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Mr James Taylor

Register of the Honble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am Ordered by the Honble Court of Appeals to Acquaint You that Avanny Gudda Paupiah of Madras Merchant did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Honble the Mayors Court Dated 19th Day of January last in a Cause wherein Cunnapiah Moodelly and Ramanjillee by their Attorney Peter Bodkin Complainants and the said Avanny Gudda Paupiah Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Honble the Mayors Court that they may give Orders for laying before the Honble Court of Appeals the Several Papers exhibited in the said Cause.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Fort St George
2d February 1776

Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

Mr James Taylor

Register of the Honble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am Ordered by the Honble Court of Appeals to acquaint You that George Mackay of Madras Merchant did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Extract of the Honble the Mayors Court Dated 26th Day of January last in a Cause wherein George Moubray Complainant and the said George Mackay Defendant which you will please to Signify to the

the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the several Papers exhibited in the said Cause

Fort St George
5th February 1779

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that John Reich of Madras Inhabitant did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Extract of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated 2d Instant in a Cause wherein Nicholas Clowser of Madras Merchant Complainant and the said John Reich Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the Several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause

Fort St George
16th March 1779

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court.

Sir

I am Ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that William Hornsby of Madras Inhabitant did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Extract of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated 2d Instant in a Cause wherein William Hornsby Complainant and Seth Smith of Madras Merchant Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give Orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause

Fort St George
16th March 1779

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am Ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that James Johnson of Madras Inhabitant did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Extract of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated 23d March last in a Cause wherein Nicholas Lechmere of Madras Inhabitant Complainant and the said James Johnson Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the Several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause

Fort St George
6th April 1779

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Mr. James Taylor

Register of the Hoble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am Ordered by the Hoble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Villapah Chitty by his Attorney Mootu Mar Chitty of Madras Merchant did yesterday Lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Extract of the Hoble the Mayors Court Dated 23d March Last in a Cause wherein Villapah Chitty by his Attorney Mootu Mar Chitty Complainant and Joannes Tera Jacob of Madras Merchant Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Hoble the Mayors Court that they may give Orders for laying before the Hoble Court of Appeals the several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause.-

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St. George
6th April 1779

Mr. James Taylor

Register of the Hoble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am directed by the Hoble the Court of Appeals to Acquaint you that James Johnson having prayed leave to with drawn his Appeals from the Order of the Hoble the Mayors Court Dated the 23d Ultimo in a Cause wherein Nicholas Lechmere of Madras Inhabitant Complainant and the said James Johnson Defendant the Hoble the Court of Appeals have Convented thereto I am further directed to return the several Papers Received from you in the said Cause.-

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St. George
6th April 1779

Mr. James Taylor

Register of the Hoble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am directed by the Hoble the Court of Appeals to Acquaint you that Vera Badrah Pillah having prayed leave to with draw his Appeal from the order of the Hoble the Mayors Court Dated the 17th Day of February 1778 in a Cause wherein Narrain Pillah by his Attorney Anthony the Rozario was Complainant and the said Vera Budrah Pillah Defendant the Hoble the Court of Appeals have Convented thereto I am further directed to return the Several Papers Received from you in the said Cause.-

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St. George
24th April 1779

Court of Appeals
at
Madraspatnam

Saturday 24th April 1779

Between Gideon Firth
Appellant and Polichelore Sawmy
Respondent

This Cause coming on this day to be heard and debated before this Court upon hearing the Petition and Answer, and upon due Consideration had of the matters therein severally Contained this Court doth think fit to order and Decree, and doth accordingly order and Decree that the Appellants Petition to the King and Council be dismissed, the Security not being filed within the Limited time conformable to the Charter.

April 26th 1779

Hon Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

To James Taylor
Register of the Mayors Court
Sir

The Hon'ble the Court of Appeals which was to have met this Day is prostponed to Fryday Next

Fort St George
April 27th 1779

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

To James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayors Court
Sir

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Stree Setteram Rauze Maharauze Longar did this Day lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Hon'ble the Mayors Court Dated the 28th Day of April Last in a Cause wherein William Petrie and Alexander Brodie Executors to John Readhead Deceased was Complainants and the said Stree Setteram Rauze Maharauze Longar Defendant which you will please to signify to the Hon'ble the Mayors Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the Several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause.

