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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1732.

VOLUME No. 21

[From January to November 1732].

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N^o. 3

Au fort l'ouir a' Pondichery ce 11 Janvier 1732.

Notre Compagnie par ses desmieres lettres nous marque, Monsieur, de luy ecrire par vos vaisseaux a' l'adresse du secretaire de la vôtre, et que reciproquement vous ecrire'z en Angleterre par nos vaisseaux adressant vos paquets au Secretaire de notre Compagnie a' Paris ; un de nos Vaisseaux partira a' la fin de ce mois, Si vous av'ez quelques lettres pour Angleterre ou pour France, que vous vouliez envoyer par ce vaisseau nous aurons soin de les mettre dans nos Expéditions.

Nous avons l' honneur d'etre tres parfaitement Monsieur, Vostres humbles et tres obeinants serviteurs Les Gouverneur Et Conseillers du Conseil superieur.

[FOUR SIGNATURES—ILLEGIBLE.]

[Letters No. 4 to 10 missing].

N^o. [11]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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

The 8th. Instant We dispatch'd the Dawson with One hundred sixty six Bales, and this comes by the George with One hundred Seventy one being all We could possibly get ; a[nd] We are very sorry it was not in our Power [to send] more but the Country both to the Southward, and North[ward]h [as been so disturbed] by the Rajahs, and other [great] Men endeavouring to depose one Another that the Inhabitants were kept in continual Fear of being plunder'd, and the Weavers could not with any safety carry on their Business as usual [. . .] wish for an Alteration, though at present We [have] but a very bad Prospect of it.

According to the Liberty grant[ed] by yo^r. Hon^r. & C^a, to M^r. Davis he now takes his Passage on this Ship, and We send our Diarys Consultations Cash, and Paymasters acc^{ts}. for last Year with three last Months of October, Nov : & Dec^r. separate. Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for [. . .] hundred Seventy one Bales, amounting to Ten [thou]sand three hundred, and Eleven Pag^s. [. . .].

VIZAGAPATAM

11TH. JAN^R. 1731/2.

We are with great respect

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

Y^r. most Obed^t. Hum[ble] [Servants]

SANDS DAVIS.

CHA : SIMP[SON].

RICH^D. [D]OCKW[RA].

[Letters No. 12 to 70 missing].

N^o. 71.[To] THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTON PITT Esq^r.PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.HON[']BLE SIR & SRS,

We are favour'd with [your] Letter of the 25th. Instant Directing us to [send] Sloop Rama with the Waste & Damage [of the] Stores by her last Trip, which shall be [duly] obey'd. We have also your Inclosd In[voice] of her last Cargo, Which though arrivd is [not] ashore yet.

We shall duely Transmitt [the] account of the French Cargoes as soon [as we] receive it.

We sent one of our Gunroom Mates to take charge of the Conveyance of the Porto Novo Cloth above a week ago, and hope [it] is now well arrivd.

Your Hon^r. & c^a. will observe [here]under what Cloth is yet come in, And the merchants being reminded of the short[time] they have left for Discharging their Engagements, Sha Permall & Tomby Chitty's Mer[chants] ask'd one thousand 1000 Pagodas each, in payment for Cloth brought in, which, [to] enable their better Dispatch, we according[ly] paid them.

These Tappies have one set of [our] last Year's Books, The other shall wait on [you] with our Europe Packet.

Inclosd is our [...] account, The Paymaster's and other [...] here, beginning as directed, in the month September shall follow as soon as those acco^{ts}. are pass'd.

[FORT ST.] DAVID

1st. OCTOBER 1732.

[List] of Bales.

[...] & c^a. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$. Washing & Beating.[...]itty & c^a. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$... d^o.

[...]arow 8

—
60 Bales, of which

[...] Washing & Dying &

[...] at the Beaters.

We are

HON[']BLE SIR & S^{rs}.Your most obed^t. Serv^{ts}.

RANDALL FOWKE.

EDW: CROKE.

R. BERRIMAN.

R. BROOKE.

EDW^d: HARRIS.

[Letters No. 72 to 79 missing.]

[N^o. 80].[To] THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTON PITT Esq^r.PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

1. We shall herein Acquaint Your Honour & c^a. of what material hath occur'd on this Coast since our last General Letter 4th. Ship George, dated January the 2^d. 1731/2 as also reply to that which we have now receiv'd by the Madrass Galley, Captain Robert Cannaway Commander all which [we] propose to do under the following [heads] Viz^t.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. There has been no Ship or any other Vessel from any foreign port at an anchor in Bencoolen Road, since the dispatch of the Ship George from hence for Madrass, till the 12th. July last when the ship Enfield, Captain Thomas Manley Commander,

anchor'd in our road from Great Britain but last from Battavia the reason of her touching there, we have demanded [of the] Captain in writing pursuant to [order] which he hath given us according[ly] and we have inclosed a copy thereof in our Packet for Your Honour &c^{as}. [perusal].

3. The Ship Enfield we find by Charterparty, is let out to the Hon^{ble}. Company for 460 Tons, which is a great Ship for this Coast, but it being indeed what we expected, beg leave to assure Your Honour &c^a. that our care and Vigilance in order to her dispatch hath been great also even thro' the whole Extent of the Companys Dominion, and our endeavours having been crown'd with success, we [think] we may venture to assure Your Honour &c^a. that the Enfield will be dispatch'd from Fort Marlborough with her Charter Party Tonnage, & that without [a] farthing charge of Demorage to our Hon^{ble}. Masters.

4. We intend to put on board the Enfield here before she goes to Moco Moco, about 150 Tons of Pepper, which we are now busy in performing and hope shall dispatch her to the Northward in a very few days.

5. We perceive the Madrass Galley was dispatch'd from thence the 28th. of February last, but did not arrive here till the 21st. of July. being almost five months and the ship George was as tedious in her passage last Year. Your Honour &c^a. [expected] her back at Madrass in the [month] of September from hence, and she did not arrive here, till the latter end of October; These long & tedious Trips that have happen'd of late Years between Madrass & Bencoolen, hath without doubt been a great disappointment to Your Honour &c^a. in Your expectations, and hath been & now is, both a very great disappointment and Loss too, to us here to be visited but once in a Year by a small vessel of eighty or a hundred Tons, we humbly beg leave to represent to Your Honour &c^a. is not sufficient for the necessitys of this Coast. We have not a piece of white Long Cloth left to purchase Pepper within Anaksoongey, at which the Merchants there are much dissatisfied, but we have prevail'd with them to deliver the Pepper this season, upon a promise that they shall have Cloth as soon as it arrives. We therefore pray Y^r. Honour &c^a. will supply us with what we indented for by the George, as soon as the same can be conveniently done.

6. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to observe by the date of this Letter, that we deliver'd the Madrass Galley of her Cargo consign'd to this place, and dispatch'd her with our Packet back again to Your Honour &c^a. in 24 days, and we assure you the like Industry was us'd in unlading the Ship George, and should have dispatch'd her [in] near the same time, had it not been owing to her own Misfortunes, in having a very foul Bottom, bad rigging, and worse Cables, which was the sole Cause of her long detention at this Port and if the like detention should happen to any future Ship, consign'd to us by Your Honour &c^a., you may be assur'd it will proceed from the same cause; for we hope we shall always exert our selves so, in the Service of our Hon^{ble}. Masters, as not to deserve the censure of Idle, and Sloathful Servants.

7. On the 23^d. of July arriv'd in our Road and Anchor'd there, the Anna Catharina, a large Ship belonging to the Dutch East India Company & bound for Canton in China, but falling to Leeward of the Streights of Sunda, was forc'd by the South East Winds to come here, and was in great distress, having buried 25 of her Men, and most of the rest of them were very Sick and unserviceable, but we have assisted them at their request, with every thing by way of refreshment, that this Coast would afford, and they are by that means greatly recover'd, and they intend to sail for Batavia with the first fair Wind.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE & FORT ST. GEORGE.

8. We have receiv'd by the Ship Enfield twelve Chests of Treasure, which was open'd and weigh'd off in the presence of Captain Manley, and was right according to Invoice, after which we counted over the whole Quantity of Dollars, and made the amount to be Forty eight thousand, three hundred, & twenty seven Dollars, & three ^{Sa} sucas \$18327. 3. which we have accordingly brought to Accompt. We likewise

receiv'd by the above Ship, twenty two Soldiers, out of twenty nine that were consign'd to us, M^r. Pyke at S^t. Helena, detain'd seven of our best Men there, which is an old Practice he used formerly to be guilty of, but we humbly apprehend such practices are unwarrantable and unjustifiable, and is at the same time using both the Hon^{ble}: Company, and us, very ill; we therefore hope, if your Honour &c^a: write to S^t: Helena this season, You will be pleas'd to reprimand him for it. We also receiv'd from S^t: Helena by order of the Company, thirty Slaves, that is to say, Eighteen Men, Eight Women, & four Children, most of which after we have dispatch'd the Enfield for England, we intend to employ at the Sugar Plantations where we hope they will be of good service. What else was consign'd to us from England was all right as P^r Invoice, but in the list of Stores sent home by M^r: Newcome in the Mountague, The article of Gunpowder was omitted, so that we being at present but very indifferently stock'd with that important Article, do hereby humbly request Your Honour &c^a: will assist us with twenty Barrels of Europe & Country Powder; by the first Conveyance.

9. The Several articles mentioned in the Invoice and now consign'd to us by Your Honour &c^a. in the Madras Galley, we have receiv'd there was some Wastage in the Salt, but much more in the Jaggery by its being put into Gunny baggs. If for the future that commodity be put into Pegue jarrs, all wastage by that means will be prevented.

[10] We have taken such care to encourage the importation of Salt from Java, and are now so well and Sufficiently stock'd with it, that we hope there will be no occasion for the future to trouble Your Honour &c^a. concerning that Article, what Stores &c^a: we are in want of that was not mention'd in our List P^r: Ship George we have now sent inclos'd in our Packet, to which we refer, and pray they may be sent us by the first opportunity.

11. We were in hopes of receiving by this Galley the Plank for the frames of the two Boats brought by the George, because there is now here belonging to the Europe Ship two very good Carpenters that wou'd soon have compleated them, and they might have done the Company good service this present season, we shall however set up the frames, and hope by the next Ship shall receive the plank in order to render them Serviceable

3^dLY: [THIRDLY] TOUCHING INVESTMENTS

FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

12th: By the Advices we have lately receiv'd from Moco Moco, we have reason to expect a good increase of Pepper from that Country and we have receiv'd from Manna since our last Letter to your Honour &c^a: in all, one hundred & thirty Bahar of Pepper which is a noble Addition to our Stock on hand, and we expect as much more from their present Crop which is now gathering; the last crop from Laye, gave us about One hundred & fifty Bahar, and we are in expectation that the present Crop there, which is also now gathering, will amount to near Two hundred Bahar. The Countrys of Konkoy, and Andelas, near to Sillebar, are in much better order than they have hitherto been in, with respect to their Pepper Plantations, and indeed the whole Country is at present, in a quiet, peaceable, and prosperous Condition, which we will endeavour to the utmost of our Power to maintain, and in all respects to further and promote the Hon^{ble}: Companys Interest, by encouraging the growth and increase of Pepper, and also of Coffee if it can be done.

13th: We humbly represented to Your Honour &c^a: in the General Letter by the George, our Opinion concerning the raising up of Coffee here, and therein also pray'd your consideration relating to that Affair, and your farther directions to us upon it we therefore beg leave to refer to said Letter, since which, Dupatty Battoo Rajah, whose plantations are near Laye, and in a fine Soile and to all appearance very proper for producing Coffee, hath been with the Dep^y: Governour and propos'd of his own accord, to make a plantation of Ten thousand Coffee Trees, the ground for which being already clear'd, the next thing to be consider'd of was the price, and the Dep^y: Governour offer'd to give him Ten Dollars 4th Bahar (the price of Pepper) for

the produce of the said Ten thousand Trees, or any greater number he might hereafter set, which he readily agree'd to, and was furnished accordingly out of some little Gardens in our Neighbourhood, with several thousand small Coffee Plants, & Berries fit to put in the Ground; this Agreement we hope will be thought a good one, because it is not likely to discourage the Pepper trade, & for which reason, we will be sure to give all possible encouragement to it, and to all others that we can make upon the same Terms.

14th: We also Acquainted Your Honour &c^a. by the George, that Siddy Ibrahim was then upon an expedition against the people of Laboong, & that we had plac'd a party of Buggueses at Battoo Rajah, which is a pass in the way between this place, & that; to prevent all supplys of Men & Amunition being sent to him, and to hinder him also from all intercourse of News from these parts; our orders herein were well executed; and our designs very well answer'd, for he was so entirely disappointed in his expectations at Laboong, that after a stay among them upwards of two months, he was oblig'd to make a shamefull retreat home again, by a private round about road without having obtain'd the least Advantage since his return he hath been very quiet, and we are well inform'd he never will undertake any more Journeys of that nature, which we hope will prove true, however we shall nevertheless keep a good lookout about his Quarters, that if he should at any time be preparing for mischief, we may have early notice of it in order to prevent his ill designs from taking Effect.

15th: The Affairs of the Sugar Plantation are at present in much the same Condition they were when the George was dispatch'd from hence, but when the supply of Slaves we now have receiv'd from S^t: Helena are sent there, we hope their assistance will greatly contribute to the better and more successfully carrying on of that Work.

16th: Pangaran Megong Boomy of Manna, having been dead almost two years, we did in the month of March last make a new Pangaran in his room and last month we made another new Pangaran for the Country of Andelas, in the room of Pangaran Neore deceased our reasons for which, are enter'd in Consultation of the 31st. of March, & 20th: of July to which we refer, and hope they are such as will meet with Your Honour &c^{as}. approbation.

FIFTHLY AS TO BUILDINGS FORTIFICATIONS REPAIRS & REVENUES

17th. The new Lodgings in the Fort are now just finish'd as to the Brickwork, the roof will also be ready to set up in about a months time, & in two or three months more we hope the whole fabrick will be compleated both withinside as well as without, & that the Charge thereof when it comes before you, will not be thought by Your Honour &c^a: to be large or in any respect extravagant.

18th: The Arrack and Ophium License at Fort Marlborough let this year for Two hundred & five Dollars Pr: Mensem, to Mess^{rs}: Savage & Greenslate and the Ophium License at Moco Moco at thirty Dollars Pr: Mensem to M^r: Charles Gee.

19th: We have for the reasons mention'd in our Consultation of the 23^d: May last, taken Poolo Tecoo (or Ratt Island) into the Companys Possession & orderd M^r: Jeddere to pay the last Years rent of it into the Companys Cash. We have also let the said Island out to Farm, it was put up at publick outcry, & M^r: Savage being the highest bidder, hath the Liberty for the ensuing Year to put up Wares for fish and to gather Socalos there for fifty one Dollars, the Year to commence from the 1st. June.

20th: The Buildings at Moco Moco are in a very sad & ruinous Condition, as both M^r: Morse and M^r: Newcome very well know they have been patch'd & propt up from time to time for many years last past, but they are now become so entirely and thoroughly rotten, that they are not any longer capable of being supported that way; as an Instance of which in the month of April last, as Pr: Advice from M^r: Gee, the Resident there, one whole floor dropt down, when several people were on it & had like to have lost their lives, & what remains is in the same tottering Condition, so that all farther repairs about them is little better than flinging so much money away. M^r: Gee has frequently wrote to us concerning the aforesaid & earnestly desir'd we should inform Your Honour &c^a: of these things, and in the most pressing manner to lay before you the urgent necessity of building new lodgings & other necessary

Offices there for the Companys Servants & Military &c^a. in the room of those that are now become so rotten and useless in all respects, that the poor people who are at present oblig'd to dwell under those roofs, are no ways secure from the inclemency of the bad Air and weather that this coast is frequently attended with, (especially in the night season) neither are they safe in respect to their Lives, the case being really and truly as above represented. We beg leave to observe to Your Honour &c^a. what the Honourable Court of Directors say in the 31st: Paragraph of their General Letter to us by the Enfield, wherein it is mention'd, that although a great deal of their money has been formerly sunk under that article of Building, yet where necessity requires they submit to it. We therefore in this necessitous Case, submit it to Your Honour &c^a: Consideration, & intreat Your Consent to the removal of those rubbish buildings at Moco Moco. & erecting something plain, tight, & strong, in their stead. We likewise hope you will excuse our dwelling so long on this subject because of the Importance of it, & yet we cannot well conclude this Paragraph without acquainting Your Honour &c^a: that the Sultan himself, is also an humble Petitioner to You for Your consent in the abovesaid affair, which he is exceedingly Ambitious to see done, & in a Letter to the Dep^y. Governour he says, as he hath made almost all his Country into a Pepper Garden purely to serve the Company, they will not so much slight him (as he terms it) to let the only Settlement they have in Anaksoongey drop & he adds this farther reason for his hopes therein, that he now gives the Company almost as much Pepper P^r: Annum as all the rest of the Coast, which indeed we must confess comes very near the truth, and that he still promises a Yearly Increase.

