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VOLUME XI

[FROM JUNE TO NOVEMBER 1707]

[*Previous Letters are lost*]

[N^o. 43]

[*Previous portion lost*] to com[] of at the same co[] as also an[] last sent, we resp[ectfully] subscribe

FORT S^r. DAVID
20th. JUNE 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a. Yo^r. most hu[mble]
G. ROB[ERTS].

EDM: MOU[NTAGUE].
J. BRIDGE[S].
R^p. HARR[ISON].
DUKE FAU[NCE].
PHIL: BAKER].

[N^o. 44]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^s. PRESID^t. & GOV^r. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t.
HON^{ble}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a. &c^a. COUNCIL OF FORT S^r.
GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a. [...]

Since our [] has occur'd for the []

We have [] write us [] Buddy [] up in <sup>RECD. Y^r.
2^d. JULY
1707.</sup> Octob^r. 1703 with part of Rupee^s. 14000 as our Cash book shows to be advanc'd to them on the Unit'd Comp^a. acco^{ts}. the Septemb^r. preceeding and M^r. Holcombe &c^a. refusing to take them for the Comp^a. they lay in pawn at Ganjam till the last year about 2 months before we sent them when Paddy Narrain &c^a. Comp^a. by recovery of some Debts in those parts found means to redeem them, so that according to your Hon^{ble}. &c^a. orders under the 16th. April 1706 we carried their amount to the unit'd Comp^a. Debt in our Books which we are now about finishing in order to be sent your Hon^{ble}. &c^a. next month or by the beginning of August at farthest.

With the Stores &c^a. by the Samuell we [recd] 5 Tarpawlines and a small box of flint [] re not mention'd in the Invoice, so are at a [loss to] know their amount and to whom they [were] which we desire may be advis'd in your [...]

[...] 11 private Letters we hear of the [... fr]igat's arrivall and that some [] ma[]rs ships came out in [] we hope are safe wth. [] 11 have in a few days [] promise to carry [] comes an acco^{ts}. [] Washers [...]ith account cash [...] at Diary's and Paymasters acco^{ts}. to the last of [...].

We have now drawn two bills on [your] Hon^{ble} &c^a. the one for Rup^s. 12,000 payable to [the] Hon^{ble}. Tho^s. Pitt Esq^r. & the other for R. [] Payable to the Hon^{ble}. Tho^s. Pitt Esq^r. & M^r. Raworth with both we desire your [P . . .] compliance.

Annumturaz is the most pow[erful] Rajah in these Parts and Lords it from [one] place to another; whereto he is encourag'd by [...] from Rustumdell Cawn or Quondam [...] who gives him Assurance of getting the [...] by Assum shaws Phirmaund for his ow[n].

Meida Cawn nevertheless is incre[asing] his Forces to the Norward of Chicacull [] a [. . .] turn'd out by Assumshaw will (it's generally beleiv'd) hold the Country for Cawn [Bahawdir] whose Serv^t. he is.

The troubles in these [parts are . . .] the same as before the Kings D[e]parture] we continue to hold a good correspondence with the Nabob and Rajahs [. . .] at Present apprehend any [. . .] as [. . .] Comp^{ts}. Affairs so [. . .] ever [. . .] con[. . .] shall guide [. . .] 6 Days [. . .] pat^m. [. . .] with copper Spice &c. and we are Informed they intend to make a large Investm^t. they have also by the Sloop a Serjeant with about 20 soldiers some Guns and Amunition and we are told design'd to fortify at Brimlepat^m.

We Condole the Loss our Masters have mett with in the Queen and Dover being taken out of St. Helena by 2 french men of Warr and return our humble thanks for the List the Hon^{ble}. Gov^r. was pleas'd to send of what other Ships were arriv'd there with which we most respectfully subscribe.

VIZAGAPAT^m.
JUNE 14 1707.

Yo. Hon^r. &c^a. most
Hon^{ble}. S^r. c^a. Obe^d. hum^s s^{ts}.

FRAN: HASTING^{ga}.
ROB^r. CRANWELL.
W^m. MORTON.

[N^o. 45]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r. [PRESIDENT] & GOV^r. FOR AFFAIRS [OF THE] R^r.
HON^{ble}. UNITED EAST INDIA COMP^a. [&c^a.] COUNCILL.
HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

This accompanys Copy of our [. . . Ben]gall packet [. . .] which this minute reacht our hands and hope may meet a most speedy reception[. . .] whereto we have Tappys as far as Mad[rass . . .] upon a report in Town some days since [of] being upon the Road.

We have no News [about] the Bengall Gentlemen but what relat[es to] the Mogulls Death which they advice [have] wrote your Hon^r. &c^a. at large, so we most [respect]fully crave Leave to subscribe.

VIZAGAPAT^m.
20 JUNE 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c. Yo^r. most [Obe^d. &]
hum^s [S^{ts}.]

FRAN: H[ASTINGS].
ROB^r. CRAN[WELL].
W^m. MORTON.

[N^o. 46]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THOM^s. PITT ESQ^r. PRESID^t. & GOV^r. &c^a. COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE UNIT'D COMP^a. IN FORT ST. GEORGE.
HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

Since the foregoing is [. . .] with us Ship Sarum from York [Fort. . . .] West Coast without a grain of R[ice . . .] any]thing else but Ballast by which [. . .] Gen^l. Letters from them of [. . .] with some Damage putt back the first time, they tell us the Ship was leaky too large and chargeable for their occasions; wherefore they return'd her to us and desir'd us to send a Vessell of about 70 or 80 Tons with which Vessell to send them 40 Tons of rice which wou'd be of great Service to them having bin (*sic*) dissappoint'd from

[. . .] (from whence they were us'd to be supply'd) ever since the warr they also desir'd a Number of Slaves with what Military Assistance we can spare them people being very sickly there.

We wonder they shou'd send the ship to us since we have nothing to doe with them no further then to supply you with Petre and Stores but being the Compa^s. ship we are willing to doe what may be most for their Interest, which Consideration made us detain our advise till now to let you know what we design to doe with her on her arrivall before this place. We sent on Board to have her surveyed to know what she might want to be refitt'd in order to send her you in Aug^t. with rice and stores; but by the report given in; she will cost so much money (besides the great sum they charge her at to us which is p^s. 7980) and still be a Crazy ship not fit to encounter hard weather. We therefore concluded to lay her up till Aug^t. when to sell her for the most we can gett of which shall advise you and them and bring the next amount to the creditt We thought this more adviseable.

[...] Comp^{as}. Interest rather then to be three or four thousand Rup^s. at least on an old Crazy tatter'd Ship and for supplying them with a Vessell. We shall hear from your Hon^{ie}. &c^a. before Aug^t. what you design to doo with the Presid^t. who is such a Vessell as they request.

They want severall other stores which they desir'd, Copy of their List comes herewith least your Hon^{ie}. &c^a. may have an opportunity to supply them therewith; we have no further to add but subscribe

Yo^r. most hum^l.
Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

RALPH SIELD[ON].
ROB^t. NIGHTINGALE.
JN^o. RUSSELL.
EDW^d. PATTLE.
JN^o. MAISTERS.
A. KING.
A. ADDAMS.

FORT W^m.
APRIL y^e. 29 1707.

We have herewith sent all the
Private Letters from Bencoolen.

LIST OF Y^r. PACKETT.

- N^o. 1. Fort W^m. Gen^l. April 23
 2. d^o. 29
 3. d^o. Feb^{ry}. 26
 4. d^o. d^o. 26
 5. Ship Loyall Merch^{ts}. Survey.
 6. Warehouse Acco^{ts}. w^t. wanting at York Fort
 7. List of stores Wanting at Bencoolen
- Copy D^{no}.

[N^o. 47]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r. PRESID^t. & GOV^r. &c^a.

COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^r. UNIT'D COMP^a. IN FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

By the Callicutta Sloop y^e. 23 ult^o. came to hand your Hon^{ie}. &c^a. of y^e. 4th. RECD.
D^{no}. and 15 Instant came to hand yours of y^e. 29th. March 1707. Dolben by which are
glad to find the severall ships with our advices Goods and stores sent this season are
arriv'd and hope in good time the Ketch Friendship Presid^t. and Bengall Merch^{ts}. will
arrive with you by which sent a considerable Supply of Petre & Stores Copys of what
wrote by them comes here-with. 6 JULY.

The Redwood P Tankerville being charg'd $\text{\$}$ $\text{P}^{\text{rup.}}$ $\text{P}^{\text{md.}}$ in the Invoice which you advise, must be a mistake in transcribing for we find by our Registers 'tis but 2^{rs}. P maund and the amount is cast up and carried out so; therefore there will not be occasion for a return'd charge on the Presidency what is charg'd more then prime cost is for boat hire &c. from the ship.

Copy of the Survey ship Loy^l. Merch^{ts}. by Cap^t. Newnham & Hudson wth. severall Europe Carpenters to assist them [...] Inclos'd and [our] Warehouse Keep^r. [...] her the same day being y^e. 18 Nov^r. 1706. This we shou'd have sent [with] her to you but was omitt'd; We have advis'd the Court of Mannagers thereof P said Ship and Frederick of the 31 Decem^r. so will be no hindrance in adjust[ing] her acco^{ts}. at home.

We Rec^d. y^e. severall Europe N[ews] papers &c. enclos'd and return your Honour &c. thanks for them. We had much the same from Suratt; and do think the truth not to be doubted, 'tis said the French here have mostly the same, God send an Hon^{ble}. & lasting Peace to our Country.

We can't but be concern'd to hear of the Loss of the Dorothy; Elizabeth, Diamond &c. our Country shipping by Pyrats; and heartily wish a true course was taken for the quelling them, God send no more [again] into their hands nor meet with Mou^r. Bonneau in his return from Donmas[ca]reema. We are sorry to find he is so soon moun[...] again for 'tis said of him he will use all endeavours not to return empty handed

We have had much the same acco^{ts}. of [the] Dutch making up their business at Surratt your Hon^{ble} &c. was pleas'd to send us: but [...] sent circumstances of affairs in the Co[un]try may putt a stop to it and occasion [the...] to Batavia.

As for the armenians [...] certify any thing they say or [...] you the Narrative Cojah [...] for [...] tion he does not [...] Jurisdiction but the Moors and it wou'd not be adviseable or warrantable for us to seize and send him away by force when he comes into our Town least the Comp^a. might be called to an acco^{ts}. to answer the Demands there may be upon him in Bengall to the Mogulls subject; for there has been an instance of this Kind to the Comp^a. prejudice.

The 29th. last month we were advis'd by severall Shroffs of the Death of Aurenzeeb and some time after we had advis'd from Mess^{rs}. Loyd in Patna and Bugden and Feake in Cassimbuzar of the same after which from all parts & hands confirm'd; occasion'd us thereon to recall Mess^{rs}. Darell and Spencer going to Patna wth. the Comp^a. Treasure and Goods who were got about half way on their Journey and are since arriv'd safe with us; We have also order'd them from Cassimbuzar with the Companys Effects to secure what we can here beleiving the Kings Death may cause Revolutions in the Country particularly since the Prince has so long since left Patna leaving one of his son's there and another in Dacca with a small Guard and not knowing how things may succeed in Indostan the two Eldest Brothers being with their Forces marching towards Dilly, and tis generally said here as with you that Azzeem Terra will carry the day; We hear they are each acknowledged as King in their own Camps.

Here [is] disturbance yet but all people apprehensive of it, securing what they have in the best method they can; no one buying any Import[er] Goods nor adventure any money abroad but making money of what they have; bringing their affairs in as Narrow a Compass as they can; which occasion'd us to break off the Contracts we had made wth. our Merch^{ts}. for Goods of the most remotest au[thority] till we see how matters will goe with the Government; but the Goods that are made about us of a of a (*sic*) Day or two Journeys off we have contract'd for with the most substantiall men, so as to make w^t. secure provision we can for the next years shipping we have also bought up what Petre we can gett in Hugly to help out the Tonnage though at a dearer rate beleiving, we may not have a supply from Patna in season which with w^t. we had lately come down we hope to supply all necessary occasion on the ensuing season; the Princes son is at Dacca & the King's [son] at Cassimbuzar and all things as they were at present but little Trade, 'tis said the Princes [.....] Patna and

the Duan for Burdwan but no certainty thereof. We shall as we hear any alteration or anything else worth writing be sure to advise you constantly how affairs [are].

If you send the Nathaniel or at [...] ship down shall supply her with the gra[in] having made provision thereof bele [...] this Juncture a store no sore.

Rup^a. are now scarce and it [...] be more ere Long; Wherefore must [...] Hon^r. &c^a. will please to coin [...] come to your Port consign'd this Presidency from England or otherwise.

We have rec^d. the sundry Household necessities & Dolben as & Invoice which are very ordinary and ill perform'd not near so good as might be expected.

