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D. Craufurd Madraſs 6th Apri

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I have received your favors of the 25th & 27th Ulto also a large Packet addreſsed to Mr. Crakat which with your other Europe Letters shall be put under Cover and forwarded agreable to your Desire.

I have already wrote to your Brother that altering of Veſsels especially at Places where the Principles are not present is generally attended with such heavy Expences as makes me unwilling to embark in any thing of the kind Avia's Ship is Arrived she is better adapted to the China Trade, and if we can get her in a Voyage to Pegue and Bengal with Cotton and Return in Time to the coast to go to China in May.

If favourable Account should be received from Manila the Minerva will be sent thither otherwise a Macoa Ship it is thought will be taken up for that Purpose there is not any Probability of our employing a Ship in this Manner.

Bacon has the Promise of the Command of the Minerva if she should arrive before July he will immediately take it if not on her Return from Pegue she will certainly be delivered to him & these people are always more ready to serve men in Power than us, because they think it more in their Power to serve them but at all Events Bacon cannot enter into any other Service than Mr. Bourchiers without him ill.

Bengal has had such an immense Quantity of Timber imported as makes it highly probable the Price must have fallen considerably and if we send the four Friends thither she cannot return in less than nine or 10 Months because the Winds from the Sd.ward Gales it is not possible for a Ship to venture out untill August or September and Monsoon will be set in before she will be able to leave the River I am therefore of Opinion that the best way to employ our Ship will be send her to Batavia with the following Cargo for [illegible] Place —

Chints Pallampores	6000
White Cloth	1000
blew Cloth of Sorts	3000
Red Handk^ts Cambays &c^a	3500
	13500

which may always be supposed to produce 25 P C^t Profit 3375.
The Produce may in part be invested in Sugar Sapan Wood Arrack Sugar Candy native Camphire and the Ship nearly filled up with sawn Plank proper for Carriages Sheathing Boards and Probably Pepper allum and Tutenague may be procured at such Prices as may render them profitable Articles for the Coast from Batavia I would have her proceed in June to Cruise on Westcoast of Sumatra to Bencoolen and the Northern Ports with a Cargo from this Place of

White Cloth	2500
Blew Cloth	1000
Red Hand	3000
Opium	2000
	8500

Which may at any Time be disposed of at 25 P Cent and the Profit on the Gruff returns from these Places may always be expected to amount to 3000 Pagodas than together

makes Pagodas	8600
deduct Risque & Charges	4100
	4500
Gain in 5 Months	

And at the west Coast the Ship will meet with the Middlesex from England to China out of which she will in all probability get Cordage Canvas Iron &c^a at 15 P C cheaper than at this Place when she will arrive about the Middle of September in the Mean I am providing for Goa about 8000 Pagodas of Goods and about 5000 must be provided by you at Massulipattam as also about 5000 Pieces of 27 Pag^s Chints for Persia and two or three thousand Pieces of Blew Cloth shall be also ready in Time Before the setting in of the monsoon I propose to send her to Clumbo up the Malbar Coast to Goa where the Goods for that Place may be disposed of at 30 P Cent at least and the money remitted by Bills or paid at Bombay on which Place we may draw to advantage Goods also may generally be procured on Freight to the amount of 20000 Pagodas from Bombay she should go to Muscat Gombroon &c^a Ports up to Bussorah and when her sales shall compleated to Proceed to Surat to take in Cotton Cochin for Pepper & Sandalwood and Return to Madrass when she may arrive in January The Person that Commands the Ship is of a most excellent Character he was sometime in Bayleys Service & your Brother Speaks of him in a manner that does him Credit.

If we get the Ships from Acheen it is my Desire as your Brother requests it to see him Super Cargo.

I gave the Invoice of the Cloths you sent to Store but I donot recollect to have seen Commiſsion drawn and had it been it must have been observed by me.

On Apology regarding Ruſsells Letter I would hide from you and you welcome to open any under my Addreſs.

I am &c.