21st: The Sultan likewise writes to the Dep^y: Governour as also the Resident of the great use & service it will be, both to the Company & the natives, to have a Pepper Godown at Ippue & another at Bental to receive Pepper in as it is brought down those rivers; the present inconveniency to the Malays for want of these Godowns is, that when they bring down their Pepper to the Quallo, they are oblig'd to lodge it a little in one house and a little in another by which they are considerable sufferers as to pilferidge or else they must stay themselves to look after it and so neglect their Plantations, either of which is a loss to them, and may occasion a disappointment to the Company, but all will be effectually prevented by building a Pepper Godown at each place, which will be giving great encouragement to the Natives, also highly oblige the Sultan, and be a real service to the Company by having the Pepper always ready at hand to be shipt of. The Hon^{ble}: Court of Directors mention in the 20th: Paragraph of their General Letter now P^r: Enfield, that they approve very well of the building a Pepper Godown at Laye, & another at Salooma, because they contribute much to the easie collecting in of the Pepper from the adjacent Countrys where they are built, & therein to the more sure dispatch of our Europe Ship. The very same reason holds equally good or rather more strongly so, for building the same conveniency at Bental & Ippue, they being farther from Moco Moco the chief settlement at Northward, we therefore hope Your Honour &c^a: permission to build them & if so we Promise & Assure You, not a farthing more than what is really and absolutely Necessary, shall be expended thereon. We are humbly of opinion that there will be no occasion to build these Pepper Godowns in that expensive manner, as by the Scheme sent up here by the Sultan & M^r: Greenslate last Year, a copy of which we inclos'd in our Packet by the George for Your Honour &c^a: Perusal, but that Bamboo Godowns strengthend with a Timber at each corner, would be very sufficient, and will reduce the Charge of building them within the Compass of a hundred Dollars each Godown.

22^d. Our Fort Walls being built all with Brick & left quite bare of any covering, we observe the frequent & violent rains beating hard upon them, had occasion'd a greenish moss to grow upon many Parts thereof, which had in some degree impaired & defac'd the brickwork whereupon we thought it very necessary to put a thin chunam Coat all round the Fort, which we accordingly did in June last, it being then fine weather, so that it is well dry'd on & will be a great preservative to the Walls, & remain a lasting Ornament to Fort Marlborough for many Years. It now makes a fine appearance both towards the Sea (especially to the Northward) & for many miles about us on the shore, the charge of which being very small we hope Your Honour &c^a. will not disapprove of it.

SIXTHLY CONCERNING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

23^d: The Enfield brought here by the Hon^{ble}: Companys appointment, six Covenanted Servants, (i.e.) Three Factors & three Writers Viz^t: Charles Barbut, Edward Latham, Strange Pickard, Thomas Cole, Thomas Saunders, and William Page, which is a very sufficient supply of hands to keep up all our writing business, whereupon we have discharg'd M^r: John Cary monthly Writer from that Service, The two first of the above Gentlemen we have order'd to assist the Paymaster & Accomptant, and the four last in the Secretarys Office.

[24th.] There being at present no Covenanted Servant at Moco Moco but the Resident, we thought it necessary one more should be there to assist him, and in case of mortality to take Charge of the Settlement upon which we have order'd M^r: Richard Jorden Factor who arriv'd here last Year, to proceed there on the Enfield.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

[25th.] The Hon^{ble}: Court of Directors well approving of our sending Yearly what Silver we can spare to Fort S^t: George, & ordering us to continue so to do, we have accordingly now sent by the Madrass Galley Eight thousand Dollars, weight ; Five hundred & seventy six Pound and three ounces ^{lb Oz. dwt.} 3. — & is containd in two Chests mark'd [...] number'd as P^r: Invoice & Bill of Load[ing] inclos'd in our Packet & come con[signed] to Your Honour &c^a: on account [of our] Honourable Masters.

General Books [. . .] [...] ult^o: April 1732 also those for Moco Moco Letter C we send to Your Honour &c^a. by this Conveyance. What other necessary Papers & Accounts we now send are as P^r: List of the Packet to which we referr.

We heartily wish the Madrass Galley a Safe & quick Passage to Fort S^t. George & remain

FORT MARLBORÔ.
14th: AUGUST 1732.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

FRA^s. EVEREST.
ROB^t: LENNOX.
JN^o: SAVAGE.
SAM: GREENSLATE.
OLIVER STEWART.

[Letter No. 81 missing.]

N^o. 82.

[TO THE HON^{bles}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.]
[PRESID^t.] & C^a. COUNCIL OF [FORT S^t. GEORGE].

HON^{bles}: SIR & SIRS

I did myself the Honour of writeing to you the [...] th. ultimo, and it is with great satisfaction I can acquaint you that I have at last obtain'd the Nabobs grant for the revival of the trade of this place, as also several letters from him, directed to the Principalls of the several towns round me, [for] passing the Company's Cloth, and all Goods whatever belonging to the English, which has had such a good effect, [that] it has already enabled me to Contract for ten thousand Pag^a. being all that was sent with me, and as I have been obliged to advance Six thousand out of that Sum I [must] desire Your Honour &c^a: will furnish me with a fresh Supply, as not knowing how soon I may have [occasion] for it.

The Peons that wait on you with this, will I beleive be something longer on their Journey than usual, for the vast rains that have lately fell, has made the roads

not passable, so that the like it seems has not been known here, for several years past —it now clears up, and we have a fine prospect of a plentiful year.

I am Respectfully
HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Humble
Servant
JN^O. GRAHAM.

MADAPOLLAM
THE 24TH: OCTOBER 1732.

N^O. 83

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Our last was of the 26th. ulto. to accompany the return of Three thousand five [hundred] and sixty Pagodas design'd for Vizagapatam. Ev[en] the Rains & Freshes since, have prevented the sooner sending our Acco^{ts}. Cash and Expences for the month September, which are here inclos'd.

The Rains have also hinder'd our further progress in the Investment than what your Hon^r. & C^a. see in the following List.

We have an account of 836 pieces of Longcloth & 200 of Sallampores sent in by Andiapa of PortoNovo, which are deliver'd to the Washers, But be pleas'd in your next to direct [us] to what account we shall place the Charge of Curing it. We are
FORT ST. DAVID
13TH. NOVEMB^R. 1732.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs
Your most obedient Servants

LIST OF BALES
At the washers...68 bales
Beaters ...15
Dyeing ...21
Embaled ...28

132 bales

RANDALL FOWKE.
EDW : CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO : EYRE.
EDW^D : HARRIS.

N^O. 84

TO THE HON^{BLE}: GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR, & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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

The 1st: Instant we receiv'd your Letter of the 7th: ult^o., and shall take all Imaginable Care to secure the George's Main Mast; in the best Manner possible, and dispatch her as soon as She is fitted, and we can get her laden.

We are very glad y^r: Hon^r: & C^a. approve our sending M^r: Dockwra to Quotapatam, from whence We find the cloth comes much faster, and better, since he has reside there.

According to Y^r: Hon^r: & C^a's Orders We shall send up our Accounts Monthly, and herewith come our Consultations, Cash, and Paymaster's Accounts for July, August, and September: with another Copy of our General Books. Though We have dispatch'd two pair of Peons to Bengall, the Roads are so very troublesome about Jagarnott, that We very much doubt of their being able to proceed.

We are with the greatest Respect
HON^{BLE}: S^R: & S^{RS}.
Y^r: most Obed^t: Humb: Serv^{ts}:
SANDS DAVIS.
CHA : SIMPSON.

VIZAGAPATAM
24TH: OCTOBER 1732.

N^o. 85

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^t. GEORGE &^{ca}. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

Your Honours &c^a. favour of the 25 September came to hand the 12 ultimo, Accompanying the Honourable Presidents Letter and other Papers to our Nabob Hage Hussain Alis, Mosaid Cawn, which I dispatched to him the next Day by the Companys Vak[il], but having had such a prodigious quantity of rain for Ten Days together, that there was no Traveling, so it was Yesterday before I received a Letter from the Vakeel, who upon delivering his Letter to the Nabob, he made no other reply concerning that Letter &c^a. but it was very well, so that it is believed, no more will be said of it.

Inclosed comes my Months Account for October ; I am exceeding low indeed of Cash at present, but wait in hopes of a supply from your Honour &c^a. in a few Days.

There is [*sic*] Two Sloops and a Large new Vessell lately come from the Mallabar Coast, on which I beleive I shall be able to Load all my Bales. I expected a Briggantine from Pegu, but am disopointed, [*sic*] I propose to dispatch the Edward Sloop and the Boat together after the full moon in December and shall take due care to see those Bales sent on the Boat can take no damage by rain water, if your Honour &c^a. pleases of giving me permission, I propose to go up with the last of my Bales after the New Moon in January.

Af the foot hereof in account of [cloth brought in from] Wash.

I conclude with the utmost Duty and I Respect

INGERAM

THE 4th. NOVEMBER 1732.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Faithfull and most
Obedient humble Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.

CLOTH AT THE WASH[ERS] AND BROUGHT IN

						Corge.	Ps.
Longcloth ordy. & midds.	...	...	...	...	...	466	17
Long cloth Fine	...	...	...	...	...	35	2
Sallampores	...	...	...	...	...	60	—
Izarees	...	...	...	...	...	4	9

N^o. 86

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^t. GEORGE,
&^{ca}. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SRS.

Last night we receiv'd your Favour of the 17th. with the Tenthousand 10000 pagodas fo[r] a Supply of Cash, which is brought to account accordingly. We will also take care to write off the seven small Timbers lost from Ship Devonshire.

Our Married Centinels being appriz'd of Your Hon^r. &c^a. having Granted the Five Pagoda Gratuity, to the Married, as well as Single men at Madrass, to continue a five Year's further Service, plead it as a precedent, and have Petition'd for that Encouragement, or leave to go and receive it at Madrass ; The Captains tell us there are not above ten or a Dozen Candidates, and that they can't prevail on them to desist ; we must therefore ask your Hon^r. &c^a. Directions in the matter.

At foot hereof is a List of Cloth brought in by our Merchants, and of that sent by Andiapa of Porto Novo, Of which last we are to desire Your Hon^r. &c^{as}. directions what to do, when it is ready to be Embaled.

Fr. S^r. DAVID
23^d. Nov^r. 1732.

We are
HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants

RANDALL FOWKE.
EDW : CROKE.
[R. BERRIMAN].
[R. BROOKE].
[THO : EYRE].
[EDW^d. HARRIS].

BALES FURNISHED BY THE Fr. S^r. DAVID MERCH^{ts}. Viz^t.

Washing	86
Beating	18
[Dying]	...

List of Cloth sent in by Andiapa of Porto Novo Viz^t.

	Pieces.		Bales.	[Pieces.]
Nov ^r . 4 th . Longcloth Ordinary ...	836			
„ 20 do. ...	144			
	980	@ 30 P Bale is	32	20
Nov ^r . 4 th . Sallampores Fine ...	200			
„ 20 Do. ...	600			
	800	@ 100 p ^s . P bale is	8	
		Bales	40.	20

Of this Cloth the Washers Complain of 3 pieces Torn & 20 more so damagd & rotten as to render them Incurable.

N^o. 87

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

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

HO^NBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote You the 23^d. Instant, and are now to Acquaint that Sadashavarow Renter of our Bounds, Beetle & Tobacco, & Windmill Farms, paid us last month but the half of those Quarterly Rents, as by the Cash Account inclos'd Pleading That the Debts still owing him on th[ose] Cowles render'd him incapable to pay the [whole] at that time, But that he would pay it some time this month, And being yesterday cal[led] upon for it, He deliver'd in an account of [the] Disbursements for Bricks &c^a. on the Wind[mill] as the said account inclosd, And offers to prod[uce] vouchers to the Truth of it. We scrupled to Acknowledge it till we have your Authority to allow it, But he bringing in no more money than what, with that allowance, would clear his Arrears on the last Cowles of those Farms, said we should Distress him If we did not accept it, wherefore we agreed to Receive it on account in suspence, till such time as Your Hon^r. &c^{as}. pleasure shall be known concerning it, That we may then make up the account accordingly.

The Weather here having since the Full Moon Lowering & Drisly has been some Impediment to the Receiving and washing of our Cloth, But we shall use all possible Care to redeem the time as behoves.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. NOVEMB^R. 1732.

P.S.

Since Closing the above we are Favoured with Your Hon^R. &c^{AS}. of the [17]TH. & Shall accordingly give the [Gratuity] granted to the married soldiers that new List themselves [. . .] Sort Andiapah's Cloth by No^R. [pro]portion'd to the goodness, as it [will] Turn out.

R.F.
E.C.
T.E.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your very Faithfull and
Obedient Servants

RANDALL FOWKE.
EDW : CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.
EDW^R. HARRIS.

N^O. 88

TO THE HON^{BLE}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 20TH. ultimo I have rec^d. and am oblig'd to your Hon^R. &c^A. for the assurances you give me that I shall be well supplied with money for carrying on the Investment here. I acquainted you in my last that I had advanc'd Six thousand Pagodas to several Merch^{ts}. and Weavers round about me, for which they have already brought in Goods, as you will perceive by the Acco^t. at the foot of this letter tomorrow I expect a large quantity to come in, so that they will be in want of more money to [be] advanc'd them, which I shall do, as I am in hopes of being Supply'd by your Hon^R. &c^A. shortly.

I take my leave of you for the present, and am

MADAPOLLAM,
THE 19TH. NOV^R. 1732.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Ser^t.

JN^O. GRAHAM.

							Peices.
Ready to be Congeed	...	...	...	...	...	...	483
Half wash'd	...	...	...	...	...	...	277
Brown Cloth	...	...	...	...	...	...	820
						Peices	1580

[Subsequent Letters lost].

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TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

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

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Our last was of the 24th. ult^{mo}. and

The present Cowle for the Arrack Farm being near expired, we have been looking out for a Farmer to the succeeding Cowle ; but the present Farmer having lost so considerably by it, and above 400 Pagodas in bad Debts, as by his List delivered into Consultation, we can yet find nobody here who cares to meddle with it ; but Poncala Kistna's Gomasta, says he has made Proposals to his late Master's Brother in Law, Rama Chundrum at Madrass, about it, but that their Losses on the present Cowle shew that they can't give above 900 Pagodas p^r an^m. on the next, allowing that all the Immunities of the present Cowle be continued to them, without the Deduction of selling to the Military, proposed in our Yearly general Letter of the 10th. January last. Be pleased therefore to direct whether we shall receive the Gomastahs Proposals for Rama Chundrum if he makes them good, or put it up to Outery on the old Terms, or on those proposed in our said Letter Viz^t.

“ Poncala Kistna Arrack Renter, his Managers here of that Farm often
“ complain of bad Debts, and that if they dont trust poor People they cannot sell any
“ and that they are Lóosers by it ; that Cowle ends in July next ; and here we humbly
“ beg leave to set forth the Damage this Farm does to our Hon^{ble} Masters in their
“ Military ; It is true it brings in 1200 Pagodas p^r Annum, but those of them who
“ drink this Pariar Arrack, their Distempers and Death are chiefly owing to it ; now
“ we would propose when this present Cowle is out to try what the Farmer would give
“ for it, provided he was forbid on a considerable Forfeiture to sell the Value of a single
“ Dram to any of the Military ; and for their Provision the Store Keeper should buy
“ good Batavia or Columbo Arrack, and issue it out in certain Quantities, to be sold at
“ such Rates as that certain Profits should arise to the Company thereon ; In time it
“ might save many a poor Soldiers Life, and perhaps not cut off much of this Branch
“ of the Revenues.

