

# Records of Fort St George

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Madras (President) Second Office

DIARY

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AND

## CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

### 1703

WITH INTRODUCTION

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## INTRODUCTION.

"Give to my brave  
Employers of the East India Company  
The last remembrance of my faithful service".

*Dryden, The Tragedy of Ambayna.*—

In this Volume are reprinted the Diary and Consultation Book of the President and Council of Fort St. George for the year 1703. It was the fifth year of the Governorship of Thomas Pitt, known both then and afterwards as the Great President, and celebrated through his descendants. He had just beaten off Daud Khan, Nawab of the Carnatic, and in spite of his blockade of Madras had managed during it to send home in the care of his son Robert the famous Pitt diamond. In the Consultation for 13th May the late troubles are delicately alluded to as "the time of the hurry when Dowed Cawn was here."

The principal historical events of the year are the Warr and the Union. The former was the War of the Spanish Succession so well sketched by Macaulay in his essay reviewing Lord Mahon's history of that great struggle; and the Union was the amalgamation of the two rival East India Companies, the Old and the New. On the 28th of June news was received of Sir George Rooke's capture of the Spanish galleons at Vigo Bay and the event was duly celebrated on the 30th by a treat at the Garden where the Queen's and the Right Honourable Company's health were drunk with Great Guns and other tokens of rejoicing. The last event to be so commemorated had been the death of King William and the accession of Queen Anne on the 17th of September 1702 when 101 cannon were discharged with many "hussaws" and all Europeans of "fashion" were invited to the Company's Bowling Garden where they drank the Queen's health and prosperity to Old England. It was after the late King that Fort William in Calcutta takes its name.

In many of his proceedings Governor Pitt gives us a taste of his quality. The Dewan's Peons who had tied leaves in the Company's towns (which was the customary formula for taking possession) after being kept in irons in the Fort were released on the ground that being servants they had only obeyed their master's order but were warned that if they ever repeated the offence they must certainly lose their heads. Similarly Pitt and his Council took it on themselves to open the Packet directed to Bombay which had come by the ship Howland and extract the letters addressed to Fort St. George and Bengal which they found inside. The translate of the President's letter to the Foujdar of Tripassore on page 82 shows his defiance of any aggression, and in the same way when the Governor of San Thomé had detained some people who had gone to the festival, the Free Guard Company were turned out to be in readiness to march there to fetch them if they were not delivered back. In his dealings with the Country Powers Pitt always showed himself a master of men, and Salmon his contemporary who had known him in Madras writes, "I still see the Governor, methinks, coming upon parade and haranguing the troops in their respective languages before they embarked, in such terms as induced the soldiers to express the utmost contempt of the danger they are entering upon and seemed to foretell the success they afterwards obtained." Had a man of his kidney commanded Madras when it was attacked by Labourdonnais, there would have been no surrender and the keys of the Fort would not have found their way to Pondicherry.

There are incidental references in these pages to persons of interest. Nicolao Manucci is mentioned on pages 1 and 16 and his Garden is prominently figured in the plan of the City of Madras which was made by Pitt's orders. Thomas Pitt's cousin John, President for the New Company at Masulipatam, is the subject of severe remarks which cease however on his death at Durumpaut "from a fit of Apoplex" in March. Nor did Pitt's animosity to John prevent him giving his son George Morton Pitt a seat in Parliament for Old Sarum and using his influence to appoint him Deputy Governor of Fort St. David in 1723

from which position he rose in 1730 to be Governor of Fort St. George. The Patriarch (page 84) who visited Pondicherry on his way to China and from there sent a present of "jocollet" to the Governor was Cardinal de Tournon. Pitt accepted the chocolate but declined to let Padre Michel Ange go to Pondicherry; the result of which was an interdict in the following year which however had very little effect on the masterful Governor. Another reference to the French is found in the visit of the "Second of Pollicherry", Mons. de Chalonge, to St. Thomas's Mount and thence to Mons. Chardin's Garden, he being ill of consumption from which he died five days later. This is the same "French Second" who was too sick to go to the Nabob Daud Khan in the Consultation for February 14, 1702. A memorable event is recorded on December 13 when the grandson of the Naick who had granted the first cowl to the Company came to pay the Governor a visit and received a present of 5 yards of scarlet, 2 swords, gold chains, pagodas 110 and one prospective glass. His son "Vencatty Putty Naigue" visited Governor Elwick in 1724.

The Company having no plate for their general table except what was battered and worn, melted down the old pieces and bought the set of plate which the President had brought out with him. One of the items is a Monteth or scalloped basin for cooling glasses. Wood's Life (1683) says, "This year came up a vessel or Bason notched at the brims to let drinking glasses hang there by the foot so that the body or drinking place might hang in the water to cool them. Such a bason was called a Monteigh from a fantastical Scot called Monsieur Monteigh who at that time or a little before wore the bottome of his cloake or coate so notched." There is no allusion in this volume to diamonds but a curious reference occurs to hats; "the Company having sent out some hatts for souldiers for which there is little or no use here, resolved the same be sold at outery for the most they can get, they being a perishable commodity". They must have been common articles, unlike the Scarlet Coats and Beaver Hats which had been provided to the Portuguese and English officers in the previous year as a gratuity for their readiness to serve the Garrison. Charles Lockyer in his account of the Trade in India (1711) talks of the St. Georgeans as being cloth'd in red, so that the European garrison must have made a brave show.

A curious incident is reported on April 28th of a scandalous paper dropped in the Town objecting to the collection of money for the Black Town Wall. The petition is entered in full in that day's proceedings and will strike the reader as a very capable representation of the grievances of the townspeople, written by some European and addressed not to the Governor but to Francis Ellis Esquire and Council of Fort St. George. Trouble was also experienced in realising the debt due from the Joint Stock merchants and it is observed when one side put in their answer to the other's petition that "both one and the other being stuff so full of lyes, it is very difficult to tell who is in the right". These Chetties were so obstructive that six of them were "confined to the Browne Godowne," which must have been a sort of Black Hole, for after four months one of them died there, the Council refusing permission for his body to be burned till they got security for the debt. Possibly the greatest sensation of the year is the narrative of the taking of the frigate Pembroke, George Weoley, master, by Pirates at Mayotta on the 10th of March 1703. This will be found on pages 38 to 40 and Mr. Weoley who was detained by the Pirates to serve them as pilot escaped and is found again on page 88. Mayotta is one of the Comoro islands.

Among the articles included in the Paymaster's Account is a new item of black stone which occurs three times and reappears in an order for black stone

\* In 1705 the Rev. Philip Hickeringill says in his Priestcraft, "Bless the Mahometan Coffee and the Popish Spanish Chocolate." The ecclesiastical fondness for this beverage appears at a very early date. President Methwold and Council at Surat writing to the Factors at Ahmedabad, Feb. 20, 1638, speak of certain packs sent by the caravan for transmission to the Padres at Agra, containing books, church ornaments, wine, strong waters, physic, and "one tyne pott sowed up in gunny, which containeth a composition which they call chcolatlute." In 1636 chocolate was unknown to Englishmen except by repute. Pepys Diary, 24th Nov. 1664, notes, "To a coffee-house to drink jocolatte. very good." Talboys Wheeler misread the word in the Consultation of Nov. 22, 1703, as jocolles, and hence Hobson-Jobson (first edition) queries "Jocolle. We know not what this word is; perhaps 'toys'."

for the Bengall House and Chapell which was eventually loaded on board the Colchester. As usual the Consultations contain a number of rare and interesting words, such as 'risgo' for 'risk', on page 40 and 'drums with snares' on page 11. A snare is the catgut stretched across the lower head of a drum to make it resonant, and the snare drum was the common military drum as distinguished from the bass drum. The strangest domestic occurrence is that of Mr. Adrian Plymour who on June 10 paid 56 pagodas into the Company's cash for his wife's passage from England, a soldier having "listed" in England and proved to be a female with whom he lived on board and married at Fort St. George on June 5. Several deaths are recorded in this volume: Mr. Thomas Mathews, Junior Merchant on employ at the Sea Gate, May 6; Captain or Lieut. John Wyatt, July 14; Mr. John Pitt, May 8 at Durampaut who was succeeded by Mr. William Tillard; Surgeon Royer whose death at Fort St. David is advised on August 30 and Mr. Charles Atkins ordered in his place; and lastly Mr. John Haynes whose death at Fort St. David is reported on December 24. "God make us mindfull of our own mortality" as the Company's Servants of Hoogly say in their Factory Records under date September 27, 1679.

There are no tombstones of 1703 extant. The Registers of St. Mary's Church in the Fort record 19 burials, 15 marriages and 17 christenings as follow:

*Burials: 1702-3:*

- January 14. Thomas Wright, buried by James Wendey.
- January 22. Henry Burton, infant, buried by George Lewis.
- January 24. John Brown, buried by James Wendey.
- January 25. Philip Weston, buried by James Wendey.
- February 3. Elizabeth Wheeler, buried by George Lewis.
- February 19. William Mackqueen, buried by George Lewis.
- February 22. John Dory, buried by James Wendey.
- February 26. Maud Fleetwood, buried by James Wendey.
- March 14. John Wesendonck, buried by George Lewis.
- March 25. John Watts, buried by George Lewis.
- May 2. Jacob de Banc, infant, buried by George Lewis.
- May 7. Thomas Matthews, buried by George Lewis.
- June 12. Violante Stephenson alias Wesendonck, buried by George Lewis.
- July 10. Rachel Mary Magdalen Gray, buried by James Wendey.
- July 22. John Wyatt, Lieutenant, buried by James Wendey.
- November 27. Mary Ratcliffe, buried by James Wendey.
- December 15. William Fleetwood, buried by James Wendey.
- December 23. Daniel Wiseman, buried by George Lewis.
- December 30. William Veres, buried by George Lewis.

*Marriages: 1702-3.*

- January 18. Peter Lilly & Ann George, married by George Lewis.
- February 2. John Bouchier & Mary Strangeways, married by George Lewis.

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- February 9. John Meverell & Elizabeth Stilgoe, married by James Wendey.
- April 2. Samuel Wood & Mary Turian, married by James Wendey.
- June 2. Thomas Curgenwin & Rachell Dobyns, married by George Lewis.
- June 5. Adrian Playmer & Anne Daccur, married by George Lewis.
- June 22. John Alston & Hannah Akid, married by James Wendey.
- July 12. Andrew Gatts & Margaret Alleyn, married by George Lewis.
- July 27. Josiah Lafraila & Anna d'Rosario, married by George Lewis.
- August 13. Ralph Ottey & Mary Gressam, married by George Lewis.
- September 20. Joseph Jones & Maria Alues, married by George Lewis.
- November 17. John Pigrum & Eleanor Preston, married by James Wendey.
- November 25. John Thomas & Catherine Benson, married by James Wendey.
- December 9. Richard Gulliver & Mary Allairi, married by James Wendey.
- December 14. Nicholas Isaac & Ann Cornelle, married by George Lewis.

*Christenings:*

- January 14. William son of William and Lucy Mayhew; Baptiz'd by James Wendey; Charles Alleyn & Robert Atkinson, godfathers; Elizabeth Dobyus, godmother.
- January 14. John son of William and Antonia Forder; baptiz'd by James Wendey; George Harris and George Kimball, godfathers; Eleanor Voy, godmother.
- January 19. Thomas son of Henry and Elizabeth Harnett; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Henry Sinclare and John Wyatt, godfathers; Sarah Haddock, godmother.
- January 29. Frances daughter of Henry and Ann Griffith; baptiz'd by James Wendey; John Affleck, godfather; and Elizabeth Phrip and Jane Dixon, godmothers.
- May 1. Jacob son of Jacob and Anne Bane (De Banc); baptiz'd by George Lewis. (Died and buried the next Day, see Burials).
- May 22. Mary daughter of Edward and Mary Fleetwood; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Matthew Empson, godfather; Ann Griffith and Jane Dixon, godmothers.
- May 26. Ann daughter of Charles and Mary Alleyn; baptiz'd by James Wendey; John Affleck, godfather; Elizabeth Trenchfeild and Frances Proby, godmothers.
- June 2. Abraham son of Caleb and Mary Clark; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Joseph Scotterall and Thos. Gray, godfathers; Susanna Defestro, godmother.
- June 15. George son of George and Lucy Lewis; baptiz'd by George Lewis; George Herron and Thomas Wigmores, godfathers; Mary Magdalen and Elizabeth Brennock, godmothers. (The Chaplain's son; an extra godmother is noticeable.)
- July 12. Ann daughter of Manuel and Elizabeth Meyer; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Isaac George, godfather; Ann George and Ann Lillie, godmothers.
- July 18. Ann daughter of Nathaniel and Domingo Bullfeild; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Henry Lambert, godfather; Ann Turville, godmother.
- July 31. Robert son of Thomas and Frances Wright; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Edward Bulkeley and William How, godfathers; Mary Caryl, godmother.
- August 4. Jane daughter of Charles and Cornelia Bugden; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Matthew Empson, godfather; Jane Dixon and Theophila Heathfeild, godmothers.
- August 9. Sara daughter of Matthew and Dianah Dgees; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Joseph George, godfather; Ann George and Sarah Jacob, godmothers. (The Matthias Dies of page 56).
- September 7. Johanna, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca.....; baptiz'd by George Lewis; John Harvey, godfather; and Evah Grosen and Mary Wood, godmothers (The missing name is certainly Dutton, Thomas Dutton having married Rebecca Thomas, July 23, 1699.)
- November 19. Lucy daughter of Gabriel and Lucy Poirier; baptiz'd by George Lewis; George Herron, godfather; Elizabeth Empson and Lucy Lewis, godmothers.
- November 27. John son of Paulus and Maria Maesman; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Ralph Ottey and Ralph Buckle, godfathers; Violante Plumb, godmother.

The one interesting name in this List is Abraham son of Caleb Clark, who was a grandson of the poet Milton and clerk to St. Mary's Church to which position that of school-master was sometimes added. In the margin of the Register adjoining the entry of the burial of Mary, Caleb's daughter, on December 15, 1716, is this note: "Deborah, third daughter of Milton, the poet, by his

first wife was married to Abraham Clarke, weaver in Spitafields, by whom she had issue the above Caleb Clarke of this Parish; anno 1717: born unto him sons and daughters as testified by this Register."

If Milton's descendant represents the old Roundhead stock at Fort St. George, he finds himself in the best Cavalier company with Mr. Theo. Oglethorpe, Writer, who applies on pages 20 to 22 to goe a voyage to China. He neither went the voyage nor continued to serve the Company, for his father died on 10th April 1702-3, two days after the petition was penned. He was the third son of General Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe (1650-1702) Captain of lifeguards to Charles II and Colonel of the Holland Regiment or Buffs under James II; and the quondam Writer on £5 per annum sat in Parliament as member for Haslemere in succession to his father and elder brother Lewis (1681-1704), who is mentioned in Evelyn's Diary as fighting a duel with Sir Richard Onslow, member for Guildford and the second of the three Onslows to be whig Speaker of the House of Commons. Theophilus the Writer became A.D.C. to the Duke of Ormonde and afterwards joined the Jacobite Court of St. Germain, where he died about 1718. Even more remarkable was the career of the youngest brother, General James Edward Oglethorpe (1696-1785), A.D.C. to Prince Eugene at the siege of Belgrade, founder of the American colony of Georgia and for 32 years member for Haslemere.\* Dr. Johnson wished to write his life and his name is enshrined in a couplet of Pope, "One, driven by strong benevolence of soul, Shall fly, like Oglethorpe, from pole to pole". The two Wesleys, John and Charles, joined this paladin of philanthropy in his colony, where negro slavery and rum were strictly prohibited, and later on came Whitefield who declared, "the deliverance of Georgia from the Spaniards cannot be paralleled but by some instance out of the Old Testament". He has another link with Madras in his marriage (1738) to Elizabeth the only surviving daughter and heiress of Sir Nathan Wright, sometime Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to William III and Queen Anne and junior counsel for the Crown at the trial of the Seven Bishops (Sancroft, Ken, Turner, Lloyd, White, Lake, Trelawney). John Evelyn writes in May 1700, "Serjeant Wright at last accepted the Greate Seale". Two of his sons, Robert and Thomas Wright, were Factors at Fort St. George and one of them Third of Council in this place and Warehousekeeper throughout these Consultations, with the Hon'ble Thomas Pitt, Esq., President and Mintmaster.

For the benefit of the student or researcher who desires to follow up the events narrated in this volume, reference may be made to Chapters I to V of Vol. II of Colonel Love's *Vestiges of Old Madras*; Mrs. Penny's *Fort St. George*, Chapter XIII; Talboys Wheeler's *History of Madras*, Chapters XVIII and XIX; Sir Charles Lawson's *Memories of Madras*, Chap. II; Sir Cornelius Dalton's *Life and Times of Pitt*, Chapters XII to XVI; and the *Diaries of Streynsham Master* edited by Sir R. C. Temple where in the foot notes information will be found about many of the Company's servants named in these pages.

A few errata have crept in, principally of proper names:

Page 7. Martha Laige for Martha Large (widow of Peter Large).

Page 17. Black spine for black stone.

Page 35. Mr. John Fuxon for Juxon.

Page 39. Saul for Yaul (Yawl).

Page 63. Willman for Wiseman.

Page 70. Pauviet for Paulus Rosairo.

Page 75. Mrs. for Mr. Tillard.

Page 88. Browen for Bowen.

Page 90. Sicca for Swordes.

The names of country ships provide the greatest conundrums. The Indian vessel Bombooprau (p. 18) which reappears on p. 65 as Bomrepau is probably the Bamboo prau or prow, from the Malay prahu, and in a previous

\* Ludovicus (1668) and Jacobus (1714) Ogletborpe were both Gentleman Commoners of C.C.C. Oxford, and the General, though a non-founder, kept his name on the books for 13 years.

volume mention is made of the "Parr\*" Lockyer Watts, master, trading from the same place Pegue. Captain Tyler's Bombay ship the Ruarle (pp. 27, 45) is the Gujerati name Ruparel, meaning "abundance of silver" and the Brigantine Sail Fish commemorates the basking shark or the xiphias. The term was applied to any fish with a large dorsal fin; "the Dutch calling the *Histiophorus Zeyl-visch*, because it is said to raise the dorsal fin like a fan and use it like a sail". The Sweepstake (pp. 16, 29) was a common name for a ship, even in the King's Navy, between the 15th and 17th centuries. But most interesting of all is the Briggantine Nos. Senh<sup>r</sup> Pillaro S<sup>t</sup>. Augo, Senhior Domingo, Master, which arrived in this road from Atcheen, March 9, 1702-3 (p. 12). Her full title is Nossa Seuhora Pillaro Santiago. In the Cathedral at Santiago behind the high altar is a chapel dedicated to La Virgen del Pilar, in memorial of her descent from heaven on a pillar when visiting St. James the Elder (Santiago), the Patron and Captain General of Spain, at Zaragoza. The Pillar itself is at Zaragoza and the curious will find an account of it in the second volume of Richard Ford's Handbook to Spain, written in his liveliest manner. Religious names were often given to ships: and sometimes irreligious, as the Devil of Delft. A historic entry in the Fort St. George Diary for July 22, 1731 reads: "Ship Vierge D'Grace Came in from Pondecherry, having Monsr Dupleix on board Going Directore to Bengall."

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\* Mr. A. T. Fringle has an excellent note on p. 166 of the Diary and Consultation Book for 1634 (First Series, Vol. III. 1895),

15th March 1927.

J. J. COTTON.

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# RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

## DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1703.

(VOLUME No. 32.)

[From January 4 to December 31.]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702-03.—

The Consultation and Diary Booke of Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> Presid<sup>t</sup>: and Governour &c<sup>a</sup> Council their Proceedings, and Transactions in the Affaires of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> English East India Company in y<sup>e</sup> Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell &c<sup>a</sup>: begun the p<sup>mo</sup>: January 1702-03.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESID<sup>t</sup>: & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

THOMAS WRIGHT. MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY

4<sup>th</sup>

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper delivers to the Storekeeper thirty Candy of Salt Petre to be refined for Gunpowder.

M<sup>r</sup>: Dubois payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Cash Two Hundred and fifty Pagodas, fourteen fanams and three Cash, as the Ballance of her late Husband M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dubois Storekeepers Account.

Pages: 1000  
ordered the  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
30 Candy  
Salt Petre to  
be refined.

Mrs. Dubois  
pays Pa:  
250: 14: 3  
as the Ball:  
of her hus-  
bands Store-  
keepers  
Acco<sup>t</sup>:

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mintmaster payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Nine thousand seven Hundred Pagodas on Account Gold coined in the Mint, received <sup>in</sup> ship Colchester.

Generall Letters from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, and from the Deputy Governour, and Council of Fort St David dated 22<sup>d</sup> December last, all now read.

Seuh<sup>r</sup>: Nichola Manuch having severall times within these three yeares, requested us to grant him a new Lease for his House, and Garden standing near Tom Clarks Gate, w<sup>h</sup>: is referred to further consideration, he being now gone to Pollicherry.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of November last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> H: Companys One Thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Good sold.

M<sup>r</sup> John Affleck delivers in an Account from the Governour, and Council of Trincombar for Sundry Provisions had from thence, in the time of our late troubles Amo<sup>t</sup> Pa 135<sup>g</sup> which is ordered to be paid.

Pa: 9700 p<sup>d</sup>:  
into Cash by  
the Mint-  
master.

Generall  
Letters read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Manuch  
requests a  
new Lease  
for his  
House.

Warehouse-  
keeper reads  
his Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
& pays in  
1000 Pa:

Pa: 135<sup>g</sup>  
ordered to  
bee paid for  
Provisions  
had from  
Trincombar.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702-03—

Mint Accont:  
Read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for Six months commencing in May, and ending in October last.

Agreed Sloop  
Expedition  
sailed to Fort  
St David:

The Sloop Expedition being very leaky, it is agreed that she forewith saile to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, with orders to be got into the River, & with all expedition to be fitted, and well caulked, & returned hither Loaden with the Companys bale [s].

The Pay-  
master  
ordered to  
build a Plat-  
forme before  
the Sea  
Gate.

The Dutch having advised us that Warr was declared in Europe by the Emperour, and the Dutch against France, and Spaine, and we fearing we are concerned therein, have resolv'd to put this Garrison in as good a posture for defence, as possible and in order thereto having viewed the works to Seaward, most of the Cannon of which lye too high to do any considerable execution to ships of an Enemy that shall come into this road, wherefore it is ordered that the Paymaster forewith makes a Platforme before the Sea Gate, as the Governour shall direct, on which is Intended to mount six or eight of the best Guns in the Garrison for the defence of the Road.

## Narrains acquaints us

Salt Petre 15  
Can: sold to  
Narrain.

a small Government to the Southward request that we would spare him about fifteen Candy of Salt Petre, which is granted, in regard that that Princes Country abounds with Provisions, which some time or other in case of a seige, we may want supplies thereof.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
Thom<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
John MEVERELL.

6<sup>TH</sup> Sloop Expedition, belonging to the R H: Company sailed for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council there-in dated 5<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

7<sup>TH</sup> Received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 2<sup>d</sup> Instant.

12<sup>TH</sup> Received by boat a Generall Letter from y<sup>e</sup>: Cheife & Council of Vizagapata<sup>m</sup>: dat<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> & p<sup>mo</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESID<sup>t</sup>: & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELLIS, Sick.  
M<sup>r</sup>: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Generall  
Letters From  
y<sup>e</sup>: Northern  
Factories  
read and a  
Bill for 2,000  
Rup<sup>s</sup>: order-  
ed to be paid.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1,000  
ordered the  
Paymaster.

Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated 3<sup>d</sup> Instant, two Generall from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>: and primo Instant, which were all now read, the latter advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency for Two Thousand Rupees, which is ordered to be complied with.

Ordered One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702-03—

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash for the month of December last Ballance Pa 5741 : 7 : 1 and as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco<sup>t</sup> for the month of November, and December last.

The Compas  
Cash for the  
month of  
Decem<sup>r</sup>: and  
Mint Acc<sup>t</sup>  
for Decem<sup>r</sup>  
both read.

Ponagette Narso &c<sup>a</sup> Tobacco & Beetle farmers pay into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Tobacco &c<sup>a</sup>  
Farmers  
payes in Pag<sup>a</sup>  
700.

Ordered Tom Beny, Diago de Siquera, Manoel de Monte, Joseph de Monte Topasses be Entered Souldiers in this Garrison.

Topazes  
Entertained.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sell at Outcry Ca : 3. 9.<sup>nd</sup> 23.<sup>lb</sup> of round Pepper being w<sup>t</sup>: received p sloop Expedition, all of itt being damaged.

Pepper Ca.  
3 : 9.<sup>nd</sup> : 23.<sup>lb</sup>.  
ordered to be  
sold.

The Lodgings for the Assaymasters near the Mint to the Waterside being very crazy, in so much that it is not safe for the Assaymasters longer to live in them, itt is therefore ordered that the Paymaster take a surveigh of them, and fore-with repair them.

The As-  
sayms<sup>r</sup>s :  
Lodgings  
ordered to be  
repaired

We expecting from Bengall some silk winders, so that hope to make a considerable progress in augmenting that manufactory but as yet not having any convenient buildings for the same, and whereas the President and Paymaster having view'd severall Places for that purpose, and find none so proper as a peice of Ground near y<sup>e</sup>: Washers ; It is ordered that the Paymaster builds such convenient Houses for the Silk wormes, as those who looke after them shall advise.

Houses for  
the silk  
Wormes  
ordered to be  
built.

THO : PITT.

THO : WRIGHT.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY  
THE 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Carswell Commander arrived this morning in this road from Bengall and Metchlepatam, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the President and Council of Bengall dated 15<sup>th</sup>: of December, and from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated 9<sup>th</sup>: Instant, from the Cheife and Council of Vizagapatam dated 30<sup>th</sup>: December, with the John and Mary's Paquet from the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort dated 6<sup>th</sup>: July received via Bengall, all which were now read.

Severall  
Generalls  
receiv'd by  
ship  
Phoenix  
from the  
No : them  
Factoryes  
& Bengall  
were all  
read.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do forewith unload all Goods, and Stores on board the Phoenix come from Bengall on the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Account, continuing on board her Charterparty proportion of Salt Petre, and unload the following Goods come from Metchlepatam. Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Ship  
Phoenix  
ordered  
to be un-  
loaden.

|          |                    |     |     |     |     |     |   |      |
|----------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|
| S. F.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Bale |
| P.       | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| J. Z.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| B. P. L. | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| O. B.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| S. D.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| C. P.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| G. G.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| S. G.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| R. B.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |
| B. G.    | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | "    |

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702-03—

What Red-wood the Phoenix will want, the Warehouse-keeper to buy.

The Persons who lately contracted for Redwood having not been able to bring in any, it is ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy as much as is wanting for the Phoenix, at what price he can procure it.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THO: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

SATURDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

All English except Mr Frewen and Mr Fancett to be withdrawn from Metohm:

Here being a report that there is coming a strong squadron of French and Portuguez Men of Warr for India, against which we are informed the Dutch are making great preparations, and putting their Garrisons on Ceilone in a posture of defence, and we fearing our Nation is engaged in the Warr in Europe, and well knowing that the Dutch will give us no manner of assistance, so think it necessary to keep our Garrison in the best posture of defence we are capable of, and chiefly wanting men. 'Tis resolved that we withdraw all the English at Metchlepatam being eleven in Number, excepting Mr Frewen, and Mr Fancett, and that they are forewith acquainted with these our Resolutions.

Ship Phoenix agreed to be sent to Fort St David.

We being informed that there's a French Ship of considerable force sailed from Bengall to Pollicherry, and not knowing what she may attempt; 'tis resolved to send the Phoenix as soon as her Bengall Stores are taken out, to fetch hither the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Bales att Fort St David, and whereas she wants severall men to make up the Number of her ships Company, 'tis Agreed to reinforce her with six foiles of souldiers, under the Command of a Serjeant and a Corporall.

& Six foiles of souldiers to go on board her.  
Capt: Carswell requests 400 bags Petre more yn<sup>r</sup> Charterparty.  
Agreed the same be continued on board.  
Warehouse keeper pays Pa: 5,000 into Cash.. Pa: 5,000 ordered to be sent to Fort St David.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Carswell making his request in writing (as Entered after this Consultation) for Four hundred baggs of Salt Petre more then his Charterparty proportion to make him a stiff Ship, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do continue the same on board.

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>s</sup> Cash Five Thousand Pagodas on Account Goods sold.

Ordered that the President payes the Warehousekeeper five Thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> to send to Fort St David on ship Phoenix.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>:  
PRESIDENT OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL AND  
GOVERN<sup>R</sup> OF FORT ST: GEORGE &<sup>A</sup> COUNCIL.

S<sup>rs</sup>.

I request your Honour &c<sup>a</sup> would order me Four Hundred bags of Salt Petre more than the Ships Kentilage allowed by Charterparty to make a stiff Ship, fearing that otherwayes she may be tender. I am

FORT ST GEORGE 16<sup>TH</sup>: JANUARY 170<sup>2</sup>½.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>:  
Yo<sup>r</sup>: most obed<sup>t</sup>: Hum<sup>ble</sup>:  
Serv<sup>t</sup>:  
JOHN CARSWELL.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702-03 —

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 14<sup>th</sup>: Instant. 19<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: Carswell Comander sailed for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David by whom sent a Generall L<sup>r</sup>e to the Deputy Governour and Council there dated this day.

Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup>: Perring Commander arrived this morning from Bengall Loaden w<sup>th</sup>: Rice &c<sup>a</sup> 21<sup>TH</sup>

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup> David dated 22<sup>d</sup> Instant. 26

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
THOMAS WRIGHT. THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
28<sup>TH</sup>

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas bee paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 22<sup>d</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup> now read.

Ordered that the Paymaster do provide sheathing Plank for sloop Expedition now att Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

The Register of the Court of Admiralty payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash five Pagodas, twenty fanams, being the fees of that Court, belonging to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company from August to December.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of December last.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of Novem<sup>r</sup>: last. Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |                              |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|
| Charges Garrison        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>r</sup> : 1,226: 19 |
| Charges Cattle          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 19: 23                     |
| West Coast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 78: 23                     |
| Charges Extraordinary   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 6: 33                      |
| Silk Wormes             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 4: 5                       |
| Charges Dyett           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 303: 35                    |
| Charges Generall        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 435: 27                    |
| Charges Merchandize     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 109: 14                    |
| Fortification & repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 61: 9                      |

Pag<sup>r</sup>: 2,266: 8

M<sup>r</sup>: John Davis formerly Surgeon att the West Coast delivered in a Petition the Purport of which was to be admitted to Bail, which accordingly granted him, and his Petition Entered after this Consultation.

We receiving the West Coast Pacquett by the Phoenix, which was carryed to Bengall by the John and Mary, which Letter advises of the following Bills they had drawn upon us Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                                           |     |     |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| One bill payable to Mess <sup>rs</sup> Meverell and Betts | ... | ... | Ry <sup>ls</sup> : 600:     |
| One bill payable to Dittos                                | ... | ... | " 50:                       |
| One bill payable to Dittos                                | ... | ... | " 500:                      |
| One bill payable to M <sup>r</sup> Chardin                | ... | ... | " 362:                      |
| One bill payable to Cap <sup>t</sup> Phrip                | ... | ... | " 2788: 2                   |
|                                                           |     |     | Ry <sup>ls</sup> : 4,300: 3 |

Pa: 1,000  
paid the  
Paymaster:  
Letter from  
F. rt S<sup>t</sup>:  
David read.  
Paymasur  
order'd to  
buy sheath-  
ing Plank.  
Page 5: 20<sup>th</sup>  
paid into  
Cash for fees  
in the Court  
of Admiralty.  
Warehouse-  
keepers  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
the moth<sup>r</sup>: of  
Decem<sup>r</sup>:  
read.  
Paymas<sup>r</sup>:  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
the month of  
Novem<sup>r</sup>:  
read.

Mr: Davis  
Petitions to  
be allow'd  
Baile, wch:  
is granted  
him.

Bills of  
Exche<sup>r</sup>: from  
the west  
Coast P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>s</sup>  
& Mary order'd  
to be paid.

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which ought to have been satisfied by those Gentlemen in Bengall who wrongfully seized that ships Loading of Pepper, but in consideration the returning of the Bills would prejudice their Credit at the West Coast for the future, it is agreed they be paid.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>  
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>r</sup>: OF FORT ST<sup>r</sup>  
GEORGE & C<sup>a</sup> AND THE WOR<sup>sh</sup>: COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF JOHN DAVIS.  
SHEWETH.

That your Petitioner being conscious his inconsiderate rashness in bringing away the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Sloop in such a manner, hath justly incurr'd your displeasure, doth with most Humble submission acknowledge the greatness of his Crime, and wholly throws himself on your clemency; protesting that he used all practicable meanes (in vain) for leave to come away by such opportunities as present'd and having no farther service att Bencoolen where he suffered so much sickness, and the worst of treatment, the hopes of recovering his health, induced him to make his escape, and appeal to your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>.