We have recommended this to M^r. Hastings at Vizagapat^m. to be forwarded to you and hope it will arrive safe we call not else to mind at present but remain

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a. Yo^r. most hum S^r.

RALPH SHELTON.
ROB^t. NIGHTINGALL.
JOHN. RUSSELL.
EDW^d. PATTLE.
JOHN MAISTER.
A. KING.
A. ADDAMS.

FORT W^m.
APRILL 23^d. 1707.

[N^o. 48]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PIIT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. for AFFAIRS OF Y^e. R^e. HON^{ble}. UNITED ENGLISH

EAST INDIA COMPANY & OF FORT S^t. GEORGE

& F^r. S^r. DAVID & C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

On the 24th. past month came to hand yours dated y^e. 19th. Instant in which you [...] July are pleas'd to approve of the Agreement we[made] with the Tavenapat^m. Merch^{ts}. and pro[posed o]n the arrivall of the Ships to take from [...] lore merch[ants th] at mentioned in the List *provided we pay them in the usuall manner.

We are glad to hear the President &c. Parr arriv'd safe with the Paddy on y^e. 20th. the past month we dispatch'd Narrains Puttys Parr with 25 Garce more and by her sent Invoice of that and what sent by the former which hope you have rec^d.

As yet we have no news of the Yatch when she arrives shall loade her with what Bales we have remaining of the last Investment and fill her with some Brown Cloth of this now made to be wash'd by your Washers, who we must own washes better than ours, tho' cannot imagine the reason said cloth shall be chopped on each peice with the Number; it is sorted too; to prevent its [being] mix'd by your Washers; who we are sensible will make it appear then ours if one Tryall we find can equally sort the Long Cloth Brown shall send the whole to be washed at your Place; which we shall have rec^d. faster than the Yatch can fetch it; so [shall] forbear ordering any Firewood to be [...] for her except you are pleas'd to di[...] carries up that in the room of the [...] Pursuant to your Hon^r. &c^a. orders [...] take possession of M^r. Hayne's hou[se]. [...] acco^{ts}. of the R^e. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. [...] of M^r. Mountague is Trus[tee] [...] sed M^r. Haynes a Bill of [...] sam whom we sh[...] according [...] have made; and doe this day give our Bill on your Hon^r. &c^a. payable to Sunca Rama for said sum and now request you will be pleas'd to direct what alteration and additions must be made to said House for as it is it's very unfitt for a Factory the Bricks &c^a. of the Old Factory will help the completing this which we beleive must be pull'd down; for we hear of none cares to buy it tho' possibly they may the Ground.

* both setts have contracte^d each to bring in Immediately to y^e amount of 10 Tho^d. Pags. & in 3 mo, after y^e. arrivall of y^e. ships the remainder of the List.

Inclos'd we rec^d. a Copy of Ensign Reads Petition concerning his buisyness wth. Mr. Berlu who assures us will forthwith remitt him on acco^{tt}. Mr. Fountain deceas'd.

At present we are very much necessitat'd for money to [pay for e]harges of Garrison for last month therefore request you will please to remitt us some or permitt us to draw wth. our Occasions require; which being the Needfull respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. Sr. &c^a. Yo^r. most hum^l. S^{rs}.

FORT ST. DAVID.
[18TH.] OF JULY 1707.

G. ROBERTS.
EP. MOUNTAGUE.
J. BERLUE.
J. BRIDGES.
RICH^d. HARRISON.
DUKE FAUNCE.
PHIL: BAKER.

[N^o. 49.]

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}.

rec^d. 16 July
1707.

There has been lay'd before us (the Presid^t. & Councill at Banjar) by William King Second mate of the Resolution Cap^t. Wilfrid Hart Commander an Accusation against J^{no}. Garidner Cheif Mate of the said ship as being guilty of Sodomy with a black boy named Bowgoe; we duly examin'd the matter and find the said Garidner could say but very little in his own Defence, therefore we have sufficient cause to think him an agressor and coming from Madraspatam where his Charracter is or may be known to your Hon^r. we have determin'd to send him in Irons back to you refering the rest to your Judicious sentiments, we tender your Hon^r. all due respect.

BENJARR
Y^S. 18^r. MARCH 1706/7.

Yo^r. humble Servants
HEN: BAR[RE].
THO^s. JOYN[ER].
J^{sc}. CANBY.
WILL: GR[IFFITH].

LIST OF Y^S. PACKETT.

- N^o. 1 a Gen^l. Lett^r. relating to J^{no}. Garidners case.
2. Examination concerning D^o.
3. W^m. Kings accusation against D^o.
4. A Gen^l. Lett^r. for supplis.

[N^o. 50.]

TO THE HON^{RS}. THO^s. PITT Esq^r. &[c].

THE REST OF THE COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

16 JULY.

We imparted to you our thoughts concerning Mr. Garidner in a particular Lett^r. This serves only to advise you that we Judge you will do the Hon^{ble}. Comp^s. a good peice of service in procuring and forwarding for this their Settlem^t. as many Artificers of your place as you can spare or find willing to come hither: Bricklayers & Plaisterers cheifly and the usuall pay for such here is from \$ 6 to \$ [...] p^p mensem and find themselves a.D[iam]ond cutter and most other Mech[an]icks cannot but be usefull here so we must recommend their procuring also for the service of the place we are;

Gentlemen Yo^r. very hum^l. Serv^{ts}.

HEN: BARRE.
THO: JOYNER.
JOHN CASBY.
WILL: GRIFFITH.

BENJAR
THE 20TH. OF MARCH 1706/7.

[N^o. 51.]

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT [. . .]

PRESID^t. & Gov^r. & C^a. COUNCILL [FOR] AFFAIRS OF Y^e. R^t. Hon^{ble}.

UNITED COMP^a. [OF MERCHANTS & C^a] TRADEING TO Y^e. [EAST INDIES . . .]

FORT S^t. GEORGE

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C^a.

Your Hon^r & C^a. of the 24 & 27 Jan^{ry}. Last by M^r. Cary we received the 3 March following with the two Slaves and pay their Passage as therein mentioned.

2. The Gov^r. design'd by the Hon^{ble}. Company is not yet arriv'd which makes us beleive the News the Dutch Ships brought to Batavia y^e. year be true viz^t. that ships Edward and Dover were taken at anchor in St. Helena road by three French ships from India; the Gov^r. his [Lady] and Cap^t. Garraway being a shore and the [...] & of the Edw^d. & Dudly being kill'd.

3. There is no money belonging to the Widda[. . .] Eaton in Cash nor know we of a farthing the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Company is indebted [to] the Deceased [. . .] but if any shall appear on the Ballance of [the] Generall Bookes shall remitt as your Hon^r [. . .] directs neither has there been any money [. . .] into the Cash here on M^r. Joseph Marshall's Estate the Trustees acquaint they rem[itt] now 4 Bill the full amount of what [. . .] as also does M^r. John De lapie his full [amount] due to M^r. Chardin.

4. The yearly a [. . .] the Orphans we now remitt to [. . .] & Church Wardens by Bill of [. . .] & as [. . .] left by M^r. [. . .] to the [. . .] of your pla [. . .] [. . .] For the discharging of our Bills by the Ketch Hugliana return our thanks as also for those 4 sloop success and were it not for your Hon^r. & C^a. favourable acceptance of our Bills shou'd not tell how to maintain the Garrison. We kept going on with our Fortifications till March last at which we discharged all our Cooleys beleiving a ship from Europe might arrive us; and what is done since is by our Slaves only, we cou'd not any ways propose to lay out such a sum wholly in a Pepper since for these two years last have not had any Comfortable subsistance; but what we were forc'd [to] procure from Batavia and out of [vessels.] that touched here and glad to gett them at any prises and opportunity offred (*sic*); We have now by us in Godown Pepper Black Bahars three hundred; besides what at our Nothern (*sic*) Paggars and cou'd we have been supplied with Doll^{rs}. proper for purchase of Pepper might have had more than as many Tuns.

M^r. Wallis does not as yet appear we wish for the speedy arrivall of the Hugliana with what soldiars and Stores procurable as advis'd in your Hon^r. & C^a. Inclod's comes our Warehouse Keep^r. List of necessarys as also of proper Goods for the Company of the which intreat a supply 4 first [. . .].

Cap^t. Wilfrid Hart & M^r. Robert Ingram arriv'd here the 7th. Instant from Batavia and haveing on board them some Mexico Dollars we requested of them to spare us 8000 & to take Bills on your Hon^r. & C^a. allowing them 7 3/4 lb to which they agreed and in return desir'd us to spare them 70 Bahars Pepper they paying for the same in good money with the usuall custom of a halfe penny 4 pound which dureing their stay here we purchas'd without lessening the Quantity aforementioned in the Godowne; we not being willing to let slip such an opportunity of supplying our selves, and despairing of any from Europe on acco^t. y^e. Edward and Dudly's nuscarrriage which together with many pressing from our dattoies Panlimia and Sangrans to take money out of this ship, they alledging that the Natives were uneasy in keeping their Pepper by them and the [R^t.] Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. having none to purchase it wou'd induce them to send it by prow's too [. . .] Places are the Reasons that we comply'd [with] their request and accordingly spar'd them [. . .] Bahars Pepper which hope will give [. . .] no reasons for any disgust from our [R^t.] Hon^{ble}. Masters, Since for months before we were] not able to purchase one grain and [. . .] as cou'd do by borrowing to main [tain them] selves and pay our Soldiers w[. . .] longer delay'd might have been [. . .]

. . .] Con[. . .] that it would [.] Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. to no small Charge to have quieted the Natives being of such a Fickle Temper that those that are our Friends to day, tomorrow will be our Enemies; as the Comp^a. has woefully experienc'd. On the foregoing have presumed to draw largely on your Hon^r. & c^a. it being no way possible to have avoided it and hope your Hon^r. & c^a. will be pleas'd to favour them with your kind acceptance assuring your Hon^r. & c^a. we shall at all times be as Cautious as possible in drawing it being for our Credit to make this place as easy to our Hon^{ble}. Masters as may be of whom received and to wh[om] payable is as follows viz:

of Mat[.]ty Esq ^r . pay ^{ble} . to the Hon ^{ble} .			
Thomas Pitt Esq ^r . or order	£ 2459	2	1
of Ditto to the Reverend George Lewis James Wendy and			
Wardens of Madrass Church or their Orders	669	3	—
of mess ^{rs} . J ^{no} . Delapie and W ^m . Dean pay ^{ble} . to the			
Hon ^{ble} . Tho ^s . Pitt Esq ^r . & c ^a . Owners of y ^e . W ^m . Bri-			
gantine	6108	3	—
of Ditto pay ^{ble} . to Mr. Benj: Hanning or order	1215	—	—
of Mr. J ^{no} . delapie pay ^{ble} . to Mr. [Natha]niel Chardin or			
order	5023	1	—
of Ditto pay ^{ble} . to Rich ^d . [.]	954	—	—
of Mr. Tho ^s . Greaves pay ^{ble} . to Mess ^{rs} . J ^{no} . Meverill and			
Richard Hunt or order	6500	—	—
of Ditto pay ^{ble} . to himself or order of Mr. W ^m . Dean			
pay ^{ble} . to Mr. Tho ^s . Graves or order	10625	—	—
Of Ditto pay ^{ble} . to Mr. Matt: Empson or order	2000	—	—
Of Mr ^s . Mary Cooper pay ^{ble} . to her self or order	608	—	—
of Cap ^t . Willfrid Hart & Mr. Rob ^t	2837	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Ingram pay ^{ble} . to Cap ^t . Willfrid Hart or order	14357	3	$\frac{1}{2}$
of Ditto Pay ^{ble} . to Mcss ^{rs} . Henry Davenport[ort] and			
George Wi[. . .]or order	1379	1	—
Total	54738	—	[...]

8. Mr. Thomas Greaves having requested to be discharged the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Service his request was granted having faithful[ly] discharged his trust in the Post employ'd [.] he takes his passage on this ship and so [.]] Mr^s. Mary Cooper.

9. We have by this Conv[eyance] sent your Hon^r. & c^a. a pair of Gen^l. [.] belonging to the United Trade, Lett[er . . .] Ballance to ult^o. Aprill 1703 W[.] soon as possible compleat the [.]

10. What was omitted to [.] Store [.] List is Ste- [.] Medicines of which intreat a supply having but a poor stock of either.

11. We earnestly intreat your Hon^r. & c^a. to send us a supply of Souldiers being lately forc'd to entertain a Cap^t. and 12 Mallay Souldiers to send to Bentall having there not above 10 Topasses and we here are obliged to employ 12 slaves on the Guard to make up 24 men; so leaving your Hon^r. & c^a. to be Judges of our present Weakness we conclude

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & c^a. Yo. most Obliged
& Obed^t. hum^l S^{as}.