The new Garden House being now almost finished, and the old House in so creazy and Tottering a Condition that it is dangerous for any Body to go into it, in so much that it may chance to do some Mischief ; to prevent that, & preserve all the good Materials it has from being spoiled by the Fall, and keep the Workmen employed, & from deserting us for Pulicherry and other Places whence it would be difficult to recover them, we agreed in Consultation this Morning to have it pulled down, and that what old Materials may be found usefull, should be carefully preserved, towards building the necessary Out Houses that are wanting to make the new compleat with all possible Frugality, and in Order thereto M^r. Baker who has all

along had Charge of that Building, we ordered to be very circumspect that none of the Materials be embezzled and that the Labourers work their full Time and do their Duty. We hope our Reasons for this Proceeding will be approved, substantial; and, that it may make no wrong Appearance on our Hon^{ble} Masters Books, We would propose that the old House be apprais'd by it's present Condition apart from the Garden & the Difference between that, and what it stands at on the Books to this Time, be wrote off and the Cost of the new House when finished, transferred to that Account in Lieu of the old one.

We enclose your Honor &^{ca}. an Account Loss of Stores by Waste and Decay for the Year past amounting to Pagodas 193.24.37 with the reported survey of them and pray your Permission to write them off to profit and Loss, and sell the Gun Carriages at Outery for what they will fetch.

We this Day began to measure Cloth on our new Contract and

Inclose our Account Cash and Paymaster's, & other Expences for the Month of April, which concludes from

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

FORT ST. DAVID
2^d JUNE 1733.

Your very faithfull and obedient Servants

RANDALL FOWKE.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO : EYRE.
EDW^d. HARRIS.

P.S.

Pandaram Moodelaire at Portonovo, has just now sent the Deputy Governor Word, he has a Boat lies ready for Madrass with Cloth; accordingly Robert Osbourn one of the Gunners Mates is ordered to go tomorrow morning and take Charge of it.

N^o. 61

TO THE HON^{BLE}. GEORGE MORTON PITT Esq^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The 18th Inst^{nt}. the Cossimbuzar, and George Sloop arrived here with your Honor & c^{as}. Favor of the 23^d. ultimo, and imported 15000 Pagodas, 4000 Rupees and Packing Stuff for Madapollam, and sailed the 22^d.; I shall do my utmost Endeavours to accomplish my promised Number of Bales, but there can be no certainty in calculating what Number may be procured, now we trade in so confused a Manner, as is between Madapollam and this Place; and I do not well see how Mr. Graham can avoid putting his Money out in some parts of this Country, to meet with any tolerable success, but he extends it to too great a Length: Madapollam was equal in Goodness of Trade to this eight or ten Years ago, but since that Rajah has been turned out, the Moors having Possession, and the Numbers of Times it has been in the Hands of both Parties, has been the Occasion of almost every Body's leaving it; there may be some Business done from thence but not enough to answer the Charge of a Factory, especially as I begun to have the Cloth from that Country a few Months before Mr. Graham arrived, and should have been very successfull this Year, but now I have no Cloth from thence

The Palmeiras are wanted to cover the new Brick Godown; The Bricklayers I have now employed, to make thirty Brick Pillars, for the old mud-Wall Godown, which, with giving a good Repair to the Top, will be a very serviceable Godown, to put the Cloth under the Washers Hands, for a vast many years.

I am in great want of Nails for the Top of the new Godown, and Iron Bars for the Windows, and one thousand Quills, I was in Want of Packing Rope, but that belonging to Madapollam being landed here, I can't see how he will be able to have any of it sent him.

I am very glad my Hon^{ble} Masters are satisfied with my Endeavors in 1731; I shall always do my best to assure them and you, I am with due Respect

INGERAM

30th. MAY 1733.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most faithfull & most obedient humble Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.

Cloth at Vizagapatam ...	...	Bales	31
Do. at the Washers ...	...	do.	187
			<u>218</u>

N^o. 62

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

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

SIRs

The 13th. Instant off of Porto Novo had a hard Squall of Wind off the Land; it came so suddenly upon us, we had not Time to hand our sails; We sprung our Fore-Top-Mast at the Hounds, and split our Main-Top Sail; We having no spare Top Mast on board I came into this Road and got one; In the 15th. in the Morning I designed to sail, but was hindered by three Lascars and one Boy, who run away with our Boat and left her in the Serf; She has received a little Damage, that I have repaired; I sent Peons to search for the People but cannot find them; I wrote yesterday to the Deputy Governor of Fort S^t. Davids that he might be pleased if they came there they might be stoped: I shall be ready to sail tomorrow at furthest, I am

PORTO NOVO

16th. JUNE 1733.

SIRs

Your most humble & obedient Servant

ROBERT CUNNAWAY.

N^o. 63

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

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

HON^{BLE} SIR SIRs

Our last was dated the 20th. ult^o. ♀ Ship Compton, on whom we embarked sixteen Soldiers of the Detachment you formerly sent us; This is by Patamar Express with our Packet to the Hon^{ble} President & Council of Bombay, which we beg you will please to forward with all Expedition, as it is of Importance; and we shall Esteem it as a Favor, to receive a List of Shipping sent out this Year by our Hon^{ble} Masters, as it will be of use to know the Quantity of Tonnage required from this Side.

We are

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

TELLICHERRY

29th MAY 1733.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H. HOWARD.

W^m. [T]EYNSON.

N^o. 64

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{ca}. COUNCIL OF FORT. ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

This is to acquaint you that we have this Morning received your Favor of the 12th Inst^{nt}. which shall be answered in a Day or two.

And that our Deputy Governor has just now received Advice from Cap^{tn}. Conna-way of the Madrass Galley, who passed our Road the 10th. that a squall off the Land, having sprung his Fore-Top-Mast, obliged him to put back to Porto Novo for another, where three of his Lascars ran away with the Vessel's Boat, but that he had recovered [the] Boat and designed to sail this Morning, which he desires your Honor &^{ca}. may be advised by our Tappies; As he says the Lascars are indebted to the Vessel, if we can hear of them, we shall take Care to secure them

FORT ST. DAVID
14th. JUNE 1733.

and are
HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs
Your most obedient Servants
RANDALL FOWKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO : EYRE.
EDW^d. HARRIS.

P.S.

The 5th. Instant arrived at Pondicherry a Ship called the Prince de Conte commanded by one Richard Butler; we are advised she has put ashore 48 Chests of Treasure and is since sailed for Bengall.

N^o. 65

TO THE HON^{BLE} GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{ca}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

The 24th. imported here the Cossimbuzar & George Sloops, & by them we received Y^r. Honor &^{ca}'s. Letters of the 23^d. ultimo, with the Treasure &^{ca}. as wth Invoices & Bills of Lading, but we must beg another supply of Rupees as soon as possible to make up the sum 70000 as desired in our Letter of the 23^d. March for the Investment to the Northward, that we may keep Business going briskly on that way; We shall not fail strictly to observe Your Honor &^{ca}'s. Recommendation in Relation to the Investment, and it is with the greatest Pleasure Imaginable we observe our Honble Masters Approbation of our Management in the year 1731, and though their Notice of our Performance then is undoubtedly a very great Encouragement, yet we beg leave to assure your Honor &^{ca}. that we have continually their Interest nearest at Heart which we hope this Year (unforeseen Accidents excepted) will sufficiently Prove.

Herewith come our Diaries, Consultations, and Cash & Paymaster's Accounts for the last Month which should sooner have been dispatched, had we not been so long in daily Expectation of the Sloops Arrival.

We are with the greatest Respect

VIZAGAPATAM
28th. MAY 1733.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs
Your most obedient humble Serv^{nts}.

SANDS DAVIS.
CHA : SIMPSON.

Nº. 66

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have duely perused your Favor of the 12th. Inst^{nt}. with Regard to the Arrack Farm, to which all we can say is, here are no little Bouticas set up near our Bounds more than what have ever been within any of our Memories, and they are but few; and our Military cannot go so far for a Dram, except a few Topasses belonging to the out Guards, which is very insignificant to the Revenues, nor did we ever hear it complained of by the Arrack Farmers or their Deputies, as a Reason for depreciating that Farm; all that we ever could hear from them was, that the lost from the Beginning, having given too much for it at first and that they were obliged to trust poor indigent People whereby the contracted bad Debts, a List of which they shewed us, amounting to near Pag^s. 500, which we promised them our Assistance to recover what was possible, but they are most or all dead and gone; and they have been always forced to send to Poncala Kistnah, their Principal at Madrass for Money, to make up the Deficiency of their Rent here, otherwise they could not have carried on their Business; But Poncala Kistnah being lately dead, who they say lost considerably by it, these his Gomastah's or Agents say they cannot undertake it without an Abatement of Pag^s. 300 ₹ Annum, and we know not of one Person here, besides themselves that is acquainted with the Business.

We have given publick Notice by the Beat of Tom-Tom and Notes affixed to all the Gates, that it is to be sold on Monday the 25th. Inst^{nt}. at publick Outcry to the fairest Bidder, and if it will not fetch the same as before, we shall buy it in on the Company's Account, and apoint some Persons to look after it, according to your Directions, and wait your further orders.

We had Information a Day or two ago that a Country french Ship called the St. Pedro was to sail for Bengall with the following Cargo.

Red Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	200 Candy
Pepper	...	...	...	...	...	...	100 D ^o .
Cowreys	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000 Bags

which we suppose is for the Conveniency of the Tonnage homeward.

We will sell the old Gun Carriages for what they will fetch, the Iron is so eaten with Rust, & the wood so rotten as makes them fit for little else than fire; and, agreeable to your Honor &^{CA}. Licence, write off the other stores wasted and decayed last Year; We shall also observe all your Directions about the old Garden House, being

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. JUNE 1733.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most obedient Servants.

RANDALL FOWKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.

Nº. 67

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your Letter of the 20th. Ultimo was delivered me by Captⁿ. Keith, Master of the Mary Brigantine, who happened to spring a Lake the Night before she got into the River; as soon as that is stopped up & the Vessell in a Condition to receive Goods, she shall have as many Bales as she can take in.

As I have met with Encouragement from some of my People to write for more Money for carrying on the Investment here, I must desire a further Supply of ten Thousand Pagodas by the first Sea Conveyance that offers.

MADAPOLLAM
4TH. JUNE 1733.

I am respectfully
HON'BLE SIR & SIRs
Your most obedient
humble servant
JN^O. GRAHAM.

LIST OF BALES.

	Ba ^s .	P ^a .
Embaled	70	—
In the Godown ready to be embaled	—	2066
At the Washers	—	1707
Brown	—	700
Bales ...	70	4473

N^O. 68

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have received your Favor of the 9th. ultimo, & are very sorry for our Honble Masters Sakes, that you should make our not advising the Price an Excuse for not purchasing Cotton on their Account as you must be sensible, it is always to be bought more reasonable on the Coast than here, & must yield Profit when imported on our Honble Masters own Shipping, Freight free: The Price of Cotton is at present Rs. 17 4^p m^d., and in all Probability will not fall lower than 16. Rs.

The Eyles imported here the 31st. ultimo, for whose Misfortune we are much concerned.

We are to advise that we dispatched the Prince of Orange the 16th. Jan^{ry}., the Nassau the 26th., & the Grantham the 15th. February.

We herewith send our Account Current with your Presidency & also our Accountant's Remarks, on your Accountant's Letter; We cannot alter the stated Rules of accounting with your Presidency, till our Honble Masters order otherwise.

We desire you will coin only one Third of the Bullion designed for this Presidency into Rupees, and that you will send down on the first Ship Bullion only.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
25TH. APRIL 1733.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Servants

JN^O. STACKHOUSE.
THO^S. BRADDYLL.
THO^S. COALES.
FRAN^S. RUSSELL.
R. EYRE.

N^O. 69

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote you the 21st. that we had appointed the sale of the Arrack Farm, and it being accordingly yesterday put up to Outcry, on all the Terms of the last

Cowle, [no one] bid above eight hundred & eighty Pagodas for it, wherefore we bought it in and wait your Honor &^{ca} further Orders about it. The Gun Carriages which were to be wrote off were also sold at the same Time, and were so rotten & rusted that they would produce but Pag^s. 3. 30. which shall be brought to account accordingly.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID.
26th. JUNE 1733.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

RANDALL FOWKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO : EYRE.
EDW^p. HARRIS.

N^o. 70

TO THE HO^N^{BLE}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^s.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &^{CA}. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Our last was of the 26th. ultimo and this is chiefly to recommend the inclosed Indents.

[*The remaining Portion of this Letter and the subsequent Letters are lost*].

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White which is an ample supply for the present year we sent the whole quantity to Moco Moco & y^e. other Ports of Annak Soongey for payment of Pepper. According to contract we likewise receiv'd sundry other wares & stores by the same conveyance the whole by invoice amounting to five thousand four hundred forty six Pag[odas] [...] thirty Cash & over [...]

By the [...] Fort S^t. George we rec^d. on the Honble Comp[any's] Acc[ount] Sixteen Coyan three hundred Bamboos of Salt w^{ch}. we paid the Cap^t. for the usual rate of \$ 25 twenty five P Coyan as P order from the President [&] Council of Fort S^t. George in their Letter p^r: said [...] April last.

The fifteen Chests of [...] the Lyell came Safe on shore & were [...] weighed in the presence of Cap^t. Small & were e[...]ly right after which we counted them over & made [the] Number of Doll^{rs}: to be Sixty thousand two hundred & [three] Doll^{rs}: & a half \$ 60203.2.-, which is accordingly brought to Account our former Cash being at an end when the Lyell arrived made the Supply most seasonable & as it will be very Sufficient also to answer all your Hon^{rs}: demands on this Coast for more than one year we humbly thank your hon^{rs}. [for] this [ample] Supply which shall be husbanded with all the Honesty & frugality that your hon^{rs}. have recommended to us.

THIRDLY INVESTMENTS, FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

By enterposing with our advices & authority by preventing in their first attempts that way the Pangarans & others principal Governing People in this Country from quarrelling & destroying each others plantations w^{ch}: is the [Common] consequence of such quarrells we have thereby maintain'd a General piece & tranquility throughout the Country w^{ch}: we doubt the Continuance of the fruits of w^{ch}: peace your Hon^{rs}: will find this year on the Ship Lyell we hav^e: Shipt on board her five hundred & eighty Ton of Clean Garbled Pepper w^{ch}: was all conveyed on board by the Comp^{as}: own boats from this Place without any further Charge, We wish your Hon^{rs}: a good [...] for the [...] & hope that this Ship together with [...] & enfield w^{ch}: we dispatch'd the two [last year] [...] same manner will in some measure retrieve the Credit of this Settlement & convince your Hon^{rs}: that our utmost endeavours are not wanting in Order to promote & improve the Comp^{as}: Interest on the [West Coast] of Sumatra.

[The Invoice and] Bill of Lading for the above Pepper [and] [...] as also for 1953 Gall^s: of Plantation Arrack [...] S^t. Helena being inclos'd in our Packet we [beg leave] to refer your Hon^{rs}: thereto.

We [humb]ly thank your Hon^{rs}: for the Supply of Military by the Lyell we sent by her Six Soldiers to Moco Moco & four more, who have been here a great while & have petitioned [*sic*] to go home are discharged & our Garrison Consists of one hundred & twenty five men white & black w^{ch}: is a very Sufficient Strength but this last year

has prov'd as much [more] Sickly time than we have had here of late years & still continues so thirteen of our Military men have died since the Harrington left us & List in the Packet & twenty are now in the Hospital. We therefore must pray your Hon^{rs}: to send us a Supply of Military by the next Ship to keep up our Present Number.

