought to the Mint to be coin'd.

Letter from
Mr. Pybus
Assay
Mr. repre-
senting the
discovery of
a fraud in
the Mint.

ORDER'D that the said Letter and Declarations do lye on the Table to be further consider'd and for the further information of the Board the Assay Master is directed to lay before them a particular Account of the method of conducting the Business of the Mint beginning with the first step which is the Merchant bringing his Gold or Silver to the Mint and so relating the whole progress thro' the several operations step by step untill the delivery of the specie coin'd.

To lye on
the Table &
an Acct.
of the
progress of
the Mint
business to
be laid
before the
Board.

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Rentl.
Genl. &
Scavengers
Accot.
1756.

M^r. Charles Bouchier Rental General & Scavenger delivers in as enter'd hereafter the accounts of that Revenue and Assessment for twelve Months ending the 31st August 1756. The Ballance remaining due on the Rental Generals Account and carried forward is One thousand three hundred and eighty eight Pagodas thirty five fanams and forty five Cash (1388-35-45).

The Bad Debts allow'd to be wrote off in the foregoing Accounts are as follow

On Account of Scavenger's Duty	..	..	..	..	..	P.	6	12	—
On Account of Quit Rent	..	..	..	..	..		33	10	—
								39	22	—

He also lays before the Board the Rent Rolls for the year ending the 31 August 1757 which are now signed.

Des. Rolls
1757 sign'd.

The Amount of quit Rents	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pag ^s .	1,593	28	—
The Amount of Scavenger's Duty	..	..	..	..	..	..		778	25	—
								Pag ^s .	2,372	7	—

1 yrs dutys
to be
remitted
the Inhabts.
whose
houses
have been
pull'd down.

but in Consideration of the Losses of many of the Inhabitants whose houses in the black Town have been pulled down AGREED that such of the Inhabitants whose Houses have been demolished in the Black Town be excused one years Quit Rent and Scavenger's Duty on the Houses they have rebuilt.

Letter from
Capt.
E. Maske-
lyne
desiring a
Majors

Letter from Captain Edmund Maskelyne read as enter'd hereafter representing his long services, and that tho' he had resolved to remain in the service till our Affairs in India should be in a more peaceable situation yet being now ascertain'd that the Board has lately conferr'd a Majors Brevet on Captain Caillaud who is his Junior unless the Board shall think him deserving of a Brevet prior in date to Captain Caillauds he cannot but conclude his services are judg'd no longer necessary and consequently that they may now be dispensed with and in that case he desires leave to resign his Military employ as he can serve in it no longer with Honor or pleasure under such disagreeable Circumstances.

He is to
take his
Rank on
the Civil
List.

RESOLV'D That as this Board did at the recommendation of the Committee grant a Majors Brevet to Captain Caillaud concluding from their recommendation that Captain Caillaud was the properest person for that promotion, they do not think it proper now to Supersede him, tho' they do in Justice to Captain Maskelyne acknowledge that he has always behav'd himself as became a good Officer. And as he has in his said Letter desired leave to resign his Commission in case a Majors Brevet should not be granted him to rank before Captain Caillaud AGREED that his resignation be accepted and that he take his Rank on the Civil List agreeable to the Companys Order in their General Letter dated the 26th March 1755.

Letter from
Baron de
Vasserot
about his
Rank.

Letter from the Baron de Vasserot read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that the President having inform'd him of the Commission that it had been resolv'd to grant him, as he observes it does not give him that Rank in the service which he thinks himself entitled to, he therefore offers to the Consideration of the Board the grounds on which his pretensions are founded and requests that they may be reconsidered and that another Commission may be granted him dated according to the Intention of the Court of Directors.

Letter
from Captns.
Preston
Smith &
Barker
about
Baron de
Vasserot's
Rank.

Letter from Captains Achilles Preston Richard Smith & Captain Robert Barker of the Artillery read as enter'd hereafter remonstrating against the pretensions of the Baron de Vasserot to a Commission giving him Rank of them and requesting that such a Commission may not be granted him.

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The Board having already come to such Resolution in Consultation the 15th Ultimo in regard to the Baron de Vasserot's Rank as appear'd to them proper AGREED that the said Letters be referr'd to the Honble Court of Directors.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Captain Richard Smith to Captain Edmund Maskelyne President of a Court Martial which was appointed to meet the 26th May last, containing his reasons for refusing to sit as a Member of that Court which Letter should have been produced in Consultation the 30th May but having been then inadvertently omitted is order'd to be enter'd after these Minutes for the information of the Honble Court of Directors.

Capt. Smiths dissent at a General Court Martial 26th May.

Letter from M^r. John Pybus read as enter'd hereafter requesting permission of Passage to England on the Grantham for his Family consisting of M^{rs}. Pybus, her Daughter Ann, one Man and one Woman servant Granted.

Mr. Pybus desires permission of Passage for his Family to Grantham.

ORDER'D that the Secretary sign an Order to the Commander of the Grantham to receive on board Edward Biggs, Percy Earl and Charles O'Hara Three Invalids of the Royal Artillery as Charterparty Passengers for England.

3 Charter party Passengers to Grantham.

The following forty four Setts of Bills of Exchange all of this date now sign'd drawn on the Honble Court of Directors payable at Ninety days sight at their stipulated Exchange of seven shillings and eight pence ₹ Pagoda Viz^t.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value receiv'd.	£.	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
1	M ^r . Cornelius Goodwin.	Henry Powney Esq ^r .	3,381	—	6	8,820	2	47
1	Do.	Do.	211	18	8	552	31	47
1	Do. & Heron Powney.	Do.	138	16	3	362	4	32
1	M ^r . William Nizon ..	Do.	379	3	4	989	4	69
1	M ^{rs} . Rebecca Cassamajor.	Do.	80	—	3	208	26	28
1	Samuel Peckell Esq ^r . & the Rev ^d . M ^r . Robert Palk.	The Rev ^d . M ^r . Robert Palk for account of Jn ^o . Cailland Esq ^r .	4,600	—	—	12,000	—	—
1	M ^r . Richard Warren.	The Rev ^d . M ^r . Robert Palk for Account of M ^r . Ja ^s . Lister.	1,231	11	11	3,212	31	—
1	John Corneille Esq ^r .	The Rev ^d . M ^r . Robert Palk.	1,030	18	3	2,689	17	4
1	M ^r . Charles Pater & M ^r . Peter Pater.	The Rev ^d . M ^r . Robert Palk on account of M ^r . Charles Pater.	766	5	8	1,999	—	—
1	Hugh Ross Esq ^r .	M ^r . George Mackay Acco ^t . the Estate of Captain John Howes deceased.	1,308	16	—	3,414	9	56
1	M ^r . William Ferguson.	M ^r . George Mackay ..	50	—	—	130	15	52
1	Sir Luke Schaub ..	M ^r . Salamon Franco ..	200	—	—	521	26	48
1	Charles Raymond Esq ^r .	William Perceval Esq ^r .	489	2	8	1,276	—	—
1	Daniel Lascelles Esq ^r .	Do.	60	2	7	156	31	—
		Carried over ..				36,333	20	63

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Setts.	To whom payable.	of whom the value receiv'd.	£.	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
		Brought over ..				36,333	20	63
1	Thomas Saunders Esq ^r . The Rev ^d . M ^r Robert Palk M ^r . Will ^m . Fergu- son John Munro Esq ^r . & M ^r . Andraca Robert- son.	Robert Orme Esq ^r . M ^r . Henry VanSittart & M ^r . Frances Mary Munro Account the Estate of M ^r . Andrew Munro deced.	4,216	13	4	11,000	—	—
1	M ^r . Robert Baldry ..	Mess ^{rs} . Charles Bouchier and Henry VanSittart Account the Estate of Cap ^t . Henry Smith dec ^d .	1,150	—	—	3,000	—	—
1	M ^r . George Thomas.	Himself on Account the Estate of M ^r . James Colnett deced.	936	17	4	2,444	—	—
1	D ^o .	Himself	383	6	8	1,000	—	—
1	M ^r . Herbert Jones ..	M ^r . George Thomas ..	383	6	8	1,000	—	—
1	M ^r . Edward Ives ..	M ^r . George Thomas Account of M ^r . Samuel Piggott & the Estate of M ^r . John Beirs.	291	6	8	760	—	—
1	M ^r . Assur Isaac Leery	George Pigot Esq ^r . in part return for a Box of Pearls mark ^d I S.M. N ^o . 1 imported B Fox 1758.	58	8	8	152	16	16
1	George Higginson Esq ^r .	M ^r . Josias du Pre' ..	230	5	8	600	26	47
1	M ^{rs} . Ann Bunyon ..	M ^r . Josias du Pre' Account the Estate of Stephen Holloway Bunyon deceas'd.	102	6	6	266	34	4
1	Captain Thomas Rumbold.	Mess ^{rs} . Josias du Pre' and James Alexander.	306	—	11	798	14	—
1	M ^r . Alexander Dal- rymple.	Himself	2,000	—	—	5,217	14	6
1	George Lewis Scott Esq ^r .	Capt ⁿ . Robert Barker ..	500	—	—	1,304	12	40
1	M ^r . Robert Banna- tyne.	Himself	60	—	—	156	18	62
1	M ^r . Andrew Moffat.	Captain John Oliver	2,000	—	—	5,217	14	6
1	Richard Starke Esq ^r .	John Smith Esq ^r . ..	1,000	—	—	2,608	15	3
1	Mess ^{rs} . Aaron Franks & David Salomons.	Nicholas Morse Esq ^r . ..	157	2	6	409	32	46
1	M ^r . Hugh Norris ..	Himself	300	—	—	782	21	73
1	M ^r . William Ferguson.	Himself	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	M ^{rs} . Hanna Dawson.	M ^r . Richard Dawson ..	20	—	—	52	6	20
1	M ^r . Luke Medwin ..	M ^r . George Dolben ..	50	—	—	130	15	52
1	M ^{rs} . Elizabeth Smith.	Capt ⁿ . Rich ^d . Smith on Acc ^t . of Capt ⁿ . Joseph Smith.	50	—	—	130	15	52
1	M ^r . James Callender.	Captain Alexander Cal- lendar.	100	—	—	260	31	24
		Carried over				76,235	19	37

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Setts.	To whom payable.	Brought over ... Of whom the value receiv'd.	£.	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
						76,235	19	37
1	Mr. James Wilson ..	Himself	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	Mr. Edward Biggs ..	Himself	115	—	—	300	—	—
1	Capt ⁿ . John Godwin.	Capt ⁿ . W ^m Hislop & Mr. John Call Exors to the Estate of Capt ⁿ . Lieut. Benj ⁿ . Godwin deceased.	1,073	6	8	2,800	—	—
1	Mr. John Kelsall ..	Capt ⁿ . Edmund Maske- lyne.	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	Peter & Joseph God- frey Esq ^r	Robert Orme Esq ^r Account the Estate of William Lindsay Esq ^r of Bengal de- ceased.	1,430	6	3	3,731	9	—
1	William Crompton Esq ^r .	Mr. William Roberts Account the Estate of Captain John Crom- pton deceased.	220	2	9	574	10	12
1	Charles Boddam Esq ^r .	Mr. John Maxwell Stone.	80	—	—	208	25	3
1	Mr. Cornelius Good- win and M. Heron Powney.	Henry Powney Esq ^r ..	500	—	—	1,304	12	41
44	Setts amounting to.		£ 34,642	6	8	90,371	18	19

Suca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (933-12-0) in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

Beetle & Tobacco Rent paid in.

Agreed that Two hundred Pagodas be paid to the Tanjore Vackeel on account of the Annual Present due to the King of Tanjore for Deve Cotah.

200 Pags. paid the King of Tanjore Vackeel.

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^s. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Conformable to your Orders I have disposed at Public Outcry of all the Rice which stood on the ballance of the Export Warehouse books on the 30th of last April & now do myself the honor to lay before you the particular Account sales viz^t.

Sales July 17 5 Garse.
Do. 20 15 Do.
Do. 31 3.210

23.210 of Coarse Rice bought out of the Prince Henry of Prussia in May 1756.

Do. 31 1.40½ Fine Rice bought at the same time out of the same Ship.

Do. 31 4.250 of Coarse Rice bought of Captain Austin in July 1757.

In all Garse 29.100½

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I likewise lay before you an Account Current of this Rice, on which the Company appear to lose no less a sum than Pagodas 1672-11-13 of which sum Pag^s. 719-14-19 arise from deficiency of Weight which is Garse 10^{M.}·122 And Pagodas 952-32-74 arise from the difference of price between the first cost of Garse 29·100½ and the price this Quantity produced at the sales now made.

If the loss of Garse 10 122 should be consider'd as a loss arising since the 30th of April last on Garse 39·222½ which by the Export Warehouse Books appears to be the Ballance remaining the first of May It would be an extraordinary deficiency indeed but it arises on the whole parcells purchased. No allowances for deficiencies in weight having been made since the purchases were made. These were

Garse 116·156-3/16 bought out of the Ship Prince Henry of Prussia in May 1756, and

Garse 34·137-5/8 bought of Captain Austin in July 1757. So that the 10 Gar. 122 Mer. lost in weight is to be esteem'd the Deficiency on Garse 150·294 and this deficiency arises on Rice not very good when purchased and kept with us long enough to be subject to such a Wastage.

In order to deliver the Books of the Export Warehouse to M^r. Powney with such adjustments made, as arise during the Time that the Management of that Office was with me I request your permission to write off to Profit & Loss, the Loss specified in the Account Current amounting to Pagodas 1672-11-3. I am with the most perfect Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient & most h'ble
Servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE

6TH SEPT^R. 1758.

ROBERT ORME.

FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 17TH 1758.

ACCOUNT SALES at Publick Outcry of Coarse Rice purchased in May 1756 out of the Prince Henry of Prussia sold in Lotts of 50 Mercall each.

Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	O.
1	Cuttamestre Taylor	4	18	0
2	Verapermaul	4	4	40
3	Irelapah Chittee	4	9	0
4	Mooteah	4	9	0
5	Verapermaul	4	9	0
6	Servana Pillah	4	9	0
7	Verapermaul	4	13	40
8	Trevengalum	4	9	0
9	Apoo	4	9	0
10	Moota Kistna Chittee	4	9	0
11	Trevengalum	4	9	0
12	Culapah Chittee	4	9	0
13	Mutta Kisanah Chittee	4	9	0
14	Mootah Chittee	4	13	40
15	Trevengalum	4	9	0
16	Moota Chittee Coatoor	4	9	0
17	Moota Chittee	4	9	0
18	Verapermaul	4	0	0
	Carried over ..	76	22	40

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Lotts.	To whom sold.					P.	F.	C.
				Brought over	..	76	22	40
19	Ireapah Chittee	4	4	40
20	Mootiah	4	0	0
21	Verapermaul	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
22	Palliapah	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
23	Moota Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
24	Verapermaul	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
25	Do.	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
26	Arnatchlum	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
27	Irshapah Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
28	Moota Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
29	Ananda	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
30	Verapermaul	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
31	Irshapah Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
32	Moota Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
33	Ananda	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
34	Condapah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
35	Servaramah Pillai	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
36	Verapermaul	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
37	Trevangalum	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
38	Cullapah Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
39	Apoo	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
40	Moota Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
40	Lotts of 50 Mercalls ea. is 2000 Mercalls or Garse 5 amounting							
				PAGODAS	..	167	4	40

FORT ST. GEORGE, 17TH JULY 1758.ACCOUNT SALES at Publick Outery of Coarse Rice purchased in May 1756
out of the Prince Henry of Prussia sold in Lots of 50 Mercal each.

Lotts.	To whom sold.					P.	F.	C.
1	Condapah Chittee	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
2	Do.	..	..	..	..	4	4	40
3	Do.	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
4	Shermana Comrapah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
5	Gruamurte	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
6	Mooteapah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
7	Ram Chendru	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
8	Gruamurtie	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
9	Servana Pillah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
10	Mooteapah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
11	Condapah	..	..	..	..	4	9	0
12	Trevengalum	4	9	0
13	Agapah	4	9	0
14	Gruamurtie	4	9	0
15	Condapah	4	9	0
				Carried over	..	63	18	0

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Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought Over ..	63	18	0
16	Vencaty	4	9	0
17	Servanah Chittee	4	9	0
18	Trevengalum	4	9	0
19	Vencaty	4	9	0
20	Servana Pillah	4	9	0
21	Subramoney	4	13	40
22	Irshepah	4	13	40
23	Vencaty	4	13	40
24	Amiapah	4	13	40
25	Condapah	4	13	40
26	Vencaty	4	13	40
27	Irshepah Chittee	4	13	40
28	Marcunda	4	13	40
29	Mootah Chittee	4	13	40
30	Ditto	4	13	40
31	Irshapah Chittee	4	13	40
32	Mota Chittee	4	13	40
33	Idean	4	13	40
34	Ditto	4	13	40
35	Ditto	4	13	40
36	Servana Chittee	4	13	40
37	Trevangalum	4	13	40
38	Chinna Chittee	4	13	40
39	Irshapah Chittee	4	13	40
40	Condapah Chittee	4	13	40
41	Condapah	4	13	40
42	Subramoney Chittee	4	13	40
43	Condapah Chittee	4	13	40
44	Subramoney Chittee	4	13	40
45	Amiapa	4	13	40
46	Chinna Chittee	4	13	40
47	Amiapah Chittee	4	13	40
48	Margundo	4	13	40
49	Amiapah	4	13	40
50	Chinna Chittee	4	13	40
51	Condapah	4	13	40
52	Servana Chittee	4	13	40
53	Amiapah Chittee	4	13	40
54	Condapah	4	13	40
55	Condapah Chittee	4	13	40
56	Servana Chittee	4	13	40
57	Condapah	4	13	40
58	Gullapah Chittee	4	13	40
59	Meermastry	4	13	40
60	Smallboy	4	13	40
61	Cundapah	4	13	40
62	Cundapah	4	13	40
63	Meermastre	4	13	40
	Carried over ..	272	31	40

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Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought Over ..	272	31	40
64	Condapah	4	13	40
65	Moota Permaul Chittee	4	13	40
66	Condapah Chittee	4	13	40
67	Amiapah Chittee	4	9	0
68	Ditto	4	9	0
69	Condapah	4	9	0
70	Trevengalum	4	9	0
71	Ditto	4	9	0
72	Amiapah	4	9	0
73	Subramoney Chittee	4	9	0
74	Servana Pillah	4	9	0
75	Mota Chittee	4	9	0
76	Condapah	4	9	0
77	Condapah Chittee	4	9	0
78	Mootah Chittee	4	9	0
79	Condapah Chittee	4	9	0
80	Servana Pillah	4	9	0
81	Amiapah	4	9	0
82	Condapah	4	9	0
83	Subramoney	4	9	0
84	Trevengalum	4	9	0
85	Murandah	4	4	40
86	Condapah Chittee	4	4	40
87	Trevengalum	4	4	40
88	Subramoney Chittee	4	4	40
89	Nina Chittee	4	4	40
90	Condapah	4	4	40
91	Trevengalum	4	4	40
92	Condapah Chittee	4	4	40
93	Idean	4	4	40
94	Condapah	4	4	40
95	Chanmogam	4	4	40
96	Do.	4	4	40
97	Do.	4	4	40
98	Do.	4	4	40
99	Apoo	4	4	40
100	Mooteah	4	9	0
101	Servannah	4	9	0
102	Meerlapah	4	9	0
103	Ameapah Chittee	4	9	0
104	Apoo	4	9	0
105	Servana Pillah	4	9	0
106	Agapah	4	9	0
107	Kistnam Chittee	4	9	0
108	Agapah	4	9	0
109	Meercundo	4	4	40
110	Condapah	4	4	40
111	Servana Pillah	4	4	40
	Carried Over ..	475	0	0

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Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	R.	C.
	Brought Over ..	475	0	0
112	Amiapah	4	0	0
113	Subramoney	4	0	0
114	Rama Shindro	4	0	0
115	Servana Pillah	4	0	0
116	Singaram	4	0	0
117	Ditto	4	0	0
118	Ditto	4	0	0
119	Vellidum	4	0	0
120	Ditto	4	0	0
120	Lotts of 50 Mercals ea' is 6000 Mercals or Grace 15 amounting. PAG ^s ..	511	0	0

FORT ST. GEORGE 31ST. JULY 1758.

ACCOUNT SALES at Publick Outcry of Course Rice Purchased in May 175
out of Prince Henry of Prussia sold in Lots of 50 Mercals each.

Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	R.	C.
1	Amiapah Chittee	4	22	40
2	Comracull	4	22	40
3	Ditto	4	22	40
4	Murgundo	4	27	0
5	Ditto	4	27	0
6	Trevangalum	4	27	0
7	Murgundo	4	27	0
8	Cundapah	4	27	0
9	Ditto	4	27	0
10	Ditto	4	27	0
11	Ditto	4	27	0
12	Trevengalum	4	27	0
13	Mootamar	4	27	0
14	Ditto	4	27	0
15	Margundo	4	27	0
16	Apoo	4	22	40
17	Margundo	4	27	0
18	Ditto	4	27	0
19	Ditto	4	27	0
20	Subramoney Chittee	4	27	0
21	Tremungalum	4	27	0
22	Ditto	4	27	0
23	Condapah	4	27	0
24	Ditto	4	27	0
	Carried Over ..	113	18	0

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Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	c.
	Brought Over ..	113	18	0
25	Trevengalum	4	27	0
26	Ditto	4	27	0
27	Ditto	4	27	0
27 Lotts of 50 Mercal each is 1350 Mercals or Garce 3:150 amounting				
	PAGS. ..	127	27	0
1 Lott to Trevengalum being the sweeping of the Godown 60 Mercals or 60. ..				
		4	0	0
28 Lotts 1410 Mercals or 3:210 Grace				
	PAGODAS ..	131	27	0

ACCOUNT SALES at Public Outcry of Fine Rice purchased in May 1756 out of Prince Henry of Prussia sold in Lots of 50 Mercals ea' the 31st. July 1758.

Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	c.
1	Comrapah Chittee	8	0	0
2	Rama Linga Chittee	8	0	0
3	Ameapah Chittee	8	0	0
4	Veramlea	8	4	40
5	Serwana Chittee	8	4	40
6	Condapah	8	4	40
7	Lingana Chittee	8	4	40
8	Moota Chittee	8	9	0
8 Lotts of 50 Mercals ea' is 400 Mer. or Garce 1 amounting				
	PAGODAS ..	64	27	0
1 Lott to Trevengalum being the sweepings of the Godown 4,072 or .. 40 ½				
		6	27	0
9 Lotts. 44,072 Mer. or Gar. 1:40 ½				
	PAGODAS ..	71	18	0

FORT ST. GEORGE JULY 31ST 1758.

ACCOUNT SALES at Public Outcry of Rice purchased in July 1757 of Captain Austin sold in Lots of 50 Mercals each.

Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	c.
1	Servana Chittee	5	22	40
2	Comracall	5	22	40
3	Ditto	5	18	0
4	Mota Chittee	5	13	40
5	Agapah Chittee	5	18	0
6	Moota Chittee	5	13	40
7	Servana Chittee	5	18	0
8	Subramoney Chittee	5	18	0
9	Ditto	5	18	0
10	Agapah Chittee	5	18	0
11	Ditto	5	18	0
	Carried Over ..	60	18	0

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Lotts.	To whom sold.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought Over ..	60	18	0
12	Moota Chittee	5	13	40
13	Verapillah	5	18	0
14	Anandah	5	18	0
15	Servana Chittee	5	18	0
16	Atchiah	5	18	0
17	Mootaperumaul	5	18	0
18	Annandah	5	18	0
19	Margundah	5	18	0
20	Ditto	5	18	0
21	Ditto	5	18	0
22	Ditto	5	18	0
23	Ditto	5	18	0
24	Cundapah	5	18	0
25	Margundah	5	18	0
26	Ditto	5	18	0
27	Apoo	5	22	40
28	Cundapah	5	22	40
29	Mootapermaul	5	18	0
30	Ditto	5	18	0
31	Agapah Chittee	5	18	0
32	Ditto	5	18	0
33	Mooteah	5	18	0
34	Apoo	5	18	0
35	Ditto	5	18	0
36	Nineapah	5	18	0
37	Trevengalum	5	22	40
37	Lotts of 50 Mercalls each is 1850 Garce 4,250 amounting	Mercals or PAGE. ..	203	27 0

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.,
PRESIDENT & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I beg leave to lay before you an Explanation of the Auditors Remarks on the Fort S^t. David adjustments which clearly proves that there is no difference arising on them as supposed having lately not been capable of any Labourious Attentions. I recommended this Work to Mr. Alexander the Sub-Accountant who has in my opinion executed it with great exactness.

The Books of Ingeram Vizagapatam and Maddapollam are adjusted conformable to the Method transmitted by our Honble Masters to the different Periods in which these places were taken.

The reason that our books ending April 1757 and 1758 are not adjusted with those of Fort Marlbro, is occasioned by our not receiving the Fort Marlbro^r books till the 25 of July at which time Our books were to near a Conclusion to admit of such an Insertion.

The Books of Fort S^t. George from 1749 to 1750 were not to be found in the Office when I took the Post of Accountant and after the strictest search they could not likewise be found at S^t. David so that they cannot be adjusted on the Fort S^t. George books till the Copies come from England.

The ascertaining the Debts owing to the Company and valuing the buildings &c^a. as specified in the List of heads sent from England, is a work which falls immediately under the Consideration of the Council who may perhaps think proper to refer it to a Committee. I am with the most perfect Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most
humble Servant,

ROBERT ORME,

Accomp^t.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Although the occasion of this address is a matter which has given me much Concern, Yet my having been in some Measure instrumental in discovering a Fraud of so heinous a Nature as that I am now about to lay before you has afforded me no small Satisfaction. A Fraud which not only threatn'd the Loss of my Reputation & Character, but that of the Publick Credit also, and which might severely have affected the Private Fortune of every Individual in the Settlement—But not to keep you longer in suspence, I shall proceed to inform you, That on Wednesday last the 30th Ultimo One Anantya Chittee a shroff, and many years an Inhabitant, of this Place, brought a Cake of Gold (as he had done many before) to the Mint to be Assay'd, from which I order'd a Peice to be cut, and with seven or eight Musters more belonging to other Merchants (among which were two given by Cheppermall Chittee) I made an Assay of it, whereby it appear'd to turn out eighty four and the two deliver'd by Cheppermall Chittee seventy five and three quarters (75 $\frac{3}{4}$) Touch I deliver'd my Reports of the several assays I had made to the Mint Surveyor that evening, whose business it is to acquaint the Merchants with the out turn of their respective Musters, and the next morning early Anantya brought his Cake, as did some other Merchants theirs to be weigh'd and melted down for Current Pagodas, which I according gave directions about; But at the particular request of Cheppermall Chittee for reasons I was then unacquainted with I order'd Anantyah's

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Cake to be melted in a Pot by itself with the proper quantity of allay for reducing it to Curr^t. Pagodas Standard This being done and the several Musters drawn, I made my Assays for determining whether to give orders for the coinage or not, and found them all turn outright except Anantya's which proved eighty and three quarters touch; surprized a good deal at this, and much at a loss how to account for it Although I was sensible there must be some Fraud in the case, I sent for Cheppermall Chittee to question him concerning the request he had made yesterday for melting down Anantyas Cake by itself, when he produced to me some Pagodas that had been brought him by a Merchant of the Bazar (who had receiv'd them from Anantya, for whom they had been coin'd in our Mint about six weeks before) on a Complaint of their being of a much inferior touch to Current Pagoda Standard intimating at the same time suspicions that Anantya had committed some Fraud, which Cheppermall very sufficiently confirm'd by acquainting me that the two Musters I had assayed of his the day before, which turn'd out only $75\frac{1}{2}$ were from some of the same Pagodas, that he had melted down for that purpose. The anxiety I must have been in on this occasion, will I make no doubt be readily conceiv'd: A Fraud was evident but where to fix, or how discover it was a matter that seem'd scarcely to afford me the least glimpse of hope, and without it could not but dread the Consequences; A matter of such Importance you may well imagine engrossed my whole attention in what manner to proceed for making a discovery so requisite to my Peace and future Welfare, and very happily for me I have succeeded almost beyond what my most sanguine Expectations could have given me hopes of, As I shall have the Pleasure to observe to you in the Sequel. The Muster of Gold drawn from Anantya's Pot intended for Current Pagodas, having as I have before remark'd turned out by Assay $80\frac{3}{4}$ Touch which was $\frac{3}{4}$ more than it ought. I was inclined to suspect the Refiner of some Villainy, who being the Person whose business it was to put the Assays into the Furnace, might possibly by knowing the Paper in which Anantya's Muster was (as each Merchants Name is wrote in Malabar on the Paper containing his Muster) have exchanged it, or alter'd, by adding a small quantity more of Gold to it, and therefore I gave the Mint Surveyor orders to bring me other Musters of every Merchants Pot of Powder from the Mint and to get some Pagodas stamp'd from each by way of sample, pretending (to avoid giving any Suspicion) that I had made a mistake in assaying those he had before brought one; These directions being complied with, I privately melted down three of the Pagodas which had been stamp'd from Anantya's Pot and took a Muster of the Peice, that I might be more sure of the exactness of the Assay I was about to make, and having weigh'd off and prepar'd the several Muster's for the Furnace I changed them into Papers with, Private Marks of my own and deliver'd them to the Refiner, remaining by myself till I saw them all put in; The process of refining being over, the Assays were brought me for reweighing, when I found the two from Anantya's Pot exactly to correspond, and to turn out no more than $74\frac{1}{2}$ Touch, instead of $80\frac{3}{4}$ The fineness it appear'd to be of before—This I thought discovery sufficient to proceed to extremities on, I therefore lost no time to give the President Information of it, from whom I immediately obtain'd leave & assistance of Peons & Talliars to secure all those belonging to the Mint who I had the least room to suspect could be concern'd in the Villainy as well as the Merchant to whom the Gold belong'd and his Effects Those I secured belonging to the Mint were, The Surveyor, The Person who flats and cuts the Gold for weighing off the Assays and the three Refiners, and went Myself with the Peons to Anantya's House in hopes of being able to secure him, but he was unfortunately abroad and has not been since heard of, having receiv'd notice I suppose of my being at his House and made his Elopement I found however one of his Brothers (by Name Narnapah) at home whom, I secured & sent with the Peons to the Fort fixing the Companys' Seal on such Effects as were in the House that appear'd to be of much value, a List

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of which has since been taken by me and the Secretary, by Order of the President I herewith lay before you. There remain'd only now to find out how many of the People belonging to the Mint had been concern'd in this Villainy, how long it had been thus successfully practised and whether in favour only of this one or more Merchants, to which purposes I began with examining the three Refiners each separately in the presence of Cheppermall Chittee, who were very soon brought to confess the whole, agreeing all in the same story as to the method they had used in carrying on this vile abuse, and in what manner they were rewarded for it by the Merchants to whom the Gold belong'd The Accounts given by them of this Affair as taken by Cheppermall Chitty Verbatim in Mallabar I herewith deliver you, that Translates may be made of them for your present satisfaction till more authentic Depositions given on Oath before one or more Magistrates can be taken But from these you will find it to be no new practice. The Pot of Gold belonging to Anantya by the means of which this Villainy has been thus fortunately traced out, remains in the Mint and the Effect found in his House continue in my Possession till your orders concerning them His Brother Narnapah, who seems by the confession of Narrain the Principal Refiner to have practiced the same Fraud, is at the Fort in Custody of the Peons who took him from his House, as are the Three Refiners to different Places in the Mint, though far from being so well secured as I would wish them and therefore hope you will be pleased to give the necessary directions for preventing all possibility of their escape—I am very respectfully.

FORT ST. GEO.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

5th SEPTEMBER 1758.

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

JOHN PYBUS.

AN ACCOUNT of Effects belonging to Anantya found in his House by Mess^{rs}.
Pybus & DuPre' Sept. 11th 1758.

	Ozs.	Dts.
Gold of several sorts	4	2
Gold Mohurs	1	
Venetians	1	
Current Pagodas	3	
Porto Novo do	1	
Madara Fanams	46	
Madras do	375	
Rupees	17	
Silver	6	5
Arcot Dudoos	55	
Copper half pence	3	
Madras Dudoos	48	
Ditto half	5	
Cash	44	
Diamond Lasks	42	
Ditto Brilliants	13	
Rubies small & large }	195	
A Parcel of Stones worn by the blacks called by them Gomadagums.	19	
Pearl small	60	
Coral Beads large & small	33	
Copper & Allay	4	10
Touch stone & gold Nails a Sett		
A small Touch stone.		
A Parcell of Sand in which there appears to be some Gold Dust.		

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TRANSLATION.

THE DECLARATION OF NARRAIN. When Mr. Edwards was Assay Master Sooriah Chittee and his Partner Naranapah their muster of the Cakes and Powder being deliver'd, the said Naranapah brought once a Grain of Gold and gave it to me desiring I would mix it in a muster that might be weigh'd and deliver'd by the Assay Master which I accordingly did, and the said Naranapah then paid me 5 Pagodas. The said Sooriah Chittee used to say to me to be carefull when his Muster should be assay'd. In those days or (in the time of Mr. Edwards) I did the same to Anantya four several times and also twice to him in the time of Mr. Pybus the present Assay Master and he the said Anantya gave me 12 Pagodas. Naranapah used to shew or point out to me the Paper in which the Muster Bits belonging to Sooriah Chittee were left and as to the Paper which contain'd the Muster Bits belonging to Anantya. Anantya himself used to shew or point it out to me.

THE DECLARATION OF SASHA. Whenever Anantya gave Muster of the Cakes and Powder the Assay Master weigh'd and deliver'd it, either the said Anantya or his Brother Podyga Chittee used to bring and give a small Grain of Gold either into the hands of Narrain or Ball Chittee and they put it in a Roll of Muster Bits which are weigh'd, closed in Lead and delivered by the Assay Master. Whenever I told him that it was not right, their Answer was that it did not signify; When the last muster was assay'd upon the Cakes and Powder they both times brought Grains and gave them to me and the said Padaga Chittee having them privately pointed out to me the Paper in which their Muster Bits were left. I put the said Grains in it, In the mean time the Assay Master finding some confusion made a second Assay, on which day Anantya came and having call'd Ball Chittee to him gave a Grain of Gold which he desired to mix in his Muster, but as Ball Chittee could not distinguish or find it out by reason that there was no name marked, he did not mix it, on the Contrary went away under pretence of going to release nature. Whenever I applied to Anantya, he used to let me have sometimes 10, and at other times 20 fanams for my expences without refusing. I can't tell what he used to give to Narrain, I knew of this Trick these 2 months but am not certain how long it has been in practice.

THE DECLARATION OF BALL CHITTEE. Whenever either Anantya or Podogy Chittee cut a Muster bit of the Cake and delivered it, they used to enclose a Grain of Gold in Wax and close it in a Beetle leaf or peice of Paper and give it to Narrain Gold washer and Sasha in a private manner. If I ask'd them what it was, they would answer that I need not ask Questions but that I might watch or spy for the Dubash or any other coming and they used to command me to bring Water or Charcoal saying that as I was ignorant, I should be quiet. The said Narrain never used to send me before to Anantya to demand any money but for these Two months he has sent me to him with Notes 4 or 5 times and on my shewing them, he used to pay them. What he paid within 2 Months amounts to about 10 Pagodas which I have paid into the hands of the Narrain, Whether he sent anybody else I can't tell Sasha Gold washer was receiving money 4 or 5 times, then I ask'd him what it was and he answered for his expence.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ'.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA} COUNCIL

AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

It is with infinite concern that I find myself reduced to the Necessity of setting forth the disagreeable situation in which I at present act in the Military Branch.

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You cannot be ignorant Gentlemen how long I have served the Company. With what Zeal and Fidelity I appeal to yourselves, You must be sensible therefore that the Major's Brevet which I am now ascertain'd You have lately conferr'd on Captain Caillaud, my Junior, must be grating to the last Degree, Altho' that Gentleman is my particular Friend and an Officer of acknowledged Merit.

As we are engaged in War, I had resolv'd to remain in the Service till our Affairs in India were in a more peaceable Situation, but unless I am thought deserving of a Brevet prior in Date to Captain Caillauds' I cannot but conclude that You have judged my Services no longer necessary and consequently that they may now be dispensed with I therefore beg You will permit me to resign my Military employ, as I can serve no longer in it with Honor or pleasure under such disagreeable Circumstances.

I am

FORT ST. GEORGE.
SEPTEMBER 3, 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
with perfect Respect

Your very faithfull humble Serv^t.

EDM^d MASKELEYNE.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{oa} COUNCIL.

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

The Governor has done me the Honor to acquaint me, that you had been pleas'd to order my Commission to be made out; but as upon Perusal thereof, I find that it is not of so early a date, as to give one that Rank in the Service of the Honble Company which I think myslef entitled to, you will permit me to represent to you. That after I had been persuaded by the Honble the Court of Directors, to give up the offer of a Company of foot which had actually been made to me by Colonel Prevost [by a Letter under his hand which is now in my Possession] in the Swiss Battalions under his Command, which the Parliament had order'd to be taken into His Majesty's Service; it was upon the express promise which the Directors made to me, that I should fill the same Rank which I had the honor to hold in the Service of the Honble Company before I left this Country, that I agreed to enter into that service again, as Captain of a Troop of Horse upon this Coast; and that I took my Oath before them, to serve the Company in that Station, with Fidelity and Zeal. Upon my arrival here I had the satisfaction to find that the Court of Directors have kept their Promise to me very religiously by the directions which they have given in the 39 Paragraph of their General Letter to you; which requires "That any Lieutenants my Senior, who may have got the Command of Companies, are to rank before me; but that if any Junior Lieutenants have been made Captains before my arrival my Commission is to bear date before theirs." This then being the Condition upon which I enter'd into the Service of the Company a second time. The Honor of the Court of Directors (which I hold as sacred) having been pledg'd to me for the Performance thereof and their Intentions being communicated to you in such express terms, I humbly apprehend, that it would be inconsistent with the Duty that I owe to them, that it would be a palpable Peice of Injustice to that Service which I have sworn to perform, and would throw a very great blemish upon my Reputation were I to wave so express and indisputable a right to my Rank; I hope therefore you will not be surprised nor Offended that I cannot accept of that Rank which you Gentlemen have been pleas'd to appoint for me in the Honble Companys Troops.

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I am not ignorant that M^r. Gurtler who was a Lieutenant Senior to me, when I left this Country, has accepted of a Captains Commission though of a later date than those which had before been given to some Lieutenants who were inferior in Rank to him, and who have been under his Command ; but tho' I have always had, and still have, a very great esteem for that Gentleman, and would not be thought to insinuate anything which may seem to glance the least Reflection upon that good Character which he so justly bears as an Officer, I must Notwithstanding beg leave to say in my own behalf that I cannot see any reason why this his acquiescence, should make me submit to lose my Rank ; more especially when it is remember'd that I serv'd for about 18 Months upon this Coast, in the same Corps upon the same duty and always (both in Action and upon Courts Martial) in a Superior Rank to several Gentlemen, who would now become my Superior Officers if I should accept of a Commission of a later date than what the Court of Directors have order'd—And on the other hand, I believe I may appeal to you Gentlemen for several instances wherein Captains who have enter'd themselves in England had a Rank here Senior to others who had actually receiv'd their Commission as Captains before these were arriv'd, the Commission of the former being dated from the time of their Engagement with the Court of Directors.

If these reasons, with such others, as your own Candour, Justice and Experience will suggest to you are of sufficient weight to procure me your regard for what I thus believe to be may due, I hope you will do me the justice to reconsider the Affair of my Rank, and to order another Commission to be made out for me dated according to the Intention of the Court of Directors ; as I shall be extremely sorry, to be put under the necessity of making an Application to these Gentlemen in a matter, which I humbly conceive they have already determin'd very clearly. I have the the honour to be with great Respect.

FORT S^t. GEORGE.
4th SEPTEMBER 1758.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient & most hble.
Serv^t,
LE BARON DE VASSEROT.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & TO THE
GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL IN FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & GENT.

We having requested and obtained an Extract from the General Letter from England dated the 29th December 1756 as also the Extract of the General Letter to England by the Grantham, both which concern the Rank given by the Court of Directors to Baron de Vasserot And as the settling this Affair is referr'd home to the Company, we beg leave to offer our Sentiments on this (to us important) Point and now lay the same before your Board, as the proper Channel for us to transmit our Case to the Consideration of the Court of Directors.

We presume that the Company never intended to give Baron de Vasserot Rank before the date of their General Letter which runs thus. "The said Baron de Vasserot on his Arrival at Fort S^t. George is to have a Captains Commission, which you are accordingly to deliver him & should there be any Lieutenants his Seniors, they are to Rank before him on their being appointed to the Command of Companies but if any Junior Lieutenants should be made Captains before his Arrival, his Commission is to bear date before the said Junior Lieutenants" By this Order it is apparent that M^r. Vasserot was only to get Rank of those Junior Lieutenants who should be made Captains after their order of

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the 29th December 1756 & before his Arrival for if the Company had intended M^r. Vasserot should have taken Rank of all his Junior Lieutenants we presume that instead of "but if any Junior Lieutenants should be made Captains before his Arrival." the Court of Directors would have wrote "but if any Junior Lieutenants should have been made Captains before his Arrival." Thus the Company's Orders affects only those who were appointed after his Appointment of the 29th December 1756. On the contrary, if they had wrote "should have been made". then he was to supercede all those who were his Juniors. We therefore presume to imagine that as we were Captain of Companies many Months before M^r. Vasserots appointment in England the Company by their Letter never intended he should superceed us.