Your Petitioner humbly prayeth that whereas he still hath a lingering fever, and other distempers of the Viscera, which are epidemical on y<sup>e</sup> West Coast, and that nothing contributes more to their cure then Air, and exercise, your Hono<sup>r</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> would please to grant him liberty on Bail. For which favour he shall as in duty bound ever pray &c<sup>a</sup>:

- 29 Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Petre and S<sup>t</sup>: Paule arrived this day from Macow, Manuel Rodregues de sa Com<sup>r</sup>: who advices of the arrivall of the Chambers frigate att Emoy.
- 30 Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup>: Perring Comāder sailed for Zeilone and the Coast of India
- 31 Dispatch'd y<sup>e</sup> Pattamar a short Letter to the Governour and Council of Negapatam dat<sup>d</sup>: yesterday, w<sup>th</sup>: Duplicate of ours dat<sup>d</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last.
- 31 Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Carswell Comander arrived this morning in this Road from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David with 865 Bales of Calicoes.
- Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Mast<sup>r</sup>: arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

FEBRUARY  
MONDAY  
1<sup>st</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Fort St:  
David Goods  
ordered  
to be  
unloaded  
from y<sup>e</sup>  
Phoenix

Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Carswell Comāder arriving in this Road yesterday morning from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload the following Goods Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|         |                         |     |     |     |     |     |       |     |
|---------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| L G O R | ... N <sup>o</sup> : D. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bales | 90  |
| L G O   | ... N <sup>o</sup> : 2. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 77  |
| L G F   | ... N <sup>o</sup> : 1. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 20  |
| L G O R | ... N <sup>o</sup> : 2. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 120 |
| S A O   | ... N <sup>o</sup> : 1. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1   |
|         | 2.                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1   |

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|            |             |     |     |     |     |     |       |   |
|------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
| L G M      | ... No : 1  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bales | 1 |
|            | 2           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| L G O      | ... No : 1  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| S A M      | ... No : 1  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| S V G      | ... No : 1  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| S A F      | ... No : 1  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| B E T      | ... No : 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| P O B E T. | No : 1.     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |

317 Bales

THO: PITT.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 THOM: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatched P Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated this day.

Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated 23<sup>d</sup>: past month, with severall Papers as P List of y<sup>e</sup>: Pacq<sup>t</sup>:

Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 30<sup>th</sup> past month.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
 FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
 MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
 4<sup>th</sup>

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas bee paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Thomas Willaby making his request to bee discharged the Gunroome, agreed that the same be granted him, in regard of his infirmities being lame.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Load on board ship Phoenix Forty five Bales of Vizagapatam Betteelaes, and Load the remainder in Madrass Goods, and if not sufficient to fill up with Fort S<sup>t</sup> David Goods.

Pags 1000  
 orderd the  
 Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
 A Gunner  
 discharged.

Ba: 45  
 Vizagap<sup>m</sup>:  
 Betteelaes  
 orderd on  
 b and the  
 Phoenix, &  
 to fill up  
 with Madrass  
 Goods.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do sell sixty peices of Perpetuanoes, at four Pagodas and a half P peice, being most part moth eaten.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash the sume of sixty eight Pag<sup>s</sup>: and thirty two fanams, for which Bills to be given him on the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company for £31 payable to M<sup>r</sup>: Mary Laige or order.

60 Ps:  
 Perpetuanoes  
 orderd to  
 be sold.  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Wright  
 payes into  
 Cash Pa:  
 68: 32 for a  
 Bill on the  
 Comp<sup>y</sup>:  
 Phoenix  
 orderd to be  
 musterd.

Ordered that the Paymaster Muster Ship Phoenix Company, and report the same to this board.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of January last. Ballance Pa: 3986: 11: 4:

Compas:  
 Cash for  
 moth: of  
 January  
 read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mintmaster payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Three Hundred and Sixteen Pagodas, eleven fanams, forty Cash, being for 911,000 Cash delivered the Paymaster.

Pa: 316:  
 11: 40 pd  
 into Cash  
 for Copper  
 Cash  
 sold.

M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys the sume of Five Hundred Pagodas, on Account Quitt Rents.

Pa: 500 pd;  
 into cash  
 Acc<sup>t</sup>: Quitt  
 Rents.

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Land  
Customer  
reads his  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
moth: of  
December,  
and Payes  
into Cash Pa  
244 on y<sup>t</sup>:  
account.

Mr: Johu Meverell Land Customer read his Land Customers Account for the month of Decemb<sup>r</sup>: last. Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                   |     |     |     |     |         |             |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------------|
| Chontry Custom    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pagodas | 178: 15: 36 |
| Rubie Broakers    | ... | ... | ... | ... | "       | 21: 2: 12   |
| Town Broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | "       | 3: 29: 78   |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | "       | -: 16: -    |
|                   |     |     |     |     |         | 203: 27: 45 |

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Two Hundred forty four Pagodas on y<sup>t</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup>:

Souldrs &  
a Gun<sup>r</sup>  
entertaind.  
The former  
to be pd  
wages since  
[he came]  
from the  
West Coast.

Ordered that Francisco Repoza and Thomas Carvaly be Entertained Souldiers, and Laurensa de Sa of the Gunroome Crew in this Garrison, and that the Paymaster payes the former what wages is due to him from the time he came from the West Coast.

Paymasters  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
Decemb<sup>r</sup>:  
read.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Accounts for the month of Decemb<sup>r</sup>: Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                             |     |     |     |     |                  |           |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> | 1,194: 22 |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 46: 5     |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 312: 5    |
| Account Presents            | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 167: 18   |
| Silk Wormes                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 6: 9      |
| Fort S <sup>t</sup> : David | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | -: 9      |
| Black Stone                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 15: -     |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 434: 29   |
| Charges Dyett               | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 572: 27   |
| Fortification and Repairs   | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                | 43: 20    |

Pag<sup>s</sup> 2,793: -

Lettr: to the  
Compa to  
Par 88  
read.

Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company dated 26<sup>th</sup> past month to Paragraph 38 read, and approved.

Severall  
Letters read:  
read.

Generall Letters from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, & from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>: now read.

Cap<sup>t</sup>:  
Carswell  
requests  
Pa 400 for  
his ships use,  
and  
for what  
reason,  
Agreed the  
same be  
advanc<sup>d</sup>.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Carswell Commander of Ship Phoenix makes itt his request in writing to Lend him Four Hundred Pagodas on Account of the Ship, for that her stock was long since spent, and that he wanted severall men to make the Number of his Ships Company, and no Europeans procureable, so that he must ship Lascars and pay them considerable Imprest money and to prevent delays in his dispatch, 'Tis agreed the aforesaid sume by paid him, he giving three Receipts for the same, wherein to oblige himself to pay advance on the aforesaid sume according to what has been already paid him by Charterparty.

President  
pays  
Pa: 1438:  
21: 40 into  
Cash moneys  
of Cap<sup>t</sup>:  
Lamberts.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Carswell delivering up this day Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Pitts and Fleetwoods receipt to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Lambert for Silver sent by them to China, the President payes the produce thereof into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash, being One Thousand four Hundred thirty-eight Pag<sup>s</sup>: twenty one fanams, forty Cash. And delivers Cap<sup>t</sup> Carswell the China Account, and how disposed of here.

THEO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THEO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1702-03 —

Sloop Abednigo William Stone Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> January, advising that their troubles are not yett ended.

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master sailed for the Malabar Coast.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup>

Generall Letter from the President & Council of Bengall dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: of past month now read. Letter read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companyes Cash Thirty four Pagodas, thirty five fanams, and fifty one Cash for Account of M<sup>r</sup>: Batson Pearson Deceased for which Bills to be given on the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Camp<sup>a</sup>: payable to Elizabeth Pearson or order for £: 15: 14: 2 and farther payes Forty three Pag<sup>s</sup>: nineteen fanams and twenty four Cash, for Account of M<sup>r</sup> James Eustace Deceased.

M<sup>r</sup>: Empson payes into Cash Paga. 34: 35: 51 for Bill on the Comp<sup>a</sup>: Accot<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>: Pearson doct: and Pa: 43: 19: 24 on the same Accot: being pd: of of the effects M<sup>r</sup>: Eustace deceased.

An addition to the Generall Letter (to ship Phoenix) to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company read, and approved. An addition to the Letter to the Comp<sup>a</sup> read.

Ponagette Narso &c<sup>a</sup>: Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companyes Cash the Summe of Seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account. Pa: 700 paid into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Gruapau &c<sup>a</sup> Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Three Hundred Pagodas on that Account. Pa: 300 paid into Cash by the Arrac farmers.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster, according to an order of Consultation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. for mustering ship Phoenix's Company do's now report the same to consist sixty nine men and boys. Paymasters reports ship Phoenix Comp<sup>a</sup>: to be 64.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received of Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David dated 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant with their Pacquett to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company. 10<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Phoenix about eight a Clock this morning fired a Gun and spread her Colours, to give notice that she was full. 11

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1702-03—

12 This evening the Governour and Council mett to sign the Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company and a Letter to my Lord High Admirall of England.

13 Received  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Governour and Council of Negapatam.

This evening the Commander of Ship Phoenix went off, and the ship sailed in the middle of the night.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
18

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Presid<sup>t</sup>: deli-  
vers in an  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: of wt  
pd by him to  
the Vacueel  
at Court.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President produces an Acco<sup>t</sup>: of moneys disburst by him on Account of Mahomud Hussain Vackeel sent to the Kings Court the Ballance due to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: is Pagodas 32: 10: 2.

Page. 1,000  
ordered the  
Paymastr:

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The reinsta-  
ting Sen<sup>r</sup>:  
Caroone  
referred.

Senh<sup>r</sup>: John Caroone delivering in a Petition to be reinstated in the employ he formerly had as Translator of the Portuguez and Dutch Languages, 'its refered to farther consideration.

Fort St  
David Bill  
for Pa 250  
agreed to be  
paid.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David advising of their drawing a Bill of Exchange on us for Two hundred and fifty Pagodas payable to M<sup>r</sup> William Deane, agreed that the same be paid.

Letters to  
severall  
Places read

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, and to the Cheife and Council of Vizagapatam, both dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>: now read and approved.

Suddain rise  
of Paddy in-  
quired into,  
wch is  
occasioned  
by the Pulla-  
mulle renter.  
New Paddy  
to be sold at  
40 Mer: for a  
Pag<sup>o</sup>: old 45,  
and none  
under.  
No Paddy of  
the renters to  
be sold  
Warehouse-  
keep<sup>r</sup>  
orderd to sell  
the Omps  
at the above  
price.

The Inhabitants of this Place making a great clamour upon the suddain rise of Paddy, being sold few dayes agoe att forty five mercall for a Pagoda, and now thirty five, the occasion of wch: being inquired into, we find that the Pullamulle Renter having a great quantity upon his hands stops all Paddy coming out of the Country, and suffers none to be brought into this Town, but his own, by which meanes he hopes to sell itt at what price he pleases, to prevent which 'tis ordered that old Paddy be sold for forty five Mercall for a Pagoda, and new at forty, and that none of the Pullamulle renters be permitted to be sold in this Town, till he has taken off the stop for prohibiting others bringing graine hither, and for a present supply of the poor People with Paddy, 'Tis ordered that the Warehouse-keeper sends to the Banksall to be sold some of the Companys Rice and Paddy, at the aforementioned rates.

Stores order-  
ed to be sent  
to Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David.

Agreed that the following stores be sent to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David by the first opportunity, Viz<sup>t</sup>:

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Cordage 30 Coile from 1½ Inch to 4 Inches.

One pair of Stilliards.

One Iron beame.

Twine Bengall 100-weight

Marline 70 lb.

Sword blades Guilt ... .. 20

Ditto plaine ... .. 20

Drums with Snaires ... .. 2

Boyconetts... .. 50

Red betteelaes ... .. 20 Peices

Ordered that Alexander demonte Topaz be Ent<sup>d</sup>. a Souldier in this Garrison.

Topaz  
Souldr:  
entertaind.

Sunca Rama having given Bills to the Duan for the 25000 Rupees agreed for, of which he has been paid in Rupees and Silver most part thereof.

Ball: Sunoa  
Ramsa  
Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
ordered to  
be paid.

'Tis order'd that the Warehousekeeper pay him the Ball: of that Account in Silver as formerly agreed on.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Joan Martine arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

Dispatch'd ꝑ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>ty</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup> Inst:

19<sup>TH</sup>  
20

Dispatch'd ꝑ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council of Negapatam dated 24<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

25

Sloop Heirusalem belonging to the Royall Danish Company arrived from Bengall.

28

Ship Dansburge belonging to the Royall Danish Company arrived from Bengall.

Ship Alleebux, Bauker Beague Noquedah arriv'd in this Road from Quodah.

MARCH  
ꝑ mo.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY  
ꝑ mo:

Generall Letter to the President and Council of Bengall dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of past month, read, and approved.

Letter to  
Bengall  
read.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges of Garrison.

Page 1,000  
order'd the  
Paymr:

Wanting very much a Person to Translate Portuguez and Dutch, 'Tis agreed that John Caroon be again entertained att four Pagodas ꝑ mensem.

Senhr:  
Caroon  
Entertain'd  
at Pa 4 ꝑ  
mensem.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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- 20 The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz:  
The Commander of the Mocow ship offering eight Pagodas a Candy for Lead,  
Agreed that the Warehousekeeper delivers One Hundred Candy to him.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

3. Ship Rivall Frigot Cap<sup>t</sup>: Richard Rawlings Com<sup>and</sup>: arrived in this road from Canton in China.
4. Ketch Abednigo William Stone Master sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council there dated the 26<sup>th</sup>: of past month.  
Received two Pacquetts from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: and 22<sup>d</sup>: of February the latter advising the returne of the Gentlemen &c<sup>a</sup>: ordered up from that Factory, who mett with contrary winds which forced them back.
5. Ketch Josiah Lambert Commander arrived in this road from Rackan.
6. Sloop Heirusalem sailed for Trincombar.
8. Received of Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant.
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Briggantine Nos Senh<sup>r</sup>: Pillaro St Augo, Senhior Domingo Master arrived in this road from Atcheen.
- Ship Dansburge sailed for Trincombar.
12. Ship Naudemaudat Hodjee Sallam Noquedah arrived in this road from Bengall.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

FRIDAY  
12<sup>th</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Accot<sup>t</sup> of  
the R<sup>t</sup>  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Camp<sup>a</sup> Cash  
for the mo<sup>th</sup>:  
of Feb<sup>r</sup>:  
read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of February last Ballance Pagodas 3748:—: 5.

Mint Accot<sup>t</sup>:  
for the  
month of  
January  
read, and  
paye Pa.  
407: 7: 3 on  
that Ac-  
count.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month of January last and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Four Hundred and Seven Pag<sup>a</sup>: seven fanams, and three Cash being for Custom of Gold coined in the Mint.

Pa: 600 pd  
into Cash by  
the Tobacco  
farmers.

Ponagetee Narso &c<sup>a</sup> Tobacco and beetle farmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash six hundred Pag<sup>a</sup>: on that Account.

Pag<sup>a</sup>: 1000  
order'd ye  
Paym<sup>r</sup>

Agreed one Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

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|                                                                                                                          |     |     |     |              |                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M <sup>r</sup> : Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of January last viz <sup>t</sup> : |     |     |     |              | Paym <sup>t</sup> :<br>Accot: for<br>month of<br>January<br>read. |
| Charges Garrison                                                                                                         | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 1203: 18 |                                                                   |
| Charges Extraordinary                                                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | 24: 1        |                                                                   |
| Silk Wormes                                                                                                              | ... | ... | ... | 11: 15       |                                                                   |
| Charges Dyett                                                                                                            | ... | ... | ... | 294: 20      |                                                                   |
| Charges Generall                                                                                                         | ... | ... | ... | 408: 6       |                                                                   |
| Charges Cattle                                                                                                           | ... | ... | ... | 30: 30       |                                                                   |
| Account Present                                                                                                          | ... | ... | ... | 2: 6         |                                                                   |
| Sloop Expedition                                                                                                         | ... | ... | ... | —: 31        |                                                                   |
| Fortification & repaires                                                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | 119: 8       |                                                                   |
| Pa: 2,094: 27                                                                                                            |     |     |     |              |                                                                   |

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| M <sup>r</sup> : John Meverell Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the months of January & February last Viz <sup>t</sup> : |     |     |                 |  | Land<br>Customers<br>Accot:<br>for ye:<br>months<br>Janry<br>&<br>Febry: read. |
| January                                                                                                                                    |     |     |                 |  |                                                                                |
| Choultreys Custom                                                                                                                          | ... | ... | Pa: 102: 18: 24 |  |                                                                                |
| Rubie broakers                                                                                                                             | ... | ... | 16: 16: 7       |  |                                                                                |
| Town broakers                                                                                                                              | ... | ... | 27: 18: —       |  |                                                                                |
| Registring Slaves                                                                                                                          | ... | ... | —: 32: —        |  |                                                                                |
| Pa: 120: 21: 49                                                                                                                            |     |     |                 |  |                                                                                |
| February                                                                                                                                   |     |     |                 |  |                                                                                |
| Choultreys Custom                                                                                                                          | ... | ... | Pa: 149: —: 10  |  |                                                                                |
| Rubie broakers                                                                                                                             | ... | ... | 4: 25 —         |  |                                                                                |
| Town broakers                                                                                                                              | ... | ... | 1: 15: 7        |  |                                                                                |
| Registring Slaves                                                                                                                          | ... | ... | —: 8: —         |  |                                                                                |
| Pa: 155: 12: 17                                                                                                                            |     |     |                 |  |                                                                                |

Ordered that the following Presents and Factors Provisions be sent to Vizagapatam and Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>: by the first opportunity Viz<sup>t</sup>: for Vizagapatam

- 2 p<sup>t</sup>: of Scarlett, 6 looking Glasses.
- 20 lb Flint ware, 12 Sword blades.
- 6 p<sup>t</sup>: of spectacles, 6 small Prospective Glasses.
- 2 p<sup>t</sup>: Aurora, 3 pe[il]ces of Broad Cloth red.
- 6 p<sup>t</sup>: of Cloth rashes.
- Factors Provisions.

Sundrys for  
Presents &c<sup>a</sup>  
orderd to  
the Nothern  
Factorys.

The same for Metchlepatam.

General Letters from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: and 22<sup>nd</sup>: February, and from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 4<sup>th</sup>: of March all now read.

Several  
Letters read.

Ordered that Edward Cornelius be entertained one of the Gunroome Crew of this Garrison.

Gunner  
Entertaind.

The Governour having news brought him last night that there had been six or eight Peons, who had tyde leaves in the Companys Towns, which is the Custom of the Country when they take possession of any Place, Peons were sent out immediately to seize them, but could not find them, but this morning three of them came to the Governour at Egmore and produced a Paper Translate of which is Enterd after this Consultation, which is an order from the Phousdar of Pullamulle, grounded upon an order he received from the Kings Duan Mahomud Syde. The Governour ordered them to be carryed Prisoners to the Fort, where they were put in Irons, and intended to be punisht for executing an order within our Jurisdiction, without first acquainting y<sup>e</sup>: Governour therewith.

News brought  
the Gov<sup>r</sup>,  
leaves were  
tyde in y<sup>e</sup>:  
New Towns.  
Peons sent  
out to [f]etch  
those that  
did it.  
found to be  
the duan's  
ord<sup>r</sup>:  
Persons  
brought the  
order sent  
Prisoners to  
y<sup>e</sup> Fort.

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Mr: Pearsons  
Crimes set  
forth, and  
ordered to  
be confined  
& not  
permitted to  
eat at the  
Generall  
Table.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Pearson writer, who came out on the Phoenix, and immediately sent to Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>: where he behaved himself very insolently to his superiors for which they sent him hither in January last, when soon after he behaved himself very impudently to the Governour, who confind and punish'd him for it, and afterwards upon his submission, and acknowledging his fault with promises of amendement he was set at liberty, when in few days after he quarrelled att the Companys Generall Table, where he gave approbious language to severall, and blowes to boot, so finding him an incorrageable and debauch fellow, and that keeping him here, may tend to the ruin of severall of the Young men in the Companys Service, 'Tis agreed that he be confind to the inward Fort, and sent for England by the first opportunity, and that he bee permitted to come no mere to the Companys Table, but that the Steward shall send him such Provisions as the Governour directs.

Ware-  
houseke:  
ordered to  
reserve  
500 p<sup>ts</sup>:  
Moorees  
for Paintings

The Company having ordered by their last years shipping that we should incourage the making of fine Paintings, and chay Goods in this Place, 'tis ordered that the Warehousekeeper reserve Five Hundred peices of the finest and thickest Moorees brown for that purpose, and to be delivered the Painters so soon as we have agreed on the Paintings, and the prices.

A sea Chest  
wch; has lain  
yeares in y<sup>c</sup>:  
Warehouse  
ordered to be  
sold, and  
the produce  
put in the  
Poors box.

There having been a Sea Chest which was many yeares since taken up a drift at Vizagapatam, and brought hither, and has lain ever since in our Warehouse, which was ordered this day to be brought before us, and opened in which was found a parcell of old Cloths, and some silver Buttons, which is ordered to be sold by the Warehousekeeper at the Sea Gate, and the produce thereof put into the Poors box.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Duans Perwanna to Mahomud Sheriff Dated Ramsoon 14 in 47 Year of y<sup>c</sup>: Kings Reign.

By Virtue of Cawn Bauhaudars Perwanna sealed w<sup>th</sup>: his seale after the Fulay you must seize the Towns and Magawalee the Governour of Chinapatams Jageer under the Government of Pullamullee Country in which proceed according to the Tenor of y<sup>c</sup>: Letter and whatever the Governours Gomasters have received to this time, you are to receive back to a Dooda, and bring into the Cash, as this you must obey as a possitive order.

14<sup>th</sup> Received 3<sup>d</sup> Pattamar two Generall Letters from the Gen<sup>l</sup>: and Council att Suratt dated 27<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December last.

15<sup>th</sup> The following order was signed by the Governour and Council. Viz:

Paddy to be  
sold for the  
most they  
can get.

Whereas some few dayes past we ordered that old Paddy should not be sold under forty five Mercall for a Pagoda, and new att Forty, hoping thereby 't wo<sup>d</sup>: have had the good effect of keeping itt at that price, or makeing it cheaper, but finding it has a quite different effect, and that there is great clamours for Graine, the Governour is of opinion being advised thereto by the Prinsippall Inhabitants of the Place, that the reversing of that order will incourage the bringing in of great quantityes from the Land, which will occasion the making it plenty and cheap, as to which he desires the opinion of the Council.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1702-03 —

Ship Charlton Cap<sup>t</sup>: Gostline Comander arrived this morning in this road from Canton in China.

The three Peons that tyde leaves in our new Townes who were by order of Consultation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant sent Prisoners to the Fort and there kept in Irons were this day released, in consideration that they were but servants, and obey'd onely their Masters order, but were severly checkt for the same, the Governour telling them that if they or any others presumed to do the like againe, they should most certainly loose their Heads.

Received Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council of Negapatam dated 20<sup>th</sup> March S. N.

Ship Bone Voyageo belonging to Collawa Chittee arriv'd from Pegue loaden with Elephants.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>u</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

MONDAY  
22

M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Hiller Provisiionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the months of Decem<sup>r</sup>, January, and February last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>r</sup>: Cash Three Hundred Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Stores sold in the afore-said months.

Storekeep<sup>rs</sup>:  
Accot for  
the moth: of  
Janry: &  
Febry: read  
and Pa:  
800 pd:  
into Cash on  
Accot  
Stores Sold.  
Ca: 5 of  
copper  
ordered to be  
bought.  
Pa: 261: 19:  
66 pd into  
Cash Accot:  
Land  
Custom.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do buy Five Candy of Japan Copper and deliver to the Mint master to be coined into West Coast Cash.

M<sup>r</sup> John Meyerell Land Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Two hundred sixty one Pagodas, nineteen fanams and sixty six Cash for Account Land Customs.

Generall Letter from the Generall and Council of Surat dated 22<sup>d</sup> of November and 5<sup>th</sup> of December last, and from the Governour and Council of Negapatam dated 20<sup>th</sup> March S. N. all now read.

We expecting before this the arrivall of the Chambers Frigot from China, but by news brought by ships lately arrived from thence, have reason to fear she'l hardly come this season, and our Cash being low besides we are considerably indebted to our Merch<sup>ts</sup>: att Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, and want money likewise here to finish our last Investment, which has occasioned us to signify to severall People our intentions of the disposing of the Companys silver, which induced M<sup>r</sup> Edward Fleetwood to make proposals for the same, who after severall meetings agreed with us att the following rates. Viz<sup>t</sup>: Ingot Silver att sixteen Dollars weight for ten Pagodas, and Dollars at Fifteen and seven eights, the money for the same to be paid in two months in Current Pagodas of this Place besides M<sup>r</sup>: Fleetwood is obliged to load this Silver on a ship belonging to this Port, by which the Company will reap a future advantage in their Custom and Coinage, and it will be a great incouragement to the Port, but if any unforeseen accident

Letters read.  
Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
silver in the  
Warehouse  
agreed to be  
sold,  
M<sup>r</sup>: Fleet-  
wood oblig'd  
to load it on  
a ship  
belonging to  
this Port.  
the advant-  
age the  
Compa: will  
reap by its  
sale.  
if he pro-  
ceeds not to  
China to be  
returned.

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should happen so as to prevent the ship from proceeding on the aforesaid voyage, then the silver to be returned into the Company's Godown, and M<sup>r</sup>: Fleetwood to be repaid his money.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Cook and M<sup>r</sup>: Coppin be present att weighing the silver off.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Cooke to  
weigh it off  
Senht.

Manuch's  
Lease for his  
Garden to be  
renew'd.

In consid-  
eration of his  
good services  
the fine to be  
forgiven him.

M<sup>r</sup>: Nichola Manuch his Lease being expired for a House, and Garden he has in the suburbs of the Black Town, which was built, and planted by him 'Tis ordered that the Lease for the same be renewed for twenty one Years to come, he paying for the same sixty Pagodas.

It being the generall opinion of all that y<sup>e</sup>: aforesaid M<sup>r</sup>: Nichola Manuch is very poor, and in consideration of his readiness to serve the Company on all occasions, 'tis Agreed that upon his payment of the sixty pagedas beforementioned, it be returned him as a gratuity for his good services.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

23<sup>d</sup>. Ship Sedgwick Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Plumb Comāder arrived in this road from Pegue.

24. The Mary Smack William Adams Master arrived in this Road from Bengall, by whom we received from the President and Council there a Generall Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup>: February and Copy of theirs dated 15<sup>th</sup> Ditto sent to Charles and Betty sloop, advising that an order from the King for taking off the restraint on Trade was arrived the Prince, but was not yet put in execution.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz<sup>t</sup>.

The Mary Smack William Adams Master arriving this afternoone in this Road from Bengall Loaden with Goods and Stores on the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company's Account; Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe unload the same tomorrow morning.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

25<sup>th</sup>. Ship Sweep Steak's William Dixon Master arrived in this road from Atcheen.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT, ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

Letter recd.  
from Bengall  
read.

Warehouse-  
keep<sup>r</sup>  
orderd to  
buy redwood  
Pa 2½ P  
Candy.

General Letters from the President & Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 15<sup>th</sup>: and 18<sup>th</sup> of February last both now read.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy read wood att Two Pagodas and a halfe P Candy to pay what formerly borrowed, when the Company had none by them.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1702-03—

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the months of Jan<sup>y</sup>: and February last.

Warehouse-keepers  
Accot: for  
Moth of  
Janry &  
Febry: read.

Ordered that the Accomptant draws out an Account of the last halfe yeares Salary due to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Servants in this Place.

Accot: Salary  
ordered to be  
drawn out.

Ordered that Warehousekeeper sell seventy or 80 Candy Lead at eight Pagodas & Candy.

Ca: 70 of  
Lead ordered  
to be sold.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Five thousand Pagodas, on Account Goods sold in the warehouse.

Pa: 5000 pd  
into Cash  
Accot Goods  
sold.

Resolved that Five thousand Pag<sup>a</sup>: be paid the Warehousekeeper to be Loaden on the Mary Smack for Vizagapatam.

Pa: 5000  
orderd for  
Vizam: on the  
Mary Smack.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of February last, Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymasters  
Accot: for  
the month of  
February  
read, and

|                                |     |     |     |     |                |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Charges Garrison ...           | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 1,248 : 23 |
| Charges Cattle ...             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 : 2         |
| Silk Wormes ...                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 : —          |
| Charges Extraordinary ...      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 : 20         |
| Fort St: David ...             | ... | ... | ... | ... | — : 27         |
| Charges Dyet ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 608 : 16       |
| Charges Generall ...           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 356 : 26       |
| Charges Merchandize ...        | ... | ... | ... | ... | — : 22         |
| Black spine ...                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 : —         |
| West Coast ...                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 : —         |
| Fortification and repaires ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 98 : 15        |
|                                |     |     |     |     | Pa: 2393 : 7   |

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced him, for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa: 1000  
ordered him:

Resolved that the Mary Smack and Charles and Betty Sloop, (Tho first arrived here the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant and the other hourly expected) be both dispatched with all expedition for Bengall, they having brought us [*Lacuna*] baggs of Salt Petre and [*Lacuna*] Bales for the Companys Account, the latter we having neither wrott for, nor want them, and the reasons for our returning the Charles and Betty Sloop (the Modell of which was brought out of England upon the Anna) is that they have spoild her in setting her up in Bengall, so that she will neither saile nor worke nor one good quality in her, besides her Plank being of that Country, which renders her good for nothing.

Mary Smack  
and Charles  
and Betty  
Sloop agreed  
to be turned  
to Bengl:  
The reasons  
why returne  
ye: Charles  
and Betty  
Sloop.

The Conicoply under the Warehousekeeper being lately dead, and a new one put in, an Account of the remaines were taken, but finding theres wanting in redwood 19 Candy, 'tis supposed that that quantity may lye under the Cables and Cordage, which to remove the same will cost near to the value thereof so it is agreed that there is the full quantity of the redwood, and that the Warehousekeeper comes to no prejudice thereby.

Can 19 of  
redwood  
wanting  
supposed to be  
under the  
Cables.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO<sup>s</sup>: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVEREELL.

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26. Sloop Charles and Betty Thomas Harris Master belonging to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company arrived this day from Bengall loaden with Bales &c<sup>s</sup>: by whom we received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 15<sup>th</sup>: of past month.
- 29 Ship Mahomuddee, Mahomud Acheen Noquedah arrived in this road from Quodah.
- Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated 20<sup>th</sup>: past month.
- Ship Bombooprau Caja Cassen Noquedah arrived in this road from Pegue.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

TUESDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall  
from  
Metchm:  
read, advis-  
ing of Mr.  
Woolstons  
escape from  
thence.

Letter to the  
Northern  
factoryes,  
Fort St:  
David and  
Bengall read.

Mr: Tho:  
Marshall's  
Petition for  
laying down  
the Comp  
service  
grant'd, and  
that he is to  
continue in  
the Council  
whilst  
ashore.

Mr: Meverell  
ordered  
Paymaster  
& Mr: Dean  
his assist-  
ance.

Mr: Hunt  
ordered  
Provisall:  
Land  
Customer.

Generall Letter from M<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Frewen and M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Faucett at Metchlepatam dated 20<sup>th</sup> Instant now read; which Letter advises after what insolent manner M<sup>r</sup>: Pitt appeared himself, and all his people in Armes to conduct Woolston off the shore, who formerly was a servant to our Company, & deserted their service, without adjusting Accounts.

Generall Letters to the Northern Factoryes dated 28<sup>th</sup>: Instant, to the President and Council of Bengall and to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David all now read and approved.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall who having been some time Judge Advocate, Paymaster, and one of the Council of this Place, designing in a little time to goe for England, but desirous first to make a voyage or two for China, y<sup>s</sup>: day Petitioned us to lay down the Companys service, which was granted him, and his Petition Entered after this Consultation. But resolved that he first cleares all his Accounts, and settle all matters in the Court, for which end he is to remaine of the Council during his stay on the shore.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell be Paymaster and that M<sup>r</sup>: William Dean be Under him.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Hunt be Provisiounall Land Customer, and M<sup>r</sup>: Lyde his assistant.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF  
FORT ST GEORGE & COUNCIL.

HON<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:

Considering the many favours I have received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company as well as from your Honour & C<sup>a</sup> it may be a surprizall that I should now desire the liberty of leaving you, but finding it has been a favour granted those in inferior stations, and your Honour & C<sup>a</sup> well knowing it can be no prejudice to their Affaires at present, presume the request may not be taken amiss from me, not that I am in the least insensible of the Honours or advantage I at present enjoy by their service, but am desirous of seeing the world in hopes thereby to capacitate myself the better to serve them, which I shall be ready to doe on all occasions, and accordingly embrace all opportunities to make my due acknowledgements for the Honours and favours done me, so desiring you'll be pleased to grant me my request, which will add to the obligations of

Hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>  
Yo<sup>r</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
THOMAS MARSHALL

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>: 1703.