MATT: RIDLEY.
Jⁿ. DELAPIE.
W^m. DEANE.
RICH^d. SKINGLE.

YORK FORT
Y^e. 26 MAY 1707.

LIST OF THE PACKETT VIZ.

York Fort Gen^l. Lett^r. to Fort S^t. George dated 26 May 1707.
[Wa]rehouse Keep^{rs}. List of several wanting.
[.] the Packett.

RICH^d. SKINGLE.

N^o. 52

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOS. PITT ESQ^R. PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^Y. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A.
& GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCILL.
HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.

We have yours of the 8th. & 15th. Instant the former of which came not to hand till the 14th. [...oc]asion'd by the Mercon Juncaneer stopping our Tappy Peon as they inform us; which [they] doe to all Lett^{rs}. that have past them of Late the reason for their so doing we cannot Learn. REC^D. 2 JULY.

We observe your approvall of [. . .] Contracts we have made wth. both setts of [. . .] Merchants to whom we shall pay according to your orders the five Thousand Pag^a. [. . .] as the Bill shall become due from [. . .] Chitty who have already measur'd [. . .] ds of [. . .] thousand Pag^a. worth of [. . .] have above that quantity in their [. . .] ready to measure and deliver [. . .] as soon as we can, therefore [. . .] be pleas'd to make us speedy [. . .] Mo[. . .] that we may [. . .] mercht^l. after the usuall manner; and thereby prevent the Comp^{ys}. paying Interest and enable them to bring in the whole Investment in three months according to Agreement.

We are glad to hear the Parr arriv'd with y^e. Paddy.

The Yatch arriv'd yesterday whom according to your order we have dispatcht to load with Firewood and upon receipt thereof sent away a Person on purpose to secure if possible a sufficient quantity ready cutt otherwise to have it cut against her arrivall.

We return your Hon^r. & C^a. our thanks for complying with [our] last bill of Exchange of one thousand Pag^a. which we shall pay unto M^r. Edw^d. Mountague upon his delivery of the Bill of Sale for M^r. Hayne's house about which request your orders for as it is it's no ways convenient for a Factory besides very much out of repair.

Robert Berriman attended us in Consultation when he deliver'd us in a List sworn too of sever^{als}. he had left in the possession of & presented M^{rs}. Mary Wilson, on acco^{tt}. a marriage Contract wth. her; said List comes Inclos'd the particular of which he [. . .] hopes you will please to direct the Paymaster [. . .] to deliver to his order again.

We Congratu[late...the] safe arrivall of the Howland Cap^t. Cooke and hope the Dutches is with you before this; for the master of the Yatch informs us a large ship past him 3 or 4 days agoe.

You are pleas'd to advise that the Company have allotted fifty Thousand Pounds for this Coast and therefore necessary to calculate what Tonnage you shall be able to load; and persuant thereto direct we convene our Merch^{ts}. and consult with them w^t. number of Bales we shall be able to provide by the Last of Jan^{ry}. you may please to observe we have in our For[mer lett]ers advis'd persuant to your orders we had concluded a Contract with each sett of Merch^{ts}. [. . .] the List directed in your Gen^l. both which will amount to upwards of Sixty thousand Pagod^a. and will make about one thousand and fifty Bales which they have obliged themselves as before advis'd to bring in three months after the date of the Contract, so hope to have those Goods or the Major part of them ready for the October Shipping if requir'd [and] if you are pleas'd to direct that we pro[cure] any other Goods than what mention'd in that List as Midling Long Cloth or Sallampores Succatoons or Neckcloths we [shall on] receipt of your orders use our [utmost] endeavours to persuade the Merchants [to agree to the] Lowest prices possible and th[. . .] any [. . .] aint from th[. . .] we hope they have no reasons for since of late years the Goods from this place have gone home much cheaper than the former; besides are assur'd the Merch^{ts}. are very inconsiderable Gainers for these two or three Last Investm^{ts}.

As yet we have not sorted any brown Long Cloth being willing to give the Washers as much time as possible to wash the Cloth well and white so cannot as yet advise till make a tryall what sortment can be made of the Brown Long Cloth;

which according to your permission shall be Loaden on any ship that touches here and packt as directed.

You will very much oblige us with a supply of N[. . .] &c^a. Europe Necessaries we are in great want of paper &c^a. Factors provisions which we request you will please to supply us with by the return of the Yatch which being the needfull subscribe

FORT S^r. DAVID
[. . .] JULY 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a. Yo^r. most hum^l S^{ts}.

G. ROBERTS.
E^p. MOUNTAGUE.
J. BERLU.
R. HARRISON.
D. FAUNCE.
[P.] BAKER.

N^o. 53

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. FOR THE R^t. HON^{ble}. COMP^a. GOV^r. OF FORT S^r. GEORGE &C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{ble}. S^r.

RECD. 12
MAY.

This Govern^{mt}. hath been very troublesome to our People in seizing to take head money from them & with much trouble gott them clear, write [. . .] and the Maldar dayly solliciting them ; not offer these affronts to the Comp^a. still demanding their moneys [as] a present that Mr. Faucets Serv^t. rais'd from their People ; being part presented to them, or to show the Kings Perwanna that your People are free of this duty ; in the Interim of these disputes ; advices of the Kings Death coming, that Moore that collected this money laid down his Commission ; since Connacall Gopenna head Braminy and Deshoye takes this office upon him some he takes openly and some in Private he 3 times seis'd our Washers twice I gott them free Malldar every day solliciting to have them [. . .] I have writt and sent to the Phousdar, [. . .] receive any writing throwing it away [. . .] read when the sollom Sallaba[d] now [. . .] the Malldar away ; bids him g[. . .] I have writt twice to him Copy [. . .] send your Hon^r. when the [. . .] answers very well you must goe and call the head Washerman Durrinea by name and is their answer still keeping the Washermen in Prison, this is a beginning ; will create more trouble by seizing all People by Degrees that live under the Company, I desire your Hon^r. order about this affair, He that hath strength now clears the way ; can not expect any other answer from them unless you give the Customers present, I have acquainted them that nothing will be given them.

The Dutch tomorrow send a boat to Pettipollee to bring their Chay Goods being about 35 Oxen ladeing Major part of their Chints comes in and most of their goods washed, I humbly crave Leave

Hon^{ble}. S^r. Yo^r. most hum^l

METCHLEP^r.
29 APRILL 1707.

& Obed. Serv^t.
PHILIP NODEN.

28 Curr^t. at Night Cheif Bramine sent, Washerman to Durrmea cheif Washer [man . . .] them and tooke from them 20 Rup^s.

[N^o. 54]

[To HON^{ble}.] THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

[. . .] THE R^t. HON^{ble}. COMP^a.
[GOV^r. FORT] S^r. GEORGE &C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{ble}. S^r.

My Last to your Hon^r. was the ult^o. Aprill giving acco^{ts}. seizing our Washers ; forcing moneys from them which money he hath pay'd me again Gopoma came to the Factory the 27 May giving his Cowle for the Washers returning to the Ground and none to trouble them.

The 19th. of May happen'd a fire in this Town to the N^o.ward burnt down 1050 houses ; the Inhabitants lost in Graine & Goods to the amount of 25000 Rup^s.

The Dutch haveing rec^d. from Pollicat 120 Oxen Ladeing Long Cloth and Sallampores from Datcheerone 130 Oxen Ladeing with white cloth the Boat that went for Pettipolla bro^d. 14 Oxen ladeing of choy Goods ; more Goods being ready Rajas coming to Pettepp[olla] seiz'd the Phowsdar took 10000 Rup^s. of the Kings Money ; frighted the Merch^t. for bringing their Goods they are now going [to] send a Boate for the remains and oth[er . . .] Goods being ready.

The primo of June arr[iv]ed y^e.] Dutch parr from Nagapatam[. . .] and 13 Souldiers having unloaded [. . .] Brass Guns about 100 lb. a peice [. . .] of [. . .] ten thousand [. . .] powder with shott 12 Chests said to be spice 200 plancks with small Cask, the 2 Curr^t. order'd a Boat aboard the Parr to transport the other Goods from the Parr and lade them on board y^e. sloop which was done ; being Gunns, Powder Shott and small armes, and from this Factory send some Copper, in a few days more expect the arrivall of two Sloops and a Parr from Nagapatam with 100 Soulders 50 of them to be Grenadeers, ten Souldiers for Pollicatt 15 Souldiers for Dattacherone Factory the other two stay here the occasion of these Souldiers they discourse two ways Viz^t. haveing received so many affronts at all [their] Factorys forcing presents more then customary ; stopping their Goods, seizing [the] Merch^{ts}. entring their Town of Pollicott, taking money from the Inhabitants haveing kept a just acco^{tt}. will now force them to return the money and make them content with Customary Presents formerly given in the King of Golcondah's time ; if not they will seize the country before they had great troubles in Java & Batavia, they cou'd not move in it ; those troubles in Surrat, being over, the Mogull dead, they have a fair prospect to proceed Kingdom void of Governm^t. haveing kept a fair Correspondance with [those] Rajahs that have great Power, Constant advices running between them [. . .] kept private this makes them move in their [. . .]

Then they [. . .] the abuses from the Governm^t. are great, by this means [. . .] bring them to a Compliance, now they have reduced Java and all about Batavia to their former Obedience, there will come from Batavia 12 Large ships well mann'd first to Brimlepat^m. meddle of July will rectifie the abuses there ; from thence to Datcherrone & Pollicott then for this Porte all Difference compleated all Souldiers goes aboard saile for Pollicatt and from thence to Pollichery intending to seize the Place.

The 5th. Curr^{ts}. the Dutch sloop sailed for Brimlepat^m. with the Souldiers, seven of them being Granadeers intending to make a small Fort at Brimlepat^m. as I am inform'd.

There good Success at Surrat gives them encouragement as they relate, their former Customes paid in Surrat being now abated one third, which is great in their Commerce and hope in a small time to gett that clear ; the Dutch have taken a new method in rectifying their affairs and will prosecute it which I understood [. . .] their Cheif they are very inquisitive abo[ut] our Settlement in these Factorys ; why [. . .] not People to the Factory^s. saying if our P[eo]ple were here both together could make the[m . . .] comply ; these Souldiers are drawn [. . .] zealous that come hither [. . .] Guns that are mounted up [. . .] town being the Lance [. . .] was [. . .] at Corrango wh[. . .] gave to Thom^s. Keerlcoe.

In few days ; they will Lade the parr with Bale Goods being to saile for Pollicatt haveing Goods now in the Factory ready embail'd about 600 Bales about ten Bales at the Washerman.

The Duan is return'd from Datcherone being now at Elloare in 15 days more expected here none of the Rajahs paying any thing to him, Just now came Dutch Peons from Golcondah informes us Rustome Dill hath taken Vast summs of money from all the Inhabitants entertaining all that comes for Souldiers Peons relate this wh[. . .] now in their Letters that cannot come to our Knowledge presently.

The ground renters entreat your Hon^r. to order the paym^t. of their money due to them please to remitt some money for the People Sallarie being now six months I humbly crave Leave

Hon^{ble}. Sr. Yo^r. most hum^{ble}. & Obed^t. Sr.

METCHLEPAT^m.

PHIL: NODEN.

[. .] OF JUNE 1707.

[N^o. 55]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOM^s. PITT ESQ^r.

[PRESIDENT] FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^e. UNITED ENGLISH EAST [INDIA COMP^a.]
&C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT [ST. GEORGE].

HON^{BLE}. S^r. &C^a.

On the 20th. Ult^o. we sent duplicate of what wrote at Large the 14th. Ditto and forwarded by Tappys 3 Bengall Pacquets which hope in due Time came safe to your hands.

This accompanys our Gen^l. Bookes Letter E upon the perusal of which your Hon^r. &C^a. will find Buddy Narran & Companys debt increas'd in the Ballance which arises from the 1500 Pag^s. advanced to them for Long Cloth and Sallampores in March last of which they had brought in the last of Aprill only the amount of about 500 Pag^s.

Mr. Cranwell has paid the Ballance of his acco^t. due to the R^t. Hon^{ble}. United Company.

Annumturaz has lately rec^d. a Letter from Rustumhill Cawn confirming what he formerly wrote about sending his son into these parts and from Metchlep^m. it's wrote that Mahomett Jaffer a Servant to Gozdecawn is comeing with 500 horses and a great number of Foot to govern Country others affirm that Fuckerlee Cawn [. . .] comeing with the same design and whilst [y^e.] Mogulls three sons are contending the cr[own] probable we may have severall preten[sions] the Government and consequently de[. . .] from each for the rents of the [. . .] we desire your Hon^r. &C^a. advice [. . .] Proceedings in such a ticklish [. . .] the [. . .] not [. . .] Company's affairs free from Imbroyls by maintaining a friendly correspondence with the Persons in power as we doe now with Meida Cawn son, Annumturaz and the severall Rajahs in the Country.