To set our Case in a still clearer Light to the Honble Company it will be necessary to observe that M^r. Vasserot was a Lieutenant in the Swiss Corps, that therefore by their Capitulation he could have no Pretensions to superceed us, who were Lieutenants on the English Establishment as we were appointed Captains, before the Companys Orders arrived to put the Swiss Troops, on the same Footing as the English. For it often happens that a going Officer in one Corps may by Variety of Incidents, command many of his former Senior Officers in another Corps, & without the least Injustice being the constant Practice of the Army; Captain Gaups particular Rank will best shew how M^r. Vasserot ought to expect his own. Captain Choubert who commanded the first Company of Swiss resign'd: his first Lieutenant M^r. Gaup had been a very few months in the Service but yet succeeded to the Swiss Company agreeable to their Capitulation and thereby got Rank of many his Senior English Lieutenants, but that was thought no Hardship, they were in a different Corps, & were to use only in that Corps. Had Captain Zeiglier quitted his Company, or been kill'd in Service, whilst his first Lieutenant M^r. Vasserot was in India, would not he have succeeded to it? Beyond a doubt: Then have not we as English Men the same Rights & Privileges as those Officers had, being Swiss? Another and still stronger Motive may be urged. M^r. Vasserot was a Lieutenant on the Bombay Establishment, he quits that Service. We must look on the different Establishments of the Companies Presidencies of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras as so many different Regiments in the same Service. Is it not the constant & invariable Practice of the Army whenever an Officer quits one Regiment & enters into another, he always is the Junior of that Rank in which he enters this second Regiment? How unreasonable then is M^r. Vasserots Pretensions! he quits one Establishment sometime after is promoted to a superior Rank in another & yet wants to superceed those Gentlemen who held that Rank many months before his Appointment.

Captain Gurtler is not the only Lieutenant who was Senior to M^r. Vasserot. Captain Carnac was a Lieutenant in His Majesty's Thirty ninth Regiment of fifteen years standing but if he had been a Lieutenant of but two days, by the 4th Article of the fifteenth Section of our Articles of War, he was Senior to M^r. Vasserot and since accepting his Captains Commission in this Service he is junior to us, & therefore the Companys Orders by no means superceeded him, our Junior, who at all times commanded M^r. Vasserot.

Captain Gurtler having accepted a Captains Commission junior to us, tho' he was our Senior Lieutenant can be no Argument that he would accept of one Junior to Baron de Vasserot, for he had no right to succeed on the English Establishment till the arrival of the Company's Orders, which were posterior to our being made Captains; so that if M^r. Vasserot takes Rank of Captains Carnac & Gurtler, it will be in direct Contradiction to the Companys' former Orders.

We flatter ourselves therefore that you will not think we have been too ample on this Subject; All men must know & military men more especially must feel whatever has the least Tendency to hurt their Rank, as it is the Life of our Profession, & the only spur to Emulation & Glory. If in the Course of right and six years constant Services, we have discharged the Duties of our

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Profession with Honor & Integrity and supported our Characters as Gentlemen deserving the peculiar Preferment you have bestow'd upon us; We very earnestly request of the President and Council & through them to the Court of Directors that they will not think of giving Baron Vesserot Rank superior to us, as we shall be thereby reduced to the sad Necessity of being obliged to quit at this time of Life, a Service, in which we have spent our younger years with unblemish'd Characters. We are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient and most humble.
Ser^{ts},

FORT S^t. GEORGE.
12TH SEPTEMBER 1758.

ACHILL^s PRESTON.
RICHARD SMITH.
ROBERT BARKER.

TO CAPTAIN ENDMOND MASKELYNE
PRESIDENT OF THE COURT
APPOINTED TO MEET 26TH MAY 1758.

M^r. PRESIDENT,

I was in great hopes that the Expedient which was practised at the last General Court Martial of which I was appointed a Member would have been so for effectual, as to prevent my being again obliged to rise up to give my Opinion, of the Legality of a General Court Martial authoriz'd to sit by virtue of a Warrant from the President & Council of Fort S^t. George, but as all the methods I have taken cannot prevent a publick Declaration of my Sentiments, I must dissent in Opinion from the rest of the Members appointed to compose this Court Martial, & shall proceed to give you my reasons for so doing which you will please to lay before the President & Council of Fort S^t. George.

It appears to me that if this Court Martial was to sit by Virtue of that Authority it would be illegal & quite contrary to the Laws of England. For by an Act of parliament which took place after the 25th March 1754 & called an "Act for Punishing Mutiny & Desertion of Officers & Soldiers in the Service of the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies and for the Punishment of Offences committed in the East Indies or at the Island of S^t. Helena." It is enacted. "That when & so long as any of His Majestys' Forces shall be employ'd to act in Defence of any of the said Companys settlements or to assist against any of their Enemies in the East Indies the Power of appointment as aforesaid shall be in the Commander in Chief of such of his Majesty's Forces for the time being, over such of the said Company's Officers and Soldiers as shall belong to the Principal Settlements when or from whence such Forces shall be employ'd."

Now M^r. President I believe it is beyond dispute, that some of His Majestys Troops are employ'd to act in Defence of the Companys Settlements, or occasionally to assist against any of their Enemies in the East Indies: If this is not desired, you will likewise allow that Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence is Commander in Chief of such Forces for the time being & in whose hands the Parliament of Great Britain with his Majesty's Royal Approbation, have given the Power of Authorizing or appointing General Courts Martial.

I would be glad to convince you and the Gentlemen assembled here that my Dissent does not proceed either from a Spirit of Opposition of a Disrespect to my Superiors but from conscientious Motive: I cannot reconcile to myself the taking a solemn Oath to Administer Justice, when I am assured that for whatever Sentence I give my Vote it must be illegal, the whole Process being the same. It gives me Pain that I am reduced to the necessity of speaking on this

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matter, as I am extremely sensible how necessary it is, that we should have regular Courts of Justice establish'd to punish in an exemplary manner the Desertion which has lately happen'd amongst our Troops as also to curb the General Licentiousness of the Soldiery.

And since I have dissented I should likewise mention in the same publick Manner that although by the Act of Parliament, the Power of authorizing & appointing Courts Martial is lodged in the Hands of the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, yet the present Case is not provided for by Parliament as I cannot conceive that the Legislator would knowingly confer such an extensive & independant Power upon a Member of a Council, rather than the President of that Council or the whole Collective Body, but since it indisputably appears to me, that such Authority is conferr'd, it becomes not me to enquire, why this Authority is given to the Commander in Chief of the Forces for the time being rather than the President or Council, nor to take the Oath for Administration of Justice by Virtue of a Warrant from any other Person or Persons, than the Commander in Chief of the Forces for the time being, whilst any of His Majesty's Troops are employed to act in Defence of the Companys Settlements or to assist against their Enemies in the East Indies, or untill this Act is repeal'd by the Parliament of Great Britain.

RICHARD SMITH.

FORT S^t. GEORGE.

26TH MAY 1758.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA} COUNCIL.

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having taken a passage for England on the Grantham for my Family, consisting of M^{rs}. Pybus, her Daughter Ann, One Man and one Woman Servant, I am to request your permit to the Captain to receive them and their Necessaries on board, I am with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your very Obedient Humble
Servant,

JOHN PYBUS.

FORT S^t. GEORGE.

8TH SEPTEMBER 1758.

CHARLES BOURCHIER Scavenger.

D^r.
1757

April 29 To the Amount of the Scavengers' Duty
from the 1st of Sept^r. 1755 to 31st
August 1756 779 34 —

PAGS. .. 779 34 —

FORT. ST. GEORGE 30 APRIL

ERRORS EXCEPTED

D^r.
1757

April 29. To Ballance of last Account Current of
this date 1,414 35 35
To the amount of the Rent Roll ending
31 August 1756.. .. . 1,591 1 —

PAGODAS .. 3,006 — 35

FORT ST. GEORGE 30 APRIL

ERRORS EXCEPTED

1757

August 31. By 12 Months Charges Viz^t.
Servants Wages for 12
months 65 12 —
Feeding Buffaloes .. 536 22 50
Bought new Buffaloes .. 81 23 30

653 22 —
By 12 Months Scavengers'
Allowance 120 — —
By the Amount of Scavenger's
Duty unreceiv'd on
Houses and Gardens at
present not inhabited or
else possess'd by People
nearly poor and in no
visible Capacity to Pay. .. 6 12 —

PAGS. .. 779 34 —

CHARLES BOURCHIER

Scav^r.

CR.

Rental General.

1757

August 31. By Servants Wages 383 26 70
By Bad Debts on Houses &c^a. at present
not Inhabited or else possess'd by
People really Poor and in no visible
Capacity to Pay 33 10 —
1758
April 30. By Cash paid into Consultation .. 1,200 — —

1617 — 70

By Ballance due to be paid out of the
Money to be collected on the Roll for
the Year ending 31st August 1757 .. 1,388 35 45

PAGODAS .. 3,006 — 35

CHARLES BOURCHIER

Rent^l. General

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Diary and Consultation Book, 1758

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14 This day Arriv'd the Honble Company's Ship Pitt Captain William Wilson with a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURS-
DAY THE
14TH.

GEORGE PIGO^r ESQ^s. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet from
England ^{3^o}
Pitt open'd.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Ship Pitt is now open'd and the Papers therein contain'd being found to agree with the List of the Packet the following General Letters are read Viz^t.

5 General
Letters read.

One dated the 3 August 1757 Triplicate.

One dated the 11 November 1757 Duplicate.

One dated the 23 December 1757 Original.

One dated the 27 January 1758 D^o.

One dated the 15 February 1758 D^o.

the further Consideration of the Above mention'd Letters is deferr'd to another time.

An Order is now sign'd to the Commander of the Pitt to deliver the Treasure &c^a. on board Consign'd to this Presidency.

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

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Rec'd by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated the 4th August.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY
THE 16TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^s GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 13th & 14th Instant read & Sign'd.

General
Letter from
Bombay.

No. 59 General Letter from Richard Bourchier Esq^r. President & Governor &c^a. Council of Bombay dated the 4th August 1758 read advising that they wrote Us the 4th July & enclosing a Duplicate thereof.

Minutes of
Select Com-
mittee of the
15 read.
Europeans &
Coffrees to be
withdrawn
from Trichi-
nopoly.

The President lays before the Board Minutes of the Select Committee dated the 15th Instant which are read and after deliberation the Question being put whether the European Military and Coffrees be withdrawn from Trichinopoly agreeable to the Opinion of the said Committee RESOLV'D that they be withdrawn accordingly.

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AGREED that the Ship Pitt be got ready as expeditiously as possible, and that Thirty five Chests of Silver be laden on her and Consign'd to the Supra Cargos in Canton agreeable to the Orders of the Court of Directors dated 15th February 1758.

Pitt to be dispatched to China with 35 Chests of Silver.

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

Arriv'd Snow Benoist, a French Prize from Mauritius taken by Admiral Pococks Squadron off Negapatam. 16

Arriv'd Brigantine Experience, Coja Ovannes from Batavia last from Pondicherry. 17

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Tellicherry dated the 26th August. 19

AT A CONSULATION

Present

TUESDAY
THE 19TH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 16 Instant read & Sign'd.

N^o. 60 General Letter from Thomas Hodges Esq^r Chief & Co^s. Factors at Tellicherry dated 26th August read acquainting us that the last General Advices they receiv'd from Us were dated 10th April, that they have since wrote to Us the 31st May and the Chief has received a Letter from the Select Committee of the 15th May, advising that the Bristol from Bussorah arriv'd at Mahe' the 17 August and sail'd again the 24th some say for Pondicherry & others for the Maldives to take on board Forty Europeans who were sav'd from two Ships wreck'd there this Season.

General Letter from Tellicherry.

Letter from M^r. Orme Export Warehouse Keeper dated this day read as enter'd hereafter accompanying a Journal & Leidger of Grain and other Articles of Garrison Provisions which were under his care and have been deliver'd over to M^r. Turner, accompanying also an Account of Profit & Loss arising from the deficiency of Weight & Measure in the sundry Articles when deliver'd over to M^r. Turner and an Account of remains deliver'd M^r. Turner at which time the Ballance of Cash remaining was Four Pagodas, three fanams and one Cash (4.3.1.).

Letter from M^r. Orme Expt. Warehouse.

ORDERED that the same Method of keeping the Books of this Employ be continued, that the Profit & Loss entry be made agreeable to the Amount now produced; That the Ballance of Cash remaining being Four Pagodas, three fanams and one Cash (4.3.1) be paid to M^r. Turner and that the said Account Profit & Loss & Account remains be enter'd hereafter.

Orders thereon.

A report of the Committee of Accounts dated this day read as enter'd hereafter containing their Remarks on the Bandarmalanka Books and Accounts Ballanced to the end of September at which time M^r. Andrews left that Place tho' taken by the French in May.

Report on the Bandarmalanka Books.

ORDER'D that the said Report do lye on the Table to be further Consider'd.

To lye on the Table.

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Mr. Chace to be discharged from the Pitt.

Captains Brevet to be given Mr. John Call.

Mr. Richard Chace a Midshipman on board the Pitt being desirous of entering in the Military Service here as a Volunteer and Captain Wilson having no objection to discharge him on that Consideration ORDER'D that the Secretary write to Captain Wilson that the Board approve of his doing so.

RESOLV'D that a Captain's Brevet be given to Mr. John Call the Engineer dated this day.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{OA} COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I do myself the honor to lay before you a Journal and Ledger of the Grain and other Articles which were under my care as provision for the Garrison, all of which conformable to your orders have been deliver'd to Mr. Turner when appointed Grain Keeper who if you approve of it will continue the Books in the Plan they are now form'd.

I must request your approbation for making in those Books the Entry of Profit & Loss now laid before you and arising from the deficiency of weight and Measure in the sundry Articles when deliver'd over to Mr. Turner.

The Quantity and Cost of the different Articles deliver'd to Mr. Turner are likewise laid before you the ballance of Cash on this Account remaining with me is conformable to the Books Pagodas 4. 3. 1. which I shall likewise give over to him. I am with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs.
Your most Obed^t. & most hble Ser^t.
ROBERT ORME.

MADRAS,
SEPTEMBER 19, 1758.

31ST JULY 1758.

PROFIT & LOSS D^r.—To sundry Accounts P. 138 21 50 deficient in weight in the following Articles on delivery to Mr. Turner.

	Gar.	Mer.		Pa Ga.			
RICE Turings fine ..	—	49½	@ P. 80	9	33	50	
D ^o . Coarse ..	—	34½	62	5	13	9	
Nellana Chittees ..	—	88½	67	14	29	53	
Nellamoola Chittees.	—	273½	65	44	15	40	
Vera Chittees ..	—	14½	62	2	9	40	
Cap ^t . Franz ..	—	87½	60	13	4	40	
							89 34 2
Ga. 1	147½	—					
							Carried over .. 89 34 2

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^oA COUNCIL OF
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

M^r. Andrews has laid before Us the Books of Maddapollam Factory closed to the end of September at which time he left that Place, tho' taken by the French in May.

The Books are regular. Many Charges out of the Common Road are made in them but all such are in Consequence of the Loss of the Settlement & are for the Transportation of the Gentlemen at the Factory and the Companys Effects—the Charges of Sloop hire is P. 540—19—36 for the Sloop George to Vizagapatam and 540—19—36 the hire of the Fanny from Vizagapatam to Bengal.

There is an entry in which Account Current Fort S^t. George is debted to Cloths provided P. 889—3—48 the meaning of which cannot be better described than in the Words made use of by M^r. Andrews. The entry says that the Charge is made “for the difference arising on Invoices of Cloth sent from the 28th September 1756 to the 2^d June 1757 between 10 ₹ C^t. which ought to have been added to the Prices of the Goods in lieu of 10 ₹ Cent taken off from the Exchange of Pagodas; and the Prices at which the Cloth was order'd by the Council to be rated June 1756 M^r. Andrews conceiving that it was the intention of Council that no real Deduction should be made in the Price of his Cloth there being no Order from England at the time the Order was given for such Deduction, and when the Orders from England were sent to Maddapollam to make Deduction those Deductions were made in the Prices” At the time the Prices of the Northward Cloth were alter'd it was in Consequence of ordering the 10 ₹ Cent on the Exchange to be taken off by which it appears as if it was thought the Prices at which the Cloth was order'd to be rated would answer the 10 ₹ Cent so taken of from the Exchange of Pagodas If so, which is the Sense of some of the Members of the Committee who were in Council at that Time. The Entry is just, and We must remark that due Credit is given in a subsequent Entry for the Cloth which by the new Rates exceeded the difference of 10 ₹ Cent. This Credit is in another Entry and is Pagodas 150—30—48.

All the Merchants Ballances were recover'd in Cloth after the Capture of the Place, and due Credit is given for them by Cash, the meaning of which is that this Cloth so recover'd was sold to the French on which Terms alone M^r. Andrews had the liberty of recovering it—but the French paid him P^s. 354. 24.—less than the amount at which he took the Cloth from the Merchants, for which Sum M^r. Andrews has debted Cash.

The Ballance due from M^r. Andrews by his Books is P. 2794—7—51.

Besides his Books M^r. Andrews has deliver'd an Account of the Charges he was at for the Months of October November December & January. The Particulars of the Charges in the three first are Viz^t.,

Diet Money to M ^r . Andrews & M ^r . Dolben							
₹ Month .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	27	18 —
Pallankeen Boys .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	6	2. 48
Oil .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	7 16
House Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	37	18 —
Serjeant Haycocks Wages	10	3 —
M ^r . Mauls Wages	16	18 —
Peons Washermen, Barber & Tochey	9	4 16
					PAG ^s .	109	18 —

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the amount of January is only P. 65—18 as in this month the Charges Diet to Mess^{rs}. Andrews & Dolben & Wages to, M^r. Maul are omitted. M^r. Andrews desires that Pagodas 394 the amount of the four months Account may be deducted from his Ballance—this We submit to your Consideration and are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient hble Ser^t.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
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GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

Sail'd Snow Overbeck. Richard Neale, for Bengal & by this Conveyance sent General Letter to the President & Council dated yesterday.	20
Sign'd General Letter to the SupraCargos of Council in Canton to go by the Pitt and dispatch to Captain William Wilson of the said Ship.	23
Sail'd the Hoñble Company's Ship Pitt Captain William Wilson for Canton.	"

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MONDAY
25TH SEP-
TEMBER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 19th Ins^t. read & Sign'd.

Letter from the Mayors Court dated 21st Instant read as enter'd hereafter.

Ordered that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the Hoñble Court of Directors in the Packet by the Grantham.

Letter fr m
the May .
Court.

The President acquaints the Board that Cap^t. Vincent late of His Majesty's Ship Weymouth requests permission to proceed to Europe on the Hoñble Company's Ship Grantham & to take with him two European Servants which is Granted.

Capt. Vin-
cent
requests
permission
of passage
on the
Grantham.
Granted.

The President Exhibits a Charge against M^r. Orme which having read to the Board, he delivers in Writing to be enter'd on these Minutes and is as follows ;

A charge
exhibited by
the Presi-
dent against
Mr. Orme.

GENTLEMEN,

"I hope every Member of this Council will do me the Justice to own, that I have ever made it my study to render the Service agreeable to all in their several Stations ; I think I am not partial to myself when I say that it is not in my Natural disposition to seek for opportunities to injure any one ; this I am certain of, that were I to consult only the tendency of my own Inclinations, I should not now be put to the disagreeable Task, which I think the duty of my Station requires of me ; What I mean is, The recommending to your Notice the late Conduct of one of the Members of this Board."

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“You cannot be uninformed since it is publickly known in the Settlement, That in the midst of our late dangers, when the Success of the French Arms before the Fort St. David had caused a general consternation in the Inhabitants, and the Superiority of their Troops on this Coast gave Us the greatest reason to apprehend they had in view the Seige of this place also; At this time, and under these Circumstances, when it more especially became the duty of those to whom the Company have principally entrusted the Management of their Affairs to inspire the rest by their Example with Notions of firmness and Spirit; At this Crisis, I say Gentlemen, M^r. Orme thought it not unbecoming his Station to dispose of his Effects & Concerns, to remit his Fortune home in Dutch Bills, & Publickly to avow his Fears by taking his Passage for Europe on the Grantham. When I consider Gentlemen the bad tendency in our present Situation of an Example so Unmanly & dishonourable; When I consider too, the Natural propensity of Mankind to Censure And that the defection of one, unprov’d, too often reflects disgrace on the whole. That Justice which I owe to the Company, and to my own Honor, requires, not only that I should myself signify thus Publickly my disapprobation, but that I should also, as I now do, desire that your Sense of this Part of M^r. Ormes Conduct may be made known to the Court of Directors.”

“I hope you will not think Gentlemen that I mean to aggravate what I have already referr’d to you by the relation of a Subsequent Transaction, which has within these few days come to my knowledge. It is however of such a Nature as ought not to be conceal’d I shall therefore state it to you, as it has been undeniably prov’d to me, and leave you upon the whole to your own Candour & reflection.”

“Having attended Colonel Draper and Major Brereton the other day to the Mount, and introduced them to the Nabob after that Ceremonious Visit was perform’d, I alone paid the Nabob a second Visit in his Durbar.”

“I must acquaint you Gentlemen that some time before this, I had come to the Knowledge of M^r. Ormes having often directed the Nabob’s Vackeel to wait on him, and that his discourse on such occasions, had chiefly tended to display his Power, and Services to the Nabob with something more than hints, that the Nabob had not properly rewarded them.”

“I had heard also of a Letter M^r. Orme had address’d to the Nabob shortly after the arrival of the Pitt, and some Circumstances of a Visit he paid him at the Mount, which the Nabob wished to have made known to Me.”

“This gave me reason to conjecture, that that Gentlemen had some Point in View, dishonourable to the Government & injurious to the Company. I therefore took occasion to mention something of my Suspicion in the Durbar, and how necessary it was that I should be made acquainted with everything of this Nature, as well for the ease and quiet of the Nabob as to keep up That Order which is so necessary in Government.”

“I there became thoroughly satisfied that my Information had been well grounded; That M^r. Orme had at several times sent for the Nabob’s Vackeel; That his discourse had always tended to what I have before related, That he had particularly enforced the Services he had done to the Nabob, That he expected to be largely rewarded, or he should put the Management of the greatest part of the Nabob’s Dominions into hands that would amply gratify him. That upon the Arrival of the Pitt M^r. Orme had Address’d a Letter to the Nabob, acquainting him that he was appointed Deputy Governor of the Settlement, That M^r. Pigot was order’d Home and Colonel Clive to Bengal, That His Majesty had been pleas’d to send Colonel Draper to the East Indies with one of His Regiment: That the Company was likewise sending out a large Force; That M^r. Boscawen was sail’d with a considerable Fleet to take Louisburg, and that the King of Prusia had fought several successfull Battles with the French, whose Affairs were not in so good a Situation as formerly.”

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“The Nabob, notwithstanding he had been acquainted with the Extraordinary behavior of Mr. Orme to his Vackeel, thought he could do no less in Answer to his Letter, than acquaint him, he should take great Satisfaction in Congratulating him on his being Appointed to succeed to the Government whenever he should have the pleasure to see him.”

“Mr. Orme hereupon waited on the Nabob; and after again mentioning the New honor that had been Conferr'd on him by the Company, and how soon he expected the Government, by Mr. Pigot's being recall'd. Observ'd that in whatever light, he (the Nabob) might look upon the Governor, Colonel Lawrence and the other Gentlemen, He only, was his particular Friend; That it was he, who had espous'd his Cause and prevented the Management of his Affairs going into other hands than his (the Nabob's). That he would have had Sixty thousand Pagodas from Tetarapah Moodilly if he would have farm'd out to him the Countries to the southward of Trichinopoly, And that Issoff Cawn would have given him Forty thousand Pagodas to have rented from him the Countries of Syringham and Trichinopoly. But that, Notwithstanding it was in his power, by the Sway he had in the Council to put this in Execution, his desire of rendering the Nabob Service, made him decline it, Not in the least doubting but that the Nabob would make him a suitable Acknowledgement.”

“To all this the Nabob in his usual polite manner, expressd how sensible he was of Mr. Orme's great Merit and his strong friendship towards him; And assur'd him how ready he should be at all times, to make him proper Acknowledgements—But that kind of Eastern Compliment not Answering Mr. Orme's purpose, He very frankly came to the point himself and acquainted the Nabob, that he thought he well merited a present of Twenty thousand Pagodas.”

“The Nabob had so frequently heard from his Vackeel the Subject of Mr. Orme's discourse with him, That he was in a great Measure prepared for this very plain treatment And tho' incensed not a little acquainted Mr. Orme with much temper, that the great Charges he had been at, the failure of great part of his Revenue and the large Rents that he had assigned over to the Company, had so drain'd his Purse, That he was utterly incapable of gratifying him. Upon which Mr. Orme rose from his Seat seemingly very much disgusted, but the Nabob at the desire of his Vackeel invited him again to Seat himself and After expressing his Concern, that Mr. Orme should be displeas'd at a Circumstance, which was owing entirely, to his the Nabob's Necessitys, acquainted him That from the pleasing News he had given him of such large Reinforcements coming abroad, & that the Management of Affairs, were soon likely to fall under the Government of a Gentleman, so Capable of Conducting them as he was, He doubted not, but that the Success of His Arms would soon be so great, as to put him in a Situation in a Year or two, to reward him agreeable to his desire.”

“This Concession proved by no means satisfactory. On the contrary Mr. Orme, upon the mention of such a distant time, Appear'd more Irritated than ever, and rising in a very abrupt Manner, declared, that if the Sum he had mention'd was not immediately paid down, He should take the necessary Measures for putting the Management of Circars Affairs into other Hands.”

“The Nabob, tho' happy in a remarkable Calmness and Command of Temper, could no longer endure a behaviour so insulting, & reasonably Apprehending, from this Instance, what he might expect should Mr. Orme succeed to the Government Thought it, even better to forego, the Protection of the English and leave himself to Fortune, than to be subject to such Affrontive Treatment in the Face of his Durbar, and, in the hearing, even of the Centry's round his Tent. And thereupon told Mr. Orme, that his Visit had been long enough, and he was at liberty to Act, in the Affairs of the Circar, as he thought proper.”

“This Gentlemen is a plain Narrative of Facts, handed down to me from such Authority That I could not avoid laying before you.”

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“It will give me pleasure if the Gentleman whose Reputation is so nearly touch'd, should be able to Vindicate himself to the Satisfaction of the World and his Employers and that he may have full opportunity of doing so, before the departure of the Grantham, I move that he be now call'd upon for his reply.

To which M^r. Orme reply's as follows :

“That as to the first part of the Charge of taking the Resolution to quit the Company's Affairs and to return to England when they appear'd to be threatened with the greatest distress, M^r. Orme is not Conscious That his Motives for so doing either proceeded from that want of Resolution which is call'd Personal or from the want of that other kind of Resolution much more rare to be found which is call'd Steadiness. That had it been from the Apprehension of immediate danger to his own person, Opportunities have not been wanting for him to remove himself when this danger was nearest at hand, instead of postponing his departure to a time, when in all probability all danger would have been over. In some Measure indeed it may be Construed, and he confesses that he did not think himself in a Situation, and perhaps thro' infirmities both of body & Mind, might think himself incapable of rendering very material Services in the present involv'd Circumstances of the Companys Affairs. That he had long thought the Assurances which were given to him by the Principal Members of the Court of Directors on his leaving England were so long Postpon'd that he could not but esteem himself no longer in their favour to which he begs leave to add that a very ailing Constitution & particular Habits in his way of Life had for a long term render'd his stay in this Country very irksome. These with his having then collected his small Affairs, were all the Motives which he can recollect to have had any Influence over him in that determination. As soon as his Affairs, which had been much dissipated, were Contracted he took the Resolution, perhaps a culpable one and if so, it must be his Fortune to submit to the Censure he deserves, tho' he cannot think it merits so harsh an Epithet as the President has Characterised it with of being dishonourable.”

“That as to the Allegation of the Nabob he is Overwhelmed with Astonishment from what Causes it can arise having never behav'd to him, at the time pointed at or at any other, with disrespect much less with threats. As to any Conversation detrimental to the Character of any Gentlemen in Authority in the Companys Affairs, he utterly denies any such. That it is very True during his being in India the Nabob has made him some presents, That before the Arrival of the Pitt the Nabob being Certified of M^r. Ormes departure, had talked to him very fully of the state of the Affairs of the Province and had desired that M^r. Orme, at his Arrival in England, would make particular representation concerning them ; some of his reasons were just and some preposterous. That in regard to the late Resolution taken he never made any Stipulation, directly or indirectly, with the Nabob for any reward for that particular service. That the Nabob express'd great satisfaction in thinking that he should be put into possession of Countries which had been of no Service to the Company, and which might be so to him, that he had told M^r. Orme in general terms, he should not be unmindfull of him, and tho' he did not absolutely say he would make him a present, seem'd to imply that he intended as much. That M^r. Orme has never apply'd to him for the fullfilling his former promise or his latter Intention That the last time he was at the Mount, the Nabob told him that he had a Sum of money ready to deliver to him but that M^r. Orme in the Conversation which he had immediately before with the Nabob thinking he discover'd an Expectation in him that the Trichinopoly Garrison should be maintain'd as it had hitherto been, at the Companys Expence, the evading of which appear'd to M^r. Orme the best terms of the late Agreement made with him, not being able to give the Nabob any Encouragement upon this head he refused taking from the Nabob the present which he said he had ready. That this (if anything can be implied as threats or loud Language) was the Occasion. That they parted upon this Chapter, the Nabob proferring any thing to satisfy M^r. Orme and M^r. Orme accepting nothing. That the Nabob will doubtless support

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his own Allegations by the Evidence of his own Creatures, and such is the Misfortune of M^r. Ormes Defence that he is able only to oppose a single Negative, to perhaps, the Voice of Multitudes. That there is a Letter which he is charged of having wrote to the Nabob, which he asserts to be an absolute Forgery and that he hopes on its being proved so the Board will take into their Consideration what weight ought to be given to the rest of Allegations. That he is too sensibly affected with the degradation attending such Imputations to have even the Capacity left of filling any Station in this part of the World, and therefore begs leave to resign the Service of the Company."

RESOLV'D that Enquiry be made concerning the Letter which M^r. Orme is charged with having wrote to the Nabob and which he denies.

The Board then Adjourn'd till to-morrow.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^r BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON^{ble} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{ca}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRS,

The Court of Directors having intimated in the 22^d. Paragraph of their Letter to your Honor &c^a., dated the 11th. of February 1756 that their President & Council might be able to solve doubts on questions that should arise in the Mayors Court and desired that all applications should be made to you in the first instance in order to your giving such satisfaction, or representing the matters proposed to the Court of Directors, for them to conciliate or determine the same. This Court have in compliance with the desire of the Court of Directors followed the method of conveying their thoughts to them thro' their Governor & Council; And in March last did represent the want of some Law Books which were judg'd necessary for the service of the Court, as from thence they might be instructed in some Points without troubling either the Court of Directors, or your Honor &c^a. for a solution. But some Queries having been started in relation to the Practice of the Court, which has been thought in some instances to want the Authority of the Charter to support, notwithstanding precedents for the same, both in this and the former Mayors Court; and the Circumstances on which those Questions arise frequently occurring. It is so essential to be clear in those Points as soon as Possible that the Court do now lay the same before you, that the opportunity of transmitting them to the Court of Directors by the Ship which is near her dispatch may not be lost, in case your Honor &c^a. should not be able to explain these Matters.

The Power which is given to the Mayors Court by His Majesty's Royal Charter to try Civil Actions runs in the following Words "That they may try hear and determine all Civil Suits, Actions, and Pleas between Party and Party that shall or may arise or happen or that have already arisen, or happen'd within the Town of Madraspatnam, or within any of the Factories Subject or Subordinate unto Fort S^t. George or to the Governor or President and the Council of Fort S^t. George." And it is further said in the same Charter under the description of the Office of Sheriff "that upon Complaint being made by or on behalf of any Person or Persons against any Person or Persons then resident, or who at the time when cause of Action arose, was or were resident within the said Fort or Town, or the Precint, District or Territories thereof, of any of the Causes of Suit aforesaid already accrued, or which shall or may hereafter accrue, summons shall issue to the Sheriff &c^a."

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From which Passages of the Charter, It is pretty plain the Mayors Court do from thence derive an authority only to try Actions the Cause whereof hath arisen within its Jurisdiction. But then comes the Question what is to be deemed, the Cause of Action? and what the Jurisdiction. It has been hitherto held and practised accordingly which seems expedient should remain so, (that where the Party sued is found resident there, Let the Cause for which he is prosecuted have arose in whatsoever Country, tho' even under the Government of a foreign Power) unless a demand being made on the Person when present, or affidavit of the Claim when absent can be called the Cause of Action. He is obliged to stand the Suit; indeed where an Agreement or engagement has been enter'd into, or is to be perform'd at a Country subject to a Foreign Power [yet where the British Flag is hoisted] as the Factories in China the Settlements at Pegu &c^a. [where they have no English Courts] it may be deem'd not improperly within the Jurisdiction of any of the Mayors Courts in India, Constituted by His Majesty's Charter; as may likewise Contracts arising at Sea when the Vessels afterwards arrive at any of the Company's Settlements where there is a Court Established. But how far in other cases this Court hath Jurisdiction to hold Plea, it is wish'd were made more clear and indisputable.

The Mayors Court having in the 10th Paragraph of their Letter to the Court of Directors, dated the 3^d of March 1756, Put a Question to them in regard to a Practice of the Natives transferring Bonds between themselves to such Persons as are capable of Sueing in this Court and which the Court of Directors have in the 126th. Paragraph of their Letter to your Honor, dated the 25th. day of March 1757, reply'd to in such a manner as is thought to imply a discouragement of all kinds of Transfers and as by virtue of an Act of Parliament the 3 & 4 of Queen And Chap. 9. Sect. 1st. Promissory Notes are transferrable so as to be sued for in the Name of the Assignee in the same manner as B [ills] of Exchange are by the Custom of Merchants the Court desire to be inform'd whether such Transfers or any other Legal Assignments, made by a Native of India, to any person capable of sueing in this Court can be allowed consistent with the Prohibition of the Charter excluding Indian Natives to Prosecute their Claims in this Court, and on the other hand whether the refusal thereof will not be repugnant to the Laws of England.

The Power this Court derives from His Majesty's Charter of Granting Probate of Wills and Administration of the Effects of Deceas'd Persons, also requires a fuller explanation than seems to have been understood of the words of the Charter, which are That the same shall be Granted to the Executors, or such other qualified Persons as shall be approved of by the Court within whose Jurisdiction the deceased shall die." Now it frequently happens that Persons die out of the Jurisdiction of either of the three Mayors Courts, yet have either Executors or Persons legally entitled to an Administration [and also Effects] within the districts of this Court, who apply here for Probate, or Administration, which has sometimes been Granted. But how far the same has been done agreeable to Law remains a doubt, of which the Court are desirous to be satisfied as to what may be esteem'd the Jurisdiction of this Court, within which any Person may die, the same may be said as is mentioned above with respect to the extent of Jurisdiction in regard to Actions, and the Answer to the one will be a construction of the other, it therefore will only remain to shew, if the Mayors Court are authorized to issue Probate or Letters of Administration where the Deceased shall die out of its Jurisdiction, at the Instance and request of Parties interested, and entitled to the same.

AND Executors & Administrators who have been sued in this Court by Creditors for Debts due from Deceased Persons, having sometime pleaded a Possibility of Debts being Outstanding in Europe, or else where not come to their Knowledge against the Paying such Claims as have been made upon the Deceaseds Estate, and altho' It has been the Practice of this Court (as being Judged most

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Equitable) to Decree Payment of such Suitors Debts, where Claims of a Prior nature have not appear'd to have been made upon the Executors, or Administrators, Yet as it has been made a Question whether such Decree is legal in case of there being debts of a higher Rank upon the Estate. The Court do therefore desire to be satisfied also in this Particular, as well as to know how it is proper to proceed in case of an Executor or Administrator's being prosecuted for having Voluntarily paid Debts of an inferior Quality to those of a higher degree, before Notice received of the Latter.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
21ST September 1758.

I am
HOÑBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant,
Signed by Order of the
May^{RS}. Court.
DAN^L. MORSE.
Reg^r.

Arriv'd his Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Vice Admiral Pocock 25
consisting of the Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Cumberland Tyger, Weymouth,
New Castle, Salisbury, Queenborough & the Hoñble Compys Ship Pro-
tector from a Cruize to the Southward.

Sail'd the Hoñble Company's Schooner, Hunter, Charles Allen for Bengal 26
with General Letter to the President & Council, dated this day.
Advanced the Military Paymaster Five thousand Pagodas (5,000) to be
remitted to Pondicherry for Payment of the English Prisoners there.

AT A CONSULATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THURSDAY
THE 28TH
AT THE
GARDEN
HOUSE

The NABOB also Present and Antajee Puntaloo his Vackeel.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob being come from the Mount this morning to pay him a Visit he thought it a proper opportunity to assemble the Council that they might be informed by the Nabob himself of every thing that had passed between him and M^r. Orme relative to the matters set forth in his (the Presidents) Charge.

Proceedings
on the
Charge exhi-
bited at the
last Cons.
against Mr.
Orme.

The Nabob being informed by the means of the Companys Interpreter that the Council requested the favor of him to inform them as particularly as he could recollect what had passed between him & M^r. Orme at a Visit which M^r. Orme paid him at the Mount since the arrival of the Pitt.

The Nabobs
Information.

The Nabob thereupon acquainted the Board of all that had passed between him & M^r. Orme on that Occasion which being broken by many digressions and delivered by the means of an Interpreter could not be taken down verbatim but amounted in substance to a full confirmation of the several Passages related by the President in his Charge in as strong a manner as the same are there set forth with this additional Circumstance that upon the demand which M^r. Orme made of the twenty thousand Pagodas he (the Nabob) only assuring him of his present inability & future good intentions, M^r. Orme joining his fore finger & thumb together and thrusting his hand forward said *he would not take even that less*. The Nabob concluded with saying that after all that he had seen of M^r. Orme

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added to the Instance he had been giving of his late behaviour, should the Company appoint him (M^r. Orme) to the Government of Madras he (the Nabob) would immediately leave the Province.

Antajee
Puntaloo's
Information.

* Formerly
the Nabob's
Duan or
Prime
Minister but
now in dis-
grace.

Antajee Puntaloo (the Nabob's Vackeel) being desired to relate what had pass'd between him and M^r. Orme in their late Conversations says that M^r. Orme several times lately sent for him from the Mount, and produces in proof thereof two Notes one in M^r. Orme's hand writing in those Words. "Antajee Puntaloo Come to me without delay. I have something of Consequence to say to you." The other in the hand writing of Thomas Pelling M^r. Orme's Writer in these Words—"To Antajee Puntaloo. M^r. Orme desires you will come into Town immediately, having something to speak with you." That M^r. Orme had upon these occasions given him to understand that he expected a Gratification from the Nabob and latterly pressing to know whether the Nabob had any Intention to satisfy him he (the Vackeel) assur'd him of the Nabob's Friendship but M^r. Orme not satisfied with such Assurances called for his Writer and order'd him to send away immediately for *Sampetrow to come to him directly on Business Consequence intimating by his manner & Expressions as if he intended to put him in the Management of the Circar's Affairs, upon which he (the Vackeel) took his leave but left one of his Servants to learn the Event of that Message who inform'd him that Sampetrow sent one of his Servants to M^r. Orme to acquaint him that he was Sick and therefore could not wait on him to which M^r. Orme reply'd "tis his own loss." or to that Effect. That within a day or two after M^r. Orme sent for him (the Vackeel) again, and discoursing on the same subject as before without receiving any further Satisfaction he called to his Servant and order'd him immediately to send for Moodillys Vackeel and Isof Cawn's Vackeel to come to him directly intimating that he would let the Tinnevely & Trichinopoly Countrys to them upon which he (Antajee Puntaloo) said "the last time I was with you, you sent for Sampetrow, now you send for Modillys and Isof Cawn's Vackeels, these seem to be the People you are treating with, what can I say to these matters." or words to that Effect and so took his leave.

The Letter or Note mention'd in the Presidents Charge & said to have been sent by M^r. Orme to the Nabob is now produced to the Nabob and he is desir'd to inform the Board whether that Note was deliver'd to him and if so, when, where, and by whom it was deliver'd to him.

The Nabob informs the Board, that the Note now produced to him was deliver'd into his own hands at the Mount before M^r. Orme's last visit by Sunca Ramah in the presence of Antajee Puntaloo his Vackeel and others and that he understood it came from M^r. Orme Sunca Ramah being his Dubash.

Antajee Puntaloo also informs the Board that he was present when Sunca Ramah deliver'd the said Note to the Nabob at the Mount, that the Nabob read it and then gave it him to read.