Briggantine Goodwill Cap<sup>t</sup>: Harnet Comander arrived in this road from Malacca, as also Madrass Briggantine arrived from the same Port. MARCH 31

The Mary Smack William Adams Master sailed this morning for Vizagapatam and Bengall, by whom we sent two Pacquetts, one to the Cheife, and Council of Vizagapatam dated 28<sup>th</sup>: of past month, the other to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: Ditto. And Sloop Charles and Betty Thomas Harris Master saild for Metchlepatam, and Bengall, to the former Place sent a Pacquet to the Cheife and Council there dated 18<sup>th</sup>: and 28<sup>th</sup>: of past month. APRIL 2<sup>d</sup>

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz<sup>t</sup>:

THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL OF THIS PLACE FOR WEIGHTY REASONS, HAVE THOUGHT FITT TO PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

That whereas M<sup>r</sup>: John Pitt President at Metchlepatam for the new Company, and others of their servants have lately in publick Acted most insolently and Audaciously to the great prejudice of our Comp<sup>y</sup>: Interest and Honour in that Place, for which wee can esteem them no other then the profest Enemyes of our Company, and declare 'em such.

This is therefore to Require and Command all our Companys servants, Freeman, and Inhabitants of this Place of whatsoever Nation to hold no manner of correspondence or commerce with the aforesaid Jn<sup>o</sup>: Pitt & C<sup>a</sup> otherwise they shall bee deem'd as profest enemies to our Company, and treated accordingly. Dated in Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George this second day of April 1703.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

Dispatch'd by Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 29<sup>th</sup>: past. 3<sup>d</sup>

The following order was signed by the Governour & Council Viz<sup>t</sup>

Last night I received two Letters one from Bandar Cawn the Nabobs brother, and another from a Principle Commander in the Army advising that the Nabob

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has ordered them to go against a Polligar Bumraws, for which they desire us to supply 'em with a Candy and a halfe of Lead, and three Candy of Powder about which I have consulted some people, and think it adviseable to spare it, they paying for it.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

6 Ship Good fortune Francis Holt Master arrived in this road from Pegue loaden with Elephants.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
8

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Accot. of the  
Comps. Cash  
for the moth:  
March read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Accounts of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of March last Ballance Pagodas 2041. 27. 1.

Sea Custom  
Accot: for  
the moth: of  
December  
read,

Mr: Mathew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the month of December last Viz<sup>t</sup>.

|                                                     |     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month | Pa  | 161: 33: 30 |
| To Freight $\Psi$ Hampshire Bengall                 | ... | 83: 23: 40  |
| To permission $\Psi$ Loyall Cooke from China        | ... | 72: 1: 90   |

Pa. 317: 22: 60

Pa 1880-26  
pd into Cash  
on that  
Accot:

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Thirteen Hundred and eighty Pag<sup>s</sup>. twenty six fan<sup>s</sup>. Viz<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Custom, Pag<sup>s</sup> 203. 29. 75. on Acco<sup>t</sup>: freight and permission & Pa: 176. 32. 23. Town Conicoply's Duty.

Pa 1000  
orderd the  
Paym<sup>r</sup>: and  
Pa 1000  
orderd for  
the Black  
Town Wall.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison, and One Thousand Pagodas towards building the Town Wall.

Halfe a  
Yeares  
salary due  
to the Comp  
servants  
agreed to be  
paid.

The Accomptant delivers in an Account of the Halfe Yeares salary due to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>s</sup>: Servants of this Place, ending the 25<sup>th</sup>: March last amounting to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1067. 34. 4. which is ordered to be paid.

Mr: Ogle-  
thorps Peti-  
tion granted  
for leave to  
go to China,

Mr: Theo. Oglethorp delivering in a Petition as Entered after this Consultation for leave to goe a voyage to China; Resolved the same be Granted him, [being] agreeable to the Companys orders, and his Fathers request.

Soavengers  
Accot: for  
12 months,  
read, and.  
Pa. 213. 20.  
50 pd: into  
Cash on y<sup>t</sup>:  
account.

Mr: Charles Bugden Scavenger reads his Scavengers Account for Twelve months ending the ultimo Septem<sup>r</sup>: 1702 and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Two Hundred and thirteen Pagodas fan<sup>s</sup>: 20. 50. Cash as the Ballance of the Scavengers Account for the above Year.

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Diago Pasquall &c<sup>a</sup> Mucquaw men Pay's into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One Hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: for the fishing Farm for two yeares ending ult<sup>o</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> Month.

Pa. 100 pd: into Cash for y<sup>e</sup>: fishing farm for 2 yeares.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Thirty two Pag<sup>s</sup>: 10 fan<sup>s</sup>: 2<sup>ca</sup>: as the Ballance of Mahomud Hussains Account, who was employed at the Kings Court for intilligence, and to acquaint us of the proceedings of S<sup>r</sup>: William Norris.

Pa. 32-10<sup>2</sup> pd: into Cash by the Presid<sup>t</sup>: Ballance of Mahomud hussains Acco<sup>t</sup>

The Conicoply Cowinda pilla at the Sea Gate lately dying M<sup>r</sup>: Mathew Empson recommends one Arreapau (who has been for some Yeares an under Conicoply there) to be a fitting Person for that Employ for that he alwayes found him faithfull, and dilligent but avers he is not able to give security according to the Companys order, and no other at present offering any; 'Tis Agreed he be entertain'd in the aforesaid vacancy.

Cowinda pilla Conicoply at the Sea Gate being dead. Arreapau entertaind: in his room.

The Peddenaigue having often complained to us that his Revenues are so lessen'd, that it do's not defray his charges, which he imputes to the English, Armenians, Portuguez and other Europeans countenanceing the Goods of those who ought to pay the Peddenaigues Duty, the consideration of which is referred to another opportunity.

The Peddenaigues complaint of the decrease of his revenues, the hearing referd:

The Company having no Plate for their Generall Table, or any other use, but what is very old, and battered and but very little of it too, which is now agreed to be melted down, and the President who brought out a sett of Plate with him, and has used it ever since at his own Charge: 'tis agreed that the same now be taken on the Companys Account, allowing for the same, as the Companys silver was lately sold, sixteen Dollars weighty for ten Pagodas English standard, and for the fashioning thereof as it cost in England, and that the same be weighed off to the Steward, and an Account of itt brought into Consultation, that so it may be brought into the Bookes.

The Presid<sup>t</sup>: set of Plate agreed to be bought for the Company.

The Joint Stock Merchants having brought in near to the Amount of what they have received of their last Contract, and laying before us the want of money to clear the remainder of what lying in the Country in order to the finishing the Contract it is agreed they bee paid Ten thousand Pagodas.

Pa: 10,000 agreed to be pd: the Joint Stock Merchants in farther pt: of their Contract.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>:  
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R<sup>T</sup>:  
HON<sup>BLE</sup>: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY  
ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL &  
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S<sup>R</sup>: GEORGE &c<sup>a</sup>  
COUNCIL

HON<sup>BLE</sup>: S<sup>RS</sup>:

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company (as my Father wrott me v<sup>y</sup> Colchester) have by his strenious application to 'em recommended me to your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup> favour in permitting me to goe a Voyage to China by the first ship bound thither, and so fair an opportunity now presenting humbly crave according to the desires of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, and my Father, that your

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Honour &c<sup>a</sup> would patronize my request, by not onely Preferring my going, but likewise to permit my continuance in the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Service, referring it solely to your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>: favour, I am

Hon<sup>ble</sup> : S<sup>rs</sup> :  
Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>: Hum<sup>ble</sup>: Servant  
THEOS : OGLETHORPE.

APRIL THE 8<sup>TH</sup>: 1703.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

FRIDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Peices 500 of  
Moorees  
delivd : the  
Painters and  
Pag<sup>s</sup> : 750  
pd : them  
the terms  
agreed on  
what they  
owe the  
Comp<sup>a</sup> : to be  
deducted out  
of their last  
Payment.

The Painters were this day before us, when we order'd the Warehouse-keeper to deliver them Five Hundred Peices of fine Moorees reserved for that purpose, To Paint which after the most curest manner, 'Twas agreed on the following terms. That they should now receive the 500 p<sup>s</sup>: of Cloth, and with it Seven Hundred and fifty Pagodas, and when they have about halfe done, they are to receive Three Hundred seventy five more, and when they have compleated the same, which is to be done by the 25<sup>th</sup>: of September, the price of each peice is then to be adjusted according to the finest of the worke, and the remainder paid them, deducting w<sup>t</sup>: they owe the Company, being money formerly Lent them for their incouragement to settle here.

The heads of  
the Casts  
[ . . . ]  
were before  
the Gov<sup>r</sup> : &  
Council.  
The roll what  
each man  
must pay was  
read.  
to which they  
unanimously  
agreed to  
method for  
Collecting.

The Cheifs of the Casts having met daily for some weeks past at the Pagoda to consider of wayes, and meanes for raising the money for building the black Town Wall, and works, and having acquainted the Governour few dayes past that they had perfected the same, we summoned all the Casts this day before us, and called over the Roll of how much every Casts was assest; with which they all seemed to be satisfyed, and declared they had given their assent thereunto, upon which we ordered it forewith to be Collected in such a method as they themselves desired, which was to be by their own Conicoplyes, and two Peons to each Cast.

Pa. 449-12-  
50 agreed to  
be pd : for  
Gold Chai-  
nes.

There being a parcell of Gold Chaines of fine Manilha work to be disposed of, which formerly we agreed for to Present Abdull Labby but he refusing the same, they were again returned to the Proprieter. And now considering that such a parcell, in regard to their finest, and quantity are seldome to be mett with, and the Company having frequent occasion for the same it is agreed that the Warehousekeeper receive them, paying for them Pag<sup>s</sup>: 449. 12. 50.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

10<sup>TH</sup>

Dispatch'd  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>r</sup>: day.

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Received  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>.

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Received of Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>e</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 15<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>:

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Council of Fort St<sup>e</sup>: David dated Yesterday.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
 FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
 MATT: EMPSON. THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
 22<sup>d</sup>:

Generall Letters to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated this day, to the General and Council at Surat and to the Commodore & Council at Anjengo of the same date, now read, and approved, as also a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>e</sup>: David dated the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, and from the Cheif and Council of Metehlepatam dated 7<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: now read, the first advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for Twenty thousand Pagodas, payable to their Joint Stock Merchants which being now presented. Agreed the same be paid.

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer reads his Land Custom Accounts for the month of March last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                    |     |     |     |     |                |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Choultry Custom    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 529: 19: 3 |
| Rabie Broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13: 16: 16     |
| Town Broakers      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4: 18: 60      |
| Registering Slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | — 32: —        |
| Fines              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30: — —        |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 578: 13: 79

General Letters to, and from several Places read.  
 Fort St<sup>e</sup>: David Bill Exch for Pa: 20000 agreed to be pd.

Land Customers Acct<sup>s</sup>: read, and

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Six Hundred and One Pag<sup>o</sup>: Nineteen fan<sup>s</sup>: twenty one Cash, being the Ballance of his Land Customers Accompt.

Agreed that Six Hundred and one Pag<sup>o</sup> nineteen fanams, twenty one Cash be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Checa Serapau Payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One Thousand Pag<sup>o</sup>: in part of the Rent for the New Townes.

Agreed that Fifteen Hundred Pag<sup>o</sup>: be advanced Paulo & Washers for curing the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cloth we being in Arrears to them.

Ponagettee Narso & Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Seaven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Ordered that John Butcher be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Gruapau & Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Five Hundred Pag<sup>o</sup>: on that Account.

Pa: 601: 19: 21: pd: into Cash on that Account.

Pa: 601: 19: 21: ordered the Paymaster.

Pa: 1000 pd. into Cash pt: of the Rent of ye: New Towns.

Pa: 1500 order'd the Washers.

Pa: 700 pd into Cash by the Tobacco & farmers.

Gunner discharged.

Pa: 500 pd: into Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

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Bera  
Timapau  
Petitions the  
Gov<sup>r</sup> : &  
Council about  
Pa : 10000  
p<sup>d</sup> : into ye  
Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash  
by Ag<sup>t</sup> :  
Masters wch :  
belonged to  
his Father.

the Accompt-  
tant ordered  
to examine  
the Generall  
Bookes.

The Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
debt due  
from the  
Joint Stock  
Merchs : was  
demanded.

Bera Timapau whose Father, and himselfe have been the Companys Chief Merchants of this Place, delivered in a Petition (as Entered after this Consultation) the purport of which is that when Agent Masters in the Year 1681 adjusted Accounts between his Father and the other Joint Stock Merchants;

He ordered his Father to pay them Forty Nine thousand Pagodas, which was accordingly paid, but President Gyfford immediately after coming to the Government, the said money was ordered to be returned him, when was found Ten Thousand Pagodas thereof in the Hands of the aforesaid Agent Masters, w<sup>ch</sup> : he paid into the Companys Cash, and there it has remaind ever since : 'Tis agreed the Accomptant Examines the Bookes, and report what he finds relating to this matter.

Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup> : Joint Stock Merchants who were concerned in former Contracts & considerable indebted to the Company, were this day summoned before us, and acquainted that they must forewith repay the Companys Debt, and in order thereto they are to meet daily at the brown Godown till the same be finish<sup>t</sup>.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS : ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> : THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> :

PRESIDENT OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
OF FORT ST<sup>r</sup> : GEORGE &c<sup>a</sup> : COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF BERRY TIMAPAU.

MOST HUMBLE SHEWETH.

That in the Year 1681 when Streynsham Masters was Agent he imprison'd your Petitioners Father Pedde Vincatadry, on a dispute between him, and the Merchants, and having seiz'd his Jewells, and Goods sold them all to the Amount of Pag<sup>s</sup> : 49000 which was paid the said Merchants, not long after which your Petitioners Father made his complaint to Presid<sup>t</sup> : Gifford on his accession to this Government, who sent for the Merchants, and upon examination they declared that they did not take the money, but confessed that Agent Masters paid them 39000 Pag<sup>s</sup> : and kept the remainder 10000 Pag<sup>s</sup> : in his own hand and as for what they had they were ready to pay it, and requested that Agent Masters might give an Account of what became of the rest, who being sent for said it was true he did receive Ten thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : which the Merchants paid the Company, and he then brought it to be paid into the Companys Cash, and accordingly delivered said money to Presid<sup>t</sup> : Gifford in the Consultation Roome, who askt him how it came about that it was not entered in the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash before, he having had it in his hands 4 or 5 months, to which he had only to say that he thought it had been paid and Entered, President Gifford having thus far examined the business did assure your Petitioners Father that he would write Home concerning it, and doubted not but the money w<sup>d</sup> : be restored him, in the interim your Petitioners Father dyed, and left your Petitioner to recover that Just Debt, who desisted not from making his application to all succeeding Governours about itt, first to Governour Yale who gave him the same hopes, as President Gifford had done before, but that was quashed by an unhappy accident which occasioned a dispute between the Governour and your Petitioner, after which he Petitioned S<sup>r</sup> : John Goldsborough, who gave him his word that he would examine and determine the

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business on his arrivall from Bengall w<sup>ch</sup>: was once more delay'd by his unfortunate death there.

Now your Petitioner humbly setteth forth that the money has been a long time lodged in the Companys hands to his great loss, and detriment for which he has address'd himself to all Govern<sup>rs</sup>: successively to your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: time, but have hitherto had no redress they esteeming the Companys Interest rather then Justice. Now your Petitioner most humbly acknowledges that all he has is owing to the Benevolence of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, and has ever borne them a gratefull respect, so that he could not modestly determine the business with 'em by process at Law, and hopes that your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup> will take it into your most favourable consideration, and finding this matter to be true would please to order the Payment of said money or enable your Petitioner (who has done the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company many faithfull services) that he may have some likelihood whereby to maintain his Family, and as in Duty bound

shall ever Pray & c<sup>a</sup>:

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present.*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCOIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
DAY 28.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash, Thirty five thousand Pagodas Account Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Warehouse-  
keeper: payes  
into Cash  
Pa: 30,000  
for silver  
Sold.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the months of February, March and April, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash; Seaven Hundred sixty two Pag<sup>s</sup>: fifteen fan<sup>s</sup>: & forty one Cash, for Custom of Gold coined in y<sup>e</sup> Mint.

Mint Accont:  
for the moth:  
of Febr<sup>y</sup>:  
March &  
April read,  
and  
Pa. 762. 15.  
41 p<sup>d</sup> into  
Cash for  
Custom on  
Gold.

There having been a Scandelous Paper dropt in the Town relating to the assessing the Town Wall money written in a counterfit hand in English which we Judge to be by some European who have had some insight in the Companys Affaires, the drift of which can be for no other end then to raise mutinyes and insurrections, to prevent the Collecting the money for building the black Town Wall, and workes, and there being some particular charges against Seraupau the Cheif Merchant, we summoned all the heads of the Casts before us this morning, and examined them to every particular, which they possitively denied they knew any thing of itt, unless it was y<sup>e</sup> Charges Seraupau was at when Dowd Cawn was here, which they told us they had agreed amongst themselves should be paid him, which Paper is ordered to be Entered after this Consultation.

A scandalous  
Paper dropt  
in Town  
concerning  
the collecting  
the money  
for the  
Black Town  
Wall.  
the effects of  
such Papers,  
the Heads of  
the Casts  
were before  
the Gov<sup>r</sup>:  
& Council,  
who were  
examined  
about the  
Paper.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO FRANCOIS ELLIS ESQ<sup>r</sup>:  
& c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCIL OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

Finding personall application to some of you to mediate matters with the Governour about a due regulation in assessing for the Town Wall, has been

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fruitless, we have in concert with many others, taken this method to lay before you the sentiments of the Inhabitants hoping your Justice in compassion to us, Zeal to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, and regard to the welfare of the Place will induce you to consider the following.

That the building of the Town Wall was by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys order, some of us have been made sensible of, and we believe it, also that they expect the Charges of the same should be bourn by the severall Casts, which we think a very great hardship, considering the benefit of Customs the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company reaps by our sea, and Land Trade, also the Farms of Beetle Tobacco, and Arrac (which fall sensibly heavy) not to mention the Ground Rent of our houses, Pedenaigues Duty &c<sup>a</sup>:

Altho' these as before said are hardships, and some of them with regret paid, yet by length of time, being become Sallabad (as we esteem them) there is no great demur made now, and are not recited here as agrievances, so much as an introduction to inform you, that we are wholly dissatisfied in Serapau Nague being intrusted with the Collection of the Town Wall money lately ordered by the Governour, and yourselves to be received of us, for his audacious injunctions publickly made to the Conicoplys, and Peons (who goe about to gether the money) to beard, and pull us by the necks with Cords to the Choultreys, upon refusall of Payment, which has been committed on some, who were not then in a Capacity to lanch out so much as demanded.

Such insults and outrages are seldome inflicted under the Moors, therefore amazed at Serapau Nagues presumption in giving such orders in the English Government, but they have been redress'd (upon a complaint made to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Governour) by punishing two Peons, tho' we are since served almost as ignominiously, being constrained by those sorded Collectours to stand before our doors awhile in the sun, till wrought into a compliance, and if such sufferings are caused by our backwardness to pay, pleased be referr'd to our reasons that makes us so.

1<sup>st</sup>: Serapau Naigue (at a Generall meeting upon his summons) told us the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company having been at a great charge for raising a Wall round the black Town for our security, must be reimburs'd and Three thousand Pagodas more added to repay the said Seraupaus Charges of Presents &c<sup>a</sup>: during Dowd Cawns stay here last.

2<sup>d</sup>: Having well considered the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys indulgent care to protect us, shall most willingly acquiesce to refund their cost of the Town Wall, but then humbly request may be granted Viz<sup>t</sup>:

1<sup>st</sup>: That only the first cost thereof be assessed.

2<sup>d</sup>: That an English man be appointed receiver or Collectour.

3<sup>d</sup>: That no pretence of Presents &c<sup>a</sup>: made by Serapau Naigue, be interwoven w<sup>th</sup>: the Town Wall mony.

4<sup>th</sup>: That every Cast knowing what each are to pay, have liberty of themselves to bring the sune, which they promise to do within any time limited.

3<sup>d</sup>: For the favour to some, that can better afford it, and hardship to others in meaner circumstances, more to gratify spleen, and hatred, then any reason induces us to insist on the four requests, which being granted will give a Generall satisfaction, and save the hire of so many Conicoplys, and Peons employed as now appointed in this Affair.

4<sup>th</sup>: And what further induces us to insist on y<sup>e</sup>: four requests aforesaid, are, because we are under some jealousy, that besides the Town Wall money and the 3,000 Pagodas for Serapau naigue, more may still be taken, and appropriated to the present managers use.

Our selves and Fathers before us, have long experienced the quiet, and moderate English Government and hope our Childrens Children after us may enjoy the like, but when some by their Characters assumes to Committ abuses, under a presumption that their being favourites will protect them against all clamours (which we find too true) we have only this expedient left Viz<sup>t</sup>: to represent our Callamities, and having so done now, we hope a short time will show us the effects of your wisdom, by interposing in matters so destructive to

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the Publick Good, otherwayes we purpose to apply ourselves to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Company by sending them a Copy hereof with another memorial of farther complaints of this nature.

Madrass April 1703.

In behalfe of the Native Inhabitants of Madrass.

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master arrived in this Road from Anjengo, loaden with Pepper. 29<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Francis Robert Saltmarch Master arrived in this Road from Vizagapatam, being bound for Atcheen, but lost her Passage.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz<sup>t</sup>:

I am advised that Dowed Cawn is gone or going from Arcott to the Southward, and it may bee may goe very near, or call at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: Davids, where I beleive the Comp<sup>t</sup>: has lying ready near Four Hundred Bales of Goods, I think it adviseable to order them hither by the first safe conveyance, reserving as many as will Load the Companys sloop Expedition, your advise herein is desired.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Briggantine Deborah Edward Pemmell Master arrived in this Road from Anjengo loaden with Pepper. 30<sup>TH</sup>:

The following order was signed by the Govern<sup>r</sup>: & Council Viz<sup>t</sup>: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>:  
Ship President and Sloop Expedition arriving in this road this morning from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, Loaden with Bales on the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Account. Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload the same immediately.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship President Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Greenaagh Comānd<sup>r</sup>: arrived in this Road from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Council there dated 29<sup>th</sup>: past month. 1<sup>ST</sup>:

Sloop Expedition belonging to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: arrived in this Road from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David loaden with Bales.

Ship Ruparle Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Tyler Comāder arrived in this road from Bombay, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council there dated 13<sup>th</sup>: of March, as also a Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Suratt dated 20<sup>th</sup>: of February, with Copy of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Generall to them dated 14<sup>th</sup>: May 1702 by overland conveyance. The Surat General advising that the suburbs of that Citty had been Plundered & burnt by the Savajee; the Loss computed to be above Ten Lack of Rupees. 3<sup>D</sup>.

Ship Howland Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Hayes Comand<sup>r</sup>: bound from England to Bombay, but meeting with very bad weather, and a tedious passage from the Cape, having sprung some of his Masts and Yards, arrived here this day. 5.

Ship Humphrey and Charles Cap<sup>t</sup>: Cornelius Com<sup>r</sup>: arrived in this Road this evening from Bengall having mett with a tedious passage from thence.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Matthews Jun<sup>r</sup>: Merch<sup>t</sup>: in the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Service departed this Life. 6.

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## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
6.THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.Sea Custom  
Acc<sup>t</sup>: for  
mo<sup>th</sup>: of  
January &  
February  
Read, andM<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the months of January, and February last, Viz<sup>t</sup>

## JANUARY

|                                                            |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| To Custom on Goods import'd and exported this month ... .. | P. 571: 19: 20     |
| To Custom on Graine ... ..                                 | „ 327: 5: 60       |
| To Anchorage ... ..                                        | „ 8: 18: 0         |
|                                                            | <hr/> P. 907: 7: 0 |

## FEBRUARY

|                                                            |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported & export <sup>d</sup> . ... .. | P. 885: 32: 20 |
| To Custom on Grain ... ..                                  | 152: 11: 0     |
| To Anchorage ... ..                                        | 29: 0: 0       |
| To Tunnage ... ..                                          | 13: 32: 0      |

Pa 1,081: 3: 20

Pa. 3,000 pd:  
into Cash on  
that Account.and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Three thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.Acc<sup>t</sup>:  
Remains  
ordered to be  
brought in.Ordered that the Warehousekeeper, Storekeep<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>t</sup>: do bring in an Account Remains ending the ultimo April 1703, and deliver the same to the Accomptant.Pa. 1,400  
order'd the  
Paymr:Agreed that Fourteen Hundred Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.Gunner  
Entertain'd.

Ordered that Robert Beasley be Entertained one of the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Letters from  
Severall  
Places read.Generall Letter from the Generall, and Council at Suratt, with a Copy of the Companys Generall to them by an overland conveyance dated 14<sup>th</sup> May and from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David two Generalls Viz<sup>t</sup>: One dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: April, and the other the 2<sup>d</sup>: May all now read.Dammaged  
Blaw Cloth  
order'd to be  
sold.M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reports that in opening the Bales of Blew Cloth received from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David in order to air them found two peices much dammaged, which is order'd to be sold at Outcry.A smith  
Entertain'dOrdered that John Ferrero be Entertain'd as Smith att Four Pag<sup>s</sup>: 7<sup>d</sup> mensem to worke in the Smiths Yard.Paper relat-  
ing to the  
peddenaigue  
duty order'd  
to be put up  
on the Gates.

A Paper relating to the Peddenaigue duty was read this day in Consultation and approved of, which is ordered to be put up at the Gates in English, Portuguez &amp; Armenians, and that itt be Enterd after this Consultation.

Agreed Ship  
howlands  
Packet be  
sent for  
ashore and  
open'd.Ship Howland Cap<sup>t</sup>: Hayes Comand<sup>r</sup>: arriving here yesterday, who was bound for Bombay, put in here by bad weather, and meeting with a tedious passage from the Cape, of whom we had enquired after Lres who told us he had none for us, and that what Pacquet he had was in a small box directed to the Generall & Council at Bombay, so considering the Warr, and the Union between the Two Companys an Account of both which, may be of great importance to the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Affaires in these parts; 'Twas resolved that an order be given to the Comand<sup>r</sup>: to send for the Pacquet ashore, which was brought this evening, and open'd where we found a Packet for this Place, q<sup>t</sup>: a Letter from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated 4<sup>th</sup>: August, and another from the Twentyfour Mannagers dated 29<sup>th</sup>: July, w<sup>th</sup>:

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Printed papers relating thereunto, and a Packet for Bengall which is ordered to be sent by the first opportunity. And the Packett made up again, in order to deliver the Commander on his departure hence.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>r</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Whereas of late we have had frequent complaints from the Peddenaigue of this Town, acquainting us that by means of English, Portuguez, Armenians and other Europeans fathring the Goods of Moores Gentues &c<sup>a</sup> who are lyable to the Payment of the Peddenaigues Duty (which we are apt to believe is too true) and that his Revenue is so much deminisht that he is wholly unable any longer to execute that office, for that he do's not receive wherewithall to pay such a Number of Talliars as is necessary to bee kept for the safety of the Place, so that to prevent the ill consequences that may attend the not well watching and Guarding of the Town the Govern<sup>r</sup> : and Council have thought fitt to Publish this order. That if any English, Portuguez, Armenian or any Europeans from this day forward shall presume to own the Goods of any one that is lyable to the Payment of the Peddenaigues Duty, so as to defraw'd him thereof, upon due prooffe of the same, the Goods shall not be onely forfeitted, but He or they also shall be fined at the pleasure of the Governour and Council. Dated in Fort S<sup>t</sup> : George this 10<sup>th</sup> : day of May 1703.

The Paper  
sett up at the  
Sea Gate  
&c<sup>a</sup> : relating  
to ye: Peddenaigue.

Ship Sweepsteeks Edward Love Master sailed out of this Road for Bengall by whom sent a Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated this day, as allso inclosed the Packet from the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company to them received Ψ Ship Howland.

7<sup>th</sup>.

Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup> : Perring Comand<sup>r</sup> : arrived in this road from the Coast of Malabar.

Ship Conjeverom arrived in this Road from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David, by whom received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council there dated the 6<sup>th</sup> : Instant; also a Pacquet from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30<sup>th</sup> : January and 15<sup>th</sup> : February, advising of the dispatch of ship Hampshire thence for England on the p<sup>mo</sup> : February full Loaden.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY  
10<sup>th</sup>;

Guapau &c<sup>a</sup> Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash five Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pa. 500<sup>pd</sup> :  
into Cash by  
the Arrac  
Farmers.

Generall Letters from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant, from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup> : 19<sup>th</sup> : of past month, from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30<sup>th</sup> :

Severall  
Letters read

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January, and 15<sup>th</sup>. February last, were all now read, the latter advising of the following Bills of Exchange drawn on this Presidency Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                           |                                                                                    |                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| York Fort<br>Bills order'd<br>to be paid. | To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Meverel and Hunt ... ..                                    | Ry <sup>l</sup> s: 200:          |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : Thom <sup>s</sup> : Wright &c: owners of Ship Bencoolen ... .. | „ 3,344 : 3 : 1                  |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : George Lewis ... ..                                            | „ 163 :                          |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : Mathew Empson ... ..                                           | „ 253 : 1 :                      |
|                                           | To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Meverell and Hunt ... ..                                   | „ 528 : 1 :                      |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : Peter Wallis ... ..                                            | „ 1,300 : 0 : 0                  |
|                                           | To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Christopher Dixon ... ..                                     | „ 725 : 1 : 1                    |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : Thomas Morris ... ..                                           | „ 777 : 0 : 0                    |
|                                           | To M <sup>r</sup> : Charles Bugden ... ..                                          | „ 1,450 : 0 : 0                  |
|                                           |                                                                                    | Ry <sup>l</sup> s: 8,741 : 3 : 1 |

Amounting to Pag<sup>s</sup>. 5142 : 10 : 4 which is agreed to be paid.

Accot. of the  
Comp. Cash  
for the moth:  
of April read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of April last Ballance Pag<sup>s</sup>: 6412 : 29.

Gunner dis-  
charged.

Ordered that Peter Middleton be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Mr. Etterick  
ordered to  
the Sea Gate  
in M<sup>r</sup>. Mat-  
thews  
Employ.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Matthews a Companys Servant dying lately, who had an employ at the Sea Gate it is ordered that M<sup>r</sup>: Ant<sup>o</sup>: Etterick supplies his Place.

The gold  
being the  
Produce of  
Pepper sold  
at Atcheen  
agreed to be  
coin'd.  
Bales on  
board ship  
Conjeverom  
order'd to  
be unloaden.

The Gold sent from Atcheen for what Pepper M<sup>r</sup>. John Davis sold there out of sloop Expedition, belonging to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company weighing poize oz. 28 agreed the same be put into the Mint to be coined.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do immediately unload what Bales of Calicoes ship Conjeverom has brought from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David on the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Account.

THO: PITT  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

11<sup>th</sup>. Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 28<sup>th</sup> April last, advising that the Charles and Betty Sloop was not arrived there.

12. Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Pedro S<sup>t</sup>: Paul Cap<sup>t</sup>: Manuel Rodregue Comand<sup>r</sup>: sailed for Macow.

13. Dispatchd  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 11<sup>th</sup> Instant inclosing Copyes of some Paragraph of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Generall to us dated 4<sup>th</sup>: August last, as also of the Twenty-four Mannagers Letter to us dated 31<sup>st</sup>: July both rec<sup>d</sup>:  $\Psi$  ship Howland.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOV<sup>RN</sup><sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr. Marshall  
reads an  
Accot: sales  
of Mr. Peach-  
ies house &

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall late Paymaster reads his Account Sale of Sundrys, that belong'd to the house commonly called M<sup>r</sup>: Peachies, but properly belonging

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to the Heirs of Agent Greenhill, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Two Hundred twentytwo Pagodas, and sixteen fan<sup>s</sup> as the Ball<sup>ce</sup>: of that Account, and allso reads his Accounts disbursements of the Black Town Wall from Jan<sup>ry</sup>: 1701 to March 1703, and farther payes into Cash twentyfive Pag<sup>s</sup>: 18. 50 as the Ballance of that Account.

Payes Pa 222.  
16. into Cash  
on that  
Account.  
also acct:  
disburse-  
ments of the  
Black  
Town Wall,  
payes the  
Ball<sup>ce</sup>: Pa.  
25-18-50.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall late Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the Month of March last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymasters  
Acct<sup>t</sup>: for  
the moth: of  
March read,  
and

|                             |     |     |     |     |              |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. 1247: 24 |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40: 20       |
| Silk Wormes                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11: 15       |
| Charges Dyett               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 365: 4       |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 394: 23      |
| Account Presents            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... 26       |
| Vizagapatam                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6: 12        |
| Metchlepatam                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6: 12        |
| Fort S <sup>t</sup> : David | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44: 4        |
| Bengall Presidency          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2: 24        |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15: 10       |
| Fortification and Repairs   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 168: 25      |

Pa. 2303: 19

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Eight Hundred eighty one Pagodas one fanam, as the Ballance of his Paymasters Account of which there is Two Hundred and fifty Pag<sup>s</sup>: in Bills Lent by order of the Governour and approved of afterwards by the Council (in the time of the hurry when Dowd Cawn was here) to Seraupau and the Peddenaigue for the present payment of Peons for intelligence, and defence of the out skirts of the Town Viz<sup>t</sup>:

payes into  
Cash  
Pa. 881: :  
as the  
Ballance of  
the Acct<sup>t</sup>: of  
wch: is  
Pa. 250 in  
Bills  
deliv<sup>d</sup> as  
part of  
payment.

|                               |     |     |           |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
|                               |     |     | Pa.       |
| To Seraupau                   | ... | ... | 50        |
| To y <sup>e</sup> Peddenaigue |     | ... | 200       |
|                               | Pa. | ... | <hr/> 250 |

which Bills are lodged in the Governours Hands for the speedy recovery thereof.

Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 28<sup>th</sup> past month now read, as also a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, to the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam, to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam all dated this day now read, and approvd as also a Letter to John Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President for the New Company at Metchlepatam with which is sent a Copy of the Letter received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the twentyfour Mannagers for the United Trade, in compliance to their orders therein, which Lett<sup>r</sup>: to M<sup>r</sup>: Pitt & Co is Entered after this Consultation.

Several  
Letters to &  
from Plaoss  
read, with:  
A Letter to  
M<sup>r</sup>: Pitt at  
Metchle-  
patam:

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa. 1,000  
ordered the  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOM: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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— FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1702-03 —

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TO JOHN PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF  
THE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY &C<sup>t</sup>: COUNCIL  
AT METCHLEPATAM.

S<sup>rs</sup>:

The ship Howland in our Masters Service bound from England to Bombay, put in here the 5<sup>th</sup>: Instant, meeting with very bad weather and a tedious Passage from the Cape, and not in the least doubting but that there must be Letters of importance for this Place, in regard to the Warr, and the Union, we open'd the Box, wherein as expected we found a Pacq<sup>t</sup>. in which was a Letter from the Twentyfour Mannagers for the United Trade, Copy of which comes inclosed and our Company writes us that your President and Council is ordered to repair hither to assist in taking an Inventory of the Dead stock in our settlements, after which on their returne we are to send some Persons to take an Inventory of yours at Metchlepatam, and Maddapollam, We are,

S<sup>rs</sup>:

FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE THE 13<sup>th</sup>: MAY 1703.

Your Hum<sup>ble</sup>: Servt<sup>s</sup>:  
THOMAS PITT, GOV<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Entered by  
mistake.

Dispatch'd  $\Phi$  Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St<sup>r</sup>: David dated 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant inclosing copies of some Paragraphs of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>. Generall to us dat<sup>d</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>: August last, as also of the Twentyfour Mannagers Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup>: July both rec<sup>d</sup>:  $\Phi$  ship Howland.

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

FRIDAY  
14<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.

Designed to  
have sent  
copper to  
Bengall if  
the Cham-  
bers had  
arrived.  
The Mer-  
chant to  
whom sold  
the Loyall  
Cooke  
Copper  
unable to sell  
it and  
to avoid  
making a bad  
debt,  
Agreed Can:  
250 be rec<sup>d</sup>:  
back and  
sent to  
Bengall, and  
why

The last Year on the arrivall of the Loyall Cooke from China we sold to Vinkette Chittee Merchant of this Place Candy [*lacuna*] of coppar when we expected long before this the arrivall of the Chambers Frigot with a considerable quantity of the same commodity, which if not vendible here we intended to have sent good part thereof to Bengall, but to our great surprize the Merchant that bought the Loyall Cookes, we find he's not able to dispose of what we sold him, good part of which still remains in the Companys Godown, which he has frequently importuned us to receive back which we have agreed too, to avoid the hazard of a bad debt, and it is ordered that the Warehousekeeper receive from him Two hundred and fifty Candy, at the same price we sold it, which we design to send to Bengall by the first opportunity, knowing that they are necessitated for money, and pay great Interest for the same, th<sup>o</sup> they never advised us how that 1,000 Chests sold, wee sent them on the Phoenix.

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The Expedition Sloop having been lately fitted at Fort St: David, and came hither with the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Bales, 'Tis resolved that she takes in as many Chests of Copper as she can conveniently and proceed to Bengall and load on the Greyhound what she can take in.

Expedition sloop agreed to be sent to Bengall with 1 wt: copper she can carry.

There being a private ship bound from this Port to Tonqueen the Owners of which have requested of us Two hundred bags of Salt Petre, which for the incouragement of Trade, being the onely meanes to increase our Customs, 'Tis agreed they be supply'd therewith at the prime Cost in Bengall, which att this time is extravagantly dear. And accordingly the Warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver the same.

Salt Petre 200 bags agreed to be spared the Tonqueen ship

Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup> Joint Stock Merchants importuneing us for five thousand Pagodas to clear away all the Goods in the Country on the last contract; 'Tis Agreed the said sume be paid.

Agreed Pa 5000 to be pd: the Joint Stock Merchts: Presidt delivers in an Accot: of his Plate and, Pa. 1532: 19: 55: agreed to be pd for the same.

The President delivers in a particular Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the wrought Plate agreed to be bought for the Companys Account as P<sup>d</sup> Consultation of the 8<sup>th</sup> of last month, as also an Account of the old batter'd Plate, which was useless, and melted down which being deducted there remains due to the President Fifteen Hundred thirtytwo Pagodas 19 fanams and 55 Cash, which is agreed to be paid him out of Cash, both which Acco<sup>ts</sup>: are ordered to be Enterd after this Consultation.

We had Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup> Joint stock Merchants before us who are indebted to the Company, whom we acquainted that the Two Companys were united and that our Companys possitive orders were, y<sup>t</sup> we should forewith recover all their debts, to which they answered they had made a considerable progress in settling the Accounts amongst themselves and that in few dayes more they would compleat the same, in order to the Payment of the Companys Debt.

The old Joint Stock Merchts: were before the Govr: & Council & their debt again demanded.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT ST: GEORGE, APRIL 1703.

THE R: HON<sup>ble</sup>: EAST INDIA COMPANY D<sup>s</sup>: TO SILVER PLATE

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1532-19-55 and is for the following Particulars sold them viz<sup>t</sup>:—

|                                           | oz.              | dw <sup>t</sup> : | gr:     | Fashion |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
|                                           |                  |                   |         | £ s d   |
| 42 Plates new standard                    | p <sup>t</sup> : | 530               | 15      | 13 5 4  |
| 24 Ditto old standard                     | ...              | ...               | 418     | 10 9 0  |
| 6 Salts small                             | ...              | 9                 | 7       | 0 15 0  |
| 1 Ditto large                             | ...              | 19                | 10      | 1 0 0   |
| 2 Castors & Must <sup>d</sup> : spoone... | ...              | 28                | 15      | 2 8 7   |
| 3 Poringers                               | ...              | 22                | 8       | 0 10 0  |
| 16 Spoons                                 | ...              | 24                | 10      | 0 16 0  |
| 6 Forks and 6 knives                      | ...              | 12                | 1       | 1 10 0  |
| 1 Ladle large                             | ...              | 7                 | 17      | 0 7 0   |
| 12 Dishes                                 | ...              | 598               | 10      | 14 19 0 |
| 1 Tea Pott                                | ...              | 22                | 5       | 1 2 0   |
| 1 Sauce Pan                               | ...              | 39                | 10      | 1 9 7   |
| 2 Salvers large                           | ...              | 52                | 18      | 1 1 0   |
| 2 Ditto small                             | ...              | 19                | 18      | 0 15 0  |
| 1 Monteth                                 | ...              | 60                | 15      | 3 11 2  |
| 4 Large Candlesticks                      | ...              | 139               | 0       | 7 0 0   |
| 7 Covers old standard                     | ...              | ...               | 175: 15 | 4 7 10  |
|                                           | 1,587            | 14                | 593: 15 | 65 6 6  |

Bett<sup>r</sup>: 8dw<sup>t</sup>: ... 59 8 1647: 2

2240: 17

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|                                                                |                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| At 16 Doll <sup>rs</sup> : w <sup>t</sup> : per Pa: 10         | P. 1589: 34: 40                            |
| £ s d s.                                                       |                                            |
| Fashion 65 6 6 at 9 P <sup>ag</sup> :                          | ... 145: 6: 0                              |
|                                                                | 1735: 4: 40                                |
| By old broken Plate                                            | oz. dwt. dwt.                              |
| is standard 285.11 at 16 Doll <sup>rs</sup> : P <sup>a</sup> : | p <sup>z</sup> : 288 2 Wort <sup>e</sup> 2 |
|                                                                | Pa. 10 202: 20: 65                         |
|                                                                | Remains due ... P. 1532: 19: 55            |

Errors Excepted.

P<sup>Y</sup> THOMAS PITT

THE COMPANYS OLD PLATE MELTED VIZ<sup>T</sup>

|                                                             |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Dish ... .. P <sup>z</sup>                                | oz. cw. Q.            |
| 6 [Plates] ... ..                                           | 26: 17: $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1 Large spoone ... ..                                       | 65: 11: $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Kittisall plate ... .. P <sup>z</sup>                       | 4: 1: ...             |
| part whereof was Copper                                     |                       |
| w <sup>ch</sup> : w <sup>th</sup> : y <sup>e</sup> Sowder & |                       |
| lack weighs                                                 | 2: 18: .              |
|                                                             | 29: 17.               |
|                                                             | 123: 7                |
| West Coast Plate ... ..                                     | 164: 14               |
|                                                             | 291: 1                |
| wasted in melting the whole ... ..                          | 2: 19                 |
| dw <sup>t</sup> :                                           | 288: 2                |
| Wort <sup>e</sup> 2 is alloy ... ..                         | 2: 11                 |
|                                                             | Standard 285: 11      |

15<sup>TH</sup> Brigantine [*lacuna*] sailed out of this road for Bengall, by whom sent a Packet to the President and Council of Fort William dated this day.

Ship Dansburge Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mare Comand<sup>r</sup>. arrived in this road from Pollicat.

16 Dispatch'd P<sup>Y</sup> Pattamar a General Letter to the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, and to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, inclosing to each Place Copys of some Paragraphs of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys, and the twentyfour mannagers Letters to us received by ship Howland, as also a Packet to M<sup>r</sup> John Pitt &<sup>o</sup> Metchlepatam dated 13<sup>th</sup> Instant with Copy of the Letter received from the Twentyfour mannagers of the United Trade to the East Indies.

18 Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master saild for Bengall, by whom sent a short Letter to the President and Council there dated this day, inclosing Invoice and Bill of Loading for 200 Chests of Japan Coppar.

20 Received P<sup>Y</sup> Pattamars a Packet from the Presid<sup>t</sup>. and Council of Bengall dated 3<sup>d</sup> April, advising y<sup>t</sup> the Kings Hoosbulhookum for liberty of Trade to all Europeans was arrived there, as also two Gen<sup>ls</sup>: from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated the 28<sup>th</sup> April and primo May, with a short Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 9<sup>th</sup>: May. The Pattamars who brought these Packets acquaints the Governour that on their way from Metchlepatam hither, they met the new Comp<sup>y</sup> People who told them that M<sup>r</sup> John Pitt the new Comp<sup>y</sup> Presid<sup>t</sup>. at Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>: dyet at Durumpaut.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
20TH

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Pagodas on Account Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Pa. 6800 pd  
in by the  
Warehouse.  
keep<sup>r</sup>. accot:  
Silver sold.

Ordered that William James and Petre Lilley be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison, as also Laurence Farnande and John Colldero Topaze souldiers be discharged.

Two Gunners  
& 2 Souldiers  
discharged.

Ordered that the Paymaster payes John Burton Corporall what pay due to him since he came from the West Coast, he being paid there to the ultimo January last.

Wages due to  
Jno. Burton  
ordered to be  
paid.

A farther addision to the Generall Letters to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, to the Generall and Council at Surat, to the Commodore and Council of Anjengo and a Letter to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the Mannagers of the United Trade to the East Indies all dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: now read and approved, as also two Generalls from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dat<sup>d</sup>: 28<sup>th</sup>: April and primo Instant, from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 9<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dat<sup>d</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: April last, all now read.

Letters to  
the R<sup>t</sup>: H.  
Compa: and  
24 Mannagers  
and to other  
places read,  
and severall  
Letters read:  
read.

The Merchants acquainted us that they had by them upwards of Three Thousand Peices of Long cloth white, and whereas they had not been measured as the Companys is when Brown, they propose that when they are sorted to take out some peices of each Number to measure them and to make them hold out in lengths and breadths, with those of the same Numbers already Pack't which were measured when they were Brown, or to abate proportionably.

Peices 3,000  
of white  
Long Cloth  
agreed to be  
taken in.

We intending to send the Companys sloop Expedition to Bengall with Coppar, it is agreed that Mr: Letton be Entertained Master of her at Fourteen Pagodas ¶ mensem.

Mr: Letton  
Entertained  
Master of  
sloop  
Expedition.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: John Fuxon sett out this day for Metchlepatam overland, by whom we sent a Generall Lett<sup>r</sup>: to the Cheif and Council there dated yesterday, inclosing a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Council for the New Company<sup>s</sup> Affaires there of the same date, under a flying seal.

22D.

Ship London Cap<sup>t</sup>: George Matthews Comand<sup>r</sup>: arrived in this road from Gombroone in Persia, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council there dated 10<sup>th</sup>: April last.

The Governour this day received a Letter from Mr: Trewen at Metchlepatam, which confirms the report we lately received of Mr: John Pitts death who dyed on the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant at Durumpaut, being seiz'd with a fitt of an Apoplex.

Briggantine Sail Fish arrived in this road from Negapatam.

Sumatra Sloop arrived this evening in this road from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

23.

Received ¶ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 21<sup>st</sup>: Instant, advising that Dow'd Cawn was coming to Porto Novo, from whence they are advised he designs for their Place.

24.

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## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

MONDAY

24<sup>th</sup> :THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup> :

FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 8,700

Pd into

Cash by the

Warehouse-

keep<sup>r</sup> : for

silver sold.

Pa. 400 pd

into Cash for

stores sold.

Letters

received

read.

Rice 20 Garse

ordered to be

bought.

Paper recd :

from Fort

St : David

considered of.

Jealousie of

troubles from

Dow'd Cawn.

Capt : Hayes

order'd to lay

his Charter-

party before

the Govern<sup>r</sup> :

and Council.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash the sume of Three Thousand Seaven Hundred Pagodas on Account Silver sold.

M<sup>r</sup> : Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeep<sup>r</sup> : payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>r</sup> : Cash Four Hundred Pag<sup>s</sup> : on Account stores sold.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Gombroone dated 10<sup>th</sup> April last, and from the Dep<sup>ty</sup> : Governour, and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated 21<sup>st</sup> : Instant both now read.

There offering a parcell of Rice to be sold, about twenty Garse, at twenty one Pagodas p<sup>r</sup> Garse, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do buy the same for a store for the Garrison.

The Governour summoned this Council chiefly to consider of a paper received this morning from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David which advises that Dowed Cawn on his returne from Ianjore, intends to give some trouble to that place, which paper is Entered after this Consultation, to prepaire against which we have sent to Cap<sup>t</sup> : Hayes Commander of the Howland to lay before us his Charterparty to see whether he is as yet entered upon demorage, and if he be, we intend forew<sup>th</sup> : to send him to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David (with what other assistance we can give them) the reason not permitting as yet for the aforesaid ship to go to Surat.

THO : PITT.

THO : WRIGHT.

M : EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY

27<sup>th</sup> :THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESID<sup>t</sup> : & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :

FRANCIS ELLIS THO : MARSHALL

THO : WRIGHT JOHN MEVERELL.

Storekeepers

Accont : for

the moth<sup>s</sup> of

April read.

Warehouse-

keep<sup>r</sup> :

Accont : for

the moth<sup>s</sup> of

March read

and

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 8552,

20 pd into

Cash Ballo<sup>e</sup> :

of silver sold.

M<sup>r</sup> : Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the months of March and April last.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright warehousekeeper read his Warehouse Account for the month of March last and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys cash the sume of Eight thousand five hundred fifty two Pagodas and twenty fan<sup>s</sup> : as the Ballo<sup>e</sup> : of Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

M<sup>r</sup> : John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Accounts for the month of April last Viz :

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |                |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Charges Garrison | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. 1,265 : 29 |
| Charges Cattle   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 : 34        |
| Silk Wormes      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 : 19        |
| Vizagapatam      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 : 16         |

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|                           |     |     |     |     |     |          |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Charges Dyett             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 487 : 32 |
| Charges Generall          | ..  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 361 : 28 |
| Bengall                   | ..  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 : —    |
| Charges Extraordinary     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1. 24    |
| Fortification and repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 98 : 34  |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 2,268 ..

And agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid him for defraying Charges of Garrison.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
orderd him.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Marshall Judge Advocate payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash One Hundred twenty eight Pagodas and twenty one fanams belonging to Nino Chittee, being what ordered him by the Court for his Proportion of redwood in partnership with Tagga the shroff, the said Nino refusing to receive it, the same remain'd in Court, which is now paid into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash. He farther payes Twenty three Pagodas as the Ball<sup>ce</sup> : of M<sup>r</sup> : John Penford Deceased Estate.

Pa : 128 : 21 :  
Paid into  
Cash by  
M<sup>r</sup> : Marshall  
being moneys  
deposited in  
Court.  
Pa : 23 : pd  
into Cash  
belonging to  
M<sup>r</sup> : Penford  
deceased.

Ordered that David Morley at his request bee discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Gunner  
discharged.

M<sup>r</sup> : Atkins Surgeon, who was sent by the Chief and Council at Gombroone on the ship London for this Place for severall misdemeanours, was this day before us, when what in their Letter relating to him was read, which he disowned, and profest his innocency therein, so 'twas ordered that he should returne to the main Guard, and there remaine till we had farther considered of this matter, unless he would give Bail for his good behaviour.

M<sup>r</sup> : Atkins  
was ac-  
quainted  
with crimes  
laid to his  
charge by the  
Chief & Co<sup>s</sup>  
att Gombroone.  
ordered to  
y<sup>e</sup> Guard,  
there to  
remain till  
farther  
examined.

THO : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The following order was signed by the Gov<sup>r</sup> : & Council :

28

Brigantine Endeavour Cap<sup>t</sup> : Samuel Hart Comand<sup>r</sup> : being bound to Bengall, I beleive it a good conveyance to send the remaining part of the Comp<sup>t</sup> : Copper ordered thither, being sixty Candy, and that the Warehousekeep<sup>r</sup> : do immediately load the same.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd 2<sup>d</sup> Pattamars Via Anjengo the following Packetts Viz<sup>t</sup> :

To the Commodore and Council of Anjengo dated 30<sup>th</sup> : April and 18<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

To the Generall and Council at Surat dated 30<sup>th</sup> : April 18<sup>th</sup> : and 25<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

To the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company dat<sup>d</sup> : 14<sup>th</sup> : April 18<sup>th</sup> : & 25<sup>th</sup> : Ins<sup>t</sup>.

To the Mannagers of the United Trade to y<sup>e</sup> East Indies.

Ship Dansburge Cap<sup>t</sup> : Mare Comand<sup>r</sup> : saild for Trincomb<sup>r</sup>.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz<sup>t</sup> :

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“Here is a great deal of turned out Cloth in the Godown and at this time there wants some for the Tonqueen Ship, if you consent to itt, the owners will pay for it in ready money. or deliver into the Companys Godown the same sorts of Cloth, to be sorted by the Companys Musters.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

29.

The following order was signed by the Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Council:  
Herewith comes the security Bond of Doct<sup>r</sup> Davis which I think sufficient. I desire your opinions therein.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

31<sup>st</sup>

Ship Francis Robert Saltmarch Master sailed out of this Road for Atcheen.  
Received of Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant.

About 3 this afternoone a ship belonging to this Port called the Pembroke Frigot George Weoley Master arrived here, sailed hence in November 1701 for Deleagoa on the Coast of Milinda and brought us the following newes, That in November last she came from Deleagoa intending for Surat, but meeting with a tedious passage in so much that they were reduced to great extremity for want of Provisions, so that they resolved to goe away for Johanha, but by mistake fell in with Mayotta the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, where they mett with Two Pyrats who stript them of all ships stores, and tooke out the Comander Cap<sup>t</sup>. Weoley for a Pylote for them throw the streights of Malacca, but meddled not with the Elephants Teeth, of which she had about one Hundred Candy on board her a full relation of which from Mr Edward Fenwick the supra Cargoe and Gatt the Master who brought her hither is Enter<sup>d</sup> as Followes Viz<sup>t</sup>.

A Relation of the taking of the ship Pembroke Frigot by the Pyrates at Mayotta, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1703.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March last we made the Island of Mayotta, and as we were standing in with the Land about 3 Leagues distance we discovered Two Ships under sail close under the Land. They had sent their Boats off before we see them to make what we were, they were full of men, and kept rowing about halfe a mile to Windward of us, after we showed our Colours and fired a Gun to Leeward, they each of them put out a Flagg (which we at first tooke to be the Kings Jack, not plainly distinguishing it) but they would not come near us to acquaint us which was the road or the way in which we were obliged to endeavour the finding ourselves, being in extremity : and with this consideration concerning the ships, that if they should prove Pyrates our Loading would be of no use to them, so consequently we might expect good treatment from them, as has formerly be'n showed to others : we steerd W<sup>t</sup>. and W by S. till we came into 5 fathom water, about a League from the shoar, and then Anchor'd, which we had no sooner done and veer'd away a little Cable, but the most frightfull and greatest of dangers presented themselves to us, both of the ship and our lives, breakers on all sides within half a ships length which because it was dark and just high water we did not perceive till we were so near them ; whilst we were in this Consternation and hurry what to doe, the two Boats haild us, lying at a Grapling right ahead within call, but would by no means come on board to our assistance, except we first sent our boat to them ; then we immediately

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sent our Saul with four Hands, two of which they tooke into their boate and put two of their own People in our Boat, when they came on board they thought we had been fast ashore and said they were sorry to find us in so bad a condition the Loss of our Ship being unavoidable as they thought we lying on a reef of rocks which run out 2 leagues on each side of us, and would be dry in halfe an hours time, and all round us nothing but breakers, they advised us to let the ship lye till morning dry, and they would all come off then, and see what possibly might be done to save her: so little hopes had we frō them of getting off again, and indeed we soon perceived they told us nothing but the truth, for by this time the tyde had ebb'd very much, and at every hollow of a sea she began to strike, therefore Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley considering that delaying longer was but running ourselves into greater dangers, and that there was no other remedy but to cutt and stand the same way out as we came in; so desired the Two men to goe and send our People on board which were in their boats, which they presently did; then all hands turned too, and immediately hov'd a peek and cut away, having a spring upon the Cable to cast her; by these endeavours it pleased God every thing answered our expectation, and before we co<sup>d</sup>: cast the Lead six times were past all danger, standing off E<sup>t</sup> and E. by N. with the wiud at N. N. W. receiving no other damage then the loss of our best bower, and about 10 fathom of Cable. Now after our ship was out of danger, we began to consider of the answers made by the two men that came on board to a few questions we askt them, they said their great ship was a Permission Ship bound for Muscat loaden with Guns, Anchors, Cables &c<sup>a</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>: Hillyard Commander the little Ship the said belonged to the Scoth Company one Cap<sup>t</sup>: Drumōnd Comander and was bound for Madagascar to Trade for slaves with small Armes, Powder &c<sup>a</sup> that they had layn there near three months before to repair and clean their ships, that just as they made us coming in they were standing out to proceed on their voyage. We acquainted them the great necessity we were in for Provisions, and water, and that severall of our men were down, to which they answered they did not doubt but their Cap<sup>t</sup>: would assist us with every thing and send their boat betimes to us in the morning. We did not much give Credit to what they said, yet there was no way to get clear of them but by fair words, and intreaties, so kept standing off and on all night and at 12 a'clock next day being the 10<sup>th</sup>: we came to an Anchor about a mile from the shore being low water, att which time we see their two boats lying dry upon the sand, about an hour after when the water floated them they rowed towards us, and being come within Pistoll shott under our stern, they haild us, asking if they might be suffered to come on board, that they were Freinds, and had brought us fresh Provisions, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley answered one of them might come, yet they both kept rowing on, and when they were under our quarters one on each side, they all started up with their Armes Guarded, swearing if any of us fired a peice they would give us no quarter, and if we did not fire they would do us no harm, nor take any thing from us but Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley orderd every one to fire, which we all did, and they at us, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley jumping down the after skuttle at the same time and bidding every one to their close quarters some into the Cabbin and some between decks, but we not able to keep either of them long, they firing six shott to our one. Then perceiving it was impossible for us to do more, they having two ships very near us, we called for quarter, which they gave us, disarming us and turning us into the head, then they began to rummage and rifle the ship every where till their heat was over. In this skuffle we had two men kild M<sup>r</sup>. Gold our Chief mate and Cornelius Browne a Foremast man. Of their men they had two wounded, one of them mortally the other shott through both his arms. The rest of the day they spent searching about the ship and swearing to revenge themselves of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley, for first bidding them come on board, and then firing upon them as they came along our side, likewise to burne our ship. The next day they carryed Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley on board one of their ships, and kept him Prisoner there about 40 of them staying on board us till Fryday the 12<sup>th</sup>: when

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all the three ships being together, they put it to the Vote whether to burne her, or give us her again; if this had been done the next day after they tooke her she had certainly been burnt, but puting it off three or 4 dayes gave us time to make many Freinds to give their vote in our favour, that we carryed it by 17 Votes more to save her then burn her, and after taking severall things out of her (mentioned in the List) they delivered the ship to us again that night about 7 a'clock they making the best of their way for Madagascar, and we for Johanna, giving us six old small Armes in lieu of what they tooke out of us. but they would by no means clear Cap<sup>t</sup>. Weoley, forcing them [him] to goe along with them to serve as a Pyloft for the streights of Malacca, swaring to shoot him if he refused it, they likewise detained by force Francisco de Cruz our Carpenter, yet one of our men Martin Hogendick a Dutch man Entered himself and went Voluntarily along with them.

These two Pyrates are very strong full of men, and one sailes excellently well, the biggest carries 40 Guns and near 200 men, she is called the Prosperous, and was (as they told us first) a Permission Ship upon a Trading Voyage, but surprized and taken about six months before at Madagascar, the then Comand<sup>r</sup>. name was Hilliard dying soon after of the wound he received then, but the now Pirate Captain of her is called Howard. The little ship is called the Speedy Returne, and was formerly commanded by one Cap<sup>t</sup>. Drummond, but now by one Bowen, she carries 12 Guns, and 70 men, about 100 Tons. She with another about the same burthen were sent out by the Scotch Company.

JUNE  
P<sup>mo</sup>.

This day upon the Newes that came yesterday in the afternoone by the Pem-broke Frigot, and consulted about the ships that were in this Road bound throw the streights of Malacca Viz<sup>t</sup> the Sedgwick to Canton, the President to Tonqueen, the Conjeverom to Manilha, and a large Briggantine to Syam the Canton ship had all things on board, except her supra Cargoes and was to have sailed within two Hours if this ship had not come in, and that to Tonqueen and Manilha had sailed in few dayes, but the Proprietiers considering what great risgoes they run, unanimously resolved to desist from proceeding, which tends to the great detriment of the Port, and lessening of the Customs, besides 'tis to be feared that if these Pirates take any of the Country ships 'twill bring us into new troubles with the Government out of which we have but few months past extricated ourselves.

2<sup>ND</sup>  
4<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Goodhope came into this Road from S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma.

Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Cauatain came from the same Place.

Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup>: Perrin Comander sailed out of this road for Bengall.

The following order was signed by the Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Council.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David advise us in their Generall Letter dated the 28th May last of their drawing three Bills of Exch<sup>t</sup>: on us for Ten Thousand Pagodas, which letter accompanyes this, And the Bills being now presented I am of opinion they ought to be paid to prevent any delays in the Companys Investment.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT. EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

6.  
8.

Briggantine Diligence William Rogers Master arrived from Covelong.

Received p<sup>y</sup> Pattamar a Generall Lett<sup>r</sup>: from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
DAY 9<sup>th</sup>

Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and a Dispatch to the Master of Sloop Expedition both now read and approved.

Letter to  
Bengall read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 5<sup>th</sup>: Inst: now read.

Genl: Lettr:  
read.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Page: 1000  
ordered the  
Paymaster.  
Jealous of  
Troubles at  
Fort St:  
David.

We being jealous that Dowd Cawne in his returne from Tanjore will give some trouble to Fort St: David, he himself having given out that purpose, and the Deputy Governour and Council having wrote us the great necessity they are under for men of which we have likewise but very few, but there being a ship called the President bound up thither. 'Tis Agreed that we send Twenty men upon her, and that the steward lay in a fortnights Provision for them.

20 men  
ordered  
thither.

Mr: Edward Fenwick Supra Cargoe of the Pembroke Frigot delivers in an Affidavid signed by himself Andrew Gatt Master, John Powney Purser, Daniel Wiseman, and John Whatley against Benjamin Charles and Dirck Rowlinson, which they are already to make Oath that the aforesaid Benjamin Charles and Dirck Rowlinson during the time of their ship being in the Pyrats Custody that they associated, combind and conspired what lay in their Power with the Pyrates to the prejudice of their Employers as in the aforesaid paper more fully appears, upon which, the two men are ordered by the Governour into the Custody of the Marshall.

Measure:  
Fenwick &ca:  
delivers in an  
Affidavid  
against 3 men  
for Piracy.

their crimes.  
2 men order-  
ed into the  
Marshall's  
Custody.

THO: PITT.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
10<sup>th</sup>

Ordered that the Storekeeper do load on board ship Humphrey and Charles Fifteen Candy of Powder for Vizagapatam, and that twelve Topaz Souldiers be sent thither on said Ship, as also that they take in six English Souldiers at Metchlepatam, the Chief and Council having wrott us that they are under some apprehensions of troubles from Nabob Rustumhill.

Ca 15 of Gun  
Powder  
ordered for  
Vizagapatm:  
and  
12 Topaz  
souldiers  
ordered  
thither.  
Six Souldiers  
ordered from  
Metchlepatm:  
to Vizagpatm

Mr: Adrion Plymour payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash, Fifty six Pagodas, being on Acco<sup>t</sup>: of a souldier Listed by the Company in England proved to be a female, which he cohabited with on board, and married here, so to disburse the Company for her Passage &c<sup>a</sup>: he payes the aforesaid sume.

Page: 56 pd  
into Cash by  
Mr: Plymour  
for his wifes  
passage from  
Engl

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M<sup>r</sup>: Atkins  
released from  
his confine-  
ment.

Paymast<sup>r</sup> :  
order'd to  
cloth 4  
Souldiers who  
are bound to  
Bombay.

20 Chests of  
Syrash wine  
ordered to be  
bought.

Pa 511. 20 p<sup>d</sup>.  
into Cash by  
Mr Wright  
money be-  
longing to  
Mr: North  
deed.  
Bill given on  
y<sup>e</sup>: Comp<sup>y</sup>:

M<sup>r</sup>: Atkins sent hither by the Cheif and Council of Gombroon a Prisoner on ship London, whose crimes they mention in the Generall Letter, surmising only that he is guilty thereof, and nothing upon oath against him we thought it reasonable to discharge him with admonitions suitable to his accusations.

There being four Souldiers on the Howland bound for Bombay, who by reason of their long passage have worne out all their Cloths in so much that they are in a manner naked. 'Tis ordered that y<sup>e</sup>: Paymaster cloths them, and that it be charged to Account Bombay.

Ordered that the Steward buy Twenty Chests of Syrash Wine, for the President and Gen<sup>l</sup>. Table.

In our last Generall Letter from Surat the Generall and Council desired that what money M<sup>r</sup>: Thom<sup>s</sup>: Wright had in his Hands belonging to M<sup>r</sup>: Edward North dec<sup>d</sup>: at Anjengo should be paid into the Companys Cash, which this day was done, being Five Hundred and eleven Pagodas and twenty fanams, for which Bills are to be given M<sup>r</sup>: Wright as directed payable to Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Edward and Hugh North in London, and to be sent by the first ship that goes hence.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

11

Yesterday we saw a ship to the Northward, to which we sent a Cattamaran to know from whence she came who returned ashore in the evening, and brought Letters to the Governour from the Supra Cargoes and Com<sup>r</sup>: of said ship advising it was ship Union from the West Coast, and this morning the Supra Cargoes came ashore, who brought us the following Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>: From the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 1701 a Generall from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 5<sup>th</sup> March and from the Chief and Council of Bantall dated 5<sup>th</sup> April last.

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## Present

FRIDAY  
11<sup>th</sup>

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS, THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letter from  
the R<sup>t</sup>:  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>:  
Comp<sup>y</sup>:  
& severall  
other L<sup>es</sup>  
read.

The Supra  
Cargo's of the  
Union  
summoned  
before y<sup>e</sup>:  
Gov<sup>r</sup>:  
& Council,  
and were  
acquaintd.

Generall Letter from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated 14<sup>th</sup>: February 1701  
Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 5<sup>th</sup>:  
March 170<sup>2</sup> with Copy of their's dated 25<sup>th</sup>: February 170<sup>3</sup> and two Generalls  
from the Chief and Council of Bantall dated the 25<sup>th</sup>: February and 5<sup>th</sup>: April  
last were all now read.

This day the supra Cargoes of ship Union were summoned before the Governour and Council when they were acquainted with what newes the Pem-brooke Frigot brought us about the Pyrats, and the relation thereof from M<sup>r</sup>: Fenwick was read to them, they were also acquainted that the newes had occasioned the Merchants of this Place to unload severall ships who were intended to China and other parts throw the Straights of Malacca, so that we could not

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think it adviseable for them to proceed to China unless they had a good Europe ship to attend them, and that they may have a full relation concerning the Pyrats we desired them to discourse M<sup>r</sup>: Fenwick, after which to give us their answers.

with: the new's of the Pyrats not thought adviseable by the Govern<sup>r</sup>: & Council to prosecute the Voyage to China.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatched ♡ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: this day.