Fort St George
11th May 1779

I am
Sir
Your Most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

To James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayors Court
Sir

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint You that William Petrie and Alexander Brodie Executors to John Readhead Deceased Complainants did Yesterday lodge an Petition against Stree Setteram Rauze Maharauze Longaur which you will please to Signify to the Hon'ble the Mayors Court.

Fort St George
29th May 1779

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

M.r James Taylor

Register of the Hon.ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Hon.ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Pariah Angaroo Chitty Chinna Angaroo Chitty Seshachila Chitty and Moodu Ramah Chitty of Madras Merchants did Yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Hon.ble the Mayor's Court dated the 18.th Day of May last in a Cause wherein Hoye Marcar Complainant and Pariah Angaroo Chitty Chinna Angaroo Chitty Shashachilla Chitty and Moodu Ramah Chitty Defendant which you will please to signify to the Hon.ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for bringing before the Hon.ble Court of Appeals the Several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause.

Fort St.n George
1.st June 1779

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

To
The Hon.ble the Mayor's Court
of
Madraspatnam

Civil Department

Gentlemen

In Consequence of a Presentment from the Grand Jury of the 10.th April setting forth the manifest Detriment to the Publick as well as the Distress to Individuals which has arisen from the Crime of Champerty becoming so frequent We have Considered the Subject with every Degree of Attention and however desirous we may be to meet the wishes of the Grand Jury we are of opinion an effectual Stop cannot be put to the mischief Complained of without your Concurrence, and therefore earnestly Recommends it to your Consideration whether it may not be proper and Necessary to make it a Rule of your Court that no Bill where one Indian Native sues another by himself or by his Attorney or Assignee be in future filed untill after the Consent in writing of the Defendant to submit the Cause to the Determination of your Court be produced and proved in open Court.

Should there be any thing in the present Charter which you conceive would admit of being altered with Respect to your Court or its Jurisdiction or Authority, so as more effectually to provide for the due Administration of Justice, you will please to point out such Alterations as appear to you Necessary, and we will not fail to Communicate them by the most Advices to the Hon.ble the Court of Directors

Fort St.n George
Aug.t 5.th 1779

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Tho.s Rumbold
John Whitehill
Hector Munro
Charles Smith
Sam.l Johnson
Fleming

To
Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Patmah Gruah otherwise Called Carette Gruahroo of Madras Dubash did this Day lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an Order of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated the 27th Day of July last in a Cause wherein James Strange of Madras Merchant Complainant and the said Patmah Gruah otherwise Called Carette Gruahroo Defendant which you will please to Signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause.

Fort St George
4th August 1779

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

To
Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I Return you the several Papers Received from you in the following Causes Viz.t

George Mackay vers George Mowbray
Patmah Gruah &c. vers James Strange
Kistnah &c. vers [illegible]

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

To
Mr James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Poongatoor Shungelvaroyah Modelliar also one of the Executors in the said Will did yesterday lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated the 17th Instant in a Cause wherein Ch.n Edward Jones Major Maul and John Snow all of Fort Saint George the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Pombahvie Canaroo Coramadam late of Madras Inhabitant deceased was Complainants and the said Poongatoor Shungelvaroyah Modelliar Defendant which you will please to signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause.

Fort St George
31st August 1779

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

together with the Decrees of the Hon'ble the Court of Appeals in the said Causes.