Dr. Pyne

Madraſs 8 April 1767

Paupiah & Dados Boy having this Morning presented me with your Letter of the 1 April I paid them the money you have advanced on Mr. Moncktons Account.

For Baileys Offreckonings I shall give you Interest untill you may have Occasion for the Money.

I [illegible] ar Pyne.

Your most Affectionately Servant

Dear Sir

Madraſs 9 April 1767

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Whatever Pappues or Chintz you may have provided on my Account for Batavia either in Consequence of my joint Letter with Johnson to you or one of mine of the 1st of April be pleased to send me down on receipt here of as my Veſsel for Battavia is arrived and I want to dispatch her within 10 days a few Pagodas for Boats hire must not therefore be attended to.

The Goods for Acheen Mr. Harropwill rece

I am in haste to night and will write to you tomorrow in answer to one or two Letters.

I beg your Advice Compliments to Mrs. Hoſsford.

I am Dr. Sir

Yours &c. —

Dear Craufurd

Madraſs 11 April 1767

A Multiplicity of Buſsineſs prevented me yesterday from writing you I have the Pleasure of acquainting you what you will have learnt by the Letters I transmitted you the night before last that the four friends is arrived.

Inclosed you Copy of a letter from your Brother to Monckton yourself & me as also one to you which was inclosed Bond the Amount of which shall be carried to your Credit —

Madrass 6th April 1767

Dear Monckton

I wrote the enclosed to you last night but too late for the Tappaul.

The Ship Four Friends is now unlading & 'll be dispatched for Batavia in three or four days time annexed is Crawfords letter and the Invoice also Delivery Invoice of the [illegible] Salt.

The Buckingham or India Trader was to have sailed about the 26 of last month almost all the Goods for Achin are ready.

I have received from Andrapa in part of Narrain Pilla the Renter of Mannamangalam Bond in them and Pagodas all that is due will be soon received of me depend on your [illegible].

I have no news to impart to you therefore with sincere Wishes for your Health and Happiness I conclude being Dr Monckton

Your affect. Friend

Sir

Madrass 6th April 1767

In Answer to your favour of the 2d Instt
acquaint you the Amount of the Invoice to the
ward will be near 4500 Pagodas therefore there
be no need of increasing the Eastward will be no
d of the Quantity of Goods yet if you and Mr [illegible]
Should be of Opinion a large Quantity will sell you will Oblige me by seeing the addition Provided.

If the Boat Concerning which you have heard is a good one & cheap you will oblige me by buying here otherwise I can wait untill the Return of hers on the Pearl Fishery.

I Observe what you say of some vessels that are Expected to bring back their blew Cloths from [illegible] that Place in Time of war is by no means proper for that Article because the Inhabitants there abouts wear mostly white or brown Cloths [illegible] in Time of Peace they likewise [illegible] take off blew Cloths when their Power they carry to Queda where they meet the Bugis going Boats which Likewise take of [illegible].

My Compliments to Mrs [illegible] if you please.

Yours &c

Jno Lewin Smith Esqr

Madrass 6th April 1767

Dear Sir

It is with great Pleasure I congratulate you on your having finished your Negociations with Advantage both to the Company and to the Satisfaction of their Representatives here, it is hard upon those with whom the management of Publick Business is entrusted that men in general judge from Consequences but it is a hardship to which every one in [illegible] have ever been liable, we cannot command Succeſs but as we can do more and that is deserve it so we shall in such case have that Satisfaction which can alone result from the Consciousneſs of having exerted our utmost Endeavours in the Discharge of our Duty.

I have insured your Chequins on the Ochen ship from Bengall Pagodas 2000 because getting out of the River at this Season is dangerous I shall leave about 1500 or 2000 of your Chequins from this Place uninsured.

Ol. N 2433 in the Cypher is the Nabob I hope you have been able to make it out since the Dispatch of the Camgadore he has not mentioned one Syllable further of that Buſineſs.