N.B.—The abovemention'd Note is wrote in the Persian Language upon a Slip of Indian Paper the top of which being uneven something seems to have been cut off. The Note is mentioned in the Presidents Charge as a Letter and he informs the Board was so represented to him but it appears to be only a Note of News. It was produced in Consultation, the 25th. Instant and translated to the Board by the Company's Interpreter, at which time M^r. Orme took Notice that there seem'd to have been something cut off from the Top of the Note and that had it been A Letter from him to the Nabob it would have begun with a Compliment in the Eastern manner which is never omitted. The translation of the Note is as follows :

"M^r. Orme is appointed Deputy Governor and M^r. Pigot is called to Europe. The Government of Bengal was given to M^r. Clive and a Title came to Admiral

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*Watson. Commodore Steevens was made an Admiral. The King of England has order'd 1,400 Soldiers for Madras and 1000 more are coming from the Company. At present Colonel Draper and Major Brereton are arriv'd. The King of Prussia who is a Friend to the King of England fought the French 3 several times killed 60 thousand Soldiers and pursuing the French Army seiz'd their Country. Admiral Boscawen with 24 Ships of War went against the French Fort called Cape Breton."

* In the Original it is wrote *Re-want* by which it is supposed *Watson* was meant.

Tho' the Board do not lay any other Stess on the Contents of the Note than as it serv'd to display M^r. Ormes growing power yet as the Nabob affirms that he receiv'd it by the hands* of Sunca Ramah M^r. Ormes dubash and understood it came from M^r. Orme, and on the other hand M^r. Orme insists that the Note is an absolute Forgery and that he never wrote or sent any such Note to the Nabob, The Board thinking it necessary to have that point clear'd up desired the Nabob would Consent that Sunca Ramah might be examined before him but he objected that should Sunca Ramah have the Assurance in his presence to deny delivering him the Note, so signed an Affront must be extreemly derogatory to his Dignity as Nabob of this Province and yet he could not resent the Insult in a manner becoming his Station consistently with the Laws and Customs of the English, wherefore he could not Consent that Sunca Ramah should be produced before him but had no objection to his being confronted with Antajee Puntaloo his Vackeel who was present and saw him deliver the Note.

* Sunca Ramah is one of the Company's Merchants but has for a long time transacted M^r. Ormes Affairs as his Dubash.

AGREED that Sunca Ramah be examined to-morrow and confronted if necessary with Antajee Puntaloo.

The Board then adjourn'd till to-morrow.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^s. BOURCHIER.

AT A CONSULATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FRIDAY
THE 29TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Council being assembled pursuant to yesterdays adjournment Sunca Ramah is now called before the Board and the Original Note which the Nabob affirms was deliverd to him by Sunca Ramah being now drawn to him he is ask'd by the President whether he deliver'd that Note to the Nabob to which he answer'd that he did not being further ask'd whether he did deliver or send any Note to the Nabob since the arrival of the Pitt, he positively denies having delivered any Note to the Nabob since the arrival of the Pitt, and being frequently admonished to speak the Truth without fear or favor he obstinately persists in the same Negation whereupon he is order'd to withdraw.

Sunca Ramah examined touching the Note he is said to have deliver'd to the Nabob.

AGREED that Sunca Ramah be order'd to attend the Board again this afternoon and that Antajee Puntaloo the Nabob's Vackeel be also desired to attend at the same time that they may be confronted.

To attend again in the Afternoon with Antajee Puntaloo.

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General
Letter from
DeveCotah.

The Board then proceeded to the Current Business
N^o. 61 General Letter from M^r. James Bouchier dated at DeveCotah the 4th. June 1758 advising that he has drawn on Us for three hundred Star Pagodas in favor of M^r. Dawsonne Drake.

Draft
therein
advised to
be paid.

AGREED that the Drafts advised of in the foregoing Letter be paid when presented.

A Report
from the
Committee
of Accts. on
the Expt
Ware-Ho
Commissary
& Book.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 25th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter signifying that they have examin'd the Export Warehouse Books from the 1st. May to 31 July 1758 and find that the Account remains to be deliverd to M^r. Powney agrees with the Books which they think are right and fit to be passed. That they have also inspected the Commissarys disbursements from 1st May to the 25th. September and find them supported by proper Vouchers the Balance whereof in M^r. Ormes hands being Five thousand eight hundred and ninety nine Arcot Rupees (AR^s. 5899) and Six thousand six hundred and fifty Pagodas fifteen fanams and sixty eight Cash (6650-15-68) has been paid to M^r. Smith. That they have likewise examined the Boat Accounts for May June and July and find the Ballance to be Twelve thousand one hundred and eighty six fanams (12186) which M^r. Orme informs them he has paid to the Secretary.

Account
Remains of
Expt Ware
Ho produced
& acknow-
ledged by
Mr. Powney.

M^r. Powney lays before the Board an Account remains in the Export Warehouse the 31st. July sign'd by him and M^r. Orme, the said remains having been deliver'd into his Charge by M^r. Orme. Order'd that the said Account be deposited in the Accountants Office as usual.

Mr. Smith
acknow-
ledges the
receipt of
Commissarys
Ballance.

M^r. Smith acknowledges the receipt of the abovemention'd Ballance of the Commissary's Accounts to the 25th. Instant.

Mr. Smith
to take
Charge of
the Comm^s.
employ.

AGREED that M^r. Smith do take Charge of the Commissarys Employ & that the said Ballance be transferr'd to his Debit.

The Secre-
tary pays
in money
reed from
Mr. Orme
Account of
Boats &
Poonamallee
Rent.

The Secretary now pays in the above mention'd sum of Twelve thousand one hundred and eighty-six fanams (12186) which he receiv'd from M^r. Orme for the Ballance of the Boat Account to the end of July. And he also pays in Two thousand one hundred and fifty Pagodas (2150) which he also receiv'd from M^r. Orme on Account of the Arrears of Rent due by Numboor Vencaty Soubiah late Farmer of the Poonamalle Country being the amount of part of his Grain sold.

Expt. Ware
Ho. Com-
missy. &
Boats Accts
pass'd.

The Accounts of the Export Warehouse Commissary & Boats above reported to have been examined and found right are now passed accordingly.

6 Mos.
salary acct
pass'd.

An Account of six Months Salary due to the Hon'ble Companys Covenant Servants the 25th. Instant is now laid before the Board and ordered to be paid amounting to Two thousand seven hundred and thirty nine Pagodas thirty two fanams and twenty Cash (2739-32-20).

Perishable
Articles of
Garrison
Provision
to be sold.

Many of the Articles purchased for Garrison Provision when there was reason to be apprehensive of a Seige being of a perishable Nature. AGREED that all such be now sold off to the best advantage the Board being of Opinion that such an Attempt is now improbable unless the French should receive a Reinforcement nor even in that case till after the rains by which time a fresh Stock may be laid in, if necessary.

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The Military Storekeeper represents to the Board that the Powder Magazines are all full and that a Considerable Quantity of Gunpowder is now lying at the Powder Mill for want of a secure place to stow it in AGREED that the two Pagodas at Chindadre Pettah be secured and made use of as a Magazine untill proper Magazines can be erected.

The Pagodas at Chindadre Pettah made a Powder Magazine.

Some of the Companys Junior Servants having no Appartments in the White Town and some of the Military Officers are without Quarters and many more being expected from Europe and also from Pondicherry as soon as the Exchange of Prisoners is settled for whom it will be impossible to provide Lodgings and Quarters immediately AGREED therefore that such of the Companys Junior Servants (Viz^t. under the Degree of Junior Merchants) and such of the Military Officers as cannot be lodg'd in the white Town have an Allowance of five Pagodas ₹ Month to provide themselves Appartments in the Black Town.

Covenant Servants & Military Officers not having Lodgings to be allowed 5 Pag. ₹ month in lieu.

The Grantham having been detain'd longer than was at first intended in expectation of the Arrival of the expected Shipping the Board now think it proper to fix a day for the dispatch considering that the Monsoon approaches and accordingly it is Agreed that the said Ship be dispatch'd the 10th. of next month and that Publick Notice be given that Whereas the Register of Diamonds was clos'd the 13th. Instant in the intention of dispatching the Ship at that time, a New Register will now be open'd and closed again the 5th of October, that money will be receiv'd into Cash for Bills on the Company untill that time, and that all persons desiring to proceed to Europe as Passengers on the Grantham are to apply to the Board for Permission on or before that day.

Grantham to be dispatched the 10th.

Register of Diamonds & Bills to be closed the 5th. Passengers to request by the 5th.

A Report sign'd by the Paymaster and Captain of the Train is now laid before the Board with a Muster Roll of the Ship Granthams Crew consisting of One hundred and three Persons and a List of Warlike Stores on board Ordered that the said Report be enter'd hereafter & that the Muster & List be sent home in the Packet.

Report of the Warlike Stores & Muster of the Grantham.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the Terpetty Renter has sent in a Bill on Gocul Terwaudy payable the 8th. October for One thousand five hundred Pagodas (1500) and Eight thousand nine hundred and eighty four Arcot Rupees (8984) said to be in full for the June or last Kist of the year of Phasely 1167 and his Vackeel has deliver'd in his Account Current of that Kist Ballance due to the Company Eighty nine and five sixteenths of a Rupee (89-5/16) and Seventy five Pagodas thirty three fanams and sixty cash (75-33-60) which the Vackeel is ready to discharge.

Terpetty Renter remits by bills and is ready to pay in his Ballance.

ORDER'D that the same be receiv'd into the Treasury as well as the amount of the said Bill when due

AGREED that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

Advance to the Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Fourteen thousand Pagodas (14000) for the Charges of that Employ.

To the Military Paymaster Eight thousand Pagodas (8000) for the Charges of that Employ.

Military Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand Pagodas (1000) for the Charges of that Employ.

Military. Store Kr.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand Rupees (20000) for the Charges of that Employ.

Commissary.

The Board then adjourn'd till 5 O'Clock in the afternoon.

DITTO DIE at 5 O'Clock in the afternoon

PRESENT as before.

The Council being assembled pursuant to Adjournment, Antajee Puntaloo the Nabobs Vackeel is introduced and acquainted with what passed in the forenoon in the Examination of Sunca Ramah touching the Note said to be deliver'd

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by him to the Nabob. Sunca Ramah is then called in and in presence of the Vackeel being ask'd by the President whether he delivered that Note (shewing him the Original Note) to the Nabob, or any other Note since the arrival of the Pitt, he answered that he did not and knows nothing of it. The Vackeel being then asked declared that he was present when Sunca Ramah delivered that very Note into the Nabobs own hand he then discoursed for some time with Sunca Ramah in the Gentou Language and then informed the Board that he had been taxing him with a further Circumstance which he had not before mention'd which is that Sunca Ramah had shewn him the Note here in Madras before he carried it out to the Mount & delivered it to the Nabob, but this also Sunca Ramah positively denies at length after a full Hours examination being frequently admonished to speak the truth and told to consider well the Consequences of persisting so obstinately in an untruth, That great scandal and Reproach must inevitably fall on himself and family should it be hereafter proved by further Circumstances that he did deliver the Note, he began to relent and desired the Board would grant him till the next Morning to consider of it and he was thereupon permitted to withdraw but being shortly after called in again and told that the Board did not think the Question of such a Nature as required any time for recollection and advised him to speak the truth at once he desired he might be permitted to speak with the President in private, in which being indulged the President presently return'd to the Board and Sunca Ramah being called in then confess'd that he did deliver that very Note to the Nabob himself that he wrote it first in the Gentou Language and then got it translated by one of the Writers under the Nabobs' * MUNCHEY but that M^r. Orme knew nothing of it being ask'd what business called him to the Mount at that time and what particular business he had with the Nabob, he said that he had sold some Emeralds to the Nabob for M^r. Orme Which amounted to Nine hundred and seventy four Pagodas (974) that he had often apply'd for payment to the Nabob who still put him off and that he has not yet receiv'd that Sum. That the Nabob had frequently desired him to let him know what News he heard in Town which was his inducement for writing that Note being ask'd whether he ever before wrote the Nabob any News he answered that he never did before.

* Secretary.

The Nabobs Vackeel and Sunca Ramah then withdrew.

The Board thinking it their Duty to signify their Opinion on the whole do therefore offer the same as follows, Viz^t.,

It is the unanimous Opinion of this Board that M^r. Ormes Selling off his Effects, remitting home his Fortune & taking his Passage for Europe at a time when this Settlement was threaten'd with a Siege was an ill timed step and unbecoming the Station he bore in the Companys Service.

In regard to the Letter or Note M^r. Orme is charged of having wrote to the Nabob, it appears by the Testimony of Sunca Ramah that M^r. Orme was not privy to it (a Testimony which it were to be wish'd had not been weaken'd by the Instance he has but now given of his disregard to truth added to a Character not untainted before) and as there is no evidence to the contrary the Board do not see sufficient Cause to Charge M^r. Orme with having sent that Letter or Note. Tho' the Board cannot help remarking that it seems extraordinary & unaccountable that Sunca Ramah when he was himself going to the Mount to the Nabob on other Business should without Orders but of his own free choice be at the trouble of Writing that Note first in the Gentou and then of getting it translated into Persian, rather than Communicate the same News verbally to the Nabob.

As to the other parts of the Charge, to wit, the discourse at several times between M^r. Orme & the Vackeel, and M^r. Ormes Visit to the Nabob at the Mount with what is said to have then passed between them, The Testimony of the Nabob & his Vackeel appearing strong and clear and no Circumstance or reason being even suggested as an inducement to the Nabob to make such a Compliant

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against M^r. Orme undeservedly, the Board have the greatest reason to believe that that part of the Charge is just and true; And cannot help in this place remarking that M^r. Orme alledges in his Answer that the Nabob (at the time of the Visit) told him he had a Sum of money ready to deliver him which M^r. Orme refused accepting Whereas Sunca Ramah says he has been sometime soliciting of the Nabob the Payment of Nine Hundred and seventy four Pagodas (974) the amount of Emeralds sold him on M^r. Ormes account but without being able to obtain it, and if the Nabob is so low in Cash as to be drove to the necessity of delaying the Payment of so small a Sum there seems no great probability that he should have a Sum of money ready to give as a Present.

M^r. Orme having in Consultation the 25th. Instant resign'd the Companys Service it become unnecessary for the Board to form any other Resolution than that of transmitting their proceedings in this matter to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors.

ORDER'D that the Secretary do send M^r. Orme an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation yesterday and this day so far as relates to him as also a Copy of the Charge and his Answer if he desires it.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^s. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON^{ble} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL OF
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{ble} SIR AND SIRs,

Conformable to your Orders of the Instant signified to Us by M^r. Secretary DuPre' We have survey'd the Grantham, Muster'd her Ships Company & Examined her Artillery Stores which we find according to the Lists annexed & believe She is in a fit Condition to proceed for Europe. We are

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient h^{ble} Ser^{ts}.

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
THE 23 SEPT^r. 1758.

JOHN SMITH.
ROBERT BARKER.

ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HON'BLE COMPANYS COVENANTED SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH MARCH TO THE 25TH APRIL 1758.

				MONTHS	DAYS.	ANN.	L.	S.	D.	L.	S.	D.	PA.	FA.	CA.
George Pigot Esq ^r..	..	President & Governor	..	200	100	—	—								
		Gratuity .. ..	..	100	50	—	—			150	—	—	375	—	—
Henry Powney ..	.. 3 of Council ..	2 of Fort St. George	..	100	..					50	—	—	125	—	—
Robert Orme ..	.. 4 of d ^o ..	3 of D ^o ..	..	70	..					35	—	—	87	18	—
Charles Boddam ..	.. 5 of d ^o ..	4 of D ^o ..	..	50	..					25	—	—	62	18	—
William Perceval ..	.. 7 of d ^o ..	5 of D ^o ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
John Smith ..	.. 8 of d ^o ..	6 of D ^o ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
Charles Bouchier ..	.. 9 of d ^o ..	7 of D ^o ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
John Walsh ..	..	Senior Merchant ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
John Andrews ..	..	D ^o ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
John Pybus ..	..	D ^o ..	..	40	20	—	—								
		Gratuity as Assay Master.		80	40	—	—			60	—	—	150	—	—
Hugh Norris ..	..	Senior Merchant ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
Henry VanSittart ..	..	{ D ^o ..	..	40	20	—	—								
		{ Gratuity as Translator. ..	..	30	15	—	—			35	—	—	87	18	—
Samuel Ardley ..	..	Senior Merchant ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
Edward Edwards...	..	D ^o ..	..	40	..	—	—			20	—	—	50	—	—
Charles Turner ..	..	D ^o ..	..	40	..					20	—	—	50	—	—
Thomas Heath ..	..	Junior Merchant ..	..	30	..					15	—	—	37	18	—
Josias DuPre' ..	..	{ D ^o ..	..	30	15	—	—								
		{ Gratuity as Secretary ..	..	100	50	—	—								
		{ Gratuity as Clerk ..	..	45	22	10	—			87	10	—	218	27	—
James Alexander	{ Junior Merchant	30	15	—	—								
		{ Gratuity as Sub Accomptant	100	50	—	—								

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	{ Do. for keeping the Com- panys Accounts with the Mayors Court	20	10	—	—	75	—	—	187	18	—	
John Smith	Junior Merchant	30		..		15	—	—	37	18	—	
John Lewin Smith	D ^o	30		..		15	—	—	37	18	—	
Daniel Morse	{ D ^o Gratuity for keeping the Mayors Court Books ..	30	15	—	—							
	Factor	20	10	—	—	25	—	—	62	18	—	
John Call	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
George Stratton	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
Philip Francis Greenslate.	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
Marmaduke Best	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
[.....]	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
Henry Brooke	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
John Calland	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
Thomas Maunsell	D ^o	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—	
Henry Eustace Johnson.	D ^o . from 5 July to 25 September	2-21	15		..	3	7	6	8	15	60	
Claud Russell	D ^o		15		..	7	10	—	18	27	—	
George Dolben	D ^o		15		..	7	10	—	18	27	—	
John Perceval	D ^o		15		..	7	10	—	18	27	—	
Thomas Rumbold	D ^o		15		..	7	10	—	18	27	—	
George Pyne	{ Writer from 25 March to 11 May.	1-16	5	—	12	9						
	{ Factor from 11 May to 25 September	4-14	15	5	11	8	6	4	5	15	19	70
Charles Smith	{ Writer from 25 March to 11 May	1-16	5	—	12	9						
	{ Factor from 11 May to 25 September	4-14	15	5	11	8	6	4	5	15	19	70
	Carried Over						873	6	4	2,183	10	40

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		MONTHS	DAYS.	Ⓕ	ANN.	L.	S.	D.	FA.	FA.	CA.			
Brought Over	873	6	4	2,183	10	40			
Alexander Dalrymple ..	{	Writer from 25 March to 11												
		May	1·16	5	—	12	9							
		Factor from 11 May to 25												
		September	4·14	15	5	11	8							
		Gratuity as Accountant-General of the Mayors Court			20	10	—	—	16	4	5	40	19	70
John Davidson	{	Writer from 26 March to 11												
		May	1·16		—	12	9							
		Factor from 11 May to 25												
		September	4·14			5	11	8	6	4	5	15	19	70
Samuel Johnson		Writer		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
William Aldersey		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Robert Dowsett		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
John Palmer		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Thomas Kelsall		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Floyer		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
William Barker		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
John Maxwell Stone		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Archdale Palmer		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Abraham Brown		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
John Douglas		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
James Hay		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexander Leigh		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
John Crawford		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Henry Parsons		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—
Thomas Lane		D°.		5					2	10	—	6	9	—

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Thomas Hamilton	D ^o	5	..	2	10	—	6	9	—	
James Taylor	D ^o	5	..	2	10	—	6	9	—	
The Rev ^d . { Mr. Samuel Stavelly } { Mr. Robert Palk. }	Chaplains	100	..	50	—	—	125	—	—	
		100	..	50	—	—	125	—	—	
Robert Turing	Surgeon	36	..	18	—	—	45	—	—	
James Wilson	D ^o	36	..	18	—	—	45	—	—	
Tysoe Saul Hancock ..	Surgeon from 23 ^d . June to 25 September	36	..	9	4	—	23	—	—	
		3·2								
				£	1085	19	2	2714	32	20
					10	—	—	25	—	—
				£	1095	19	2	2739	32	20

Josias DuPre' for so much short paid him by an Erroneous Addition in the Account Salary ending the 25th. March last he having receiv'd only £77·10 instead of £87·10.

ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘. JAMES ALEXANDER,
Sub-Accomp^t.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

At the request of M^r. Orme We this day examined the Export Warehouse Books from the 1st May to the 31st July 1758 and find the Account remains laid before us by M^r. Orme, which he is to deliver to M^r. Powney, correspond with the Books. The Accounts are regular and in our opinion fit to be pass'd—We have likewise inspected the Commissary General's Disbursements of Cash from 1st. May to the 25 September and find them to be supported by proper Vouchers, the Ballance then in M^r. Ormes hands being AR^s. 5899. and Pagodas 6650.15.68, which M^r. Smith acknowledges to have receiv'd from M^r. Orme. We have likewise examined the Boat Accounts for May, June & July and find the Ballance to be 12186 fanams, which M^r. Orme informs us he has sent to the Secretary. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants,

FORT S^T. GEORGE.
THE 25 SEPT^R. 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT:
STRING^r. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

WEDNESDAY
THE 4TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations, dated the 28th. & 29th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

N.B.—The Minutes of Consultation the 25th. Ultimo were sign'd in the Minute Book before the Board adjourn'd.

Exchange of Prisoners (except private Men) settled.
The President acquaints the Board that the Government of Pondicherry have settled and Agreed on an Exchange of Prisoners, except the Private Men whose Exchange still remains unsettled.

Mr. Perceval again takes his seat.
M^r. Perceval who has been a Prisoner of War ever since the loss of Vizagapatam being now exchanged takes his Seat again at the Board.

Mr. Boddam resigns the Service & desires passage to Grantham.
Letter from M^r. Charles Boddam read as enter'd hereafter requesting leave to resign the Honble Companys' Service and return to England on the Grantham desiring that the Captain may be permitted to receive him & his Family with one European and two black Servants, as Passengers with their necessarys, which is Granted.

Granted.

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There being now three Vacancies in the Council by the Resignation of Mess^{rs}. Robert Orme, Charles Boddam and Foss Westcott (which last went home in the Walpole in 1757 Agreed that the three Gentlemen next in Succession Viz^t. Mess^{rs}. John Walsh, John Andrews and John Pybus be admitted to fill the said Vacancies at the Board.

Mess^{rs} Walsh
Andrews
& Pybus
taken into
Council.

M^r. John Walsh being at Bengal, Mess^{rs}. John Andrews and John Pybus, are now introduced and acquainted with the foregoing Resolution, and the Oaths of Allegiance, and of Office as Justice of the Peace, and also the Oath of Fidelity to the Company being administered to them severally, they take their Seats at the Board.

Mess^{rs}.
Andrews &
Pybus Sworn
& take their
seats.

The Board then proceeded to settle the Employs in Council and to Station the undermentioned Servants in manner following :

Employ
settled &
Servants
Stationed.

- M^r. Henry Powney Sea Customer, and to take charge of the Land Customers' emply for M^r. Walsh untill his Return.
- * M^r. William Perceval .. Accountant and Export Warehousekeeper.
- M^r. John Smith Storekeeper and Commissary.
- M^r. Charles Bouchier .. Military Storekeeper, & Rental General & Scavenger.
- M^r. John Walsh Land Customer.
- * M^r. John Andrews Paymaster & Military Paymaster.
- M^r. John Pybus Import Warehousekeeper.
- M^r. Hugh Norris Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate.
- * M^r. Richard Fairfield .. Sub Export Warehousekeeper.
- * M^r. Thomas Heath Under the Export Warehousekeeper.
- * M^r. John Lewin Smith .. Under the Export Warehousekeeper particularly to have the care of the Salt Petre & Redwood.
- * M^r. Andrew Newton To reside at Tranquebar.
- * M^r. George Dawson To reside at Pondicherry to pay the Prisoners till they are Exchanged, and when he returns, to be under the Assay Master.
- * M^r. Marmaduke Best .. Under the Import Warehousekeeper.
- M^r. James Bouchier .. Sub Military Storekeeper.
- * M^r. John Carey Under the Accountant.
- * M^r. John Calland Under the Commissary.
- * M^r. Richard Brickenden .. Under the Military Storekeeper.
- * M^r. George Dolben Under the Military Paymaster.
- M^r. Charles Smith To reside at Sadras.
- * M^r. Edward Raddon } Under the Secretary.
- * M^r. Richard Cooke }
- * M^r. William Stevenson } Under the Engineer.
- * M^r. Thomas Amphlett }
- M^r. Edward Cotsford .. Under the Military Storekeeper.

ORDER'D that all Monthly Writers be discharged.

N.B.—All those marked* were Prisoners of War but now Exchanged.

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AGREED that the several Committees be composed of the undermention'd Members The President being of all Committees Viz^t.

West Coast	..	{	Mr. Henry Powney	} Mr. Samuel Ardley, Clerk.
			Mr. John Smith ..	..
			Mr. John Pybus ..	..
Treasury	..	{	Mr. Henry Powney	} Mr. Matthew Clarke, Clerk.
			Mr. William Perceval ..	..
Accounts	..	{	Mr. William Perceval	} Mr. John Calland, Clerk.
			Mr. John Smith ..	..
			Mr. John Andrews ..	..
			Mr. Richard Fairfield ..	..
			Mr. James Alexander ..	..
Works	..	{	Mr. John Smith	} Mr. Alexander } Assist- Leigh, William } ants. Stevenson, Thomas Amphlet.
			Mr. Charles Bouchier ..	..
			Mr. John Andrews ..	..
			Mr. John Call-Engineer ..	..

Mr. Orme requests passage of Grantham Granted.

Letter from Mr. Orme requesting Permission to return to England on the Grantham desiring a Permit to receive him his Servant & Necessaries which is granted.

also to

Capt. Martin

The President moves the Board on behalf of the undermentioned Persons that they may have permission to proceed to England on the Grantham, which is Granted Viz^t. Captain William Martin & his Servants William Westwood, John Deborah and James Cato.

Mr. Palk.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Palk and his Servants John Ferguson and John Rubens.

Mr. Van Sittarts son, Mr. William Heron.

Mr. Van Sittarts Son Henry, a Child.

Mr. William Heron Midshipman of the Squadron.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eighteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-six Pagodas one fanam and three Cash (18736.1.3.) which is carried forward.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILL^m. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^s. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL OF
FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Being desirous of returning to England for the re-establishing of my Health by a change of Climate I am to intreat your permission to resign the Honble Companys Service, and that you will be pleas'd to give a permit to Captaic

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Oliver of the Grantham to receive me, my Family One European Maid & two other Black Servants with all our necessaries.

I am in the most grateful manner and with the truest Sentiments of regard.

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
2^d. OCTOBER 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obliged & very Obed^t.
Humble Servant,
CHA^s. BODDAM.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & C^a COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

I beg the favor of your Permission to return to England on the Ship Grantham and request You will favor me with an Order to Captain Oliver to receive me my Necessaries and Servant on board I am with great Respect.

MADRAS,
OCTOBER 4th. 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedient humble
Servant,
ROBERT ORME.

1758-13A

	Brought Over ..	18,863	44,477	3	—	20,098	17	3
1	Samuel Peckell Esq ^r . The Rev ^d . Mr. & the Rev ^d Mr. Robert Palk for Rob Palk. Account of John Caillaud Esq ^r ..		4,600	—	—	12,000	—	—
1	Mr. Richard Warren. The Rev ^d . Mr. Robert for account of Mr. James Lister.		1,231	11	11	3,212	31	—
1	John Corneille Esq ^r . The Rev ^d . Mr. Robert Palk ..		1,030	18	3	2,689	17	4
1	Mr. Charles Pater & Mr. Peter Pater. { The Rev ^d . Mr. Robert Palk on Account of Mr. Charles Pater.		766	5	8	1,999	—	—
1	Hugh Ross Esq ^r , Mr. George Mackay Account the Estato of Cap ^t . John Howes deceased ..		1,308	16	—	3,414	9	56
1	Mr. William Ferguson Mr. George Mackay.		50	—	—	130	15	52
1	Sir Luke Schaub Mr. Salamon Franco.		200	—	—	521	26	48
1	Charles Raymond Esq ^r . William Perceval Esq ^r . ..		489	2	8	1,276	—	—
1	Daniel Lascelles Esq ^r . D ^o .		60	2	7	156	31	—
1	Thomas Saunders Robert Orme, Mr. Esq ^r . Hen ^y , The Rev ^d . Mr. VanSittart & M ^{rs} . Robert Palk, Frances Mary Mr. William Ferguson, John Munro. Munro. Account the Estate of Mr. Andrew Munro deceased.		4,216	13	4	11,000	—	—
1	Mr. Robert Baldy. Mess ^{rs} . Charles Bouchier & Henry VanSittart Acco ^t the Estate of Cap ^t ain Henry Smith deceased ..		1,150	—	—	3,000	—	—
1	Mr. George Thomas. Himself on account the Estate of Mr. Jame Colnett deceased ..		936	17	4	2,441	—	—
	Carried Over ..	18,863	44,477	3	—	20,098	17	3

	Brought Over ..	21,009	3,60,032	20	31,009	32	20
	By Current Pagodas paid into the Treasury ..	75,000	..	75,000	—	—	—
	Carried Over ..	96,009	3,60,032	20	106,009	32	20

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.				Dr.				CONTRA.						Cr.				
Brought Over ... 18,863 44,477 3 — 20,098 17 3										[Pa	FA	CA	PA	FA	CA]			
Setts.	To whom payable	Of whom value recd.	£.	s.	d.	p.	f.	c.	Brought Over 96,009 360,032 20 106,009 32 20									
1	Mr. George Thomas.	Himself	383	6	8	1,000	—	—										
1	Mr. Herbert Jones.	Mr. George Thomas.	383	6	8	1,000	—	—										
1	Mr. Edward Ives.	Mr. George Thomas Account of Mr. Samuel Piggott & the Estate of Mr. John Bevis	291	6	8	760	—	—										
1	Mr. Assur Isaac Levy	George Pigot Esq ^r . in part return for a Box of Pearls marked SM N ^o . 1 imported by Fox 1758	58	8	8	152	16	16										
1	George Higginson Esq ^r .	Mr. Josias DuPre' ..	230	5	8	600	26	47										
1	M ^{rs} . Ann Bunyon	Mr. Josias DuPre' Acc. the Estate of Stephen Hollo- way Bunyon de ^{cd} .	102	6	6	266	34	4										
1	Cap ^t . Thomas Rumbold.	Mess ^{rs} . Josias du Pre' & James Alexander	306	—	11	798	14	—										
1	Mr. Alexander Dalrymple	Himself	2,000	—	—	5,217	14	6										
1	George Lewis Scott Esq ^r .	Cap ^t . Robert Barker.	500	—	—	1,304	12	40										
1	Mr. Robert Banna- tyne.	Himself	60	—	—	156	18	62										
1	Mr. Andrew Moffat.	Captain John Oliver.	2,000	—	—	5,217	14	6										
1	Richard Starke Esq ^r .	John Smith Esq ^r . ..	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3										
1	Mess ^{rs} . Aaron Franks & David Salomons.	Nicholas Morse Esq ^r .	157	2	6	409	32	46										
1	Mr. Hugh Norris	Himself	300	—	—	782	21	73										

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1	Mr. William Ferguson.	Himself	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	Mrs. Hannah Dawson.	Mr. Richard Dawson.	20	—	—	52	6	20
1	Mr. Luke Medwin.	Mr. George Dolben.	50	—	—	130	15	52
1	Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.	Cap ^t . Richard Smith on Acco ^t . of Cap ^t . Joseph Smith	50	—	—	130	15	52
1	Mr. James Callendar.	Cap ^t . Alexander Callendar	100	—	—	260	31	24
1	Mr. James Wilson.	Himself	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	Mr. Edward Biggs.	Do.	115	—	—	300	—	—
1	Cap ^t . John Godwin.	Cap ^t . William Hislop & Mr. John Call Exors to the Estate of Cap ^t . Lieut. Benjamin Godwin	1,073	6	8	2,800	—	—
1	Mr. John Kelsall.	Cap ^t . Edmund Maskelyne	1,000	—	—	2,608	25	3
1	Peter & Joseph Godfrey Esq ^r .	Robert Orme Esq ^r . Acco ^t . the Estate of Will. Lindsay Esq ^r . of Bengal deceased	1,430	6	3	3,731	9	—
1	William Crompton Esq ^r .	Mr. William Roberts Account the Estate of Cap ^t . John Crompton deceased	220	2	9	574	10	12
1	Charles Boddam Esq ^r .	Mr. John Maxwell Stone.	80	—	—	208	25	3
1	Mr. Cornelius Goodwin and Mr. Heron Powney.	Henry Powney Esq ^r .	500	—	—	1,304	12	41
44	Setts amounting to £ 34,642	6 8 or	90,354	631	19	90,371	19	19
	Carried Over		109,217	45,108	22	110,470	0	22

Carried Over ..	96,009	—	360,032	20	106,009	32	20
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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH. DR.

	[PA]	FA	CA	PA	FA	CA]
Brought Over ..	109,217	45,108	22	110,470	0	22
29 To the Sea Customer, received of M ^r . Henry Powney on his running Account	2,000	..	..	2,000	—	—
To the Import Warehouse keeper recd. of M ^r . Henry Powney on his running Account	200	1,800	—	250	—	—
To the Land Customer recd. of M ^r . Henry Powney for the August Balance of that Account	279	9,303	1	537	15	1
To Numboor Vencaty Subbiah recd. in further part of Arrears of Rent due by him as Farmer of the Poonamallee Country, being the amount of Grain sold by M ^r . Orme.	2,150	..	..	2,150	—	—
To Massoolah Boats recd. of M ^r . Orme for the Balance of that Account to 31 July last .. .. .	..	12,186	—	338	18	—
30 To Fanams recd. from the Treasury .. .. .	..	324,000	—	9,000	—	—
STAR OR CURR ^t . PAG ^s . ..	113,846	392,397	23	124,745	33	23

CONTRA.

	[PA]	FA	CA	PA	FA	CA]
Brought Over ..	96,009	360,032	20	106,009	32	20
By Ballance carried to next M ^{os} . Acco ^t . ..	17,237	32,365	3	18,736	1	3

STAR OR CURR^t. PAG^s. .. 113,846 392,397 23 124,745 33 23

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

GEORGE FIGOT.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1758 —

Arriv'd the Honble Companys Sloop Mermaid Ninian Lewis from Bengal with General Letters from the President & Council there dated the 14 & 26 August accompanying a Packet for this Presidency from the Court of Directors received there by the Hardwicke, also a Packet from the Negrais and one from Fort Marlbro rec'd there by the Tryal Sloop.

Do. Schooner Success, William Holland from Bengal.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT

STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN ANDREWS.

JOHN PYBUS.

FRIDAY
THE 6TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 4th Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

N^{os}. 62 & 63. From the Honble Robert Clive Esq^r. President & c^a. Council at Fort William dated the 14th and 26 August, the first acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of 26th March 21 April & 10 July the last of which was receiv'd so late in the season that they could not send another Ship up agreeable to our desire, but promise as opportunities offer, to supply us with Salt Petre acquainting Us with the Arrival of the Tryal Sloop from Marlbro' with advices for this Coast which they now transmit by the Mermaid Sloop & enclose the Masters Bills on his Owners for [. . .] advanced him & account of Monies advanc'd for the Wages of the Crew and account of Provisions supplied him agreeable to the Contract enter'd into by the Gentlemen of Marlbro Enclosing likewise Invcice of Horse Furniture & Fox—Informing that the Chest of Treasure mark'd EMF has been, at the request of the Danish Missionaries, deliver'd to M^r. Zeigenbalg Chief of the Danish Factory That the Hardwicke Captain John Samson arriv'd there the 19th June the Commander having been induced to proceed directly to the Bay by the unfavourable Accounts he receiv'd at Trincomala, of the Engagements between the two Squadrons "That Colonel Robert Clive had, at the request of the Board taken upon him the Government of Bengal till a President be appointed from Europe" Enclosing the Packets intended by the Hardwicke for the Coast acquainting Us that they had been obliged to detain the Military & Naval Stores, which were her Chief Consignments for this Coast and requesting to be supplied as amply as our Exigencies will admit with Powder for Cannon & Musquet Cartridges, which they are in great want of. Advising Us that they had given general Orders for the Increase of the Ordinary Sortments of their Investment to make up for the Deficiency at this Settlement, on hearing of the loss of Fort S^t. David & that they dispatch'd the Mermaid purposely to carry the Hardwick's Packet & to bring advices from hence of the Disposition of the shipping Adding that they had receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Bristow at Ingeram dated 29th July who had been dispatch'd from Cuttack sometime before at the Raja's Particular Request, by it they are inform'd the French are dispossess'd of every thing but Metchlepatam & That the Rajah is very desirous that our Settlements should be re-establish'd Recommending to Us the sending a Person acquainted with the Investment in those Parts to Vizagapatam or Elsewhere The second acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of 2^d. & 10th. August by Captain Barton and desiring to know what Number of Bales can be furnish'd

General
Letters
read from
Bengal.

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here in January acquainting Us that they intended sending two Ships with Salt Petre & Redwood to be filled up on the West Coast provided the Ships of this Season arrive and promise to comply with the Indent from thence informing Us that they purposed dispatching the Ilchester home early in the Season fully laden & that they will supply this Place with Rice & Peas agreeable to the Request of the Select Committee—that they have dismiss'd the Tryal Sloop from the Service on account of her damage & defects—Enclosing a Packet from Negrais & one to be forward to Europe by the first Opportunity.

Negrais.

N^o. 64 From M^r. Thomas Newton at Negrais dated the 7th May 1758 giving an Account of the Occurrences & Transactions at that Settlement since the 5th of Jan^r. the date of his last Advices.

From Fort. Marlbro.

N^o. 65 and No. 66 From the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort Marlbro. the first dated the 15th September 1757 being a Duplicate, the Original whereof by the Hartop Snow was lost with that Vessel giving an Account of the Transactions on the West Coast of Sumatra from the 27 May 1757 the date of their last preceeding Letter. The other dated the 26 January 1758 acknowledging the receipt of our Letters by the Cuddalore Sloop & the Norfolk & Princess Augusta and advising that they have dispatch'd the Cuddalore Sloop.

Letter from Mr. Walsh for leave to resign and go home.

Letter from M^r. John Walsh dated at Calcutta the 28 August 1758 read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that having serv'd the Company upwards of fifteen Years he is desirous of returning to England and requests permission to do so, And in case Sureties should be thought necessary on Account of his not having given twelve Months previous Notice he offers Mess^{rs} Henry VanSittart and Josiah DuPre' as such who will answer all just demands should any be made.

Capt. Gardner resigns his Commission.

Letter from Captain George Gardner read as enter'd hereafter requesting permission to resign his Commission and return to Europe having serv'd the Company as a Captain of Foot nine years, which is granted and a Certificate is now given him of his good behaviour.

A Certificate given him of his good Behaviour.

Capt. Maskelyne desires leave to go to Bengal for the recovery of his Health.

Letter from M^r. Edmund Maskelyne read as enter'd hereafter requesting permission to go to Bengal for the recovery of his Health and to proceed from thence to Europe if the Cold Season should not effectually restore him which is granted.

5 Setts of Bills on the Company.

The following five Setts of Bills of Exchange are now sign'd drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven Shillings and eight pence ₹ Pagoda payable at Ninety days sight to the undermentioned persons.

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Setts to whom Payable.	Of whom value received.	£.	s.	d.	p.	f.	c.
1 M ^r . Deverix Bowling.	M ^r . Henry Vansittart by order of M ^r . Robert Sloper	3258	6	8	8500	0	0
1 Charles Floyer Esq ^r .	D ^o . D ^o	770	2	4	2009	0	0
1 M ^r . George Browning	M ^r . John Smith account the Estate of M ^r . John Browning deceased	181	16	4	474	11	7
1 Thomas Pattle Esq ^r .	M ^r . Jonathan Brooke	50	0	0	130	15	52
1 M ^r . Jonathan Clarke	M ^r . Robert Holford	40	0	0	104	12	41
5 Setts amounting to	£ 4300	5	4	11218	3	20

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The following Indents are now sign'd to go by the Grantham all dated this day Viz^t.

	Year.
Additional Indent for Military Stores wanted for the year	1759
Indent for Military Stores wanted for the year	1760
Import Warehouse Indent	1760
Storehouse Indent	1760

The Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper desiring the direction of the Board under what head to place the Stores & Charges for fitting the Protector as a Fireship ORDER'D that all Charges on that Account be placed to the Debit of Bombay Presidency.

Bombay to be debited for charges of fitting the Protector for a Fireship.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of disbursements made by Captain David Crichton of the Protector for Wages and provisions to Artificers Boatmen and others, for Attendance and Work perform'd on board that Ship amounting to Pagodas 150--10 and Arcot Rupees 95. Order'd that the Storekeeper pay the same.

Bill for Charges of Protector to be paid.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th Ultimo.

Beetle & Tobacco Rent.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty pays in Two hundred and sixty eight Pagodas twelve fanams (268-12) in full for two Month's Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 12th Ultimo.

do. Measuring Duty.