12<sup>TH</sup>

Ship President Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Greenhaugh Comand<sup>r</sup>: sailed out of this Road for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, on whom we sent a Serjeant and Twenty Souldiers to their assistance, they expecting troubles from Dowd Cawn who was arrived at Porto Novo.

Received ♡ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated [ . . . ] and 31<sup>st</sup>: May last.

13<sup>TH</sup>

Received ♡ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>:

14<sup>TH</sup>

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TUESDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup>

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant, from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: and 31 May, and from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant all now read.

Letters received read.

The Supra Cargoes and Commander of the Union this day delivered us a Paper about their proceeding to China as Entered after this Consultation upon w<sup>ch</sup>: 'tis resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall and Fleetwood who were to goe Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick, treat with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Matthews Commander of the London for a Voyage to China, supposing that both ships together may be of sufficient force to defend themselves from the Pyrats, and be a meanes to prevent the Surat Ships falling into their Hands. And whereas the stock formerly intended upon the Sedgwick is not sufficient to bear the charge of so great a ship as the London. 'Tis agreed that what silver be found wanting to make up the stock shall be taken out of the Howlands, and the full Amount thereof to be put on board her in Venecians and Chuckeens, which would be a considerable advantage to the Company, Silver being 6. or 7 ♡ Cent dearer here then at Surat, and Gold much about the same Value as here.

The Supra Cargoes of the Union delivered in a Paper. resolved the Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick treat with the Com<sup>r</sup>s of the London for a voyage to China. 2 ships sufficient force against Pyrats. Sedgwick's stock not sufficient. be remeddy'd.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>:  
 PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
 OF FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE, AFFAIR'S ON  
 THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL  
 COUNCIL & C<sup>a</sup>:

Besides the written Narrative yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: were pleased to tender us for our perusall, and consideration which gave us too sad a view of the eminent danger attending the prosecutions of our Voyage to China. We have since mett with M<sup>r</sup>: Fenwick and discoursing him at large find every thing contained in the said Paper corroborated; and to our great anxiety it results that the Streights of Malacca are infested with Pyrats of considerable force too formadable for our single ship to encounter with, least hopes of making a successfull defence: as also that they will be too vigilant for us to escape in those narrow seas, without being seen and attacked by them.

On the other hand we have with great accuracy revised our Covenants with and Instructions from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, which are so full, and possitive, requiring us to proceed hence to China there to make our Investment for England. That they have not left us the least umbrage or pretext to deviate or alter our Voyage, which should we do will be a manifest violation of their orders, and our Contract with them; The penaltyes thereof we cannot Incur but to the utter ruine of our Estates and Reputation, being the only tenure by which we hold our present, and can entitle us to a future employment from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company.

Howbeit we are not so partiall and tenacious of this Jewell, but are more deeply touch'd with a sence and care of preserving and improving the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Estate under our mannagement, and think it our indispensable duty in all exigences whatsoever to secure it from the least diminution and much more from the depredations of such Inexorable Enemyes as sea Rovers ordinarily prove to all who fall into their Hands.

Wherefore that we may act and proceed with the least incommoditie to the Interest in which we are embarqu'd, and notwithstanding ship Union and her Cargo is consigned to us. We humbly & earnestly intreat of your Honour and Council to advise and direct our steps and deportment in this Extremitiee and what course is the most eligible amidst these apparent Evill's.

And that we may effectually attain the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys ends in sending us out: We do most importunately begg that your Honour and Council consider of speedy wayes and meanes for procuring some good ship to our Company and countenance whereby your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: will greatly derive to the Companys wealth which in principal aboard us Amounts to more than Eleven Thousand Pounds sterling, and likewise ease them of the great charge of Demorage, which must inevitably fall on them should we stop the ship here.

To this your Hono<sup>r</sup>: and Councils pro[pitious] reply will bind us with the strictest ties.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: obed<sup>t</sup>: Hum<sup>ble</sup>: Serv<sup>ts</sup>:

JOSIA CLIFFE.

JOHN BEBINGTON.

JOHN GOODSOLE,

FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>: 1703.

15<sup>th</sup>.

Received by Pattamarr a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort ST<sup>r</sup>: David dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant, advising that [Dawd Cawne] with his Army had been there, but was marche away without giving them any trouble.

18.

Ship Humphrey and Charles John Cornelius Com<sup>r</sup>: sailed out of this road for Metchlepatam & Vizagap<sup>m</sup>: and Bengall to the two former Places sent Packet dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

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Received by Pattamars two Packets from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 17<sup>th</sup>: and 20<sup>th</sup>: April, and one from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Ship Pearle Cap<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Heatou Comander arrived in this Road from Battavia. 19.

Ship President who sailed for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and had got no farther then Covelong, returned into this Road to Land the Souldiers she had on board her for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, whom they had now no occasion for, the Nabob having past by that Place.

Ship Ruparle Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tyler Comand<sup>r</sup>: sailed out of this road for Bengall. 21<sup>th</sup>.

Ship Goodhope Cap<sup>t</sup>: Henry Harnet Commander sailed out of this Road for Bengall. 22.

Ship Naudemaudat Hodjee Salum Noquedah sailed out of this Road bound for Bengall.

Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Cauhatain Coja Saphir Noquedah sail'd into S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma Road.

Received by Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant with Copy of their Generall Books. 11<sup>th</sup>.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY

24<sup>TH</sup>

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Four Thousand five hundred Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

Pa. 4500 pd into Cash  
Accot: Sea Customs.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of May last Ballance Pag<sup>s</sup>: 15292: 25: 4.

Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: H. C. Cash for the month: May read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the Months of April and May last, and his Account Remaines.

Warehouse-keeper's Account for the month: of April & May wch: Accot: remains read.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Twelve hundred & Ninety Pagodas in part of money paid by the Inhabitants for the Black Town Wall and workes.

Pa: 1290 pd into Cash for the Black Town Wall.

Gruapau & c<sup>a</sup>: Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Three Hundred Pagod<sup>s</sup>: on y<sup>t</sup>: Acc<sup>t</sup>.

Pa: 300 pd into Cash by the Arrao Farmers.

Ponagetto Narso & c<sup>a</sup>: Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One Thousand Pagodas on that Account.

Pa. 1,000 pd: into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Agreed that Five hundred Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and workes.

Pa: 500 order'd the Paymaster: towards build[ing] the black Town Wall.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1702-03—

Letters  
received  
read,

Generall Letters from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 17<sup>th</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup>: & 20<sup>th</sup>: April and Copy of S<sup>r</sup>: Edward Littletons raving Letter about Woolston to the President and Council there, also a Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>: dated 11<sup>th</sup>: June all now read.

Pa: 331: 11.  
pt into Cash  
by M<sup>r</sup>:  
Dubois to-  
wards her  
husbands  
debt to the  
Comp<sup>y</sup>:

M<sup>rs</sup>: Du Bois Relique of M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Dubois dec<sup>d</sup>: payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Three hundred thirty one Pagodas eleven fanams in part of the s<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Dubois Debt to the Company.

Gunner &  
Souldier  
Entert<sup>d</sup>:  
and a Gunner  
discharg<sup>d</sup>:

Ordered that Antonio Frigado be Entertained one of the Gunroome Crew, and that Randell Fowkes be discharged from thence, also that Antinio Quioly be Entertained a Souldier in this Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>: Jennings  
order<sup>d</sup>  
Steward.

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup>: William Jennings be Steward and that he enters upon the said Employ the primo of next month, when M<sup>r</sup> Page delivers him an Acco<sup>t</sup>: Remaines of whatever in his charge belonging to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company.

Bills drawn  
by York Fort  
& Bantall  
agreed to be  
paid.

The Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, and the Chief and Council of Bantall having advised us in their General Letter <sup>of</sup> ship Union of their having drawn on us the following Bills of Exchange, Agreed that the same be paid Viz<sup>t</sup>.

## YORKE FORT Bills

|                                                                           | Doll: | su: | sa: | Pa: | fa: | ca: |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| One Bill pay <sup>ble</sup> : to Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Cliffe & Bebington. | 889   | 1   | ... | 523 | 3   | 11  |
| One Bill to M <sup>r</sup> : Bebington ... ..                             | 126   | ... | ... | 74  | 4   | 19  |
| One Bill to Cap <sup>t</sup> : Goodsole ... ..                            | 539   | ... | ... | 317 | 2   | 9   |
| One Bill to M <sup>r</sup> : Wright ... ..                                | 600   | ... | ... | 352 | 33  | 71  |
|                                                                           | 2154  | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... |

## BANTALL.

|                                   |      |   |     |     |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| One Bill to Charles Bagden ... .. | 1660 | 3 | ... | 976 | 32 | 66 |
|-----------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|----|----|

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Mar-  
shall & Co.  
acquaints us  
wth: their  
proceedings  
wth: Cap<sup>t</sup>:  
Matthews.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall and Fleetwood acquaint us that they have been treating with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Matthews for a Voyage to China, who is willing to go, but can't be prevail'd with to stay longer there then the 23<sup>d</sup>: December by which time the Supra Cargoes will not ingage to dispatch their business, so that they are resolved to proceed no further in that matter.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

24 Ship London Cap<sup>t</sup>: George Matthews Commander sailed for Bengall.

Sloop Ganges Thomas Morris Master sailed for Bengall.

28 This evening Pattamars arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David by whom the Governour received a Letter, advising of the arrivall there of Ship Monsoon from Persia as also inclosed was copy of a Printed paper y<sup>t</sup>: ship brought thence, which gives an Account of the Glorious Victory our Fleet has had att Vigo under the Command of S<sup>r</sup>: George Rooke and the Land force under the Command of His Grace the Duke of Ormond by taking & destroying the Spanish Gallions, and 18 French men of Warr that were their convoy, and the Place itselfe taken.  
Ship Sedgwick Cap<sup>t</sup>: Rawlings Command<sup>r</sup>: saild for Atcheen.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1702-03—

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>: PRESID<sup>t</sup>: & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TUESDAY  
29<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeep<sup>r</sup>: reads his Storekeepers Account for the month of May last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Four Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Storekeepers  
Accot: for  
the moth: of  
May read,  
and  
Pa: 400 pd  
into Cash  
Accot:  
Stores sold.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Hunt Provisionall Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the month of April and May last Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Land Customs  
Accot: for  
ye moth: of  
April & May  
read and

|                       |     |     |                   |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| April—Choultry Custom | ... | ... | Pa: 256 : 22 : 20 |
| Rubie Broakers        | ... | ... | 150 : 34 : 48     |
| Town Broakers         | ... | ... | 9 : 3 : 21        |
| Registering slaves    | ... | ... | 1 : 4 : —         |

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|                     |     |     |               |
|---------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| May—Choultry Custom | ... | ... | 171 : 24 : 48 |
| Rubie Broakers      | ... | ... | 98 : 9 : 63   |
| Town Broakers       | ... | ... | 12 : 13 : 18  |
| Registering Slaves  | ... | ... | — 32 : —      |

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and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Four hundred and ten Pagodas, twenty eight fanams, nine Cash.

Pa: 410 : 28 :  
9 : pd  
into Cash  
Accot: Land  
Customs.

M<sup>r</sup>: Hunt who was formerly Mannager of the Tobacco Revenue reads the Ballance of that Account and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash seaventy six Pagodas two fanams, sixty nine Cash for the same and whereas there is Candy 7. 18.<sup>mds</sup>. 10<sup>lbs</sup>. which cost Pagod<sup>r</sup>: 82. 19. 11 remaining, which is in a manner dust and durt and good for nothing. 'Tis ordered that the same be carried off to Profit, and Loss of that Account.

Tobacco  
Mannagers  
Accot: read  
& Pa: 76-2-  
69 paid into  
Cash as ye  
Balles of y  
Accot.  
Tobacco Ca.  
7. 18md. 10<sup>lbs</sup>  
good  
for nothing.  
ordered to be  
carryd off to  
Profit & loss.

There being no hopes of sending the London to accompany the Union to China, nor a probability of the arrivall of a Europe ship in such time to accompany her. 'Tis resolved that our answer to the Supra Cargoes Paper delivered us the 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant be forewith delivered them, which is now read, and Entered after this Consultation, and if afterwards they resolve to proceed to China. 'Tis ordered that the Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick deliver them forewith what silver they shall want on the Companyes Account at the rate they bought itt, supposing that they will want in Silver about Twenty four Thousand Pagodas, they having sold their Dollars in Battavia for Gold, and Benjamin, and for what silver remains, 'tis agreed that the Supra Cargoes dispose of it for Account of their Employers, in consideration that the Company have had the use of their money for about two months past, besides we are not in Cash to repay them the remainder without taking it up at Interest, which will not counter[vail] the little Profit, if any be that will be made upon [it].

No hopes of  
the London  
going to  
China.  
Paper in  
answer to  
the Supra  
Cargoes of  
the Union  
agreed on.  
Supra Car-  
goes on the  
Sedgwick to  
deliver the  
Union wt.  
silver they  
want paying  
for it as  
bought of the  
Compa<sup>y</sup>. &c.

———FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1702-03———

the recom-  
der the  
Supra  
Cargoes to  
sell Accont of  
the Employr.  
Amot. of the  
Unions  
Payers  
ordered to be  
paid.

Resolved that as soon as the Unions Peper is [ ... ] garbled, and that the Warehousekeeper advise the weight thereof, that they be paid for the same after the rate of Eighteen Pag<sup>a</sup>. and a halfe a Candy.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>a</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup>: CLIFFE, BEBINGTON, GOODSOLE,  
SUPRA CARGOES OF THE UNION.

S<sup>rs</sup>:

We received your address to us the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>a</sup>. for our advice relating to your prosecuting yo<sup>r</sup>: Voyage to China, which we had sooner answered, but were endeavouring to hire the London to accompany you whose Commander being jealous he could not return soon enough to save his passage for England, could not be perswaded to stay a competent time in China for our Merchants to do their business, besides we were in hopes by this time some ship would have arrived here from England, whom we would have sent with you, unless ordered to the contrary.

We can give you no other reasons for desisting from the prosecution of your Voyage to China, then that of the Pyrat<sup>t</sup>'s, to which newes 'tis manifest we give Credit by laying aside severall Ships of this Port, Laden ready to saile through the Streights of Malacca.

As to your Contracts, and obligations to the Company, you are best able to Judge as being the P<sup>ps</sup> sons that must stand and fall by them, but for what relates to us, which is to supply you with Silver for your Pepper. We are not only ready to comply with that, but likewise to furnish you with silver for the Amount of your Gold, or what else Goods of the Companys you shall dispose of here, and are also ready to assist you in all matters whatever, but must conclude 'tis our thoughts, that if you proceed to China you'll run great hazards. We are

S<sup>rs</sup>.  
YOUR HUM<sup>ble</sup> SERV<sup>ts</sup>.  
THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1703.

30<sup>th</sup>.

Received P<sup>ps</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant & from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 19<sup>th</sup>: Ditto. From the former of the two Places we received a Packet from the West Coast, brought thither by Sloop Queen Anne, who was bound hither but lost her Passage, the Packet contained Viz<sup>t</sup>:

A Packet from the R<sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup></sup>: to the President and Council here dated 4<sup>th</sup>: August 1702 with copy of a Letter from the 24 Mannagers.

A Packet from the Mannagers to the President and Council in Bengall.

A Packet from the New Company to John Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup> Council at Metchlepatam.

A Packet from Dittos to S<sup>r</sup>: Edward Littleton Kn<sup>t</sup>: President & C<sup>a</sup> Council in Bengall.

A Packet from the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort dated 30<sup>th</sup>: March last.

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A Packet from the Chief and Council of Bantall, dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: April.

This evening the Governour invited the Gentlemen of the Council, and severall of the Inhabitants to a treat at the Garden, where they drank the Queens health the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys &c<sup>a</sup> with firing Great Guns and other tokens of rejoycing for the Great Victory our Grand Fleet had had at Vigo.

JULY 2<sup>o</sup>

Ship Monsoon Cap<sup>t</sup>: Child Commander arrived in this road from Persia, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Agent and Council there, dated the 23<sup>d</sup>: April 1703 and the President received severall Letters from Ispahawn, and Aleppo, which confirms the News received the 30<sup>th</sup>: past, and that our Grand Fleet was arrived England with the French Men of Warr and Galloons that they had taken, whose riches amounted to near Ten millions Pound Sterl.

Briggantine Endeavour Samuel Hart Master sailed for Bengall, by whom we sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated the P<sup>mo</sup>: Instant inclosing a Packet from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the Twentyfour Mannagers to the Presid<sup>t</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: in Bengall and a Packet from the New Comp<sup>a</sup>: to their President and Council there. Rec<sup>d</sup>: Via Bencoolen.

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Dispatch'd 3 Boats Generall Letters to the Chief & Council of Metchlepatam and to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam both dated this day.

Ship Union Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Goodsole Commander sail'd for the Port of Canton in China, by whom sent a Generall to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

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Briggantine Dilligence Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Rogers Com<sup>r</sup>: sailed out of the road bound for Atcheen.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: ELLIS, sick.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of June last, Ballance Pag<sup>s</sup>: 9424: 11: 2.

Accot: of the Comps: Cash for the moth: June read.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymast<sup>r</sup>: Account for the month of May last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymasters Account for the moth: of May read.

|                            |     |     |     |     |     |       |           |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|
| Charges Garrison           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pags: | 1,208: 5  |
| Charges Dyett              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 405: 24   |
| Charges Cattle             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 39: 17    |
| Silk Wormes                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 11: 19    |
| Vizagapatam                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 5: 20     |
| West Coast                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 10: =     |
| Charges Generall           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 359: 3    |
| Charges Extraordinary      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 13: 9     |
| Sloop Expedition           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 114: 14   |
| Fortification and repaires | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "     | 60: 22    |
| Pag <sup>s</sup> .         |     |     |     |     |     |       | 2,227: 25 |

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702-03—

Several  
Generalls receivd read,  
and

Genl to Fort  
St David  
read and  
approved.

Page: 1000  
order'd the  
Paymaster.

West Coast  
Bills ordered  
to be paid.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30<sup>th</sup>: March, with copy of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Generall to them dated 30<sup>th</sup>: July 1702 ♪ ship Gloucester, a Generall from the Chief and Council of Bantall [Bantam?] dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: April, from the Agent and Council of Persia, dated the 23<sup>d</sup>: April, from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 11<sup>th</sup>: June from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated y<sup>r</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup>: June 1703 were all now read, with a Generall to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David now read and approved.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Agreed that the Following Bills of Exchange be paid, being what advised of in the Generall Lres from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, and Chief and Council of Bantall Viz:

| YORK FORT                                                 |                     | Doll <sup>s</sup> . su. sa. | Page. fa. ca. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| One Bill payable to Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Meverell & Hunt. | 500: =: =           | 294: 4: 18                  |               |
| One Bill payable to Dittos.                               | 376: 2: =           | 221: 16: 75                 |               |
| One Bill payable to M <sup>r</sup> : Wright ...           | 255: =: =           | 150: =: =                   |               |
|                                                           | 1,131: 2: ...       | 665: 21: 13                 |               |
| BANTALL                                                   |                     |                             |               |
| One Bill payable to M <sup>rs</sup> Proby ...             | 68: ...: ...        | 40: =: =                    |               |
| One Bill to Robert Atkinson ...                           | 200: ...: ...       | 117: 23: 23                 |               |
| One Bill to Thomas Wigmore ...                            | 1,000: ...: ...     | 588: 8: [37]                |               |
| One Bill to Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Willis & Dixon           | 1,950: 1: ...       | 1,147: 7: 33                |               |
|                                                           | Doll. 4,349: 3: ... | 2,558: 24: 26               |               |

Page: 730 p<sup>d</sup>:  
in by the In-  
habitants  
towards  
building the  
black Town  
Wall.

2 Souldiers  
and a Gun<sup>r</sup>,  
entertained.

Jn<sup>o</sup>: Paul  
Petition  
read.

Souldiers  
discharg'd to  
serve on  
board the  
Union.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>t</sup>: Cash seven Hundred, and Thirty Pagodas being so much received by him from the Inhabitants for Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the Black Town Wall and Works.

Ordered that Joseph de Silva be Entertained one of the Gunroome Crew, and Francis Soares and Lewis de Mondonea Souldiers in this Garrison.

John Paul Peire Souldier of this Garrison, delivered in a Petition against Padre Michael for making the Will of his wives Father, disposing all his Estate to the Church and his wife, excluding his children of which he had married a Daughter, the consideration of w<sup>ch</sup>: deferred to another time.

Samuel Smallwood, Richard Webstor, Philips Cane, and Abraham Tayler Souldiers having served their time, and often importuning to be discharged in so much that they were become troublesome in the Garrison, and the Supra Cargoes and Commander of the Union, acquainting us that they wanted men extreemly, 'twas agreed that the aforementioned Smallwood &c<sup>a</sup>. be discharged in order to go on board that ship for China and England.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

10<sup>TH</sup>

Dispatch'd ♪ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David dated yesterday.

Received ♪ Pattamars via Metchlepatam a Generall Letter from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengal dated the 6<sup>th</sup>: May.

11<sup>TH</sup>

Received ♪ Pattamars a Packet from the Generall & Council of Surat q<sup>t</sup>. four Generalls dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: April 15<sup>th</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup>: 21<sup>st</sup> and 26 May with copy of the 24 Mannagers Lett<sup>r</sup> to them dat<sup>d</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> ♪ Regard.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702-03—

Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from the new Companys President at 13<sup>th</sup> Metchlepatam dated the 4<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and 14<sup>th</sup> Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David dated the 8<sup>th</sup> : Instant and from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 3<sup>d</sup> : Ditto.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>s</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT. EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
DAY 14<sup>th</sup>

Ponagettee Narso &c<sup>s</sup>. Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash Eight hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pages : 800  
pd into  
cash by the  
Tobacco  
farmers.

Ordered that the Paymaster provide the following black stone for Bengall House and Chappell Viz<sup>t</sup>. 10 inches square 1,200 for steps 14 inches for the tread 200.

Paymaster  
order'd to  
provide black  
stone for  
Bengall.

Henry Davenport Sec<sup>ry</sup> : payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon Companys Cash Twenty two Pagodas eight fan<sup>s</sup> : being what salary due to M<sup>r</sup> : Daniel Dubois dec<sup>d</sup>.

Pages : 22. 8.  
pd into  
cash for Mr .  
Dubois  
salary.

Generall Letters from Surat dated the 28<sup>th</sup> : of April 15<sup>th</sup> : 18<sup>th</sup> : 21<sup>st</sup> : and 26<sup>th</sup> : of May, and copy of a Letter received from thence from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : the Twenty four Mannagers dated the 24<sup>th</sup> : September from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 6<sup>th</sup> : May last, from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David dated the 8<sup>th</sup> : instant from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam dated the 4<sup>th</sup> : Ditto were all now read, as also a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort Will<sup>m</sup> : in Bengall dated yesterday now read and approv'd.

Severall  
Letters  
read : read,  
and

Generall  
Letter : to  
Bengal read  
and  
approv'd.

The General and Council at Surat having advised us in their Generall Letter dated the 18<sup>th</sup> May of their drawing Two Bills of Exchange on us for Four thousand four Hundred & forty Rupees 2 p<sup>s</sup>. Agreed that the same be paid in Surat if procureable, or at the price Currant in Pag<sup>s</sup>. as also that One Hundred and Ninety Pag<sup>s</sup>. be paid out of Cash, for a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam as advised of in their above-mentioned Letter.

Surat and  
Metchlepatam:  
Bills of  
Exchange  
order'd to be  
paid.

Ordered that Manuel Decrues Topaz be Entertaind a Souldier, and Armon Tirrs of y<sup>e</sup> Gunners Crew in y<sup>e</sup> Garrison and that Francis Perriew be discharged from farther service there.

Gunner & a  
Souldier  
Entertain'd.

THO : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702-03—

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*THURSDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>.  
 MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
 JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*

Instructions  
to all Ac-  
comptants  
in this Pre-  
sidency  
concerning  
the Generall  
Bookes.

By Virtue of a Letter received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Company dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: August 1702 acquainting us that the Union between the Two Companys is consummated, and Twenty four Mannagers chosen for the mannagement of the dead stock and United Trade whose orders we are to follow relating to the same, from whom we have likewise received a Letter dated the 31<sup>st</sup>. July 1702 pursuant to which we think fit to Issue the following orders to the Accomptant of this Place, and to all Chiefs and Councils subordinate to this Presidency.

1<sup>st</sup>. That they forewith proceed to the Ballancing the Generall Bookes to the 22<sup>d</sup>. July 1702.

2<sup>dly</sup>. That they commence bookes under the head of the United Trade and Mannagement bringing into those bookes the charge of Forts, Garrisons and Government as allso the receipts and incomes of all Revenues and Charges of Collecting the same, the Account of all stores bought in, sold and expended.

That Bookes be likewise commenced for the seperate Trade of our Company wherein is to be kept an Account of their particular Trade & Charges thereon, such as the charges of Factors &c<sup>a</sup>. and what presents are given the Government on that Account.

That both pair of Bookes are to be Ballanced as usuall in April.

That all Debts be as soon as possible got in and an Account adjusted in order to the speedy uniteing the Trade.

You must alsoe observe that all Revenues that were in Arrears, or what ever else owing on the 22<sup>d</sup>: July 1702 is to be brought to the Account of our Company, except what Stores or dead stock has been sold since the 2<sup>d</sup>. January 170<sup>3</sup> and that must be brought to the Account of the United Trade.

Companys  
debt was  
demanded  
of y<sup>e</sup>.  
Merchts.

The Joint Stock Merchants concerned in former Contracts were summoned this day before us, and strictly enjoyned forewith to clear their Account and pay in Goods or money what they owe the Company, who answered that they daily mett to clear their Accounts amongst themselves and in 5 or 6 dayes should finish the same.

THO: PITT.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Mary Cap<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Heaton Commander sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Sloop Hurusalem arrived in this Road from Trincombar.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Wyatt departed this Life last night and was this evening interred a Company of Souldiers marcht before the Corbs, which when [buried] fired three Volleys, and the Garrison fired six Great Guns.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702-03—

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>.

MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

M<sup>r</sup>. FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*.FRIDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup>. Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Accounts for the months of March, April & May Viz<sup>t</sup>.  
*March.*

Sea Custom  
Account  
for the  
months of  
March,  
April and  
May read.

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month Pa. ... 2412 : 2 : 4  
 To Ditto on Grain ... 42 : 30 : 16  
 To Anchorage ... 26 : 18 : 20

Pa. 2481 : 14 : 40

*April.*

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month... Pag: 2645 : 25 : 65  
 To Ditto on Grain ... Pag: 53 : 30 : 60  
 To Anchorage ... 5 : 0 : 0

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2704 : 20 : 46*May.*

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month Pag: 2172 : 24 : 42  
 To Ditto on Grain ... 81 : 21 : 12  
 To Anchorage ... 20 : 0 : 0  
 To Tunnage ... 33 : 12 : 0  
 To freight <sup>p</sup> Mary Bowyear ... 54 : 15 : 20

Pag: 2362 : — : 17

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Two Thousand five hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2500  
pd : into  
Cash Ac-  
count Sea  
Customs.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Accounts for the month of June last.

Warehouse-  
keepers Ac-  
count : for  
month : June  
read.

Gruaupau &c<sup>s</sup>: Arrac farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Three hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: on y<sup>t</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup>:

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 300  
pd : into  
Cash by the  
Arrac Far-  
mers.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Six hundred and fifteen Pagodas, on Account money paid by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall and Workes.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 615  
pd : into  
Cash by the  
Inhabitants  
towards  
building the  
Black Town  
Wall.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and Workes, And that One Thousand Pagodas more be advanced him for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
advanced  
toward : build-  
ing the  
Black Town  
Wall and  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
order the  
Paymaster.

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702-03 —

Pgs: 500  
pd: into  
Cash Acct: Quitt Rents.

M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Five Hundred Pagod<sup>s</sup>. as part of the Quit Rent ending the ultimo August 1701.

Pgs: 1200  
Town rent money agreed to be paid:

The Kings Duan Mahomud Syde having wrotht the Governour to pay the Yearly Town Rent money which is Twelve Hundred Pagodas to the Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Amein at S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma which was due the ult<sup>o</sup>: last month, 'tis agreed that it be paid taking secure Receipts and discharges for the same.

Examination of two Persons for Piracy.

Dirck Rowlinson and Benjamin Charles who were committed for Piracy upon an accusation given in by severall of the Pembroke frigots ships Company to which ship the two aforesaid men belonged, so y<sup>t</sup>. yesterday the Governour (M<sup>r</sup>. Marshall being likewise present) sent for the Two Prisoners Rowlinson and Charles and their Accusors, and examined both parties face to face, when upon the whole matter their crimes were found to bee only intentionally & that they had not committed any overt Act so as to ground a charge in order to Try them upon the late Act of Parliament for Piracy, but upon examination it plainly appeared that Benjamin Charles had behaved himself very insolently to his Comander and other officers whilst the ship was in the Pyrats possession, and refused to do the ships work besides 'tis believed he had went with the Pirates had not he been prevented by M<sup>r</sup> Fenwick the Supra Cargoe, so it is absolutely necessary that he bee publicly punisht to deturr others from doing the like, the consideration of which and discharging the other Prisoner is deferred till another meeting.

Benjamin Charles to be punish'd.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

26. The Commander of Ship Howland about three a Clock this afternoone went on board his ship, and presently after sailed, being bound to Surat by whom we sent a Packet to the Generall and Council there dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: Instant, as also ship Pembroke Frigot sailed being bound to the said Port.

Received  $\mathcal{P}$  Boat a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

27. Received a Generall from the Commodore & Council of Anjengo dated the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant.

28. Ship Monsoon Joseph Child Master saild for Bengall.

Dispatch'd  $\mathcal{P}$  Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 26<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and to the Chief and Council of Vizagapat<sup>m</sup>: dated this day, as also a Generall to the New Comp<sup>a</sup>. President at Metchlepatam dated 26<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

## AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
27<sup>th</sup>  
[Tuesday?]

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELIAS, sick.

Letters recd:  
& sent  
read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: now read, as also a Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam, and to the New Companys President there, all dated the 26<sup>th</sup>: Instant now read and approved.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1702—03—

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy one Hundred Garse of Paddy for a store for the Garrison being now the cheapest time.

Ordered that the Paymaster do provide sundrys wanting for the Hospital, according to the List now delivered into the Secretarys office.

100 Garse  
Paddy [sic]  
to be bought.  
Necessaries  
for the  
Hospital  
ordered to be  
bought.  
Souldier  
Entertaind.

Ordered that Biter Dessa Topaz be entertain'd a Souldier in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>:  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELLIS, sick.

THURSDAY  
29<sup>th</sup>:

The President payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: Cash Two Hundred fifty-eight Pag<sup>s</sup>: thirtyfour fanams, thirtyfive Cash, for twentyeight oz. of Gold Coined in the Mint, being for what Doll<sup>r</sup>: Davis sold the Companys Pepper at Atcheen as <sup>to</sup> Account.

P 258: 34:  
35 produce  
of Gold recd  
from  
Atcheen.

Henry Davenport Secretary payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Seaventeen Pagodas twelve fanams Account fees for Passes for the months of May and June.

P. 17: 12 pd  
into Cash  
Accot<sup>t</sup>:  
Secry: Fees.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of June last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Sea Custom  
Accot<sup>t</sup>: read.

|                                                   |     |     |     |     |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported & exported this month | ... | ... | ... | ... | P: 1605: 7: 58 |
| To Ditto on Grain                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 68: 19: 64   |
| To Anchorage                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 42: = =      |
| To Tunnage                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 141: 24:     |

Pa. 1,857: 15: 42

M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper reads his Accounts for the month of June last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash six Hundred Pagodas on Account Stores sold.

Storekeepers  
Accot<sup>t</sup>: read  
& Pa: 600 pd  
into Cash.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Hunt Provisionall Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the mon<sup>th</sup>: of June last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Land Custom  
Accot<sup>t</sup>: read,  
and

|                    |     |     |     |     |                 |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Choultry Custom    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 199: 31: 32 |
| Rubie broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 47: 4: 4      |
| Town Broakers      | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 19: 24: 75    |
| Registering slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | " = 8: =        |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 266: 32: 31

and payes into Cash Two Hundred seaventy one Pagodas twenty nine fanams forty nine Cash.

P. 271: 29:  
49 pd: into  
Cash on that  
Account.

Generall Letter from the Commodore and Council at Anjengo dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant now read.

Genll:  
Lett<sup>r</sup>: [read]

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1702-03 —

P 3944<sup>pd</sup> :  
into cash by  
the Ware-  
housekeeper.  
Pa. 1000  
order'd y<sup>e</sup> :  
Paymaster :  
Old Marshall  
discharg'd  
and a new  
one made.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comynys  
Cash the sume of Three Thousand nine Hundred forty four Pagodas on Account  
Goods sold out of the Warehouse.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagod<sup>t</sup>: be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for  
defraying Charges Garrison.