In the month of June last one of our Dalloos rec^d. a Letter from a pangaran at Bantam w^{ch}: he communicated to the Dep^y: Governour intimating that the Sultan of Bantam was orderd by his Masters to enquire in an extra-ordinary manner concerning your Hon^{rs}: Settlement of Manna on this Coast whether it belong to him or not if it did he must take care to recover it from the English & it was added that a party of men from Bantam were orderd to join another party of Malays at Lampoon in order to effect this. This report was confirm'd by [the] Noquedah of another prow who arriv'd here [...] hereupon we thought it highly expedient to be rightly inform'd concerning the truth hereof & in order to it we sent Bangsaradin to Manna directly to enquire into this affair & advice the pangarans there & the proa-tees of Cavour immediately to send out People to the Southward for information which being [done] a letter came from Bansaradin the latter end of July advising that he heard of three Panchalons that were at a place to the Southward call[ed] Samancal but he then question'd the Truth of that report however on the tenth of August came another Letter from him by his own Servant wherein he positively assures us one of those panchalons was seen by his man at Tangga & that she had thirty men with firelocks & lances belonging to her, & that five Boats more of the same sort were at a place call'd Marapoayang within a days Sail of Manna but the Contents of this letter taken notice of & our Resolutions thereupon enterd at large in Our Consultations 11 August we referr your Hon^{rs}: thereto & hope our proceedings in that affair as they were groundd upon repeated assurances that Manna was design'd to be taken from us will meet wth: your approbation.

Our Party of men according to Order of Consultation proceeded on their March to Manna the 13 Augst: and stay'd their about eighteen days but no enemy approaching an [*sic*] we receiving information of Boats of the above Nature & equipment usually come once in two years or thereabouts to receive Pepper at Poole Pesong & parts adjacent w^{ch}: being all to the Southward of the Company's bounds & our design being to act only on the Defencive part had no business to go after y^m. & therefore recalled the Party who return'd to Marlbro' the 16th: September [...] living all quiet & well in that part of the Country [w^{ch}:] we beleive will continue in the better Order by reason of this Expedition [*sic*] for although our Men had no opportunity or occasion to enter upon any Military engagement yet it will have this good effect as to convince the Natives that we are both ready & able to assist & protect them against theirs & the Companys Publick Ene [my] so to reduce them if they are troublesome themselves.

We would only observe from the foregoing that thô these boats did not think fit to come to Manna w^{ch}. might be occasion'd by our timely sending there yet they being armed in the manner before mentioned look'd more like a Warr like atchievement than merely to carry on trade wth. the Malays tho' they thought fit to give it out that to be their only design. The Chinamen we sent for from Java the better to Carry on the Coffee Plantation came accordingly last year & we took two into the Comp^{as}: Service & gave them twelve Doll^{rs}: a month each to encourage their industry they began a Plantation of Coffee near the Comp^a: Sugar Plantation but after about three months experience they were found to be Idle Lazy fellows & meer pretenders to acknowledge in that affair we therefore where obliged to turn them off to same twenty four Dollars & 3^d Month & that Young Garden hath since been looked after by the People belonging to the Sugar Plantation some of the trees are dead but there are a great many that are in a thriving Condition & we continue to give out to the Malay's Coffee Berrys & plants as we can get them that are fit for Grouth so that the business of Coffee goes on as fast as we are able to forward it, & the Malays are as ready & willing to employ themselves that way as we are to have them.

We thank You[...] for leaving the care of the Surveys to our management & beg leave to assure you that they shall be perform'd wth: all the diligence & exactness that can be.

It is likewise a great Pleasure to us to find your Hon^{rs}: so well satisfied wth: the affairs of Annack Soongey w^{ch}: are still very well managed & lookt after & we have this Season [received] from thence Seven hund^d: forty Seven Baharrs of Pepper w^{ch}: intitles the Sultan to your Hon^{rs}: present of fifty Dollars this Settlement of Moco Moco shall be sure to be supply'd with all the necessary assistance that they want or we can give them at any time from hence & no encouragement shall be wanting both to the people of that Country & this to go briskly on wth. their Plantation.

We are very glad your Hon^{rs}: approve of our assisting the Dutch Ship two years & are persuaded the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}. Shipping that have touch'd at Batavia since have been the [better] treated on that acc^t: about three months ago a Dutch Ship call'd the Terhorst arriv'd in our Road from Negapatam & had myn heer Pla the late Gov^r: of that Place on board & his wife & Daughter who are all invited & entertain'd on Shoar the Ship had been five months in her Passage & was in great want of Water Wood rice &c^t. all w^{ch}: we Supply'd them wth. and after about twenty days stay here the [*sic*] Sail'd for Batavia where they were bound very thankfully & well satisfied.

The Plantation affairs from August 1733 to the end of August 1734 went on very successfully & there was made in that time 6875 Gallons Six thousand Eight hund^d: & Seventy five Gallons of good Arrack about two thousand Gallons of w^{ch}: we have now Shipt on board [the Lyell] for S^t. Helena the beginning of September a Stop was made for want of ripe Canes w^{ch}, continued three months but they are now at work again whilst there was no Canes fitt to cutt the Slaves were employ'd in making a very large new plantation w^{ch}: will be a means to prevent these breakings off for the future we have this year greatly reduct [*sic*] the Charge of the Plantation by dismissing old Cap^t: [...]. the distiller also the Chinasugar boiler & the [M]alabar Carpenter who alltogether rec^d. twenty nine Dollars p Month w^{ch}: reduction of Charges & have: nevertheless made more Arrack than in any Year before the Plantation has this last year deducting all the Common Standing Charges of it Clear upwards of two hundred & fifty Doll^{rs}. as thus the monthly Charges is Dollars one hundred & Seventy two Sucas or \$ 1290 twelve hundred ninety Dollars p Annum for Wages & maintenance all the Slaves & debtors employed in that work & the Arrack produced within the year above mentioned is 6875 Six thousand Eight hundred Seventy five Gallons w^{ch}: at 36 Dollars p Leagure of one hundred & sixty Gallons 160 Gall^{ns}. amo^t: to \$ 1546 one thousand five hundred forty six Doll^{rs}. & gives the ballance abovesaid.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES

There has not been any money expended on the foot itself this Year & the new row of buildings within the fort for the Covenanted Servants is handsomely compleated & inhabited & there are new buildings necessary that we hope of but the Hospital except the increase of Pepper should bring us under a necessity of Enlarging the Godowns for the reception of [the Co]modity the whole am^t. for Repairs last year is \$ 837 eight hundred thirty Seven dollars but the same was unavoidable & a larger expence must have ensued had those repairs been neglected we therefore hope your Hon^{rs}. will not be displeased at this Article.

So large a quantity of Tarrass as mentioned in y^e. Storekeper^s. list by the [Enfield] was occasion'd by a misunderstanding between [him & the bri]cklayer but the quantity your honours have sent us is [very] sufficient the use it is intended for is to secure the [roofs] of the Building where the Soldiers lodge as also the Gunroom & Armory w^{ch}: are all flat on the Top & our Chinam will not keep the rain from soaking through w^{ch}: this Terrass we are assur'd will.

The licence for Arrack sold this year at Public Outry for one hundred forty five Doll^{rs}. p month to Mr. Greenslate the Ophium Licence for ninety Six Doll^{rs}. p month to Mr. Jeddere the opium Licence for Moco Moco for thirty Doll^{rs}. p month to Mr. Greenslate and Poolo Tecus (or Rat Island) for fifty one Doll^{rs}. p Annum to Mr. William Coles w^{ch}: was the utmost they would then sell for & is in all fourteen Dollars p month short of what they sold for last year Your Hon^{rs}. take notice in the 24th: Para of General Letter p Hertford that by our Acco^t: for the Year 1732 there appears but \$ 122 one hundred & twenty two Doll^{rs}. gaind on the Article of Salt it is very true there appears no more at the foot of that Account than one hundred & twenty two Doll^{rs}: but that is the Profit arising only from the sale of salt at twelve Bamboos p

Doll^r: w^{ch}: is not a fifth part of the real gains the Honble Comp^a: receives from y^e. Article of Salt for the year 1733 your hon^{rs}: will please to observe by our Books that year y^e: \$ 253. 3. 27 is made gain'd by Salt but that sum is farr Short of the real gains on that Comodity in 1733, because by Salt the Charges of the [settlement] maintenance is very greatly reduc'd both here & at the Plantation as for Instance of the Rice delivered them Monthly was to be purchas'd at the price it bears in an avariage [*sic*]. all the Year round w^{ch}. is about twelve Bam^a.

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exchang'd this year for salt with the	...	...	...	6445 D ^o . sent.
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which quantity of it had been bought w th : money would have	...	...	...	
Cost the Comodity	...	...	...	\$ 2018. 1. —
but being receiv'd in Exchange Cost y ^m . but	...	...	...	756. 3. 37
Amounting to				\$ 1515. —. 90

which is the real gains on Salt last year.

Charles Barbut our provisional Accountant in a letter he sent us in June last has made Remarks on General Stores & Gunner & Armowry Stores w^{ch}: be enter'd after Consultation the 10th: of that month we beg to referr your Hon^{rs}: to said Letter for the Particulars.

SIXTHLY FACTORS WRITERS &c^a:

Some time in april last M^r: William Oaker factor design'd for this Place died on board the Ship Hertford on the 9th: of May died M^r: Charles Gee Resident & Moco Moco & the 3^d. Sep^r: M^r: Edward Latham Sec^{ry}: died here Mr. Baker made his will & appointed Cap^t: Bagwell & his Cheif Mate trustees but they would not accept of the Trust & in a letter they sent to us dated the 26th: of May w^{ch}: is enter'd after Consultation the 28th: Utterly renounced it so that the trouble of managing his Estate fell on us w^{ch}: we have done to the best of our Power & judgement we sold his Goods & Effects at Publick Outcry & chuse to do it in the Presence both of Cap^t: Bagwell & his Mate that they might see we made the most that could be of them the Particulars of all w^{ch}: & the Amo^t: of them are enter'd after our Consultation 1st: of June last to w^{ch}: we referr what Money he had was counted over & paid into Cash and a Certificate sent of [to] Fort St. George by the Ship George as Ψ Consultation 20th. June.

Both M^r: Gee & M^r: Latham died intestate so that their Affairs also necessarily came under our Care & we have accordingly made the most of their Effects by selling of them at frequent Publick Outcry's our proceedings in their respective Affairs being enter'd in Consultations 12th: 20th: 29th: June & other following Consultations we desire [...] your hon^{rs}: thereto & hope it will from thence [appear] that we have taken all the Honest & necessary [care] to make the most of every Article but to Prevent our having any more of this unprofitable & often times unthankfull trouble we have advised the Covenant Servants to make their wills & appoint their own [Trustees].

M^r: Lennox having leave to go to Fort St^{: George} and Thomas Saunders also have the like Leave from your Honours they both proceeded on the Ship George in July last & last year Mess^{rs}. Savage Perrey & Yeates all leaving this Place for England & Madrass has reduc'd the number of writing assistance so much that we have not at present sufficient to Carry on & keep up the necessary writing Accounts of the Factory w^{ch}: prevail'd wth: us in August last [to] entertain Daniel Coles & lately Henry Coles as monthly Writers but we hope by the next Ship to receive a Supply of Servants as we requested of your Hon^{rs}: last year.

M^r: Greenslate the present Resident at Moco Moco in his month Acco^t: for July makes the Estate of M^r: Gee late Resident debtor to the Comp^a: \$ 849. 2. 45 for Sundry Articles defecient in his Acco^t: remains we have already represented to your Hon^{rs}: that on the Salt & Pepper w^{ch}: amounts to one half of the Charge in our Letter Ψ Harrington & did the same to the Hon^{ble} President & Council of Fort St^{: George} in our letter to them July last the Salt was actually in going from the Ship to the Shore & never was in Custody & so was part of the Pepper in going from the

Shore to the Ship w^t: he could neither help nor prevent & as it is our real opinion that most of the other Articles are occasion'd by waste leakage or worn out & of such a nature that he decaas'd could make no advantage of them we hope your Hon^{rs}. will permit them to be wrote off.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS

Your [Hon^{rs}.] will receive in our Packet p^r: the Lyell Duplicate of our General Books Letter **L** Copy of our General Books Letter **M** & Journal parcells ending Ult^o: Sep^r: likewise Duplicate of Moco Moco Books Letter **D** & Moco Moco Books Letter **E** with Copys of all other Acco^{ts}: ending Ult^o: Sept^r: last as ~~pp~~ List of the Packet M^r: Auditor in his remarks takes notice of the encrease of Charges at this place from pm^o: May 1729 to Ult^o: April 1731. We beg leave to observe that as there has been regular Acco^{ts}: sent home of all disbursements it will appear by them that the differences of eight thousand three hundred & ninety four Doll^{rs}: on Succo & three Cash he mentions is Occasion'd by the Number of Recruits receiv'd in y^t: time the addition of Covenant Servants the Supply of Slaves from St. Helena setting on foot the Plantation together with some extraordinary Charges of Surveys & repairs &, happen'd in those two Years as may be seen in one view by the General heads on w^{ch}: they arrise as they [are] set fourth in the Schedules he himself has drawn up & transmitted to Us. We have demanded of M^r: Jedderee the remainder of what he Stands indebted on Acco^t: of the fifty Pounds w^{ch}: your Hon^{rs}: have been pleas'd to advance him but he has sent up a Letter wherein he begs for a longer time alledging that he cannot now pay y^e. same all his money being laid out on his Coffee Plantation w^{ch}: being in a very thriving Condition has induc'd us [according] to his request to grant him Six months [more...].

Cap^t. Small not [meeting] with any Margett [*sic*] for his lead when he was at Batavia is the reason that he pays no Money into Cash.

We are

HON^{BLE} SIRs

Your most humble Servants

[FRANCIS] EVEREST.

WILLIAM RIGG.

OLIVER STEWART.

SUPPLIMENT.

[N^o. 27]

The Madrass Galley arrived here the 28th: Nov^r: & brought us a general Letter from the President & Council of Fort St. George advising they have ship'd on board her fifteen thousand Doll^{rs}: \$ 15000 together wth: Sundry Wares & Stores Amo^{ts}: to Pag^s: 2754. 20. 30 Two thousand Seven hundred fifty four Pag^s: twenty fan^s: thirty Cash w^{ch}: we shall get ashore as soon as the Weather will permit.

After the Lyell had taken in as much Pepper as She could hold w^{ch}: was 580 Tons five hundred & eighty Tons we had near one hundred Tons then remaining in our Godown from which happy Circumstance we are perswaded that if your Hon^{rs}: after you receive this Should the next Season send us two Ships such as let out for three hundred & fifty or not exceeding four hundred Tons each we could return them both back Laden wth: Pepper but if your hon^{rs}: hereupon do determine to send Us two Ships we desire they may not be dispatch'd both at the same time but that the first may arrive her[e as] hath been usual of late Years in July & the other [in Septm^r.] w^{ch}: will possibly give us an opportunity [to dispatch] even the last Ship without any demorage.

We wish the Lyell a Safe & prosperous Voyage to her destin'd port of London And are

FORT MARLBROUGH

THE 10TH: DECEM^B: 1734.

HON^{BLE} SIRs

Your Hon^{rs}: most humble Servants

FRANCIS EVEREST.

WILLIAM RIGG.

OLIVER STEWART.

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4. Duplicate of Cash Books.
5. Copy of the D^o.
6. Duplicate Moco Moco Books Letter **D**.
7. Copy of Moco Moco Books Letter **E**.
8. Duplicates of Paym^r. acco^t : comm^s : 8^{br} : 1732 end^s : Ult^o : Augst : 1733.
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10. Sea Customers Acco^t : comm^s : pm^o : July 1733 end^s. Ult^o. Augst : 1734.
11. Copy of Storekeep^{rs} : Acco^{ts} : Comm^s : pm^o : [...] 1733 end^s. Ult^o. 7^{br} : 1734.
12. Warehousek^{rs} : Acco^{ts} : Comm^s : pm^o : 8^{br} : 1732 end^s : Ult^o. 7^{br} : 1733.
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14. Duplicate of Sillebar Acco^{ts} [...].
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17. Copy of the Plantation D^o.
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19. Duplicate the Cons^{ns} : Octo^{br} : 1732 end^s : Nov^r : [...] 1733.
20. Copy of D^o. Comm^s : 9^{br} : 1733 end^s : April [...] 1734.
21. Duplicate Letters Sent Comm^s : 9^{br} : 1732 end^s : 10th : 9^{br} : 1733.
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- N^o. 1. Fort Marlborough General Letter.
2. Invoice of Pepper.
3. Bill of Lading.
4. Acco^t. Curr^t. of the Sugar & Arrack Plantations.
5. Copy of the Invoice of Arrack sent to S^t. Helena.
6. List of Covenanted Servants.
7. List of Shipping.
8. List of Pensioners deceas'd.
9. List of Stores wanted at Fort Marlbrô.
10. List of Stores left out of the Hertford.
11. List of Medicines wanted at Fort Marlbrô.
12. List of the Lyells men Ammunition &c^a.
13. List of the Military & Gunroom Crew.
14. List of Slaves.

