Letter Book

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I wish to see Mr Ba
I wish — but I am so much en
thick business I cannot answer for
till the Acct for any thing
me the Account
I have written for whe
will I fear fall short
you did right in drawing Bills I w
could draw for more, I will take care they
I wish the Copper may answer
ght — for you could not have it here for a
I shall work if it can not be sold to bring th
I thought we had bought this Sugar
Dutch Company & were excused the Duties — b
Mr V Commerell act I suppose not
I am Dr Sir, Yours sincerely

March 2nd 28 Aug 1772

A Multiplicity of Business which could
I hope Sir you will accept my Apology for my
long Silence I could by every Arrival convince you
not pass this — but will not take it from you
I cannot forbear the subject of your
Letter to me will not suffer me, I am obliged to you
for the Communication of your Sentiments to me on this
Subject the Politicks of India, nor what may happen
in consequence of the Multiplicity of your Business & your ill
state of Health you are able to give such
Your Disinclination to the Dep
Company
they have had no remarks with the Gentlemen which occasion
are of Importance so far as they will make us wonder
to the Dutch and show us what is proper in future — but you
fully acquainted this Board that you have left me little
Detail thereof by a Letter to the Secretary of the
— the Court of Directors Neighbour and the Letter which
and Truth proper to be acted with Honesty and
Observations on this
Upon this Court the Company have
Letter for Malacca after the
Resolution on which the Letter with
Copy upon the Company's Letter

[illegible] with [illegible] power [illegible]

In Consideration of their Services the Company [illegible]

the Sagueen — tells the Natives dogged his Steps with the

gaining for him the Valley of Ambore & supporting Troops

carrying on all Commerce with the Country Powers [illegible]

Lord Pigot told him that he accepted the Sagueen on consider

of paying with the English Sword conquered the Country for

him I believe he consented to correspond that Sum with

Country Power at Each Port is a Point which he or his Su

have established ends are indubitable Custom

After such Contracts it appears

that our Gentlemen did not endeavour to make Terms for

before they assisted him in pursuance of his Professions but

the Nature of the Power & Riches of the Company

manner of answering their Professions That it was

ends — we were the Support of the Nabob —

The Mahrattas we have reduced all his Polygars

having had possession of the Sea Coast for

Dependants upon him, We ought at least to have

proportionable Degree

The Interference of the Servants of the

the political Oeconomy of the Coast has produced

greatest Inconveniences to the Company For Instance

different Interests were raised The Nabob had sufficient Art

small of the Situation of the Company — but the Eyes of the Collect

were to opened when the generosity and every noble quality

the Founder of Wales ley have endowed him will appear

Light as to the Purpose, to his Admirers and

Posterity

[illegible] for the purpose of the Troops maintained for his

[illegible] the Objects to which we should attend —

from the present Points of View without adverting
to the Consequences to be expected from any measure and
from no Union can be expected of such Men for the Protection
their Enemies. On the contrary the greater Part of the Mahrattas
have been united under one Head At present it is true the
Government is on Contest, but as they subsist by Contributions from
their Neighbours it is most probable their Disputes will be
accommodated And the Mahrattas under Ragoba, or some
other Chief may soon again figure on the Confines & the
of Neutrality cannot be supported — either We on the Coast
shall be obliged to support the Moors or the Mahrattas. The
former are not to be apprehended their Power is so much
divided that it will at all Times be easy to distress them
but the others are almost all united under one Head —
possessed of immense Countries can bring immeasurable
Armies into the Field with Ease, carry their Devastations
over India To add to such Power would be incompatible with
common Sense — the former if any should be easily pa-

The present Conjecture seems favorable for a
confederacy of the Mahrattas for our Interests And the Object
of great Importance to the Welfare & Security of the Company
Possessions The particular Plan I shall not at present enter
upon — the general — the keeping them from Power, Laying the
Empire under Contribution, the Separating of Sanoges Country
from the Sovereignty the Restitution of the conquered Countries
to the Soubah of Decan of part of Cudlock, of Selected &c. to
the Accompany — the abolishing of the Perish Cash for the
Carnatic the Grant of some of the Countries adjoining to
from the Soubah for the Pay of Troops and some of
for the purpose of the Troops maintained for his
the Objects to which we should attend —