Tilman Holt having served many yeares Martiall of this Garrison, and dis-  
charged his duty very faithfully but being now very ancient he has often  
importuned us to discharge him which is now agreed to and that Wheatly Garthorn  
serve in his roome in that Employ having Petitioned for the same, and enter it the  
primo next month.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

31<sup>st</sup> : Dispatch'd P Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and  
Council of Fort St: David dated the 26<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

AUGUST Ketch Josiah Mr: Lambert Master sailed for Pollicatt from thence to Rackan.  
3<sup>d</sup> :

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELLIS. } sick.  
M<sup>r</sup>: THOMAS WRIGHT. }

THURSDAY  
5<sup>th</sup>

Accot: Cash  
for y<sup>e</sup>:  
month of  
July read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comynys  
Cash for the month of July last Ballance Pagodas 6472: 26: 2.

P. 2054 15  
pd: into  
Cash Accot :  
Custom.

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comynys  
Cash Two Thousand fifty four Pag<sup>s</sup>: fifteen fan<sup>s</sup>: and twenty Cash Viz: Pa. 2000  
on Accot: Custom and Pa. 54: 15: 20. Accot: freight on the Mary Bowyear  
from Bengall.

Pa: 300 pd :  
into Cash-  
Account Quit  
Rents.

Mr: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comynys  
Cash Three Hundred Pagodas in part of the Quit Rent ending the ultimo August  
1701.

Pa: 250 pd :  
into Cash-  
Accot: Black  
Town wall.

Mr: John Meverell payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Two Hundred and  
fifty Pagodas, on Account money paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the  
Black Town Wall and Workes.

4 Souldiers  
Entertaind.

Ordered that Matthias Dies, John Desore, Paul Rodrigo, and Fetrain Topazes  
be Entertain<sup>d</sup> Souldiers in this Garrison.

Paymasters  
Accot: for  
June read.

Mr: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month  
of June last, Viz:

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Charges Garrison ... ..             | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 1,251: 3 |
| Charges Cattle ... ..               | 27: 21                      |
| Silk Wormes ... ..                  | 10: 26                      |
| Accot: Presents Metchlepatam ... .. | 6: 12                       |
| Charges Extraordinary ... ..        | 9: 31                       |
| Charges Dyett ... ..                | 604: 11                     |
| Charges General ... ..              | 309: 20                     |
| Bombay ... ..                       | 11: 12                      |
| Fortification and Repairs ... ..    | 94: 25                      |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2,325: 17

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1702-03—

The Stares upon the River near the Fort being intollerable bad that it is dangerous to go up or down, 'tis ordered that the Paymaster forewith [pull] them down and make them new, as also a very strong Gate for the security of the Passage.

Stares by the river order to be made new.

Dirck Rowlinson who was committed upon an information of Piracy which was examined into as by Consultation the 23<sup>d</sup>. past, month, 'Tis agreed y<sup>t</sup> he shall be discharged from his confinement paying Ten Pagodas to the Poors box at the Sea Gate. And that Benjamin Charles who was imprisoned upon the same information, 'Tis Agreed that the Martiall whip him at every Gate in the Christian Town, and that a moiety of his wages be paid into the aforesaid Poors box, which orders the Owners of the Pembroke are to observe, and forewith pay them both their Wages, of which the Sec<sup>y</sup> is to acquaint them.

Dirck Rowlinson discharg'd & to Pay 10 P. to y<sup>e</sup> poor.

Benja. Charles to be whipt at all the Gates &  $\frac{1}{2}$  wages to be given the Poor.

Rice and Provisions being tollerable cheap to what they have been of late Yeares, and whereas in the time of the Famine the hire of all day Labourers, such as Cooleys, Carpenters, Bricklayers &c<sup>a</sup> was considerably advanced on that consideration, which we think reasonable should now be reduced, and in order thereunto the Governour promises that he will consult the Ancient Inhabitants about it, and inspect what they formerly was paid before the Famine.

retrenching of day-labours wages proposed. why.

The Duans Wife being dead so that there is a necessity of sending a Letter of condolement wherewith 'tis Customary to send some small Present, and beleiving the Nabob will expect the same 'Tis thought adviseable that the Governour writes a Letter to the Nabob and Duan, and send with it such things as might be thought acceptable to the value of about Thirty Pagodas to be delivered them by our Braminy in their Camp.

Present for y<sup>e</sup> Duan. Letters to the Nabob and Duan with Present to be sent.

THO : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received by Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Suratt dated 19<sup>th</sup>. June inclosing a Pacquett from the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company to this Place received by ship Regard ; and Two Pacquets from the New Companys President there, One Directed to the Twenty Four Directors of the New East India Comp<sup>y</sup> the other to President Jn<sup>o</sup> : Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> Council at Metchlep<sup>m</sup>.  
Ship Madapollam sailed for Pollicat.

10<sup>th</sup>.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

THURSDAY  
12<sup>th</sup>.

The President reads his Accounts of the Mint for the month of May, June and July, and payes into y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash Seaven Hundred fifty nine Pagodas, twenty five fanams and seaventy five Cash, and delivers into the Warehouse Rupees Eighteen Hundred eighty four 9 an<sup>s</sup> and West Coast Cash 2,68,850.

Mint Accont. for May June & July read and P. 759 : 25. 75 pd. into Cash. Rnps: 1884. 9 & 2,68,850. West Coast Cash delivered Warehouse-keep<sup>r</sup>.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1702-03—

P. 700 pd.  
into Cash by  
the Tobacco  
farmers.

Ponagettee Narso &c<sup>a</sup> Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company's Cash Seaven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Hoghouse  
agreed to be  
built.

In our late troubles with the Government we found we were straiten very much for a Proper place to keep live Provisions in, more especially hogs and not knowing how soon we may have the like occasion 'tis Agreed that the Paymaster forewith build upon the Island a convenient Place for the same in such manner as the Governour shall direct.

Letter read.

General Letter from the Generall and Council of Suratt dated the 19<sup>th</sup> June now read.

Mr. Riley  
delivers in a  
Petition.

M<sup>rs</sup>: Elizabeth Riley Relict to M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Riley deceased delivers in a Petition, desiring The Payment of what money due to her Husband on Account Salary due from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company on the West Coast, the inquiry into which is referred to the Accomptant to examine the bookes and report the same.

P. 1600  
ordered y<sup>n</sup>  
Paym<sup>t</sup>:

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The Gov<sup>r</sup>:  
informs the  
Council w<sup>t</sup>:  
inquiry he  
has made  
about day  
labourers.

The Governour having inquired into the hyre of day Labourers before the Famine, which he finds Generally was not then above two thirds of what it is a[t] present, which was raised in consideration of the Famine and excessive dearness of all Provisions, the reason of which now being in good measure removed; Provisions being tollerable cheap particularly Paddy from 38 to 40 Mercal for a Pagoda 'Twas thought a seasonable time to reduce their hyre to what it was formerly, and in order thereto the Governour sent for some of the Ancient Inhabitants to advise thereon, who acquainted him that Paddy before the famine was from 70 to 100 Mercall for a Pag<sup>o</sup>: and all other Provisions in Proportion, besides the Company had then noe Farmes of Beetle, Tobacco, Ganjees, nor Arrac w<sup>ch</sup> lyest heavyest on the poorest sort of People, who are not able to subsist without it, therefore desired us by no meanes to think of lessening their hyre for that if we did the Poor would not be able to support themselves and families all which the Governour acquainted the Council who unanimously agreed with him to lay aside for the present any farther consideration of this matter.

2 Persons  
agreed to be  
taken in to  
reside at y<sup>e</sup>.  
Nabobs  
Camp.

It being the Generall report of the Country y<sup>t</sup> there will be suddain alterations in the Governm<sup>t</sup>: by the removeall of the Nabob, or Duan, or both, and we having but two spy Bramins in the Camp, and here being [*lacunæ*] who tenders his service, being son to Vinkettee Puttee who procur'd the Phirmaund from the King of Golcoudah for this Place, and he seeming to be an intelligeable person, 'Tis agreed he be Entertaind if he will serve for five or six Pagodas p<sup>r</sup> mensem to reside as a private Person in the Camp to give us intelligence of all affaires of importance, but not to be there as a Vacqueel.

Surat Bills  
agreed to be  
paid out of  
Cash.

Surat Rupees not being procureable it is agreed that the Bills drawn by the Generall and Council at Surat Amounting to Rup<sup>s</sup>. Four Thousand four Hundred and forty and 2 p<sup>a</sup> be forewith p<sup>d</sup> out of Cash, computing 335 Rupees for 100 Pag<sup>s</sup>.

Comp<sup>s</sup>. Debt  
demanded of  
the Joint  
Stock  
Merchts:

The old Joint Stock Merchants being summoned before us of whom the Company's Debt was demanded who made use of their old Artifice to delay the payment thereof in saying that they were adjusting their Acco<sup>ts</sup> between themselves, and had not yet finisht the same who were told by the Governour that that was not satisfactory Answer, for that we had nothing to do with those Accounts, nor could the Payment of their Debt be longer deferred upon that account, for that they were Jointly and severally bound to the Company for the Payment thereof under their Hands and Seals, and unless they did speedily effect the same, we must take the proper methods to recover it of them, after which if there was any disputes amongst them of injustice done to one another in the Mannagement of the Comp<sup>s</sup> Affaires we should be alwayes ready to

If not payd  
proper  
means  
would be  
need.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1703-03—

hear it, and to the best of our Judgment do them justice therein of which we ordered them to consider and give their answer thereto on Monday morning next at eight a Clock before the Governour and Council.

Monday next  
given y<sup>m</sup>. to  
finish them

Ordered that David Carne be Entertained Gunersmate of the Inward Fort.

Gunner  
Entertaind.

THO : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Prince Charles belonging to the Danes arrived in this Road from Trincombar.

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY,  
16<sup>TH</sup> :

Gruapau &c<sup>a</sup>. Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash Three Hundred Pag<sup>a</sup> on that Account.

Arrac  
Farmers pay  
into Cash P.  
300.

Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup>. Joint Stock Merchants were before us y<sup>e</sup> day as order'd in Consultation the 12<sup>th</sup> : Instant, when the Companys debt was again demanded of them, to which they answered with frivolous pretences of Accounts depending amongst themselves as formerly ; which being not satisfactory. 'Tis agreed they be confind to the Brown Godown and there to remain till they have paid the Companys debt, or given satisfaction for the same.

Joint Stock  
Merchants  
confined to  
the Browne  
Godown till  
their debts  
are pd. or  
Security  
Given

Ordered that Antonio de Vouzaire and Guillomde Monte Topazes be Entertaind Souldiers in y<sup>e</sup>. Garrison.

2 Souldiers  
Entere

THO : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Colchester Cap<sup>t</sup> : Alexander Reid Comāder arrivd in this Road this morning from Gombroone in Persia (where they buryed their Comāder Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>. Rouse) by whom we received a Packet from the Chief and Council there dated the 30<sup>th</sup>. June, inclosing Severall Italian Gazetts with an abstract of newes received from Europe, part of which we have already received, excepting that part where the King of Portuguall has declared Warr against the Crownes of France and Spain and the King of Polands being dethron'd.

17<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Mahomud sailed for Quodah.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1702-03—

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*TUESDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup>.THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATTHEW EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.*The Council being duly summoned.*Warehouse-  
keep<sup>r</sup> order'd  
to unload all  
Goods &c on  
Colchester.

Ship Colchester arriving in this Road from Gombroone in Persia; ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload what Goods sent thence for this Place, and that he weighs off, and send aboard his proportion of Redwood according to Charterparty. And that Boats be forewith sent off to bring ashore the 5 Horses that are come on the Companys Account.

200 Ca. red-  
wood ordered  
on board  
ship  
Colchester.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do Load on board ship Colchester Two Hundred Candy of Redwood for Bengall.

Lett<sup>r</sup>: rec<sup>d</sup>  
now read.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Gombroone dated 30<sup>th</sup> June last now read.

Armenians  
acquaint<sup>d</sup>:  
ship Colches-  
ter was  
suddainly  
designed for  
Bengll.

M<sup>r</sup>: Walker was sent to the Armenians to advise them to dispatch what business they had immediatly for that ship Colchester was designed for Bengall in few dayes.

THO: PITT.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

JOHN: MEVERELL.

18<sup>TH</sup>.

Received p Pattamars the following Generall Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>: from the Chief and Council of Vizagapat<sup>m</sup>. dat<sup>d</sup>. 12 June from the Chief and Council of Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>. dat<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Instant.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*THURSDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> :THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.Letters rec<sup>d</sup>:  
now read.  
Bills order'd  
to be paid..

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapat<sup>m</sup>. dated the 12<sup>th</sup>. July last, and Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 4<sup>th</sup> Instant both now read; The former advising of Two Bills of Exchange drawn on this Presidency One for Rupees 3,500 The other for Rupees 888 4 p<sup>r</sup>: and for Pag<sup>a</sup>. 500 which are agreed to be paid; and those Bills in Rupees to be computed after the rate of Three Hundred Twenty six for One Hundred Pag<sup>a</sup>. as they now sell.

Order'd that six hundred Black Stone for paveing be Loaded on board ship Colchester for Bengall.

2 Gunners  
discharged.

Order'd that Joseph Shaw and Henry Powney who formerly belonged to ship Colchester, be discharged from farther service in this Garrison, to go on board said ship.

surveigh  
on board ship  
Colchester  
ordered to be  
made &  
Persons  
nominated.

There being a rumour of the Colchesters being leaky 'Tis resolved, that she be forewith surveighd (as the weather permitts) by two of the Council and some Commanders of ships of this Place, and that they report in what condition they find her. Viz<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson, M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell, Cap<sup>t</sup>: George Heron, Cap<sup>t</sup>: William How, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Richard Phrip, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas' Plumbe, Gunner Atkinson and Daniel Wiseman.

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We having in the Warehouse and what ready att Fort S<sup>t</sup> David sufficient Number of Bales to load the Colchester if she returnes frō Bengall any time next month, but then likewise expecting the Gloucester from the West Coast who must if possible be returned again to that Place with Salt Petre, Redwood, and some Bales, and the Chambers Frigot being also expected from China in January next at farthest w<sup>a</sup>: her time is expired for staying longer in the Country so that of necessity she must be Load'd Home, besides 'tis very probable we may have ships arrive from Europe that the Company may expect to be dispatch'd this next season which reasons (as also at this time there is no Europe Nation making but little if any Investment on this Coast, which gives us hopes that Cloth will be much cheaper) induces us at this time to consider of making an Investment both here and at Fort S<sup>t</sup> David to the Amount of about One Hundred Thousand Pagodas, and in order thereto resolved that a Letter be wrott to the Dep<sup>y</sup>. Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup> David to treat w<sup>th</sup> their Merchants about the same, and that they forthwith returne their answere what abatement they will make on their last Contract.

An investment here and at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David considered off.

Resolved that leave be given the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David to draw on us Bills to the Amount of Six Thousand Pagodas towards satisfying their Merchants what we are in Arrears to.

Leave for S<sup>t</sup>: David to draw on us a Bill for Pa 6000.

THO: PITT.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd P<sup>r</sup> Pattamars the following Generall Letters Viz<sup>t</sup> to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup> David, to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam all dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

21.

A large Dutch ship past by to the Northward, and saluted this Garrison.

22<sup>d</sup>.

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Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>.

Monday  
23<sup>d</sup>.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT. EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup> John Meverell payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Camp<sup>s</sup>. Cash the sume of Two Hundred Pagodas, on Account money paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the black Town Wall and works.

Pa 200 p<sup>d</sup> into Cash Accot. of Black Town Wall.

M<sup>r</sup> Charles Bugden Rentall Generall reads his Accounts of the Quit Rents for the Year ending August 1701 and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash Twenty seven Pagodas thirty one fanams as the Ballance of that Account.

Pa 27. 31. p<sup>d</sup> into Cash as Ballance Quit rents.

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the month of July last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash Five Hundred Pagodas on Account Stores sold.

Storekeepers. Accot for July [read] Pa 500 p<sup>d</sup>. into Cash on y<sup>t</sup>. Account.

The Company having sent out some Hatts for Souldiers, for which there is little or no use here, resolved the same be sold at Outery for the most they can get they being a perishable commodity.

Hatts ordered to be sold.

The Governour having confined Cap<sup>t</sup> Seaton and M<sup>r</sup> Stratford for going out yesterday to the Companys old Garden to fight a Duell, He ordered them to be brought up this day before him in Council to examine into the occasion of it, when, 'twas found that Cap<sup>t</sup> Seaton gave the challenge without any manner of

Cap<sup>t</sup> Seaton & Stratford before the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council about Duelling.

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provocation, so that it was resolved their confinement should be continued till wee had considered what punishment we should afflict on them to deturr others from doing the like.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN [MEVERELL].

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

TUESDAY  
24<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>. ELLIS, sick.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Empson and Meverell &c<sup>a</sup>: delivers in their report of the survey of ship Colchester which is Ent<sup>d</sup> after this Consultation.

Surveya  
ship  
Colchester.  
reported.

Armenians  
complain  
against  
Capt Rouse  
dec<sup>d</sup>.

deferred till  
next  
meeting.

Severall  
Papers  
produced  
relating  
to Capt:  
Rouses  
estate.

The Armenians that Freightd ship Colchester for Persia, delivers in a Petition, and a charge against Cap<sup>t</sup> Rouse deceased for moneys he extorted from them and Goods taken in more then his priviledge the consideration of which is deferred till to-morrow at four in the evening, when 'Tis ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Reid, M<sup>r</sup> Walker and the Armenians attend. The Petition and Charge is as Entered after this Consultation.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Reid produced to us in writing the demands he made of M<sup>r</sup>: Bruce Chief of Gombroone of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rouses Estate in his Hands, with his answer and reasons for detaining the same all w<sup>ch</sup> Papers with his Accounts, ordered to be sent to the Comp<sup>a</sup> on the first ship.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>. THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>.  
PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>. OF FORT  
S<sup>T</sup>. GEORGE, &c<sup>a</sup>. COUNCIL.

S<sup>rs</sup>.

We the subscribers being appointed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Governour and Council to go on board Ship Colchester and survey her, and give our report under our Hands in what condition said ship we should find; In order to the same we did goe on board and at our first coming Pumpt her, and then left off, leaving nine Inches water, at which time had the Hour Glass turned, and when it was out sounded again, so that she increased in one hour, two and a halfe Inches.

Having so done then went down in the Hold w<sup>ch</sup> was pester'd in some places, but where could come to see, found the maine Beame &c<sup>a</sup> and knees firme and not any wayes started, after this went into the Powder Roome, and found her bows, and Hoodings firm also, but in the bread roome found a Leak which upon every descent of the ship the water gushed in which may be easily

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stoped when the ship is light, and brought by the head, and 'tis our opinion 'tis the onely occasion of her making so much Water.

FORT S<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE, AUGUST THE 23<sup>d</sup>: 1703.

MATT: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
GEORGE HERON.  
WILLIAM HOW.  
RICHARD PHRIP.  
THOMAS PLUMBE.  
ROBERT ATKINSON.  
DAN<sup>l</sup>: WILLMAN.

TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>:

GOVERNOUR & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCIL OF FORT S<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE.

The Humble Petition of Coja Eadgar and Coja Gregoree Armenians in and on the behalfe of Coja Surhaad & C<sup>a</sup> Armenian Freighters of ship Colchest<sup>r</sup> humbly sheweth.

Whereas the said Coja Surhaad & C<sup>a</sup> Freighters having hyred Ship Colchester of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: John Beard Esq<sup>r</sup> & C<sup>a</sup> Council of Bengall for Thirty eight Thousand Rupees from Bengall to Persia and from thence back to Madrass or Bengall, the said ship being according to Contract as actually in possession of said Freighters, as if she was in the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys service. We your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup> Council Humble Petitioners having received severall abuses (as appears by the annext) from Cap<sup>t</sup>: Benjamin Rouse deceased, and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Alexander Reid now being Com<sup>r</sup>: of said ship Colchester do with all submission Humbly lay down before your Honour & C<sup>a</sup> Council the grievances of said Armenian Freighters of ship Colchester, hoping your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup> would rectifie the said grievances, and yo<sup>r</sup>: Honour & C<sup>a</sup> humble Petition<sup>rs</sup>: as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

FORT S<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE AUG<sup>r</sup>: 23<sup>d</sup>: 1703.

A CHARGE AGAINST CAP<sup>t</sup>: BENJAMIN ROUSE DECEASED AND CAP<sup>t</sup>: ALEXANDER REID COM<sup>rs</sup>: OF SHIP COLCHESTER IN THE BEHALFE OF COJA SURHAAD & C<sup>a</sup> ARMENIAN FREIGHTERS OF SHIP COLCHESTER VIZ<sup>t</sup>:

|                                                                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| To Freight of severall gruff Goods & C <sup>a</sup> : Laden on board by Cap <sup>t</sup> : | R <sup>r</sup> |
| Benjamin Rouse dec <sup>d</sup> : above their priviledge Amounting to 35                   |                |
| Tons at 84 <sup>s</sup> p Ton ... ..                                                       | 2940           |
| Advance on 2940 R <sup>r</sup> : at 35 p C the usuall Respondentia ... ..                  | 1029           |
| Extorted by Cap <sup>t</sup> : Benjamin Rouse dec <sup>d</sup> : for Wood and Water        |                |
| from y <sup>r</sup> : Armenians in their passage from Bengall to Persia ... ..             | 600            |
| Ditto by Cap <sup>t</sup> : Alexand <sup>r</sup> : Reid for the aforesaid priviledge from  |                |
| Persia to Fort S <sup>r</sup> : George ... ..                                              | 500            |
| Advance on said 500 <sup>rs</sup> : at 10 p C. as usuall ... ..                            | 50             |
|                                                                                            | <hr/>          |
|                                                                                            | Rupees 5119    |

Ship Prince Charles belonging to the Danes sailed from Bengall.

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## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*WEDNES-  
DAY 25<sup>th</sup>.THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESID<sup>t</sup>: & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEVERELL.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELLIS, *Sick*.Lettres read  
now read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>. now read.

Appeard wt:  
Rouse had  
Loaded  
above privi-  
ledge.

Agreed the  
same be  
adjusted  
going to  
Bengall.  
Armenians to  
receive  
freight for  
20 Tons, &  
the Compa:  
to pay Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Rouses part:  
& to be  
repaid in  
Persia.

The Armenians being before us to prove their Charge against Cap<sup>t</sup>. Rouse, when it appear'd that the aforesaid Rouse had Loaded on the ship upwards of Forty Tons and his priviledge being but 13½ after a mature debate 'Twas Agreed that the deceased Commanders Estate, with the other officers who had Loaded more then their priviledge, which Account is to be adjusted by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Reid and M<sup>r</sup>. Walker in their Passage to Bengall, having not time to do it here. That the Armenians should be paid freight for Twenty Ton after the rate that they had paid freight for the whole ship. And whereas Cap<sup>t</sup> Rouse has no effects on the ship to satisfie his part, 'Tis agreed that we write to Bengall to the President and Council to pay the same out of the Companys Cash, and that them and [us] advise thereof to the Chief of Gombroone to pay the same into the Companys Cash there out of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rouses Estate.

Wt. Persia  
Goods go on  
the ship to  
Bengall pay  
no freight.

And whereas the Armenians hyred the ship for Persia and Bussera, but proceeded not to the latter, from whence she could not have returned this season; in consideration of which, and the ill usage they rec<sup>d</sup> besides the ship being bound to Bengall; that notwithstanding the Armenians Contract is at an end here, of which we have made them sensible. 'Tis agreed that what Persian Goods they continue on board, and Persian Treasure with their Persons goes freight free for Bengall; hoping thereby to regain the Credit our Commanders have lately Lost by the ill usage of Freighters:

THO: PITT.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

26<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Pearle Coja Artoon Noquedah sailed for Malacca.

29<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Colchester sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council at Fort William dated the 25<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*MONDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup>THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>. FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*.

Mr Atkins  
orderd  
Surgeon at  
Fort St.  
David.

We being advised that M<sup>r</sup>. Royer Surgeon at Fort St. David is dead, and that there is great want of another 'Tis resolved that Mr. Charles Atkins be Employed in that Employ and forewith sent by Land, and to have the salary of him deceased.

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Robert Ingram Surgeons Mate requesting to be discharged, agreed the same be granted him, and that Joseph Hall whom we procured out of the Colchester be Entertain<sup>d</sup> in his roome at Five Pag<sup>s</sup>.  $\text{₹}$  menssem.

There being Two hundred Candy of Redwood offered to sale, agreed that the Warehousekeeper do buy the same at two and a quarter Pag<sup>s</sup>  $\text{₹}$  Candy.

Ingram discharged and Mr Hall Entertain<sup>d</sup> in his roome. 200 Ca redwood agreed to be bought at P.  $2\frac{1}{4}$   $\text{₹}$  Candy.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa 1,000 order'd ye Paymr

Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David dated this day now read and approved.

Lettr sent now read.

There being an Ingott of silver that was sold Mr Fleetwood which came out upon the Colchester in Chest N<sup>o</sup>. 122 Ingott 164 weighing 39. 11. Invoiced 5 dw<sup>t</sup> better then standard, which Mr. Fleetwood sayes is 5 worse, 'Tis ordered that the Assaymasters do assay the same and make the report under their Hands.

An Ingott [of Silver] ordered to be [assayed]

Ordered that John Watley be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received  $\text{₹}$  Pattamar via Metchlepatam a Packet from the Generall and Council of Surat dated 7<sup>th</sup>. July last. SEPTEMBER<sup>2</sup> pmo:

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Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
2<sup>d</sup>:

*The Council being duely summoned.*

Agreed that Fifty Pagodas be paid Manangapau being for six months Town Conicoplyes duty ending the ultimo July last.

Pa 50 order'd the Town Conicoply.

Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Surat dated the 7<sup>th</sup>. July, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 21<sup>st</sup>. August last both now read.

Lettrs: read now read.

Resolved the Painters be advanced Three hundred seaventy five Pagodas, being so much agreed on for their second payment for painting 500 Peices Moorees as  $\text{₹}$  order of Consultation the 9<sup>th</sup>: of April last.

Pa 375 advanced the Painters.

William Gordon who was one of them who run away with sloop Expedition from York Fort delivers in a Petition the purport of which is, that he desires he may take his Tryall or be discharged, the consideration of which is referred to our next meeting.

Petition delivered in by William Gordon.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Seaton and Mr Stratford were brought before us for duelling, who we sentence Viz<sup>t</sup>. That Cap<sup>t</sup>. Seaton in regard the Governour reposes more then an ordinary trust in him, and particularly enjoys him to be very dilligent, and watchfull to suppress all caballs, commotions, insurrections and disorders in this Garrison, and he himself being now guilty of a Crime that tends thereunto,

Capt Seaton and Mr Stratford fined for duelling the former to pay 200 Pag<sup>s</sup>: [the] latter [50 Pag<sup>s</sup>:]

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being as farr as we can perceive the sole occasion thereof, 'Tis resolved that he payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Honourable Companys Cash Two Hundred Pagodas, and give Five Hundred Pagodas security for his good behaviour for the future, and to remain confined till he complyes with the same. M<sup>r</sup>: Stratford to pay fifty Pagodas and give security as aforesaid.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

4 Ship Chindauree Coja Janaroo Noquedah sail<sup>d</sup> for Pegu.  
Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 2<sup>d</sup>: Instant.

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## Present

SATURDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mint Accot:  
for August  
read & P.  
118: 32.  
Cash Accot:  
for August  
read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> as Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the month of August last, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One Hundred & eighteen Pagodas thirty two fanams.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of August last Ballance Pagodas 6393: 10: 3.

THO: PITT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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6

Sloop Rauwooraum sailed for Pegue.  
Ship Good Fortune Francis Holt Mast<sup>r</sup> sail<sup>d</sup> for Pegue.  
Ship Bomrepaum Coja Crewes Noquedah sail<sup>d</sup> for Pegue.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS AND MARSHALL, sick.

Tobacco  
Farmers  
payes  
Pa: 600.  
Pa. 250 pd:  
into Cash by  
the Arrac  
Farmers.  
Report made  
of an Ingot  
of silver &  
5 oz. to be  
sent home.

Ponagette Narso &c<sup>a</sup> Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Six hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Gruapau &c<sup>a</sup> Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Two Hundred and fifty Pag<sup>s</sup>: on that Account.

The Assaymasters gives in their report of the Ingot of Silver ordered to be essay'd the 30<sup>th</sup>. past, which Enterd after this Consultation, halfe an ounce of which Ingot agreed to be sent the Company with the aforesaid report by the first ship, and the other halfe ounce to remain in the Companys Cash Chest under  
dw<sup>t</sup>.  
their seal, & whereas the difference is oz. 21: 12 it is ordered that the Warehouse-keeper do pay M<sup>r</sup>: Fleetwood for the same as he bought it of the Company.

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The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David having wrote us for Physick and Factors Provisions it is ordered the same be sent them by boat bound thither this day.

Factors  
Provisions  
ordered for  
Fort St:  
David

Mr. John Meverell Payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Cash Thirty six Pagod<sup>s</sup>: twelve fanams and fifty six Cash being for Town Conicopyes Duty received at the Choultreys for 15 months ending ult<sup>o</sup>: March 1703.

P. 36 : 12 : 56  
p<sup>t</sup>: in Town  
Conicopyes  
Duty.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St<sup>e</sup> David dated 2<sup>d</sup>: Instant now read.

Letter recd:  
read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Two thousand six hundred Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

P. 2600 pa:  
on Account  
Sea Customs.

THE FOLLOWING NOTE ORDERED TO BE PUT UP AT THE SEA GATE VIZ<sup>t</sup>:—

These are to certifie that if any Merchants whatever will provide such Goods as the Companys sorts, of which they may have a view in the Warehouse to direct them as to finess, lengths and breadths (w<sup>ch</sup>: they are desired to keep up to) that the Governour & Council will buy up all such Goods for Account of the Comp<sup>a</sup>: with ready money, and if they can't agree the price with the Proprietors, he or they shall then be at liberty to sell 'em to whom they please.

Note put on  
J<sup>o</sup>: Gates.

Whereas the Warehousekeeper acquainted us on the 30<sup>th</sup>: of past month, that there was Two Hundred Candy of Redwood to be bought, which we supposed was here in the Town, but now tells us it is at Kisanapatam which nevertheless we now order it be bought, and that the Warehousekeeper advances money for the same.

Pages: 200  
[money?] to  
be advanced  
for redwood.

The Governour this day produced a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>: John Bulteel at Fort St<sup>e</sup> David, who requests to be discharged the Companys service which is accordingly granted him, in regard he has been a long time very ill, and incapable of business, and hopes by going to Sea to recover his health.

Mr: Bulteel  
liberty to  
quitt the  
Comps:  
Service.

William Gordon having ever since December last been confin'd as a Person concerned in the confederacy for runing away with the Expedition sloop from the West Coast who has often Petitioned for his Tryall or discharge, and pleads that he had not been concerned therein but for procuring his Liberty which he was often refused by the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, when being so very sick and was confident had he remained longer there he must have dyed and sayes 'twas apparent that by their coming directly to this Port they had no Pyratieall design and no other end but purely as aforesaid to procure their liberty and did confess that their crimes therein were very great, and hop'd we would put a favourable construction on them. We considering of the before mentioned & believing that this Poor fellow was draw in by Doct<sup>r</sup>: Davis, besides what charged against them from the West Coast is onely by Affidavids; yet nevertheless wee are sensible that their own confession of their manner of coming away, is sufficient to bring them on their Tryall, and by the strictness of the Act they would certainly be condemned, but in regard that this man was never to our knowledge concerned in any Piraticall design, and has a Generall good character from those that know him at the West Coast, as all [ . . . ] severe usage there which induced them to this desparate undertaking, is confirm'd to us by sundry Persons from those parts, upon which consideration and his long imprisonment we have thought it reasonable to admitt him to Bail, giving Five hundred Pags<sup>a</sup>: security for his Person to be forethwith coming when we demanded.

William  
Gordon  
released  
and  
why.

The Joint stock Merchants were sent for before us, when the Companys Debt was again demanded, w<sup>ch</sup>: Serrapau and two or three more did declare that they were willing to Pay their proportion thereof, and acknowledges that as they were Joint Stock Merch<sup>ts</sup>: they were security one for the other, but declared his disabillity of paying more then his proportion; but Iaupau Chittee, Ragga Chittee &c. six in number seem very stubborn, and resolve to pay nothing, pretending Acco<sup>ts</sup>: with Serapau, which they were answered did not anywayes relate to their

The Debt  
demanded of  
the Joint  
Stock  
Merch<sup>ts</sup>:  
Serrapau  
willing to  
pay.  
6 Chittees  
very stub-  
born and  
resolved to  
pay nothing.

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Contract with the Company, besides it did appear to us by an Account produced by the President taken from their own Conicoplyes, who were present and Justified the same that they had received of the Companys money as they shared the Investment amongst themselves about Twenty thousand Pagod<sup>a</sup>. more then what they had returned Goods into the Comp<sup>a</sup>. Godowns, to which they answered that they had nothing to do with the sortment of the White Cloth, having made a private Contract with Serrapau for bringing in Brown to which we replied if they did not speedily think of some way to pay the Companys debt by fair means they should be compelled by force.