Sangama Chetty long since deliver'd me an Account of Bonds due to him from the Nellore Renter as I wrote to you at that Time I delivered the Same to the Nabob who after many Professions of Regard told me he would Enquire and if the Debt was just he would Endeavour [illegible] me it I frequently sent to him he [illegible] about it the answer was not come from Nellore was the Constant reply about 20 days ago I desired the Bramany to tell the Nabob I waited his Leisure to speake to him he sent me word in a day or two he should be glad to see me [illegible] these days elapsed and it was not until

last night after he had left Madraſs in his way to Arcot I could speak to him he had forgot or pretended to have forgot my having given him the account and desired me to send him another Copy and he would Endeavour to get the money for you I have not spoke the to the Governour about this Buſineſs because Sangarama Chetty is indebted to Mr Palk who I believe pressed hard for this money before he went and the Nabob cannot Publickly take on himself this Debt without angering the trustees.

The Nabob complain much of Wasnally Cawn he talked to me of his Debts but has wrote to you very Particularly concerning the same in a letter he left with the Governour.

Enclosed is your Account Current with me to the end of last month.

When the last Advices were received from Camp the Armies had not joined the Morattas are plundering the country Country to the Westward of the Hills and to the [illegible] of the Chouitry the Province a Detachment has marched for the Defence of It is imagined under the Command of Major Bonjour Col. Call is gone with him Mr Savage Bourchier Stracy & Boile set out for Col. Smith's army last wednesday the latter [illegible]

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The Cargo Ships will Sail in three or four days John Davidson is ordered up to Malacca

I am Dear Sir with respect & Esteem

Your most humble Servant

Col. Smith's & Col. Tod.

Dear Sir

Madraſs 15 April 1767

The Cargo of Achin & the Straight consists of the following —

Opium	60 Chests	about 5500
Taffaties & Cuttanees Coſsas	Pag	2700
Hote Lace & Leſsambees		1000
Northern Long Cloth		800 9000
Madraſs blew Cloth		
Porto Novo	Do	1100
Succatons		10500
		500
Nagore Goods		5500
Madraſs white Cloth		1000
Muslins		400

The Ships is to Proceed immediately to Achin from thence to Pappellong &c Ports on the Sumatra shore on that side Diamond Point where she will dispose of the brown and white Cloth with part of the Opium from the east most Part of the Achin Kingdom she is to Proceed to Quedah where great Part of the blew Goods & some Opium will be disposed of and the Remainder the Salangoreans will take off Our hands

now

As our Ships will be much earlier any other Veſsel from the Coast At the latter Places she will be able to get Cloves and Caſsia which are brought thither from Celebs but as it is not Probable one half of the Cargo can be disposed of at Achin in the Present State of that Country it does not seem eligable to me to trust any quantity of Goods to be left at Achin and of Course that as Harrop was in the Interest of the King that was lately murdered he neither oughts to be asked nor permitted to remain with any thing considerable and that as the must there fore go to Quedah Salangore &c Ports in the Straight it will not be poſsible for to return in July which renders it unneceſsary to Provide and Additional veſsel yet if contrary to our Expectations a considerable Part of the Goods shall be sold at Achin and there is a Probability that a farther Quantity may be disposed of Harrop may stay untill Ships leave & she may be dispatched so as to return to the Straights in Septr I was always for sending two Ships but the Expences deterred the concerned from adopting that Measure however if on Harrop's Arrival it should seem proper there is a Veſsel of 60 Tons here which may be procured One Objection that seems to me is that it will ensure of Accident the Matters of Dispute

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only, Consider what I have wrote and let me have
Your Opinion thereon

I am
Your most humble Servant

I hope you have sent off the Battavia Goods Provided for me as the Ships will wait for them if you can get any Freight of Battavia you will Oblige me Provided it can be [illegible] in [illegible] days of [illegible] for Battavia cannot be Procured without [illegible] with the Achin Goods I hope you have not [illegible] should any Considerable Quantity of Freight [illegible] Sir [illegible] the Expences of sending [illegible] the Remainder [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible]