We now send your Hon^r. &C^a. our acco^s. Cash for the months May & June.

We desire your Hon^r. &C^a. will supply us wth. all sorts of Woollen Manufacture & Rarities for presents by first Conveyance not knowing how soon we may have occasion we most respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. Sr. &C^a.

Yo^r. most Obed^t. hum^l Servants

FRAN: HASTINGS.

ROB^t. CRANWELL.

W^m. MORTON.

VIZAGAPATAM

Y^e. 20 JULY 1707.

[N^o. 56]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. &C^a. WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

S^r.

We wrote you & Cap^t. Hart (who left us the 20th. March last) the then needfull [. . .] and now having rec^d. your Letter of the 29th. Jan^y. [. . .] and this Conveyance & Mr. Landen offe [. . .] an salute you and express our readiness for maintaining a Correspondance with you.

Your Goods proper here are viz^t. Sallampores blew and white Long Cloth ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ p^{ces}. & part $\frac{1}{4}$ p^s. Comes blew and white these sorts to be the greatest part of a Cargoe and about $\frac{2}{3}$ of each sort to be Blew Porta Nova Dye most in Esteem.

Syrashes first second & third sort Compoayas D^o. and both sorts to be narrow barded the former the greatest quantity.

Chints fine, red yellow blew &c^a. a few of them white grounds small flowers and thick work most takeing a few allejars red and Blue Gingham white strip'd; various Lungies red and Blew the Latter most with double narrow borders fine Jahor fashion; a few res[...]ndall Large and small a few blew Mooreas full Lengths & Breadths blue Baftaes with Gold Borders the Deepest best Tappeer Large and small with fine Narrow borders the smallest flowers most takeing Tap[...] Chindayes Large most Green, a Surratt the[se] are the sorts we find most takeing here.

Be pleased to informe us wth your next [...] suits with you from hence and we shall be [glad] to supply you them.

Since our Last we have [had.....] to loose our late Presid^t. Cap^t. [...] which retards our forwarding [.....] so tha [.....] from [...] before will be very needfull here

Gentlemen We are Yo^r. most
hum^{bl} S^{ts}.

BANJAR
MAY 2^d. 1707.

THO^s. JOYNER.
JOHN CASBY.
WILL: GRIFFITH.

N^o. 57

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^s. PRESID^t. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^s. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y. & GOV^s. OF
FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^s. &C^a.

We have rec^d. yours of the 25th. past month.

The Insolence of the Mercon Juncaneers is intollerable for which they shou^d REC^d 10th.
Aug^s.
certainly have had a good drubbing before now but that their distance protected them.

It was an omission of the Sec^{ry}. in not filling up the Blanck with the amount of the Cloth at the dispatch of our last, the Merchants have now brought in upwards of twenty one thousand Pagod^s. besides what [they] have ready [in the]ir Godowns to measure; which will amount to about three Thous^d. Pag^s.

It was your Hon^r. &c^a. Letter dated 26 Aprill which directed an Investm^t. of twenty or thirty thousand Pag^s. in order to make an Early preparation for the then expected shipping w^{ch}. the Merchants agreed to before had a Knowledge of your Intentions of remitting them money as advised in ours of the 16th. May which you was pleased to approve of in your answer dated 23 said month and then sent us a List to the amount of upwards of thirty thous^d. Pag^s. with the Cuddalore Merch^{ts}. agreed to provide if you enable us to pay them in the usuall manner after which we advis^d had made the same Contract with the Tavenapat^m. Merch^{ts}. which was approv^d of in yours of y^e. 19 June to which was added you wou^d on the arrivall of the ships take what more from the Cuddalore Merch^{ts}. upon the terms mentioned after which we proceeded to finish the contract with both sett of Merch^{ts}. which was signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. in ours of y^e. 4th. July and rec^d. your approval thereof in yours dated y^e. 8th. said month with [an] assurance that you wou^d pay them in the usuall manner for that you dayly [...] the Europe ships, notwithstanding [...] [...] the receipt of your Last, we have [...] severall meetings with the [...] us^d the best Arguments we [...] them to an abatement alledged [...] chea [...] tton which [...] motive for them to lower the prices; besides Inform^d them that the Comp^y. complain^d very much of the dearness of Coast Goods and advised unless they cou^d be bought cheaper they must be forc^d to quit the Trade, In answer to which they assur^d us they cou^d be but savers at the present rates and hoped it was not the Companys desire they shou^d undertake a Contract to

be Loosers ; and the lowest price we cou'd possibly prevaile with them to accept for those Goods not incerted in the aforementioned Contract is as hereunder.

Long Cloth fine N ^o . 1 at Pag ^a .	55	4	Corge.
D ^o .	2 at	51½	
Long Cloth midling N ^o . 1 at	38		
D ^o .	2 at	36	
Sallampores fine N ^o . 1 at Pag ^a .	25	4	Corge
D ^o .	2	23.	
Sallampores midleing N ^o . 1	17½		
D ^o .	2	16	10 fan ^a .
Succatoons N ^o . 1	60		
D ^o .	2	55	
Neck cloths N ^o . 1	25		

We assure your Hon^r. &c^a. it has been with many arguments and persuasions which has inducd the Merch^{ts}. to accept the above rate ; and we hope the Comp^a. will be persuaded that we have exerted our utmost endeavours [...] their [...] knowing it to be one of the Greatest Essentialls of their Trade considering the high Dutys is laid on all East India Goods at home ; If you are pleas'd to approve hereof request a speedy supply of money that the Merch^{ts}. might be enabled to bring in these Goods early enough to be washt and sorted for the Jan^{ry}. Shipping for the rainy season coming on will very much impced them.

In the List of Goods you have been pleased to send us ; there is inserted next after Midling Long Cloth D^o. Brown D^o. Blue ; and after midling Sallampores D^o. Brown we request to know whither by it is meant to have the Brown and Blue, Midling or ordinary of each sort besides in the closing of your Letter you are pleased to order us that we gett dyed of a Deep Blue as soone as possible 2000 peices of Sallampores ordinary for the West Coast please to advice whether these 2000 p^a. must be provided over and above the number of Sallampores mentioned in the List which shall be comply'd with all as soon as possible.

We are glad to hear that the Yatch a[re] safe with the firewood whose Master in [forms] us he deliver'd 9000 sticks which was [the] Quantity he received aboard ; he retu[rned] hither Yesterday from wh[] we sh[] the severall things mentioned [in y^e.] Invoice and Load on her w[] have [] aining of the last [] filling her up with some Brown Long Cloth of this which is packt as usuall 20 peices in a Bale by reason it goes on the Comp^a. Vessell, but if we shall hereafter send any on Freight it shall be packt thirty peices in a Bale according to your former direction.

Inclos'd we rec^d. Sunca Rama two Bills on Pola Chittee for 5000 Pag^a. which he has comply'd with four thousand of which is paid to the Merch^{ts}. and the other the Paymaster has had for defraying charges Garrison.

In the supply of necessary's you have been pleas'd to send us ; there is omitted Medicines, a List of what the Doctor says is wanting for the Garryson comes Inclos'd and also the Gunners List of Stores wanting in the Gunroome which we request you will please to supply us with all by the next return of the Yatch which being the Needfull we respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a. Yo^r. most hum^{bl}. S^r[^s].

FORT S^r. DAVID.
[. . .] 1707.

G. ROBERTS.
ED : MOUNTAGUE.
J. BERLUE.
J. BRIDGES.
R. HARRISON.
DUKE FAUNCE.
[P.] BAKER.

[P.S.]

[. . .] foregoing y^e. things [. . .] from the Yatch but [. . .] is wanting in the Roome [. . .] Chest of Syrash we request [. . .] to send the Ach[] which [. . .] table.

No. 58

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.

PRES^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E. R^T. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST

INDIA COMP^A. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.

We wrote you under Yesterdays date wherein we omitted to advise that we have again lett to farm the Rack Licence for two years to Manuell Gonsolviz at the rate of one thous^d. eight hundred ninety Chuckroms ₹ annum which is two hundred and ninety Chuckroms more then it lett for last time which hope your Hon^r. & C^a. will approve off.

We have Laden on the Yatch[...] Bales which is all we had remaining of the last Investment and 25 Bales of brown long cloth of the new Invoice and Bill of Loding for the same [...] comes Inclosed.

We request that your Hon^r. & C^a. will be pleased to supply us with some pack-
[ing] Stuff by the Yatch when she returns w[...] we are in great want of
Especially Ro[opes] which we have none left w[...] we respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID
9 AUG^R. 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & C^a.

RIC : HARRISON.
P. BAKER.

No. 59

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E. R^T. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST

INDIA COMP^A. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.

We have yours of the 11th. Ins^t. advising the receipt of ours of the 8th. & 9th. to which wait your reply for if you are pleased to approve of the prices we have persuaded the Merch^{ts}. to accept; all the time they have left will be little enough to compleat the Investm^t. for the Jan^{ry}. Shipping.

Persuant to your directions we have sent a Person to have the wood ready cutt against the Yatch arrives to whom we have given a strick (*sic*) charge to gett the Largest straightest sticks he can and of a Good Length for their better stowage and after her return expect her here with the stores Packing stuff & C^a. we desir'd in our last List; the English Canvass mentioned therein is to make Tarpawlines those we have being very old and rotten as soon as the Yatch arrives we shall immediately dispatch her with a Lading of Bales having a sufficient quantity of brown Long Cloth ready for her.

[...] have no news of the Resolution on her arrivall shall receive the Ropes & Chest of Achar; which being the needful we respectfully subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID
Y^E. 15 AUG^R. 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & C^a. Yo^r. most hum^l. S^{rs}.

G. ROBERTS.
E. MOUNTAGUE.
J. BERLUE.
J. BRIDGES.
R^D. HARRISON.
D. FAUNCE.
P. BAKER.

N^o. 60TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST
INDIA & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCILL.HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.REC^D. Y^S. 24
AUG^R.
1770.

We have rec^d. yours dated y^e. 14th. & 16th. in the former of which you are pleased to approve of the prices we had prevail'd with the Merch^{ts}. to accept for the severall sort Cloth particularly as mentioned in ours of the 8th. Instant which we have informed [the] Merch^{ts}. of and given them a strict Cha[rge] to bring in good thick Cloth which they [have] promised to doe and obliged themselves [. . .] case we are supply'd with m[erchandise] for the cloth in the usuall m[erchandise] as they bring it in to have all [. . .] brought [. . .] as to be wa[shed] embailed for the Jan^{ry}. shipping but we must advise your Hon^r. & C^a. of the great scarcity here is of Washers and tho have sent to all adjacent parts to procure more fear shall not be able to gett a sufficient number to wash the Cloth of this Investment in time, therefore hope you will please to spare us fifty of yours which wou'd very much forward it.

We observe the Brown and blew Long Cloth and Sallampores is to be of the ordinary sort and that the two thous^d. p^s of blew Sallampores is to be over and above the List of Goods directed to be provided for England; the first that comes in shall be sorted and sent to Dying and orders given to have it of a deep blew and completed with all expedition possible.

We are sorry to hear the Company have omitted sending so necessary a supply as Medicines which our Doctor informs us we are in great want of you will therefore oblige us in sending what you can conveniently spare.

Inclos'd we rec^d. Invoice and Bill of Loding for 2 Candy Ropes and a Chest of Atchar to be in place of the chest Hashee sent us by the Yatch which proves ordinary Syrash.

Persuant to your Hon^r. & C^a. advice [. . .] we on the 17th. sent the chief Peon with thirty more as far as Conimeer to meet the [. . .] ey in order to [. . .] it safe hither. It was [. . .] the eighteen at night before we rec^d. yours dated the 16 by which time had reason to conclude your People was arriv'd there so cou'd not send in time to return Ensign Roach with the twenty Talliars from thence which we had otherwise done apprehending no troubles on the road they all arriv'd safe here about nine this morning with the twenty thous^d. Pag^s. who we again dispatch this evening according to your directions to prevent charges and Ensign Roach bro^t. us duplicate of your Last.

We are glad to hear y^e. Yatch arriv'd safe with the Bales we have now another Loading ready for her against her arrivall which being the needfull respectfully subscribe.

FORT ST. DAVID
Y^S. 20 AUG^R. 1707.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A. Yo^r. most hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.
G. ROBERTS.
E. MOUNTAGUE.
J. BRIDGES.
R. HARRISON.
D. FAUNCE.
P. BAKER.

N^o. 61REC^D. 30
AUG^R.
1707.TO Y^S. HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.PRESID^T. FOR THE R^T. HON^{BLE}. COMP^A. GOV^R. FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCILL.HON^{BLE}. S^R.