22 Augt

The Hastings when I shall put the Cable
her with the Cordage & Tar — & deliver her over to Depne
Sir yours of the 5 y on mentioning the
Country being settled — do you think it likely that any of
Grain may be procured the Co will receive Proposals for
Paddy until the 31 Octr

I am taking Measures for the Goods
I have written for Measures — I shall shortly tell you more
on the Subject in the mean time be assured I am
attentive to the Business

Stevenson must not come here — about
this Business — he must not make a Noise here — for we are
so much under others and Orders are so strong that yet
must by no means be known, how much I have to say, and
I understand the Transports are not to be
expected before September and as they are both to stop
& will be very deeply loaden I am greatly afraid they
will not be soon to Proceed by the Voyage Season over
Purpose —

The Cloaths for the Hastings is done
The Insurance shall be made agreeable
to y. our Order

I have only Time to add that I am Dear Sir
Your affect

Whenever the Point may be fully & compleatly
discussed it will readily appear that an Alliance with
is more eligible than with the Mahrattas and that one
upon the — will not be any difficulty to the Attainm
that the Marwar Rajas will not heartily unite all the
the Object of so great Importance to them but the Ra
of the Co is so extensive that with Assistance of Ma
of themselves they would be sufficient to ruin the Mah
by proper Management to keep them constantly em

Such a Plan could not have be
carried into Execution while each Presidency had th
immediate Direction & Interference but under a General Comm
those Commands will be trouble with a proper Regard to a
said Varth digested Plan Success is scarcely to be doubte

The Subject requires the utmost Consider
which I am often engaged your Reflections that
open to them any new light upon it I am now inde
to acquire knowledge of the Company's Affairs I always
had I have still endeavoured to discover such
have not great Part that I have at Each Indication
Assistance Roy continue to favour me with your Sentiments
on this Subject as they occur to you I believe me with
Dear Sir Sulivan

Your Affectionate

D[r] Stevenson 22 Aug[t]

Regarding the Arm which Letters as Holford must have reached you the day after Letter was written I judged it unnecessary to make Enquiry

M[r] Bry sold some Linz which must have hurt Taylor & Cook

I am surprised at the Delay ex[t] B— Bonfield has repeated Orders for the payments

Pray inform me if the Terms on the Iron on which the Dane are to take Bills on Bengal I have a considerable Sum Cash if it be more advantagious than here — I much and you can for my own Money

You may bid for the Wreck if you no opportunity to your Price — if there is opportu go as far as the Price before mentioned but no further

I am endeavouring to sell the Lead I wrote to you as soon as I have an offer

Do as you & Holford judge proper Gn Brandy — If you draw on H[m] take care to secure Casks

I am providing the Cargo for Europe as fast as I can — See no difficulty but the Ship will the Copper — If as much room as

Believe me Dr Sir &c[a]

22 Aug[t]

Beaux

The Pacifick is arrived — but we have long material from the C[o] Mackay is restored and so is Bonfield

The Transports were to sail in April so that it is probable we may not see them here — The Ministry given the Company as they do another House

I am D[r] Dr Beaux Yours affect[y]

Pray can you sell me any Iron for one 100

The Price here is 14[l] to 15 [l] Candy

D[r] Sir 23 Aug[t]

There are 154 Timber & 165 broad Plank remaining — If they suit you, ab[t] 6 Aug[t] & Timber & 4/4 & broad Plank they are at your Service — If you want any Iron I can supply you

I am D[r] Sir Yours

D[r] Sir 28 Aug[t]

You will receive this by M[r] West Wynch a Son of our Governor — a Lieut in the Company Service Permit me to introduce him to your Acquaintance & to assure you that any Civilities you may show him will oblige both your Friend Bonfield & me

I am D[r] Sir Sincerely Yours

Box 11

D^r Desvoeux 23 Aug^t 17

I inclose you Invoice of Hardw
which M^r Amalrie desires a Passage may be made
Goods ordered for Capt^n V Sanny are for him, He desires
also to have 20^M of Shingle made for him of the Pattern
enclosed. Pray order them & oblige Your affect

D^r Holford

Pray did Capt^n Hamilton deliver to you
any Pictures belonging to Gen^l Westcott? if you did y^u
sell them? Your affect^y