GEORGE PIGOT.
 STRINGER LAWRENCE.
 HENRY POWNEY.
 WILL . PERCEVAL.
 JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER.
 JOHN PYBUS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & CA. COUNCIL
 OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having serv'd the Honble Company upward of fifteen Years, I am now desirous of proceeding to England & for that purpose have to request the favor of your permission: if the not having given a twelve Month previous Notice be any Impediment I hope to obviate it, by offering Mess^{rs}. Henry Van Sittart & Josiah Du Pre', as sureties to answer all just demands, which may be made on me. I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs.

Your most Obedient & most hble Servant,

CALCUTTA 28 AUGUST 1758.

JOHN WALSH.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having serv'd the Company nine years as Captain of Foot & being now desirous to return to Europe I request your permission to resign my Commission & am.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
6TH OCTOBER 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
GEORGE GARDNER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & CA COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

As I find myself somewhat indisposed at present, & am of Opinion that Change of Air would be of service to me, I beg the favor of your permission to embark with Captain Duncan for Bengal, and if the Cold Season should not effectually restore me to pass on from thence to Europe I am

FORT S^t. GEORGE
OCTOBER 3. 1758.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
with perfect Respect Your very faithfull
humble Servant,
EDM^d. MASKELYNE.

6 Arriv'd Snow Johanna Thomas Klem from Batavia & Puliacat.
8 Sloop Argyle Colin Campbell from Bengal.

MONDAY
THE 9

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
STRING^r LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN ANDREWS.
JOHN PYBUS.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6 Instant read & Signed.

The
Executive
power of the
Martial Law
settled.

The President acquaints the Board that Major Polier being now exchanged he is desirous that a Court of Enquiry may be call'd to enquire into the cause of the Surrender of Fort S^t. David, that it is the Opinion of many that such a Court cannot properly be Constituted without a Judge Advocate, which has again revived the Consideration whether the power of Appointing a Judge Advocate and General Courts Martial is at present devolv'd on Colonel Lawrence and as the Expedient which the Board approv'd in Consultation the 10th. May to wit, of taking the Kings Troops off of duty that so the power of Constituting such Courts might vest in the President & Council cannot be conveniently practised after the Arrival of the expected Battallion, and as the

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necessary Military discipline cannot be observ'd whilst that power remains in Suspense he proposes as the best expediate to obviate all difficulties to refer it to Colonel Lawrence to execute that power if he shall think himself sufficiently authorized to do so. The Board being of the same Opinion Colonel Lawrence declares that he not only thinks himself Authorized to execute that Power but that he should be liable to Censure for not doing it, And thereupon it is RESOLV'D that the executive power of the Martial Law be left to Colonel Lawrence solely untill an explanation of that part of the Act of Parliament for punishing Mutiny and Desertion in India be receiv'd from England and the Commission appointing Charles Todd Esq^r. Judge Advocate is hereby revok'd.

The President informs the Board that he is advised by Colonel Clive now Governor of Fort William that an Expedition has been set on foot there and was on the point of setting out consisting of a Considerable Force of European Military and Seapoys to join the Forces of Jaggaputtah Rauze the Rajah of the Northern province and to endeavour to drive the French from Mazulipatam and their other Settlements that way, that the Rajah had been very Solicitous to have the English return into that province promising his Assistance to re-establish the Companys Settlements there, and recommends to the Consideration of the Board whether under the present Circumstances it would be prudent to attempt making an Investment in those parts.

The Board having consider'd the Advantages and Disadvantages that might attend such an undertaking at this time are of Opinion that there is a strong probability of re-establishing the Companys Affairs in the Northern province and that some advantageous steps may be taken towards an Investment at this time. And it is thereupon Agreed that M^r. John Andrews do proceed to Vizagapatam as Chief with Mess^{rs}. Thomas Heath, James Alexander, John Calland and George Dolben as his Assistants and M^r. James Wilson Surgeon, That Ten Thousand Madras Pagodas (M.P. 10000) and Thirty thousand Rupees (AR^s.30,000) be sent with M^r. Andrews as a stock to begin an Investment if he shall see a proper opportunity.

RESOLV'D that after the dispatch of the Grantham the Board will resume the Consideration of the Expedition in order to settle the Instructions proper to be given to M^r. Andrews on this occasion and in the meantime M^r. Andrews is desired to enquire whether a proper Vessel be procurable at Freight to transport him with his Assistants and Effects to Vizagapatam and on what terms and report the same to the Board.

An Indent for stationary and other Stores to be sent with M^r. Andrews is now laid before the Board and order'd to be complied with as is also.

An Indent for Stores wanted for the Hoñble Companys Sloop Mermaid.

Agreed that the following Advances be made Viz^t.

To the Export Warehousekeeper Five thousand (5000) Pagodas.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees and

To the Storekeeper Five thousand (5,000) Rupees for the Charges of those employs respectively.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILL^m. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^s. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

An Expedition from Bengal to the French Northern Settlements.

Messrs. Andrews & c^a appointed to Vizagapatm. to make an Investmt.

Money to be sent with him.

To be further consid^d. after the Granthams dispatch.

Indent for sundrys to be sent with Mr. Andrews. Do. Stores for the Mermaid.

Advances to the Expt. W.HoKr.

Commissary.

Storekr.

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TUESDAY
THE 10TH;

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 STRING^R. LAWRENCE. JOHN SMITH.
 HENRY POWNEY. CHARLES BOURCHIER.
 WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN ANDREWS.
 JOHN PYBUS.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 9th Instant read & Sign'd.

The following Papers are now Sign'd Viz^t.

General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors.

Account of Quick Stock.

General Letter to the Gov^r. & Council at S^t. Helena.

Sailing Orders to Captain John Oliver of the Grantham.

General Letter to the President and Council of Bombay
 to go by His Majestys Squadron accompanying Dūp.
 of the abovementioned General Letter to the Court of
 Directors to be forwarded from thence by the first Ship.

All dated this
day.

ORDER'D

That the Packets be closed and deliver'd to Captain Oliver with his Sailing Orders this day,

GEORGE PIGOT.
 STRINGER LAWRENCE.
 HENRY POWNEY.
 WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
 JOHN SMITH.
 CHA^S. BOURCHIER.
 JOHN PYBUS.

11 Sail'd His Majesty's Ship Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Tyger, Weymouth,
 New Castle, Cumberland, Salisbury and Queenborough and the Hoñble
 Company's Ship Protector under the Command of Vice Admiral Pocock for
 Bombay.

Sail'd Schooner Success, William Holland for the Mallabar Coast.

D^O. Sloop Argyle, Collin Campbell.

12 Arriv'd the Hoñble Companys Ship London Captain Richard Alwright
 from England with a Packet for this Presidency and brings advice that having
 put in at S^t. Augustines Bay in Company with the Warren while they lay
 there on the 7th. August His Majestys Ships Grafton and Sunderland with the
 Six Coast & China Ships came in. That he sail'd from thence with the
 Warren the 17th. August leaving the other Ships there who intended Sailing in
 about a fortnight. That the Warren went into Point de Galle for Intelligence
 but the London being too far to Leward he bore away for this place.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
 WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN ANDREWS.

M^R. PYBUS *absent*.

THURSDAY
 THE 12TH.

The Packet from the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors for this Presidency is now open'd the Papers therein contained being compared and found to agree with the List of the Packet, the General Letters are read Viz^t.

One dated the 8 March }
 One dated the 23 d^o. } 1758.

Packet from
 Engd. &
 London
 open'd.

General Let-
 ters read.

A General Letter to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors is now wrote and sign'd to go by the Grantham advising the Arrival of the London with the accounts given by Captain Alwright of the other shipping as related in the diary of this date.

General Letter to Eng-
 land wrote &
 sign'd.

An Order is now Sign'd to Captain Alwright for the delivery of Treasure Military for this Presidency.

Order now
 sign'd for
 delivery of
 Consignmts.
 & London.

GEORGE PIGOT.
 STRINGER LAWRENCE.
 HENRY POWNEY.
 WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
 JOHN SMITH.
 CHA^S. BOURCHIER.

Sail'd the Hon^{ble} Companys Ship Grantham, Captain John Oliver, for England. 13

D^o. Ship Ganges, Peter Duncan, for Bengal with General Letter for the resident and Council dated this day. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 HENRY POWNEY. STRING^R. LAWRENCE.
 WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN ANDREWS.

JOHN PYBUS.

SATURDAY
 THE 14TH

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Colonel Clive late Deputy Governor of Fort S^t. David being appointed by the Company to be President and Governor of Bengal, M^r. Powney now takes his seat at the President's right hand as Second of the Coast.

Mr. Powney
 takes his
 Seat as
 Second.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 12 Instant read & Signed.

M^r. John Andrews to whom it was referr'd in Consultation the 9th Instant to enquire whether a proper Vessel be procurable at Freight to transport him and his Assistants and Effects to Vizagapatam, and to report, now reports that he has treated with the Owners of the SNOW CONCERN further about two hundred and Fifty Tons now lying in the Road Mann'd and properly equipped for the Voyages and that the best terms he can obtain of the Owners are, that the Vessel be taken up for four Months certain for the sum of Two thousand Pagodas,

Mr. Andrews
 Reports the
 terms on
 which the
 Snow Con-
 cern may
 be Freightd

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and in case she be longer detain'd in the service the Owners are to be paid Demorage after the same rate being Sixteen Pagodas and two thirds $\frac{2}{3}$ day, in Consideration whereof the whole Tonnage of the Snow is to be at the Company's disposal.

Which is agreed 2000 Pags. advanced on that account.

AGREED that the said Snow be Freightd on the abovementioned terms and it is Order'd that two thousand Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Andrew, to pay the Freight, and it is left to him to settle with the Owners the proposition and terms of payment.

Instructions to be given to Mr. Andrews.

The Board having Considered of the Instructions proper to be given to Mr. Andrews, AGREED that it be a part of his Instructions to endeavour to obtain from the Rajah some grants of Privileges and Advantageous Districts about Vizagapatam or elsewhere. That it be particularly recommended to him to Co-operate in all Measures with Lieutenant Colonel Forde who is appointed to Command the intended Expedition from Bengal and in respect to the Investment and other transactions with the Country Government that it be left to Mr. Andrews to take such steps for the present as shall appear to him most conducive to the Company's Interest and in case he shall find a good opportunity of employing to advantage more than the money Agreed in Consultation the 9th Instant to be sent with him, that he be permitted to draw on us.

200 Barrells of Gunpowder to be sent to Bengal by Mermaid.

AGREED that two hundred Barrells of Gunpowder be sent to Bengal by the Company's Sloop Mermaid, the President and Council there having press'd for a supply of that article in their Letter of the 14th August.

The Sloop Good intent to be sold at Outery.

The President acquaints the Board that the Sloop purchased by the Select Committee for Secret Service and reported in Consultation the 6 July has been employed in Cruizing off Ceylon to give Intelligence to the expected shipping, That the Sloop is now returned here very leaky and in much want of repair. The Board being of Opinion that the Charge of repairing the Sloop will be more than she is worth. AGREED that she be sold at Outery on Monday next the 16th Instant at the Sea Gate for what she will fetch and that the Secretary give Notice accordingly.

105 Marines landed here from the Squadron to be paid by the Company & that amount to be settled at home.

The President reports to the Board that at the request of the Select Committee Admiral Pocock has landed here One hundred and five Marines, Officers included, belonging to the squadron, who being born on the Ships Books and Victualled whilst on board their pay and subsistence cannot lie drawn for on shore. AGREED that they be paid in the same manner as the Company's Troops and that it be referred to the Company to adjust that account with the proper Officers at home.

The Export warehousekeeper pays in Two thousand and Six hundred Pagodas (2600) for Grain sold belonging to Numboor Venkаты Soubiah late Renter of the Poonamallee Country towards payment of his arrears of Rent for that Farm.

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AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY
16TH.

Present

GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. STRING^r. LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.

Mr. Andrews *absent*, preparing for his departure.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 14th Instant read & Signed.

Letter from Mr. Alexander Wynch dated at Tranquebar the 14th Instant read, as enter'd hereafter, representing that finding it necessary for him to proceed to Europe he intends, with the permission of the Board to embark on one of the Ships which will sail from thence about the 15th Instant, and as he has always endeavour'd to render the Company all the service in his power he hopes he shall be mention'd to them in a favourable light.

Letter from Mr. Wynch desiring to resign the Service.

There being now three Vacancies in the Council, one by the removal of Colonel Clive to the Presidency of Bengal, another by the resignation of Mr. Wynch and the third by the Resignation of Mr. Walsh The three Gentlemen next in succession are now appointed to fill those vacancys Viz^t. Mess^{rs}. Hugh Norris Edmund Maskelyne and Henry VanSittart.

Three vacancies in Council are filled by Messrs. Norris Maskelyne and Van Sittart.

Mr. Maskelyne being gone to Bengal with leave for the recovery of his Health, Mess^{rs} Hugh Norris and Henry VanSittart are introduced and the Oath of fidelity to the Company and the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office as a Justice being duly administered to them they take their Seats at the Board.

Messrs. Norris and VanSittart take the Oaths & their Seats.

Petition of the Surgeon of the London read as entered hereafter requesting to be paid head money for his care of Ninety four Soldiers of the Battalion brought here in that ship. Order'd that the same be paid accordingly.

Surgeon of the Londons Petition for head Money.

AGREED that the London be dispatched to Bengal as soon as the Water and necessary Refreshments can be sent on board and the Secretary is directed to give Captain Alwright Notice thereof that he may use all possible dispatch.

London to be dispatched to Bengal without delay.

AGREED that all the Damaged Cloth in the Warehouse be sent to Fort Marlbrô by the Duke, and that the Gentlemen there be directed after taking as much as may be necessary for the slaves clothing and for the use of the Hospital to sell the rest at Outcry.

Damaged Cloth to be sent to the West Coast.

Several Employs being vacant by the alterations in the Council since the 4 Instant when all the several Departments were settled, and by the appointment of Mr. Andrews and his Assistants to proceed to Vizagapatam they are now regulated as follows Viz^t.

Sundry Employs settled.

Mr. John Pybus .. Land Customer.
Mr. Hugh Norris .. Civil & Military Paymaster.
Mr. Henry VanSittart .. Import Warehouse-keeper.
Mr. Richard Fairfield .. Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate.
Mr. Charles Turner .. Under Searcher at the Sea Gate.
Mr. John Carey .. Under the Military Storekeeper.
Mr. John Davidson .. Under the Military Paymaster.
Mr. William Barker .. Sub Accountant
Mr. William Aldersey .. Translator, Mr. VanSittart

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desiring to be relieved from that Employ and representing to the Board that M^r. Aldersey has qualified himself to execute it.

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STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH,
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT, ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRs,

My Residence of upwards of 24 Years in India having greatly Impared my Constitution which, and the situation of my Affairs at present rendering it necessary for me to proceed to Europe I purpose with your Honor &c^a. permission to Embark on one of the Ships that will sail from hence about the 15th October And hope as my utmost endeavours have always been to render my Hon'ble Employers all the Service in my power that you will mention me in a favourable light to them; whatever Letters you may have for them, or any Comands that I can execute during the Passage, it will give me the greatest Satisfaction in being Honoured with them I am with much Respect

TRANQUEBAR
4TH OCTOBER 1758.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Faithfull & Obedient
humble Servant,
A^r. Wynch.

DUP.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRs,

Ninety four Men of His Majesty's Forces having been brought hither by the London I humbly request your Honor &c^a will be pleased to order the Payment of the head money allow'd by the Company for my care of them as Surgeon of that Ship I am

HON'BLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble Servants,
JOHN ISHERWOOD.

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16TH OCTOBER 1758.

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- Arriv'd the Edinburgh Grabb, David Scott from Bengal last from Vizagapatam with a letter from M^r. Johnston sent thither from Bengal dated the 12th October. 17
- Sail'd the Hon'ble Companys Sloop Mermaid Ninian Lewis for Bengal with a General Letter to the President & Council there dated yesterday. 19
- Signed General Letter of Instructions to M^r. John Andrews going to Vizagapatam in the Snow Concern Richard Dawson who Sail'd the same day and carried a General Letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Francis Forde Commanding the Expedition from Bengal. 20

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 HENRY POWNEY. STRING^r. LAWRENCE.
 WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
 HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

FRIDAY
 20TH
 OCTOBER

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the Consultation dated the 16 Instant read & Signed.

N^o. 67 General Letter from M^r. John Johnstone at Vizagapatam dated the 12th Instant read acquainting of his having wrote by the 21st September by the Mermaid Sloop and by Pattamar under date the 1st October in regard to the Situation of Affairs there, informing Us that the Merchants were willing to carry on the Investment as formerly and promise to furnish Two Hundred Bales (200) by January were they supplied with money to set about the Investment immediately, but they did not chuse any till the arrival of our Forces. That two of the Head Merchants were under Engagements with the Dutch to provide One thousand (1000) Bales Giving it as his Opinion that the success of an Investment will entirely depend on that of the Expedition, which must rest in great Measure on the speedy Arrival of the Forces, for that M^r. Conflans with his Army having pass'd the Rajabindry River advances upon the Rajah in hopes of engaging him before their Junction—The Enemys Force by the best Intelligence is not above Three hundred Soldiers inclusive of Sixty Train Eighty Officers about Three thousand Seapoys and as many Country Forces, Two hundred Country Horses Forty peices of Cannon (some of which are battering Peices) about sixty large shells and a good many smaller ones To oppose which the Rajah has Thirty good Europeans, sixty Topasses, Twenty six Mallays, betwixt Two and Three thousand Tilingies and Three hundred Arrabs, all armed with Firelocks many of which are good—Eight or ten thousand Lancemen. Five hundred good Horse Twelve peices of Cannon but of different Callibers and badly regulated. That being ill provided with Ammunition and his Men badly disciplined, he does not think the Rajah a Match for the French that By Advises from the Rajah he is informed Nizam Ali & Ibrahim Cawn &c^a. had left Aurengabad and were coming that way against the French that they were then at or near Hydrabad where Salabat Jing is. That the French being in possessions of Rajahbindram Fort, having all the Boats and being in Amity with Jaggaput Rauze & Nelladeraw, whose lands lye on that side of the River, can retreat with safety whenever they think themselves to weak to oppose Us, Tho' he thinks it probable Jaggaput Rauze may come over whenever our party is the stronger. That about the middle of September he is informed the French had at Metchlepatam only Twenty five Soldiers and twenty Officers sick, Invalids &c^a. and that they had receiv'd no Reinforcement from the Europe Ship that touch'd there

General
 Letter from
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at that time advising likewise that a Dutch Ship from Batavia stopp'd by the French was lost off Monickpattam and that having long hear'd of the intended Expedition the Enemy had been busy in laying in Provisions and Water & enlisting Seapoys. That he had collected all the Boats which could be got for disembarking the Troops and had received the Rajah's promise of being supplied with all necessaries on their arrival.

Report from
the West
Coast—
Comm.
Orders
thereon.

A Report from the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast read as enter'd hereafter on which the following Resolution and Orders are made Paragraph by Paragraph Viz^t.

Para 2 The Court of Directors in their Letter to Fort Marlbrō by the Egmont, dated 8 February 1758 having revok'd their former Orders for withdrawing Tappanouly & Natal RESOLV'D that the Duke be Order'd to touch at both those places as well as at Moco Moco, that the necessary Stores may be landed there.

Para 3 The Deputy Governor and Council are to be advised that upon the News of the loss of the Marlbrō Sloop We wrote to Bombay to build one of Seventy Tons which was the Burthen before requested by the Gentlemen at Marlbrō but since the receipt of their Letter by the Duke We have again wrote to Bombay to build another Vessel of One hundred and Twenty Tons both the First and the last to be rigg'd as Schooners, that when finish'd they are to be sent round to Us and We shall immediately dispatch them with stores to Marlbrō.

Para 4 The Deputy Governor & Council are to be directed to sell the damaged Coir Cordage at Outcry & to observe as a standing Rule that once or oftener in every year an Account Remains of all stores be taken and if any appear damaged or decay'd that a regular survey be made of them and reported to the Board & that on such report those that appear unfit for Service be sold at Outcry for the most they will fetch.

Para 5 Order'd that Three hundred Barrells of Gunpowder be sent on the Duke with all the fanams that have been Coin'd for the West Coast amounting to about four thousand Dollars And that Five Candys of Copper be coin'd into West Coast. Cash to be sent by the next Conveyance.

Para 6 AGREED that the Gentlemen at the West Coast be permitted to pull down Cumberland House if they apprehend any immediate danger, or so much of it as they think necessary and that they be advised We intend by the next Conveyance to send them a skillful person (if one can be spared) to direct their Buildings and Works and that We will also endeavour to supply them with some Artificers. AGREED also to write to the President & Council of Bombay, desiring that they will send a capable person to assist in carrying on the Buildings there and supply them with some Ship Carpenters, Caulkers and other Artificers.

Para 7 AGREED that one hundred and fifty Seapoys be sent to the West Coast agreeable to the request of the Deputy Gov^r. & Council as soon as they can be enlisted and Conveyances offer and in Order thereto that the Company's Seapoys here be drawn out and a Gratuity as usual offer'd to such as will turn out Volunteers to go on the Duke.

Para 8 It is referr'd to the West Coast Committee to state Facts and particular Instances of the Violent and Unwarrantable proceedings of the Dutch and it is AGREED if there appears sufficient matter this Board will address the General and Council at Batavia demanding Redress and will also request of Admiral Pocock to do so likewise.

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Para 9 The Board remark with pleasure the General encrease of the Pepper plantations and particularly Command the diligence and attention of M^r. Darvale, to whose good management they attribute the flourishing State of Manna above all others.

AGREED that the Deputy Governor & Council be strongly press'd to use all possible Dispatch in landing the Consignments from the Duke and returning her to this Coast so as to Arrive here by the beginning of January if possible, the French Squadron being expected back on the Coast very early and it is supposed if they should think themselves strong enough and arrive before our Squadron, they will cruize off this Port and that the Gentlemen at Marlbro' be directed to order Captain Powney on his return to make Pulicat the first Land on this Coast, where he shall receive due Intelligence.

M^r. Pybus represents to the Board that he observes by a Paragraph in the General letter from the Court of Directors to Fort Marlbrō that M^r. Bastian Smith in a letter to them has Charg'd him with having order'd the Paymaster to pay Diong Macooley the amount of a fictitious Roll of Buggeeses and that the Deputy Governor & Council are directed to enquire in that matter and acquaint him with the Charge and Evidence. M^r. Pybus desires that Paragraph may be inserted in the General Letter to go by the Duke to the Effect, that being unable at this distance to justify himself upon a Charge of that Nature, otherwise than by averring the whole to be false, he therefore must entirely rely on them to do him Justice, which is Order'd to be inserted accordingly.

Several requests are now laid before the Board for permission to lade sundry Articles of Private Trade at Freight on the Hon'ble Company's Ship Duke for Fort Marlbrō. The Company's Stores not being yet all on board and it being uncertain whether the Ship will be able to take in the Private Trade of the several persons who are desirous of Freight Order'd that the Secretary sign permits to Captain Powney purporting that if there should be room in the Ship after all the Company's Stores are on board he may receive such private Trade, returning an Account of what he receives that the same may be manifested.

Requests to lade Private Trade on Freight ₹ Duke.

Permitted Conditionally.

It is referred to the West Coast Committee to consider of what privileges are proper to be allow'd to the Commanders and Officers of the Company's Ships and Vessels, and to report.

Referr'd to the West Coast Committee to settle privilege of Capt. & Officers.

A Bill is now laid before the Board on the behalf of M^r. John Michie for Victualling on Board his Majesty's Squadron the party of Military from Trichinopoly which embarqued at Negapatam, amounting for the whole party to One thousand five hundred and eighty three days for one Man at eight fanams ₹ day and thirty six fanams to the Pagoda, making the sum of Three hundred and fifty one Pagodas, twenty eight fanams. The Agent Victualler having been paid no more than six fanams ₹ day and reckoning eleven fanams ₹ Rupee for dieting the Troops to Bengal in that Expedition in 1756. ORDERED that the Military Paymaster pay for dieting the abovementioned party on the same terms and not otherwise.

A Bill for Dieting a party of the Company's Troops on Board the squadron—rejected being charged too high—the rate settled.

The Paymaster desires the direction of the Board in what manner to pay the diet and Travelling Charges of the Companys Servants who were made prisoners at S^t. David. ORDER'D that the salary, Diet and Travelling Charges be paid according to their Rank on the Madras Establishment from the day of the Surrender of the place.

Diet and Travelling Charges to the Company's servants taken at St. David to be paid as usual.

M^r. James Alexander having been appointed in Consultation the 9th Instant to proceed with M^r. Andrews to Vizagapatam his resignation under his hand and seal of his place and Office of an Alderman of the Mayors Court is now laid before the Board and accepted.

Mr. James Alexander's Resignation of his seat as Alderman.

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Messrs.
John Lewin
Smith and
Marmaduke
Best, chosen
Aldermen.

There being now two Vacancies of Alderman in the Mayors Court, one by the appointment of M^r. Hugh Norris to a Seat at this Board and the other by the removal and resignation of M^r. James Alexander, Messrs. John Lewin Smith and Marmaduke Best, both of this place Merchants, are now chosen to be Alderman of the said Court.

Enquiry into
the Treat-
ment of
Officers &
Soldiers
Passengers
at London.

Our Hon^{ble} Masters having in a particular manner directed that Enquiry be made into the Treatment the Officers, Soldiers, and others meet with on board their Ships in the Passage from England, Captain Fell, the Commanding Officer of the Detachment which came on the London is now introduced to the Board and being acquainted with the Company's directions in this respect is desired to inform the Board whether he has any Cause of Complaint, to which he replied That he has no cause of Complaint, that in general both the officers and Men were very well treated and that M^r. Isherwood the Surgeon particularly deserves Com- mendation for his great care and attendance on the sick.

No Com-
plaint.

Advances
to the Com-
missary.

AGREED That ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

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TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF FORT ST^R. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs,

1. . . . Agreeable to your orders We have perused the several Books and Papers received from the West Coast, but as many Occurrences have passed which time at present will not permit us to make proper Observations on under the several Heads, We beg you will now receive such Remarks as appears to us most immediately necessary leaving a further Examination till the next opportunity ; and this We hope we shall be more able to do, as then we may be furnished with the Consultations and other Books for the Year 1756 which were lost on the Hartop.

2. . . . The Gentlemen at the West Coast desire that the Commander of the Duke be Order'd to touch first at Moco Moco in order to land the Salt and Stores wanted at that Settlement and that he may be required to follow such Directions as he shall receive from the Resident there, in case it shall be thought convenient for him to go to Ippoe, Cattoon and Laye to deliver Salt for the Consumption of those places.

3. . . . They desire to be supplied with a couple of Vessels of about 120 Tons each, which they represent will be much more usefull than those of a smaller Burthen for transporting Pepper from the Subordinacies to Marlbro' and in case of necessity will serve to send over to the Coast for supplies of Stores or other Necessaries they may want.

4. . . . They indent largely for Coir Cordage owing to a quantity being damaged which they had there in Store We think the most eligible method is to sell it at Marlbro' for the most it will fetch, such Remains of Cordage as is too much damaged to be fit for the Company's Use, for sending it here will

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only add to the loss by the Charge of Boat hire in Shipping on board and landing it at this place, where it will not fetch so much as even to pay the extraordinary expence of transporting.

5. . . . They desire also to be well supplied with Military Stores, especially Gun-Powder, as our Hon'ble Masters give them reason to expect little or no supply from Europe. They are much in want too of fanams and Copper Cash.

6. . . . The Gentlemen represent many of these Buildings to be in a most ruinous condition particularly Cumberland House, which they think more to the Hon'ble Companys advantage to pull entirely down and rebuild, rather than endeavour at any Repairs; at the same time they request our Assistance of a European Bricklayer and Carpenter to oversee the Work, and would be glad if we would furnish them with some Indian Carpenters and other Handicrafts from the Coast, as they do not Judge the Company's Slaves alone, are capable of carrying on the Work. They also desire to be supplied with some Ship Carpenters and Caulkers from Bombay to repair their Vessels, which often are obliged to be kept in harbour for want of proper persons for that purpose.

7. . . . They request to be supplied with about 150 Seapoys from the Coast, for they think it is running too great a risque to arm so considerable a Number of Bugguseese/which they are some times obliged to do for want of other Military/As these people, who are Natives of the Country and consequently connected with the Malays should they join the Malays when furnished with Arms and Ammunition, might prove of the utmost ill Consequence.

8. . . . The Hon'ble Company in their Commands to the West Coast by the Egmont, dated the 8th February 1758 having been pleas'd to Order Natal and Tappanooly not to be withdrawn, but to be maintain'd with the greatest Frugality possible, We have nothing to remark on that head.

9. . . . The Gentlemen still complain of the Violence and unjust proceedings of the Dutch, And here we cannot help recommending to your Honor &c^{as} Notice That some Remedy if possible, may be applied to prevent such injurious Treatment used by them to the Subjects of Great Britain, as well as the Natives, Inhabitants of our settlements, which if not timely put a stop to, may prove of Fatal Consequences to the Hon'ble Companys Affairs on that Coast, for the Dutch already take every opportunity to insinuate to the Natives how little they can hope to receive from the protection of the English, which those people may be too much induced to believe, if they have not soon redress for their Grievances.

10. . . . It is with pleasure we observe the Increase of Pepper at most of their Settlements but particularly at Manna where from the 1st. of May 1757 to the 30th. of April 1758 compared with the former Year, is an Increase of above One hundred and Twenty seven Tons.

11. . . . The above are the most material Remarks which have occur'd to us at present; In our future Report We shall do ourselves the honor to lay before you what we may then think further worthy your Notice, and are with much Respect.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. & most humble
Servants,

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH OCTOBER 1758.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
JOHN PYBUS.

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I James Alexander one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam being appointed by the Presidency & Council to proceed to Vizagapatam Do by these Presents Resign Surrender and yield up my said place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^r., President and Governor of Fort S^t. George and the Council thereof and to the President & Council for the time being IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal in Fort S^t. George the 17th. day of October in the year of Our Lord 1758.

JAMES ALEXANDER.

WITNESS :

WILL : ALDERSEY.

WILL : BARKER.

- 21 Sail'd Ship Gadir Madet, Macker Mackay, for Jaffnapatam.
- 22 Sail'd the Hon'ble Company's Ship London, Richard Alwright for Bengal with General Letter to the President & Council dated the 20th. Instant put to sea in a hard Gale of Wind, the Edinburg Grabb.
- 23 D^o. . . . D^o. the Hon'ble Companys Ship Duke.
- 24 Sail'd the Hon'ble Companys Sloop Good Intent to Enore to be laid up in the River during the Monsoon.

WEDNES-
DAY THE
25th.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read & Sign'd.

Letter from
the Secret
Committee
in England
read and
considered
& remarks
thereon.

The President by desire of the Select Committee lays before the Board a letter to that Committee from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors dated the 11 November 1757 in order that the Board may from the directions therein contain'd form a Plan for the better conducting the whole Business of this Presidency under the two Departments of the Council and Committee, or Publick and Secret transactions. The said Letter being read & Considered the Board think it necessary for the better explaining the reason of their Resolution hereon to remark on the several Passages of the said Letter, which principally lead to that determination as follows :—

SECRET COMMITTEES Letter dated 11th November 1757.

Part of
Para 2

“ The Affairs which have fallen under the management of the Select Committee are too many and gradually encreasing, its power in general is more extensive than was originally intended by the Court of Directors or the Secret Committee, in consequence. The General Council is almost become a shadow; and indeed the diverting the Current business in the present Method, besides many other Inconveniences, has Multiplied Books and Papers and renders it extreamly difficult to turn to and connect many Transactions and WHAT IS OF THE GREATEST MOMENT, by your Corresponding with us upon the various Affairs which have fallen under your Cognizance many things have

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unavoidably been kept from the knowledge of the Court of Directors which ought not, and were not designed to be conceal'd from them. To remedy all which for the future you are to observe that the Principal Objects of your business are to be the transacting and Negotiating matters with European and the Indian Powers *so far as Secrecy is absolutely necessary and not otherwise*, also the concerting the necessary Plans and Measures for the Military Operations to be laid before the President and Council for these determination and ordering them to be carried into execution if approved of."

" We can only for the present recommend it to the Select Committees so far as falls under its department, to take care of the safety, not only of Fort S^t. George and its Dependencies, but likewise of our Trade and Settlements in every other parts. This we mean should be done principally by concerting the necessary Plans and Measures and laying the same before the General Council for their directing the same to be carried into execution in the most effectual manner."

Part of
Para 3

Exceeding bad Consequences may arise from the Committees undertaking to Negotiate matters with foreign Powers and to Concert a plan for Military Operations without having it in their power to fulfil their Engagements and carry the plan into Execution. FOR EXAMPLE Suppose the Committee had Negotiated with the Morattas and AGREED that they should come and join Us upon certain terms and carry on in Concert a certain plan of Military Operations, —The Council perhaps will not approve of the terms, or the plan, in which case the Moratta will be deceived and we shall be reputed Guilty of a breach of Faith.

REMARK.

It is said that Negotiations *so far as Secrecy is absolutely Necessary and not otherwise* may be carried on by the Committee, but all plans of Operation (without exception) are to be laid before the President and Council for their Determination. There certainly can be no Transaction in Government which so absolutely requires Secrecy, as a plan of Military Operations.

" You will easily Judge of such matters the Nature and Circumstances of which require Secrecy and that they should not be immediately made Publick in the Court of Directors, in such you are to use your Discretion, and reserve as a part of your province as a Select Committee and Correspond with us accordingly thereupon. Altho' the Nabob's Debt cannot be kept a Secret and the reducing it as much as possible must be the Business and care of the Governor and Council yet all Animadversions and remarks thereon will be better to be Confined between you and ourselves. We mean such as may be prejudicial to the Credit of the Company if discover'd, all else and every other Branch of the Company's Affairs will fall under the Management of the Governor and Council in General."

Part of
Para 2

" We take due Notice of the great amount of the Nabob's debt and the Measure you have pursued for lessening it, in which you appear to have been very carefull and assiduous ; for the future this Branch of Affairs must fall under the Management of the General Council except *that* such Animadversions and remarks thereon as are not fit for the publick Eye and may affect the Credit of the Company are to pass thro' the Channel of the Select Committee to the Secret Committee, but the letting of the Mortgage Countrys and the whole Management of them must be the province of the General Council and under their Directions."

Part of
Para 9

This seems chiefly meant to distinguish what sort of Information should be address'd to the Secret Committee *Viz^t. such as require Secrecy and ought not to be immediately made publick in the Court of Directors AND all such Animadversions and remarks upon the Nabob's Debts as may be prejudicial to the Credit of the Company if discover'd.* But it does not appear that any matters can be reserved as a part of the province of the Select Committee here consistently

REMARK.

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with these Directions and with the good Government of the Compays Affairs: The Inconveniencies as to the Military part are already stated, And as to the Nabob's Debt, if the reducing it as much as possible must be the Business and care of the Governor & Council, the whole state of the Debt and of the means for reducing it together with the probability or improbability of those means succeeding must consequently come before the Governor and Council.

The Secret Committee sum up their Directions at the end of the Second Paragraph as follows :

Part of
Para 2.

“ THUS then the Aconomy and Military Expences of the Army, the Fortifications and many other matters will be kept in their proper Channel and the Inconveniencies We have mentioned remedied.”

REMARK.

One of the Inconveniencies mention'd is *diverting the Current of Business and Multiplying Books and Papers*. If Negotiations and plans were to be resolv'd on and found first by the Select Committee and then laid before the President and Council they must of course be enter'd in the Records of both Boards and consequently the Books of Consultations would be doubled. This method would also inevitably be attended with much delay which may be very detrimental to Business, especially of a Military Nature, and the Assistants in both Offices must necessarily be acquainted with all such transactions.

In CONSIDERATION of all which it is AGREED that untill more particular directions can be received from our Hon'ble Masters the Business of this Presidency be carried on upon the following plan, which on the whole appear to the Board to be the best Calculated for avoiding the several Inconveniencies before discribed and at the same time most conformable to the Intentions of the Court of Directors and the Secret Committee Viz^t.

The Council
to transact
all Business
in two
distinct
Depart-
ments.

That the President and Council in General do manage the whole Business Civil and Military, but in two distinct Departments, That is, That a separate Consultation Book for their proceedings in MILITARY and COUNTRY AFFAIRS be kept in a separate Office with a Secretary and Assistants under him, as now in the Office of the Select Committee and that the Books of Country Correspondence and French Correspondence be kept in the said Office, That the Court of Directors be address'd seperately upon the Affairs which will fall under this Department; and whenever any matter shall occur of such a Nature as to require Secrecy and ought not to be immediately made publick in the Court of Directors, or any such Animadversions and Remarks upon the Nabob's Debt as may be prejudicial to the Company if discovered, That in such cases the Council do address the Secret Committee upon those subjects.

AND

A Committee
of Corres-
pondence
appointed.

For the better conducting the Business of the Secret Department it is AGREED that Mess^{rs}. Charles Bouchier, John Pybus and Henry VanSittart be a COMMITTEE of CORRESPONDENCE to consider of and frame the Answers and Advices proper to be given to all parts, And to report.

Mr. Vansit-
tart resigns
the Office
of Secretary
to the
Select Com-
mittee.

Mr. VanSittart represents to the Board that as his attention will now be much engaged in the discharge of the employ of Import Warehousekeeper which has been allotted to him, as well as in the share he must necessarily have in all the Business of the Board, he is doubtfull whether it would be possible for him at the same time to execute the Office of Secretary for the Secret Department with that care and attention which it requires, and therefore desires to be reliev'd, the rather as Mr. William Aldersey, who has acted under him as his Deputy in that Office, is very capable of Conducting it. Thereupon it is

Mr. W.
Aldersey
appd. Secy.
for the
Secret
Department.

AGREED that Mr. William Aldersey be the Secretary for the Secret Department.

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And in Consideration of the great Assistance Mr. VanSittart has always given to the Select Committee in Conducting the Business of that Department It is moved by the President and thereupon Unanimously

RESOLVED That the Thanks of this Board be given to Mr. Henry VanSittart for his Services to the Company in the Carefull and diligent discharge of the Office of Secretary to the Select Committee.

The Thanks of the Board given to Mr. VanSittart.

The Thanks of the Board are now given him accordingly.

Mess^{rs}. John Smith, Charles Bouchier, John Pybus, Hugh Norris, and Henry VanSittart/the Members of the Board/who have not before taken the Oath of Secrecy, also Mr. William Aldersey the Secretary for the Secret Department/are now sworn to secrecy. The Assistants in that Office are ordered to attend at the next Consultation to be sworn in like manner.

Oath of secrecy administered to Mr. Bouchier &c.

The Departure of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Alexander occasioning Vacancys in the Committees of Accounts and Works AGREED that the said Committees do now consist of the following Members.

New Committee of Accounts & Works appointed.

Mr. William Perceval ..	} of Council	} Committee of Accounts and that Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson be clerk to the said Committees.
Mr. John Smith ..		
Mr. Henry VanSittart ..	} Under Council ..	
Mr. Richard Fairfield ..		
Mr. James Bouchier. ..		
Mr. Thomas Maunsell ..		
Mr. William Barker.	} Committee of Works.	
Mr. John Smith ..		
Mr. Charles Bouchier ..		
Mr. Hugh Norris ..		
Mr. John Call Eng ^r . ..		

Also Committee of Works.

Letter from Mr. Charles Turner Grain Keeper read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that agreeable to Order he has receiv'd the Grain from Mr. Orme and that it is in pretty good order except two Garce and One hundred and fortyeight Mercalls of Rice imported by the Drake, which is damaged, requesting the Orders of the Board thereon.

Grain Keeper reports some damaged.

ORDER'D that the damaged Grain be sold at Outcry in small Lots not exceeding fifty Mercalls in a Lot.

To be sold at Outcry.

Mr. Charles Frederick Noble, whom Our Hon'ble Masters appointed a Factor on the West Coast Establishment in 1756 and who took his Passage from hence in the Company's Sloop Marlbro' last year, which Sloop was afterwards surprised and taken by the French at Ganjam, desiring now to proceed to his Station at Fort Marlbro' on the Company's Ship Duke, the Board think it necessary that enquiry should first be made concerning the loss of the said Sloop, and to that end Messrs. Charles Bouchier, John Pybus and Hugh Norris are appointed a Committee to enquire into the Causes of the Loss of the said Sloop and the Circumstances attending it, and to report.

A committee appd. to enquire into the loss of the Marlbro' Sloop & to report.

AGREED that One thousand Pagodas (1,000) be advanced to the Export Warehousekeeper for the Charges of that employ.

Advance to the Export Warehousekeeper.

And that Eight hundred and Forty Pagodas (840) be paid to the Ministers and Church Wardens of S^t. Mary's Church for 12 months Interest due the 30 September on Twelve thousand (12,000) Pagodas borrowed of the Church Stock at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent.