15. Duplicate of Cap^t. Smalls Sailing Orders.
16. Cap^t. [Small . . .] for Sundrys to be deliver'd M^r. Lathams relations.
17. Cap^t. [Small . . .] for Sundrys to be deliver'd M^r. Oakers ... D^o.....
18. List of [the] Packet.

CHARLES BARBUT.

Sec^{ry}.

N^o. 28

TO THE HON^{BLE}. GEO : MORTⁿ. PITT ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & C^t. COUNCIL AT FORT S^t. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & GENTLEMEN

We receiv'd by the Letheuillier the remains of the Supply that was coming to us by the Eyles & return you thanks for the trouble you have given yourselves therein.

We wish we could entertain you with anything agreeable from this Place but it is so remote from the rest of the Earth that we cant furnish you with anything for use or diversion.

Enclos'd [we send] you [the usual] List of Shipping & are

S^t. HELENA

HON^{BLE}. SIR & GENTLEMEN

6TH. MAY 1734.

Your most humble Servants

ISAAC PYKE.

JOHN ALEXANDER.

JOHN GOODWIN.

D. CRISPE.

N^o. 29

TO THE HON^{BLE}. RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r, OF FORT S^t. GEORGE & C^t. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^r. & S^{rs}.

The above is Duplicate of what we wrote you by Sloop Rama & enclos'd are the Duplicate Invoice & other Papers that went on her.

We have Just now rec^d. your favour of the 18th. Inst. & shall agreeable to your Orders begin to treat with our Merch^{ts}. Concerning a new Contract, & shall in a few days advise you what proposials [*sic*] they will make for that Purpose. We shall use our endeavours to encrease the Proportions of the Number 1 above the lower Numbers if possible. We are

FORT S^t. DAVID

HON^{BLE}. S^r. & S^{rs}.

FEB^{RY}. Y^r. 20TH. 173⁴.

Your most obedient humble Servants

JAMES HUBEARD.

EDWⁿ. CROKE.

ROB^t. BERRIMAN.

ROB^t. BROOKE.

EDWⁿ. HARRIS.

N^o. 30

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

We send you here inclos'd the Letter you directed last year for Gallé, they write us from Zeloan there has been no occasion to deliver it to any of your Vessells. We Salute you & are,

NEGAPATAM

28TH. FEB^RY. 1735 N. STILE.

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble & Obedient Serv^{ts}.

ELLAS GUILLOT.
FRED: ELLIOT.
B^t. DUYN.
ARN: OOSTEREAREN.
WILL: D'YONGH.
JAN: MARTINS.
T. PAMA.
W^s. RYNJAK.
OWELGE.

N^o. 31

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r.
HONOURABLE SIR

This Comes to acquaint you of our Tedious passage from Vizagapatam to this Place we left Vizagap^m. the twelve of Jan^{ry}. & ever since have mett wth. Calms & Southerly winds the Current setting very Strong to the Norward almost [three] miles an hour we are at present In the Latt^d. of 14. 40, very much Straitned for wood & water, but hope shall have a Change of wind that I shall be able to reach the Port of Madrass in a little time if not shall be forced to stretch to the Eastward to gain our passage I wish your hon^{rs}. health & Success and am

SHIP GEORGE

FEB^RY. 12TH. 173⁴/₅.

HONOUR^{BLE}. SIR

Your most obedient humble Servant

JOHN TAYLOR.

N^o. 32

TO THE HON^{'BLE} RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOVERN^r. & C^t. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{'BLE} SIR & SIRs

I take this Opportunity to advise your Hon^r. & C^t. that the Brigantine Brunswick & Madapollam Yatch are arrived & that the Wares & Stores rec^d. by them turn out agreeable, to Invoice & Bill of Lading. I shall dispatch the Burnswick in a few days, with one hundred & eleven Bales w^{ch}. makes up the Number of Seven hundred Bales, from Ingeram this Year at the same time I shall forward the Madapollam Books.

I am also to advise your Hon^r. & C^t. of y^e. Death of Perou your debash, after a long Indisposition.

I am respectfully

INGERAM

13TH. FEB^RY. 173⁴/₅.

HON^{BLE}. SR. & SRs.

Your most obedient humble Serv^t.

JN^o. GRAHAM.

N^o. 33

TO THE HON^{BLE}. [RICH^d.] BENYON ESQ^R.

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

HONOUR^{BLE}. SR. & S^{RS}.

We rec^d. your Hon^r. & c^t. Favour of the 28th. Ult^o. by the Ceres as also the Treasure Wares & Stores sent on her which turn'd out according to Invoice.

We are surprised that the Ship George has not yet been heard of, we dispatch'd her with the utmost Expedition on the 12th. ult^o. & on the 15th. sent a Patamar to Fort St. George wth. the Duplicates to advise thereof She met wth. Calms & Strong Southerly Current & was seen in the offing on the 19th. Ultimo.

We send your Hon^r. & c^t. by this Conveyance our General Books Comm^r. Primo May 1733. & Concluding Ult^o. April 1734, as also here enclos'd the Cash & Paymasters Accounts for the months of Dec^r. & January.

I am with the greatest respect

VIZAGAPATAM

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

THE 10th. FEB^R. 173⁴/₅.

Your most Obed^t. humble Serv^t.

SAM^{LL}. HARRISON.

N^o. 34

TO THE HON^{BLE}. RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to Orders in your Hon^r. & c^{as}. Letter of the 18th. Ult^o. we have had several Discourses wth. our Merch^{ts}. concerning a Contract for this Year & have this day receiv'd from them the following proposals for the Investment which we beleive is upon as low terms as we can expect from them; They propose to agree for two thousand one hundred 2100 Bales to be brought in by them this Year, of w^{ch}. five hundred & seventy 570 Bales to be Fine & Middling Cloth, But hav^g. but few Musters here of those Sorts & those none of the best; They have order'd new ones to be made which when done we shall Send of each Sort a Muster to your Hon^r. & c^a. wth. the Prizes for your Approval; In the meantime that no time may be lost they are ready to make a Contract for one thousand five hundred & thirty 1530 bales of the Ordinary & blue Cloth according to the Musters of last year on the following Terms—

caul.					
Long Cloth Salem	9	...	N ^o . 1 @	Pag ^a . 45 ¹ / ₄	P Corge. }
			N ^o . 2 @	44	" }
			N ^o . 3 @	42 ³ / ₄	" }
Long Cloth Ordry.	8	...	N ^o . 1 @	39	P Corge. }
			N ^o . 2 @	38	" }
			N ^o . 3 @	37	" }
Salampores Ordry.	9	...	N ^o . 1 @	19	P Corge. }
to be made in y ^e . Bounds.			N ^o . 2 @	18 ¹ / ₂	" }
			N ^o . 3 @	18	" }
Long Cloth Midlg. blue	...		N ^o . 1 @	53 ¹ / ₂	P Corge. }
			N ^o . 2 @	51 ¹ / ₂	" }
			N ^o . 3 @	49 ¹ / ₂	" }

In all 1530 Bales.

The Salem long Cloth N^o. 1 is at the same p^rice but the difference between the other N^umber . . . & a quarter Pagoda 4^q Corge w^{ch}. was last year but . . . [Pagodas] And this We hope will induce them to brin[.] greater proportions of the Higher Numbers We have not put in a Number 4 though in all probability we may be obliged to take in of that Number [and in] w^{ch}: Case it is to be

reckon'd at forty one a half 41½ Pag^a: & Corge though if it be possible to keep them to the higher Numbers we will.

The Sallampores they have brought in latterly are so very bad that much the greater part of them have been turned out, for which reason we have incerted but a few of them & those to be made in our Bounds w^{ch}: they begun to do last year & we hope this will be a means to bring many manufactures to reside here, where we can more narrowly inspect into the Cloth they make & will likewise occasion the Lessening the Price of that Cloth in the Country If there should be occasion [to purchase] that part of the Investment in future.

The ordinary Long Cloth & Blue Cloth are something reduce'd in their prizes & on the whole we are of opinion we shall not be able to bring them to Contract on better Terms. If your Hon^r. & c^a: approve hereof you will be pleas'd to get Tomby Chitty's agreement to what his Gomastas have promis'd for him. We hope in a little time to get the Musters of y^e. fine & Midling Cloths [to] send up for your approbation And Indeed it [...] our Merch^{ts}: to have the providing of mos[t of this] also But whether or no your Hon^{rs}: & c^a: shall approve of their Offers wth: regard to those goods when the Musters shall be sent up, they nevertheless do Consent to enter [now] into Contracts for the fifteen hundred & thirty [two] Bales above mentioned.

Tomby [Chitty's] people have paid in one thousand 1000 Pag^a: in p[ar]t Ballance lately advis'd of, and brought in [...] The amount of two thousand two hundred [seventy] three 2273 Pag^a. And Sadashavarow & Merch^{ts}. have paid in 1500 Pag^a. and brought in Cloth to amount of [...] Pag^a. They both assure us they have a good [am^t.] of Cloth more ready w^{ch}: would have been brought in by this time, If the late Rains that have fallen had not made y^e. Roads troublesome for the Oxen to travel with such burthens.

Inclos'd are our acco^{ts}: of Expences for the month of Jan^{ry}: & of the Cash for last month whose Ball^{ce}: now remaining is Pag^a: 18357. 32. 50.

FORT S^r: DAVID
4th: MARCH 1734/5.

We are
HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^d: CROKE.
ROB^t: BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
THO^s: EYRE.
EDW^d: HARRIS.

N^o. 35.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: RICH^d: BENYON Esq^r:
PRESID^t. & GOV^r: & C^a: COUNCIL OF FORT S^r: GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to forward the Madapollam Books ending Ult^o: April last.

[The] Nabob has sent me new Phirmaunds, & Letters directed to the Several Fouzdars & others round about us, which are very ample, & I hope that they will have that Good effect as to Secure the Trade of this Place to our Hon^{ble} Masters I have not for some time past heard anything from our [Phouzdar] for since he has received Letters from the [Nabob] He has been very Quiet, if he or any others [shall disturb] the Comp^a: affairs, at this Place I [shall set] your orders of the 28th: Jan^{ry}: in execution [We are now] sending the Bales off on board the Brunswick with all expedition.

I am respectfully
HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble
Serv^t:

INGERAM
16th: FEB^{ry}: 1734/5.

Embal'd 111 Bales.

JN^o. GRAHAM.

N^o. 36.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^r:
PRESID^t: & GOV^r: & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE

HON^{ble}. SIR & SIRS

[I have loaded] on board y^e. Brunswick one hundred & twelve Bales for Acco^t. of our Hon^{ble}: Masters w^{ch}: is all the Cloth I have (excepting a very Small matter that is now at the Washers) I am in hopes it will arrive Safe with the Invoice & Bill of Loading that comes herewith from

HON^{ble}: SIR & [SIRS]
[your] most obedient
humble Sev^t:

INGERAM

THE 20TH: FEB^{RY}: 1734/5.

JN^o: GRAHAM.

N^o. 37.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a: COUNCIL.

HON^{ble}: SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 18th: Ins^t: and the several peices of Cloth return'd us w^{ch}: we have looked over & Compar'd wth: the Contract Musters & are sorry to observe some of the Peices are so bad, thō we really are of opinion Some others of them are hardly anything inferiour to our Musters; Our Sorters beg leave to assure your Hon^{rs}: & C^{as}. that they always endeavour to Sort to the best of their Judgement impartially between the Merch^{ts}: & the Company that it does sometimes happen that a Peice or two may at the end of a Sorting be wanting to make up a Bale & be taken out from Cloth of a Different Sortment & this might happen more often in [the late] frequent Sorting on the Dispatch of the [...] They believe the main of the Cloth sent up lately will not be found to be so bad as the Peices return'd us, And a few indifferent pieces may by oversight or mistake of the Serv^{ts}: in the Warehouse be put into the Bales Which can't always be prevented. They however promise they will be more particularly Carefull for the future.

We are Sorry to find that the Curing of the [cloths has been] much complain'd of that the whole par[ts have to] be rewashed; & on this head we beg leave to re[mind] that the Washing here was never thought equal to that of Madrass. That we think it impossible it should be so, Our Cloth when Conjeed being laid out on the Grass for want of Sand near the Washing Places by w^{ch}: means it will often be discolour'd. Our beating Godowns are dirty Tyled places where the Cloth cannot possibly be kept so clean as at Madrass (though we shall endeavour now to remedy this inconvenience by hav^g: them Pav'd & the Roofs Cover'd wth: flat Tyles) The Washers we are forc'd to employ cannot possibly be expected to know their Business so well as when a large Number of them where constantly kept in employment for many years together, but when the Investment here dwindled to a few Bales y^e. best of the Washers for want of employ where forc'd to leave the Place, and it [will be] always found difficult to get Numbers of good Workmen of any kind brought in Just at a time when they are wanted. When the Dep^y: Gov^r: arrived here there were but eighty Washers employ'd & for Several months this last Season We had four hundred constantly at Work on the Comp^{sa}: Cloth of whom it will Necessarily happen there must be Several not well used to the Business but they were the best to be got & it was w^h: much trouble that we got them. We are however of Opinion the Cloth in general has been washed as well as it us'd to be here except some that was made up at the time the George was filling here & then we were forc'd to put up Cloth not quite so well Cured as it should be for fear the Ship should wait for the Goods & possibly some of the last Parcel sent up might be a Part of them: And this in good measure happen'd by our not h[aving gu]nnys to make up the Bales w^{ch}: occasion'd a large [amount] of Cloth ready Cured to lie loose in the Godowns [...] Packing Stuff to Embale w^{ht}..

and when that Co[...] to send the cloth back to be rewash'd time en[...] the Ship & we thought ourselves obliged rather than wa[...] for her to take in what was any thing tolerably Cured [and] We beg leave also to Say that some of the Peices of Cloth now returned us do not seem to us, much defective in the Washing & the Merch^{ts}, alledge it will be ruinous to them if [they] be obliged to rewash such Cloth.

We have Shewn our Merch^{ts}, the Peices of Cloth sent us back and acquainted them with what Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. have wrote us on this Occasion : In answer to it they assure us they shall be rather Loosers than Gainers by this Investment, That the Salem Cloth brought in by them is y^e. same as what brot in by Andeapa & bought at the same Place & at the same Prizes with his & for Conformation of this they desire a few Bales of his & their Cloth may be open'd & Compar'd y^e. upon a Calculate of the Prices of the Several Numbers it will be found that their Cloth does not exceed the Prices given Andiapa after deducting 2½ % Cent Land Custom & Dus[t]ore, That Andiapa delivers in his Cloth Brown w^{ch}. after it is measur'd he has nothing more to do wth. But they are oblig'd to deliver Theirs Washed & the Washing has this year cost them about fourteen Madrass fanams more than the Company allow them for it, A great deal of the Cloth has been Torn at the Washers & some Stolen, large Quantities have been returned upon them for being ill Washed & the Rewashing has Cost them above a Pagoda a Corge ; About forty Bales of Salem Cloth have been taken into Ordinary & some turned out, Besides they are oblig'd to advance Money to the Washers who are in their Debt about two hundred Pag^s. which they will never be able to repay them ; These Inconveniences [and losses] they represent themselves liable to which [. . .] entirely Clear off.

For the long Cloth Ordinary they say the [. . .]ry Difficult to procure this Sort of Cloth Th[. . .]atch at Porto Novo Pay Pag^s. 38. 16. ¾ Corge for wo[. . .], that they have deliver'd in only Seventy four Ba[les], of w^{ch}. forty were taken out of the Salem Cloth & thirty four Bales are all that are made up out of the Quantity of Sixty or Seventy Bales brought in by them & the [rest] being turned out will occasion a Considerable loss to them.