My dear Holford 24 Aug^t

The Spun commits with the Rice
— Parks I understand has put the Cash under M^r
Maynadier's Order — I have sent the Capt^n your Order
to him. I should assume the Cargo. I think M^r Rob
has not used me very well in this considering my
situation respecting the Owners you will if it be neces
gave further Order — I have desired the Rice may be
— that it may be immediately retailed — for the C
will not buy

The Capt^n informed me the Ship was
in bad Weather but is now capable of receiving the
Cargo you will inform me what is to be done
Parks waits for the Receipt
Please give me a Line by

24 Aug^t

I sent you Bills for 10000 Pag^s
he Drawer refuses cash to one that it is very difficult
to procure than Pag^s & desires of me to request you
will give him such Assistance as you can with
Propriety By doing so you will oblige me
I am D^r Sir
Your most Obed^t Hum^e Serv^t

25 Aug^t

Gent^n

I am concerned at being under the necessity
of troubling again on the Subject of M^r Andrews Application
— but as it is necessary that she should be informed soon
how this Business is to be effected I am obliged to request of
you to acquaint me what Steps of the Death of M^r Andrew
you require And if you judge an Indemnification to be
necessary what kind of one you wish it to be, I am
Gent^n Your most Obed^t Serv^t

Lyco Smith & Tho^s Pomroy Esq^rs

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Gentlemen

I have received your Favor as M^r
Andrews appears desirous of having the Money I conclude she
have an opportunity of employing it there for Purchase
to more advantage than Land Oceans — I must con

this as any Idea from her Requisition - for so
told me - and also to account for my having bee
troublesome to you. I with transmit your Letter to he
with an Indemnification, should she still require her M

I am Gent.n Your most Ob.t Serv.t

Geo Smith & Thos Powney Esq.rs

Dear Sir 25 Aug.t

Enclosed is List of Goods shipped on boa
the Hastings from Madras which you will be pleased
to dispose of for Acc.t Holford Stevenson & Self

I am D.r Sir Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Cap.t Thornhill Dep.t
Calcutta

D Holland 25 Aug.t

I have your Favor of the 9.th

You will tomorrow Imagine I receive further
Directions regarding Goomsur. The Reduction of the Rajah seem
a Measure expedient on Acct. and the foreseen Troubles
among the Mahrattas are very favorable to it - The Boar
appear rather apprehensive lest the Connection of th
with the Mahrattas might give him an opportu
of disturbing your other Districts or render h
difficult for a few years - Make your Ter

present Year not unreasonable - If he
st into them, Attack before he apprehends his
er and when you are once engaged lose not a
oment - You have an active good Officer to conduct
your Expedition, To succeed some risk must be run -
It is impossible to weigh Military Expeditions in such
a Scale as to leave nothing to Hazard - But we can
do more, we can insure Success. I depend. on your
Prudence as well as on your Judgement Enter on
Expeditions with Caution - once engaged carry them
on with Firmness - Believe me with Sincerity D.r Holland

Your affect.e Friend

Pray make my Compliments to Mr. Holland

N.B.
The new Act - and the Subordination to Calcutta
cause Apprehensions of Consequences from
Military Expeditions which received not before

My dear Holford 25 Aug.t

The Diana from Bombay Capt.t Heard
is arrived. Heard has delivered to my Charge the Rice he
has brought from thence - as the Season is too late for
the Diana to unload take in a Cargo for Bengal & return
before the Monsoon, I propose to employ her on a
Voyage to Masulipatam & Ingeram & back - as this
will be 3 or 4000 R.s in your way and on her return
I shall load her with Salbat Cowlong & send her to
Pray write Me for your Interest I am

doubt ful whether I shall do so without your

Believe me affect Yrs

Parke mentions the Essex to take in Salt at Covelong

Gr Holford

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Finding the Diana could not be unloaded her Loaded with Salt I dispatched for Bengal Shd returned before the Monsoon I have engaged her for the Company — and shd be ready intend to despatch her before I may have your Answer I hope you will not disapprove of this The first part of the Freight is agood one I am D Sr Your affect

Your affect

Sir

Be pleased to receive & sell for my account 29 Candies of Sonalos & 120 Bags of Rice