12 Months interest on 12,000 Pagodas paid the Church Stock.

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Rupees sold:

AGREED that Eighteen thousand five hundred and Eighteen Rupees be sold the President and Two thousand one hundred and sixty six Rupees to M^r. Powney at the rate of Three hundred and sixty (360) Rupees for One hundred Pagodas.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS.
HENRY VANSITTART.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR AND SIRs,

Agreeable to your Honor & c^a. Orders I have receiv'd the Grain from Robert Orme Esq^r. and find it in pretty good Condition, except two Garce one hundred and forty eight Mercals of Rice, Imported ꝑ Ship Drake which was deliver'd me as damaged. I Therefore beg your directions concerning it. I am with Respect.

HON'BLE SIR AND SIRs
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
CHARLES TURNER
Grain Keeper.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st October 1758.

- 29 Received by Pattamars General Letter from Tellicherry dated [29th Sep^r.].
30 Sail'd Snow Elizabeth/was Johanna/David Scott for [*lacuna*].
Return'd into the Road the Hon'ble Companys Ship [Duke] having been drove out in a Gale of Wind the 23^d.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. STRING^r. LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Th Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25th Instant read and Signed.

N^o. 68 General Letter from Thomas Hodges Esq^r. Chief & c^a. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 29th September read, advising that the Pitt arrived from England at Anjengo the 4th September with Lieutenant Colonel Draper and part of a Batallion of His Majesty's Troops aboard and Sailed again the next day. That the remainder of the Batallion is on board the Grafton

TUESDAY
THE 31ST

General
Letter from
Tellicherry.

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Sunderland, Rhoda &c^a. Ships which left England in March. That the Warren & London left England in April and arrived at Madagascar the 2^d August. That the Egmont sail'd from England in Company with the Pitt, the Hardwicke in December and the Prince Henry and another Ship, Vincent, in January and that Prince George & Bombay Castle were not sail'd when the Warren left England nor any of the Bombay Ships. That the War still continues between England and France as does that between Prussia and other powers of Germany, but that the Spaniards and Dutch are not engaged. That they have not received any Advices from England since those they mentioned in their last.

RESOLVED

That the Members of this Board do by turns Visit the Hospital at least once in every Week and report at the then next Consultation the State and condition thereof with respect to treatment of the Patients, their Provisions, Attendants &c^a. and that M^r. Powney do make the final Visitation.

Hospital to be visited every week by one of the Council.

Letter from M^r. Noble dated the 26th Instant, to the Secretary for the Information of the Board read, as enter'd hereafter.

Let from M^r. Noble.

Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cause of the Loss of the Company's Sloop Marlbro read, as enter'd hereafter.

Report from the Com. for enquiry into the loss of the Marlbro' Sloop.

The Board having also read the Letters from M^r. Noble, the Captain, and Mate of the Sloop do perceive with Concern very striking Instances of Indiscretion and ill Conduct in all three but more particularly in M^r. Noble, as he was the first that went ashore at a French Settlement and as it was thro' his persuasion the Captain was induced to go, but as there are no proofs that this Conduct proceeded from bad designs the Board can only order that copies of all the papers be transmitted to Our Hon'ble Masters for their determination, AND in the mean time RESOLVED

Resolution thereon.

That M^r. Noble be permitted to proceed to his Duty at the West Coast.

Letter from Captain Gaupp read, as enter'd hereafter, requesting to be paid the Off Reckonings for his Company from the month of July 1756 to the Month of June 1758, having been referred from Bengal, where he serv'd with his Company, to the Presidency for that purposes, an account whereof he has given to the Paymaster.

Letter from Captain Gaupp desiring to be paid Off Reckonings.

ORDER'D that the Secretary do lay before the Board at the next Consultation the Capitulation for the Swiss Companys and also such Paragraphs of Letters as have been wrote to the Court of Directors and received from them on that Subject.

Letters to and from England on this subject to be laid before the Board next Consultation.

ORDER'D that the Secretary deliver to the Military Paymaster an Extract from the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 23^d. December 1757 so far as relates to the Pay and Allowances Order'd for the King's Troops in Garrison, and it is also ORDER'D that they be paid conformable thereto and have the same Allowances of Oyl &c^a. as the Company's Troops.

Extract of the Company's Orders touching the pay of the King's Troops to be given the Military Paymaster.

ORDER'D that a Commission be made out for M^r. Stephen Augustus de Monchanin as Captain of a Company of Foot to take Rank next below Captain Preston and before Captain Smith, agreeable to the Companys Orders in their Letter dated 11th November 1757 Para 86.

Capt. Com. mission to be drawn out for M^r. S. A. de Monchanin.

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List of
Company's
& Rented
Godowns
as also Com-
pany's
Houses con-
fiscated &
Rented to
be laid
before the
Board.

ORDER'D That the several Members of the Council as well as the Grain keeper do each of them lay before the Board at the next Consultation a List of the several Godowns employed by them in their respective departments, as well those belonging to the Company as those that are Rented, And that the Paymaster do at the same time lay before the Board a List of all the Company's Houses as well those belonging to the Company, as those called the Confiscated Houses and those that are Rented expressing in what manner they are at present occupied or employ'd.

Musters of
Rice
brought by
Speedwell
to be laid
before the
Board.

The Ship Speedwell lately arrived from Bengal having brought about Eighteen hundred Bags of Rice, As there is likely to be a scarcity in the place ORDER'D that Musters be laid before the Board and the price reported at the next Consultation.

1 Pagoda by
Consignmt.
to be
paid the Sea
Gate Regis-
ter for Mani-
festing
West Coast
Goods.
Money paid
in by the
Import
Warehouse-
keeper.

ORDER'D That as a small Encouragement to the Register at the Seagate all Goods Manifested for Exportation to the West Coast do pay a Fee to the Register of one Pagoda for every Consignment.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Two thousand and eighty Pagodas (2080) on his running Account.

Sea Custo-
mer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand six hundred and fifty Pagodas (1650) on his running Account.

Land
Customer.

Henry Powney Land Customer pays in Four hundred and thirty four Pagodas thirty-four fanams and Twenty Cash /434-34-20/ for the September Ballance of that Account.

Advances
to the
Commis-
sary.

AGREED that the following Advances be made.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand /20,000/ Rupees and Ten thousand /10,000/ Pagodas for the charges of the Troops abroad.

Paymaster

To the Paymaster Twelve thousand /12,000/ Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military
Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Eighteen thousand /18,000/ Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ AND

Military
Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper Five hundred /500/ Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

GEORGE PIGOT.

HENRY POWNEY.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

JOHN PYBUS.

HUGH NORRIS.

HENRY VANSITTART.

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TO M^r. DU PRE' SECRETARY

Sir,

I have receiv'd the Chitt you wrote me yesterday acquainting me that "The President & Council have appointed a Committee to enquire into the cause of the loss of the Companys Sloop Marlbrō & the Circumstances attending it and till that enquiry be made and reported the Board do not think proper to permit me to proceed to Fort Marlbrō and in Answer thereto, you will please acquaint the Board that I am very ready, as I have always been ever since my arrival here, from Masulipatam in March last to give them all the information I can, and they may require, concerning the loss of the Sloop Marlbro'; but that at the same time I cannot help expressing my surprize and uneasiness that the loss of the Sloop Marlbrō. commanded by Captain Sherrard, Twelve months ago, should now at this instant, when I am ready to embarque aboard the *Ship* Duke Captain Powney for Bencoolen be made use of by the Governor & Council, as a hindrance to my proceeding thither for in the first place I don't know how I can be any way accountable for the loss of that Sloop with which I had no other concern than as being a passenger and having a considerable Adventure aboard her, which I have also lost. And in the next place I have not ever since my Arrival here in March last, from a French prison, had any reason to suspect, or information given me, of any such intention of the Governor & Council, concerning that unfortunate affair, which with all due deference to them, I think ought, if at all, to have been the subject of their enquiry half a year ago, when M^r. Sherrard the Captain of the Sloop, who is gone from hence only a few days since, and the Mate, Gunner &c^a. of the Sloop, were here on the spot, rather than at present when they are all gone from hence with the leave of the Governor and when the only Ship that is going for Bencoolen, is just on her departure.

Whatever may be the Governor & Councils intention in this Affair, I beg they will be pleased to consider that it has the appearance of hardship to me, as my detention here on that account, may possibly tend to prejudice me in the esteem of the Hon'ble Court of Directors at home, which is very valuable to me, therefore you will be pleas'd also to acquaint the Board that I beg the Committee they have appointed may make the enquiry they propose, before the Duke Captain Powney is dispatched from hence for Bencoolen, that I may proceed on her and be no longer detained from my Duty there, or if that cannot be conveniently done, & I must be detain'd, that they will in such case be pleas'd to order me some employment in the Hon'ble Company's Service in this Presidency And advise the Governor & Council of Bencoolen of my being so detain'd. I am.

SIR

Your most humble Servant,

CHA^s. NOBLE.

PEDINAIGS PETTAH.

26th OCTOBER 1758.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a., COUNCIL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR AND SIRS,

Agreeable to the Resolution of Consultation of the 25th Instant for our making an enquiry into the Conduct of M^r. Charles Frederick Noble with regard to the Capture of the Sloop Marlbro' at Ganjam, we have perused the several Letters relating thereto. Address'd to the President by Captain Sherrard

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Master of the said Sloop. M^r. Price his Chief Mate and M. Noble who was only a Passenger ; The Accounts they give of the affair differ in several Particulars, but which, is most to be relied on, we cannot take upon us to determine as neither Captain Sherrard or M^r. Price are present to support their Allegations. However, on the whole it appears to us a very Surprizing Indiscretion to venture ashore at an Enemys Port, especially as they had received a sufficient supply of Provision & Water by the first Boat to have releived the distresses they complain'd of, till they could reach Bimlapatam, a Dutch settlement a few Leagues to the Southward, and where the Wind & Current must have carried them very soon ; In this part of the Transaction we cannot but greatly blame M^r. Noble and think he shew'd, too great a forwardness in going ashore himself, and afterwards in persuading the Captain, by what he wrote to follow his Example, as set forth in the Captains Letter to the Governor. This is all Occurs to us at present on the Subject, but of your Honour &c^a. should determine on a further enquiry, it must be deferred till the return of Captain Sherrard and M^r. Price ; their presence being absolutely necessary.

We are with respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,
Your most Obedient humble Servants.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
28TH OCTOBER 1758.

C. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that after repeated applications which I have made to the President & Council of Fort William for the Off Reckonings due to me from the month of July 1756 to the month of June 1758, both inclusive [for which I thought it the more reasonable to expect the payment in Bengal as I have served there with my Company and been obliged to advance the money for the Cloathing for two years] they have been pleased to referr me to this Presidency for the Payment, after having however first not only approved of but likewise order'd their Paymaster to discharge my account which I had given them and which is conformable to the footing upon which the Hon'ble Court of Directors were pleas'd to put the Swiss Companies.

Upon my arrival here, and after having had the Honor of mentioning the matter to the Governor I apply'd to the Paymaster John Smith Esq^r. to whom I explained more at large and showed by different Papers the Justness of my pretension, the whole statement of which he is intimately acquainted with, and from M^r. Smiths answer I imagined that my account would be discharged the next day to which he referr'd me for the Payment, the sooner as I had found again an opportunity to proceed in my voyage for Europe, after having by these delays already loss'd before my Passage on three different occasions, But on my waiting on him Saturday last according his appointment. He gave me to understand that he could not satisfy me without my obtaining an order from the Board for his discharging my account.

I must therefore request that your will please to consider, the hardship and Expence I have already been at in being oblig'd to pass from one Settlement to another in search of what is so justly due to me ; and what a further delay must of Course still more reduce me to.

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I flatter myself your own knowledge of this matter will procure me an order upon the Paymaster to discharge the full account of my Off Reckonings for the compleat state of One hundred and forty men, without putting me under the necessity of troubling you with any more particularly Representation of the justice of my Claim, or of the difficulties and disappointments which I have had the Misfortune to encounter in this and other Respects, contrary to the Contract and express Stipulations from the Honble Court of Directors. I have the honor to be with perfect Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient & most humble

Servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

GEO. FRED. GAUPP.

OCT^r. 30: 1758.

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Sail'd the Honble Company's Ship Duke Captain Powney for the West Coast of Sumatra. 2

D^o. Ship Speedwill John Adams for the Mallabar Coast & Bussorah with General Letters to the Chief of Anjengo & Tellicherry the former enclosing advices to the Presidency of Bombay. 3

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY. STRINGER LAWRENCE.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.

HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

WEDNES-
DAY THE
8TH NOV^R.

Colonel Lawrence Absent, with the Troops in the Field.

The Book of standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 31st October read & Sign'd.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found the Patients very well satisfied with their treatment in general except that they complain of the price of their provisions. Mr. Powney reports the Hospital.

ORDER'D.

That the Surgeons do lay before the Board in writing a plan for the better regulating the Hospital as well in respect to the Attendance of the Surgeons, as for the better supplying the patients with proper provisions, and generally all other matters that may occur to them as proper for the more effectually obtaining all the good purposes of that Institution. The Sur-geons to form a plan for the better regulating the Hospital.

The Letter from Captain Gaupp read at the last Consultation and referr'd to be consider'd at the then next Consultation together with the Swiss Capi-tulation and the several Letters to & from England and other passages on that Subject, is now again read together with the following Viz^t. Letter from Capt. Gaupp further Con-sider'd with other Passages.

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The Swiss Capitulation received in 1752.

Captain Gaupps Letter enter'd after Consultation.	4 th March 1754.
Captain Poliers Letter d ^o .	8 th July 1754.
Major Lawrences Letter in answer to Capt. Poliers.	12 th August 1754.
Letter to England ꝑ Durrington dated	9 th March 1754, Para 37.
Letter from England	31 st January 1755, Para. 70-71.
D ^o .	D ^o .
	19 th December 1755, Para. 91-92-93.

In order that the Company as well as the Board may be satisfied of the real difference between the Number of Men Captain Gaupp has had in his Company and the full Number he should have had according to his Capitulation and the Company's Directions, and that the Board may be better Judges of Captain Gaupps demand.

Military Paymaster to deliver in an abstract of Capt. Gaupps monthly rolls.

ORDER'D That the Military Paymaster do inform the Board to what time Captain Gaupp last received the Off reckonings, and do also deliver to the Board at the same time an Abstract of Captain Gaupps pay Rolls for every Month from the time he last receiv'd Off reckonings untill the time of his leaving the Service at Bengal.

The Military Paymaster desires the further directions of the Board in regard to the Payment of the King's Troops, It appearing that the additional allowance Order'd by the Company in their Commands of the 23^d December 1757 to be paid to the Officers and Men of the Kings Batallion to put them on a footing with the Company's does not make them quite equal.

The Military Paymaster to deliver in a state of the difference between the pay of the Kings & Company's Troops.

ORDER'D That the Military Paymaster do make out a List shewing the real difference between the pay of the Kings Troops and those of the Company both Military & Artillery and lay the same before the Board at the next Consultation.

List of Godowns deld' in as ꝑ order of last Cons.

The several Members of the Board & the Grain Keeper Persuant to an order of last Consultation deliver in Lists of the Godowns employed in their several Departments whereby it appears that the Rent of those that are hired amounts in the whole to Three hundred and eighty three Pagodas ꝑ month.

Messrs. Powney Bouchier & Pybus a Committee to Survey Godowns and Report.

AGREED that Messrs Henry Powney, Charles Bouchier and John Pybus be a Committee to survey all the said Godowns and report to the Board whether any saving can be made to the Company.

Grain ꝑ Speedwell reported.

In regard to the Rice imported ꝑ Speedwell musters of which were at the last Consultation order'd to be laid before the Board and the price reported the President informs the Board that One thousand three hundred and ninety five Bags/1395/were landed, but the appearance of bad Weather determined the Captain to put to sea before they could be weigh'd off and that the best terms he had been able to settle with him before his departure were to receive the Rice at the rate of Eighty Pagodas ꝑ Garce accounting sixty Bags

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ORDER'D.

That the Grainkeeper do weigh off and receive the said Rice into his Charge and report the Quantity.

The Grain-keeper to receive the same & report the Weight

Letter from M^r. Charles Turner Grainkeeper read as entered hereafter representing that Ramariah the late Renter of St. Thome and Vencatachilum the former Renter have yet by their Cowles to deliver in the former Twenty Garce and One hundred and seventy nine Mercalls ^{G.} 24 [sic] : ^{M.} 179 and the latter Five Garce and Two hundred and eighty six Mercalls ^{G.} /5—^{M.} 286/ of Paddy Musters whereof are ready to be produced but that should the Board think proper to order the said Paddy to be received he will want Godowns for near twenty Garce.

Letter from the Grain-keeper.

The Musters of the said Paddy being now produced are examined and approved and it is Order'd that the Grainkeeper do receive the quantity stipulated by the said Renter's Cowles agreeable to those Musters for which purpose it is also ORDER'D that the Engineer do erect a proper Banksall in the most convenient place to contain not less than twenty Garce.

St. Thome Renters Paddy to be received a Banks all to be built.

Letter from M^r. Charles Frederick Noble to the Secretary for the information of the Board dated the 1st Instant read as entered hereafter, intended as his Justification and answer to the Resolution taken at the last Consultation upon the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cause of the loss of the Companys Sloop Marlbro'.

Letter from M^r. Noble.

ORDER'D that the said letter do lye on the Table to be further Considered.

To lye on the Table.

The Board upon enquiry into the present Method of employing the Companys Lascars (the Chief direction whereof has hitherto been left to the Commander of the Artillery) think it necessary for the good of the Service to put the Superintendancy and management of the branch upon another footing, And do accordingly ORDER.

1. . . . That the Lascars be under the direction of the Committee of Works.
2. . . . That the Members of the said Committee may for their Convenience take it Week by Week by rotation to attend to the Branch of their business.
3. . . . That M^r. John Carey be Clerk to the said Committee and that the Clerk for the time being have an allowance of five pagodas ₹ month for his Trouble, this being an Extraordinary Duty.
4. . . . That the most active and experienced Syrang be appointed Chief Syrang.
5. . . . That the Clerk and Chief Syrang do Muster all the Lascars at the Sea Gate every Morning before seven of Clock.
6. . . . That the Commander of the Artillery the Storekeeper Warehousekeeper or other Officer in whose branch Lascars are occasionally required to send in a demand over Night signed by himself and directed to the Committee of Works for the Number wanted in his branch the next day. The said demand is to be delivered to the acting Member of the Week and he is to direct the Clerk to divide off and to send to each Officer the Number demanded from the place of Muster and to send all the rest to the Engineer with a Note of their Number signed by the Clerk to be employed on the Works.
7. . . . That a Roll be given into the Committee of Works of all the Lascars now in the service, That whenever any one is Absent from the Muster a Note be made against his Name thus " Absent /insert the day of the month/" That the Cause of Absence be enquired into by the Acting Member

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with the Assistance of the Clerk and Chief Syrang and if sufficient cause be not found for such absence his pay is to be stop'd for such or so many days as he shall be Absent. In the same manner the pay of every one who shall dye must stop on the day of their Death but it is left to the Committee of Works to give it to their Family when they see proper.

8. That the acting Member deliver into the Committee of Works at their Weekly meeting the Roll of the Lascars employ'd in that Week with the Notes or Remarks as above mentioned signed by the Clerk and Chief Syrang and Certified by himself.

9. That a Compleat Roll be delivered to the Paymaster monthly with the said Notes or Remarks against the Names of those who were absent which roll is to be signed by the Clerk and the Chief Syrang and certified by the Committee of Works, after proving it by comparing it with the four Weekly Rolls, thus

“We Certify the above to be a true Roll of the Lascars employed in the Companys service for this Month.”

10. That agreeable to such Roll the Paymaster or his Deputy do pay to every Man with his own hand the pay due to him making the Stoppages according to the present Regulation.

11. That whenever any New Lascars are order'd to be entertain'd they be recommended by the Chief Syrang and approved by the Committee of Works at their Weekly meeting the said Committee taking care to enquire whether the Lascars so offered are fit for the Service such as are approved are to be put on the Rolls and the day of their approbation noted, from which day their pay is to Commence.

12. That the Committee of Works do also enquire whether all those who are now on the Rolls are fit for the service if they are found unfit, that they be immediately discharged, the day of their discharge Noted and that their pay cease from that day.

Civil Servants acting by Commission in the Military to make their Choice of either in one Month.

ORDER'D That such of the Companys Servants on the Civil List as now Act by Commission in the Military do make their Election whether they will continue in the Military or return to the Civil Establishment and that such of them as are at this Settlement do signify to the Board their choice within one Month from this day and such as are absent within one Month after their return.

Mr. Samuel Johnson stationed under the Secretary.

Mr. Samuel Johnson at present an Assistant under the Secretary for the Secret department is now appointed an Assistant under the Secretary for the publick Department.

October cash account.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Seventeen thousand five hundred and two Pagodas thirty two fanams and forty three Cash /17502—32—43/ which is carried forward.

Beetle and Tobacco Rent paid in.

Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle and Tobacco Farmer pays in Nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams /933—12—/in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 12 Ultimo.

Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED That Twenty thousand Rupees (20,000) and Fifteen thousand Pagodas (15,000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

1758—15A

		Pa.		Fa		Ca		Pa		Fa		Ca	
								Dr.					
								Pa		Fa		Ca	
1	To Ballances brought from last Months Account ..	17,837		32,365	3	18,736	1	3					
6	To Bill of Exchange for the five following Setts of this date drawn on the Honble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of Seven shillings and eight pence $\frac{3}{4}$ Pagoda payable to the undermentioned persons Viz ^t .												
Setts.	To whom payable	of whom value reced.		£.	s.	d.	p.	r.	c.				
1	To Mr. Deverix B.w-ling.	Mr. Henry VanSittart by order of Mr. Robert Sloper.		3,258	6	8	8,500	—	—				
1	Charles Floyer Esq ^r .	Do. Do.		770	2	4	2,009	—	—				
1	Mr. George Brown- ing.	Mr. John Smith Account the Estate of Mr. John Browning deceased.		181	13	4	474	11	7				
1	Thomas Pattle Esq ^r .	Mr. Jonathan Broke.		50	—	—	138	15	52				
1	Mr. Jonathan Clarke.	Mr. Robert Holford.		40	—	—	104	12	41				
5 Setts amounting to ..				4300	5	4							
		11,217		39	20	11,218	3	20					
— To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer recd of him in full for 1 months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo.		311		22,404	—	933	12	—					
Carried over ..		29,365		54,808	23	30,887	16	23					

CONTRA.

		Pa		Fa		Ca		Pa		Fa		Ca	
								Cr.					
								Pa		Fa		Ca	
1	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation for this month	70						70	—	—			
12	By the Export Warehouse-keeper advanced M ^r . Henry Powney for the charges of that employ	5,000						5,000	—	—			
14	By Expedition to Vizagapatam advanced M ^r . John Andrews to pay Freight for the Snow Concern	2,000						2,000	—	—			
24	By the Commissary advanced M ^r . John Smith for the Charges of the Troops abroad	10,000						10,000	—	—			
27	By the Export Warehouse-keeper advanced M ^r . Henry Powney for the Charges of that employ	1,000						1,000	—	—			
31	By the Commissary advanced M ^r . John Smith for the Charges of the Troops abroad	10,000						10,000	—	—			
— By the Military Store-keeper advanced M ^r . Charles Bouchier for the Charges of that Employ		500						500	—	—			
Carried over ..		28,570						28,570	—	—			

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

	DR.			CR.		
	Pa	Fa	Ca	Pa	Fa	Ca
Brought over ..	2,9365	54,808	23	30,887	16	23
— To Sunca Vencaty Ramah Farmer of the Measuring Duty recd. of him for two months Rent of that Farm due the 12 th Ultimo		9,660	—	268	12	—
14 To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah late Renter of the Poonamallee Country recd. for Grain sold by the Export Warehouse-keeper on Acco ^t . of his Arrears of Rent ..	2,600	..		2,600	—	—
31 To the Import Warehouse-keeper recd. of Mr. Henry Powney on that Account ..	1,960	4,320	—	2,080	—	—
— To the Sea Customer received of Mr. Henry Powney on that Account ..	1,600	1,800	—	1,650	—	—
— To the Land Customer receiv'd of M. Henry Powney for the September Ballance of that Account	224	7,594	20	434	34	20
— To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury..	3,0000	..		3,000	—	—
— To Fanams received from the Treasury .. ..	..	332,466	—	9,235	6	—
STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ..	65,749	410,648	43	77,155	32	43

CONTRA.

	DR.			CR.		
	Pa	Fa	Ca	Pa	Fa	Ca
Brought over ..	2,8570	—	—	28,570	—	—
— By the Paymaster advanced M. John Smith for the Charges of that Employ	4,000	288,000	—	12,00	—	—
— By the Military Paymaster advanced Mr. John Smith for the Charges of that employ ..	18,000	..		1,8000	—	—
— By Fort David paid Captain Stanton for the Freight of 324 Bales brought up from Fort St. David in March last in the Triton at $\frac{3}{4}$ Pagoda $\frac{3}{4}$ Bale	243	..		243	—	—
— By St. Mary's Church stock paid the Ministers & Church Wardens 12 Months Interest due the 30 th September on Pagodas 12,000 borrowed at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent	840	..		840	—	—
	51,653	288,000	—	59,653	—	—
By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	14,096	122,648	43	17,502	32	43
STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ..	65,749	410,648	43	77,155	32	43

ERRORS EXCEPTED

GEORGE PIGOT.

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SIR,

Yesterday evening I received from you a copy of the Minutes of the Consultation of the same day concerning me and being resolved to obey the orders of the Board to proceed to my duty at Fort Marlbro' I have very little time left to give any answer thereto as Captain Powney tells me he expects to sail to night, and I am this instant going off. However in justice to myself I think I am obliged to desire you will be pleased to acquaint the Board, that I with all due submission beg leave to represent to them before I go. **FIRST** That what they say in the Minutes Viz^t. And as it was thro' his persuasion the "Captain was induced to go." must proceed from misinformation, as it is a falsehood for all I have to reproach myself with on that subject is my having wrote to him when the Boats went off with Water and Provisions, the good Opinion I then conceived of the French Chief and the Validity of the safe Conduct he sent us.

SECONDLY with regard to the expression made use of "but as there are no proofs that this Conduct proceeded from bad designs" by which the Court of Directors may be deceiv'd, and inclined to believe that tho' these appeared no proofs, yet the Board were suspicious & doubtfull I beg leave to assert to them with an honest freedom and on the penalty of the Court of Directors highest resentment that not the least proof has yet, or ever will or can appear, of any bad design, tho' at the same time I hope from my Letter to Mess^{rs}. Mackay & Ross my Attornies here, from my character amongst unprejudiced people, & from every circumstance attending this affair, it will appear that what I did was done with an honest design.

THIRDLY That my Letter which is mentioned to have been read by, and is consequently in the hands of the Committee, is a Letter which I wrote in friendship & with all the openness attending it to Mess. Ross & Mackay & which I wrote at Masulipatam in presence of Captain Sherrard, whom I then little suspected of infidelity but on the contrary read it to him, And that the Letters of the said Captain, & the mate also mentioned to have been read are Letters that I have never seen, nor have had any Knowledge of, untill the setting of the Committee on Sunday last, therefore, I am ignorant of their Contents.

FOURTHLY That a little after my arrival here from Masulipatam in March last, hearing that M^r. Pybus had reported that I was the cause of the loss of the Sloop Marlbro' I wrote to him a Letter thereon and afterwards waited on him, with intention to undeceive him, but instead of succeeding therein as, I expected, he fell into a violent passion and told me he was sorry he had not more power in the Settlement. When I ask'd him what he would do, he Answered he would let me know what he would do, And on my replying that it seem'd to be happy for me that he had not more power, he then told me with great warmth & Vehemence, it might be so. Yet this Gentleman with all his prejudices against me, accepted of being and set as a Member of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cause of the loss of the Sloop Marlbro' & the Circumstances attending it, and immediately afterwards sat as one of my Judges of yesterdays Council. Had he not then at the Committee preserved a greater shew of moderation than I expected, which I imputed to his having before done me injustice, I would then have excepted against him but having since had greater cause than ever to believe that he has made use of unfair means to prejudice me, and to influence the opinion of other Gentlemen against me & I now for these reasons **FORMALLY PROTEST** against his having had, and his ever having hereafter any voice in Judgment for or against me.

SIR, I am in a great hurry, & in great confusion at present and I cannot write to you so correctly as I could wish, on that account but on reading over the last Paragraph, I am afraid it may not be easily understood at least by the Gentlemen at home (to whom I expect this shall be transmitted as well as the other papers) without further explanation, which obliges me to add that all the

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reasons I can think of, why M^r. Pybus is so inveterate against me in this Affair, are that in my Letter from Masulipatam, while yet a Prisoner, to Messrs. Mackay & Rose my Attornies Concerning this Affair & which I find is now in the Committees hands, I mentioned to them that Captain Sherrard when we were in danger of sinking at sea, told me that he knew all along even a little after his departure from Bencoolen with M^r. Pybus and his Family that the Sloop was unfit for sea, and that he would have had her condemn'd while at Madras, had he not been advised against it, by some friends of M^r. Pybus, who professed to be his friend & Patron, thinking it might hurt him (M^r. Pybus) who had purchased her so lately, and so dearly for the Hon^{ble} Company the truth of which is very well known by most people of this Colony another reason for his resentment may be my having been also told by the same Captain Sherrard, when complaining of his mate Coleman, a poor ignorant fellow, that he was also obliged to M^r. Pybus for him; for that after having confined him unjustly at Fort Marlbro' during 5 or 6 months, he (M^r. Pybus the then Governor) being afraid of the Consequences, employed his Wife to make a shew of obtaining his liberty as a favour which he readily, tho' not without the necessary seeming reluctance, granted sent him aboard the Sloop Marlbro' of which he had appointed this Sherrard Captain, and privately told the Captain to take more than ordinary Notice of him, & to encourage him.

Please acquaint the Board that since this Affair is by them refer'd to the Gentlemen at home, I beg they will be pleased to transmit a copy of this also, which I should not have troubled them with, had they been less furious against me, I am sensible that, strong prejudices are conceived against me otherways certainly resentment would never have been carried to such immoderate a length — my present hurry I hope will be a sufficient excuse for any incorrectness I may have been guilty of in this representation and hoping this will not give offence to the Gentlemen of the Council but be esteemed in it's proper light as a necessary defence of my Character with the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors.

I remain

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

CHA^s. F. NOBLE.

MADRAS 1st NOVEMBER 1758.
TO M^r. JOSIAH DU PRE' SECR^y.

TO THE HON^{ble} GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^s.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^o. COUNCIL,
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

The S^t. Thome Renter Ramariah informs me he has got Twenty four Garce one hundred and seventy nine Mercalls of Paddy, and Vencatachilum the former Renter of S^t. Thome five Garce Two hundred and eighty six Mercalls of Paddy to deliver in agreeable to their Cowles, Musters of which are ready to be produced when called for. Should your Honor & c^a. think proper to Order the above mentioned Grain to be received, I think it Necessary to inform you, that the present Banksalls & Godowns under my charge, will not contain the whole, by near Twenty Garce. I am with Respect.

HON^{ble} SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

CHARLES TURNER.

FORT S^t. GEORGE.
1st NOVEMBER 1758.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.

HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

TUESDAY
THE 14TH.

Colonel Lawrence absent, with the Troops at the Mount.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 8th Instant read & Signed.

Mr. Perceval reports that he has visited the Hospital and found no cause of complaint.

Mr. Perceval reports the Hospital.

The Letter from Mr. Charles Frederick Noble read at the last Consultation and enter'd after the same, and then order'd to lye on the Table to be further considered, being now again read and Considered, The Board think it their Duty to point out to the Hon'ble Court of Directors the Evidences on which their opinion and Resolution of the 31st October was founded, since Mr. Noble in his abovementioned Letter has taken the Liberty to Remark upon that part of the Minute of the said Resolution which says "And as it was through his persuasion the Captaiu was induced to go." that what they (the Council) say must proceed from misinformation as it is a Falsehood. These are the Evidences.

Mr. Noble's Letter read at the last Cons. recon- sidered & Resolution thereon.

SHERRARD the Captain in his account of the loss of the Sloop is so particular as to quote even the Words of one of Mr. Nobles Letters to him ; The following are Extracts from that Account.

" Mr. Noble asked me if I would go ashore. I answered I would not then says he I will."

" At night receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Noble entreating us to come ashore ; still I was doubtfull and did not go, the next day I receiv'd another Letter from Mr. Noble with further Assurances of safety ; that the Gentlemen ashore seem'd to take it amiss with entreaties, such as *pray come ashore.*"

PRICE the Chief Mate who seems to be no more a Friend to the Captain than to Mr. Noble nevertheless more than once asserts in his Narrative that Mr. Noble wrote to Captain Sherrard desiring him to come ashore and mentions some particulars of one of the Letters. " That he might get his Oars made to his liking."

To these positive Assertions add the presumption which may be drawn from Mr. Nobles own Letter or Journal dated at Masulipatam the 30th January 1758 and transmitted to Messrs. Mackay & Ross, from which the following are Extracts.

" To Azam (the French Chiefs) Letter I wrote an answer by desire of Sherrard that he (Sherrard) would willingly wait on him did times and Circumstances of Affairs permit, however that Charles Noble, Factor in the Company's Service would willingly do himself that Honor if he had a proper safe Conduct."

" The next day (when Azams Waiter came aboard) I having no suspicion of Treachery but on the Contrary full of sentiments of Gratitude for what I imagined to be extraordinary in them I made no Hesitation to prepare myself to go ashore with him in confidence of the safe Conduct."

" Before I went ashore I deliver'd into the hands of Captain Sherrard all the Papers &c. This I was the more particular in (though I had not any suspicion of Treachery ashore) as I was resolved not to proceed again in the Vessel."

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“Mr. Azam desired me to make his Compliments to the Captain & hoped he would come ashore for a day before he went away. Several Letters passed between Sherrard and me wherein I informed him the News, the Treatment I receiv'd, my good opinion of Azam that there was no Vessel in the River that was Rigged or that I thought capable of molesting Us if they had any such Intention.”

The beforegoing Extracts are sufficient to prove Mr. Nobles willingness to go ashore; And Captain Sherrards unwillingness, that when Noble went, Sherrard had no thoughts of going, for Noble deliver'd all his papers &c^a. into his Charge, and that Noble after his arrival ashore wrote several Letters to Sherrard: And these Circumstances do so much Corroborate the positive Evidence of Sherrard and Price, as to the Contents of those Letters, that the Board continue of opinion that their Resolution in Consultation the 31st Ultimo was a very just one, and that Mr. Noble (by asserting in the 1st Paragraph of his Letter now under Consideration that “It must proceed from misinformation as it is a FALSEHOOD—and by the following Words in the 6th Paragraph of the same Letter, “had they (the Board) been less *furious* against me.”—and again I am sensible that strong *prejudices* are conceiv'd against me, otherwise certainly *Resentment* would never have been carried to so *immoderate* a length.”) has forgot in his Expressions not only the respect he owes to this Board but even common decency, and that he has accused this Board of prejudice and Resentment when he never had transactions with any of the Members that would give the least Grounds for such an Insinuation. That his particular objections against Mr. Pybus ought to have been made as soon as Notice was given him that this Board intended an enquiry into his Conduct when they would have been receiv'd with all the attention he could desire. THAT however if the Vote of Mr. Pybus is excepted it makes no alteration in the Opinion of the Board as that Opinion was unanimous.

The following questions being put Viz^t. “What punishment or Censure is proper to be pass'd on Mr. Noble for the disrespectfull Passages in his said Letter”. and the voices collected, beginning with the youngest of Council, they declare their opinions as follows:—

Mr. VANSITTART. That Mr. Noble be dismiss'd from the Companys Service and sent to England.

Mr. NORRIS. That it be left to the Court of Directors upon the whole to pass what Censure they think proper upon Mr. Noble and in the mean time that he continue to do his Duty in the Companys Service.

Mr. PYBUS. Begg leave to decline giving any opinion in this matter Mr. Noble by his Objection having made him in some Measure a party concerned.

Mr. BOURCHIER. That Mr. Noble be suspended from the Companys Service untill the Court of Directors shall signify their pleasure.

Mr. SMITH. Joins in Opinion with Mr. Norris.

Mr. PERCEVAL. Joins in Opinion with Mr. Bouchier.

Mr. POWNEY. Joins in Opinion with Mr. Bouchier & Mr. Perceval.

THE PRESIDENT. Not only thinks that Mr. Noble should be dismissed the Service but that he should also be sent to England, As men in disgrace are often troublesome to Government breed partys and disaffections abroad and consequently very hurtfull to the Companys Affairs besides which it is making the Company Subsist an unprofitable Servant during the time he is in Suspension which in all probability may be two years or more.

Mr. Noble is suspended.

Marlbro' to be advised.

There being two Voices for dismissal and sending home, Two, for leaving it entirely to the Court of Directors, And three for suspension untill the Companys pleasure be known, he is therefore by the voice of the Majority Suspended accordingly, of which, Advice is to be given to the Deputy Governor & Council at Fort Marlbro' by the first Conveyance.

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Letter from Mr. Richard Cooke read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that the Secretary having signified to him the Order of Consultation that such of the Companys Servants as act in the Military are to make their Choice of Continuing in the Military or returning to the Civil List he begs leave to continue in the Military.

Letter from Mr. Cooke.

He makes choice of continuing in the Military.

ORDER'D Therefore that Mr. Cookes Name be struck off the Civil List and that his Salary and Allowances on that Establishment do cease the end of the next month.

His allowances as a Civilian to cease the end of this month.

An Account of the Ballances remaining deposited on Account the suitors in the Mayors Court the 31st October is now laid before the Board in order to be Certified to the Mayors Court and the same being compared with the Books kept for that purpose by Mr. William Barker Bookeeper for the Company and found to agree therewith amounting in the whole to Eight thousand four hundred and Eighty two Pagodas eleven fanams and twenty five Cash (8,482—11—25) both the Books and Ballance Account are now signed.

Ballance Paper & Books of Deposits of the Mayors Court signed.

The Cash Accounts of the Mayors Court from the 1st May to Ultimo October last, are now produced by the Register of the Court for the satisfaction of the Board Ballance remaining with the Court twenty two Pagodas twenty five fanams and thirty Cash which is carried forward.

Cash account of the Mayors Court from 1st May to Ultimo October.

The undermention'd Bills for Wages Stores and Charges on account of the Company's Sloop Good Intent all signed by Holford are tendered to the Board and having been examined by the Storekeeper are order'd to be paid Viz^t.

Bills on account the Good Intent to be paid.

1 Bill for Wages to the 31 st October	.. ..	A.R ^s . 793-9	
1 D ^o . for Stores	.. ..		104-16
1 D ^o . for D ^o.	.. ..		50-3
1 D ^o . for Charges at this Port	.. ..		20-12

Total A.R^s. .. 793-9 Pa. 174-31

A Bill for the Pay and Allowance of Captain Timothy Bridge from the Month of November 1756 to the month of February 1757 both inclusive amounting to Three hundred and twenty four Pagodas Also a Bill for the Pay of Captain William Pye for the same time amounting to One hundred and fifty Pagodas are now tender'd to the Board for payment it being asserted that Captains Bridge and Pye who went on the Expedition to Bengal and are both deceased did not receive any pay after they left this place to the time of their death in February 1757 ORDER'D That the Commissary and Military Paymaster do inspect the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Disbursements which have been sent up from Bengal and if the abovementioned Bill do not appear to have been receiv'd that the amount be paid to the legal Representatives.

Bills for the Pay of Captains Bridge & Pye, to be examined & paid if not paid before.

A Draught from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for One thousand and eight Pagodas (1008) payable to Mr. Andrew Ross account the Cause "Powney versus Dunn" is now tender'd to the Board and order'd to be paid.

Accountant General's Draft to be paid.

AGREED that Twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Advance to the Commissary.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

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TO THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

In Consequence of an Order receiv'd from M^r. Secretary duPre' relating to those Companys Servants who now Act by Commission in the Military that they will signify their choice either to continue in that Station or return to the Civil establishment. I beg leave to continue in the Military. I have the honor to be with great respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs

Your most Obedient & Most humble Servant,

FORT S^r. GEORGE.
14TH NOVEMBER 1758.

RICH^d. COOKE.

WEDNES-
DAY 15TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

HUGH NORRIS.

JOHN SMITH.

JOHN PYBUS.

HENRY VANSITTART.

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops at the Mount.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Board having been hitherto since the receipt of the General Letters by the Pitt & London too deeply engaged, first in the dispatch of the Grantham and since in other material Business to consider particularly the directions contain'd in the said Letters have set apart this day for that purpose and the said letters being now read in the order of their dates Viz^t. 3 August, 11 November, 23 December 1757, 27 January, 15 February, 8 and 23 March 1758 the following directions and remarks are made thereon Viz^t.

Nothing that needs Animadversion occurs on this Letter.

ORDER'D that the Export Warehousekeeper report to the Board the quantity of Redwood in store particularizing the sorts for Europe, for China and Garrison use.

25. These Instructions were observed in the Sailing Orders to the Grantham and are ordered to be continued in all future dispatches to England.

26. Receipts have been given by the Secretary for the Packets by the Pitt & London and the same Method is ordered to be observed in future.

43. ORDER'D that the remains of Woollen Goods be put up at Outcry on Friday the 15th of December and that afterwards the remains (if any) be put up at Outcry again every three months, and that the Import Warehousekeeper give a months Publick Notice previous to each Sale.