Fort St George
29th August 1779

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

To the Honble the Mayor's Court
at
Madraspatnam

Gentlemen

Patuah Gruah Sherwin Carettee Gruahroo of Madras Dubash having duly filed an Appeal from an order of the Honble the Mayors Court dated the 27th Day of July Anno Domini 1779 In a Cause wherein James Strange of Fort St George Merchant was Complainant and the said Patuah Gruah Sherwin Carettee Gruahroo Defendant the said Appeal came on to be heard the 26th Instant when the Honble Court of Appeals were pleased to Affirm the order of the Honble the Mayors Court and also Decreed the said Appellant should pay the Additional Costs in both Courts from both which Decrees the said Patuah Gruah Sherwin Carettee Gruahroo by his Attorney as aforesaid did on the 30th Instant lodge an Appeal to the Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St George
31st August 1779

To Mr James Taylor

Sir

I desire you will send me the Decree of the Court of Appeals which I sent you four days ago as there was a Mistake in it, and I now send you a proper one. —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St George
3d Sept 1779

To
Mr James Taylor
Register of the Honble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to lay before you for the information of the Honble the Mayors Court their Sentiments upon a Matter of great importance, which has come to their Knowledge, and which tho' it Concerns the Jurisdiction and Procedings of the Court, is yet so connected with the Interests of the Company and the State, that the President and Council who are charged with those Interests think it their indispensible Duty to mention it, and to treat it with the Attention it deserves. —

The President and Council have learnt by Common Report, and by information from the Sheriff to the Governor, that

that an Action of Debt was lately brought by one M.r Allison into the Mayors Court against Amer-Ul-Omrah the Nabobs Second Son; that in Consequence of Amer-Ul-Omrahs not Appearing, or Making any Answer to the Bill of Complaint, the Process was Carried on in the usual Form, and ended in the Sale of his House, by an order of Court for the Payment of the Debt. That the Sheriff in virtue of these Proceedings went on Monday the 13.th Instant with his Formalities to take Possession of Amer-Ul-Omrahs House, in order that it might be delivered over to the Purchaser; that finding the Nabobs Guards there, and Acquainting them with his Intentions, they opposed and prevented the Execution of it, and that the Sheriff in Attempting to push the Guards, was thrust back and ill treated, by some of Amer-Ul-Omrahs People.—

All these Particulars have given the President and Council much Concern it is their earnest wish that the powers of the Mayors Court should be fully, and freely exercised according to their Charter.—

How far these powers extend, and whether the Nabob has any and what Privileges of exemption, for himself, his Family and Servants, are Questions upon which the President and Council do not mean to give any Opinion. Their present Representation is founded solely on the Danger which may arise from the beforementioned Proceedings, and the great Embarassment which they bring upon the Government at a very critical Period.

The Nabob has been permitted by the Company to reside for many Years within their Limits, and to have his own Guards, for the Protection of his person, Family & Effects.

The Company have always considered it of the highest importance to their Interest, to Retain the Nabob so near the Seat of their Government, and the President and Council are clearly of Opinion, that nothing could be of greater prejudice to the Interest of the Company and the State; or hurt the Welfare of the Settlement more than the Nabob withdrawing himself and his family at this Juncture from the Companys Limits.—

For these Reasons the President and Council, wish the Honble the Mayors Court would consider if some mode Cannot be fallen upon, for Staying or Suspending the present Process against Amer-Ul-Omrah until the various Difficulties, which have arisen in Respect to the Situation of the Nabobs Family and the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice in general, shall have been represented to England, and the best advice obtained for Removing them.—

Fort St George
Sept.r 25.th 1779.—

By Order of the President
and Council.—
Stephen Sulivan
Secry

To Mr James Taylor
Register of the Honble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Honble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that George Stratton Henry Brooke Charles Floyer Archadale Palmer Francis Jourdan and George Mackay Esquires did this Day lodge an Appeal in a Cause wherein Charles Bromley Complainant and the said George Stratton Henry Brooke Charles Floyer Archadale Palmer Francis Jourdan and George Mackay Esquires Defendants which you will please to Signify to the Honble the Mayors Court that they may give Orders for laying before the Honble Court of Appeals the several Papers exhibited in the said Cause.