I am Sir Your most Obd t Servt

W Amalric

Pondy

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Madras 29 August 1774

I have to Night dispatched to you Boat with Sonalos of which the inclosed is Muster — You will sell it to the best Advantage — and if you get 88 Pags & Garce the Price I sold it here for allow me ½ Profit and you me

I propose to send you some Rice — pray inform me the Price you have no Stock before the 20th I have a Letter from Bengal — Salt Petre is very scarce

I am Sir Your most Obed t Servt

W Amalric

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Sir

You will be pleased to return to Covelong to receive as much Salt as will serve to ballast your Vessel you will deliver to the Person from whom you with have the Salt 6 Garce of Rice or as much as they will take

I am Sir Y M & S

Capt Glass of the Ship Essex

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1 September 1774

D r Sir

I have recd your Favor of the 26 — the Bill you drew on one in favor of Mr Davidson was paid to Mr Cuthbert the 30 of July

I have not hither to procured the Measure ested Regarding Mr Mordaunt Profit tomorrow

write to him myself again

I am D[r] Sir Your most Ob[t] Se[t]

M[r] Carty

Sir

1 Sept[r]

I have to day sent away the Dromedary who will receive of you as much Rice as they can c[ar]
I have sent a Conceply with a Letter to the People to deliver Salk to you, he is to apply to you for the Delivery of the 6 Garce of Rice Should he apply for more as I have directed him to Sell all he can you will be pleased to supply him accordingly

I am Dr Sir Your most Obed[t] Servant

Capt Glas
of the Fleet at Covelong

D[r] Penny

1 Sept[r]

M[r] Baker has delivered me your Paper
I have given him a Receipt to be transmitted to you
We hourly expect the Ship with the Supercargo Council & Judges that with the Judges arrived at the Cape the 2[d] July

I am D[r] Yours

Sir

Desireous to receive & sell for my Acc[t]
of Pearls & 250 Bags of Rice Lumber

Madras 1 Sept[r]

Your Most Obed[t] Hum[ble] Serv[t]

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1 Sept[r]

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Send

The Hawke spoke with the Anson off the Cape the 2[d] July The Anson seperated from the Ashburnham in the Latitude of 4 South — We hourly expect them and are making Preparations for them The Visit is not an agreeable one —

Adieu believe me Yours

You will tomorrow have a Letter from the Board of Revenue which will give you Copy Concern Have it with Chiefs

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2 Sept[r]

Gentlemen

I have this day received a Letter from M[r] Andrews representing to me that she can employ her Money or at least a great Part to Advantage & therefore offering to give you any Indemnification you may require — She has farther desired me in case you refuse to comply with her request to borrow money on her Account & to remit it to her But as this is not in my Power as I know when to apply I take leave to mention these Circumstances to you & to inform you that I am ready to give you very Security on her Acc[t] the Necessity of the Case may require She has desired me to receive of you Interest due for last Quarter on her Money and that of the Others I am Gent[n] Your most Obed[t] Hum[ble] Serv[t]

D[r] Powney

2 Sept.

Sir

As soon as you have so much
ward as with ballast the Ipsa you will return to
as you are to fill with Salt at a Place to the Nort
I request you will dispatch with al
Expedetion, the Loading of the Boats for the Southw
with the Rice

I am &c

Your most Obed.t Servant

Capt Glass
Ship Ipsa
at Cowlay

Sir

2 Sept.r

I have y our Favor of the 31st
of the Stony Head I with consid
& wish
Arrack is here about 50 Pag.s f Leag.r
I with inform you shortly of Pepp
— It is now dear here —
If Jonahs I have sent you about 11 Ca
of Rice agreeable to the Muster 400 Bags — retain
if you can
I am Sir Your most Obed.t Servant

Mr Jonahs

Pondichery

11/17

I have repeated to the People to receive
Grain — If they object — land it and deliver it to
the Convoy I sent with you, return if you please
as soon as possible

I am Sir Your most obed.t Serv.t

Madras
3d Sept.r 1774

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3 Sept.r

Dear Devereux

As this is perhaps the Last Conveyance that
may offer & I can depend upon for Mas.r — I send you a Leg
of Arrack cont.g 1300 Gallons @ 50 Pag.s f 130 Gallons the Price
is light — but there is Cattle come & the Season is also de
late — A Batavia Ship sailed a Wks ago for Ng but not
being arrived has either met with some Accodents or has
passed the Port — The retail Price here is 58 to 60 Pgs the
Leaguer