Madras 15 April 1769

When I wrote to you last I hoped to send [illegible] the Ship a final account [illegible] the Estate of your Son William [illegible] but still [illegible] I can only send you [illegible] in the [illegible] which [illegible] mentioned the Account [illegible] You will be pleased to Observe [illegible] a Balance [illegible] due from [illegible] I have [illegible] maintenance of [illegible] Infants of my late [illegible] hundred & [illegible] five

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which I have not yet charged to the estate & if the Cause in the Court be given in our Favor there will remain the less to a father [illegible] due therefore —

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After having been thus unfortunate in the Loss of two most amiable youths I scarcely know in what Terms to recommend your permitting another to try his Fortune with us, the Country is as healthy as most parts of England our settlements in Particular and the Prospect of acquiring a Fortune by Industry much greater here than you can [illegible] in the Civil Service at this Place he would meet with so many Friends that his Situation would without doubt in a short Time be agreeable, I will not say too much for very soon your Expectations should be disappointed but permit me to add that, I shall be happy in any thing in my Power I shall ever be able to testify that my Friendship for your Sons was real.

It may undoubtedly will strike you that if appearances are so promising your Son William who had been so long in the Civil Service should have been Possessed of so little at his death but you will be pleased to Observe that those in the Engineering branch being continually removed from Place to Place have not Opportunities to trade in one Adventure Mr. Drake he and myself had at Sooloo we lost Pags 2116. 28. 00 since another from Batavia thro the Straights of Malacca to this Place he also lost 500 Pags besides his Expences at Manila where

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he gained nothing by trade must have amounted to [illegible] Pagodas as those on his Passage to [illegible] more —

The Company have given hopes that some thing will be allowed to us in Consideration of our Expences on the Expedition should it so happen you may Depend on my applying on your Account, and remitting whatever I may Obtain.

With the best of wishes to you and your Family I remain

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Gentlemen

Madrass 15 April 1767

Although the Absence of my Coadjutors in the Management of the Estate of the late Mr Palmer and multiplicity of Business have prevented me from Concluding the Accounts of the Estate we have made a farther Dividend by which a Balance is due to the Estate of Mr Davidson of London of ninety nine Pagodas thirty four fanams and twenty Cash which I did Propose to have remitted by Bill on this Ship but having been disappointed shall pay to Mr John Davidson who I imagine has not yet settled with you for the ~~[illegible]~~ wholy of his Patrimony

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servant

Gentlemen

Madrass 15 April 1767

I have the Pleasure to inclose to you by desire of Mr Smith Bill on the Court of Directors for four hundred Pagodas

I am Gentlemen

Yours &c

Dear Sir

Madrass 15 April 1767

As I shall at all Events Dispatch my Vessel for Battavia the 29 Instant I hope you have Sent the Quantity agreeable to my former Desire —

I do not Imagine you have been able to get any Freight for the Ship not being at Negapatam but write that that some may be sent after she may be sailed.

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

To Captn Holford

Sir

Madrass 15 April 1767

The Present is only to advise you I have this Instant put all your Letters into the Packet and forwarded the Bill to your Attorney

I am Sir

Yours &c

Dear Sir

Mr. Dunstone

Madrass 22 April 1787 —

This I hope will be delivered to you by Captain Cathcart, who commands a Ship of which I am a part Owner and whom I beg Leave to recommend to you.

He will acquaint you what her cargo consists of and if you chuse to take my Part at 20 p Cent, Captn. Cathcart will deliver you the Same and receive the Amount on her return in August in Gold or Clovis.

If you should have Occasion for any Goods, in January I shall send a Vessell to the West Coast, and will comply with such Indents as you may make provided you will send me half returns by the Vessel and the whole shall be at Respondentia. I could not Procure any Tappies but shall immediately order a Quantity to be made.

Enclosed is Duplicate of my last to you since when I have heard nothing of Mr. Bargall his absence from Calcutta may have retarded the remittance, but it is an unlucky Circumstance as it occasions [illegible] Interest and prevents my paying off the Bond.

Enclosed is the Price Current,

of Europe and Eastern Goods.