44 & 65. The Board are concern'd to observe that after the pains they have taken to reduce the price of Gunpowder (which they did very considerably by their Contract with M^r. Wynch and afterwards with

Letters from
England
Considered
& Orders
thereon.

General
Letter 3d
August
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11th Novem-
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M^r. Bouchier) the Court of Directors should disapprove of that step however as their Orders are positive not to Contract with any of their Covenant Servants, and the Manufacture of Gunpowder is in these times of danger of too much Consequence to be entrusted indifferently to any person who might offer to Contract at the Cheapest rate, it is AGREED That the Gunpowder be Manufactured for the Company's Account under the Inspection and direction of the Committee of Works who are to report to the Board Monthly the quantity made in the Course of that month and the cost of the same and it is recommended to the said Committee to cause as large a quantity to be made and with as much Aconomy as possible and to that end that they cause the New Powder Mill (a Model whereof with proper Stores for Grinding the Compositions was sent from England) to be erected in the most convenient place as soon as proper Timber and plank can be procured the want of which Articles has hitherto prevented that Work and in General it is left to the said Committee to concert such other ways and means as to them shall appear best for Conducting this Branch with the greatest Advantage AND as the present Contractor is by the terms of his Contract entitled to two Months Notice it is Order'd that the Method above directed Do Commence and take place on the 15th day of January next.

46. These Directions were particularly complied with by the Grantham and are order'd to be observed in future.

47. It is RESOLV'D to comply implicitly with these directions and in order thereto the Board will direct fresh publick Notice to be given as soon as the Circumstances of the Country will admit of any Goods being brought in which encompassed as we now are by the Enemies Troops is hardly possible and as the old Merchants cannot but be affected by the present bad situation of Affairs some of them having considerable Ballances in their hands the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to lay before the Board a state of their Ballances that Measures may be taken to prevent any Loss to the Company.

48. Neither Cawn Moodelair nor Tonneveroy are here nor is it known where they went after the loss of Fort S^t. David but it is RESOLV'D to use all possible endeavours to recover these as well as the other S^t. David Merchants Ballances whenever opportunity offers.

49. The Secretary is order'd to signify the Directions in this Paragraph to the Captain of every Ship on dispatch for Europe.

50. This Paragraph is left to be considered with the List of Investment.

52. Bengal has been wrote to fully on this subject.

59. This will fall under the care of the Council in their Secret Department.

60. The Resolution of Consultation the 25 April barely to keep possession of the Negrais is Confirm'd the particular directions to be given on this occasion are reserv'd as a matter more proper for deliberation when an opportunity offers of conveying them.

66. The Military Storekeeper reports that all the Gunpowder was turned last year but that the Magazines at present are so full that it is impossible to do it again now, it is however ORDER'D that the Powder be all turned as soon as it can be properly and safely done and the other directions in the Paragraph are Order'd to be strictly complied with.

67. The great decrease in the Customs sufficiently manifest the decay of Trade and argues rather a necessity of giving it helps and encouragement than of loading it still more and the Board are clearly of opinion that it

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will by no means at this time admit of a heavier Duty but should any fortunate Event again give new Life to the Trade of this Coast the Board will take the first favourable occasion to carry this recommendation into effect.

70.When the present Cowles of the Poonamallee Country and S^c. Thome expire the Board will consider of the best terms for reletting them.

74. RESOLV'D that strict enquiry be made into the Circumstances of the case related in this Paragraph and in order thereto that Cheppermall Chitty the Son & Heir of Linga Chitty deceased be examined before the Board when such further steps may be taken as shall then appear best.

75. M^r. Cobb is dead and M^r. Palk gone home on the Grantham, and Commodore Steevens having recommended the Reverend M^r. Samuel Merryfield the Chaplain of his Ship, he has officiated here as Chaplain with the Reverend M^r. Staveley ever since M^r. Palks departure and being generally esteem'd AGREED that he be, and he accordingly is, appointed one of the Companys Chaplains of this Presidency untill the Companys pleasure be known. Order'd that his Salary and Allowances do commence from the day of M^r. Palks departure.

83. AGREED that when the Writers appointed for Bengal and who are Passengers on the expected Shipping arrive they be accommodated agreeable to the directions in this Paragraph untill opportunities offer for them to proceed to their Stations.

85. ORDER'D that a Copy of this Paragraph be given to Colonel Lawrence and that he be desired to give the Board for their Guidance such Answer thereto as he shall think proper and also assist them in explaining that part of their Letter to the Court of Directors which speaks of the advantage of the Artillery Company as it was on his Information that it was written.

86. A Captains Commission has been given to M^r. Stephen Augustus de Monchanin agreeable to these directions.

87. The officers who fall within the meaning of this Paragraph are a Town Major, a Town Adjutant, two other Adjutants one for each Batalion and two quarter Masters one for each Batalion. AGREED that it be referr'd to Colonel Lawrence Colonel Draper and the other Field Officers to consider whether any of these can be dispensed with consistently with the good of the Service.

91. M^{rs}. Dods Silver was never landed at this Presidency.

96. ORDER'D that the sum of Three thousand One hundred and sixty five Rupees three Annaes and nine pice be paid to Coja Shaumier Sultan in full of his demand referr'd to England and Answered in this Paragraph.

97. AGREED that the Principal and Interest due on Bond to the China Jesuits be paid off as soon as convenient agreeable to these directions.

98. It is referred to the Committee of Accounts to revise the reports that have been made by that Committee on the Accunts of M^r. Thomas Eyres together with the Accounts, Copies whereof are transmitted from England by the Hardwicke, and M^r. Jones's Remarks, and all others papers relating thereto and report their Opinion on the whole.

99. M^r. Stratton having been called upon for Vouchers to support his Claim such as he delivered in were transmitted home by the Walpole to the Court of Directors for their determination.

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101.....ORDER'D that the several reports of the Committee of Accounts relating to a supposed overcharge made by Captain Schaub for the pay of his Company whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry do lye on the Table to be reconsidered when time and more material business will permit.

108 to the end.....The Consideration of the affairs of the West Coast stands referr'd to a Committee appointed for that purpose and some necessary directions and Advices have already been given upon the report of that Committee the whole will be fully revised.

It being late in the day the Board adjourn'd till tomorrow morning at nine O'Clock to proceed in their deliberations on the rest of the Letters receiv'd from England.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

THURSDAY
THE 16TH.

The Book of Standing orders lying on the Table.

The Board being assembled according to Yesterdays Adjournment proceeded in their remarks and directions on the Letters read this Season from England as follows.

14.....AGREED that the List of Investment be considered separately after the General Letters.

Genl. Letter
23^d Dec.
1757.

18.....All due attention has been given to this Para and the Board have good reason to hope from the disposition they observe in Colonel Draper and the other Officers that Harmony and Concord will reign as it has hitherto done with them.

24 & 28.....The Directions in these Paragraphs have been under the Consideration of the Board and the Military Paymaster has been ordered to lay before them a state of the Pay of the Companys Troops compared with that of the Kings upon the consideration of which Statement together with these Orders their Resolution will be founded.

29.....The directions in this Paragraph falls under the Consideration of the Council in their Secret department 36. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 45. The subject of these Paragraphs is referr'd to the Accountant.

37.....Referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report.

38.....The One thousand four hundred Pagodas (1400) a Month Gratuity charged in Fort S^t. David Military Paymaster's Books and taken notice of in this Paragraph arises from the difference of pay of the Kings and Companys Troops upon a Statement made by Colonel Bagshaw. The Court of

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Directors were advised in a separate Letter by the Norfolk dated 10th. November 1754 Para. 14 that in order to promote Harmony with the King's Troops We had been obliged to comply with this statement which put the Kings Troops on the same footing as the Companys and we had the pleasure to find by their answer of the 19th. December 1755 Para. 131 that they approved of what we had done, but as the particulars of that Charge are now required ORDER'D that a Copy of Colonel Bagshaws statement be sent home by the next opportunity.

44.....Order'd that an Account Current with each Presidency be transmitted to each respectively by first the Opportunity after the 30th. April and another by the last Opportunity in October before the setting in of the Monsoon in every year and that the other Presidencies be desired to observe the same Rule with respect to.

46. 47. 48. 49.....These Paragraphs fall under the Consideration of the Board in their Secret Department.

51 to the end.....The Thanks of the General Court have been signified accordingly.

27 January
1758.

.....The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that he did apply to Captain Wilson for his Buccaneer Guns who inform'd him that he had parted with them all at Madagascar for fresh provisions.

15th Feb-
ruary 1758.

.....Bengal has been wrote to fully on the subject of this Letter a Copy whereof has been also sent them. ORDER'D that a state of the Treasury be laid before the Board at the next Consultation.

8 March 1758

6.The directions in this Paragraph are to be observ'd as a standing Order.

7 & 8.....An Advertisement agreeable to the Companys Orders of the 8th. January 1752 Para. 8 has been constantly stuck up at the Mast of every Ship upon her arrival, and the same is ordered to be continued and the Sea Customer and Searchers at the Sea Gate are strictly enjoin'd to attend to the directions in these Paragraphs and to report to the Board all discoveries made of illicit Trade.

10.....A copy of this Paragraph to be delivered to the Sea Customer who is to observe the same as a Standing Order.

11.....This Chest of Treasure was landed here and at the desire of the Gentlemen at Bengal was coin'd & the amount receiv'd into Cash and Credit given to Bengal Presidency in order that they might pay the value there to the legal Representative. Vide General Letter to Bengal 2 August 1758 N^o. 31.

13.....Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be delivered to Major Polier.

14.....Samuel Shepherd Jennings was a Soldier in the Company's Service and deserted to the French, he afterwards deserted back again to us and soon after died.

15.....Henry Harling is at Bombay and a Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to that Presidency.

16.....M^r. Talcot arrived here in the Pitt and proceeded to China in the same Ship before the receipt of this Letter. RESOLV'D to write to the SupraCargos in China on this Subject by the first opportunity.

17. 18.....Copy of these Paragraphs to be delivered to the Mayors Court and Accountant General and the Method recommended is to be observ'd.

19.....The Board never receiv'd any such Certificates as are mention'd in this Paragraph from the Gentlemen at Bengal AGREED to write to them on this Subject.

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21 & 26.....This General Letter to the West Coast as well as all other matters relative to that Establishment stands referr'd to the West Coast Committee who are to report on the whole.

22 & 23.....Bombay has been wrote to on this Subject.

28.....The Secretary is ordered to apply to the Register of the Mayors Court for an Extract of the Minutes of Court relating to the Suit or Suits commenced against M^r. Manningham and lay the same before the Board.

29.....Captain Brohier did succeed to the first Company of Artillery upon the death of Captain d' Illens, but that Company having been sent down to Bengal on the Expedition the Gentlemen there have put that as well as all the Military sent down at the same time upon that Establishment so that there remains but one Company of Artillery here RESOLVED that the Company of Artillery remaining here be divided into two Company's of which Captain Brohier to Command the first and Captain Barker the second and that their proper Numbers, which upon this division will be deficient be compleated as the Service may admit.

31 & 32.....These directions are to be referr'd to and observ'd as occasion may require. No part of that Booty taken at Bengal has ever come to the possession of this Board nor have they had any concern in the division thereof, the whole has been transacted at Bengal.

General Letter
23 March
1758.

24.....Depositions were taken here which were deliver'd to Commodore James to be transmitted to the high Court of Admiralty, The Ship remain'd at Bengal.

38.....This must be observ'd as a Standing Order.

39.....Bengal has been wrote to fully on this subject and a Copy of this Paragraph has been sent them.

.....Nothing Material affecting this Presidency occurs on this Letter.

23 March
1758.

AGREED that the List of Investment be considered when the Merchants Ballances are laid before the Board.

M^r. John Davidson one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court tenders to the Board his Resignation of that Office setting forth that he is unable to execute the Duties thereof on Account of a bad state of Health upon which Consideration the Board do accept the said Resignation which is ordered to be entered hereafter.

Mr. Davidson resigns his place of Alderman.

M^r. James Jones, Merchant residing here being proposed as a proper person to supply the Vacancy occasion'd by M^r. Davidsons resignation is unanimously chosen an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Mr. James Jones chosen Alderman.

Order'd that the usual Notices be given thereof.

Letter from the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter setting forth that M^r. Henry Brooke one of the Aldermen of that Court by reason of his residence at Puliacat on the Company's affairs has not been able for a long time to execute any of the Duties of that Office altho' he has occasionally at times returned to the Settlement within the space of twelve months and thereby prevented his place from becoming vacant, and as the time is approaching when all Vacancies should be filled up and his place may in some sense be considered as such by his non-attendance they therefore desire that the Board will remove him from the said Office of Alderman unless upon due Summons he shall shew Cause to the Contrary.

Letter from the Mayors Court.

M^r. Brooke being shortly expected here from Puliacat AGREED that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be considered when he arrives.

To lye on the table till Mr. Brooke arrives from Puliacat.

Letter from Captain Gaupp read as enter'd hereafter accompanying an Account of Off reckonings which he claims as his right and requesting the Boards resolution thereon.

Letter from Captain Gaupp

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Lye on the Table to be considered with other papers relating thereto.

ORDER'D that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be considered when the Military Paymaster delivers in the Monthly Abstracts of Captain Gaupps Pay Rolls which he was ordered to prepare in Consultation the 8th. Instant.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

I JOHN DAVIDSON one of the Aldermen of the Mayors' Court at Madraspatnam, being unable to execute the Duties of that Office on account of a bad state of Health Do BY THESE PRESENTS resign surrender and yield up, my said place & Office of an Alderman of the said Court, and all Rights, Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^r. President & Governor of Fort S^t. George & the Council thereof; and to the President & Council for the time being; IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, in Fort S^t. George this Fourteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

WITNESS:—

JOHN DOUGLAS.

JA^s HAY.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL

OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

As the time is now drawing near when the Honble the Mayors Court are to proceed to the Balloting two of it's Members for your Honor & c^a. to Elect from them a Mayor for the ensuing year; I am order'd to represent to you a loss the Court has sustain'd for more than twelve Months past in the absence of M^r. Henry Brooke whose going to Puliacat in quality of Resident there has so long interrupted his attendance to the duty of an Alderman here, for tho' he has at sometimes within the space of a year been in Madras for a few days whereby the limitation of the Charter still confines him to the Post of Alderman yet the Court have no service from him as such, And which notwithstanding there was sufficient reason to Complain of long ago the Court have deferr'd so to do till this juncture when it is more immediately essential that no vacancy should subsist that can be filled up as the Charter itself indicates by that provision therein which directs, / "That before the Election of any Mayor the several Vacancies in the Places of Aldermen shall be first filled up" And since M^r. Brookes continuance at Puliacat a few Months longer will cause his place to be Vacated of course tho' it will be then after a Mayor is chosen, The Court are of opinion that it can be no detriment to him, nor any wise be thought improper by your Honor & c^a. for them to desire that M^r. Brooke may be removed from his Office of Aldermen if being first Summoned he shall shew no cause to the contrary And if your Honor & c^a. Comply with this application no doubt is made but you will supply the Vacancy occasioned thereby in due time for the Member who shall be chosen for that purpose to be present at the ensuing Election. I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.

Your most Obedient Servant,

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
14th NOVEMBER 1758.

DANIEL MORSE,
Ref.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL

OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

I have done myself the honor to address you on the 30th. of October last concerning the off-Recknings due to me it was on the Honble Presidents own request who after several applications made to him since my arrival from Bengal, desired me at last to the Governor & Council for my demand; upon which I have hitherto received no answer nor redress.

I therefore must take the liberty to trouble you again with Requesting you to give me an answer and your final determination concerning my Claim, of which I join herewith an account beginning the first of July 1756 and ending the 30th. of June 1758, which account has already been approached of by the Governor & Council of Fort William who had first ordered their Paymaster to discharge it and afterwards upon his intimating that the off Recknings had not been sent to Bengal, referr'd me to this Presidency.

I hope you will find the Ballance of each month as it ought to be agreeable to my first contract with the Honble Company and supported by such further addition and stipulation as the Honble Court of Directors were pleased to direct by then General Letter of December 1755 which puts their Intention beyond any Equivocation and if there was anything not expressly enough explained I flatter myself the litteral sense will be interpret according to the Justice and Equity of the matter and this the more as I have not been wanting in asking frequently for your determination concerning the Footing I was to be upon before you sent me to Bengall with my Company, upon which you have never been pleas'd to give me any positive answer, except that the Honble President told me by word of month in presence of Colonel Clive and all the Officers of my Company that I may depend Justice should be done to me and my Officers according to the General Letter aforesaid upon which Assurance & Promise I have during my Service confidently depended.

I was indeed in hopes you would have taken my case into consideration on my arrival from Bengal, and dispatch me the sooner, as I had then again an opportunity to proceed in my voyage for Europe, and your Honour &c^a. Council must be sensible what great Inconveniency, expence and hardship. I had already been reduced by being obliged, after the Service is over, to pass in that time of the Season, from one part of Inida to another to took for what I had an indisputable right to demand in that part where you thought proper to send me and my company for your Service, and this the more especially as I have advanced the money for Cloathing and other Expences there, cut of my Pockett for all that time not only to the end of June the date which concludes my above account, but even all the Men and particularly the Recruits which in the said month of June came from Europe the only one I have received for above three years from thence, were Cloathed by me but a very few days before a Draught of 2 Officers and 26 men has been made out of my Company in July last contrary to my Contract, in order to form Six new Companys to Officers that then newly enter'd in the Honble Companys Service, so that those new Captains got not only the Men so draughted from me but also my whole Company, which soon after I have been forced to give up readily Cloathed for the ensuing year at my Expence and trouble of which they have the whole benefit to themselves without laying out a Cash, while I could get no manner of redress after all Reference and Attendance from one Gentlemen to another but even am reduced now to trouble you so often for what is so justly due to me for the time of my service till the month of June last.

I once more humbly beg Gentlemen you will please to give me an Answer and let me know whether there is any further explanations required on my

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part to shew the justness of my Claim, which I am ready to give you full satisfaction for.

I have the honour to be with perfect Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant,

GEORGE FRED^r. GAUPP.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
NOVEMBER 15, 1758.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY
THE 18TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. JOHN SMITH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN PYBUS.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. HENRY VANSITTART.

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops abroad.

M^r. Norris—Absent Indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Report of
the
Committee
of Accounts
on the
Bandar-
malka Books
Considered &
Resolution
thereon.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 19th. September relating to the Books of Bandarmalanka Factory to the day of the loss of that Settlement, which report was read in Consultation the same day entered after those Minutes and Order'd to lye on the Table to be further Considered is now again read and Considered and in order clearly to explain the Nature of some entrys made in those Books and the Grounds of the Resolution now taken thereon the Board think it proper to remark that the intrinsick value of Madras Pagodas is eight and three quarters $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent better than Star or Current Pagodas but as they are not always procurable so the value in the Market sometimes rises to above ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent and to avoid different Charges of Batta to the Northern Settlements they have always been invoiced at the exact Batta of ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent so that One hundred Madras Pagodas sent to the Northward was charged and Invoiced as One hundred and ten Star Pagodas, Upon the receipt of this sum at the Northern Settlement it had been the practice to write off the Batta of ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent to Profit & Loss by which means the One hundred Madras Pagodas stood then upon the Books of that Settlement at no greater value than One hundred Star or Current Pagodas, were issued at that rate for the purchase of Cloth, and that Cloth Invoiced to the Presidency in the same manner so that the Investment made there appear'd to be ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent cheaper than it really was, but this was a deception without a fraud to remedy this the President & Council in Consultations 20th. December 1755 & 7th. June 1756 settled the real prices of the Northern Cloths in Star or Current Pagodas, in doing which they had a greater regard to the Nature and value of the Cloths than to the former establish'd prices and therefore the New prices settled did not exactly correspond with the old by an addition of ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent on the Madras to make Star Pagodas, which would have produced, some Fractions to avoid which the prices were fixed at even Pagodas giving the advantage in price to the N^o. 1 of each sortment as an encouragement to be carefull in providing good Cloth by which means some sortments turne'd out at a higher price than formerly (as the Midling) and some cheaper (as the Fine & Ordinary) and this abatement appear'd greater on the Ingeram and Bandarmalanka Cloths than on the Vizagapatam the former having been usually Invoiced at half a Pagoda $\frac{3}{4}$ Corge more than the Vizagapatam Cloth. These orders were signified to all the Northern Settlements and the Investments made Subsequent thereto (at Bandarmalanka as well as the others) were Invoiced to the Presidency at the New settled prices. The following year the Company directed an Abatement to be made in the Northern Cloths of Five pagodas $\frac{3}{4}$ Corge on fine Izzarees two Pagodas $\frac{3}{4}$ Corge on fine Long Cloths & half a Pagoda $\frac{3}{4}$ Corge on Ordinary

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and these Orders were also signified to the Northern Settlements by which abatements made by Orders from home, Mr. Andrews concluded that the President & Council had not had any intention the Year before to make any alteration in the old prices but only to add the ten Cent ₹ Batta to turn Madras into Star or Current Pagodas and upon that supposition in the close of his Books he has debted this Presidency for Eight hundred and Eighty nine Pagodas three fanams and forty eight Cash (889. 3. 48) being the difference in his disfavor on Long Cloth Fine and ordinary between the New prices at which he had Invoiced those sortments subsequent to the abovemention'd Orders and the former prices, and he has credited this Presidency for One hundred and fifty Pagodas thirty fanams and forty eight Cash (150. 30. 48) being the difference in his favor between the New & Old prices of Long cloth Midling. But as the Intentions of the Board were really to fix the Northern Cloths at the New prices without exact regard to the ten ₹ Cent Batta and their Orders sent to the several Settlements were plain and positive, they see no reason for allowing the above mention'd Charges and therefore order the said sum of Eight hundred and eighty nine Pagodas three fanams and forty eight Cash (889. 3. 48) to be wrote back to the Credit of this Presidency and on the other side that the said Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pagodas thirty fanams and forty eight Cash (150. 30. 48) be wrote to its Debit. There is another Charge in these Books of Three hundred and fifty four Pagodas and twenty four fanams (354. 24. —) which needs some remark; This is a loss said to arise on the Merchants Ballances which were recover'd in Cloth after the Capture of the place that Cloth was sold to the French on which terms only Mr. Andrews had the Liberty of recovering those Ballances, and between the purchase from the Merchants and the Sale to the French the difference lost is the above sum of Three hundred and fifty four Pagodas twenty four fanams (354. 24. —) for which Mr. Andrews has Debted this Presidency; but the Board cannot allow this Charge because the Chiefs of the Northern Settlements have always had the advantage of purchasing the Cloths as Cheap as they could and charging them to the Company at their stated prices by which some little gain was made, and in Consideration thereof it has always been understood that the Chiefs should be answerable to the Company for the Merchants Ballances as they in Fact were the Companys Merchants. The Board therefore direct the said sum of Three hundred and fifty four Pagodas twenty four fanams (354. 24. —) which now stands on the debit side of Profit and loss to be wrote back to its Credit by Cash, however as this loss did arise by the extraordinary Calamity of the French War it is AGREED to recommend it to the Company to allow it to be repaid Mr. Andrews. In regard to the Charges made by Mr. Andrews for the Months of October, November, December and January as set forth by the said Committee in their report the Board disallow the particular Charges for Oyl Pallankeen Boys, Peons, Washerman, Barber and Tochey, but admit the following

For the month of October—			
Diet money for Mr. Andrews & Mr. Dolben ..	27	18	..
Mr. Maules Wages	16	18	..
Serjeant Haycocks pay	10	3	..
House Rent for Mess ^{rs} . Andrews Dolben & Maule.	37	18	..
			91 21
For the month of November—			
The same as above .. .. .	..	..	91 21
For the month of December—			
The same as above .. .. .	..	..	91 21
For the month of January—			
Serjeant Haycocks pay	10	3	..
House rent	37	21	..
			47 21
			322 12

And in all other respects the Board do approve and pass the said Accounts.

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Allowance for House rent to the servants who were prisoners at Pondichery.

The President represents to the Board that most of the Companys servants Civil & Military who have been Prisoners by the French have applied to him for an Allowance for House Rent in Consideration of the great Charges they were at on that account during the time they were Prisoners, which the President recommends to the Consideration of the Board AGREED that five Pagodas $\frac{2}{3}$ month be allowed to each from the time of their being made Prisoners till their arrival at the Presidency.

Ingeram Books referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to be revised.

In the course of the enquiry into the Bandarmalanka Accounts, Books of Ingeram Factory having been called for the Board observe some entrys therein which want further explanation the said Books are therefore referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to re-examine and report.

Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED that two thousand Pagodas (2000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY
THE 21st.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. ————
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops at the Mount.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the four last Consultation dated the 14th, 15th, 16th, & 18th Instant read & signed.

Letter from Captain Barker.

A letter from Captain Robert Barker read as enter'd hereafter setting forth that in consequence of our late Orders he has sent the Roll of the Lascars now in the Service to the Committee of Works. That if this Charge in the Method has proceeded from any Complaint or peice of Negligence in him he hopes the Board will be so candid as to point it out. Containing also some representation of Inconveniencies which he apprehends may arise from this Charge.

Resolution thereon.

These Representations appear to the Board to have no weight as the Discipline which it is necessary the Lascars should be acquainted with as to the Service of the Artillery, they will naturally learn from being (a part of them) daily employed in those Services, and as to the Method to be used to engage them to go on board his Majesty's Ships, on Detachment or otherwise the Board are of opinion the Committee of Works will be at no loss to find the properest means. But there are particularly two parts of those representations which the Board think unbecoming those parts are as follows

“ Can it be expected that any Gentleman will be continually instructing them (the Lascars) when they are liable to be exchanged every day
And in the last Paragraph

“ If any inconveniencies do hereafter arise you will be kind enough to recollect I have no Concern with them.”

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At the same time they do acquit Captain Barker of all Charges of Misbehaviour or Irregularity in the management of the Lascars no such Complaint or Information having come before this Board, they however do think the Regulation made in Consultation the 8th Instant the most proper method of managing the Lascars and therefore RESOLVE that it be Continued and complied with.

ORDER'D that a copy of this Minute be sent to Captain Barker, by way of reprimand.

A Letter from M^r. Richard Fitzpatrick read as enter'd hereafter signifying that having had Notice from the Secretary of the order of the Board that he should declare whether he chuses to continue in the Military Service or return to the Civil Establishment he therefore begs leave to make choice of containing in the Military.

Letter from Mr. Richard Fitzpatrick chusing the Military Service.

ORDER'D therefore That M^r. Fitzpatrick's Name be struck out of the Civil List and that his Allowances on that Establishment cease the end of this month.

Letter from M^r. Charles Turner Grainkeeper read as enter'd hereafter signifying that in compliance with the order of the Board he has weigh'd off the Rice landed from the Speedwell and find it turn out Twenty Garce and Three hundred and sixty two Mercalls and a quarter (20. 362½) or One thousand three hundred and ninety five Bags (1395) desiring to be inform'd at what price the same is to be charged in his Books.

Letter from the Grain keeper.

*The agreement with the Supracargo of the Speedwell was at the rate of Eighty Pagodas ꝑ Garce reckning sixty Bags to the Garce but as it appears by weighing that there is a deficiency, for that sixty Bags do not contain a full Garce ORDER'D that the price to be charged in the Book be ascertain'd by dividing the whole Cost by the real weight.

*Vide Cons. 8 Nov^r.

Order thereon.

M^r. Henry Brooke being arriv'd from Puliacat, now tenders to the Board his Resignation under his hand and Seal dated this day of his place and office of an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Mr. Brooke tenders his resignation of Alderman.

M^r. Brooke being shortly to return again to Puliacat to reside there on the Companys Affairs, the Board, in Consultation of the representation and then order'd to lye on the Table to be consider'd after M^r. Brooke's arrival do accept the said Resignation, and M^r. George Stratton Merchant of this Settlement being proposed as a proper person to fill the Vacancy occasion'd thereby is accordingly chosen an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Accepted & Mr. George Stratton chosen in his stead.

ORDER'D that the usual Notices be given.

Pursuant to order in Consultation the 16th Instant the Secretary lays before the Board Extract from the Minutes of the Mayors Court relating to the Suits which were commenced against M^r. Manningham whereby it appears that on the 12th October 1756 the following Bills were filed against M^r. Manningham Viz^t.

Extract from the Minutes of Mayors Court relating to the suits against Manningham produced.

“ Bill Henry Powney Attorney for Rebecca Cassamajor.

Bill Henry Powney Attorney for Cornelius Goodwin.

Bill George Stratton Executor to the Last Will & Testament of John Stratton deceased.”

And that on the 26th day of the same month the said three Bills were withdrawn.

ORDER'D

That the Secretary deliver to M^r. Powney and to M^r. Stratton Copy of the 28 Pãra of the General Letter from England dated 8th March 1758 that they may have an opportunity (if they desire it) of justifying themselves by explaining the Motives of their proceedings in that affair.

Extract from Genl. Letter relating thereto to be given the Parties.

Pursuant to order of Consultation the 8th Instant the Military Paymaster lays before the Board an Abstract of the Pay Rolls of Captain Gaupps Company with an Account of off Recknings due thereon from the 1st July 1756 to the 30th

Capt. Gaupps claim of Recknings Considered

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June 1758 which ; together with Captain Gaupps Letter of the 30th October (read in Consultation the 31st) his Letter of the 15th Instant (read in Consultation the 16th) and his account of Off Recknings accompanying the same, also the several Pāras of Letters and papers referr'd to in Consultation the 8th Instant being now fully Considered, It appears according to Cap^t. Gaupps Account that the Off recknings due to him from the 1st July 1756 to 30 June 1758 amount to £ 883-1-8 or Pag^s. 2207. 25. 21

And that the Off recknings of Effective Men for the same term according to the Military Paymasters account amounts to 1539. 12. 30

DIFFERENCE .. P. 668. 12. 71

All the Circumstances of the case being duly weighed and the following questions being thereupon put Viz^t.

“Whether the said difference of P. 668. 12. 71. ought to be paid out of the Company's Cash Or

Whether the said difference ought to be paid by the Corps of English Captains out of the General Fund of Off recknings Or

Whether it shall be referr'd to the Court of Directors to determine upon the whole as they shall see fit.”

The several Members deliver their Opinions as follows.

MR. VAN
SITTART.

as the Company in their Letter of the 31st January 1755 Para. 70 & 71 in Answer to a former case of this nature laid before them do signify their pleasure that no Captain should receive Off recknings for more than his Effective Men and as I do not look upon their Subsequent order for keeping the Swiss Companies up to their full Establishment in any wise to revoke their former I think that Captain Gaupp cannot be paid for more than his effective Men, the rather as that is the Rule & Customs in all other Services as well as the Companys.

MR.
NORRIS.
MR. PYBUS.
MR. BOUR-
CHIEF.
MR. PERCE-
VAL.
MR.
POWNEY

Captain Gaupps Claim for Off recknings now under Consideration, We cannot but think well founded as it is expressly stipulated by the Capitulation with the Swiss when they left England that each Company should consist of 140 Men Officers included which regulation so long as the Company sent out Swiss recruits was nearly observed and tho' that Method in Consequence of Representations from hence was afterwards discontinued, the Court of Directors again repeat in their Letter of the 19th December 1755 Para. 91. 92. 93 that the Establishment of the Swiss Company is to be the same as when they first engaged in their Service whereby it evidently appears their Intentions were that these Companys should be supplied either by the Recruits annually sent out from England or by enlisting Topasses or others in India and altho' this has not been attended to we think it unreasonable the Captains of those Companys should thereby become sufferers. To stop the amount of what now demanded by Captain Gaupp from the Off recknings of the English Companies would be We think by no means proper as those Captain's only who are now on the spot on this Establishment would be the sufferers many who have enjoyed a considerable part of the advantage which has been made by the Off-recknings being either dead or removed such a measure therefore would undoubtedly give great disgust which at such a Juncture as this ought surely to be accorded. We are therefore of Opinion that Captain Gaupps demand should be deferr'd to the determination of Our Honble Masters with this Observation that a deduction ought to be made from his account for the amount of as many Suits of Cloathing as his Company has been short of the stipulated Establishment which by the abstracts from Captain Gaupps & the Paymaster now before as appear to be about fifty each year.

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It appears to me that Captain Gaupp is entitled to the amount of his account of Off recknings after deducting so much as the Cloathing of the non-effective Men would have Cost, But I am of opinion the difference should not be paid out of the general Mass of Off reckning because since July 1756 many of the Captains are dead or gone away and therefore the loss would fall entirely on those who are now in the Service. I think it should not be paid out of the Companys Cash here for the Court of Directors in their Letter dated 31st January 1755 forbid us to pay for Cloathing of non-effective men. But as the Court of Directors have contracted with the Swiss Captains to keep their Companies compleated to 140 Men and would not suffer them to recruit themselves it is hard they should not have the benefit which certainly must have been intended by the Contract. This affair therefore I think should be referr'd and strongly recommended to the Company.

MR. SMITH.

It appears that the Swiss by this Capitulation with the Company should have their Companies here abroad consist of 140 Men, Officers included or 120 private besides Commission & non-Commission Officers so that the Captains, for the Cloathing of such a Number of Men would be entitled to the Off recknings for their Cloathing. It appears also that Captain Gaupps Company has been short of Complements for these two years past about Fifty Men. This number should, I think agreeable to the Companys orders have been made up to him by draughts from the English Companys, but as that has not been done, it is clear that the English Companys have consisted of Fifty, among the whole Number more than they would have had, had the Swiss Companys been completed agreeable to the Companys Orders, and Consequently the Captains of the English Companies have had the Off recknings of Fifty Men more than they would have receiv'd. It is as certain also that the Captains of the English Companys have cloathed Fifty men more than they would have done had the Swiss Companys been kept compleat and as certain also that Captain Gaupp has cloathed, Fifty men less than he would have done had his Company been compleat consequently if the English Captains pay out of their General Fund of Off recknings, the Off recknings of Fifty men for two years both he and they will be in the same Condition as they would have been had the Companys Orders been adhered to, and the Swiss Companys kept compleat. I therefore recommend this Method, and the more strongly as it will save a great deal of trouble to the Companys who cannot possibly be so thoroughly acquainted with this Affair as We on the spot, and to whom it must in all probability be again referr'd.

THE
PRESIDENT.

The Sum of the foregoing Opinions being Viz^o. ONE, That Captain Gaupp has no right to & ought not to be paid any Off recknings for non effective Men. ONE, that he has a right to all the Off recknings of his Company the same as if it had been compleat only deducting the prime Cost of the Cloathing of non Effectives, and that the same be accordingly paid by the English Captain out of their Fund of Off recknings And SIX that he has a right in the manner last mentioned, but that it be referr'd to the Company, It is therefore

General
Resolution
on the whole

RESOLVED by the Majority that is the opinion of this Board that Captain Gaupps Company ought to have been kept up to the full establishment of 140 Men Officers included, and tho' that has not been done, yet that he is entitled to the Off Recknings for the whole in the same manner as if it had been done only deducting thereout the prime Cost of so many Suits of Cloathing as there appears to have been non-effective men but that it be referr'd to the Court of Directors to determine how or by whom the same shall be paid.

In order to avoid in future any such difficulties as have arisen in the foregoing case of Captain Gaupp, The Military Paymaster is ordered to draw out an Abstract of the Swiss Companys as they now are, and it is Resolved that they be Completed by Draughts from the other Companies, and that after they are so

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completed such deficiencies as may happen in the Course of every Month be made up at the end of the Month by Deserters or Topasses and in default of a sufficient Number of these, by Draughts from the other Companys.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r.,
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Agreeable to an order from you in Consultation of November 8th 1758, I have sent in to the Committee of Works a Muster Roll of all the Lascars under my direction. But must beg leave to observe that an alteration of so Established a Custom as that of the Lascars being under the direction of the Company's Commanding Officer of Artillery at Fort S^t. George may probably proceed from some complaint or peice of negligence in their regulation. I therefore beg as a favor from the Honble Council, that if the late alteration has proceeded from such complaint or peice of negligence, that they will be so candid as to point out to me (whos' Credit may be nearly concerned) if this order has been given out in consequence of such Reports.

My intentions Gentlemen of laying this before you, has nothing more in it, then the hopes of making appear howmuch I have endeavour'd while under my inspection to make the Lascars do their Duty, and serve the Company with justice, and also to acquaint you that when the Lascars are detached from the Artillery and no regular sets of them appointed for that Branch, We may expect little or no service from a number of ignorant people sent daily to us, or can it be expected that any Gentlemen will be continually instructing them, when they are liable to be exchanged every day.

I mention this not only from the little knowledge I have of these people but from the Opinions of the most experienced Officers in our Corps, and I could also give many instances of the good behaviour of the Lascars in the Bengal Provinces, and the extraordinary effect that arose merely from their being distinguished to the Artillery by their dress, were it material.

I must beg leave to remark that during the little time I have had the direction of the Lascars, great demands have been made all of which have been duly supply'd.

Admiral Pocock carried with him 137 Lascars, the method of inducing them to go was attended with great circumspection and care, as the consequence of pressing them would have been the desertion of the remaining they however went perfectly satisfied & the manner of Draughting was attended by no ill Consequence.

With the Artillery under the Command of Colonel Draper 70, and those Guns and Tumbrils drawn to the Mount wholly by Lascars.

51 were Draughted for Chingalapat with the different detachment of Guns and Ammunition, and tho' it was well known, that that Garrison would probable be invested, there was no hesitation or Absconding of Lascars.

It is for this Gentleman that I presume to point out to you the above circumstances that in future of any ill consequence should ever arise for want of Lascars either on Detachment or Commands immediately or otherwise you will

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be kind enough to recollect I have no concern with them. I take the liberty of mentioning this as We have had so glaring an instance of their late ill Behaviour at Fort S^t. Davids and am

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS with the greatest Respect,
 Your most Obedient humble Serv^t.
 FORT S^t. GEORGE,
 20TH NOVEMBER 1758. ROB^t. BARKER.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^a.,
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL OF
 FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

Being lately advised by M^r. Dupre' the Secretary that it was your order I should make known whether I will continue in the Military or return to the Civil Establishment I have taken the liberty to signify to you in writing (as it is uncertain how long my duty here may prevent me from appearing in person before you) that I have resolv'd with your consent to continue in the Military & I hope my choice will meet with your Approbation. I am with Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your most Obedient humble Servant,
 S^t. THOMAS'S MOUNT,
 20TH NOVEMBER 1758. RICHARD FITZPATRICK.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^b.
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

In compliance with your directions intimated by Letter from your Secretary under date the 11th Instant, I have weigh'd off the Rice Landed from the Speedwell, and find it to turn out 20. 362 $\frac{1}{4}$ ^{Ga. Mer.} or Bags 1395, but as I am not yet informed what price to charge the same at in my Books, I beg your Honor & c^a. Instruction concerning that Point and am with Respect.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
 Your most Obedient humble Servant,
 FORT S^t. GEORGE,
 20TH NOVEMBER 1758. CHARLES TURNER,
Grainkeeper.

I HENRY BROOKE one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for divers good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving do by these presents resign surrender and yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Priviledges hereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esq^t. President & Governor of Fort S^t. George and the Council thereof and to the President & Council for the time being IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal Fort S^t. George the 21st day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty Eight.

WITNESS.

JOS. DUPRE'.
 MATT: CLARKE.

HENRY BROOKE.

Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Bombay dated 10th October.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNES-
DAY THE
22^d

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r., GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
HENRY POWNEY. _____
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

Colonel Lawrence Absent with the Troops at the Mount.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General
Letter from
Bombay
read.

N^o. 69 General Letter from Richard Bouchier Esq^r. President & Governor &c^a. Council at Bombay dated the 10 October read acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter of the 13 August and advising that the Hon^{ble} Companys Ship Latham arrived there the 15 September from Mocha, and is to proceed home directly but that they have not any News of the Ships expected from Europe. That Schooner shall be built for the Service of the West Coast agreeable to our desire and they will Credit this Presidency for the amount of Customs due from the Owners of the Nancy Snow but that Vessel is not yet arriv'd.

The Pay of
the Kings &
Companys
Military, and
Antillary
Considered
and orders
thereon.

Pursuant to order of Consultation the 8th Instant the Military Paymaster lays before the Board a Statement of the Pay of the Kings and Company's Military and Artillery shewing in Columns the excess of either whereby it appears that the excess of the Companys pay to their Military compared with the pay of the Kings amounts to something more than the particular Sums the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 23rd December 1757 order to be paid to the Kings Officers and Men respectively but as they have also in the same Letters as a general Information and direction to the Board express'd their meaning and Intention to be that the Kings Troops should be equal in pay and Allowances to the Companys It is therefore ORDER'D That the Military Paymaster do pay Monthly to the Officers & Men of the Kings Military the several sums of excess in the said statement set against each of them in the Column of "Difference or Gratuity."