Yours of the 24 [. . .] the ult^o. by S^r. George Matthew [. . .] of the [. . .] whom I rec^d. 3 [. . .] acco^{tt}. of the R^T. HON^{BLE}. COMP^A. to procure firewood and pay serv^{ts}. Wages, your orders for firewood came very late all Boats taken up for Gingerlee, Seven being at Chippalier ladeing wood, I sent for the owners to agree with them being some days before you, their Boats being laden and sail'd over the Barr, Peons return'd and gave me acco^{tt}. of one boat being there cutting and ladeing

which boat I have contracted for sixty thousand of wood to delever this Monsoon to your Hon^r. at 11/16 of a Pag^a. 50 thousand whatever she brings more your Hon^r. is to have at the same price; please to give me notice and I will pay him if she bring short of 60 Thous^d. they are to pay your Hon^r. curr^{nt}. price of Madrass for the same. I here Inclose your Hon^r. a copy of y^e. Contract for y^e. same.

The quantity of Woods which your Hon^r. orders to be sent this Monsoon being so farr spent no boats will venture now; against the month of December; I shall take care to gett the Quantity ready cutt with Length and Thickness provide boats to bring it up in that Season.

Your Hon^rs. Letter to the Merch^{ts}. of this Place and Madapollam I delevered to them; they promise to waite upon your Hon^r. intending to come overland about the 20th. curr^{nt}. I have acquainted them with your Hon^rs. order about the quantity of Cloth to be provided; they are willing to provide the quantity as your Hon^r. desires; bring it into Factory as Customary will not agree to carry it to Madrass.

Here Inclos'd your Hon^r. acco^{ts}. of the Charges Metchlepat^m. and Madapollam Factorys Metchp^m. commencing from 20 Jan^r. 1706/7 Madapollam commencing y^e. p^{mo}. Jan^r. I have not repair'd the Walls of Madapollam Factory not having any orders for the same, when the raines are over if your Hon^r. give Leave shall repair the same, I humble crave Leave

METCHLEP^m.

Y^e. 18 AUG^r. 1707.

Yo^r. most hum^l. &

Obed^t. Servant

PHILIP NODEN.

N^o. 62

HON^{BLE}. &C^a.

You will doubtless have heard before this that we sailed from England about the middle of Jan^r. for China and from thence were consign'd to you some days after that we were seperated both from Admiral Dilks's; Squadron who was our Convoy and from the Rochester and Stringer Galley which were the only ships belonging to the Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. that came out with us; we kept the sea till the 16th. of Feb^r. w^{ch}. after most dreadfull storm we had the misfortune to loose Foremast & Boltspritt and not being able to proceed on our Voyage in tha[t] position we were forc'd to our great greif to [. . .] again, and Judging Lisbon to be the best [port] for our purpose we went directly [thither] and by the 14th. of the month [. . .] made good the Damage we su[stained] . . . [wind] permitted us to saile from [. . .] is wh[. . .] occasioned our a [. . .] so late and what we fear will hinder us from returning home this season; we have mett with a pretty favourable passage hither where came three days agoe not having spoke with any ships nor had any thing remarkable; what news this place and the unfortunate Settlement of Benjarr affords we must begg leave to refer you to the Bearer M^r. Cary for a more particular acco^{ts}. off than our hurry and the short time we have to stay here will permitt us to insert in this paper; we stay only for our Provisions which we hope to gett and saile from hence in three or four days and are with all respect

BATAVIA

JULY Y^e. 25th. 1707.

Yo^r. most hum^l. Serv^{ts}.

E. HARRISON.

JN^o. COOKE.

[N^o. 63]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. &C^a. COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^e. HON^{BLE}.

UNITED ENGLISH COMP^a. TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES AT
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^r. &C^a.

Our last to your Hon^r. &C^a. was under the 26th. May last copy thereof comes inclos'd.

Mr. Smith [o]n the Madrass Merch^t. [. . .] from [. . .] the 7th. Ins^t. and brought us the unwellcome news of the Loss of the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. Settlement at Benjarr.

We have no News as yet of any Europe Ships being bound hither and the year being far^r. spent fear shall have none this season.

Our present condition is very mean our wants being very great, We heartily wish for the arrivall of the Huglyana, which wou'd putt a better face on the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. Affairs here then are at present our having not had a ship this last year from you nor one these two years from Europe occasions a great many jealousies, and it is as much as we can doe from hindring the Subjects cutting off their Kings; which if they once attain beleive will not stop at acting any mischeif against the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. altho their many protestations that they have no dislike to them yet as our present Circumstances are cannot give much Credit.

We are heartily sorry for the Loss of the Comp^a. Settlem^t. at Benjarr; God preserve us from the like here for should they offer any such Eruption we cou'd not be able to defend our selves being in want of every thing except Great Guns small armes Powder & shot we wou'd have sent a List of what wanting but having sent so many formerly [ong] your Hon^r. &c^a. to supply us with what y^{ou} . . . think convenient, a Quantity of Guns [. . .] wou'd be very acceptable most of what we have being old and damaged, [yet . . .] supply of Souldiers p^r. the H[uglyana will] be very [wellcome] having since [. . .] two [. . .] mist out of our small Number.

Mr. Charles Wheeler desiring to lay down the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. Service we granted if he having long since accomplished his Bonds have apointed Mr. John Delapie Cheif in his stead not having to add we remain

YORK FORT
Aug^r. 11 1707.

Hon^{ble}. Sr. &c^a. Yo^r. most Obed^t.
hum. S^{ts}.

MATT : RIDLEY.
J^{no}. DELAPIE.
WILL : DEANE.
RICH^d. SKINGLE.

N^o. 64

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT Esq^r.
&c^a. COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.
HON^{ble}. Sr. &c^a.

We have rec^d. your Hon^r. &c^a. Severalls this season bearing date y^e. 20 April 4 & 28 June 9 and 16th. July which came to hand the first May 21 June & 28 July & the two last y^e. 1 Curr^{tt}. to which we are now to reply.

We observe you have rec^d. all our Letters with the Goods sent last monsoon, by the former and latter shipping and ship Presid^t. is fitted to your liking which we are glad to hear.

Wee kindly thank you for the constant remittances of the News [. . . t]he Gov^r. &c^a. [. . .] severall Ports [. . .] which came safe to our reception and on all occasions we shall not omitt doing the same as anything comes to our Knowledge worth your notice.

By your first you take notice of Aurenzeb the great Mogulls death as we did to your Hon^r. &c^a. in ours of the 23^d. of the same month which was as soon as we had confirmation of it and you likewise make some proposition in order to gett the Comp^a. priviledges confirm'd and obtaining what new may be necessary we shall be very ready to comply in such case or any that may add to the Companys benefit; we apprehend what priviledge the Comp^a. enjoys at present in Bengall may be confirm'd and procured without the sending of any person to Court through the Interest of the present Duan and Nabob that is or may be for they seem now to be very fond as formerly of our resetting the subordinations but of this we shall be better able to judge when things are intirely settled; the acco^{tt}. we have of the Government

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is this that about two months since Assum Tarrah and Shaw Allum with their two Eldest sons on besides about a dozen miles from Agra; [fought] a Battle which was according to the a[. . .] bloody and continued from morning [. . .] Evening in which, 'tis said that Ass[um Tarr] Dedar bux his eldest son & W[. . .] Young [. . .] Zulphaker Cawn th[. . .] and [. . .] were slain the confirmation whereof we have had from sundry Merch^{ts}. of note and signified to us by the Government now in possession and from our People in Patna & Vacqueel at the Duans Camp and Shaw Allum is proclaim'd and acknowledged King over all the Province in whose Name the Rup^{ts}. are coin'd we don't hear of any Nobot (*sic*) or Duan apoint'd for this or the Provinces of Patna but is daily expected; some People surmise some troubles at Court by long defferance of settling these Provinces the truth whereof we can't yet learn but a short time will shew it we are very peaceable and quiet in Beng^l. and trade begins to move as before; from all the great success we conclude these parts of the Mogulls Dominion will remaine in its former state and no doubt shortly all places will be in the former posture & is a very great happiness to these Dominions; Cawn Bux we hear has possession of Vizapore and those parts and designs to maintaine them we hear not what resolution Shaw Allum has taken concerning him, this is what we hear at present and as any farther comes to our Notice shall advice.

We are sorry to hear of the Loss of the Queen & Dover at S^t. Helena the [...] brought that advice [...] took care on her arrivall for her refitting although the Court of Mannagers nor your Hon^r. &c^a. nor Cap^t. Hill ever tooke notice to us that she was the Co^{ts}. own ship we have had abundance of trouble with her sea men for their pay due to them w^{ch}. we promis'd on the Cap^t. coming down; but cou'd not keep them at work on their ships for want of it; notwithstanding we were forced to Im[pri]son some of them on that Score but now you advise us of the Cap^t. death and sent us down y^e. Cap^t. public and secret Instructions from the Company by which we find who [she] belongs too (*sic*) and whither she is bound and having promised the men their pay to keep them in som[e] decorum we found it necessary for the safety of the ships proceeding to Bombay to take some measures about it for fear the men shou'd leave her; therefore having no insight how or upon what conditions the men went shipped; were forc'd to open the Bombay Packett directed from the Comp^a. to their Generall and Councill there; to Informe our selves of that affair; and therein found the acco^{ts}. and that she was bound for [. . .] to remaine there we found the men [. . .] half their pay in the Country paid yearly by the Companys Agents [. . .] the which we now ordered [. . .] are very well Content wh[. . .] shall send her for Bombay [. . .]. Goods &c^a. on board we have ordered the Paymaster to take an acco^{ts} and make public sale of that the amount with what due to the Cap^t. from the Seamen may be brought into the Comp^a. Cash and advis'd of to England we find in the acco^{ts}. £ 70 paid him by the Comp^a. for the ships use of which he was to give an acco^{ts}. on his arrivall in India we have enquired of the Chief Officer and he can give us no acco^{ts}. thereof he tells us the Cap^{tns}. Papers were most with him if your Hon^r. &c^a. find any such acco^{ts} please to send it that it may be sent to Bombay.

We take Notice of the arrivall of the Severall English and Country shipping and thank you for the advice the Narrative you give of M^r. Maxwells demands on Cap^t. Hamilton and his arresting ship S^t. George with her Demorage. We observe and have rec^d. with the Papers relating thereto; and the ship and her Demorage we observe and have rec^d. with the Papers relating thereto, & the ship & her Demorage lies under the same arrest [til] the Debt be clear'd or the Difference made [there]of.

The Notice you gave us of the Hanover of the Nathaniels coming down and what [. . .] and made all things ready the Nathaniell is now at Hog river, [her] Packett arriv'd the p^{mo}. Instant she has order to lye there in order for a quick dispatch and has her Petre a Board already; which you ord[er]ed and the remainder of her Cargo to fill her up shall be sent her out of hand; so your Hon^r. &c^a. may expect her to be dispatcht hence soon but for Freight we shall have none.

We observe that on the Nathaniels dispatcht your Hon^r. rec^d. ours over Land wherein we gave you an acco^{ts}. of the Govern^{mt}. to that time and what since has happen'd is in a former Paragraph of this Letter.

Concerning the redwood we shall enquire into it and rectifye that accoth.

As to Cojah Surhauds affairs we have said much on that matter that have no further add; as we have so we shall continue to persuade him to come to you or send sufficient power about his affair which he tells us he will.

As for the Sarum she will be Exposed to sale some time this month and we have [not] any Vessell to spare one for the West Coast.

By the Chambers with your Letter [. . .] rec^d. a Gen^l. Letter from the Court of Managers which came Φ Howland who [. . .] to hear is arriv'd safe and with the [. . .] and Dutches the like good for [. . .] we hear yet nothing; our Gen[. . .] what [. . .] Court of Mannagers [. . .] Φ S^t. George wherein they recommend us to send you some Goods for the Kent if procurable in time and referr us to the Paragraph which we shall receive from you relating thereto; and we have considered on this matter as well as the Tonnage these three ships are viz^t. 1250 Tons; and on measures how to have them as well as the Kent sent home if possible.

The affairs of the Country Govern^{mt}. have been such that it has disposed the money'd men to lay up and secure their money as well as they cou'd and not imploy it as in former years in Goods which makes it more difficult to procure them now and on the whole matter [what] we can at present conclude on to effect is, to send home the S^t. George directly hence an Early ship for which we are mostly provided and we will use all means to gett a Cargos for one more either the Howland or Dutches of which we shall advise you hereafter more certain but in case that shou'd faile we depend on having three or four hundred Bales to be sent, you early for the Kent our best endeavours shall be used and the success advised you in the next; we hope Fort S^t. David will help you out in the Tonnage where we observe you are provided with 30000 Pag^s. worth of Goods already.

The coining the money you send us will be of service and hope the whole order'd [by] the Company will be effected.