Wishing you health & happiness

I remain my dear Sir, yr most Obt. Servant,

To Mr. Barnet

22 April 1787

Dear Sir

This will be delivered to you by Captain Charles Cathcart the Commander of the Ship Four Friends of which I am one of the Acting Owners. I take Leave to recommend him to you a Gentleman of whom I had a very favourable Character and as I have consigned the Cargo to you & him I hope he will prove agreable to you —

The Goods in general were sorted by myself should it therefore happen that some of the Chints should not be well adapted to the Batavia Market & you unable to sell the same to advantage I desire you will rather take stock on my Accot. at the Market Price of the Shore than the Concerned should lose or you be under the Necessity of representing so I am D. Sir

Y. M. O. S.

~~Dear Sir~~

~~To Mr. Burnet~~

~~Madrass 22 April 1767—~~

~~This will be delivered to you by Captain [illegible]~~

Dear Perring

Madrass 26th April 1767

On receipt of this be pleased to contract for the Delivery of 50 Candies of the best sort of Tobacco at Pandarty in 20 or 30 days from this the Leaves should be thick broad & long—

Pray make my Compliments to your Brother who has been so long from Madrass.

Yours affectionately

Dear Sir

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Madrass 28th April 1767—

I was Certainly dis appointed regarding the Batavia Goods because Johnson told me 4 or 5000 Pagodas worth were ready or because from what he Said I had reason to think so but it is not material however the half of what you have agreed for you will place to my Account if you please and I have desired Harrop to leave all the Money he may have belonging to me in your Hand—

I have considered what you Advise regarding the returns of the Ships from Achin but as the blue Cloth and some Other Articles are intended for Queda & Salangore and I think cannot be disposed of at Achin even if no Troubles should exist I cannot see how she can return by the Time you mention you & Harrop and as far as shall be in my power your advice shall guide Us—

Pray as an immense quantity of Opium is gone into the Straights would it not be better if a few Chests can be disposed of to let them go at Nagore.

Although I can by no means approve of Harrops Behavior to you I must request—

it of you as a favor not to reproach him here with

I have dispatched my Ship but my Attention for some days was so engross'd with that Business that some things have been greatly retarded.

With my Compliments to Mrs Holford I must therefore conclude

being Sir

Your most Obt Servant

Sir

Madrass 28th April 1767

Your Letter of the 29 March from Tutta reached me this Morning

I am of Opinion with you the Ship is too bad, we purchased her when we had no Prospect of another, therefore she must perform this year's Voyage and as soon as she returns we will sell her, if she should not be fit to Proceed again and Purchase another in Time for the next year's Voyage when you or Captn Gibson may think of the Vessel to proceed to buy it yourselves till you shall see me.

The Goods I am [illegible] are ready I have therefore desired [illegible] to receive them & deliver them to [illegible]

Captn Holford who is concerned in the Voyage propose that the Ship should be returned to Madrass or rather to Nagore in the month of September from whence she may with a fresh Cargo again proceed to Achin. I now write to him the Inconveniences that may attend you may consult together and on your arrival here we may determine but in my present Opinion the Ship must go from Achin to Queda &c if a small vessel should be absolutely necessary such one may be procured.

Concerning the Rice &c I have already wrote [illegible] you Piece Goods are in no Demand here [illegible] current, enclosed but without [illegible] there is no determining how much [illegible] Merchants will give

There has been an immense Quantity of Opium sent to the Straights this year if you can therefore Dispose of a few Chests to advantage I think it best so to do you may. Holford is well acquainted at Nagore and can be of assistance to you

You shall in a day or two at gain hear from me in the mean Time assure yourself of a friend in Your most Obt J. S.