The settling the Allowances to be made the Artillery is attended with many difficulties The Gratuities which were given according to Colonel Bagshaws statement in 1754 to the Commission and non Commission Officers amount to much more than the particular Sums the Company ordered to be paid them but exactly correspond with the two pence $\frac{2}{3}$ day order'd for the Gunners Matrosses & Drummers tho' the pay of these last from the King exceeds the Companys pay to theirs the questions that arise are, whether to continue the same Gratuities that have hitherto been given agreeable to Colonel Bagshaws statement—Or—whether disregarding that Statement the Companys Orders of 1754 be strictly adhered to—Or—whether setting both aside, the Companys Intention expressed in their Commands 23rd December 1757 be the sole Guide. The difficulties that occur are these. By continuing the same Gratuities to the Officers and Men that they have hitherto received conformable to Colonel Bagshaws Statement the Officers will receive considerably more than the real difference between the Kings & Companys Pay which appears to be contrary to the Company's Intention. But pursuing strictly the Companys Orders of 1754 Those Officers will receive less than the real difference, but the Serjeants, Corporals, Bombardiers, Gunners Matrosses and Drummers considerably more this also is not conformable to these Orders received this year By strictly pursuing the sense and meaning of these last mentioned Orders the Serjeants, Corporals, Bombardiers & Gunners will receive nothing from the Company their pay being already greater than the Companys and the Matrosses & Drummers but a trifle their pay being nearly equal to the Companys and this will undoubtedly create great

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Murmuring & discontent as they have hitherto receiv'd from the Company after the rate of two pence a day agreeable to their Orders 2^d March 1754 and Colonel Bagshaws statement, Upon the whole it is RESOLV'D.

That Captain Hyslop as Commandant of the Artillery be considered on the same footing as a Major and receive the like Gratuity of £200 per annum which the Company have given to Majors Brereton & Monson. That all the other Commission Officers the Surgeon and his Assistant be paid the several sums set against each of them in the Military Paymaster's Statement in the Column "of Gratuity" being the exact difference between the Kings & Company's pay that the Serjeants Corporals Bombardiers Gunners Matrosses & Drummers be allowed each after the rate of two pence ₤ day conformable to the Companys Orders 1754 And that the Gratuity of seven pagodas and an half ₤ Month be paid to each of the undermention'd Officers Viz^t; Quarter Master—Commissary and Paymaster—Clerk of stores and Assistant Paymaster—Second Clerk of Stores and First Conductor—Second Conductor. There being no such Officers in the Companys Service the said Gratuities are mention'd nearly by computing the difference between the pay of Officers in the Kings Service who are equal in pay to these, and the pay of Officers in the Companys Service of the same denomination. ORDER'D that the aforementioned Statement be enter'd after these Minutes.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that there remains under his Charge only Seventy two Candy nine maund and three pound (72. 9. 3) of Redwood of the sortment for Europe ORDER'D that the Export Warehousekeeper do receive proposals from the Merchants for providing Redwood and lay the same before the Board.

ca. md. lb.

Export Warehousekeeper reports the Redwood remaining.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account of the Merchants Ballances

Account of Merchants ballances produced.

RESOLV'D

That the Board will meet at the sorting Godown on Friday next to consider the List of Investment, to enquire into the Cause of the large Ballances remaining in the Merchants hands and to examine the Musters for a new Investment.

To meet at the sorting Godown on next Friday

ORDER'D

That the Companys Merchants do attend at the sorting Godown at the same time.

and the Merchants to attend.

The Honble Companys Sloop GOOD INTENT, order'd in Consultation the 14 October to be sold at Outcry, having been accordingly put up several times at the Sea Gate but not sold for want of Bidders not a single offer being made, the Master upon the appearance of bad Weather was directed to carry the Sloop into Ennore or Puliacat River and accordingly (the Bar being closed at Ennore) he proceeded to Puliacat where he had the Sloop hauled ashore. ORDER'D that the Master do lay before the Board in Writing an Account of the defects of the said Sloop with an estimate of the Charge of repairing her at Puliacat.

Estimate of the Charge of repairing the Sloop Good Intent to be laid before the Board.

AGREED that Thirty thousand (30,000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Advance to the Commissary.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY,
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

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ACCOUNT OF NEAT PAY TO THE MILITARY IN HIS MAJESTY'S AND THE COMPANY'S SERVICE FOR A MONTH OF 30 DAYS WITH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM ALLOWED AS A GRATUITY TO THE FORMER.

(1)	Neat Pay.			Difference or Gratuity.		
	(2)			(3)		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding His Majesty's Regiment @ 400 £ ꣳ Annum or P. 83—14 ꣳ Month ..	—	—	—	83	14	—
Two Majors belonging to D ^o . @ 200 £ ꣳ Annum ea' or P 41—28 ꣳ Mensem ..	—	—	—	41	28	—
Captain in the Company's Service ..	37	21	—	..	..	..
D ^o in the Kings	28	5	20	9	15	60
Lieutenant Companys	18	31	40	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	13	5	20	5	26	20
Ensign Companys	15	—	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	11	10	40	3	31	40
Adjutant Companys	18	31	40	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	15	—	—	3	31	40
Serjeant Companys	5	—	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	3	27	60	1	14	20
Corporal Companys	3	14	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	2	18	15	—	37	65
Drummer Companys	3	14	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	2	18	15	—	37	65
European Centinal Companys	2	21	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	1	34	70	—	28	10
Chaplain Companys	37	2	73	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	22	21	—	14	23	73
Surgeon Companys	23	30	7	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	22	21	—	1	9	7
Surgeons Assistant Companys	15	—	—	..	..	..
D ^o Kings	9	15	60	5	26	20
Quarter Master Companys	15	—	—
D ^o Kings	15	—	—

N.B.—The fanams are reckon'd @ 42 ꣳ Pagoda.

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GRATUITY.

FOR A MONTH OF 30 DAYS TO THE KINGS MILITARY AS PER ORDER FROM THE COURT OF DIRECTORS.

	S.	D.		P.	F.	C.
Lieutenant Colonel or Commr.			..	83	14	—
Majors ea' .. .. .			..	41	28	—
Captain—	2	..	₹ day. ..	7	21	—
Lieutenant—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40
Ensign—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40
Adjutant—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40
Serjeant—	..	2	₹ day. ..	—	26	20
Corporal—	..	2	₹ day. ..	—	26	20
Drummer—	..	2	₹ day. ..	—	26	20
Centinel—	..	2	₹ day. ..	—	26	20
Chaplain—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40
Surgeon—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40
Surgeon Assitt.—	..	10	₹ day. ..	3	5	20
Quarter Master—	1	..	₹ day. ..	3	31	40

ACCOUNT OF NEAT PAY TO THE MILITARY IN HIS MAJESTY'S AND THE COMPANYS SERVICE FOR A MONTH OF 31 DAYS WITH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM ALLOWED AS A GRATUITY TO THE FORMER.

(1)	Neat Pay.			Difference or Gratuity.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding His Majesty's Regiment @ 400 £ ₹ Annum or Pagodas 83—14. ₹ Month ..	—	—	—	83	14	—
Two Majors belonging to D°. @ 200 £ ₹ Annum ea' or P. 41—28 ₹ Mensem ..	—	—	—	41	28	—
Captain in the Companys Service ..	38	31	40			
D°. in the Kings	29	5	20			
				9	26	20
Lieutenant Companys	19	15	60			
D°. Kings	13	26	20			
				5	31	40
Ensign Companys	15	21	—			
D°. Kings	11	26	20			
				3	36	40
Adjutant Companys	19	15	60			
D°. Kings	15	21	—			
				3	36	60
Serjeant Companys	5	—	—			
D°. Kings	3	32	70			
				1	9	10
Corporal Companys	3	14	—			
D°. Kings	2	21	48			
				—	34	32
Drummer Companys	3	14	—			
D°. Kings	2	21	48			
				—	34	32
European Centinal Companys	2	21	—			
D°. Kings	1	37	35			
				—	25	45
Chaplain Companys	37	2	73			
D°. Kings	23	10	40			
				13	34	33

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(1)	Neat Pay.			Difference or Gratuity.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Surgeon	23	30	7			
D ^o	23	10	40			
				—	19	47
Surgeons Assist ^t	15	—	—			
D ^o	9	28	70			
				5	13	10
Quarter Master	15	21	—			
D ^o	15	21	—			

N.B.—The Fanams are reckon'd @ 42 ₨ Pagoda.

GRATUITY AS ₨ ORDER FOR A MONTH OF 31 DAYS.

	S.	D.		P.	F.	C.
Lieutenant Colonel or Comm ^d.	..	..		83	14	—
Majors ea'.	..	..		41	28	—
Captain—	2	..	₨ day.	7	31	40
Lieutenant—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60
Ensign—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60
Adjutant—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60
Sergeant—	..	2	d ^o .	—	27	10
Corporal—	..	2	d ^o .	—	27	10
Drummer—	..	2	d ^o .	—	27	10
Centinel—	..	2	d ^o .	3	27	10
Chaplain—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60
Surgeon—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60
Surgeon Assist ^t .—	..	10	d ^o .	3	9	50
Quarter Master—	1	..	d ^o .	3	36	60

ACCOUNT NEAT PAY TO THE ARTILLERY FOR A MONTH OF 30 DAYS SHOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE KINGS & COMPANYS AND THE GRATUITY GIVEN TO FORMER.

(1)	Neat Pay.			Kings Excess.			Companys Excess.			Gratuity.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
The Captain Commanding His Majesty's Detachment @ 200£ per Annum or P 41—28 ₨ M ^o .										41	28	—
Captain Lieutenant in the Company's Service	22	34	10									
D ^o . .. Kings	16	36	60				5	39	30	5	39	30
First Lieutenant	20	35	—									
D ^o . .. Kings	14	2	50				6	32	30	6	32	30
Second Lieutenant.	18	31	40									
D ^o . .. Kings	11	10	40				7	21	—	7	21	—
Lieutenant Fireworker	11	10	40									
D ^o . .. Kings	10	13	10				—	39	30	—	39	30

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(1)	Neat Pay.			Kings Excess.			Companys Excess.			Gratuity.			
	(2)			(3)			(4)			(5)			
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	
Adjutant	Companys ..	20	35	—									
D ^o	Kings ..	11	10	40									
							9	24	40	9	24	30	
Serjeant	Kings ..	6	7	18									
D ^o	Companys ..	6	—	—									
					—	7	18			—	26	20	
Corporal	Kings ..	5	32	65									
D ^o	Companys ..	5	—	—									
					—	32	65			—	26	20	
Bombardin	Kings ..	5	6	45									
D ^o	Companys ..	4	21	—									
					—	27	45			—	26	20	
Gunner	Kings ..	4	5	72									
D ^o	Companys ..	4	—	—									
					—	5	72			—	26	20	
Matross	Companys ..	3	—	—									
D ^o	Kings ..	2	40	55									
								—	1	25	—	26	20
Drummer	Companys ..	3	—	—									
D ^o	Kings ..	2	40	55									
								—	1	25	—	26	20
Surgeon	Companys ..	23	30	7									
D ^o	Kings ..	22	21	—									
								1	9	7	1	9	7
Surgeons Assistant.	Companys ..	15	—	—									
D ^o	Kings ..	9	15	60									
								5	26	20	5	26	20

The following Officers are not in the Companys Artillery Vizt.

Quarter Master		11	10	40						7	21	—
Commissary & Paymaster		30	—	—						7	21	—
Clerk of Stores & Assistant Pay- master		18	31	40						7	21	—
Second Clerk of Stores & 1 st . Conductor		15	—	—						7	21	—
Second Conductor		11	10	40						7	21	—

ACCOUNT OF NEAT PAY TO THE ARTILLERY FOR A MONTH OF 31 DAYS SHOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE KINGS & COMPANYS AND THE GRATUITY GIVEN TO FORMER.

The Captain Commanding His Majesty's Detachment @ 200 £ ꝑ Annum or P. 41—28 ꝑ M ^o										41	28	—	
Captain Lieutenant in the Com- panys Service		22	34	10									
D ^o in the Kings.		17	18	30									
								5	15	60	5	15	60
First Lieutenant	Companys ..	20	35	—									
D ^o	Kings ..	14	22	25									
								6	12	55	6	12	55

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AT A CONSULTATION.

Present :

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.
 HENRY POWNEY.
 WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
 CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.
 HUGH NORRIS. HENRY VANSITTART.

AT THE
 SORTING
 GODOWN
 FRIDAY
 THE 24TH.

Colonel Lawrence with the Troops at the Mount.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Agreeable to Resolution in Consultation the 22 Instant the Board being assembled at the sorting Godown List of Investment receiv'd this season is taken into Consideration, and the Musters of the several sorts of Cloth thereby directed to be provided are called for and produced except the Musters of

List of
 Investment
 considered

Beteelas N^o. 25 & 26

D^o. 28 29

Soot Romalls Red & Blue Dungarees

Musters
 examined
 and some to
 be produced

which Musters the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to procure against the next Meeting of the Board on this Business, all the other Musters being examined and approved the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to recommend to the sorters to keep up to them as nearly as possible and with regard to the quantities of the several sortments and other Directions contain'd in the List of Investment the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to give a strict and constant attention to them.

Sorters to
 keep up to
 Musters
 nearly.

As the Court of Directors in their List of Investment do frequently refer to the sortments of Goods sent home on particular Ships in order therefore that the Board may be better judges of the Qualitys of the sortments so referr'd to and of the Alterations directed to be made therein it is ORDER'D that in future upon the dispatch of every Ship for England The Export Warehousekeeper do produce to the Board a Muster piece of every sortment of Cloth sent on such Ship, that such Musters be then packed in a Bale and distinguished as Musters of the Cargo of such particular Ship and be kept in the Warehouse to be referr'd to as Occasion may require.

Standing
 Order
 Muster
 ps. of every
 sortment
 sent home
 to be kept.

The Companys Merchants attending according to Order at the last Consultation an Account of their Ballances are now laid before the Board which being generally large, the Merchants are called upon seperately to give an account of the Cause of their being so And first.

Merchants
 Ballances
 enquired
 into.

Cheppermall Chittee and Servannah Chittee their Ballance/with what stands under the head of Linga Chittee deceased/ Chappermall's Father/amounts to about Fifty thousand /50,000/ Pagodas and they inform the Board that they have now ready to deliver in Coarse Goods about Twenty Thousand Pagodas/ 20,000/ and in fine about Three thousand five hundred Pagodas /3500/ That the remainder of their Ballances is in the Weavers hands and they expect to have about three parts ready in January and the remainder in a Month or two afterwards.

Cheppermall
 Chittee &
 Servannah
 Chittee.

Mootemar Chitty, The Ballance in his own Name, and that under his deceased Father Tellisinga's &c^a. Merchants, amount together to about Twenty three thousand /23,000/ Pagodas. He is called in and acquaints the Board that he has ready in Coarse Goods about Five thousand /5000/ Pagodas that the remainder is advanced to the Weavers from whom he expects between five and six thousand Pagodas worth of Coarse & fine Goods in January and the remainder in two or three months afterwards.

Mootemar
 Chitty.

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Nella Chitty.

NELLA CHITTY is next called in, his Ballance is Ten thousand five hundred Pagodas (10,500), and he informs the Board that he has ready for sorting in Coarse Goods about One thousand eight hundred (1800) Pagodas and in fine about Eight hundred (800) Pagodas that the remainder of his Ballance is dispersed amongst the Weavers & he expects to get in about Five thousand (5,000) Pagodas worth of Coarse & fine Goods by January and the rest in two or three Months.

Gundaveddy
Vancata
Ramah.

GUNDAVEDDY VANCATA RAMAH has outstanding Eight thousand two hundred Pagodas (8,200) and he informs the Board that he has ready to deliver in to the value of One thousand four hundred (1,400) Pagodas and Eight hundred (800) Pagodas in fine that the remainder is in the Weavers hands and he expects to get about Three thousand (3,000) Pagodas worth of Goods Coarse & fine in January and the remainder in two or three months afterwards.

Bussopah
Chitty.

BUSSOPAH CHITTY. This a new Merchant and had his first advance of Five thousand (5,000) Pagodas in May for which sum he still stands a Debtor, but the Warehousekeeper informs the Board that he has lately delivered in Coarse Goods to the value of Three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas (3750) and he acquaints the Board that he has ready for sorting in fine about One thousand five hundred (1,500) Pagodas which being more than the sum advanced him the Board commend his diligence and assure him of all fitting encouragement.

Sunca
Ramah &
Ambala-
toddy
Chitty.

SUNCA RAMAH & AMBALATODDY CHITTY are called for, but have neglected attending according to Order. Their Ballances appears to be Twelve thousand six hundred and forty nine Pagodas (12,649) and the Export Warehousekeeper informs the Board that no dependance can be had on their performance for that they have not brought in above Two thousand (2,000) Pagodas worth of Goods for these two years past. ORDER'D that they attend the Board at the next Consultation.

GEORGE PIGOT.

HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

JOHN PYBUS.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.

HENRY VANSITTART.

TUESDAY
THE 28TH.

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops at the Mount.

Mr. Norris Indisposed.

The Book of Standing orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the three last Consultations dated the 21st, 22^d and 24th Instant read and Sign'd.

Mr. Smith reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

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Pursuant to order of Consultation the 24th. Instant Sunca Vencaty Ramah and Ambalatoddy Chitty Companys Merchants having been summoned to attend the Board this day, Sunca Ramah (the other being in the Country) as now called in and question'd in regard to his Ballance and his backwardness in bringing in Cloth and his Answers not being in any wise satisfactory to the Board of his attention to his Duty & the Companys Interest by bringing in very speedily to a large amount in good Cloth he may be assured that no further Indulgence will be shown him but that the payment of his whole Ballance in ready Money will be insisted on and himself rendered incapable of serving the Company as a Merchant, he promises faithfully to deliver in, in January to the value of Two thousand five hundred Pagodas (2,500) in good Cloth and One thousand five hundred Pagodas (1,500) more by the end of February and the remainder of his Ballance by the end of April, and at the same time requests that he may be allowed the Sum which the Company order'd to be repaid him in consideration of a like sum which his deceased Father had been compell'd to pay to the Company as a fine for non-performance of Contracts. Upon recourses had to the General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 7th May 1746 Paragraph 47 it appears that they are pleas'd to order the sum of Four thousand two hundred and eighty nine Pagodas eighteen fanams to be repaid him on that account ORDER'D therefore that the said sum be placed to the Credit of his account and upon his promise to clear off the remainder at the times above-mentioned, the Board cannot to indulge him but in case of failure will rigorously demand the clearance of his Account in ready money.

Sunca Ramah examined touching his Ballance.

promises to clear the whole by the end of April.

he is to be credited for a sum as ~~the~~ Companys order.

Letter from Major Polier read as entered hereafter some parts of which appearing exceptionable, ORDER'D that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further Considered.

Letter from Major Polier to lye on the Table.

Letter from Mess^{rs}. Turing, Wilson and Hancock, Surgeons read as enter'd hereafter containing a plan for the better regulating the Hospital pursuant to order of Consultation the 19th. Instant ORDER'D that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further considered.

Letter from Surgeons to lye on the Table.

Pursuant to order of Consultation the 16th. Instant a state of the Treasury is now laid before the Board whereby it appears that the whole remains amount to about Three Lacks of Pagodas and two Lacks of Rupees which it is computed may be sufficient for the Expences of this Presidency for five or six months not reck'ning Batta to the Troops should they take the Field or any Advances for the Investment.

State of the Treasury considered

RESOLV'D

THAT as most of the Merchant have considerable Ballances in hand and it is uncertain what supplies of Treasure may be sent Us from Bengal, no advances be made on Account of the Investment untill We receive advices from Bengal.

No advances to be made for the Investment till receipt of advices from Bengal.

M^r. Powney late Export Warehousekeeper and M^r. Perceval the present Export Warehousekeeper lay before the Board an account remains in that employ the 31st October delivered over by the former to the latter duely signed by them, which is ordered to be deposited in the Accountants Office.

Account remains of Export WareHouse as deliver'd over 31st October produced.

M^r. Powney late Import Warehousekeeper and M^r. VanSittart the present Import Warehousekeeper lay before the Board an account remains in that employ the 31st October deliver'd over by the former to the latter, duly signed by them, which is order'd to be deposited in the Accountant's Office.

Do. Import Warehouse.

Letter from Mess^{rs}. Henry Powney & Henry VanSittart read as enter'd hereafter setting forth that in delivering over the remains of the Import Warehouse from the former to the latter they found among the Woollen Goods several pieces Worm eaten and damaged a particular account of which they annex.

Account of damaged Woollen Goods reported.

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ORDER'D

To be sold
the 16th
December.

That the same damaged Goods be sold at Outcry for what they will fetch on Saturday the 16th December.

ORDER'D

Company to
pay for 1st
Cloathing
the Troopers
Off reck'n-
ings for the
Capt. to
commence

That the first Cloathing of the Troopers be paid for by the Company that their Off Reck'nings be stopt for the Company till the first of January next, and from thence forward that they be Cloathed by the Captain who is to receive the Off Reck'nings agreeable to the Companys Regulation & the order of Council the 13th August last.

1 Jany. next.
Money paid
in by the
Owners
of the
Grampus
Tender.

The Owners of the Grampus Tender pay in One hundred and eight Pagodas one fanam and fifty Cash (108. 1.50) for Freight of sundry Articles part of the Grampus's Cargo laden on the Honble Companys Ship Duke valued at Three-thousand six hundred and one Pagodas eighteen fanams (3,601.18.—) at the usual Freight of three $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent.

Sd owners
called upon
to pay an
advance
made at
Marlbro' on
their
account.
They will
repay at
Marlbro'.

The Owners of the Grampus Tender being also called upon for the payment of Eight hundred and fifty two Spanish D[. . .] three succas and thirty Cash (852. 3. 30) paid out of the Company's Cash at Marlbro' for the hire of the Tryal Sloop to bring advices of the Grampus Tender as $\frac{1}{2}$ General Letter 8th August 1757 N^o. 113 and 23^d January 1758 N^o. 49 and separte account in the Packet Duke N^o. 18. The President for the said Owners acquaints the Board that they will order the said sum to be repaid into the Company's Cash at Marlbro' out of part of the Grampus Cargo still remaining at Marlbro'.

Field
officers
report that
town Major
&c^a. are
unnecessary.

It having been refer'd to Colonel Lawrence, Colonel Draper and the other Field Officers, in Consultation the 15th Instant, to consider whether, the Town Major, Adjutants, Quarter Masters or any of them can be dispensed with, the President acquaints the Board that those Gentlemen have desired him to report that they think all those Officers are necessary and that even more would be required in case of a seige.

Ensign
Sparkes &
Wilson
resign.

The President also reports to the Board that Ensign Sparkes has resign'd his Commission on account of some Misconduct for which he did not chuse to appear at a Court Martial & the other Officers refused to rank with him and that Ensign Wilson has also resigned his Commission rather than appear before a Court Martial for Misbehaviour upon a March and Disrespect to his Superior Officer.

Batta on
Exchange
of Pagodas
paid in.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in forty two thousand fanams (42,000) amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to Eleven hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (1,166. 24) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Seven thousand Pagodas into fanams this Month at the rate of forty two fanams $\frac{1}{2}$ Pagoda and brought to account at the rate of thirty six fanams $\frac{1}{2}$ Pagoda.

Money paid
in by the
Sea Custo-
mer.
Land Custo-
mer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in two thousand three hundred Pagodas (2,300) on his running Account.

Storekeeper.

Henry Powney late Land Customer pays in four hundred and fifty four Pagodas twenty six fanams and fifty seven Cash (454. 26. 57) for the October Ballance of that Account.

Import
Warehouse
keeper.

John Smith Storekeeper pays in Three thousand five hundred Pagodas (3,500) on that Account.

Mr. Andrews
Ballance of
Bandarma-
lanka
Books.

Henry VanSittart Import Warehousekeeper pays in Seven hundred (700) Pagodas on his running Account.

The Attorney for M^r. John Andrews late Resident at Bandarmalanka pays in three thousand five hundred and sixty four Pagodas twenty eight fanams and fifty one Cash (3,564. 28. 51) which appears to be due from him to the Company by his Books adjusted as $\frac{1}{2}$ order of Consultation the 18th. Instant.

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AGREED that Eighteen hundred (1,800) Rupees be paid to the Reverend Father Severine and M^{rs}. Antonia Carvalho de Medeiros for Twelve months Interest due the 20th. Instant on Thirty thousand Arcot Rupees (30,000) deposited in the Company's Cash at six ̄ Cent. Interest to Severine & Medeiros paid.

And that the following advances be made Advances to

To M^r. John Smith Four thousand five hundred (4,500) Pagodas to purchase Garrison Provisions. Mr. Smith for Garrison provision.

To the Commissary Twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees for the Charges of that employ. Commissary.

To the Military Storekeeper Fifteen hundred (1,500) Pagodas for the Charges of that employ. Military Store-keeper.

To the Paymaster Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas for the Charges of that employ. Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas for the charges of that employ. AND Military Paymaster.

To the Grainkeeper One thousand Eight hundred and sixty Pagodas (1,860) to pay for Grain purchased out of the Speedwell. Grainkeeper.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

I received from M^r. Secretary DuPre' the 13th. Instant by your order an Extract of the 13th Paragraph of the General Letter from the Court of the Directors, dated the 18th March last, which is sent to me (as I suppose) that I may intimate to you my intention as to the Option which the Directors are pleased to give to me, either of my going to Bengal to succeed Major Kilpatrick; or of staying here to Execute the Commission which I have already the honor to bear as Major of Fort S^r. George and of the Companys Forces upon this Coast.

This Honor which the Court of Directors have been pleased to do to me upon this occasion (Distinguished as it is with Justice and particular mark of their confidence in my Zeal for the Service of the Company) demands from me an early & the most sincere acknowledgment of my Gratitude to them, and at the same time that I have the satisfaction of Conveying thro' your Channel this my sense of their generous regard for that attention to their service which I have endeavor'd to shew since I have had the Honor of bearing their Commission; It is also a Duty in one to observe to you that this Resolution of the Court of Directors, carries in it a degree of Justice with regard to me which deserves your particular notice, for my having been originally on the Bengal Establishment and sent there only upon a Temporative Duty, ought to have determined you Gentlemen above two years (if you had the same regard for regularity in the Company Military Affairs which the Court of Directors shew now) to have sent me back again to Bengal my Establishment with Major Kilpatrick or afterwards with Colonel Clive instead of giving me the Mortification to see myself and my Company so unjustly treated as to have the Youngest

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Swiss Captain & Company sent with Colonel Clive in preference to mine which was not only of Bengal Settlement but also the Senior according my rank, and if according all the Justice I had been sent to Bengal (and God had preserved my Life) my being upon the spot when Major Killpatrick died would have prevented your putting the Company at the Expence of the sum of money which you thought proper to allow to Major Ford as a Gratuity for his leaving the Kings Service and intering into that of the Company as Major of the Bengal Establishment.

But now Gentlemen that some Declaration of my Intentions as my going to Bengal or staying here seems to be expected from me, altho' I must first take the Liberty to confess to you that the Injustice which was done to me in keeping me from that establishment to which I belon'd, The scornfull manner in which I have been used for some years ago, and most since the arrival of my Commission of Major, particularly in my not being called to the Council, altho' the Court of Directors have ordered that I shall fill the same place at the Board as my Predecessors in Office have done when any Military Affairs are under Deliberation (and that there must have been business of that nature before the Council after the arrival of my Commission and before I was sent to Fort S^t. David, can hardly be doubted) added to the disregard which I think I may truly say was shewn from the Presidency to the Preparations and Works which were suggested by me at Fort S^t. David for putting the Place in a better state of defence before it came too late. These Considerations I say had made me resolve to ask you Gentlemen for my Dismission and for the leave to go to Europe by the first Ship, rather than stay any longer upon this Coast, as soon as I should have cleared my Character as to my Province in the Defence of Fort S^t. David. Tho' I can assure you that it was with the utmost reluctance that I came to such Resolution, as my hearty Zeal and unfeigned regard for the Companys Service, and my Gratitude to the Honble Directors for the Justice which they have always done to me, pressed me very strongly not to leave the Service when Our Enemy were in the Field, and the regard which I owe to my own Reputation suggested to me that such stept might also give a handle for some Reflection upon my honor, to such as were not acquainted with my real situation, and whole prejudice or Partiality might prevent their judging with Candor, Yet notwithstanding my having made such Reflection, and that the only thing which stood in the way for my putting it into Execution (the Enquiry into my Conduct at Fort S^t. David) is now ended to my satisfaction & Honor and according my Expectation from the Justice and Capacity of the President and Gentlemen Members of the said Court of Enquiry. The present Circumstances of Affairs, while over Enemys are approaching so near, and the Consideration, that the Option which is given one by the Court of Directors will soon put in my power to shew my Gratitude to them, and to preserve my own honor without leaving the Service of the Company. It is my Intention for the present to enter again immediately upon the Duty of my Office as Major of Fort S^t. George Garrison and of the Companys Forces upon this Coast. which I have the honor to intimate to you, as I shall also, to signify the same to Colonel Lawrence the Commander in Chief, and when the Season for the going down of the Ships to Bengal does arrive I shall then have the Honor to intimate to you the Resolution which it may be most proper for me to form as to the Option which the Court of Directors are pleased to give to me of going down thither to take the Command of the Forces upon that Establishment, or of staying here.

I have the honor to be with
great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,

P. POLIER DE BOTTENS.

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
THE 23^d NOVEMBER 1758.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE FIGOT ESQ^a,
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

In Consequence of your order of November the 9th requiring us to lay before you a Plan for the better regulating the Hon[']ble Company's Hospital &c^a.

We humbly propose

1. That in the first place the Hospital be divided into the following Wards to Wit.

A Ward for Fevers
 One Ditto for Fluxes
 One Ditto for Veneral Patients not under a Salivation
 A Salivating Room
 A Ward for Invalids & Incurables
 A Ward for Malignant Fevers Small Pox &c^a.
 A Room for Operations
 A Dispensary or Shop
 A Room for Hospital Cloathing
 A Bathing Room

2^{dly} That the whole Hospital be furnished with Rattan Cotts well made and strong; of the Dimensions of six feet by three including Frame.

3^{dly} That every Man be examined by the Surgeon or one of the Assistants on his Admission, & Lodged in his proper ward.

4^{thly} That he be furnished by the Steward with a Cott two Quilts a Pillow and a Suit of Hospital Cloaths; that is, a Gown, Cap, Shirt and Drawers: likewise with Earthen Ware for to hold his provision &c^a.

5^{thly} That the Cap, Shirt, & Drawers be changed at a set time twice a Week to wit on Sundays & Wednesdays; and the Gown, Quilts and Pillow once a Week to wit, every Sunday; unless when judged improperly the Surgeon in Salivations or otherwise.

6^{thly} That no Changes be delivered unless on receipt of the former free from Damages, except what may be reasonably allowed for the time of wear.

7^{thly} That every Man on receiving his discharge shall deliver up his Cot, Quilts, Pillow & Cloaths to the Steward of the Hospital free from Damages, unless what may be allowed for as in the preceeding Article or that otherwise he pay a fine to make good the Damage.

8^{thly} That nothing in the above Articles shall extend to what Changes the Surgeon may think necessary to order; particularly in Fluxes & Wounds.

9^{thly} That the Sick in fevers be allowed—

For Breakfast, Rice half a Seer for each Man made into thick Conjee, and half a seer of Milk added to it.

For Dinner Rice one Seer, or white Bread nine Ounces each Man & a quarter of Mutton for two, to be made into Broth with Greens & Proper seasoning.

For Supper Rice half a Seer made into Conjee with Milk as for Breakfast, and a Glass of Madeira Wine added to it when the Fever is on the decline Or when the Surgeon shall think proper, Sago three Ounces, boil'd up with water & the like quantity of Milk & Wine added to it For the use of the Day in Tea & Sugar two Ounces and then Conjee Acidulated with Tamarind for Drink.

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- 10th. That the Sick in Fluxes be allowed—
 For Breakfast Conjee with Milk as in fevers.
 For Dinner, Rice one Seer or Bread nine Ounces with Mutton or Chicken broth according as the Surgeon may think necessary, a Chicken being allowed for each Man and a Quarter of Mutton for two.
 For Supper, Conjee, or Sago with Milk as in Fevers with or without Wine according to the State of the Patient and Disease.
 For the use of the Day in Tea &c^a. Sugar two Ounces and plain Conjee for Drink, or Acidulated with Tamarind according to the nature of the Disease.
11. That the sick in the Venereal Disease when in a Salivation be allowed—
 For Breakfast, Conjee with Milk as in Fevers.
 For Dinner Bread nine Ounces, Mutton or Chicken Broth, a quarter to make broth for two & a Chicken for One.
 For Supper Conjee or Sago with Milk as in fevers, or Chicken broth according as the Surgeon shall think necessary for the support of the Patient.
 For the use of the day in Tea & Sugar two Ounces Milk half a Seer and for Drink a small Decoction of China root with Liquorice &c^a.
12. That the Sick in the Venereal Disease not under a Salivation be allowed—
 For Breakfast, Conjee with Milk as in fevers or Milk one Seer according to the State of the Disease.
 For Dinner Rice one seer, or Bread nine Ounces and a quarter of Mutton to be made into broth for two, or Milk two Seer instead of the latter for each Man ; to be eat with the Bread or boiled with the Rice.
 For Supper Conjee with Milk as in fevers, or Milk one seer.
 For the use of the day in Tea & Sugar two Ounces, Milk half a seer. Emollient Ptisan or the Decoction as in the preceeding article for Drink.
- 13th That the Sick in Rheumatisms Ulcers, &c^a. be allowed—
 For Breakfast, Dinner and Supper, as for Venereal Patients when not under a Salivation.
- 14th That the Wounded Sick shall be allowed for as in fevers.
- 15th That the sick shall not be entitled to any Money from the Steward in Lieu of the Provisions alloted them ; nor to Changes of one thing for another.
16. That there be a large Cookroom, to dress the Provisions for the Sick, and that none of them shall on any pretence, as into the Cookroom to disturb the Cooks in their Office ; or take away any thing, but what is regularly delivered to them at the Door, at the proper Hours of serving out the Messes.
- 17th That there be a separate Cookroom, to Boil Drinks, fomentations &c^a. for the Sick & to warm their Tea &c^a.
18. That one of the principal Surgeons shall attend every Morning at the Hospital to examine into the Complaints of the Sick to order what is necessary for them and to perform or see performed all Capital Operations.
- 19th That two Assistant Surgeons, at least, shall attend in the like manner, to assist the Surgeon in Chirurgical Operation ; and to attend to the dressing of Wounds, Ulcers &c^a. and that whatever Patient any one of them undertakes at first, he continue to dress the same through the whole Cure.
- 20th That two under Assistants, or Dubashes be constantly entertained to make & prepare Dressings &c^a.

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21st That an Assistant be entertain'd as Apothecary to make up & dispense all Medicines and that he have two Coolies assigned him to beat the Mortar, Give Injections &c^s.

22^d That one Cooley be employed to wash Bandages and to attend with a Basket to carry off the dirty dressings.

23^d That there be a head Cook, & two Assistants to dress the Hospital provisions.

24th That there be a Cooley Cook to Boil drinks for the Sick; and three more to boil fomentations; and to attend with them where Ordered twice a day.

25th That there be two Coolies to attend in each Ward where there are above ten Men and three where above twenty.

26th That there be three Coolies to attend in the Salivating Room.

27th That there be two Extraordinary Coolies to attend on people dangerously Ill.

28th That there be six Totchey Women to clean out the Wards & to sweep the whole Hospital twice a day; that is before eight in the Morning and before four in the Evening.

29th That there be three Pack fellows to clean out the Pans and Close stools twice a day at the same Hours.

30th That there be a head Cooley who shall move immediately Superintended the Conduct of the others & be accountable for the same.

31st That eighteen or twenty Women be employ'd to furnish the Hospital with Water.

32^d That the Surgeon, or One of the Assistants, dress, or see dress'd all Wounds or Ulcers once a day except it be otherwise Ordered.

33^d That the Assistants go the Rounds morning and Evening & see that the Coolies do their duty & the sick take their Medicines.

34th That if the Sick have any Cause of Complaint as to any of the aforesaid Articles, or think themselves neglected by the Cooleys, They are to make their application to the Surgeon or Assistants for Redress.

35th That if the sick refuse to conform to the necessary Orders given for their Recovery they are to be dismiss'd the Hospital with a Note signifying the Cause of their dismissal, and tried for the same at a Court Martial.

36th That if they beat the Coolies on any pretence whatsoever abuse the Assistants, they are to be dismissed under a Guard & tried for the same at a Court Martial.

37th That there shall be European Centinels placed at the Hospital Gate who are not to permit any of the Sick to go abroad unless by leave obtain'd of the Surgeon, or Assistants, and then only in their Hospital Cloaths.

38th That if any of the Sick are found abroad without leave especially after the Retreat beating they shall be liable to be taken up & tried at a Court Martial for an intention of deserting.

39th That there be a Steward appointed to the Hospital with two or more Conicopies under him; who shall receive and be accountable for all Hospital Stores, Cots, Cloathing and other Utensils necessary for the Sick not immediately appertaining to the Surgeon or Apothecary Branch. That for [. . .] fanams a day he shall furnish the sick with the provisions allotted them good of their kind and properly dressed, likewise, Pots, Pans, Lamp Oil & Firewood for all the purposes of the Hospital. That he, or his Assistants, shall see the provisions served out at the proper hours, Morning noon & Night. That he draw pay for and pay all the Servants in the Hospital exclusive of the two under Assistants, and the Apothecary That he take care they give due Attendance on the Sick, but that he shall not Discharge, entertain a new or

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punish any of them without leave obtain'd & by the Direction of the Surgeon. It shall be a part of the Office likewise to keep a Register of the Sick, the times of their Admissions, & Discharge, or Death, and to make out all Discharges and Reports both General and particular.

40th That a Baker to bake Bread a Compradore and four Peons distinguished by Badges be allowed to attend the Steward to assist him in procuring provisions and other Necessaries for the Sick.

41. That all the above Rules be hung up in the most publick part of the Hospital & the observance of them enforced by an Order of the President & Council.

42. Having now laid before you every thing that at present occurs to us for the better regulating of the Hospital we think it incumbent on us here to remark that the expence attending the same is greatly Augmented by the Number of the Military infected with the Veneral Disease which one month with another may amount to near half of the Sick. Many of those lose their Lives by the disorder and many more are enfeebled & worn out by long and repeated Illnesses to the great detriment of the Service which Circumstance we submit to your Consideration and hope some measures will be taken to put a stop to the further progress of so Destructive a Malady We likewise beg leave to offer in this place a few Articles which we apprehend to be necessary for the better Oeconomy of the shop & the Preservation of the Medicinal & Chirurgical Stores in Garrison

AND FIRST

43. We are humbly of Opinion That there ought to be a large Store Room filled up for the Reception of both European & Country Medicines, when it shall be thought necessary to lay in a Stock of the latter likewise a Godown for the Hospital Stores not immediately in use.

44. 2^{dly} That adjoining to the former there shall be a shop properly filled up with a Counter shelves &c^a. and that it be furnished with Medicines for the use of the Garrison out of the Stores.

45. 3^{dly} That one of the Surgeons shall be appointed Storekeeper and Surgeon General with a proper Salary whose business it shall be (by and with the advice of the other Garrison Surgeons) to make out all Indent for Medicinal Stores Instruments, Utensils, Cots, Cloathing &c^a. to receive & be accountable for the sum & to take care that the Army Hospital & Garrison be duely supply'd but that nothing be delivered out but by Indent sign'd by the Surgeon attending in each Department, which if he can comply with, He shall Undersign the same, or signify his reasons to the Contrary to the Governor & Council from whom he shall receive his final Orders. Lastly he shall be Consulted about all persons entertained here, in the Medical way and about all purchases of Medicines, Instruments, and the like. That the Company may not be put to an unnecessary Expence.

46. 4^{thly} That there shall be an Assistant Surgeon & an Apothecary to attend the Shop with a Cooley to beat the Mortar all under the direction of the Surgeon General That they shall make up & dispense all such Medicines there as any of the Garrison Surgeons think fit to order for the sick.

47. 5^{thly} That there shall be Appartments adjoining to the Shop with Cook Room Yard & other Conveniences for the Assistant Surgeon and Apothecary. That they may be ready on all Calls.

48. 6^{thly} That if any of the Garrison Surgeons, for their more Convenience think fit to keep a few Medicines at their Houses. They shall be properly supplied with the same on Indent or reasons Assigned as above to the contrary.

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

JOHN PYBUS.

HENRY VANSITTART.

M^r. POWNEY Absent Indisposed.

Colonel Lawrence with the Troops at the Mount.

M^r. Norris—Indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th November read & Signed.

The Military Paymaster desires the direction of the Board concerning the Commencement of Pay to the Baron de Vasserot as Captain of the Troop, and also the pay of the Farrier.

ORDER'D.

That their pay be reckon'd from the 5th of February last the day of their arrival at Bengal and paid accordingly.

Pursuant to order of Consultation the 22^d Ultimo a Letter from M^r. Robert Holford Master of the Hon^{ble} Company Sloop Good Intent is now laid before the Board and read containing an Account of the Defects of the said Sloop and an Estimate of the Charge of repairing and fitting her for the Sea which he computes at One hundred and fifty or Two hundred Pagodas representing also that at the time of his taking Charge of the Sloop he was in a good employ which he quitted much to the prejudice of his private concern without view of Interest and from no other Motive than that of serving his Country and the Company, that he is now desirous of quitting the Command of the Sloop and shall think his Services sufficiently rewarded if they meet with the approbation of this Board.