Paymaster,  
Accot. for  
the moth. of  
July read.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account Disbursements for the month of July Viz<sup>t</sup>.

|                           |     |     |     |     |             |          |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|----------|
| Charges Garrison...       | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. 1,237 : | 13       |
| Charges Cattle ...        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 29 : 6   |
| Silk wormes ...           | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 12 : 20  |
| Charges Extraordinary ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 4 : 8    |
| Charges Dyett ...         | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 365 : 18 |
| Charges Generall ...      | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 346 : 22 |
| Fortification and repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | "           | 177 : 11 |

Pag<sup>s</sup>. 2,172 : 26

THO. PITT.  
M. EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

11<sup>TH</sup>. Dispatch'd by Boat a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated yesterday.

13<sup>TH</sup>. Received by Boat a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 10<sup>th</sup>. Instant with Copy of their Diary & Consultations to the ult<sup>o</sup>. August.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

TUESDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup>.

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. ELLIS AND MARSHALL, sick.

Lettr. recd.  
read & one  
sent.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 10<sup>th</sup>. Instant now read and a Letter in answer to the same read and approved.

Pa. 1,000  
orderd y<sup>e</sup>.  
Paymaster.

Agreed that one Thousand Pag<sup>a</sup>. be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Souldr. dis-  
charged.

Ordered that Stephen Coach Topaz be discharged from farther service in this Garrison.

Fort St.  
David Bill  
for P. 6000  
order'd to be  
paid.

In the Fort St. David Generall dated 2<sup>d</sup>. Instant advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency for Pag<sup>a</sup>. six Thousand, which now being presented agreed the same be paid.

Iaupau Chit-  
tee &c<sup>a</sup>.  
delivers a  
Petition.

Iaupau Chittee &c<sup>a</sup>. Merch<sup>ts</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup>. former Joint stock delivered in a Petition against Serapau &c<sup>a</sup>. Copy of w<sup>ch</sup>. is ordered to be delivered him to answer to the same.

THO : PITT.  
M. EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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In Chest N<sup>o</sup>. 122 Received  $\Psi$  Ship Colchester Ingot N<sup>o</sup>. 164 being Invoiced  
 Better 5 dw<sup>t</sup>. stan<sup>d</sup>. 40. 9. 16 we have Assay'd the said Ingott, and find it to  
 be 5. worse then stand the difference being oz. 21. 12.

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEP<sup>r</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> 1703.

FRANCIS COOKE } ASSAY MAST<sup>r</sup>.  
 JOHN COOKE }

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEYERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. ELLIS AND MARSHALL, *sick*.

WEDNES-  
 DAY 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ordered that John Sherband at his request be discharged from farther  
 service in the Gunroom of this Garrison.

Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup>. delivers in their answer to Iaupau Chittee &c<sup>a</sup>. Petition gave  
 in yesterday, but both one and the other being stufft so full with lyes, it is very  
 difficult to tell who is in the right.

Resolved that the Merchants be allowed to Monday next to make an end of  
 their debt to the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. comp<sup>y</sup>. and that no more Petitions shall be received  
 from either syde.

THO: PITT.  
 [THOMAS WRIGHT]  
 M: EMPSON.  
 JOHN MEYERELL.

a Gunner  
 discharged.

Seraupau  
 &c<sup>a</sup>. an-  
 sweres  
 Iaupau Chit-  
 tee Petition  
 Mon[d]ay  
 next & no  
 longer given  
 the Merchts  
 to end their  
 debt and no  
 Petitions to  
 be received.

Sloop Expedition William Stone Master sailed for York Fort on the West  
 Coast of Sumatra, by whom sent two Packets, one for Deputy Governour and  
 Council of Bencoolen the other to the Chief and Council of Bantall both  
 dated 13<sup>th</sup>. Instant.

15  
 End<sup>d</sup>. by  
 mistake.

Received  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Viza-  
 gapatam dated 22<sup>d</sup>. September, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of  
 Metchlepatam dated 6<sup>th</sup>. Instant.

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Received  $\Psi$  Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>. and Council  
 of Fort St. David dated 14<sup>th</sup>. Instant with Copy of a Contract lately made with  
 their Merchants for Pag<sup>s</sup>. 50,000 of Calicoes.

18<sup>th</sup>

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

MONDAY  
 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr: John Affleck payes into the [ . . . ] the sune of Ten thousand  
 eight Hundred [and fifty seaven pag<sup>s</sup>] and five fanams, being for the freight  
 [ . . . ] and Bussera as Agreed on with the [ . . . ] and Council of  
 Bengall.

[10857:] 5  
 p<sup>d</sup>. into [ . . . ]  
 for freight of  
 Colchester<sup>r</sup>:  
 to Persia.

There having been frequent com[plaints] [ . . . ] [Go]vernour against  
 William Deane [ . . . ] master of striking and abuseing [ . . . ] that  
 he be turned out of that Employ and M<sup>r</sup>. Arran Jone<sup>s</sup>: [placed] in his room, e,  
 and that the aforesaid Deane be under the Secretary.

removed [...]  
 or the Pay  
 [S]e<sup>r</sup>ies:  
 office.

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[ — ] Serapau &c<sup>a</sup>: Joint stock Merchants were this day before us, as appointed in  
 Merchants sent for an [ — ] a former Consultation, when again the Companys Debt was demanded who  
 Debt again demanded. assured us of his readiness to comply as to his Proportion thereof, but  
 Iaupau Chittee &c<sup>a</sup>: persisted in their refusing to pay any Part, who were  
 presently dismiss't assuring them we would suddainly use proper meanes to  
 comp[el] them thereto.

Investment  
 proposed.  
 Merchts:  
 consider of  
 it.

We had this day some new Merchants before us to whom wee proposed  
 the [t]aking of an Investment who answered that they would consider of it  
 amongst themselves, but by what we could observe there [seemd] averseness in  
 them thereto.

Souldr:  
 Entertained.

Ordered that Pauviet Rosairo Topaz be Entertained a souldier in this  
 Garrison.

THO: PITT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

TUESDAY  
 21<sup>st</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, sick.

[A] Third  
 Bill of  
 exchange  
 for 10305  
 rup<sup>s</sup>: be  
 given ye:  
 Buxee.

The Kings Buxee of the Cornatta Country having on the 11<sup>th</sup>: November  
 1702 importuned us very much for a bill of Exchange to Persia for 10,305 Rupees  
 which was granted for the reasons then mentioned. One of which Bills sent by  
 his servant overland to Surat ordering them thence to Persia, but not hearing of  
 their arrivall at Surat beleives they have mett with some misfortune, so desi[re]  
 of us a Third Bill which is accordingly Granted; And ordered that the Secretary  
 draw out the same.

[Letters]  
 sent read.

Generall Letters to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall  
 dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated this  
 day now read and approved.

The President does now produce to the Council [a] Letter he lately received  
 from M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Nelthorp at Fort St<sup>e</sup>. David wherein he desires leave to come  
 hither in [ . . . ] for his going to England by the first ship, by reason he has got  
 a consumption which makes him altogether unable for writing business, or any  
 other employ in the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys service. Agreed that his request be  
 granted him, and that We advise the same in our next Generall thither.

THO: PITT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

25<sup>th</sup>:

Dispatchd p<sup>y</sup> Pattamar a Generall Letter to the [Deputy] Governour and  
 Council of Fort St<sup>e</sup>. David dated y<sup>e</sup>. d[ay].

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## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.FRYDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup>:

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council York Fort and to the Chief and Council of Bantall, dated yesterday now read and approved. [Letters sent read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the months of July and August Viz:— Sea Custom Acct<sup>t</sup> for July and August read.

|                                        |        |    |        |     |     |
|----------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|-----|-----|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported | ...    | P: | 2,298: | 8:  | 6:  |
| To Ditto on Grain                      | ... .. | .. | 27:    | 26: | 16: |
| To Anchorage                           | ... .. | .. | 26:    | 18: | —:  |
| To Tunnage                             | ... .. | .. | 38:    | 32: | —:  |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2,391: 12: 22:

|                                            |        |    |       |     |     |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|----|-------|-----|-----|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & exported     | ...    | P: | 2033: | 18: | 74: |
| To Ditto on Grain                          | ... .. | .. | 48:   | 24: | 40: |
| To Anchorage                               | ... .. | .. | 48:   | 18: | =:  |
| To Tunnage                                 | ... .. | .. | 16:   | 24: | =:  |
| To Freight $\Psi$ Mary Bowyear for Bengall | ... .. | .. | 11:   | 19: | 14: |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2,153: 33: 46:

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Seaton delivering in a petition setting forth his contrition for his offence, for which he was find Two Hundred Pagodas, and prays that we would remitt the same, w<sup>ch</sup> in consideration of his great charge of Children, and his promisses of his not doing the like is granted him, and ordered that the Secretary do returne him the same. [Cap<sup>t</sup>: Seaton] repayd [Fine] of P. 200.

THO: PITT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Briggantine Commence Nicholas Audney Master arrived in this road from Bengal. 25<sup>TH</sup>.

Ketch Abidnigo William Stone Master arrived in this Road from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 21<sup>st</sup>. 26

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 30<sup>th</sup> past month. 27

The following order was signed by the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council.

Ketch Abednigo William Stone Master arrived yesterday in this road, as did also Sloop Greyhound this morning, on whom the President and Council [there] have Freightd Four Hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre. Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe immediatly unload the same.

THOMAS PITT.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Dolphin Thomas Plumbe Master sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to President and Council there dated 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Instant. 28<sup>TH</sup>:

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29<sup>TH</sup>:

Received P<sup>y</sup> Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David [dated] 24<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

WEDNES-  
DAY 29<sup>TH</sup>:

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Generall  
Letters  
recd: and  
sent now  
read.

Generall Letters to the Generall and Council at Surat, to the Agent and Council of Persia to the Chief and Council of Gombroone to the Deputy Governour and Council of Bombay, and farther Additions to the West Coast Letters all now read and approved, and Two Generalls from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 21<sup>st</sup>: and 30<sup>th</sup>: August both now read.

P. 260 pd:  
into cash  
[ . . . ]  
Black Town  
Wall.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sume of Two Hundred and sixty Pagodas on [Acct. of] moneys paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall and Works.

Pa. 1,000  
ordered the  
Paymaster.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Settlement  
of ye.  
Council at  
Bantall.

Since writing our Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort and Chief and Council at Bantall, we being thorowly informed that Bantall is the most considerablest to the Company on that Coast for Pepper, and capable of great improvement, and [that it] is the Companys Interest their Chief there should [bean] experi[enced] man in the Customs of the People, and one who knowes how to take proper methods for promoting the Companys, and we believing from our experience as well as from all reports that M<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Eyton is duely qualified for that employ, who laid down the Chiefship there for no other reason than being made uneasy by the insolent behaviour of Two of his Council Kinsly and Scott, who we have by our orders thither removed, which should have been done before by the Deputy Governour and Council of Bencoolen but instead thereof they sent M<sup>r</sup>: Edmond Bagden (wholy unexperienced in the Affaires of that Country) Chief of that Place when they could not but know M<sup>r</sup>: Eyton did speedily intend [ . . . ] it, and not remaine second. To prevent which we think it the Companys Interest to reinstate M<sup>r</sup>: Eyton in the Chiefship and M<sup>r</sup>: Bugden to be second, or to returne to his Post at Bencoolen and then M<sup>r</sup>: Vernon to be second but if M<sup>r</sup>: Bugden remaines as second M<sup>r</sup>: Vernon to bee Third in Council, and accordingly Letters are to be wrote to this effect.

THO: PITT.  
M. EMPSON.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

OCTOBER  
THURSDAY  
pmo.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Letters  
signed.

The severall Generalls read on the 27<sup>th</sup>. of past month were this day signed, and a Letter to Bantall dated 30<sup>th</sup>. past for the reinstatement of M<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Eyton into that Chiefship.

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The President payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sune One Hundred and Nine Pagodas, and Twenty nine fanams for which Bill to be given on the Generall and Council of Surat for Rupees 366. 14<sup>ans</sup>. 7<sup>ps</sup>. payable to Mr. Timothy Evans at 335 Rupees ꝓ 100 Pagodas.

Pa 109. 29  
pd. in by  
ye. President  
for web, bills  
to be given.

THO. PITT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ꝓ Pattamars a Generall Letter from [the] Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David the 27<sup>th</sup>. past month.

Received ꝓ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 29<sup>th</sup>. past.

Dispatched ꝓ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated this day.

Commence Briggantine Nicholas Audney Master sailed out of this road for Anjengo.

Ship Charlton Cap<sup>t</sup>. Armiger Gostlin Commander sail'd out of this road for the Coast of India, Bombay, Surat, and Persia by whom sent the following Packets, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

To the Generall & Council at Surat dated 27<sup>th</sup>. Septemb<sup>r</sup>. 1703.

To the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>. and Council at Bombay D<sup>o</sup>. Date.

To the Agent and Council at Ispahawn Ditto date.

To the Chief and Council at Gombroone ditto date.

Briggantine Adventure Henry Wyatt Master sailed out of this road for the West Coast of Sumatra by whom sent the following Packets Viz<sup>t</sup>.

To the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>. & C<sup>a</sup>. Council at York Fort dat<sup>d</sup>. 23 & 27 past.

To the Chief and Council of Bantall dated 23<sup>rd</sup>. & 30<sup>th</sup>. : Ditto.

AT A CONSULTATION.

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

MATT : EMPSON.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

[THURS-]  
DAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>. President reads his Account of R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash for the month of September [Ballance] is Pagodas [12] [ . . . ]

[Acc<sup>t</sup> FOR]  
Septemb<sup>r</sup>.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco<sup>t</sup> : for the month of September, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash One Hundred ninety-three Pagodas, four fanams and forty Cash, for Custom of Gold coined in the Mint.

Mint Acco<sup>t</sup>.  
for Sept<sup>r</sup>.  
read, and  
P: 193 : 4 : 40  
on that  
Account.

Agreed that the Wine Licence for one Year, comencing 30<sup>th</sup> : September last, be Lett to Mr Joshua Page at Two Hundred twenty five Pagodas, and accordingly the Secretary is ordered to give notice thereof by a Note put up at the Sea Gate, and that he also drawes out a Lease for the same.

Wine Licence  
for 1 year  
Lett to Jos.  
Page.

Ordered that Diago Tragrada, Antonio Burjus, Nicholas Le Grand, Yellis Le Blond, Domingo de Rosairo, Dique and a Coffrey be Entertain'd Souldiers in y<sup>e</sup>: Garrison and Thomas Crainy of the Gunroome Crew.

Souldiers 8  
and a  
Gunner  
Entertain'd.

Mr : Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into y<sup>e</sup>. R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sune of Two thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

P : 2000 pd.  
on Acco<sup>t</sup> :  
Sea Custom.

Mr : Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper read his storekeepers Account for the month of August and September, and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash the sune of Six hundred and Fifty Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup> : of Stores sold.

Store-keepers  
Acco<sup>t</sup> : [for]  
August &  
Sept<sup>r</sup> : read.  
Pa 650  
Pa'id<sup>t</sup>

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1000 orderd;  
ye. Paymr.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Accot. salary  
ordered to be  
drawn out.

Ordered that the Accomptant draws out the Account of the last halfe yeares salary due to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Servants in this Place.

Stratford  
fine  
remitted.

M<sup>r</sup>: Stratford being concerned in the quarrell with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Seaton, Petition'd also for his Fine to be remitted.

Draught  
ordered to be  
bought.

The Governour having formerly bought a sett of draught, at Outery which cost him Twenty Pagodas, and one of the Masters of the Companys Vessells wanting one for the West Coast out of which he was supplied; 'Tis Agreed that the Company take the remainder and Pay twenty Pagodas as they all Cost, and the Draughts delivered into the Secretarys Office.

Dolls: 60 to  
be paid  
Petre Wallis  
out of the  
Padres bill  
and the  
remainder  
to be paid to  
those who  
had a power  
to demand.

There being a Bill of Exchange drawn on us by the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort payable to Padre free Antonio for 350 Dollars which Bill being indorsed to Petre Wallis by the Padre who dyed in his passage, said Wallis acknowledging that there is but sixty Dollars due to him out of the Bill and desires the same may be paid, which is accordingly agreed to, and the bill remain with the Secretary for the remainder to be paid to those who have a power to demand the same.

M<sup>r</sup>: Fraser  
examined  
[about]  
Mockdum  
Ninos  
[ . . . ]  
to ye  
Company.  
[how] it  
avoes  
[wrote] to Ft:  
St: David

M<sup>r</sup>: Fraser was sent for before us when we desired to know what was the meaning of Mockdum Ninos demand (an Inhabitant of Cuddalore) of 1700 Pagodas which he pretend he spent in a Present to Nabob Dowd Cawn and the [Dues] in M<sup>r</sup>: Fraser's time in the Year 1701 whereas upon his [and] his Councils intercession we permitted him hence to go to the Nabob, and limited him to the expence of Two or Three hundred Pagodas or thereabouts which besides the same demanded was spent; M<sup>r</sup>: Fraser answered that he could not charge his memory with the particulars, but refered to the Consultations and Letters of that time which confirms what before mentioned; so that it is re[solved] that we write to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David an order that Mo[c]dum Nino be [ask] what is the reason he did not demand as soon as he returned from the Camp, or that being so near to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David as a dayes Journey why he did not advice thereof to the Deputy Governour and Council there, before he gave that Present in the Comp<sup>a</sup> name being limited in his directions thence not to exceed Three hundred Pagodas or thereabouts, and whereas we are informed that Mockdum Nino has done the Comp<sup>a</sup> good services in promoting their Interest in the Towns of Tevenapatam and Cuddalore: 'Tis desired that the Deputy Governour and Council there innumerate y<sup>e</sup> same to us, and give their opinion whether they do not believe that it is poverty induces him to make this demand.

good services  
Mockdum, has  
done the  
Comp<sup>a</sup>.  
Dep<sup>y</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>.  
&c. ordered  
to innumera-  
te y<sup>m</sup>.

THO: PITT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

9<sup>TH</sup>

Sloop Expedition John Cornelius Master arrived in this road from Bengall Loaden with Petre &c<sup>a</sup> on the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Account, by whom we received a General Letter from the Governour and Council of Fort William in Bengall with Copy of their Letter to S<sup>t</sup>. Edward Littleton and Council demanding Woolston with S<sup>t</sup> Edwards &c<sup>a</sup> scurrilous and [sc] andilous answer with the Governours &c<sup>a</sup> reply.

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AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup> : PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :

MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

MESS<sup>RS</sup>. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, sick.

Generall Letter from the President and Council of Bengall dated 9<sup>th</sup> : and 13<sup>th</sup> : September last, with copy of a Letter of the President and Council at Fort William to S<sup>r</sup> Edward Littleton and Council demanding Woolston with Copy of S<sup>r</sup> : Edward Littletons and Councils scurrilous and scandalous answers with the Governour & Council of Fort William reply thereto—Generall from M<sup>rs</sup>. Tillard at Metchlepatam dated 27<sup>th</sup>, September from Vizagapatam dated primo Instant were all now read.

Severall  
Letters  
received read.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload Two Hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre, Gunnys &c<sup>a</sup> on board sloop Expedition this day arrived from Bengall as also that he Loads on board her twenty Candy of Redwood if she can take it in for the West Coast.

250 bags Salt  
Petre from  
y<sup>e</sup> Expedition.  
20 Ca red-  
wood to [be]  
loaded on her  
&

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup> William Stone be Entertaine'd [Master] of sloop Expedition, who is to be dispatch'd forthwith [to the] West Coast with 150 bags of Petre and what stores [she] take in.

Master Endt  
for y<sup>e</sup> sloop  
bags Petre  
ordered for  
West Coast.

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Hunt Provisiionall Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the months of July, August, and September, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Land Custome  
Accot for  
month of July  
Aug<sup>t</sup> and  
Septem<sup>r</sup>  
read, &

JULY

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |      |    |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|------|----|
| Choultray Custom  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag: | 199 : | 21 : | 64 |
| Town broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 53 :  | 27 : | 27 |
| Rubie broakers    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 33 :  | 24 : | 13 |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | = :   | 32 : | =  |
|                   |     |     |     |     |     | Pag: | 287 : | 33 : | 25 |

AUGUST

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |      |    |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|------|----|
| Choultray Custom  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa : | 200 : | 17 : | 44 |
| Rubie broakers    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 29 :  | 18 : | 14 |
| Town broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 35 :  | 13 : | 3  |
| Cutt Grass        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 7 :   | 0 :  | 0  |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 1 :   | 4 :  | 0  |
|                   |     |     |     |     |     | Pa : | 273 : | 16 : | 61 |

SEPTEMBER

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |      |    |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|------|----|
| Choultray Custom  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 185 : | 6 :  | 8  |
| Rubie broakers    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 32 :  | 10 : | 40 |
| Town broakers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 2 :   | 17 : | 15 |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |      | 0 :   | 24 : | 0  |
|                   |     |     |     |     |     | Pa : | 220 : | 21 : | 63 |

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash Eight Hundred and six Pagodas on that Account.

Pa: 806 p<sup>d</sup>. in  
on that  
account.

Ordered that the following stores be sent to the West Coast Viz<sup>t</sup> :

Cordage from ratling to 8 Inches 2 Quoils of each.

Bengall Canvas 20 bolts.

Twine two Candy.

Palmes and saile needles 100.

Iron Europe 5 Candy.

Nailes of all sorts 4 barrells.

Stores to be  
sent to y<sup>e</sup> :  
West Coast.

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Firelockmuskets with boynets 50 swords and belts 40.  
 Cartouch boxes 50.  
 Persia Trust Viz: 1 Chest reisons 1 Chest Kismasses 10 maunds Almonds  
 2 Chest rosewater  
 Pitch 2 barrells.  
 Pump nailes 2000.  
 Scupper nailes 2000.  
 Pump leather 2 casks.  
 Wheat 20 baggs.  
 Powder Country 15 Candy and six barrells Europe.  
 Copper Cash what coin'd.  
 Salt Pork 5 Casks.  
 Medicines 2 small Chests.

THO: PITT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM: MARSHALL,  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

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AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ: PRESIDENT & GOVERN:  
 MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

MONDAY  
 11<sup>TH</sup>:

Arrac  
 Farmers pay  
 in Pag<sup>s</sup>: 300.

Pa: 600 pd:  
 in by the  
 Beetle  
 farmers.

Seraupau  
 &c: debt  
 demanded.  
 Iapau  
 Chittee &c:  
 averst to  
 paying the  
 debt.  
 the former  
 willing to  
 pay his  
 proportion.  
 Seraupaus  
 confinement  
 a great  
 prejudice to  
 ye: Comps:  
 affairs & why  
 Proposals  
 made by the  
 President &  
 Council.

Gruapau &c: Arrac Farmers payes into the R: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash  
 Three Hundred Pag<sup>s</sup> on y<sup>r</sup>: [Account].

Ponagette Narso &c: Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the R: Hon<sup>ble</sup>.  
 Companys Cash Six hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Seraupau &c: Joint stock Merchants were this day before us when the  
 Companys debt was again demanded, when after a long debate between Seraupau  
 &c: and Iapau Chittee &c: the later being wholly aversed to pay the Companys  
 Debt, but Seraupau offering for himself and two or three more their proportion  
 for which he would give security, as also for their Persons, to which the President  
 answered them that there was no Proportions in a Joint Stock, but ordering  
 them to put in writing what they had to say on that subject to which we would  
 give our speedy answer Seraupau farther urged that his present confinement  
 had so much prejudiced his Credit in the Country that it hindred the bringing in  
 the Goods to finish the last Contract; To put an end to these disputes between  
 the Merchants which very much obstructs the Companys Affaires, and hinders the  
 present Investments that are necessary to bee made at this time, 'twas proposed  
 by the President and Council that all concerned in the Debt should Jointly and  
 severally give security for the same, after which they should be sett at liberty  
 w<sup>ch</sup>: if they would reffer the adjustment of their Accounts to the President and  
 Council that we would sitt night and day to finish the same; Seraupau and his  
 Partners readily acquiesced thereto, but Iapau Chittee &c: would agree to nothing  
 that was proposed towards payment of the Debt.

THO: PITT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

13.

Received 7<sup>d</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and  
 Council of Fort St: David, dated 8<sup>th</sup>. July advising of their having concluded the  
 Contract for 50,000.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1702-03—

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MESS<sup>RS</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

THURSDAY

14<sup>TH</sup>:

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do Load on board Expedition [ . . . ] of Petre being the number [ . . . ] her voyage from Bengall. [ \* \* \* ] der'd on board. Letter rec'd: read.

General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant now read.

General Letters to the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort, and to the Chief and Council of Bantall both dated yesterday; with the Dispatch to the Commander of sloop Expedition all now read and approved.

Letters sent read.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for the month of August last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymast<sup>r</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup>: for August read.

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Charges Garrison ... ..            | Pa. 1181: 21 |
| Charges Cattle ... ..              | 46: 27       |
| Silk Wormes ... ..                 | 11: 34       |
| Fort S <sup>t</sup> : David ... .. | 6: 30        |
| Charges Extraordinary ... ..       | 3: 16        |
| Charges Dyett ... ..               | 292: 10      |
| Charges General ... ..             | 341: 17      |
| Account Presents ... ..            | 34: ...      |
| Black Stone ... ..                 | 30: ...      |
| Fortifications and repairs ... ..  | 209: 4       |

Pa: 2157: 15

Agreed that Five Hundred Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and Works. [500 Pags:] order'd for ye<sup>r</sup>: [Town Wall.]

THO: PITT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Sloop Expedition William Stone Master sailed for the York Fort on the West Coast of Sumatra by whom sent Two Packets one for the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort the other to the Chief and Council of Bantall both dated 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

14<sup>TH</sup>:

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:

MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

MESS<sup>RS</sup>: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

MONDAY

18<sup>TH</sup>:

General Letters from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 14<sup>th</sup>: Instant advising of their having made a Contract with their Merchants for 50,000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: from the Chief and Council of [ . . . ] dated 22<sup>d</sup>: September last, from the Chief and Council Metchlepatam dated 6<sup>th</sup>: Instant all now read, an answer to S<sup>t</sup>: Edward Littletons &c<sup>s</sup>: s[candilous] and scurrilous Letter to the President and Council at Fort William now read and approved.

Letters: rec'd: read.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1702-03—

Vizagapatm.  
Bill for  
14,000

In the Vizagapatam General now read [ . . . ] of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency [for] Fourteen thousand Rupees, payable to the [ . . . ] Agreed the same be paid by the Warehousekeeper Madrass Rupees as the Bill mentions; or in Pagodas as they now sell.

P. 300 to be  
paid for a  
Metchle-  
patam Bill.  
11800 to be  
pd<sup>r</sup> for a  
Bill.

Agreed that Three Hundred and fifty Pagodas be paid out of Cash, being for a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency by the Chief and Council of Metchlep<sup>m</sup> as also the Bills for Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Pagodas drawn by the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St<sup>c</sup> David, as advised of in their General Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> Instant.

The Accountant now producing the Account of the last halfe Yeares salary due to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys servants in this Place Amounting to Pagodas 1084 : 6 : 2 agreed the same be paid.

THO : PITT.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Received <sup>by</sup> Pattamar a General Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>c</sup> David dated 14 Ins<sup>t</sup> with Copy of their Contract for 50,000 Pag<sup>s</sup>. Callicoos.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THURSDAY  
21<sup>st</sup>:

THOMAS PITT Esq<sup>r</sup>: PRESID<sup>t</sup>: & GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>. FRANCIS ELLIS, sick.

Letters sent  
read.

General Letter to the President and Council at Fort William Bengall dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: and 19<sup>th</sup>: Instant to the Chief and Councils of Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam [both] dated this day now read and approved.

Mercht<sup>s</sup>:  
Goods  
prized and  
taken in &

The President and Council on the 11<sup>th</sup>: of past month [were] at the sorting Godown where they open'd and prized the following Goods belonging to the old Contract.

|                                                                                  |     |     |     |    |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| Orumgul Betteelas 5 Bales each Bale containing 5 Corge                           |     |     |     |    |                                   |
| at Pag <sup>s</sup> : 40 <sup>per</sup> Corge                                    | ... | ... | ... | Pa | 1,000 [ :—:— ]                    |
| Betteelas 50 Covds. N <sup>o</sup> . 3. 10. Bales at 4 Corge <sup>per</sup> Bale |     |     |     |    |                                   |
| each Corge Pa. 40                                                                | ... | ... | ... | "  | 1,600 [ :—:— ]                    |
| Ditto 40 Covds. N <sup>o</sup> . 3. 10. Bales at 4 Corge <sup>per</sup> Bale     |     |     |     |    |                                   |
| at 84 Pag <sup>s</sup> . <sup>per</sup> Corge                                    | ... | ... | ... | "  | 1,360 [ :—:— ]                    |
|                                                                                  |     |     |     |    | Pag <sup>s</sup> . 3,960 [ :—:— ] |

if not fit for  
Europe  
markets to  
be put to  
cuttry.

and there being a great quantity of severall [ . . . ] in the [ . . . ] [sort] ing and Brown Godown [ . . . ] were then ordered to be taken in and whatremain'd not fit for the Europe markets be put up to Publick sale, w<sup>n</sup>: ships are arrived, and the Amount thereof to be paid into the Companys Cash.

Pa. 27. 27. 70  
Balle Cap<sup>t</sup>:  
Wyatt  
Estate.  
ordered Mr.  
Finch receive  
the same.

The Paymaster produces an Account Currant of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Wyatt deceased Estate Ballance Pagod<sup>s</sup>. 27. 27. 70 ordered that the same, be paid M<sup>r</sup>. William Finch, the said Cap<sup>t</sup>: Wyatt being Indebted to him Pag<sup>s</sup>: 100.

Warehouse  
Accout. for  
August read

M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of August last, & Payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash Four Thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>. on Account Goods sold.

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The Warehousekeeper reports that Rupees are at 330 ₨ 100 Pagodas Agreed that the Vizagapatam Bill of Exchange for 14,000 Rupees be paid out of Cash at the above price.

Mr. Trewen &c<sup>a</sup> having of late wrote us from Metchlepatam that the prizes of white Goods are considerably fallen which has encouraged the Dutch to buy great quantities thereof, and beleives they may be brought att the old Prizes or thereabouts, and we fearing we may want for the Chambers Frigats Cargoe, besides if we can now make a small Contract of Ten thousand Pagodas at the old prizes it may be a good precedent for the future for which reason 'tis agreed that a Letter be writt to Mr. Trewen &c<sup>a</sup> Council to make a Contract for y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid sume in ordinary Long cloth & Sallampores.

THO : PITT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
THO<sup>s</sup> : WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd ₨ Pattamars the following Generalls Viz<sup>t</sup>

23

To the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam  
To the Chief and Council at Vizagap<sup>m</sup> both dat<sup>d</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Instant.  
To the President and Council at Fort William in Bengall dated 8<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Instant.  
To Sr. Edward Littleton &c<sup>a</sup> Council at Hugly dated 18<sup>th</sup> Instant in answe're to their scandilous and scurrilous Letter to the President and Council at Fort William.

Sloop Ganjees Thomas Morris Master arrived in [this] Road from Bengall.

24<sup>TH</sup>

Three ships appeared in the Offing, and arrived [ . . . ] in the afternoon sailed by this Port, but [ - - - ] which makes us beleive they are French ships [bound] to Pollicherry.

This morning came here the French Major [ . . . ] with a Letter from the Governour there [ . . . ] desiring the delivery of two men that were [ . . . ] deserted their Garrison for whom he had sent [ . . . ]

25

About five this evening the French Major took [ . . . ] of the Governour to returne to Pollicherry and [ . . . ] with him the two men that deserted that Garrison.

26

Ship Pattedoolat Hidaree Mahomud Esaph Noquedah arrived in this road from Gallee being bound to Bengall but lost her Passage.

27

About twelve at noone the Governour had advice by Travelling Peons that there was arrived two French ships with a Prize at Pollicherry, and at eight at night the French Padre received a Packet from [ . . . ] confirmed it and that the prize ship did [ . . . ] at Cuddaloor.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> : PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
MATT : EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.  
MESS<sup>rs</sup> : ELLIS AND WRIGHT, sick.

TUESDAY  
2<sup>D</sup>.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr : Jn<sup>o</sup> : Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa. 1,000  
ordered ye  
Payr.

Mr John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of September last Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymasters :  
Accont for  
Sept. read.

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |        |    |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|
| Charges Garrison | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. | 1247 : | 32 |
| Charges Cattle   | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 45 :   | 14 |
| Silk Wormes      | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 11 :   | 7  |

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|                                 |     |         |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Charges Extraordinary ... ..    | Pa. | 1: 16   |
| Charges Merchandize ... ..      | "   | 18      |
| Charges Dyett ... ..            | "   | 451: 23 |
| Charges Generall ... ..         | "   | 378: 34 |
| Factors Provisions ... ..       | "   | 6: 2    |
| Account Presents ... ..         | "   | 4: 9    |
| Fortification and repairs .. .. | "   | 150: 30 |
| Pa.                             |     | 2296: 5 |

Sea Custom-  
ers Acct. for  
September  
read.