The Salampores they can Say little in Excuse of, It is certain what they have brought in latterly has been very bad as we have already advis'd your Hon^r. &c^a. much the greater part has been turn'd out, & but a little taken to N^o. 2 & the N^o. 3 there being no Muster of, The Sorters apprehended it to be much y^e. same as had been all along taken in to that Number, but in an heap of bad Cloth they Say they might be something Mistaken & are very Sorry it Should have happen'd so They observe this Cloth has for Several Years past been made of a Coarser thread than the Musters though it has not been before found fault wth. & such a Sort as the Old Musters are of, is not we believe now made in the Country.

After the Merch^{ts}. had represented to us what we have above acquainted Your Hon^r. &c^a. with We then propos'd to them the entering into new Contract for the ordinary & blue Cloth agreeable to your Directions in your [. . .] Letter, But they are so much terrified by the Complaints about their Cloth & particularly about the Rewashing the white parcel last sent up that they now seem very unwilling to enter into any Contract at all, And the most we could bring them to after a long Discourse with them, Was, That in Case they might be permitted to deliver in their C[lot]h Bro[wn] as Andiapa does they would undertake to [. . .]good for a quarter of a Pagoda a Corge less in Price [. . .] might be assured they should be no L[ess] act they were willing to enter in [. . .]se their utmost endeavours to bring in the b[. . .]ales can, & of the higher Numbers ; But without [any] such assurances They say they can't venture upon [Bonds] They are very ready to serve the Company in bringing in Cloth though they don't get a fan^m. by it But that they are Poor men & if any large Quantity of Goods [are] returned upon their hands, as it will be difficult to find a Vent for them here, it will end in their Ruin : We have thus laid before your Hon^r. &c^a. what our Merch^{ts}. desir'd we should communicate to you : We will try yet whether we can be able to prevail upon them to enter upon a new Contract. But we doubt of Success unless we are empower'd to promise them they Shall not be Sufferers there by ; And about this we desire Your Honour &c^a. directions.

Inclos'd are the Acco^s. Charges Merchandize on twenty nine Bales of Andiapas Cloth & Invoice for fifty one Bales of our Merch^{ts}. Cloth Amounting to Pag^s. 3593. 7. 40 wth. a Second Bill of Lading for the whole wth. we Laden on Sloop Rama, We wish them a good Passage to your Hon^r. &c^s. and are

FORT ST. DAVID
15TH. MARCH 1734/5.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^D. CROKE.
R^r. BERRIMAN.
R^r. BROOKE.
THO^s. EYRE.
EDW^D. HARRIS.

N^o. 38

TO THE [HON^{BLE}. RICH^d.] BENYON ESQ^R.
PRESID^t. & [GOV^R.] OF FORTS ST. GEORGE & [C^A.] COUNCIL.

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

This is to Inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading for fiftyone Bales of our Merch^{ts}. Cloth Amo^s. to three thousand five hundred ninety three Pagodas Seven fan^s. & forty Cash P. 3593. 7. 40, And the Acco^s. Charges Merchandize on twenty nine Bales of Andiapas amo^s. to one hundred twenty two Pag^s. thirty two fan^s. & thirty eight Cash P. 122. 32. 38 Laden on Sloop Rama which we wish safe to you & are

FORT ST. DAVID
15TH. MARCH 1734/5.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^D. CROKE.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
THO^s. EYRE.
EDW^D. HARRIS.

N^o. 39

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R.
PRESID^t. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCIL.

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

We have received your Hon^r. &c^{as}. Favour of the 19th. Ins^t. & are sorry to find we lie under your Displeasure for Omitting to acquaint you in what manner we shewed our Dislike of the Merch^{ts}. Usage [it was some] time that we communicated to you what they desired [to] represent in our last General Letter. However w[e...], as on many many Occasions before wanting [. . .] know that these Complaints of theirs pr[oceed] from their own negligence & particularly [. . .] he Torn Cloth & what they have been obliged [. . .] & though this has been so often inculcated on [. . .] always assure us, That they take all the Care they can & do constantly Inspect the Cloth at the Washers, and notwithstanding This, Several of these Accidents will often happen.

We acquainted the Merch^{ts}. with what your Hon^r. &c^a. Advise, that many Peices of their Cloth lately sent up were found to be torn & some Rotten; And they declare the Cloth when deliver'd the Washers was good & that This must have happend while it was in their hands, & all that they could perceive to have been damaged or torn they took out and have now a great parcel of it by them. We beg leave also to assure your Hon^r. &c^a. That we are not wantin [sic] Ourselves in our Care to have the Cloth overlooked before it is Conjeed & all torn Peices turned out, but by the distance of the Washing Places, the badness of our black Servants who are not comparable to

those of Madrass, and the few Covenanted Servants we have to send thither, we have not been able to prevent Damages, Tearing & ill Washing so much as we could wish: and

Though our Polygar out [*sic*] to have paid for all Cloth Stolen Yet our Merchants tell us he is still Indebted about a hundred Pagodas to them on that Acc^t. and indeed in the late dear times the Fees receiv'd by him were but barely sufficient to pay the Taliars; and the new Polygar late [sent us] from Worriarpollam proves as Idle & worthless a fellow as he we had before by which means many Robberys are constantly committed, But we shall take Care to stop out of his Fees after his People are [paid . . .] gradually so far as to Pay what he owes on this [Acc^t. . . .] means put an end to this Complaint.

We have been trying again to bring [. . .] a new Contract, but though they tell us they [. . .] bring in more Cloth than last year of the [. . .] yet they Still Complain so much of their [. . .] by the Curing the Cloth that we cannot Ye[t . . .] hem to undertake a new Contract otherwise than on the terms mentioned in our last.

The Sloop Rama is not yet Arrived here.

FORT ST. DAVID
24TH. MARCH 1734/5.

We are
HON^{BLE}. S^s. & S^{rs}.
Your most Obed^t. Servants

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R^t. BERRIMAN.
R^t. BROOKE.
THO^s. EYRE.
EDW^d. HARRIS.

N^o. 40

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MORTⁿ. PITT ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

We have rec^d. your of the 2^d. Jan^{ry}. with Invoice & Bill of loading for Copper on the Jane. We have not this year before rec^d. any Letters from you desiring any Salt Petre agreeable to your desire. We send you [on] this Ship 2000 Bags & likewise Send you 42 Bales of [Rungpore] Raw Silk as by private advices Silk is in demand [. . .] that Quantity might go off; we are glad to [. . .] propose to Supply us with some money being [. . .] to Carry on our Investment, We dispat[. . .] Europe the 7th. Jan^{ry}. the Hertford the 24 & [. . .] all the 13th. Ins^t.

We are
HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 16 FEB^{RY}. 1734/5.

JN^o. STACKHOUSE.
THO^s. BRADDYLL.
THO^s. COALES.

N^o. 41

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^s. & S^{rs}.

This serves to Inclose Our Acco^{ts}. of Expences for the month of Feb^{ry}. & Cash Acco^t. for March the Ballance whereof is Pag^d. 18565.31.62.

We have [at] last brought Sadashavarow & [merch]ants to agree to a Contract for one thousand [Bales on the] following Terms which are agreeable as to [. . .] what we wrote to Your Hon^r. &c^a. in our Letter [. . .]^{ch} Viz^t.

[. . .] Salem—

Salampores	N ^o . 1..at	...	...	P. 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ p ^r . Corge	...	...	} 678 bales.
	N ^o . 2..at	...	...	11	...	...	
	Ord ^r . to be made in our Bounds—						
	N ^o . 1..at	...	...	19	½ Corge	...	...
N ^o . 2..at	...	...	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	...	...	
N ^o . 3..at	...	...	18	...	...	...	
Long Cloth	Midling blue—						
	N ^o . 1..at	...	...	53 $\frac{1}{2}$ ½ Corge	...	...	} 222 "
	N ^o . 2..at	...	...	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	
	N ^o . 3..at	...	...	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	

In all Bales ...1000

We have put down no Long Cloth Ordinary as the Merch^{ts}. say they find it Difficult to get that Cloth in y^e. Country to come up to our Musters but they tell us they have money Standing Out in the Brokers hands for that Cloth, w^{ch}. will be brought in in a Short time, & desire it may be taken in if agreeable to our Musters, the N^o. 1 at 39 & N^o. 2, at 38 & that what so taken in may be reckon'd as part of the Salem Cloth above Contracted for we have agreed thereto & added a Clause in the Contract to that Purpose.

We have inserted only the two higher Numbers of Salem Cloth w^{ch}. the Merch^{ts}. desir'd as it might be a means to [incite] their Brokers to get the Cloth made better, when they will hear they have contracted for none of it of a lower Number than the Number two & they assure us they will use their utmost endeavour to get all of those two Sorts, but in Case some of the Cloth should Notwithstanding their Care prove inferior to those Numbers & be fit for a N^o. 3 they desire it may be [. . .] into that Number at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Pag^d. ½ Corge [less] than the [. . .] agreed to, tho' we prest them earnestly to [. . .] get all of the higher Numbers, Tonderoy & [. . .] two of the Merch^{ts}. belonging to this set las[. . .] n'd taking a part of this Contract nor could [. . .] nents perswade them to it in the room of them [. . .] Vangapa Chitty a Merchant of Porto Novo who has [. . .] ling here, & Rama Chitty a Merch^t. of this [place en]ter into the Contract, who are both esteem'd Men of Substance Superior to the other two that have declin'd it, which we hope will meet wth. Your Hon^r. &c^as. approbation. The Contract was Signed to day by four of the Merch^{ts}. the other two Could not come to day but have promis'd to come & sign it on Saturday.

Tomby Chittys People promise to Contract for 500 Bales of the same Goods & on the same terms as the other Set but they desire to defer Signing the Contracts for 3 or 4 Days till they hear from their Master.

Andiapa has wrote for ten thousand Pag^a. to be sent him, w^{ch}. with the advances to be made our Merch^{ts}. after deducting their Ballance, will be more than our Cash will hold out, we must therefore desire your Hon^r. &c^a. to Send us a farther Supply.

We are

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRs

[Your most] Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID
[3rd] APRIL 1735.

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^d. CROKE.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
EDW^d. HARRIS.

N^o. 42TO THE [HONOURABLE] [RICH^d. BEN]YON ESQ^r.HON^{BLE}. SIR

This Comes to acquaint you of our Tedious Passage since we left Vizagapatam, have made the Armegon, was oblig'd to Anchor of the Shoal meeting wth. very Strong Southerly Winds for great many Days & we being very much streighten'd for wood & water was obliged to bear away for Metchlepatam, meeting wth. a Paddy Boat of the False point w^{ch}. gave us a little wood & water, then had a spurt of wind from the Eastward we made the best of our way to the Southward made the highland of Pullicat being within Seven Leagues from it we met with very Strong Southerly winds & Northorly Currents for great many days we being again Streighten'd for wood & water, & our People mostly Sick was oblig'd to bear away for Metchlepatam we arrived here the 18th. of March nine Days afore we cou'd get wood & water, by our belonging to the Company they lett us have wood & water, or else they would Serve us as they did to M^r. Solomon's, we shall Leave the Place to Morrow & so put of to Sea I have nothing else to add but wish your honour health & Success and am

HONOURABLE SIR

Your most obedient humble Serv^t.

METCHLEPATAM

MARCH 24th. 1734/5.

JOHN TAYLOR.

N^o. 43TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.HONOUR^{BLE}. SIR & [SIRS]

The 19th: In y^e. afternoon we were favour'd wth: your Hon^r. & c^{as}: Letter of the 14th: Inst p^r: the Madrass Galley, w^{ch}: brought us for a further Supply of Cash Thirty Thousand 30000 Pag^s: the 19th: ult^o: in the absence of of M^r: Sanderson, M^r: Harrison sent to Ingeram Six Thousand 6000 Pag^s: & two Thousand 2000 Rup^s.; & on y^e. 23^d: Inst M^r: Graham carried from hence Six Thousand 6000 P^s: more & Shall be further Supply'd as he has Occasion.

In M^r. Sandersons absence little Cloth has come in, & what there is does by no Means answer the expectation w^{ch}: is requir'd; We can only assure Your Hon^r: & c^a: we shall use our utmost endeavours to enlarge the Investment as much as possible, & to give the desir'd satisfaction, concerning w^{ch}: we shall be able to give a better Acco^t: hereafter, as likewise to answer your Favour of the 14th. Instant.

The Madrass Galley is got safe into the River & will be got on Shoar as soon as She can be conveniently.

Here is arrived a European which came Passenger on Cap: Taylor Comm^r: of Ship George from Pegu who left him the 17th: Instant of Metchlepatam, Cap^t: Taylors private Letters to one or two in this Place gives an account of the Great Distress he was in for want of Provisions & that he intended to go for Metchlepatam to get a Supply, & from thence he would put out to Sea, in hopes to gain his Passage for Fort [St. George].

We are wth: the greatest respectHONOUR^{BLE}: SIR & SIRSYour most Obed^t: humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM

THE [28]th MARCH 1735.JN^o: SANDERSON.SAM^{LL}: HARRISON.

N^o. 44.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON ESQ^r:
PRESID^t: & GOV^r: of FORT ST: GEORGE & C^a: COUNCIL.

HON. SIR & SIRs

This is only to Inclose Invoice of twenty three Bales of our Merch^{ts}: Cloth Amos. to One thousand five hundred fifty eight Pag^s: Six fan^s: & Sixty Cash 1558.6.60 And an Acco^t: Charges Merchandize on forty three Bales of Andiap^a's [. . .] White, & one hundred & fifty Bundles of his brown Cloth, Amos: to Two hundred fifty one Pag^s: Sixteen fan : & forty Six Cash. With a Bill of Lading for the whole, Loaden on Sloop Rama for our Hon^{ble} Master's Account.

We wish them a good Passage to your Hon^r: & c^a: And are

HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Servants.

FORT ST: DAVID
2^d: APRIL 1735.

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^d: [CROKE].
[ROB^t: BERRIMAN].
[ROB^t: BROOKE].
THO^s. [EYRE].
EDW^d [HARRIS].

N^o. 45

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON ESQ^r:
PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C^a: COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRs

The above is Copy of what we wrote your Hon^r: & c^a: by Sloop Rama, and this incloses Duplicate Invoice & Second Bill of Lading of her Cargo.

We are glad to see in your Hon^r: & c^{as}: Favour of the 16th Inst. That you are pleas'd to approve of the Contract Concluded with Sadashavarow & that set of Merchants Tomby Chitty's Gomastas have this Morning Sign'd his Contract for five hundred 500 Bales on the same terms of Sadashavarow And rec^d. their Tashereifs as usual. And thereupon they deliver'd us a Petition as by the Copy inclos'd in Behalf of their Master Tomby Chitty & the other set of Merch^{ts}. Representing, That they have a large Quantity of the Cloth that was turned out of what provided on the last Contract lying on their Hands, and find it impossible to Dispose of it without a Considerable Loss If it be loaden with the Duty of 5 P Cent, And that as that Cloth was brought in for the Service of the Companys Investment they pray the favour of your Hon^r. & c^{as}. Indulgence to ease them of two & a half of the Five P Cent Export Customs to bring them near upon the same terms with Andia^a in y^e. [Porto Novo] Customs.

Mr. Berriman our Paymaster has [. . .] Petition Setting forth that in a Reduction of [. . .] ces in the Year 1728, there being then no work [. . .] gs for the Paymaster to Inspect, the usual [. . .] of a Pallankeen for him was taken off as an [. . .] ry Charge, but now he is imployed on a General [. . .] of all the necessary Fortifications & Buildings [. . .] prays a Pallankeen may be again allowed him to over[see] the Repairs of the Several outwards & other distant Buildings as he ought. He further represents that there was formerly a Pay of Five 5 Pag^s P Month besides a [Pallankeen] to a Surveyor of the Buildings for

this Service done now by the Paymaster; We inclose your Hon^r. & C^a. the said Petition for your Consideration of the Matters therein Contain'd & are

HON^{BLE} S^r. & S^{rs}.
Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID
22^d: APRIL 1735.

JAMES HUBBARD.
EDW^d: CROKE.
ROB^t: BERRIMAN.
[R] OB^t. BROOKE.
EDW^d. HARRIS.

N^o. 46

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON ESQ^r.

PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a: COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: S^r: & S^{rs}:

Herewith your Hon^r [. . .] an Ac^t of what cloth is at the washers w^{ch}: will [. . .] a few days & in rely [*sic*] to what your Hon^r: & [. . .] pleas'd to remark of the Ballance due from [. . .] of Madapollam I beg leave to [Say] that a good [. . .] that is already come in and Sent [. . .] the Brunsw [. . .] Closing of the Books of that Place, & am Still [. . .] [g]etting in the remainder Part, when the Coun [. . .]ed and all matters Accomodated between [. . .] bob.

I am resp^{ectfully}

HON^{BLE}: S^r: & S^{rs}:

INGERAM
APRIL 9th: 1735

Your most Obedient Servant

Cloth at the Washers.

LCOY. . . 23 Bales

LCF. . . 4 "

SAO . . 16 "

Bales 43

[Jⁿ. GRAHAM].

N^o. [47]

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON ESQ^r:

PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: S^r: & S^{rs}:

On the 10th: March we rec^d: your Letter of the [1st] Febr^y: by the mate of the Dolphin Brigantine whom [. . .] enty eight of the Topasses the Cap^t: put on Shoar about [. . .] leagues to the Southward of this Place where they arri^{ved} after a March of two days the other two he landed upon [. . .] here [. . .] 13 [. . .] Sent them to Tellicherry accor^ding to our Directions & paid the Cap^t: for the time they [. . .] at the rate of four Madrass Fanams #^p day [. . .] Pagodas one hundred thirteen & a third or [. . .] huⁿdrd fifty Seven w^{ch}: Sum We have Char^{ged} [. . .] Presid^{ency} of Bombay

We are

HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

ANJENGO
APRIL 18th: 1735.

WILLIAM WAKE.
JOHN SALISBURY.

N^o. 48

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A COUNCIL

HONOUR^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

We are favour'd wth: your Letter of the 30th. Ult^o., and shall accordingly when [. . .] acquaint the Merch^{ts}. of [your] Hon^r. & C^{as}. [Favour] in excusing them two a half Ψ Cent Custom on [the] Export of their turn'd out Cloth, Caution [them] that they are not to Expect [Such] an Indulgen[ce] [. . . li]ke future Occasions, but Rather take [. . .] encouragement that y^e. Cloth to be brought [. . .] [pre]sent Contracts Shall prove equal to the [. . . mus]ters.

M^r Berriman [. . .] for a Pallankeen Shall be also allow'd him [. . .] to Your Hon^r. & C^{as}. approval, for the while the General Repair of Buildings is a doing.

We inclose your Hon^r. & C^a the Acco^{ts}. of Expences here for the month of March, that of the Cash is kept open till the [accoun]ts of April can be all incerted for the Ballance of the annual Books. But the advances paid the Merch^{ts}: on their Contracts & Mony for Cloth brought in on those acco^{ts}: have Reduced our Cash so y^t: we shall soon want the favour of a further Supply. We are

HON^{BLE} SR. & S^{rs}.

Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID

23^d: APRIL 1735.

JAMES HUBBARD.

EDW^d: CROKE.

R^r. BERRIMAN.

ROB^t. BROOKE.

THO^s: EYRE.

EDW^d. HARRIS.

N^o. 49

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. SR. & S^{rs}.

We are favour'd wth: your Hon^r: & C^{as}'s. Letter of the 7th: Instant & the twenty [sic] 20000 Pag^s: there mentioned w^{ch}: [came in] yesterday.

We have but little Cloth as yet Ready [for] the George, but Shall fill her wth: the first [that] can get[in].

We have [found] a Mast proper to Supply [the place] of the late standard for our flagg That [...] Lightening which we can have for [. . .] Pagodas & thinking that Price very [re]asonable With your Hon^r. & C^{as}'s: Leave [we] propose to buy it for that use, And are

HON^{BLE}. SR. & S^r.

Your most Obed^t. Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID

12th. MAY 17[35].

JAMES HUBBARD.

EDW^d. CROKE.

ROB^t. BERRIMAN.

ROB^t. BROOKE.

THO^s. [EYRE].

EDW^d. HARRIS.

[N^o. 50]TO THE HON^{BLE}. RICH^D. BENYON ESQ^R.PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C^A. COUNCIL.HON^{BLE}. S^R. & S^{KS}.

We wrote your Hon^r. & C^a: the 28th: ult^o: advising of the arrival of Madrass Galley & that the treasure sent on her was come safe to hand.

2. We Shall now take Leave to reply to your Favour of the 14th: last past.

3. What with one impediment or other it has taken up untill this time to talk with our Merch^{ts}: about the Investm^t: for this year, we have communicated to them the 4 Par^a: of your General Letter recommend^s: the bring^s: in as large a Quantity of long Cloth & Sallampores as they can [agreable] to The Hon^{ble}: Companys Musters, & that [your] Hon^r: & C^a: will not in future take the Cloth [one with] another, but according to the Numbers it [comes] to in Goodness, & that a Stop [will] be put to the [double] 00 Chop & to Bring as little of the Singl^e O chop as [they possibly can]; We have given [...] [...] ount of the sortments & valuation [...] Cloth provided in the year 1734. W[...] they reply.

4. That care [...] taken that no Cloth Shall be brought in, that will come to the measure of double 00 Chop but to improve it in the Length as much as possible & that the least that may be shall come to [the Single] 0 Chop.

Concerning the Sortments & Valuation put upon the Cloth sent by the Royal George, & Europe Ship George, they have recommended to us to represent to your Hon^r: & C^a: the Great difference w^{ch}: has been made in the Valuation of that Cloth & what was sent up in the Years 1731, 1732 and 1733 the two former years they were allowed Fifteen Pag^s: ¶ Corge for the Sallampores Ordinary One with another & the latter Years Fifteen Pag^s: eighteen Fan^s: on Consideration of the Great Price Cotten was at at that time & so continues to be but now your Hon^r: & C^a: have been pleas'd to allow Fifteen Pagodas eighteen Fan^s: ¶ Corge for the Measur'd Cloth one with another For the Single O Chop Fourteen Pag^s: twenty Seven Fan^s:, & for the double 00 Chop, Fourteen Pagodas ¶ Corge Sallampores & that those large deductions between the Measur'd Cloth & the Single O Chop were never before heard of that in the year 1727 the difference made between the measur'd Cloth & Single O Chop was no more than eight Fan^s: ¶ Corge Sallampores & in 1730, the difference made was eleven Fan^s: [thi]rty five Cash ¶ Corge Sallampores and at a time when the Dutch our Neighbours at Bimblepatam [...] the following [...] es for their Cloth provided[. . .]

LONG CLOTH FINE.

N ^o . 1 „ @ Pag ^a .	...	...	...	...	55	—	—	p ^r : Corge
[2] „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	52	18	—	p ^r : Ditto.
3 „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	50	—	—	p ^r : Ditto.

LONG CLOTH ORDIN^{RY}:

N ^o . 1 „ @ Pag ^a .	...	...	...	...	37	—	—	p ^r : Corge.
2 „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	35	27	—	p ^r : Ditto.
3 „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	34	18	—	p ^r : Ditto.

SALLAMPORES ORDIN^{RY}:

N ^o . 1 „ @ Pag ^a .	...	...	...	...	16	—	—	p ^r : Corge.
2 „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	15	—	—	p ^r : Ditto.
3 „ @ . . .	...	...	...	...	14	—	—	p ^r : Ditto.

We should have Sent your Hon^r: & C^a: Musters of the said Cloth, but we were informed M^r: Davis had done it so lately. These Merch^{ts}: further say that if your Hon^r: & C^a: will give the same encouragem^t: as you did for the Cloth in 1733 that they will assure us Sixhu[ndred] Bales this Year; but as we have no Power to make any agreement of that Nature, the Season so far advanced, & no Choice of [...] to employ that are trustworthy we could only give them ass[urance] of recommending to your Hon^r: & C^a: to know your further p[...] therein these hopes has given part of

them Encouragement [...]king this month besides their Ballance Six thousand 6000 & Two Thousand 2000 Ps: but as for Gondaponda Ragana[gelu] he has taken no more Money than what he had done before M^r: Saunderson Arriv'd.

7. The Tent belong^s: to [the estate] of M^r. Davis, we have agree'd to take for thirty [...] Ps: it has been, & will be of great Service to the Hon'ble Company particularly to Secure the Bales from the Weather at the River Side whe[n] they lay there ready [to be] Ship'd of.

8. Vizagapatam [...] in June last, had credit in our Cash at once for the [...] Year from the last May 1733, the third Kist [...] as paid the Nabob at that time the other [...] appear upon our Books Letter H. We shall observe [y^r. Hon^r.] &c^{as}: Orders, & write of the Ballance of the Town Re[pairs] [in fu]ture upon the Closing of our Books in either gain or Loss on that head to Stock.

9. Upon the closing [of] our General Books wh^{ch}: we hope to get ready to send you some [time] next month it will appear how Successful M^r: Sanderson has been in encreasing the Revenues.

10. We have and Shall give due encouragement of inviting all useful people to live among us, tho theirs no reason to complain that our Town is thinly inhabited but for giving the reason why the Trade is not so considerable at Vizagapatam as at Bimblepatam, where more hardships & oppression is used, we cannot so well account for, tho we are certain on any commotions or troubles in the Country, that all the People of Consideration comes from that Town to this, but when they are over return back to their Habitations.

11. The hopes we had of being able to withdraw the Trade from Bimblepatam to this Place we now find to be impracticable; that Town is rented from the Rajah who has possession of all the Country round us wh^{ch}: said Town Rent is let annually to the best bidder therefore encreases; Our Town is rented from the Nabob at the certain Rent, which neither Rises nor falls, & should the Rajah find that the Revenues of Bimblepatam Should Sink by the flourishing of Vizagapatam, 'tis certain that he would impede Grain coming in from the Country; an [inst]ance of this kind happen'd very lately of some People which [came] out of the Country & were willing to Purchase our Salt, before [some] which belonged to a Renter under the Rajah close to our [Bounds] who told the Buyers publicly that if they did not [...] some heaps of his likewise they should not pass the Junian [...] [that] they had bought of us alone.

[12] Your Hon^r. &c^{as}. Orders shall be observed [...]re]ported for Madrass, or Fort St. David, to be custo[...] taking sufficient Security that upon non perfor[mance] they make Good to us the Custom here: & likewise [...] pay no Custom for Goods Imported from Fort St. George, or Fort St. David, provided that they bring certificates from the sea Customer of either Port.

13. We shall observe your Hon^r. &c^{as}. Orders relating to Raganagelu & Jointa Bompana or any other Merch^t. that [...] not be exempted from paying the River or Lascar Duty [which] we hope will make some addition to our Revenues.

14. We make no Doubt but that in this Years General Books, every Branch of our Expences will be lessen'd to as low a degree as possible & if it should not be so we shall give better reasons for it yⁿ. we can pretend to do in things which have been transacted before either of us arrived at this Place; but we remark in General Books Letter H, Journal Folio 8 a present to the Nabob of.

Chicaeul Amounting to	Pag ^a .	355	3	34
And in the said Journal Folio 31 a present to the Nabob of				
Rajamahandrum, Timmerauze &c ^a . amounting to		339	26	3
Pagodas		694	29	37

The above we apprehend to be the reason of the encrease [ex]pence of that year.

15. We now take leave to lay before your Hon^r. &c^a. the strength of the Military before the troubles [occa]sion'd by Subona.

1 Lieutenant
2 Serjeants
4 Corporals
20 Europe Centinels
42 Topasses.

16. In October 1729, a Reinforcement consisting of one Serjeant, one Corporal &, eighteen [Europe] Centinels were sent down occasion'd by the disturbances [caus]d by Subona, and then the Garrison [con]sisted of

1 Lieutenant
3 Serjeants
6 Corporals
[...] Europe Centinels
44 Topasses.

17. And at this time our Garrison consists of—

1 Lieutenant
3 Serjeants
6 Corporals
[...] Drummers
22 Europe Centinels
45 Topasses.

18. We shall now acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. how & after what manner those men are posted.

FORT GAURD.

1 Lieutenant
2 Serjeants
2 Corporals
2 Drummers
30 Priv[ate] Centinels
1 Bell [...]

MELLOW GATE.

1 Serjeant
1 Corporal
12 Private Centinls.

SEA SIDE.

2 Corporals
12 Private Centinls.

BLACK ROCK.

1 Corporal
12 Private Centinels.

19. We have not two Reliefs of Men & generally eight or ten of them Sick, so consequently are obliged to keep them always upon Gaurd, without even allowing them port Liberty and we cannot see w^{ch}. way we can lessen the Number, unless some of our out gaurds are taken of, and in case they are, our Town lies so open that any Number of People may come in unknown to us.

20. The Number of our Peons to the Ultimo March was one hundred & five, since which we have turned [. . .]y Four & shall discharge on the first opportunity Eleven more [. . .]duce them to ninety which are the least that we can well do [. . .] hav^e. always Sixty five upon Duty, as appears by an acco^t. [alre]ady remitted your Hon^r. &c^t. the 17th. September 1733.

21. [In] the Gunroom as your Hon^r. &c^a. pleases [to . . .] appears to be an additional Charge of Six R^s. [. . .] reality is no more than One; The former Gun [. . .] Topass at Six R^s. p^r. Month, & the Present a[t] welve R^s. P^r. Month, there was also Two Quarter Gun [. . .] five R^s. each p^r. Month, one of w^{ch}. was discharged, [. . .] European was taken in, which Causes a difference of one Rupee p^r. Month; The Goldsmith is really the Shroff allowed in all four R^s. & one half p^r. Month, charged in two different Acco^{ts}. & as he is obliged to give his constant attendance; the two pays added together, is but barely sufficient for the Maintenance of his Family.

22. In [reg]ard to the allowances of Oil in 1730. Oil was [. . .] Measures to nine Measures p^r. Rupee, & in 1734; no more than 2½ Measure p^r. Rupee, which we do assure your Hon^r. &c^t. is the occasion of the Difference.

23. The Debts upon our Books we Shall continue agreeable to your Hon^r. &c^{as}. Orders.

24. In a few days we shall put a Note up at the Gates for the Sale of Damag^d Goods in the Warehouse.

25. We take leave of Enclosing the Acco^s. of the Timber & Plank receiv^d. out of the Ship George from Pegu, as also the Acco^t. of what is difficient according to Invoice receiv^d. from M^r. Kelsall [des]ire the Accountant to Send us the Account as we must Credit account cur[rent] Fort St. George, for said Timber & Plank put on Shoar.

26. The Sheathing plank p^r. Ship Ge[orge] from Pegu, w^{ch}. is left here, is not fit for anything but Doub[le . . .] Vessells, so consequently can be of no use to us.

27. To this time we have avoided giving [the] Nabob the Present he demanded last year, but his Son is going to be married, & we shall be under an obligation of making on that occasion a Present to the Amount of about one hundred 100 Pagodas.

28. We take leave to enc[lose] our Diary and Consultations from the Primo December [to the] Ultimo March, one Cash account for February & March & a [list] of the Stores we are in want of, as also our Paymasters Accounts for February & March.

We are w[ith grea]test respect

VIZAGAPATAM

THE 25TH. APRIL 1735.

HONOURABLE SIR [& SIRs]

Your most obedient humble Servants

JOHN SANDERSON.

SAM^{LE}. HARRISON.

Nº. 51

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d. BENYON Esq^r.

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &c^a. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE S^r. & S^{rs}.

We wrote your Hon^r. &c^a. a Short Letter under the 29th. of Septem^r. last & on the third of Jan^{ry}. we were favour^d with one from you *via* Tellicherry without date answering ours of the 17th. of January 1733 touching the Scheme of trade so strongly recommended by the Hon^{ble} company.