Dear Crawford—

I have the pleasure to acquaint you the Four Friends sailed the 22 with a Cargo amounting to Pags 2458736. 25 each of the Goods were Provided for Mr Cuthbert but not having been delivered in Time he refused to take them. I gave 38 P. Pags for Hands &c of 22 Fangams with 2 Months Credit, & some of the Goods were much cheaper on the Sorting of them I turned out more than half of what they delivered; as soon as I have brought up my accounts I shall send you a Copy of all the papers I have worked so much as during the [illegible] here—

[illegible] presented your Bond from the Nabob [illegible] tells me you you need make [illegible] for you will be admitted without any [illegible] to share the first Dividend

Regarding [illegible] Pagodas omitted in my Acct for A[illegible] [illegible] already wrote you that it was [illegible] on the 22 of July to Mr Benfield Con[illegible] [illegible] on Order from you for the sum in these Words "Pay my friend [illegible] the [illegible] four thousand Pag on Acct of Yours [illegible]

Your Cot &ca long since sent to you & the Chairs shall by the next Opportunity

The 278. 1 8. paid by your Bag to Audy Narrain you will be pleased to carry to Debit of my Acct Curt with you the 30d Septr & 1627. 13 9 were for Bills of Exchange which you will be pleased to carry to Credit of Acct with the Owners of the Ship Indian Trader (formerly Buckinghamshire

I must beg the favour of you to receive the Cloth for me & debit my private or seperate Acct for the same for I do not place any very great Dependance on the Knowledge of either Audy Narrain or Sebapathy in fine Cloth &c I have Accepted two Bills on the above Acct for what they have advanced you. Will however Employ Audy Narrain with your Bag in the Coarse Cloth that he may not lose his Share of the Custom

From what you say regarding the Credit of 3000 Pags for the Achin I observe you have not attended to a letter I wrote to Mr Smith Enclosing a Bill on each for the same Sum on Acct of the Achin Goods. By Monday I shall send you a Particular Acct of all the Sums Remitted on Acct of the Achin Voyage in which I shall make seperate Columns for the Ships

Dear Craufurd –

I have the pleasure to acquaint you the Four Friends sailed the 22 with a Cargo amounting to Pags 24587.36. 25 pieces of the Goods were Provided for Mr Cuthbert but not having been delivered in Time he refused to take them I gave 336 P. Pags for Hands 9 ps of 22 Punjams with 2 Months Credit & some of the Goods were much cheaper in the Sorting of them I turned out more than half of which they delivered in as soon as I have brought up my accounts I shall send you a Copy of all the papers I have worked so much as during the [illegible] there –

[illegible] represented your Bond from the Nabob [illegible] will [illegible] you you and make your [illegible] for you will be admitted without any [illegible] to share the first Dividend

Regarding the [illegible] omitted in my Acct for October I [illegible] wrote you that it was Advanced [illegible] of July to Mr Benfield's Concoply [illegible] Order from you for the same [illegible] words "Pay my friend at the Board [illegible] thousand Pag on Acct of Yours &c"

Your Cot & Clo long since sent to you & the Chairs shall by the next Opportunity

The 273. 1 8. paid by your Boy to Audy Narrain you will be pleased to carry to Debit of my Acct Curt with you the 300 Ms & 1527.13.9 were for Bills of Exchange Which you will be pleased to carry to Credit of Acct with the Owners of the Ship Indian Trader (formerly Buckinghamshire

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of Rupees as reducing the former @ [illegible] Potta
into Current Pagoda would cause a great Loss
to me—

It is customary in Europe [illegible] to do as Secretary on regarding Commission & [illegible] it appear just.

I will immediately forward you the Copy of the Invoice of the Chests sent to Persia & also of one of the Acct of the Commissary [illegible] and as soon as possible the Things for which you have Wrote — I am Dr S

Yr Most Affection

Sir

Madrass 20th April 1767

As soon as Mr Harrop shall have received the Goods provided at Nagore you will immediately proceed to Porto Novo where you are to take on [illegible] Cloth and further Orders will be there for you

As that is a Season of the year when we may expect bad Weather I take Leave to recommend to you to be ready [illegible] a little way to Sea in case of any [illegible] happen—

I am
Sir

To Captn Gibson of
the Indian Trader

Your most obedt Servant

Sir
Mr Harrop

Madrass 20 April 1767

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As soon as you shall have recei

the Goods provided at Nagore you will desire Captain Gibson to Proceed to Porto Novo where I have given Directions to have the Goods ready you will then meet with further Orders from me.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient & humble Servant