Mr. Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of September last Viz:

|                                           |     |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Custom on Goods imported and Exported ... | Pa. | 1027: 9: 68 |
| Custom on Graine ... ..                   | "   | 161: 25: 4  |
| To Anchorage ... ..                       | "   | 55: ...     |
| To Tonnage ... ..                         | "   | 22: 8: ...  |
| Pa.                                       |     | 1266: 6: 72 |

[P. 1,000]  
pd in on that  
Account.

and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Honourable Companys Cash One Thousand Pagodas on Account [Sea Customs]

Letter sent  
read.

Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St: David dated yesterday now read and approv'd.

Hoggs 300  
ordered to be  
bought up to  
salt.

Being under some apprehensions of troubles from the Government 'Tis ordered that the Steward buy in at times Three Hundred Hoggs, and feed them so y<sup>t</sup> they may be fit to kill, and salt up during the coole weather, for the service of the Garrison.

A Gunner  
Entertained.

Ordered that Henry George Topaz be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

New Townes  
threatened to  
be taken.

The Governour received advices this day from the Nabobs Camp that there was orders given out [to] the Phousdar of Trepossore to raise forces to come & seize our Townes, which we are resolved to defend, & in order thereto; 'Tis agreed that the Paymaster forthwith run up a brick Wall round the Choultry att Egmore, in such manner as the Governour shall direct, to Lodge such Forces as we shall send on all occasions to defend the Place and when the Wall is done, to pull down the present Choultry which is thatch'd and ready to tumble, and to build a commodious one for that purpose.

Pedde-  
naigues  
Cowle  
rectified.

There being some mistakes in the Peddenaigues Cowle to his prejudice of which he has often complained, and upon examination of the Choultry Entries 'tis found to be so; 'Tis therefore Ordered that the [ . . . ] Draw's out a New Cowle and rectify those [ . . . ] the Duties of that Office may be Collected according to the Ancient Custom of the Place.

THO: PITT.  
THOM: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

FRIDAY  
3.

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Cash Acct<sup>r</sup>  
for Octobr

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of October Bills Pagod<sup>s</sup>: 7060: 5: 1 and also reads his Mint Account for the month of October and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Eighty three Pagodas twenty one fanams of Gold coined in the Mint.

Mint Acct<sup>r</sup>  
for Octobr  
& P. 88: 21:  
pd: in y<sup>t</sup>:  
Account.  
Pags. 1,000  
orderd. the  
Paymas-  
ter.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1702-03—

General Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Company, to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the 24 Mannagers, to the General and Council at Surat, to the Chiefs and Councils of Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam and to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall all dated the 4<sup>th</sup>. Instant now read and approved.

Ordered that Nicholas demount and John de Souza Topazes be Entertaind Souldiers in this Garrison.

THO : PITT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received P Pattamars a General Letter from the Gen[eral] and Council at Surat dated 6<sup>th</sup>. August last.

Dispatch'd P Pattamars the following General Viz<sup>t</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup>

To the Chief and Council of Metchlep<sup>m</sup>. dat<sup>d</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 17.

To the Chief and Council of Vizagapat<sup>m</sup>. Ditto date.

To the President and Council at Fort William in Bengall dated 4<sup>th</sup>. November 1703.

Dispatch'd P Pattamars the following Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup>

To the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Company dated 4<sup>th</sup>. November 1703.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the 24 Mannagers dated 5<sup>th</sup>. Ditto.

To the Commodore & Council of Anjengo dat<sup>d</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>.

To the General & Council at Surat dat<sup>d</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. Ditto.

To the Chief and Council at Gombroone dat<sup>d</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1703.

Received P Pattamar a General Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>. Governour and Council at Fort St. David dated 9<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>.

13<sup>th</sup>

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

FRANCOIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY  
[MONDAY?]  
15<sup>th</sup>

Ponagettee Narso &c<sup>a</sup>. Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash six hundred Pag<sup>a</sup>. on that Account.

Pa. 600 pd;  
in by the  
Tobacco  
farmers.

Gruapau &c<sup>a</sup>. Arrac Farmers payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sume of Three hundred Pagodas on that Account.

[Pa. 300]  
pd; in by  
Arrac  
Farmers.

John Cornelius late Master of Sloop Expedition payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sume of Twenty one Pagodas as being so much returned back out of the Imprest he received in Bengall as Master of the aforesaid sloop he serving in her no longer[than] One month and a halfe.

Pa. 21 pd;  
in by ye  
Mastrs;  
Expedition  
sloop.

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the months of August, September and October last.

Warehouse  
Accot; for  
Aug<sup>t</sup>; Sept;  
and October  
read.

Mr Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of October last Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Sea Custom  
Accot; for  
Oct<sup>r</sup>; read.

|                                        |     |     |                                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported & exported | ... | ... | Pa. 1265: 31: 8                 |
| To Ditto on Grain                      | ... | ... | 228: 6: 8                       |
| To Anchorage                           | ... | ... | 36: ...                         |
| To Tonnage                             | ... | ... | 12: 18: ...                     |
|                                        |     |     | Pag <sup>a</sup> : 1542: 19: 16 |

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Letter from  
Fort St:  
David read  
& Bill thence  
for P. 120  
ordered to be  
paid.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 9<sup>th</sup>. Instant now read, advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for One Hundred and Twenty Pagodas payable to Will<sup>m</sup>. Dean Agreed the same be paid.

Storekeep<sup>rs</sup>.  
Accont. for  
Oct<sup>r</sup>.  
Letter recd.  
read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper read his Storekeeper Account for the month of October last.

The Letter from the Phousdar of Trepassore to the Governour demanding our Townes, both now read are Entered after this Consultation.

Souldier  
Entertaind.

Ordered that Francisco De Gaire be Entertaind [a] Souldier in this Garrison.

1000 orderd  
the Pay-  
master.  
Seraupau  
&c<sup>s</sup> Petition.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Surat Bill  
for 1000  
Rupees  
agreed to  
be p .

Seraupau &c<sup>s</sup> delivers us a Paper to the President and Council, as Enter'd after this Consultation the consideration of which is referred to our next meeting.

The Generall and Council at Surat in their Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup>. August 1703 advise us of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for One Thousand Rupees payable to Mahomud Busseet, and further request our Paying Five Hundred Rupees more to him if he desired, which he now do[es]. Agreed y<sup>t</sup>: both sum[s] be paid at 344 $\frac{3}{4}$  P Pag<sup>a</sup>. 100.

THO: PITT.

THO: WRIGHT.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM TAHIR CAWN, PHOUSDAR OF  
TRIPPOSORE REC<sup>d</sup>. NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>. 1703.

I wish your Honour all health; About Three months past, I received orders from Cawn Bahauder to take possession of those Villages you have which are under the Pullamollee Country, I was loth to acquaint You of this unwellcome newes, by reason of our friendship, but fresh orders are arrived to the Duan, and myself, and your Honour is sensible that the servant must obey his Masters orders, so that can defer it no longer, the occasion of my sending you this is to let you understand that if You will send one of the Vackeels to me my friendship shall not be wanting to accommodate the matter, I hope to your satisfaction, what can I write more.

TO TAHIR CAWN PHOUSDAR

OF TRIPPOSORE NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>. 1703.

I received your Letter and observe the Contents, and can only returne this answer; the Townes you mention were given us by Assid Cawn the Grand Vizier (whose Pirwanna we have) in consideration of the good services we had done your King, which was much to the satisfaction of Cawn Bux and Cawn Bahawdar who afterwards gave order for the delivering of them to us; when we thought it had been in this Country as in all other parts of the world that whatever the Grand Visseer granted the King allwayes made it Good, or what relyance can there be on the favour of such great mens Perwannas, I esteem'd you alwayes as you write yourself our Friend, and am sorry you are Commanded to execute such unjust orders [ . . . ] will occasion noe less then a difference between the [two] Nations, who is the aggressour let the Great God judge, our Vackeel is sick if you send one hither, I will immediately give my answer to what he shall propose.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>. THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R<sup>Y</sup>.

HON<sup>BLE</sup>. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP<sup>Y</sup>.

ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL AND GOVERN<sup>T</sup>

OF FORT ST. GEORGE &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL.

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Some time since when we Checra Seraupau, Naira Verona &c<sup>a</sup>, were before your Hon<sup>r</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> we address'd for leave to make proposalls for the Payment of our proportion of the Companys debt, and to obtain our enlargement, thereby to enable us to clear the last Contract, of which there is a great sume standing out which so long as we are confin'd will never be brought in nor shall we be able to get in our stock now abroad for w<sup>ch</sup> we pay a high Interest, besides the great charges we are at for Factors &c<sup>a</sup> in the Country.

'Tis no small misfortune to us that we have been joyued with those who have workd our ruine, but tho' we have lost our money by them, we hope we shall by our endeavours preserve our Credit. As for what money they received for those Contracts they were engaged with us we have their receipts for every Cash of it, and for w<sup>ch</sup> Goods they have brought in, it plainly appears by the Account of the Godowns, and our Conicopies. And whereas they averr'd they made a Contract with Surapau to bring in Brown Cloth, that is also notoriously fair for we have it under their Hands to bring it in white, and sort it in the Godown, to such and such numbers, but these matters have been fully and often discours'd before your Honour &c<sup>a</sup> : so that we believe you cannot but be sensible who is in the right and who in the wrong, and we cannot but think you also [believe that] at the making of all Contracts the money was [ . . . ] divided amongst us, so that we hope your Hon<sup>r</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> : will think of proper meanes to compell those people to hearken to justice and reason, who hitherto refuse and the better to cloke their ill designs have amused your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. and the whole Town with lyes & falsity [ . . . ]

The proposalls we make as before hinted Viz<sup>t</sup>.

That all us concerned in the last Contract with some other Persons whose names are hereafter mentioned, will be bound jointly and severally for the immediat clearing of that Contract.

And for what ever we owe on former Contracts they be obligd as aforesaid to pay a Moiety thereof on a Contract of 50,000 Pagodas, abating Ten  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent of the last, to be complied with in the space of four months, after the expiration of which to make another Contract on the same termes, and be obligd to compleat the same within the space of eight months.

And whereas it may be doubtfull what is the Just sume owing by Chacco Surapa &c<sup>a</sup>. on those Contracts, 'tis proposed therefore the new Merchants who came in on the last Contract, and those now mentioned to come in, will be likewise bound as security for the Persons of Checra Seraupau, Naira Verona &c<sup>a</sup>. to be forthcoming whenever demanded. We hope these our proposalls will meet with your approbation, and that we shall find all due incouragement from your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. for all our faithful and just services.

The Names of the Persons proposed to come in on a new Contract :

Naddaray  
Peddetombe Chittee  
Tondaway Chitte  
Costore Rangie  
Comtapau Chitte  
Ramdos.  
Connocopilla Paupea.

Received  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pattamars a Generall Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Tillard at Metchlepatam inclosing some Paragraphs of a Letter he lately received from S<sup>t</sup>. Nicholas Wait &c<sup>a</sup> at Surat advising that the Pyrats had taken two Moors ships at the mouth of that River who were coming from Moco and Judda, and a Third narrowly escaped them, for which all the Broakers belonging to Europeans were imprisoned and neither Rice nor water was suffer'd to be given them till they had pay'd the Governour 500 Rupees each ; when the New Companys and French were released,

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but the old Companies and Dutch were continued, where the Government had forced them to Pay six Lack of Rupees, and strong Guards set upon their Factory's that nothing was permitted to goe in or out.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

TUESDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.  
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Salt Petre to  
be refined,  
P. 500 pd. in  
for Quitt  
Rent.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper delivers the Storekeeper Fifty Candy of Salt Petre to refine for Gunpowder for the service of this Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>. Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sume of Five Hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>. on Account Quit Rents for the Year ending August 1703.

Letter recd  
read.

Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. William Tillard the new Company's President at Metchlepatam dated primo Instant now read, with Paragraphs of S<sup>t</sup>. Nicholas Waits &c<sup>r</sup>. Letter to him concerning two Moors Ships be taken by Pyrats.

Provisions  
ordered to  
be lade in.

Ordered that the Steward layes in such Provisions for a siege as the Governour from time to time shall direct.

THO. PITT.  
THO. WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>AS</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

17<sup>th</sup>

Dispatch'd P<sup>r</sup> Armenian Cossetts a Generall Letter from Generall and Council at Surat dated this day.

19

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David dated 15<sup>th</sup> Instant advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange [on] us for Pagod<sup>s</sup>. 10,000.

20

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam dated the 23<sup>th</sup>: of past month.

21

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council at Metchlepatam dated 11<sup>th</sup> Instant.

There being arrived at Pollicherry a Patriarch and severall Padres said to be Missionarys from the Pope to inspect into Ecclesiasticall Affaires in China, one of which came this day into Town sent with a compliment from the Patriarch to the Governour, with a small Present of Jocolet, Oyle and Wine, who was civilly received & afterwards tooke up his Lodgings at the Portuguez Church.

MONDAY  
22

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
M<sup>r</sup>. ELLIS sick.

Letters re-  
ceived read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David dated 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated the [ . . . ] October both now read.

Money to be  
taken up  
[ . . . ] In-  
terest.

We having lately made an Investment at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David for Fifty thousand Pagodas, and at [present] being in Cash to carry on the same being [difficult] by the non arrival of the Chambers Frigat [ . . . ] And this day having a Bill from Fort [S<sup>t</sup>. David] on us for Pag<sup>s</sup>. 10000. 'Tis agreed the same [be paid] at

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Interest at eight Ɔ Cent to be repaid on the arrivall of the aforesaid ship, or when demanded giving ten dayes notice.

We having not above 25 Candy of Lead in this Garrison, and finding by the Vizagapatam Bookes that there is ninety odd Candy there, 'Tis agreed that we write for 60 Candy to be sent on the first Companys ship that shall call there or any other ship that will bring it freight free.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper advances to the Mucquaas One Hundred Pagod<sup>s</sup>: towards repairing their Boats, which is to be deducted out of what Cooley hire shall become due to them.

60 Ca: Lead  
orderd from  
Vizagapatam.

Pa: 100 to be  
advanced to  
the Muc-  
quaas.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mons<sup>r</sup>. de Chelonge second at Pollicherry, having la[id] some time ill of a 23<sup>rd</sup>: consumption, came to S<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Mount two dayes agoe in hopes the change of Air would do [him] good but being so farr out of Town and requiring [very] often attendance of the Doctor, desired leave of the [Gov<sup>r</sup>:] that he might come to Mons<sup>r</sup>: Chardins Garden, which he readily granted him, and this evening he arrived.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>s</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
M<sup>r</sup>: FRANCIS ELLIS sick.

TUESDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup>.

Doct<sup>r</sup>. Edward Bulkly payes into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash the sūme of One thousand Pagodas at Interest att eight Ɔ Cent Ɔ Annum.

Pa: 1000  
taken up at  
Interest.  
Lettr<sup>s</sup>: read:  
read.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepat<sup>m</sup>: dated 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with copy of a Letter from the Maddapollam Merchants to the beforemen- tioned chief &c<sup>a</sup> now read.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Henry Sinclare payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sūme of Five Hundred Pagodas at Interest at eight Ɔ cent Annum.

500 taken at  
Interest.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Lewis and Thomas Wigmore payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash the sūme of seaven Thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>. at Interest at eight Ɔ cent Ɔ Annum.

7000 taken at  
Interest.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT;  
THOM<sup>s</sup>. MARSHALL:  
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.  
MATT. EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
Mr. Ellis sick. THOMAS MARSHALL.

WEDNES-  
DAY  
24<sup>th</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup>. Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sūme of One Thousand Pa. on Acco<sup>t</sup>. Sea Customs.

Pa: 1000 pd.  
in Acco<sup>t</sup>.  
Sea Custom.

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Rs 7500  
agreed to be  
taken at  
Interest &  
why.  
Rs 8000 to be  
sent by boat  
to Fort St.  
David.

[ . . . ]  
Interest.

[ . . . ]  
at Ditto.

In their Letter from Fort St. David they represented the delays it occasions in the Investment to come [hither] for their money. 'Tis agreed that seven thousand five Hundred Pagodas now offered at Interest be taken in at eight ½ cent ¾ Annum. And that whereas there is [a] boat intending to goe thither after the new moone, and Narrain going upon Her, that Eight Thousand Pagodas be sent thither under his care.

Mr: Edward Fleetwood payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Companys Cash the sume of Five thousand Pagodas at Interest at eight ½ cent ¾ Annum.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. George Lewis and Thomas Wigmore farther payes into the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>ys</sup> Cash the sume of Three thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>. at Interest at eight ½ Cent ¾ Annum.

Inhabitants  
detained at  
St. Thoma.  
Comps.  
Souldrs. to  
be in a  
readyness.

There being last night a feast at St. Thoma which many in this Town goe yearly to, the Governour had advice this morning that the Governour there had detained severall of them, upon which he sent the Mulla & Braminy to know the occasion of it, and ordered the free Guard Company to be in a readiness to march there to fetch them if he did not deliver them.

Seraupau  
&c offer  
security  
which  
is accepted.

houses and  
Gardens  
mortgaged.

his confinement  
hinders ye  
last Con-  
tract.  
Promise shall  
be cleared.

This day we tooke into consideration the Paper delivered us on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant by Checca Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup>. he now produces to us another Paper as Entered after this Consultation the purport of which is he offers 31 Merch<sup>ts</sup>. Inhabitants of this Place security for their Persons which being debaited 'twas Agreed that the security should bee accepted of to corroborate which 'twas proposed to Seraupau he should mortgage all his Houses and Gardens to the Company which he agreed to, so 'twas resolved they should be Bail<sup>d</sup> out in regard that all along they showed their willingness to pay their Proportion of the Companys debt, besides that they are all concerned in the last contract of w<sup>th</sup>. there is still considerable s anding out, which they represent to us as impossible to be got in during their confinement by reason of the bad influence it has on their Credit in the Country which Contract they promise shall be cleared by the last of December next.

THO: PITT.  
WILL: FRASER.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>. MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## AT A CONSULTATION

## Present:

THURSDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>s</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Seraupau &c  
delivers in  
Bonds.  
released

Seraupau &c<sup>a</sup> delivers us this day their security Bond for their Persons for Pagod<sup>s</sup>. 20000 and a writing whereby Seraupau himself Mortgages all his Houses and Gardens for security of his Debt to the Company, upon which Seraupau, Naira Verona and Ponagettee Narso were discharged from their confinement and Tashereft, w<sup>th</sup> 15 G[ . . . ] to reinstate them in their Credit.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOM<sup>S</sup>: PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>:

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF  
FORT ST. GEORGE & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCIL.

We the subscribers in Number Thirty Persons, do hereby bind ourselves in the penalty of Twenty thousand Pagodas for the Persons of Chaco Suraupa, Naira Verona, and Punagunty Narso to be forth coming wherever demanded by your Honour &c<sup>a</sup> within the terme of Twelve months after the Date hereof, and no farther, upon default whereof each of us under written will Pay a proportion to make up the sume of Twenty thousand Pagodas their Debt to the R<sup>T</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, but in case of Mortallity of the aforesaid Persons then this obligation to be void Dated in Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George the 23<sup>d</sup>. November 1703.

Signed in the Presence of us

HEN. DAVENPORT SEC<sup>RY</sup>.

KITTEE NARRAIN.

AUNARMOODELARU  
VERDAM MOOTEPAU  
NAIROO VIRAGO  
POTOM  
DEIS CHITTEE  
WOODQUOTTA RAGGANA  
POGGA DALLOMBEER  
BOLL CHITTEE  
PODEGALLO RAM CHITTE  
STREGAM CHITTE  
PILLAREE PEDDE.

NAIDARAIPILLA  
COLLAWAY CHITTEE  
PEDDE TOMEE CHITTEE  
PONDMEET TONDAWA CHITTEE  
PONCULLA RAMAKISNA  
TAGGA VINKITTE CHITTE  
CONOCAPILLA PAUPIA  
WALACA SHEVA RAM  
MAUTUM COTORUM  
CONNOVARUM RANDOS  
WOTTE VINKETTE PUTTE  
POCALLOO VERAGOE  
TREVETTIE  
ARREAUFAU  
ECKCOMBEARUM  
PODANDA RAM CHITTE  
MINATOO MOODELARU  
MELLAPOOREE

Received P Pattamar a Generall Letter from [the Commodore] and Council at Anjengo dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of past month [Con] firming to us the ill newes we lately received from [ . . . . ] and farther advised that there was four Pyrats on [ . . . . ] Coast India.

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Dispatch'd P Pattamars the following Generalls Viz:

To the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam.

To the New Companys President there.

To the Chief &c<sup>a</sup> Council at Vizagapatam.

To the President &c<sup>a</sup> in Bengall all dated yesterday.

27

Received P Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David.

Mons<sup>r</sup>: de Chelonge who arrived here the 23<sup>d</sup>: Instant dyed this morning, and in the evening was carryed to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma to be interred.

28

Dispatchd P Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Commodore and Council at Anjengo dated yesterday.

30

Dispatch'd P Boat a Generall Letter to the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated yesterday.

DECEMBER  
PMO.

The Governour this day received a Letter from Commodore Brabourne at Anjengo, inclosing Copy of Two Letters he had lately received from Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weoley Com<sup>r</sup>: Pembroke frigot who was taken by Pyrats, one of which Letters as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>:

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Worp<sup>n</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

My misfortune of being taken and detain'd by Pyrats I suppose has reached "Anjengo long since But prais'd by God I am got from them again, thro the "assistance of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Smith, by leave of the Commodore of this Place, and the "Commander of the Pyrat now residing about 3 leagues to the Northward, into "whose [hand] I fell by the following accident: The Commander of the ship I "was confin'd in by name Thomas How[ard] thro his ill conduct got the ill will "of his Company having some difference with the other Commander John Browen "shifted his ship and tooke the other Pyrat [ . . . ] they were together "at Rajapore and reduced both Comp: into one Viz: a Moors ship which "mounts 56 Guns and 164 fighting men and 70 Lascars, she sailes but very "different; The major part French men, and other out Landish Nations. They "design to sett on the first English ship they come up with or surprise; "having two Surat ships, One from the Rivers mouth, the other off the high "Land of S<sup>r</sup>: Johns, in which two they tooke 256000 P<sup>s</sup>: § and Gold; I have not "writt at large such circumstances as happend, being very much discomposed by "a long sickness I have had from April last, and indeed can't say hardly that "I am living. S<sup>r</sup>: I am altogether a stranger in this Place & desire a line or two "from your Hands to the Commodore for my assistance; when shall please God "to restore my strength to come down to Anjengo; And if opportunity permitts "a line to Madrass, not being [ . . . ] at present to write any thing at "large.

COCHIN, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>: 1703.Worp<sup>n</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

Yo [ . . . ]

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Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup>. Perring Commander arrived in this road from Bengall, by whom received a Packet from the President and Council at Fort William dated the 24<sup>th</sup>. past month: as also a Packet from M<sup>r</sup>: John Dolben &c<sup>a</sup>: Supra Cargoes of ship Chambers Frigat at Emoy, giving but a misserable account of the Companies Affairs there.

## AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*TUESDAY  
7<sup>TH</sup>THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>a</sup>: ELLIS sickCash Accont:  
bor Novem-  
ber read.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President reads his Account of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month of November last Ballance Pagod<sup>r</sup>: 1,246: 7: 5.

[ . . . read. ]  
read.

Generall Letter from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 9<sup>th</sup>: October and 24<sup>th</sup>: November with copy of S<sup>r</sup>: Edward Littletons &c<sup>a</sup>: Letter to them; Letter from M<sup>r</sup>: John Dolben &c<sup>a</sup>: Supra Cargoes of the Chambers Frigot and a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>: Jones, all now read.

Agreed that on Thursday next the 9<sup>th</sup>. Instant in the morning the Council meet to Farm out the Tobacco, Beetle, and Arrac Farmers, and to give notice to all people to be there.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of October Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paymasters  
Accont. for  
October  
read.

|                       |     |     |     |     |              |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Charges Garrison      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. 1,308: 2 |
| Charges Cattle        | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 58: 22     |
| Silk Wormes           | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 11: 6      |
| Charges Extraordinary | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 5: 21      |
| Black Stone...        | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 20: ...    |

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|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|
| Sloop Expedition           | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. | 161:   | 26 |
| Charges Dyet ..            | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 318:   | 34 |
| Charges Generall           | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 363:   | 8  |
| West Coast                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 51:    | 15 |
| Fortifications and repairs | ..  | ... | ... | ... | "   | 204:   | 30 |
| Total                      |     |     |     |     |     | 2,503: | 20 |

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid him to defray the charges Garrison.

Order'd that Martin Martella be Entertain'd one of the Gunroome Crew in this Garrison. Gunner Entertain'd.

Vinkettee Chittee being indebted for the Europe Cloth he bought, and offering to bring in One Thousand p<sup>s</sup>: Long cloth fine in part of Payment for the same, to be sorted by the Comp<sup>s</sup>: sorters and Muster Agreed the same be accepted of. 1,000 ps : long cloth agreed.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY  
9<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS PITT ESQ: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: ELLIS AND M<sup>r</sup>: EMPSON sick.

Ordered that all Persons bring in copy of their Bookes to the Secretaries office in order to be sent Home by the January shipping, and that the Secretary give notice of the same. Bookes to be brought to the Secretaries office.

This being the day appointed to Lett out to Farme the Beetle Tobacco and [Arrack] no Person appearing to bid for the same: 'Tis now deferr'd[to] Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant, [and] accordingly the Secretary is ordered to put up a [Notice Board] to give notice to all People that are desirous to Farm y<sup>e</sup>: same. Letting out the Farmes deferred.

There having been great trouble as well as charge in collecting the money for the Town Wall was long since assest, and this day little more then half received, and the Governour having called for the Account of the charges for collecting it, and finding it very extravagant, tho' order'd & [ . . . ] by the Heads of their Casts, but to prevent any farther Extraordinary Charge, 'tis agreed that M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Burden the Rentall Generall do collect the same, and when finished to be paid out of it One hundred Pagod<sup>s</sup>: for his Paines. Rentall Genl: to collect the Town Wall money. P. 100 to be allowed as Gratuity.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received P<sup>r</sup> Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>r</sup>. David dated 7<sup>th</sup>. Instant. 11

Ship Restoration Cap<sup>t</sup>. Pirring Comāder saild for the Coast of India. 12

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## AT A CONSULTATION.

## Present

MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup>

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco<sup>t</sup> for the month of November last and payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash the sume of One Hundred and six Pagodas twenty nine fanams and forty Cash for Custom on Gold coind in the Mint.

P 1000 in  
Acco<sup>t</sup> : Sea  
Custom.

Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash the sume of One Thousand Pagod<sup>t</sup> on Account Sea Customs.

Pa 1000  
ordered y<sup>e</sup> :  
Paym<sup>t</sup> :

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Lettr :  
recd . read.  
Fort St :  
David bill for  
P : 250  
ordered to be  
paid.

Generall Letter from the Chief and [Council at Vizaga] patam dated 2<sup>d</sup> : Instant, and from the Governour and Council of Fort St<sup>t</sup>. David dated 7<sup>th</sup>. Instant both now read the former advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on [this] Presidency for Two Hundred and fifty Pag<sup>s</sup> : payable to the President, agreed the same be paid.

Present  
allowed the  
Junkaneer.

The Chief Junkaneer of the Pullamulle Country having had lately considerable favours showed from the Government, upon which he has taken to Rent many Places where our Goods are made, and this day making us a visset we could not avoid giving him the following Present.

4 Yards scarlet. 6 Yards Aurora. 1 Turbat, notwithstanding which we have reason to believe he still is an enemy to the Company's Interest.

[...] Nague  
Presented  
and

There being lately come to the Town one Venketasha [Ila] putte Naigue Grand son of him that granted the first Cowle to the Company for this Place who [had] to make the Governour a vissett, and being [ . . . ] those who have been old servants to the Company whereas the Father of this man had been here [in former] Governours times, who alwayes paid him a great deal of respect, and made considerable Presents 'tis thought necessary and agreed that the following Present be made him. Viz<sup>t</sup> : 5 yards Scarlet 2 [sicca] Gold Chains Pa. 110, 1 Prospective Glass.

reason

M<sup>r</sup> : Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Companys Cash the sume of Three hundred Pagod<sup>t</sup> : on Account Quit rents ending ult<sup>o</sup> : Aug<sup>t</sup> : 1703.

P : 300 p<sup>d</sup> : in  
account Quit  
Rents.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of November last.

Warehouse  
Account for  
November  
last read  
[Letting of]  
farms de  
[ferred].

There appearing nobody today to bid for the Farmes agreed it be deferred till tomorrow, and that the Choultry Dubash gives notice to all People in Town thereof.

[...] lat y<sup>e</sup>  
Choultry.

It having been accustomed here for all Goods imported from the Land to pay two and a halfe  $\text{P}$  Cent Custom at the Choultry, and if any of which are shipt off to pay 2  $\text{P}$  Cent more at the Sea Custom House where the Goods have hitherto been cleared by a cajan from the Choultry written in the Country Language by which we fear there has been frauds committed ; so to prevent any for the future, 'Tis order'd that the Sea Customer or any else that has any office there, clear no Goods that has only paid Choultry Custom, unless the Proprietor thereof brings not only a Cajan Certificate from the Choultry but likewise the Translate thereof in English annexed thereto which is to be signed [by] the Land

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Customer or the Person under him in that employ all which certificates are to be filed and Number'd in the Sea Custom House office. The Secretary is order'd to give a Copy of the foregoing to the Sea and Land Customers who are strictly to observe the same.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup> PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>  
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS WRIGHT.

TUESDAY  
14<sup>th</sup>.

This day we mett about Letting the Beetle Tobacco and Arrac Farmes, but not one Soule came to bid for [them] which we impute to their Gazing at the ship now [come] in. Farmes to be Lett

The Governour acquaints the Council that last one of the six Chittees in the Godown dyed, who was [confined] there for Debt to the Company and that he had hitherto denied his Friends the liberty of burning him till he [got] security for the Debt, they only offering that his brother should lye in Prison for the same in his roome. 'Tis agreed that the Governour insist on the former, which if he dont comply with, to accept of the latter. Chittee in y<sup>e</sup>. Godown dyed. Refused to let him be burnt.

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL

21<sup>th</sup>.

Generall Letters to the President and Council of Fort William Bengall dated 18<sup>th</sup>: Instant to the Chiefs and Councils of Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam, of Ditto date now read, approved and signed; and a Letter to Edward Littleton &c<sup>a</sup>: Council. Gen<sup>l</sup>. [Letters] recd. read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David dated 16 Instant now read advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on us for Three thousand Pagodas, Agreed the same be paid and taken up of M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Chardin at Interest at 8 p Cent p Annum. Ft. St. David Bill for 3000 Pa. to be pd: P. 3000 taken up of M<sup>r</sup>. Chardin.

Ordered that the Accomptant close up the Generall Bookes of this Place belonging to our Masters, not staying for those of the subordinate Factoryes. Gen<sup>l</sup>: bookes to be closed up.

Agreed Twenty five Pag<sup>a</sup>: be advanc'd to y<sup>e</sup>. Washers now going to Fort St<sup>t</sup>. David. Pa. 25 p<sup>d</sup>. Washers.

THO: PITT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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*Present*THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.

THOMAS WRIGHT. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL. M<sup>r</sup>: ELLIS Sick.WEDNES-  
DAY 29<sup>th</sup> :Paymr :  
Accot : for  
Novem<sup>r</sup> :  
read.M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for the month of November last Viz<sup>t</sup>.

|                           |     |     |     |     |            |        |   |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------|---|
| Charges Garrison          | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa. 1213 : | [16] : | = |
| Charges Cattle            | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 49 :    | 11 :   | = |
| Silk Wormes               | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 14 :    | 5 :    | = |
| West Coast                | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 84 :    | 16 :   | = |
| Black stone               | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 30 :    | = :    | = |
| Charges Dyett             | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 457 :   | = :    | = |
| Charges Generall          | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 318 :   | 10 :   | = |
| Fortification and repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. 175 :   | 5 :    | = |

Pag<sup>a</sup>. ... 2,341 : 27 : =M<sup>r</sup> : Haynes  
death  
acquaint'd  
this board.

The Governour acquaints the Council of the death of Mr. Haynes at Fort St. David, and produces a paper sent him by Mr. Roberts to which there are severall witnesses wherein Mr. Haynes appoints Mr. Edmund Mountague his Trustee and in the close of the Paper seemingly designed somebody else to be Joint with him which Mr. Roberts construes to be himself, but desires in his Letter to be excused from the same, so that in regard that his Sister is nearest related to y<sup>e</sup>. Children, who is to have an equall share with them 'tis agreed that we write a Letter to Mr. Mountague yt. he takes care of Mr. Haynes Effects, and when he examines his escutore and papers he calls his Sister to be a wittness of the same.

Ordered that the Accomptant draw out the Accot. of Salary due in England to the Company's Factors in this Presidency to be remitted home as they have ordered in their last Letters by the Tavestock that everyone has their Account delivered them signed by the Accomptant that so they may write their Attorneys to receive the same in England, or request the Company to send it out in Silver, if such Permission can be obtained.

THOS: PITT.

THOS: WRIGHT.

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