The Prizes of Goods which you mention Kent is to [. . .] annexed to which refer, but Allum; China roote, Camphire and Velvets will not sell we desire you will send us a few peices of the Last for presents Copper & Tootenague a quantity will sell.

We shall send you advises by all opportunities and in what forwardness our buisyness is here.

We shall send you no Packing stuff Φ Nathaniel having not rec^d. any List for it.

Herewith comes your accoth. Curr^t. as it stands in our bookes and desire our accoth. may be sent from you for adjustment. We are

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

Yo^r. most hum^l S^r.

R. SHELDON.
RO^t. NIGHTINGALL.
J. RUSSELL.
J. MAISTERS.
E. PATTLE.
A. KING.
WILL: BUGDEN.
A. ADDAMS.

FORT WILLIAM
AUG^r. Y^r. 8th. 1707.

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TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t. HON^{ble}. UNITED ENGLISH

EAST INDIA COMP^a. & GOV^r. OF FORT S^t. GEORGE & S^t. DAVID & C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

We have yours of the 12th. [. . .] former had been answered [. . .] to advise the safe arrivall of the money but the same day we rec^d. your Last the Deputy Gov^r. rec^d. a Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. informing him that the

Difference between the Casts had occasioned your differing the sending of it for a few days we request you'll hasten to us a supply as soon as conveniently you can, for our being in arrears to the Merchants will detard the Investment who we have summoned and discours'd about augmenting the Investm^t. thirty or forty thous^d. Pag^a. which we presume you intend in the severall sorts of Cloth already contracted for in proportion to the sum you wou'd have the Investm^t. encreased to which they reply'd that what they had already agreed for will be as much as is possible for them to bring in early enough for the Jan^{ry}. ships, we shall therefore discourse some other particular Merch^{ts}. & endeavour if possible to persuade them to provide some Goods to the amount you desire, if you are pleased to approve thereof but request your particular directions as to the sorts quantity and time.

We have done all that was possible to hasten the Dyers with the blue sallampores who tell us they cannot be dyed till about the middle of next month, they have Peons constantly over them to [see] they are not idle but doe all they can. Inclos'd we rec^d. the Bill of Loading by which observe you omitted to send us Packing stuff and Medicines both which we are in great want of but immediately the former.

Few days past we sent you twenty four Boatmen to whom we paid twelve Pag^a. & promised them to request you wou'd freight their Boats on their Returne.

The Inclosed Gen^l. we rec^d. from the Gov^r. & C^a. Council of Negapat^m. the purport of which is to demand David Lingel back who some time since came hither from your place for which reason we detain'd him concluding him a Runaway; he has also been demanded by the Gov^r. of Pullichery who informs us he has enter'd himself in service there; a[n]d rec^d. 10 Doll^{rs}. in part of Pay; we request your orders to whom he must be deliver'd and that you return us the Gen^l. that we may make answer persuant thereto which being the Needfull we respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & C^a. Yo^r. most hum Ser^t.

G. ROBERTS.
E^p. MOUNTAGUE.
JOHN. BER[LU].
JOHN BR[IDGES].
R. HA[RRISSON].
DUKE [FAUNCE].
P. B[AKER].

FORT ST. DAVID,
Y^e. 19th. [F]^{EB}. 1707.

P.S.

We have had no arrack for the use of y^e. Gen^l. table these six weeks and request you'll please to send us some by the first opportunity.

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t. HON^{ble}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMP^a. AND GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID & C^a. COUNCILL.

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C^a.

This serves to Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for seventy five Bales of brown Long Cloth now sent on the Yatch and if you please to approve of it we shall load what we have remaining on Cap^t. Harts ship on his return.

If your Hon^r. & C^a. think the season of the Year will permitt the return of the Yatch and you'll please to send her here again we shall have a Loading ready for her which being the Needfull we respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & C^a. Yo^r. most hum Serv^{ts}.

G. ROBERTS.
ED: MOUNTAGUE.
J^{no}. BERLU.
J^{no}. BRIDGES.
R. HARRISON.
D. FAUNCE.
P. BAKER.

FORT ST. DAV.
[. . .] 1707.

N^o. 66
REC^d. 22,
FEB^r.
1707.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^S.

PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS, THE UNITED TRADE OF THE

HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH COMP^A. AND GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^A. & S^{RS}.

N^O. 67
REC^D. 24
JUNE.

The 19 March we were favoured with your Hon^{RS}. &c^S. 23rd. Octo^R. 49 Nathaniel with the adjoyning for Spahaun which went forward the 23 D^O.

It having pleased God; to take out of this life Mr. Edmond Crow; the Agent and Council have appointed M^R. John Eaton Dodsworth in his Place.

We have loaden on the Nathaniel things wanted by your Hon^R. &c^S. as p^R. Inclosed Invoice; the Reason your Hon^R. receives no horses herewith is M^R. Curgenven after M^R. Bradshaws Death which was 10 Curr^{ts}. delivered us the inclosed paper thereabouts.

We return your Hon^R. many thanks for the news you were pleas'd to impart to us and are sorry have none [. . .] for your Hon^R. &c^S.

For our reimburse[m^t.] what sent your Hon^R. &c^S. M^R. Cur[genven has] no money by reasons no Goods [. . .] taken [. . .] Bills pay [. . .] Council in Spahaun who as think fitt may either draw bills on your Hon^R. or may adjust it with him.

We have no Letters from the Agent &c. at Spahaun for your Hon^R. &c^S. nor any fresh Europe News; so our Wishes, all health & prosperity may attend your Hon^R. &c^S. p^R.sons, & the United Companies Affairs; being offred We remain

GOMBROON

19th. MAY 1707.

Hon^{BLE}. S^R. & S^{RS}.

Yo^R. most Obed^t. hu^m.

S^U.

JO : EATON DODSWORTH.

EDW^B. DENNIS.

ART^B. BEAVIS.

TO M^R. JOHN EATON DODSWORTH

CHRIE FOR AFFAIRS THE HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH COMP^A. &c^S. COUNCILL.

[IN] GOMBROON.

S^{RS}.

I understand you design to ship Horses on board the Nathaniel Cap^T. Benjamin Dennis Commander for Madrass.

N^O. 68
24TH. JUNE
1707.

It is true the Contract made [between] the Hon^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^R. &c^S. Council of Madrass for acc^t. of the Hon^{BLE}. Company and M^R. Gulston Addison Mercht; M^R. Henry Bradshaw &c^S. for Acco^t. of y^E. Freighters of said ship; we are to bring four Horses for the Hon^{BLE}. Company from Persia, which if you send on board will receive them, but have no other Accommodation for them than the upper Deck; the ships hold being full & no heighth between Decks, so that they'l Lye exposed to all Weathers that you send on her, which the Cap^T. and his Officers think not safe, Especially should they meet the Arrab ship in the Gulph 't would oblige them to throw them over board to clear the Decks; I having acquainted you what Dan[ger] they'l be exposed too; Leave it to your Consideration & am

GOMBROON

13TH. MAY 1707.

S^R. Yo^R. most hum S^U.

PET^A. CURGENVEN.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^{BLE}. UNITED

ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &c^S. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^A. &c^S.

N^O. 69
REC^D. 27TH
SEP^R. 1707.

We were Hon[our'd with] yours of the 24 July on the 10th. ultimo [. . .] 12th. with [. . .] by Ship Dutches and on the 13th. Cap^T. Raymond came a-shoar with the Treasure but a great Surge upon our Barr would not permitt our Boats going off for the other things & his returning on board till early the 16th. on the morning when he proceeded on his Voyage to Bengall.

We made no difficulty in ordering the Treasure immediately on shoar, here being neither Prospect of troubles in the Country or any interruption in the Companys

buisyness; and since the Signall Victory obtained by Shaulum and the Death [of] his Brother our Nabob is said to be confirmed in his Post and a Peace with the Rajahs is generally discoursed off, wherefore we thought convenient to loose no time in agreeing with the Merch^{ts}. about our Investment and on the 18th. of last month we advanced to them 1500 Pag^a. for Long Cloth and Sallampores and Pag^a. 500 for Betteelas which is all they would undertake to provide this month the year being farr advanced and the Rains sett in, but for January we doubt not of Investing the whole]m and more if it comes in time.

. Herewith comes our Diarys Consultations & Paymasters acco^{ts}. [. . .] acc^{ts}. Cash for the months of July and August by which you will see we have no money uninvested but what serves for our Charges and further more we are in arrears near twelve months rents to the Duan besides Pyroes money for which M^r. Holcombe was security in all amounts to about Rup^a. 8000 which must be paid when the ways from Chickacull are open and the Nabob at leisure to send his people to demand and receive it of us but before that time; we hope for your Hon^r. &c^a. answer to ours of the 20th. July.

We are not wanting upon all occasions most strictly to charge our Merch^{ts}. with the goodness of their cloth & to threaten them with our resentments when we find it not answerable with musters, besides reducing the numbers and [. . .] accordingly they often excuse themselves with our Hurry of Business, which does not allow leysure time to turn upon the Weavers what Cloth is made to slight and not close struck; but for what they provide against January extraordinary care shall be taken; as also that it be well washed even sorted and better packed then formerly. By our Warehouse-keepers account Inclosed you will see what is in the Godown at the Washers of which to the Am^t. of [ab^t.] 700 Pag^a. is out of the last 1500 advanced to [the] Merch^{ts}. and a great Quantity is upon [. . .] stopt by rains which have been for [. . .] almost without Intermission.

We [acknowledge] Holcombe [has] paid the six [hundred . . .] into the R^t. Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. Cash which is enter'd Accordingly in our Account.

We have received the Cloth; Factors Provisions &c^a. according to Invoice excepting 2 Dozen, sticks sealing wax charged 18 Fannams which was not put up; and for the Clarrett and Persia fruits; we return our most Humble thanks.

This comes by the Friendship Ketch and by the Samuell that may sail in 4 or 5 days more we shall add what further occurs, hoping by that time to receive your orders about our Bales so we most respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

Your most Obed^t. hum S^{ts}.

VIZAGAPATAM

SEP^r. Y^e. 9TH. 1707

FRAS: HASTINGS.

ROB^t. CRANWELL.

W^m. MORTON.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & COUNCILL IN FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} S^r &c^a.

The inclosed is what wrote you p^r. ship Hopewell. We are loading the Nathaniell and [sh] all dispatch her hence some time this month; nothing since our former has offered worth your Notice. We are

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

Yo^r. most hum S^{ts}.

ROB^t. NIGHTINGALL.

RALPH SHELTON.

JOHN RUSSELL.

JOHN MAISTERS.

EDW^d. PATTLE.

A. KING.

W^m. BUGDEN.

A. ADDAMS.

FORT WILLIAM

AUG^r. 13TH. 1707.

TO THE HON^{BLE} THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH
EAST COMP^A. (ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL) AND
GOVERN^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.

N^O. 71
REC^D. 2^D
OCTOB^R.
1707.
Yours of the 23^d. [. . .] come to hand, which omits to advise [the . . .]
of ours dated the 22^d. which accomp[anys] bales & the Yatch; and Inclosed their
[. . .] and bill of Loading; in which [. . .] would send [. . .]
take in if you approved thereof.

We are sorry to understand the differences between y^e. cast still continues; so as
to prevent your sending us Money, which we are now in great want of being in arrears-
to the Merchants about fifteen Thousand Pagodas, who declare that since we do not
comply in our Payments according to contract; We must not expect they can bring
in this Investment for the Jan^V. Shipping, nor will the supply you intend us be
sufficient; since most part of it will be due to the Merch^{ts}. before its arrival therefore
hope you will send a Larger or the Investment [will] be Impeaded, Thirty of our
Peons have lain at Conimeer by order this fifteen days to meet the mony which is a
great charge.

Persuant to your Honour & C^A. order We endeavoured all possible to persuade our
Merch^{ts}. to augment the Investment thirty or forty Thousand Pagodas; but they
assured us what they had already Engaged would be as much as they could compleat
in soe short a time, since the rainy season was coming on; so yesterday we
discoursed severall particular Merchants of Coodalore; who after a long Debate, agreed
to undertake the Provision of Goods to the amount of between Thirty & forty
Thousand Pagodas which are proportioned according to the former Investment & by
that we presumed is ment a Proportionable Quantity of Brown and blew Cloth;
We wish you would please to approve of a greater; fearing the Washers we have will
not be sufficient; This Contract is made at the same prizes and on the same terms, as
that agreed with the Joynt Stock Merchants, at the conclusion of which they declared,
that if we made any Delays in their Payments, they should not be able to bring in
these Goods for the January Ships, but, We promised them the Contrary, therefore
request you will enable us to comply therewith.

All the blew Cloth can be gott ready shall be sent by Cap^t. Hart, who, we expect
from Porto Novo in a Day or two.