8TH. NOV.
1734.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. in your Letter now before us has been so very ample in your Remarks on the Powers our Hon^{ble}. Masters have thought fit to lodge with their Presidencies abroad for bringing the Trade under a proper restraint, the aversion the Gentlemen at Bengall have to enter into any union for executing of those our Masters Orders giving us at the same time some probable reasons for their refusal [g]ave us a little room to animadvert on these Points further than to join with you in opinion that so long as those Gentlemen are determined to [oppose] every Scheme tending to a [union] all that you or [. . .] do will be of little effect but [whenever] they shall alter their Resolutions or our Hon^{ble} Masters are pleased to enforce their commands & demand their compliance your Hon^r. &c^t. may depend that we will readily con[cur] with you & them in every thing that is reasonable & [. . .] ated for a general Benefit, And in the mean[time . . .] all endeavour to keep up that good harmony & confidence [. . .] be preserved among those pursuing one & the same [. . .] ving. We shall meet with a reciprocal complai[n]t from your Hon^r. &c^a. but we are sorry to say our exped[ta]tions from our Fellow Servants at the Bay are not so well grounded.

As to the Proposal your Hon^r. &c^t. are pleased to say you intended to make the Gent^{ls}: at the Bay if the Scheme took effect that the Cargoes of the Ships we were

to be concern'd in [with] you & them should be bought of the Merch^{ts}: in Cal[...]. experience you found your goods in former times were provided at cheaper rates & you had only those that were proper for the Markets the Ships were designed for. We can only reply, that if times & circumstances are not so much alter'd as to forbid the Practice we entirely agree therewth: as a thing highly conducive to the General interest but as no one preposal or Plan can be fully formed & determined upon so as not to be subject to alteration anything that we can say further at Present will be needless, yet we rely on your Hon^r: & c^t: to give us the necessary information & advices whensoever the Gentⁿ: at Bengall think fitt to alter their Present sentiments & come heartily into the desired union.

Our Presid^t: by this conveyance [...] M^r: Benyon touching the China trade desiring him to [commu]nicate the same to you w^{ch}: is all we have to offer in ans[wer to] your Favour before us.

Private advices very lately rec'd [in]forming us that M^r: Pitt took his passage on the Mountague [to] England the 23^d: of Jan^y: last we took this opportunity to [con]gratulate Rich^d: Benyon Esq^r: on his accession to the Government of Madrass wishing him successfull administration.

The Masters of two [English] Vessells belon^g: to this side hav^e: sold them to the [...]ns without the knowledge of the agent & c^t: which is a Practice that may in time prove of great [Pre]judice to our Hon^{ble}: Masters Affairs in that kingdom even to the loss of [their] Priviledges if not speedily put a Stop to, we have accordingly [given orders] to the Gentⁿ: in Persia to prevent the same wth: p[er] [...]ke the Proper measures with those who may prove refractory Seizing & Sending their Persons hither & w[ith] your Hon^r: & c^t: will please to direct the Gentⁿ: bound [...] from your Port not to attempt anything of that kind as we are willing to avoid giving the least room for complaint or having any disputes with the Gentⁿ: employ'd by our Fellow Servants.

The Wilmington with Governour Cowan Sail'd for England the 22^d. Jan^y: the Heathcote the next day & the Middlesex the [...]ary.

We will no [t trouble] your Hon^r: & c^t: with y^e. news of this Side India, w^{ch}: you'l learn more particularly from the Gentⁿ: now bound your way.

BOMBAY CASTLE

We are

THE 30th: MARCH 1735.

HON^{BLE}: SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Serv^{ts}:

JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
JN^o: BRADDYLL.
GEO: PERCIVAL.
JN^o: LAMBTON.
HENRY KELLETT.

N^o. 52

TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON Esq^r:

PRESID^t: GOV^r: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C^a: COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: S^r: & S^{rs}:

Incos'd is Duplicate of what we sent by the [Sa]rah Galley wherein we omitted troubling your Hon^r: [& c^a] wth: an Account of Cap^t: John Gale in the Dolphin Brigantine his going a Shoar about eight Leagues to the Southward of this Place & purchasing Pepper w^{ch}: is [very] Prejudicial to our Hon^{ble} Employers by [...] the Price & preventing the Merch^{ts}. bring^g: [...] Factory according to their Contracts with us, upo[n] [appro]val here he pretended he was not sensible of it's being any ways prejudicial to the Hon^{ble}: Companys affairs, w^{ch}: wth: the Quantitys being Small were the reasons we did not mention it in our last, but on the 27th: of last

Month he return'd again to Brinjon to take on board a Quantity w^{ch}: he had Contracted for at Seven[ty Ru]pees & Candy, But our Ketch being there the Master of her according to such Orders as we are empowered by the Hon^{ble} John Horne Esq^r: Presid^t: & Gov^r: & C^t: Council of Bombay to give him, prevented him by sending him up thither And we finding that the People that he had contracted wth: could Comply in no other manner than Paying in Pepper & rather than his owners who reside under your Presidency should suffer so much, we receiv'd it of the Merch^{ts}: for the Hon^{ble} Comp^y: & pa[id...] John Gale for it at the rate we purchase at [...].

The Vessell belonging to your Po[rt we] thought ourselves obliged to inform your H[on^r. &] Council of the Clandestine practices of the s^d: Jo[hn] Master of the Dolphin Brigantine w^{ch}: are s[co]prejudicial to the affairs of our Hon^{ble} Masters here.

We cannot send to [Bengal] at this Season wth: safety any other way than [by Fort] St: George wherefore we are obliged to trouble [your] Hon^r: & C^t: wth: our Packet for that presidency w^{ch}: we [beg] you will please to Order to be forwarded w[ith] convenient expedition.

We are

ANGENGO
MAY 10th: 1735.

HON^{BLE}: S^r: AND S^{rs}:
Your honours most obedient
Humble Servants

WILL^m: WAKE,
JN^o: SALISBURY.

N^o. 53.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: RICH^d: BENYON Esq^r:
PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C^t: COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRs

Your Hon^r: & C^t: Favours of the 4th: Feb^{ry}: we receiv'd the 4th: ultimo wth: the Detachment of Soldiers you [are] pleas'd to send us, & shall take Care to Credit Bombay Presidency for the Charges arising on them, we are extreemly obliged to your Hon^r: & C^t: for this Supply but some of them being very old & infirm, we hope your Hon^r: & C^t: will not take amiss our returning such on the Child Gally mentioned in the enclos'd list as they will be only a dead Charge to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^y: we are wth: great Respect

TELLICHERRY
MAY 3^d: [173]5.

HON^{BLE}: SIR AND SIRs
Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}:

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m: FORBES.
H^m: HOWARD.
W^m: TEYNSON.

P.S.

Pa[...] Pereira one of the Persons mention'd in the List is missing. The rest of the [...] paid to the last Instant & we have ke[pt] their Arms & Accoutrements as they will be of use [...]

N^o. 54.

To [THE] HONOURABLE RICH^d: BENYON Esq^r:
PRESID^t. & GOV^r: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C^t: COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}: SIR AND SIRs

Our last to your Hon^r: & c^t: of the 12th: ult^o: & [this] is Chiefly our Accounts of Cash for April [...], & those of the Expences for the Month of April.

We also inclose an Account of the Loss on Stores by waste wear & Decay wth: Mess^{rs}: Berriman & Harris's Report Survey of them in order for your Honour & c^{ts}: Permission to write them of as usual.

The Ship George is not yet arriv'd in Sight of our Road which is what at present offers from

FORT ST. DAVID
2^d: JUNE 1735.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient

[Servants]

JAMES [HUBBARD].

EDW^d: [CROKE].

R^r: [BERRI]MAN.

THO: [EYRE].

FORT ST. DAVID APRIL [...] TH 1734.

Profit & Loss Dr: to Sundry Acco^{ts}: [...] 224 28 7
for so much lost by wear, Rust, Rot, [Bre]akage & waste as
usual on the following Particulars Viz^t.

	lb.	md. lb.						
Iron Europe 15½ Country 1 12 Viz ^t :								
Bolt Iron	—	4½	—	P ^a .	—	5	61	
Flat Barr	—	6½	—		—	5	16	
Double Barr	—	4½	—		—	3	19	
		15½				—	14	16
Country... ..	1	12	—			—	19	21
		M ^d .	2	2½	—			
Salt Petre			2	17	—		—	33 37
Brimstone			2	23½	—		1	15 5
Arrack 11½ Gallons Viz ^t :							1	15 59
Battavia	7½	...			2	4	24	
Columbo	3½	...			—	21	27	
		11½ Gallons					2	25 51
General Stores—								
Steele Europe	3½	...			—	5	62	
Nails N ^o . 3	2							
7 M ^d : 4½			5	73				
8 1 5½			9	40				
9 — 13½			P ^a . 1	18 37				
M ^d . 2 ½			19	78	2	17	68	
					2	23	50	6 17 72

Profit & Loss Dr. to Sundry Acc^{ts}: carried over.

Profit & Loss Dr. to Sundry Acco ^{ts} . bro ^t . over				—	2	3	50	6	17	72
Dam[mer]	M ^d : 1 12½			—	—	17	45			
Wood[oyl]	17½ Seer			—	—	22	25			
Coun[try] Timbers	1	—	—	—	—	16	52			
[...]						8	54			
								4	16	66.
Gu[nners Stores]										
Ta[rpawlin]s	4			—	17	—	16			
Pow[der Barr]els	10			—	4	35	23			
Han[d lin]es	40			—	—	34	18			
Spying Glass [...] sighting				—	3	—	—			
Muscovy [...]	1			—	—	33	20			
Half hou[r glasses]	8			—	—	30	13			
Half Minute [glasses]	3			—	—	7	49			
Dark Lanterns	1			—	—	12	—			
Tin D ^o :	2			—	1	2	8			
Wood D ^o :	5			—	1	10	43			
Spunge Staves	3			—	—	9	38			
Trucks	21			—	4	23	4			
Powder Horns	9			—	1	21	36			
Leather Buckets	8			—	1	12	77			
Europe twine	2 lb.			—	—	9	72			
Standard for the flag stalfs by Ligh- ting				—	160	3	—			
Flag Stalf & Halliards D ^o				—	12	9	18			
Sails Needles	19			—	—	18	59			
Pump Leather	½ back.			—	2	3	51			
								213	24	65
Armory Stores										
Bayonets	1			—	—	—	4	44		
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ERRORS EXCEPTED

⌘ THO^s: EYRE
Storekeep^r.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^r.

DEP^y: GOV^{rs}: & C^r: COUNCIL OF FORT ST: DAVID.

WORSH^{ls}: SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to order of Con[sulta]tion of [the] 22^d: Instant We have as usual [sent] the Particulars of the List of Stores Damag^d [&d]ecay^d & find what Remaining of them, [...] standard for the flag Stalf [*sic*] to be perish^d & [...] the others we think may reasonably be al[...] [...]ort by the many Draughts made in the Year, & [...] accidents that do Generally befall the Constant [...] of things which is submitted to your Consideration by

FORT ST: DAVID
30th: APRIL 1735.

WORSH^{ls}: S^a: & S^{rs}:
Your most obedient Serv^{ts}:

ROB^t: BERRIMAN.
EDW^d: HARRIS.

N^o. 55TO THE HONOURABLE RICH^d : BENYON ESQ^r :PRESID^t : & GOV^r : OF FORT ST : GEORGE & C^a : COUNCIL.HON^{BLE} : SIR & SIRs

We have received your Honour & c^{as} : Favour of the 22^d. May & have accordingly purchas'd the M^ast for a Standard for our Flagg. The Ship George arriving the third Ins^t. brought us also the Gunny's & Twine agreeable to the Bill of lading inclos'd.

By the List hereunder your Hon^r : & c^a : will see in what forwardness our Cloth is for the George & not to detain her longer. We hope to have enough of it ready about ten d^ays heⁿce as wth : what we have brown [of] Andiapa's will [get her] a full Loading.

[Mr.] Rob^t : Brooke our Sea Custom^r : of [Cuddlore] Departed this life the 5th : Ins^t : hav^s : by will [left] the Care of his effects to Mess^{rs} : Berriman [. . .] Johnson and M^r : Harris is order'd to take [charge] of his Employ till your Hon^r : & c^{as} : pleasure [be] known in that Respect.

FORT ST : DAVID
[7th.] JUNE 1735.

List of Fort St. David Cloth.

Washing	[34]
Beating	[47]
Dying	[...6]
Embal'd	[...]
	220 bales

Andiapas

Washing	[91]
Beating	[25]
Embal'd	[...]

Brown

49
[. . .] 0 bundles

[. . .] 9 Bales & Bundles

We are

HON^{BLE} : S^r. & S^{rs} :Your most obedient Serv^{ts} :

JAMES HUBBARD.

EDW^d : CROKE.R^r. BERRIMAN.THO^s. EYRE.EDW^d. HARRIS.N^o. 56TO THE HON^{BLE} : RICH^d : BEN^{YON} ESQ^r :PRESID^t : & GOV^r : OF FORT ST : GEORGE & C^a. COUNCIL][HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRs]

Number of Ba[les] [. . .] they promise me [. . .] been already bro[ught] that will be as [. . .] the Country has & others have been [. . .] ons in Governme[. . .] ny people to quit [. . .] the Northward in[. . .] Government than w[. . .].

The sa[. . .] pollam People give, for [. . .] Contracts & desire a Long[. . .] ter Settled wth : the Coun[. . .] Interim, they will ende[. . .] ch [. . .] their Debts.

INGERAM

7th : JUNE 1735.

Embal'd	—	Bales.
		43
at the Washers	—	77
		—
Bales		120
		—

[N^o. 57]

[TO THE HONOURABLE] RICH^d: [BENYON] Esq^r:
PRESID^t: [& GOV^r. OF] FORT ST: GEORGE.

[HONOURABLE] SIR & SIRS

[...] Inclos'd is Duplicate of our [...] when we troubled you with our [...] the Presid^t: &c^a: Council of Bombay, [...] way to convey our Letters [...] to trouble your Honour &c^t: again [...] w^{ch}: we beg you will please to [...]ed as Soon as possible.

Not have: any advices to commu- [...] ve to Subscribe our Selves

ANJENGO

HON^{BLE}: SR: & SRS:

[JUNE 1st.] 1735.

Your Honours most Obedient

Humble Serv^t:

W^m. WAKE.

JOHN SALISBURY.

N^o. 58]

[TO THE] HONOURABLE [RICHARD] BENYON Esq^r:

PRESID^t: & GOV^r: OF FORT ST. GEORGE &c^r: COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SR: & SIRS

This serves to inclose to your Hon^r. [with Invoice & Bills of lading for seventy four [Bales of] Cloth amounting to [...] Pag^s: & nine fan^s. [...]les of Andiapas White Cloth & [...] bundles of it Brow [n [...]dize inclos'd [...] George [...] Accou[...] to your [...]

FORT ST. DAVID
27th. JUNE 1735.

We are

HON^{BLE}. SR. & SRS.

Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

[JAMES HUBBARD.

EDW^d. CROKE.

ROB^t. BERRIMAN.

THO^s. EYRE.

EDW^d. HARRIS.]

N^o. 59

TO THE HONORABLE GEO: MORTON [PITT] Esq^r:
HON^{BLE}. SR. & SRS.]

I take the [...] the Bedford arrived at [...] distress you can Imagine th [...] have: beat off the Cape of G[ood Hope [...] of June, in such weather [...] Cap^t: Williamson in th [...] the Newcastle have [...] & are likewise her [...] Sailing together [...]

Undergo [...] ple & [...] provi[...] with [...] Dumas the Govern^r: of this [...] me every Service in his [...] Ship is now lying at Mauro [...] dition & expected here day [...] rial to advise you of [...] in wth: Sincere Respect [...]

MASCARINE
[...] 1734.

[We are]

SIR

Your most Obed^t: humble
Serv^t:

WILL^m: WELLS.

[N^o. 60]

[To THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON Esq^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.]

[HON^{BLE}. SR. & S^{RES}.]

[...] just arrived into our Road six [...] Isle of Bourbon the Council of [...] ne that three English Ships from [...] in there the 18th. & 22^d: July Last year. [...] nes of their Ships are the Decker Captain [...] the Bedford Captn Wells & y^e: New Castle Captn [...] they were in a Bad Cordition not hav^e: been [...] nd the Cape but that the People were well [...] months that the [...] yed at the Island & [...] thence y^e. 24th: Oct^r: The Council [...] Seamen under the Comm^d: [...] ished them with what [...] the Hon^r: to be S^r:

[Hon]ble and Most Obed^t: Servant

[MONS^R.] LENOIR.

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