Adieu DD Yours

Invoice shall go to morrow

My dear Sir

3 Sept.r

I received Concern by your Last You may
imagine I may your directions to prep your Bonds — You may
remember that some Time after you borrowed the Money
you told me you imagined your Father would pay the Money
at the Time as you know not then the Remittance
from you Then I wrote to MB and then perhaps he

caused the Mistake — It was unnecessary to send
Notice of Receipt of your Bond for the Bills given
I am perfectly satisfied with regard to the Money
Words &c

Adieu D.r H. believe me Yours
W.m Hughes

Be pleased Sir, to deliver all the Rice you have
on board to the Conveyor

I am Sir Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Saturday 3 Sept.r

Sir

I have received a Letter from Mrs Andrews
Secretary one that You had been so kind to take, under your
Care, a Parcel containing some of her Jewels I shall be oblig
by your ordering the Delivery of the Parcel to the Bearer

I am Sir Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Sunday 4 Sept.r 1774

I have rec.d a Parcel directed
to my care — but I have not had
any Advice concerning it from the Northward

Crawford

4 Sept.r

I have received by the Cosford your
Sister Jewels & will do with them as she has directed

I have again called upon Mess.rs Smith
Money for Mrs Andrews Money — but they still
require an Indemnification from Mrs Andrews & they
have desired that I may also signe the Bond of Indemnifi=
cation I have readily acquiesced — and they are preparing
the Papers

I know of no Conveyance for Vezay now
or I would exert Myself to supply the Money you have
occasion for on Mrs A. Rec.d — But if you can draw
on me your Bill shall be honored altho as I shall
not be in Cash until the Middle of Oct.r I shall be
glad you could get your Bills at as long Sights as you can
you may pray any money I owe Jaggarnaut out of
the that you will receive from Jaggarnaut — there
keep on my Acc.t or pay to your Sister on my Account
in part of the Money I shall receive for her Pray
remember me to the Ladies and believe me with
Regard D.r Crawford Yours Sincerely

Sir

5 Sept.r

I have desired Mr Stevenson to call upon
you he will explain all Matters to you touching the
Arrack &c.a — I am Sir Your most Obed.t Servant

Sir 4 Sept

As the Season advances you w
immediately whether the Rice be delivered or not

I am Sir Your Most Obed. Ser.

Gleap

Dr Derrocus 5

I enclose you Invoice of Arrack
the Capt. writes to me that the Coolies Pams &c intrd
without much have been neglectful or roguish — fo
that the Ton & Cates were taken off. Be pleased
to send the M of the Boats that I may have
one & Boat men punished the - one of my own
ones tub were particularly employed

You will be pleased to hasten the
Dispatch of Revict as much as possible as he is to
go to the Nerad & return with Bales send any you
have ready for me by him — also my Levy Cloth

I am Dr Derrocus Yrs affect

Dr Sadleir 5

I will know the Lds you will sustain you
with, & retain in Cuthbert For he always been to you
& mine Friend I shall be happy to convince
Regard for you & of my Inclination t

one recommend to you the utmost Courtesy and
up with respect to your Neighbour 1/3/11

Ramah has written to me concerning
the Cloth we shall settle this Difference of the Commissn
hereafter — Let it go on as tenderly as possible

We dont have given you more
latitude than before — Use it with discretion but lose
no Time — much has already been lost — and some
ath fond fault with the System, should it fail without
considering the Difficulties — the more so as it has
succeeded here

as the Board could not comply with yo
request for the Exchange of Sed yoky for Gangam
They think it would not be using the Genl of that
Chiefship with to recall him & send one each of their
Force — you must therefore give him up unless he
should apply to be removed to you, in which case it
may easily be effected — If this cannot be done
one Mr Mongo Beck a Gentleman recommended to
one by Mr Bourchier & spoke out to me by Mr Paton
and others as fit could do for you & one that would suit
you — Consider of them & write to me

Adieu Sam Dr Yours affec

a Sadleir Esqr

Dr Barnard

a Committee having been appointed
to enquire into the State of the Farms & Revenues of the
Company they propose shortly to send up upon the