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St George
13th October 1779

To Mr James Taylor
Register of the Honble the Mayors Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Honble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Cundavady Sawmy Chitty did yesterday lodge an Appeal in a Cause wherein Manna Permall Pillah by his Attorney Albano Druum Complainant and the said Cundavady Sawmy Chitty Defendant which you will please to signify to the Honble the Mayors Court that they may give orders for laying before the Honble Court of Appeals the several Papers exhibited in the said Cause.

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St George
16th November 1779

To Mr James Taylor
Register of the Mayors Court

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to acquaint you they have appointed Mr Edward Frode to the Office of an Alderman of the Mayors Court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of Mr George Farwell.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Stephen Sulivan
Secry

Fort St George
Novr 26th 1779

To James Taylor Esqr

Sir

I have to request you will be pleased to represent to the Honble Court the great difficulty I find in the Carrying on of my Business, owing to being obliged to send all Witnesses to the Office of the Opposite Attorney before Examination, and at the Attornies Desire in the Black Town it takes up so much time before they can be shown and returned for Examination that it is almost impossible for me to go through the whole of the business and put it out of my power to go through the whole of the business

and which has lately very much encreased — I flatter myself the Hon'ble Court will upon enquiring into this matter find no absolute Necessity for this great delay, as a Note is always sent with the Witness of his name Title and place of abode which must be very Information the Opposite Attorney can want if he thinks proper to cross Examine him. —

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
S. Welch Examiner

Madras
30th Nov.r 79.

To Mr. James Taylor
Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir I am ordered by the Hon'ble Court of Appeals to acquaint you that Kistnadoss Verjedoss of Madras Merchant did this day lodge an Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court Dated 30th Day of November last in a Cause wherein John Macalister by his Attorney Alexander Brodie of Madras Merchant was Complainant and the said Kistnadoss Verjedoss Defendant which you will please to signify to the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court that they may give orders for laying before the Hon'ble Court of Appeals the Several Papers Exhibited in the said Cause. —

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St. George
3.d December 1779

To the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court
of Madraspatnam

Gentlemen I am directed by the Hon'ble the President and Council to acquaint you that they have chosen Mr. Edward John Holland who with Mr. Edward Frode was presented to them on Tuesday the 7th Instant agreeable to the Charter to be Mayor of Madraspatnam for the year ensuing, and that the President or in his Absence the two Senior of the Council Resident at this Settlement will be ready on the 20th Instant at 10 o Clock in the forenoon to Administer the Oath provided by the Charter to the Mayor Elect. I have likewise their Directions to acquaint you they have elected Mr. Kindar Digby of Fort St George Merchant to be Sheriff of Madraspatnam and the Districts thereof for the ensuing Year. —

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Stephen Sullivan Sec.ry

Fort St. George
Dec.r 10th 1779

Sreevengadam Pillah Administrator of Sreemy Vera Permall deceased, by his Attorney Johannes Benedict
versus
Vadatoor Doda Chenyar and Caundoor Auchalier

To James Taylor Esq.r Register of the Hon'ble the Mayor's Court

Sir I find that the Summons Sequestred in the above Cause by William

William Turing Esquire, late Sheriff of the Town of Madraspatnam, and
the Districts, are not within the Jurisdiction of my Office and altho
under a Contrary Jurrwasion I thought it my Duty to represent to
this Horible Court, the Indignities shewn to my Officers in their Efforts
to execute a Process in the above Cause, I find myself now obliged to
return the Order of the 10th Day of August last, having no Power by
Virtue of my Office over the Jurrmines in Question.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. Jackson
Sheriff.

Fort St George
18 December 1779

Mr. James Taylor
Register of the Horible the Mayor's Court

Sir

I am ordered by the Horible Court of Appeals to acquaint
you that Nagapah Chitty of Madras Merchant did this day lodge an
Appeal in the said Court from an order of the Horible the Mayor's Court
Dated 7th Instant in a Cause wherein Nagapah Chitty Complainant
and the Dawsonne Drake Defendant which you will please to
Signify to the Horible the Mayor's Court that they may give orders
for laying before the Horible Court of Appeals the several Papers
Exhibited in the said Cause.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Stephen Sullivan
Clerk of Appeals

Fort St George
20 December 1779