We request, you will Comply with our promise in freighting back the two boats
we sent with the Boatmen, whose Relations have had some notice that they are
detained to work in your Boats, so that it will be impossible to send any more; nor
could we have sent those we did, had we not taken the method of freighting their
Chellingaes; and should we attempt any other means all would immediately leave the
place; who are not sufficient for a [b^t.] ten Boats, and those immediately wanted
h[. . .] Inclosed; We received Invoice of [Packing] Stuff & C^A. sent us
by the Yatch, of w[hich . . .] to send us a Larger supply parti[cularly] Gunny
and [. . .] We hope [. . .] arrive and the Weather admitt her Return
with a Loading of Bales; which we have in a readiness for her for it will be
impossible, to gett her into our River or that of Porto Novo, where we are informed
there is hardly water enough for a Chellingae to go over the Barr.

We shall persue your orders in Respect to David Lingel back as soon as we can
have a true Information in whose service he came out which being the needfull we
respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & C^a
Your most Hu^m. S^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. SEPT^R. 1707.

G. ROBERTS.
EDM^D. MOUNTAGUE.
J^O. BERLUE.
J^O. BRIDGES.
R^I: HARRISON.
DUKE FAUNCE.
PHI: BAKER.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^{BLE}.

UNITED ENGLISH EAST (*sic*) COMPANY ON THE COAST OF

CHORMANDELL AND GOV^R. OF FORT[S] ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
& C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & C^A.

Yours dated the 2^d. Ins^t. We have received advising you would dispatch the money to us the same evening, Our peons ha[ve] lain at Conimeer to attend it N^o. 72
severall days; they all arrived safe here this morning & Mr. [Roach] with RECP. 9TH.
your Peons will return to day to call for the Unitys Treasure at Sadrass Who We are OCTOB^R.
glad to hear has escaped the Pyrate. 1707.

The Yatch was dispatht with a Loading of bales the 2^d. since which we have had a continuance of fair Weather & Southerly Winds so have loaden the Resolution Cap^t. Harts 34 Bales, in which is 10 bales of blew Cloth, being all could possibly [be] ready, in few days more the whole will be completed which shall be sent if a Conveyance prese[nts] and the fair Weather Continues; the fre[ighters] please to adjust with the Owners; Invoice [. . .] bill of Loading for what now sent com[. . .].

By Ensign Roach we will send Our Gen^l. Books with Coppys of [. . .] consulta[tions, Dy[aries] . . .] Acco^{tt}. Cash [. . .] month, also the Paymasters and Stewards Acco^{ts}. with the Tobacco & Bettle acco^t. a particular List of which comes Inclosed, which We request you will please to forward the Company; Duplicates are near finished which shall be sent to remain a Register with you which being the needfull Respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^R. & C^A.
Your most Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

G. ROBERTS.
EDM^D. MOUNTAGUE.
J^O. BERLU.
J^O. BRIDGES.
R^I: HARRISON.
DUKE FAUNCE.
PP. BAKER.

FORT ST. DAVID
OCTO^R. 6TH. 1707.

P.S.

Since writing y^e. foregoing; We, have received of Cap^t. Wilfrid Hart one thousand Pago^s. for which have given him our Bill upon your Hon^r. & C^A. payable to the Owners of ship Resolution which request you'l comply with.

G.R.
E.W.
J.B.
J.B.
R.H.
D.F.
P.B.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE [&C^A] COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. &C^A.

Since our last by [. . .] which herewith comes copy not having rec^d. any Commands from your Hon^r. &C^a. or anything more materiall to add only that we return the 4 Tarpawlines by this Ship Samuell & most Respectfully Subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &C^a.

Your most Obed^t. hum^l. S^{ts}.

VIZAGAPAT^M.

19TH. SEP^R. 1707.

FRA : HASTINGS.

ROB^T. CRANWELL.

W^M. MORTON.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^{BLE}.

UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF

CHORMANDELL & GOVERN^R. OF FORT[s] ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. &C^A.

No. 74
REC^D. THE
19 OCTOB^R.
1707.

Yours dated the 8th. Inst. we have rec^d. acknowledging the Receipt of [yours] dated the 30th. past month and 2^d. present; we [. . .] wrote you the 6th. which inclosed Invoice and [bill] of Loading for one hundred thirty and [. . .] Bales Laden on the Resolution [. . .] is arrived in safety.

With great [. . .] observe [. . .] between the Casts, and that the Deserters are returned to their habitations, the hardships they have suffered whilst abroad, we hope will deter them from attempting the like, for the future and occasion their discovering the Ring Leaders and promoters of their divisions in order to their having their deserved reward.

We have signified to the Particular Merchants your Hon^r. &C^{as}. approvall of the Contract we have made with them to the amount of between thirty and forty thous^d. Pagods; who we have strictly Charged to procure all the Washers they possibly could in order not to exceed (if possibly to be avoided) [a gr] eater quantity of browne and blew Cloth in this Contract, then in proportion to what agreed for with the Joint Stock Merchants; both which have positively declared (as they also did on signing the Contracts) that if we are not supply'd with money to pay them for the Cloth as fast as they bring it in, and according to agreement we must not expect they can bring soe great a quantity of Cloth as Contracted for; we must acknowledge have allways found them very willing to assist the Company to the Utmost of y^r. power, and readily to Concurr in advancing all the Stock they have for carrying on their Investments; but, we cannot imagine how our Merchants can be Esteem'd men of sufficient Estates, to provide Goods to the amount of [. . . but] one hundred and forty thousand [. . .] with fifty thousand, or we [are] able to drill them into impossibilities; need not much persuasion to doe all they can, an Instance of which, they have lately given, [. . .] is your Hon^r. &C^a. insensible, that the greatest part of their stock must be advanced to the Weavours in the Country, or a stop will be made of their making Cloth; which never is received from them till the close of the Investment, from the whole we presume you will Conclude it impossible for these Investments to be compleated for the January Shipping except you supply us with money; which we [. . .] often^r. write for, then absoute Necessity in the Companys affairs require, in order to have these Investments compleated by the time you expect them.

The two Chelinges are returned from whome we have received a Thousand P^s. of Gunneys; their men was certainly sent to assist and work in your Boats, which had signified to them could not a persuaded them to goe, and after notice here of their being detained, it was impossible to comply with your second order of sending any more, and there signified as a reason why we could not observe your direction.

The Yatch arrived here [. . .] from her we received the Packing [stuff] mentioned in Invoice, Since We ha[. . .] Continuance of Northerly winds wh[ic]h blown ve[. . .] to return her Loaden with Bales or possible for her to beate it up; so have taken out her Masts and every thing else and yesterday with much adoe hall'd her over the Barr without any damage, and hope the next high tide to have her safe in the River.

In a former you was pleased to order us to pass clear of Custome ten Thousand Pieces of ord^y. Long Cloth, belonging to Colloway and Vencatte Chittees, soe that what our Customers have lately received is only for what they have brought in more then said ord^y. ¶ mitted we shall now persue your directions in permitting them to shipp off Custom free whatever Cloth they send for your place advising the exact quantity and quality and the totall account of what they have hither-to sent comes inclosed. Which being the needfull we respectfully subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.
Your most hum^s s^t.
G. ROBERTS.
EDM^d. MOUNTAGUE.
J^o. BERLU.
R. HARRISON.
J^o. BRIDGES.
DUKE FAUNCE.
P^p. BAKER.

FORT S^r. DAVID
17 OCTOB^r. 1707.

P.S.

Account of Colloway & [Vencatte] Chitty Cloth
[Merchants] in the Next.

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT Esq^r.
GOVERNOUR &C^a. COUNCILL OF MADRASS.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &C^a.

We wrote you 13th. past month by the Nathaniel Cap^t. Benjamin Dennis, being the day we delivered him his Dispatches, Our Py l[ots] & Sloops being then ordered to attend on him, but He has not thought fitt to proceed till now; he leaves this place the 8th. Ins^t.; what Letters he has wrote since our Dispatches & our Answer to him comes Inclosed; We shall dispatch the Dutchess in a few days after this; as yet no ships from Borneo or Batavia. We are

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24 NOV^r.
1707.

FORT WILLIAM
NOVEM^r. 6th. 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.
Your hum^s. S^r.
R^r. NIGHTINGALE.
RA: SHELDON.
JO: RUSSELL.
JO: MAISTERS.
E^d. PATTLE.
AB: ADDAMS.
W^m. BUG [DEN].
E^d. DA[RRL].

TO THE HON^{ble}. THOMAS PITT Esq^r.
&C^a. COUNCILL AT FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &C^a

The last We wrote your Hon^r. was the 8th. Ins^t. ¶ Ship Hopewell, a Duplicate of which We sent you by the Ship Francis, Since which We are honoured with yours of y^e. 6th. delivered us by Cap^t. Raymond y^e. 28th. Curr^t.

N^o. 76
REC^d.
27 NOV^r.
1707.

The Invoice & bill of Lading for what treasure & goods y^e. ship Dutchesse brought us shall be examined and passed to the credit of your Presidency.

We wish you [. . .] kept the Lead, We having more by us then we know what to doe withall and doubtless Wee shall be supplied by the St. George.

The Ship Dutchesse arrived at Vizagapatam Y^e. 12th. and was dispatch'd y^e. 16th. Inst. from thence, M^r. Hastings advises they took the Treasure ashore; which Doubtless they will be able to Invest and give you an Account thereof.

We are heartily glad y^e. St. George is arrived with you; We hope she may be suddenly down here.

We take notice of the Tonnage you are able to provide for this Year's shipping and We have no reason to believe that the Government will have any further Change at present, We [. . .] news as what you sent us from Patna and other places, We see nothing to the contrary, but that we shall be able to Load the Howland and St. George both directly for England the One in November and the other by the latter end of January which will be all We can pretend to and as We advised you in our last, you must not depend on us for any Bales for the Kent, for we shall have Enough to do to dispatch these ships with tolerable Cargoes and in time little or no freight will be procurable for Persia, [or] Mocho, occasioned by the stop of trade from Patna and Wee have too great a stock in the Country to think of letting any of our ships [. . .] freight this year; We shall be obliged to give these two ships half their Loading in Saltpetre as ~~an~~ Agreement in Charterparty, Therefore can't justly tell what Quantity Wee shall send you up by the Dutchesse, for We have now in the house about 600 Tons, at Patna our Hon^{ble}. Masters have 37000 Maunds; The Gentlemen there gives us Encouragement that We shall have it in good time for this year's shipping. If so Wee shall send you sufficient for y^e. Kent, but by our Calculation you must have a Quantity of last years Stores by you. The Redwood on board the Dutchesse Howland shall remain on those two Ships [. . .] and be recharged to you on the ship [. . .] as [. . .] noticed to us We note you des[. . .] patch[. . .] month [. . .].

It's a good peice of service your Hon^r. &c^a. has done our Hon^{ble}. Masters by coining their Silver, but silver is now come near it's old price, for Pillar Dollars before the Kings death Wee sold for 208 Siccas for 240 Sica weight and now Wee sell for 207 Batta at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent. The mint is kept at Cassimbuzar.

Wee here inclose you one Rupee of Shaw Allum's Stamp, which was coined since his coming to the Throne by his own order and We send it for a Sample to make by and desire that what Siccas you send us for the future may be of this Inscription for these new Rupees pass more currently in payments into the Treasury.

Wee note your detaining M^r. Benn, Writer designed for this place with you; being disappointed of Two the Comp^y. promised to send you this year; The money you mention belonging to the young Gentleman is in one of the Comp^y., chests of Treasure on board the st. George. The Company advise us thereof in their Generall Letter, so soon as the Ship arrives the Silver shall be delivered to M^r. Sheldon as you direct.

The Pacq^{ts}. by the Dutchesse Wee rec^d. being a Duplicat of what Rec^d. $\frac{1}{4}$ Howland.

On the 25 Inst. Wee did according to our [. . .] ship Nathaniel with 40 Tons of Saltpetre 600 baggs wheat and filled up with Rice, they returning Sev^{al}. hundred baggs from the Ship; not being able to take them in, when Cap^t. Dennis to our great Surprise sent us in his Petition for boats to unload his ship proving leaky and not able to proceed to Madrass; They say the Leak is in her bows, which happen'd by not being well caulked, and the Officers report that she will be in a Condition to take in Goods in less then a months time, the ship being thus disabled from proceeding, Wee did resolve to discharge her from the Service of the Hon^{ble}. Company and that her Demorage ceased from the 25th. Inst. a Copy of the Commanders Petition to us and our declaration to him, putting the ship out of the [. . .]. vice comes enclosed and when she is refitted & on a survey capable of Ca rying. the Comp^y. Goods; Wee shall take her into Service again and advise you thereof.

Wee are heartily concern'd for this misfortune, beleiving this will hinder her from being a sune [. . .]. The Comander is very ill of a feaver & Wee fear this affliction adds to his Destemper. Wee are

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & c^a.
Your most hum. S^{ts}.