The Board being of Opinion that the Sloop is not worth refitting ORDER'D that she be sold at Outcry for what she will fetch and the Secretary is ordered to write to M^r. Brooke to sell her accordingly And in regard to Captain Holford's representation of his Services the Board are well satisfied with them and think they entitle him to a preference on any future occasion.

Letter from the Surgeons containing their plan for regulating the Hospital, read at the last Consultation and then ordered to lye on the Table to be further Consider'd is now again read and Consider'd & the following Orders made thereon, Paragraph by Paragraph Viz^t.

Para 1 to 17. Approved and Order'd accordingly.

18 & 19. That two of the Principal Surgeons and two Assistant Surgeons attend at the Hospital every morning for the purposes express'd in their Paragraphs and that one Principal Surgeon and one Assistant be reliev'd every two months.

20 to 36. Approved and Order'd accordingly.

37. That such Centinels be appointed from time to time as the Service may best admit.

38. Approved and Order'd accordingly.

39. That a Steward be appointed for all the purposes expressed in this Paragraph, except for furnishing provisions which Service the Board are of Opinion may be best perform'd by publick Contract and to that end it is ORDER'D That the Secretary give publick Notice that the Board will receive

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Intent.The Sloop. to
be sold.Capt. Ho-
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plan for regu-
lating the
Hospital
considered
and ordered
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proposals at any time untill the 1st day of January next from any persons who may be inclined to Contract for Victualling the Hospital Companys Servants excepted conformable to the Companys order which prohibits their being Concern'd in any Contracts.

40. . . . Disapproved, as this will become a part of the Victualling Contract.

41. . . . Approved and Order'd accordingly.

42. . . . Messrs. Charles Bouchier, John Pybus and Henry Van-Sittart are appointed a Committee to consider of and form a plan with the Assistance of the Surgeons for preventing the Destructive Effects of the Malady complain'd of in this Paragraph.

43 & 44. . . . Approved and Order'd accordingly.

45. . . . That there be a Storekeeper General who is to have the Charge of all Medicines Drugs Chirurgical Instruments and Hospital Necessaries, that he keep a regular account of all Receipts and Issues and for that purpose that a Clerk or Writer be appointed to assist him, That when any supplies of Medicines, Drugs, Utensils &c^a. are wanted the Storekeeper General do Indent to the President & Council for the same That the Hospital be supplied from time to time out of the Storehouse by Indent signed by the principal Surgeons, with all Medicines and necessarys, and that the Hospital Steward & Hospital Apothecary do account with the Storekeeper for all Articles delivered under their Charges respectively and that the Storekeeper General alone do render an Account to the President & Council of all that shall have come under his care for all which services he is to have the same Salary & Allowances as a principal Surgeon.

46. . . . That there be two Mates or Assistants who are to make up and dispense all such Medicines as shall be ordered by the principal Surgeons and to attend all calls in Garrison, and that one or more Cooleys be allowed to the Shop to beat the Mortar & for other Services.

47 Approved and Order'd accordingly

48 & 49 Disapproved being unnecessary as proper Assistants are appointed to the Apothecarys shop who are to be ready at all calls to Issue such Medicines as the Principal Surgeons may order, and for other Garrison Service.

AGREED that Twenty thousand Pagodas be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that employ.

Advance to
the Commis-
sary.

GEORGE PIGOT.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

M^r. DuPre' having Intimated to me your Hon^{rs} desire of being acquainted with the Defects & state of the Sloop Good Intent now lying ashore at Puliacat, I now lay the same before your Honors according to the best of my Judgment.

The Sloops Hull and upper works are in want of some little Carpenters work but not to be any great expence or take much time in doing, she is sheathed but her bottom & Upper works will want to be well caulk'd, the Rudder is but very indifferent & the Irons much worse, but yet not so bad but they can be repaired she is in want of a Europe Hawser of about 5 Inches for Shrowds and

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two Coils of Europe Cordage 2½ Inch for sundry uses likewise eight Bolts of Canvas what may be procurable for Sails what she has being but very Indifferent she is likewise in want of two Coir Hawasers of seven inches for to ride with. As the above particulars are the chief Articles the Sloop is in want of I take the liberty to acquaint your Honors that I judge fitting her as is necessary for the Sea will amount from 150 to 200 Pagodas.

Having laid before your Honors a full state of the present condition of the said Sloop I cannot help observing to your Honors that at the time I undertook the care of the said Sloop at Negapatam, I was in an employ where I could expect many more advantages than could possibly accrue to me in the Sloop Good Intent, but the Zeal of being thought capable of serving my Country and the Honorable Company (whom I have often served in Critical time without the least view of Interest) fully determined me to undertake the Command of the said Sloop, & proceed in her upon the Cruize she was ordered, Though not without the risque of my Life & the neglecting of my own private Concerns (by which I have been a great sufferer) the Sloop was in want of the most necessary Repairs, which was fully proved by the loss of my Rudder upon my first sailing from Negapatam, and several other Incidents that happen'd during the Cruize as I am now desirous of Quitting the Command of the said Sloop I hope I shall have your Honours consent, and shall think myself sufficiently rewarded for my Service if they meet with this Honourable Boards approbation being all that is aimed at by

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

ROBERT HOLFORD.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL

JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

JOHN PYBUS.

HENRY VANSITTART.

TUESDAY
THE 5TH.

Colonel Lawrence absent with the Troops at the Mount.

Mr. Norris do. Indisposed.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 1st. Instant read & Sign'd.

Hospital
reported.

Mr. Bouchier reports that he has visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

Mayor &
Aldermen
present two
of their
Body.

This being the first Tuesday in December where according to the Charter the Mayor and Aldermen are to elect two of their Body and present them to the President & Council who are to chuse one of them to be Mayor for the ensuing year: The Mayor and Aldermen having signified by a Message that they are ready to make such presentation they are introduced and Samuel Ardley Esq^r. the present Mayor acquaints the Board that the Mayor and Aldermen have chosen Mr. Charles Turner one of the Aldermen of the said Court and himself (Samuel Ardley) who are now presented accordingly.

Mr. Charles
Turner
chosen
Mayor for
the ensuing
year.

The Mayor and Aldermen being withdrawn and the Board proceeding immediately to the Election of one of the Gentlemen presented Mr. Charles Turner is unanimously chosen to be Mayor of Madraspatnam &c^a. for the Year ensuing.

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This being also the day appointed by the Charter for the Election of a new Sheriff M^r. Henry Eustace Johnson is now unanimously chosen to be Sheriff for the year ensuing.

Mr. H. E. Johnson chosen Sheriff.

ORDER'D that the usual Notice Be given.

Letter from M^r. Robert Turing read as enter'd hereafter setting forth that the 24 February 1751/2 he paid into the Companys Cash ^{P. F. C.} 488 25 67 on account of the Estate of Captain Lewis Tornery for which Certificates were granted to him payable to M^r. James Hugoney one of which Certificates was sent home but has been lost as are also those which remain'd here, requesting therefore fresh Certificates or such other Assistance as the Board shall think fit to enable the Heirs of the said Tornery to receive the money from the Company at home.

Letter from Mr. Turing desiring fresh Certificates for money paid in 1751 account of Tornery.

Upon recourse to the Minutes of Consultation and the Cash Account it appears that the 24th February 1751/2 the said Sum was paid in by M^r. Turing and Certificates granted him for the same on Account the Estate of Lewis Tornery deceased.

AGREED that an attested Copy of the Minute of Consultation and of the entry in the Cash Account be given to M^r. Turing for the purposes he desires.

Attested Extracts to be given him.

Pursuant to order of Consultation the 13th September M^r. Pybus Assay Master lays before the Board/as enter'd hereafter/an account of the method of Conducting the Business of the Mint so far as respects the Coinage of Gold, which Method being defective, as is proved by the Fraud detected and reported by the Assay Master in Consultation the 13th September, the matter now considered is, whether any, and what other means may more effectually prevent the like in future, and upon the whole the Board do not see that the Method of receiving, flatting and preparing the Muster for Assay can admit of any further Check in the several Operations but what may be still liable to the same Objection as the present Method, the dishonesty of the persons employ'd, but it does appear to the Board that even should any frauds be committed by the Mint Servants in the Coinage, yet the Issuing of bad money from the Mint might be prevented by making a third Assay after the Pagodas are coin'd, The following method is therefore order'd to be observ'd in future Viz^t., When the Merchant brings his Gold to the Mint let a peice of Pagoda weight be taken for Musters and be cut into two peices, let one of these be put in a paper and Seal'd with the Merchants Seal and remain in the Custody of the Assay Master till the third Assay hereafter mention'd be compleated, and then be return'd to the Merchant with his Pagodas if they turn out right, let the other part be Assay'd in the usual manner ; let the Second Assay after melting the Gold with the addition of Allay or fine Gold to bring it to its proper Standard be also made as usual after the Pagodas are all Coin'd let the whole be produced to the Assay Master who will take one or more indiscriminately from the parcell and carefully make another Assay and if upon this last Assay the Pagodas are found of their proper Standard they may then be Issued, but if they appear to be debased the Assay Master is to keep them in his possession and Assay the piece of the first Muster taken and kept under the Merchants Seal as above directed, and if that turn out agreeable to his first Assay and no mistake appear in the Calculation made thereon of the quantity of Allay or fine Gold added, it must follow that some fraud has been committed in the Mint, which the Assay Master is to report to the Board for their Orders.

Report from the Assay Master concerning the conducting the Mint Business.

Resolution thereon.

A question arising hereon who shall be answerable in case the Merchants Gold shall appear to have been exchanged or debased in the Mint, the Board are of Opinion that the Mint Master is Answerable for the Frauds of the Mint Servants and the President as Mint Master does undertake to be answerable accordingly.

The Mint Master answerable for the Mint Servants

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Messrs.
Smith
Bourchier
& VanSittart to
examine the
persons
confined
for fraud
in the Mint
and report.

The Merchant and Mint Servants who were taken up and confined upon detection of the Fraud reported by the Assay Master in Consultation the 13th September being still in Custody Mess^{rs}. John Smith Charles Bourchier and Henry VanSittart are appointed a Committee to examine them and the Witnesses and report

Major Poliers
Letter
considered &
Resolution
thereon.

The Letter from Major Polier read in Consultation the 28th Ultimo and then order'd to lye on the Table to be further Consider'd being now again read and Consider'd. The President, observing that some of the Members of the Board have been long Absent and others newly called who may hereafter not be well informed of the particular treatment Major Polier has met with since his arrival at this Presidency, for their information therefore and by way of Answer to that part of Major Poliers Letter where he complains of having been treated Scornfully and with disregard. The President acquaints the Board that Major/then Captain/Polier arrived with his Company from Bengal the 2^d March 1753, Trichinopoly being then the scene of action where all our Troops were employ'd he march'd thither and remain'd under the Command of Colonel Lawrence untill October 1754 when Major Heron being sent out by the Company to Command their Forces on this Establishment went up to relieve Colonel Lawrence. When Major Heron was order'd to return to Madras the May following he was directed to leave the Army under the Command of Captain Polier who soon after march'd the whole to Escort the Nabob to Arcot. This service being performed he ask'd leave to come to Madras which was granted Upon his arrival he/the President/thanked him for his Services and good Conduct and asked him whether it would be more agreeable to him to return to the Command of the Army at Arcot, to remain in Madras, or to have the Command of one of the out Garrisons, He answer'd that his long Continuance in the Field had impaired his Constitution and he should therefore prefer the Command of one of the out Garrisons; accordingly he was sent to Chingleput and receiv'd the Command of that Garrison from Captain Gaupp the 26th August 1755, and there continued untill he marched to join the Army which took the Field under Colonel Adlercron in May 1757. While that Army was in Cantonments at Conjeveram it was thought necessary to send a Detachment to secure the Terpetty Feast and Captain Polier was appointed to Command the said Detachment, he was in this Command when his Commission as Major was received from England and did not return to Madras untill the 24th September, Colonel Lawrence being then here, Major Polier was appointed the beginning of November to Command at Fort S^t. David the second Settlement upon the Coast and which was even then threaten'd with an Attack. He was appointed to sit as Second of Council there in all debates upon Military Affairs and M^r. Wynch was enjoined to pay the greatest attention to his Opinion in all such matters. It is very true that the Select Committee with the advice of M^r. Engineer Call disapproved of an advanced Battery which Major Polier and Captain Hume recommended to be built on the North side of the Fort, the reasons for which disapproval will appear very fully in the proceeding of the said Committee the 29 November and 12 December 1757.

By the detail which the President has given to the Board of the Services in which Major Polier has been employed since his Arrival with his Company from Bengal, the Board do not think that he has any good Grounds for Complaining of unjust or scornfull treatment It does not appear that he made any application or offers to go to Bengal either with Major Killpatrick's or Colonel Clives Detachment, Indeed if he had, and it had been thought proper to relieve him from the Fort of Chingleput a post of no small Consequence which he then Commanded there might have arisen a very material Objection against the Companys being sent thither. It was of the utmost importance that the Troops detached to Bengal should be a Picked Body and whose Fidelity might be depended on,

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Major Poliers Company while there, had been remarkable for deserting and the Country being quite open does not admit of the necessary means for preventing it; Major Polier cannot but know that this was the principal reason why the Governor and Council of Bengal Ordered up his Company to the Coast. The Board think proper to offer thus much in answer to Major Poliers Complaints for the satisfaction of the Honble the Court of Directors, and are persuaded that they will approve and support the Resolution of the Board to order on all Detachments such Officers & Men as shall be judged most proper for the execution of the intended Service, and the Board do and shall regard as disrespectfull, all Complaints which any officer shall make to them on such Occassion, if couched in the Terms like those which Major Polier has thought proper to use. Upon the whole his Letter has more the Air of a Reproach than a representation, which the Board are willing to impute at least in part, to his inexperience of the English Language, by which he may not be sensible of all the force of the Expressions to which he has subscribed. The Board are willing therefore to give him an opportunity of receiving his Letter, and making such acknowledgment of his Error as the Nature of the offence demands and as the Board will insist on before they admit him to sit on any occasion as a Member thereof, or give him those marks of their Confidence and Esteem which his Rank would entitle him to and they would with pleasure shew him, did he on his part as chearfully observe that Respect he owes to this Board as Representatives of the Honble Court of Directors from whom he receiv'd his Commission.

It is the opinion of the Board that the Authority on which Major Polier was placed at Fort St. David was as great as the Nature of the Government which the East India Company have thought proper to establish in their Settlements would admit, Accordingly it appears that Mr. Wynch did in every thing conformable to his advice from the beginning of the Seige untill the surrender of the Fort to the Enemy.

If Major Polier thinks it belongs to him to Censure the Indulgences which may have been shewn to Colonel Forde, he should lay that Charge against the President & Council of Bengal. The mention he makes of it to this Board is ill placed & inconsiderate, as it will appear that Colonel Forde, so far from receiving any Bounty here, did not resign his Kings Commission or engage in the Companys Service here, Major Polier is therefore much to blame for taking up the time of this Board as well as his own at such a Juncture with matters which concern neither him nor them.

ORDER'D That a Copy of the foregoing Minute be given to Major Polier.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Twenty three thousand nine hundred and ninety two Pagodas seventeen fanams and forty Cash/23992. 17. 40/which is carried forward.

Novr. Cash
acct. read.

Vencaty Ramah Renter of Egmore &c^a. Villages pays in sixteen hundred Pagodas/1600/for twelve Months Rent of that due 31st August last.

Rent o.
Egmore
paid in.

Vencaty Ramah Renter of Perambore &c^a. Villages pays in fifteen hundred and fifty Pagodas/1550/for twelve Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st August last.

also of
Perambur.
12 Mos. In-
terest to be
paid Mrs.
Medeiros.

AGREED that Sixteen hundred Pagodas/1600/be paid to Mr^s. Antonia Carvalho de Medeiros for twelve Months Interest of 20,000 Pagodas borrowed of her on Bond at 8 3/4 cent due the 3^d Instant.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.

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HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.			Dr.			CONTRA.			Cr.				
	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1 To Ballance brought from last Month's Account ..	14,096	122,648	43	17,502	32	43	1	By the Mayors Court advanced for the charges of that Corporation this Month	70	—	70	—	—
8 To Sunea Vencaty Ramah Beetle & Tobacco Farmer received of him for one Months Rent due the 12 Ultimo	311	22,404	—	933	12	—	11	By the Commissary advanced M ^r . John Smith for the charges of that employ ..	15,000	..	15,000	—	—
11 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..	20,000	..	..	20,000	—	—	16	By Alexander Dalrymple Accountant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft Account the Cause Thomas Powney <i>versus</i> William Dunn	1,008	..	1,008	—	—
28 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..	20,000	..	..	20,000	—	—	18	By the Commissary advanced M ^r . John Smith for the Charges of that employ ..	..	72,000	—	2,000	—
To Ship Duke received of the Owners of the Grampus Tender for Freight of Sundries part of the Cargo of said Tender freighted from Fort Marlbro, on the Duke, valued at P. 3601. 18 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent	108	..	1 49	108	1	49	..	By DeveCotah paid a Bill drawn by M ^r . James Burchier late Chief dated 4 th June last to the order of M ^r . Dawsonne Drake & ordered in Consultation 29 September to be paid when presented	300	..	300	—	—
.. To the Sea Customer recd. of M ^r . Henry Powney on his running Account ..	2,300	..	..	2,300	—	—	28	By John Smith, advanced him to provide Garrison Provisions	4,500	..	4,500	—	—
.. To the Land Customer recd. of M ^r . Henry Powney for the October Ballance of that Account	264	6,866	57	454	26	57	..	By the Military Storekeeper advanced M ^r . Charles Burchier for the Charges of that employ	1,500	..	1,500	—	—
.. To the Storekeeper recd. of M ^r . John Smith on that Account	3,500	..	..	3,500	—	—	..	Carried over	22,378	72,000	—	24378	—
.. To the Import Warehouse-keeper recd. M ^r . Henry VanSittart on his running Account	650	1800	—	700	—	—							
Carried over	61,229	153,720	69	65,499	—	69							

Brought over ..	61229	153720	69	65499	—	69
.. To Maddapollam Factory recd. of M ^r . Josias duPre' Attorney for M ^r . John Andrews the Ballance of the Books of that Factory to the time of its Capture by the French with Charges afterwards as settled in Consultation the 18 th . Instant	3564	28	51	3564	28	51
.. To Batta for the produce of Pagodas 7000 Issued in the Course of the Month as ⌘ Contra and exchanged into Fanams at the rate of forty two fanams ⌘ Pagoda and brought to Account at the rate of 36 fanams ⌘ Pagoda		294000		8166	24	—
	<u>64793</u>	<u>447749</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>77230</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>40</u>

Brought over ..	22378	72000	—	24378	—	—
.. By the Paymaster advanced M ^r . Hugh Norris for the Charges of that employ ..	3000	252000	—	10000	—	—
.. By the Military Paymaster advanced M ^r . Hugh Norris for the Charges of that employ	10000	..		10000	—	—
.. By the Grainkeeper advanced M ^r . Charles Turner to pay for Grain purchased out of the Speedwell	1860	..		1860	—	—
.. By Batta Issued in the Course of the Month and Exchanged into Fanams as ⌘ Contra	7000	..		7000	—	—
	<u>44238</u>	<u>324000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>53238</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
.. By Batta Issued in the Course of the month and Exchanged into Fanams as ⌘ Contra.	20555	123749	40	23992	17	40
	<u>64793</u>	<u>447749</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>77230</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>40</u>

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

⌘ GEORGE PIGOT.

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HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

GENTLEMEN,

Having the 24th. February 1751/2 paid into the Honble Companys Cash the sum of 488 ^{P.} 25 ^{F.} 6 on account of the Estate of Captain Lewis Tornery and then received Certificates for the same payable to M^r. James Heugoney one of which Certificates I transmitted him home by the ship Elizabeth, but that by some means or other having miscarried, and those left with me being lost or mislaid I am to request your Honors will grant me fresh Certificates or such other Assistance you may think proper ; In order that the Heirs of the said Lewis Tornery may recover the said money, they having made Application for the same several times in vain, so that they are still kept out of the money, Your complying with this request will greatly oblige.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,

29TH NOVEMBER 1758.

ROBERT TURING.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Conformable to a Minute of Consultation the 13th. September last wherein I am directed to lay before the Board an account of the Process of the Coinage of Gold, I now present you with the following particulars relating to that Business as it has been Conducted/by the best Information I can get/ever since the first Establishment of a Mint Viz^t. A Merchant brings his Gold either in Cake or Bar to the Mint to be assayed and delivers it to the Mint Dubash to carry to the Assay master who gives directions for a Muster to be taken of it which is done by a Goldsmith constantly attending for that purpose at the Assay Office, in Presence of the Merchant and Mint Dubash a Muster being taken the Mint Dubash ties the Bar or Cake of Gold up in a Bag & seals it with the Assay master's Seal in his Custody, and delivers the Bag so sealed to the Merchant who owns the Gold. The Goldsmith then flats the Muster taken by him and cuts it in small peices which he delivers to the Mint Dubash who wraps them up in a peice of Paper wherein is wrote in Malabar the Merchants name to whom the Gold belonged the weight of the Bar or Cake from whence the Muster was taken, and the fineness the Merchant estimated it at himself. This Paper he brings to the Assaymaster, who then proceeds to the weighing and preparing the assay for the Furnace, which being done, he delivers it to the Refiner who having finished with it The Assaymaster reweighs the Assay, and writes on the Paper that contained the Muster, the outurn of it, which he gives to the Mint Dubash who acquaints the Merchant therewith. If the Merchant intends coining his Gold into Pagodas he acquaints the Assay master who having calculated the Proportion of Alloy or fine Gold necessary to be mixed with it according to the fineness sends the Mint Dubash & Mint Conicoply accompanied by the Merchant to the Gold Mint, to see the melting of it which is done by Goldsmiths employed by the Mint Undertakers for that purpose. A Muster of the Mass when melted is taken by the Mint Dubash, who puts the remainder into a Pot and seals it with the Assaymaster's Seal leaving the Pot in the Mint under charge of the Goldsmiths. The Muster being brought to be assay'd the same Process is repeated as already described with respect to the Muster first taken of the Cake. If this Muster turns out to be of the proper touch the Assaymaster gives directions for the Coinage. I am very Respectfully.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your very Obedient humble Servant,

JOHN PYBUS.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1758 —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERNOR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY. STRINGER LAWRENCE.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER. JOHN PYBUS.

” ” HENRY VANSITTART.

TUESDAY
THE 12TH

M^r. NORRIS Indisposed.

The Enemy having March'd this morning from the Mount and appear'd about day break upon Choultry plain Our Army after about two Hours Cannonading retir'd into Garrison and the Enemy encamp'd upon the Spot where our Troops were last night about a Mile and a half to the Southward of the Fort At the same time their advanced Guards were seen at the Garden House and Chepauk. The Village just on the side the Bar.

From these Motions it appearing to be the Enemys design to form immediately the Seige of Madras and the Board being of opinion that the necessary Orders for conducting the Defence cannot without great Inconvenience and delay be debated on and issued by the whole Council It is therefore unanimously AGREED to leave the Conduct of the Defence to the Governor, who with Colonel Lawrence is desir'd to take the assistance of the other Field Officers and the Engineer as often as may be requisite, and immediately to Issue the necessary Orders.

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S REVENUES AT FORT ST. GEORGE, 1758.

Farms. (1)	To whom let. (2)	Years.	Commencing. (3)	Ending. (4)	Term of Payment. (5)	Annual Rent. (6)
Arrack and Wine Licence.	Chinna Nella Chitty Vadomallah Pillah.	5	12 March 1757 ..	11 March 1762 ..	Monthly ..	7810 — —
Banksall Duty	Coilasiah	5	12 June 1757 ..	11 June 1762 ..	Half-yearly ..	1100 — —
Beetle & Tobacco	Sunca Vencaty Ramah.	5	12 March 1757 ..	11 March 1762 ..	Monthly ..	11200 — —
Company's old Garden ..	Choliapah	5	12 Dec ^r . 1756 ..	11 Dec ^r . 1761 ..	Half-yearly ..	266 — —
Egmore &c ^a Villages ..	Vencaty Ramah ..	5	1 Sep ^r . 1756 ..	31 Aug ^t . 1761 ..	Yearly ..	1600 — —
Measuring Duty	Sunca Vencata Ramah.	5	12 March 1757 ..	11 March 1762 ..	2 Months ..	1600 — —
Paddy Fields & Salt Pans.	Poombavay Vellapah.	5	12 Dec ^r . 1756 ..	11 Dec ^r . 1761 ..	Half-yearly ..	915 — —
Perembore &c ^a Villages.	Vencaty Ramah ..	5	1 Sep ^r . 1756 ..	31 Aug ^t . 1761 ..	Yearly ..	1550 — —
Poonemallee	Oppajee Nynar ..	1	1 July 1758 ..	30 June 1759 ..	Half-yearly ..	37400 — —
Ruby Brokerage	Linga Chetty	5	1 July 1757 ..	30 June 1762 ..	D ^o . ..	510 — —
St. Thome	Coilasiah	1	1 June 1758 ..	31 May 1759 ..	D ^o . ..	3520 — —
Town Brokerage	Kellava Chitty ..	5	12 Sept ^r . 1758 ..	11 Sept ^r . 1762 ..	D ^o . ..	845 — —
Trivitore &c ^a Villages ..	Vencaty Ramah ..	5	1 Sept ^r . 1756 ..	31 Aug ^t . 1761 ..	D ^o . ..	2220 — —

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MORTGAGED COUNTRIES.

CHENGLEI UT	The Cowle expired the 31 st . July & is not yet relet, the last Rent was	28500 — —
COVELONG	Linga Chittee .. ..	..	31 Aug. 1757	31 July 1760	Half-yearly ..	8000 — —
MANNAMANGALUM ..	Meerza Mahomed ..	..	D ^o .	D ^o .	D ^o . ..	13000 — —
SEVEN MAGANS OF TRIPASORE.	Caussum Beg. ..	..	D ^o .	D ^o .	D ^o . ..	19000 — —

68500 — —

VARIABLE REVENUES.

MINT CUSTOMS	} From 1 January to 31 December	} 1757	M.P. 1382	484 21 25
SEA CUSTOMS			23096 15 72	
TOWN CONSOPLY'S DUTY.			257 11 63	
LAND CUSTOMS			5716 17 42	
QUIT RENTS & SCAVENGERS DUTY.	1 Year's Rent & Assessment Ending 31 Aug ^t . 1757	2372 7 —
				31927 1 42

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LIST OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S COVENANT SERVANTS ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL ANNO 1758.

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
George Pigot, Esq.	26 July 1737.	..	Writer ..	£5	Governor ..	Fort St. George.	President of the Council Cashkeeper & Mint Master.	2.0	100	39
Henry Powney.	7 August 1736.	..	D ^o ..	5	2 ^d . of Council.	D ^o .	Sea Customer ..	1.0	..	41
William Perceval.	..	..	Factor Entert ^d .	15	3 ^d . of Council.	D ^o .	Accountant and Export Warehousekeeper.	70	..	53
John Smith ..	15 August 1740.	..	Writer ..	5	4 th . of Council.	D ^o .	Storekeeper & Commissary.	50	..	34
Charles Bourchier.	30 December 1741.	..	D ^o ..	5	5 th . of Council.	D ^o .	Military Storekeeper Rental General & Scavenger.	40	..	31
John Andrews.	..	..	Writer Entert ^d .	5	6 th . of Council.	Vizagapatam.	Chief of Vizagapatam ..	40	..	44
John Pybus ..	28 June 1743.	..	Writer ..	5	7 th . of Council.	Fort St. George.	Land Customer & Assay Master.	40	80	31
Hugh Norris ..	1 December 1744.	1 December 1744.	D ^o ..	5	8 th . of Council.	D ^o .	Civil & Military Paymaster.	40	..	30
Edmund Mackelyne.	14 April 1746.	1 April 1746.	D ^o ..	5	9 th . of Council.	D ^o .	Gone to Bengal for the Recovery of his Health.	40	..	30
Henry VanSittart.	5 November 1746.	8 October 1746.	D ^o ..	5	10 th . of Council.	D ^o .	Import Warehousekeeper.	40	..	26
Edward Croke.	18 January 1708.	..	D ^o ..	5	..	..	Supperannuated ..	..	200	66
Richard Fairfield	8 October 1746.	8 October 1746.	D ^o ..	5	Sen ^r . Mercht.	Fort St. George.	Sub Export Warehousekeeper	40	..	28
Samuel Ardley.	28 September 1753.	28 April 1749.	Factor ..	5	D ^o .	D ^o .	Under the Land Customer Register at the Choultry and Clerk to the West Coast Committee	40	..	32
Robert Sloper.	..	8 September 1749.	Factor Entert ^d .	5	D ^o .	D ^o.	....	40	..	55
Edward Edwards.	8 September 1749.	D ^o .	Factor ..	5	Sen ^r . Mercht.	D ^o .	Suspended the Company's Service.	40	..	33

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Charles Turner.	14 February 1747.	8 October 1746.	Writer	£5	Sen ^r . Mercht.	Fort St. George.	Grainkeeper	40	..	26
Thomas Heath.	8 June 1748.	8 June 1748.	D ^o .	5	Jun ^r . Mercht.	..	Gone to Vizagapatam	30	..	30
Josias DuPre'.	10 June 1752.	10 June 1752.	Factor	15	D ^o .	Fort St. George.	Secretary, Solicitor, Clerk of the Peace & Clerk of the Court of Appeals	30	145	37
James Alexander.	8 July 1752.	D ^o .	D ^o .	15	D ^o .	..	Gone to Vizagapatam	30	..	27
John Smith ..	10 August 1752.	D ^o .	D ^o .	15	D ^o .	Fort St. George.	Under Paymaster	30	..	49
John Lewin Smith.	D ^o .	D ^o .	D ^o .	15	D ^o .	D ^o .	Under the Export Warehousekeeper.	30	..	32
Andrew Newton.	17 June 1752 ..	D ^o .	D ^o .	15	D ^o .	D ^o .	Resident at Tranquebar ..	30	..	30
Daniel Morse ..	28 July 1752 ..	D ^o .	D ^o .	15	D ^o .	D ^o .	Register of the Mayors Court.	30	20	24
John Call ..	..	1 January 1751.	Writer Entert ^d .	5	Factor	D ^o .	Assistant Engineer	15	..	26
George Stratton.	17 June 1751 ..	27 May 1751 ..	Writer	5	D ^o .	D ^o .	Register of the SeaGate	15	..	24
Philip Fran ^s . Greenslate.	27 May 1751 ..	D ^o .	D ^o .	5	D ^o .	D ^o.	....	15	..	25
George Dawson.	7 July 1751 ..	D ^o .	D ^o .	5	D ^o .	D ^o .	To remain at Pondichery to pay the Prisoners till Exchanged and when he returns to be under the Assay Master.	15	..	25
Marmaduke Best.	D ^o .	D ^o .	D ^o .	5	D ^o .	D ^o .	Under the Import Warehousekeeper.	15	..	26
Matthew Clarke.	D ^o .	D ^o .	D ^o .	5	D ^o .	D ^o .	Clerk to the Committee of Treasury, Examiner in the Mayors Court.	15	..	24

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James Bouchier.	..	12 June 1751 ..	Writer Entert ^d .	5	D°.	..	D°.	Sub Military Storekeeper.	15	..	26
Henry Brooke..	9 August 1751.	D°.	Writer ..	5	D°.	..	D°.	Resident at Pulliacat ..	15	..	30
John Carey ..	9 August 1751.	12 June 1751 ..	Writer ..	5	Factor	..	Fort St. George.	Clerk to the Committee of Works.	15	..	25
John Calland ..	7 July 1751 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Commissary ..	15	..	23
Thomas Mounsell.	9 August 1751.	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	.....	15	..	24
Richard Brickenden.	12 June 1752 ..	12 June 1752 ..	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Military Store-keeper.	15	..	25
Claud Russell ..	17 June 1752 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Gone to China for the Recovery of his Health.	15	..	25
George Dolben..	12 June 1752 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Gone to Vizagapatam ..	15	..	23
John Perceval..	3 August 1752.	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Captain of Infantry now sick at Pondicherry.	15	..	23
Thomas Rumbold.	12 June 1752 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Captain of Infantry now sick at Bengal.	15	..	23
George Pyne ..	24 July 1753 ..	11 May 1753 ..	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Secretary and Corone.	15	..	25
Charles Smith ..	11 July 1753 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Resident at Sadras ..	15	..	23
Alexander Dalrymple.	11 May 1753 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Sub Secretary and Accountant General of the Mayors Court.	15	20	21
John Davidson.	9 June 1753 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Civil & Military Paymaster.	15	..	24
Samuel Johnson.	8 June 1754 ..	8 June 1754 ..	D°.	5	Writer	..	D°.	Under the Secretary ..	5	..	21
William Aldersey.	..	D°.	Writer Entert ^d .	5	D°.	..	D°.	Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	25
Robert Dowsett.	7 July 1754 ..	D°.	Writer ..	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	23
John Palmer ..	..	8 June 1755 ..	Writer Entert ^d .	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Secretary ..	5	..	29
Thomas Kelsall.	9 June 1755 ..	D°.	Writer ..	5	D°.	..	D°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	22
Charles Floyer..	8 June 1755 ..	D°.	D°.	5	D°.	..	D°.	D°.	5	..	21

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William Barker.	9 June 1755 ..	8 June 1755 ..	Writer ..	5	Writer	Fort St. George.	Sub Accountant ..	5	120	21
Edward Raddon.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Secretary ..	5	..	22
John Maxwell Stone.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Storekeeper ..	5	..	21
Archdale Pal- mer.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Accountant & Clerk of the Court of Requests.	5	..	25
Abraham Browne.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Export Ware- housekeeper.	5	..	23
John Douglas ..	10 August 1755.	10 August 1755.	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	21
James Hay ..	10 August 1756.	5 July 1756 ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Export Ware- housekeeper.	5	..	23
Alexander Leigh.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Engineer ..	5	..	21
John Crawford.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Gone to China for the Recovery of his Health.	5	..	20
Henry Parsons.	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	19
Thomas Lane ..	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	D°	5	..	20
Thomas Hamil- ton.	5 July 1756 ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Secretary ..	5	..	19
William Steven son.	10 August 1756.	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Engineer ..	5	..	20
James Taylor ..	D° ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	20
Thomas Amphlett.	5 July 1756 ..	D° ..	D° ..	5	D°	D°	Under the Engineer ..	5	..	22
Edward Cotsford.	..	14 September 1758.	Writer Entert ^d .	5	D°	D°	D° ..	5	..	19
The Reverend Mr. Samuel Stavelly & Merrifield										
Mess ^{rs} . Robert Turing James Wilson Tysoe Saul Hancock										

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
—	Time of Arrival.	Ship they came out of.	Whether with or without the Company's Licence.	Married Women.	Widows.
Nicholas Morse ..	29 July 1753	Elizabeth ..	Free Merchant ..	Jane Morse ..	Mary Powney.
George Mackay ..	August 1738	Duke of Cumberland ^d	D ^o ..	Ann Bouchier ..	Phillis Hopkins.
Andrew Ross ..	17 June 1752	Colchester ..	D ^o ..	Mary Andrews ..	Pheebe Graham.
William Robert ..	July 1750	Linn ..	D ^o ..	Emilia Van Sittart ..	Ann Walton.
John Worthington ..	7 July 1754	York ..	D ^o ..	Mary Smith ..	Mary Munro.
Francis Barnewal ..	17 August 1754	Norfolk ..	D ^o ..	Mary Dolben ..	Mary Northleigh.
Peter Mariette ..	7 July 1754	York ..	D ^o ..	Mary Stone ..	Anthoniade Madeiros.
Walton Steevens ..	9 May 1756	Delawar ..	D ^o ..	Mary Turing ..	....
Solomon Solomons ..	29 July 1739	Grantham ..	D ^o ..	Susannah Campbell ..	....
Solomon Franco ..	30 September 1743.	Prss. Of Wales to Bbay.	D ^o ..	Ann Innes ..	....
Joseph Moses ..	1 July 1753	Eastcourt ..	D ^o ..	Rachael Beaver ..	....
Samuel De Castro ..	4 July 1749	Britannia ..	D ^o ..	Emelia Smith ..	....
David Lopes Fernandes }					
Daniel De Castro ..	6 September 1757.	Boscawen ..	Free Merchant—gone to Bengal.	Frances Rumbold ..	....
Peter Downes ..	5 October 1750	Benjamin ..	D ^o ..	Elizabeth Lamb ..	....
		to Bengl.			
Thomas Savage ..	24 September 1740.	Durrington ..	Without the Company's Licence.	Sarah Mackay ..	....
George Smith ..	15 May 1754	S ^t . George ..	D ^o ..	Sophia Duncan ..	....
William Ormston ..	— 1750	Prince Edward ..	D ^o ..	Ann Steevens ..	....
Thomas Powney ..	12 June 1750	Hardwicke ..	With the Company's Licence Commander of the Company's Ship Duke.	Leonora Jackson ..	....
George Baker ..	1748	Porto Bello Sloop	Came out Chief Mate .. Now Master of the Company's Sloop Cuddalore.

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Henry Parsons.	D°. ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	5	D°.	D°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	19
Thomas Lane ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	5	D°.	D°.	D°. ..	5	..	21
Thomas Hamil- ton.	5 July 1756 ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	5	D°.	D°.	Under the Secretary ..	5	..	19
William Steven son.	10 August 1756.	D°. ..	D°. ..	5	D°.	D°.	Under the Engineer ..	5	..	20
James Taylor ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	D°. ..	5	D°.	D°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Department.	5	..	20
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Francis Barnewal ..	17 August 1754	Norfolk	D ^o	Mary Dolben	Mary Northleigh.
Peter Mariette ..	7 July 1754	York	D ^o	Mary Stone	Anthoniade Madeiros.
Walton Steevens ..	9 May 1756	Delawar	D ^o	Mary Turing
Solomon Solomons ..	29 July 1739	Grantham ..	D ^o	Susannah Campbell
Solomon Franco ..	30 September 1743.	Prss. Of Wales to Bbay.	D ^o	Ann Innes
Joseph Moses ..	1 July 1753	Eastcourt ..	D ^o	Rachael Beaver
Samuel De Castro ..	4 July 1749	Britannia ..	D ^o	Emelia Smith
David Lopes Fernandes }					
Daniel De Castro ..	6 September 1757.	Boscawen ..	Free Merchant—gone to Bengal.	Frances Rumbold
Peter Downes ..	5 October 1750	Benjamin ..	D ^o .	Elizabeth Lamb
		to Bengal.			
Thomas Savage ..	24 September 1740.	Durrington ..	Without the Company's Licence.	Sarah Mackay
George Smith ..	15 May 1754	St. George ..	D ^o .	Sophia Duncan
William Ormston ..	— 1750	Prince Edward ..	D ^o .	Ann Steevens
Thomas Powney ..	12 June 1750	Hardwicke ..	With the Company's Licence Commander of the Company's Ship Duke.	Leonora Jackson
George Baker ..	1748	Porto Bello Sloop	Came out Chief Mate Now Master of the Company's Sloop Cuddalore.		

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LIST OF INHABITANTS COMPANY'S SERVANTS NOT UNDER COVENANTS FREE MERCHANTS AND OTHERS AT FORT ST. GEORGE ANNO 1758—cont.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Time of Arrival	Ship they came out of.	Whether with or without the Company's Licence.	Unmarried Women.	Children.	
Matthew Lynch ..	1749 ..	Via Manilha ..	Without the Company's Licence —gone to Manilha.	Honoria Sommerville. Ann Sommerville. Elizabeth Morse. Catharine Dela Mettrie. Jane de Morgan. Sarah Hopkins.	Henry VanSittart. Arthur VanSittart. William Smith. Ann Innes. Margret Aurora Munro. Grace Mary DeMare. Anne Jane Beaver. Mary Turing.
Robert Jackson ..	.... ..	.... ..	Without the Company's Licence.	....	....
Francis Taylor ..	1747 ..	Tryal Sloop to Bengal.	....	....	....
John de Morgan ..	11 July 1710 ..	Bouvery	In the Military .. ..	....	....
Peter Eckman ..	August 1706 ..	Phoenix	D ^o. .. ..	....	....
John Standard ..	31 December 1716..	Sarum	By Governor Boons Permission.	....	....
John Spratt ..	14 April 1749 ..	Winchelsea ..	Surgeon of that Ship when Stranded.	....	....
John Line ..	8 July 1752 ..	Admiral Vernon.	Without the Company's License now Company's Carpenter.	....	....
Christopher Macklin ..	16 April 1746 ..	Princess Mary ..	Taken Prisoner by the French now head Bricklayer on the Works.	....	....
Samuel Troutback ..	14 November 1719.	King George ..	Ship wreck'd near Sadras & remain'd in India.	....	....
Hamilton Parkinson ..	.... ..	.... ..	At Sea .. ..	....	....
Hendrick Smith ..	7 July 1741 ..	Caesar	In the Military .. ..	....	....
Ralph Taylor ..	12 June 1750 ..	Hardwicke ..	With the Company's Licence ..	....	....
George Troutback ..	13 September 1758.	Pitt	D ^o. .. ..	....	....
John DeRoos	Without the Company's License employ'd in the Powder Works.
James Jones	With the Company's Licence

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