ROB: NIGHT[INGALL].
RA: S[HELDON].
JOHN [RUSSELL].
JOHN [MAISTERS].
E^d. [PATTLE].
AB: [ADAMS].
[A] KING.
W^m. BUGDEN.
E^d. DA[RELL].

FORT WILLIAM
AUGUST THE 29th. 1707.

TO THE HON^{ble}. THO^s. PITT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCILL
FOR THE UNITED TRADE IN FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE S^r. & C^a.

Wee wrote your Honour & c^a. Y^e. 26th. Aug^t. by the Ship Metapollam, Who in No. 77 her going down on the long sand struck and sprung a leak, so forced up the river to refitt; which Letter comes herewith to which referr you. REC^d. 27 NOV^r. 1707.

Since which Wee have been favoured with three of yours dated y^e. 12th. Inst^t. & y^e. 9th. August & 3^d. September Rec^d. y^e. 3^d. & 24th. ult^o. & primo Inst. to which Wee reply.

Abdull Hameedee that came Passenger on the S^t. George has been with us & Wee shall be very ready to do him any Service that lays in our power; and he shall have his passage up to Madrass again on any of the Company's Ships when he requires it and directions shall be given to the Comander to treat him with civility and respect.

Wee Rec^d. the Bill of Loading and Invoice amounting to Pagod^s. 106068. 29 P ship Howland; which Treasure & Goods Wee have Rec^d. and have given your Presidency due credit [for] the same.

Wee do send you [. . .] this ship and [. . .] send you more by the Dutchess, & Wee desire you would be pleased for the time to come to let us know in the beginning of the Season what Stores and Packing stuff you may have Occasion for; that Wee may be a providing the same early so that you may have them the best in their Kinds.

Wee are very much concern'd for the ill news you advise us, that our Factory in Banjarr is cutt of by the Natives; which will be a great Dissapointment to the Company, as yet the Blenheim is not arrived nor any other Ships from those parts, Wee have sent down our Sloops & Pilots to await their arrivall and if they come in time Wee will endeavour to freight one Ship for Persia and another we will load with what Bales, Saltpetre & c^a. Goods Wee can procure, & send them to you to take in those Bales you advised us you can sp[are] and should there be a third, Wee should be putt to our shifts to know how to Dispose of her; However Wee will use our utmost Endeavours to find out some way or other that she may not lie wholly idle, of which shall advise you so soon as any of those ships arrived with us.

The Country Government here [. . .] stand, nor do wee know very well what to [make] of it; for since Shaw Allum's coming to [the] Thorne here are no Vice Kings [. . .] Emperors two sons are still with him & Wee are told that he has ordered one to your parts & the other to Cobull, which Governments they both refuse, for what reason wee know not; most people are of Opinion that there is no good Understanding between the two Brothers and that new troubles will arise, nor as yet has the New Emperor entred the City of Agra, but remains in his Camp without the City; But now the Rains are over; Wee beleive a small time will show us what they are a working out, which Wee will be sure to advise you from Time to Time

what comes to our Knowledge relating to the Country Government and Wee desire the same from you.

Wee are very much concern'd that y^e. Right and Left hand Casts have given you so much trouble and uneasyness, Wee doubt not but by your prudent management, you have over come that difficulty and that all the Inhabitants are returned again to their own habitations.

There came no Medicines out by this years shipping either for your Presidency or This; which Wee are in great want off; Had your Doctor sent us a List of what you might have occasion for, Wee would have Endeavour'd to have Purchased some out of the Europe ships for the use of your Presidency.

Wee [. . . .] the Sea Customers List of [...] take ca [...] receive accordingly.

Cap^t. Hamilton is arrivd here and since Mr. Maxwell has Ended [his] buisyness by reference, Wee have Delivered him up his Ship St. George, which was under arrest on Account of Mr. Maxwels Debt.

The ship Nathaniel being refitted & surveyed by two Europe Comanders & Two ship wrights; and They giving it in from under their hands, that she is in a fitt Condition to carry the Companys goods, and being now Loaden as she was; when this misfortune befell her, Wee have taken her into Demol[age] this Eighth Day of October, Copy of the [. . . .] as also of Cap^t. Dennis's Letter comes in the Packett to which refer you.

Wee have Laden on this Ship [. . . .] were [. . . .] goods and Stores to the amount of [. . . .] Rupees 9887.1 6 as ₹ Invoice and Bill of Loading inclosed.

The Hon^{ble}. Comp^a. in their [para]graph of their Letter by St. George tell us [they] have been much troubled with the [Letter] come over in their Shipping, and the [. . . .] given us Directions; that the Agreement [between] the Comanders and Lascars be made [. . . .] which Cap^t. Dennis and the Lascar [...] entertained has done, Copy of th[e agree]ment comes here with [...] Wee have [...] Dutchess and hope to dispatch her by the latter end of this month to you, Wee will order her to touch at Vizagapatam for what Bales may lie ready there, you omitted advising us whither or no you would have her touch there, but Wee perceive you sent Treasure on her for that Port so of course Wee conclude you expect Goods from thence.

Wee have delivered Cap^t. Benjamin Dennis his Dispatches this Day.

FORT WILLIAM

OCTOBER Y^e. 13th. 1707.

Wee are

Hon^{ble}. S^r. & c^a.

Your most hum. S^{ts}.

RO: NIGHTINGALE.

RALPH SHELDON.

JOHN RUSSELL.

JOHN MAISTERS.

EDW^d. PATTLE.

ABRA^m. ADDAMS.

W^m. BUGDEN.

EDW^d. DARELL.

P.S.

[. . . Here] with send you a
[. . . .] for the Hon^{ble}. Court
[of M]anagers, w^{ch}. be pleased to
[se]nd by this ship, also a Packett
[for this] Presidency, which Wee
[. . .] Little London from
[. . .] ths 1st. Instant.

R.N.

R.S.

J.R.

J^c.M.

E.P.

A.A.

LIST of the PACQUET & NATHANIEL.

- 1 Bill of Loading & ship Nathaniell.
- 2 Invoice of goods & ship Nathaniell.
- 3 [. . . Let] ter Dated 13th. Ober. 1707.
- 4 [. . .] Ship Nathaniell.
- 5 [. . .] Dated 8th. October 1707.
- 6 [. . .].
- 8 Pacq^{ty}. & Ship Metapollam.
- 9 List of the Pacquett.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R. PRESID^T.

FOR THE UNITED COMP^{YS}. AFFAIRS, & GOV^R.

OF FORT S^T. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^R. & S^{RS}.

We paid our respects to your Hon^r. & c^s. under date 19th. May, the pres^t. is cheifly to inclose a Packett for your Hon^r. & c^s. rec^d. from the Agent and Councill att Spahaune about 8 Days after the Departure of ships Nathaniel & Gr. [...] London, which we send on the Little London they arrived from Bussora y^e. 8th. Curr^{nt}. for Bengall recommending it to the care of the Hon^{ble}. Ralph Sheldon and Councill there to forward to you p^r. first; which being what we have at present to add respectfully subscribe

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GOMB^{RO}. 11TH. AUG^R. 1707.

Hon^{ble}. S^R. & S^{RS}.

Yo^r. most Obed^t. hum^l S^{rs}.

J^O. EATON DODSWORTH.
EDWARD DENNIS.
ART^R. BEAVIS.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THO^S. PITT ESQ^R.

OF FORT S^T. GEORGE PRESID^T.

[& Co]UNCILL FOR THE UNITED TRADE.

[. . .] Hon^{ble}. English [. . .] with yours of the 23^d. October which came to our reception the 9 Past being glad the Loyall Cook arrived safe att Madrass and escaped the Arrabs and wee recommend to send None but stout Ships and well mann'd this way for the small ones only are Baites, for those ver[min] and should any more be taken; wee will write no more Letters thither for they don't value the Great Mogull nor the Great Sophy of Persia and who is the Agent of Persia that they should value him.

Tis but highly reasonable but your Hon^r. & c^s. should consign your Goods here to whom you think convenient and your sup^r. Cargoes are better treated then they treat us or our Broakers, and whenever they find the want of the Companys House and our assistance they will confess itt, and not before and this their Discreet Discourses and Publishing their own Circumstances will bring on them and our Masters and instead of having a Seat in the Custome House wee and they and our Goods are in a very fair way to dwell there and this in a year or two more, and since wee are so often told and threatned and that without reason that they will carry your Goods to the

Customs house we hope you wont be dissatisf[ie]d . . .] that wee are before hand in that M[] do not belong to [] secure our Masters Priviledges and by this way both parties will be content One in giving to the Customs house and having the Shauband [er] for their Protector and wee in seeing your Hon^{rs}. affairs thrive after this modell of your Factors own framing. The English Affairs are wove after a strange Contexture; att Bandar every Sup^r. Cargoe and Cap^t. shall runn up & down declaring he has brought a Cargoe of Goods and are not the Companys but his and is at Liberty to doe what he will with them, and wee at Spaha[n] are obliged to swear'tis all Lyes and malice of the Shaubanders and that they are all the[se your] own Goods; and more then this Wee are always [...] forced to spend vast sums on this very acco^t. to keep the Comp^a. free from customs in fine till the Comp^a. does as the Dutch has done already and take their trade into their own hands 'twill be impossible one face and managment sh^d. appear in these affairs and when you duly consider itt wee presume you will be of the same Opinion.

When any good horses offer we will lay them up and send them down as you are pleased to order and receive the money for them, if M^r. Whistler comes again with another [mind] and a cooler temper doubtless he will find them advantages of itt as well as att Madrass.

If your own Sup^r. Cargoes are [still] Obstinate, when you direct them to pay [] has made as much 4 Cent Profit as those y^e. bought her Cargoes has lost by itt the Merchants offering this year 4 Sh^s. a maund for what M^r. Lovel sold last year for 5 Sh^s.

Wee are obliged to your Hon^r &c^a. for the News of shipping on your Coast and are ready to make you returns of what wee know of shipping to be sent out this Last season from England which are the Dutchess Howland and Sarum for Coast and Bay the Kent and Stringer & friggott for China the Scipio for Suratt and others were taking up when this Advice left England which was in October last.

Four french Ships that attackt the Dutch three Ships under the Line as they were coming out Sunck one took another and the third gott to Battavia and in their returne home to Brest they took two ships from under y^e. Cannon of S^t. Hellena which the french Prints call the Dover and the Queen but wee don't know what Ships they are Comp^{as}., Private, or men of Warr.

Prince Eugene joined the Duke of Savoy, and beat the French from before Turin with great Loss and have wonne the City of Milan the Dukedome thereof and in Flanders after a Glorious Campaign the Forces are returned into good Winter Quarters, but King Char[les] after marching within 6 Leagues of Madrid was forced by Phi[?] into with the army Superior, so our farther then Portugall by the last Intelligence some distant Propositions of peace are made & thrown up and down but nothing appears near a Conclusion and this is the Substance of the Europe News wee have the Prints coming enclosed wee referr to them.

The King of Persia being guided by women and Eunucks is also turned Merchant having ordered by the high stewards application 4000 Tomans to be paid out of his Treasury to Mizza Montiza to buy goods att Bandar and sell them againd [sic] 2/3 of the Profit for the King and 1/3 for himself and tho the Kogom mentions but 4000 yet this Instrument of the stewards, want permitt the Mists to buy without giving him 10 4 Cent and being afraid of the Stewards [...] who is also an Eunuch in highest authority with the King they desist from buying and your Sup^a. Cargo's intend to come here with their Goods which if they do we shall not be wanting on our Parts to give them all the assistance wee can and help them to the best Prises for their Goods and shall endeavour by next season to gett this Obstacle removed which we cannot doe now the King being att Mushatt 40 Journeys off.

The French Envoy Extraordinary and his Retinue which have made noise for these 20 months with his Presents and Character is gone back again without any [...] hence el [] of the King or [] and is sent back without any [] Kodomanta does [...] Constantinople and the Consull att [...] be ntended to doe

Wee wish all manner [of] felicity to your Hon^r. &c^a. Persons and [...] to your mannagement and remain

SPAHAN

8th. MAY 1707.

Hon^{ble}. Sr. &c^a. Gen^l.
Your most hum. (Serv^{ts})

JOHN LOCK.
Rt: Cox.
ROB^t: WELDON.

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COMPANY &c^a. COUNCILL IN FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{ble}. S^r. &c^a.

Our last went by the Freindship Ketch and it's Copy by the Samuell and now wee have before us yours of the 12th. September which wee rec^d. from the hands of Dommo Gongollo the 20th. of last month were most heartily concern'd for the Trou
[bles . . .] those Insolent Sawcy Gentl [emen . . .]
[. . .] to hear in a little time [. . .] brought back to their
D [. . .] nished.

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