Sir

Madrass 30th April 1767

Unless you have your Family with you I should think it eligible for you to repair to Madrass as there are many things we may have to settle and Captn Gibson will have to call at Porto Novo and Cuddalore Captn Holford recommends an attendant [illegible] consult with him thereon if you please & when you arrive we will determine—

We shall be short of brown Cloth if therefore you can buy any at Porto Novo you may if you think proper and necessary. I am Sir your most obedt

you can buy even at [illegible] Pags per Corge [illegible] Obedient Servt

[illegible] you may draw on me for the amount

[illegible] shall [illegible] be yours the Price is [illegible]

Dear Dowsett

Madrass 26 April 1769

In Expectation on my vessel for Achen would be at Porto Novo to day I long since wrote to Narrain in the most Pressing manner to get received the blew Cloth and deliver it to the Captain. Much to my Surprize I read a letter to day from him advising he will set out as soon as possible. For God's Sake as I cannot depend on such a Chap if he has not set out Send Wapah with one of the Warehouse Conicopolies that all the Cloth not fit to be Taken in money be rejected. As this Business is of Importance I depend on you.

Be pleased to purchase 200 Corges of Clouded Ginghams & 20 Corges of the blew Handkerchiefs of the Pattern formerly made me for you, and of the Commission of 2 p Cent will be acceptable. I will give Order for Goods to the Amount of Pags 10000.

I will send you one thousand Pagodas tomorrow. Adieu Dr Dowsett believe me [illegible]

If your absence from Cu[illegible] Narrain tells me he Contracted for 2 or 300 [illegible] Ginghams. he has done very little [illegible] Pagodas [illegible]

I think 2/6 [illegible]

Dear Sir

Madrass 26 April 1769

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I have to Acknowledge the Favor of a Basket of Grapes with Mr & Mrs Holfords Compliments for which be pleased to accept my Thanks.

I now wrote to Mr Harrop to repair thither if convenient to him after consulting with you on what may be necessary.

I am Sir with Compliments

Your most Obedt Servant

to Mr Holford

J J

Dear Dowsett

Madrass 8 May 1769

I have before wrote you I should want 2 or 300 Corges clouded Ginghams & 100 of blew Hkfs. I shall also want 100 Corges of Chinty at about 18 p & 50 of Salampores 2 by 8 & 2 by 5 an equal Number. The Paintings must be flowers & Sprigs not Small. 50 Corges of Mowchey Ginghams @ 9 p Corge.

I shall send you some money immediately. My Compliments if you please to the Ladies. Adieu

Yours &c

Gentlemen

Madrass 2d May 1769

Your Favor of the 3d April reached me the 1 Instant.

The Concerned are Obliged by the Trouble you have taken and you may be assured your Bills in Favor of Messrs Stratton & Boswall shall be duly honored.

I am Gentlemen
To Messrs Russell & Crawford — Your Most Obedt Servant
[illegible] for the Concerned

Dear Sir

Madrass 2d May 1769

C.W.

I have received your Favor of the [illegible]

As soon as the Roumals shall arrive I shall endeavour to sell them but the Mysore Company renders it at present of no demand. Remittance shall be made in the manner you desire.

Little or no Rungpore Raw Silk has been sent hither for a long Time past however I may expect 20 [illegible] for Madrass [illegible] Rodnagg [illegible] and not more than [illegible] from [illegible] Country. Hyder Naig has offered the [illegible] annually a Sum of Money which it is thought will induce him to le[illegible] & return to his Country certain however it is that the Army is within 20 or 30 Coss of Bengalore the Strongest Fortress in his Country in which are all his Treasures and the Capture of it must oblige Hyder Naig to agree to every thing demanded of him Should this Event happen, Tranquility will for some Time succeed and Price of [illegible] will much increase as will that of Piece Goods but in the present State of Affairs I cannot advise you to send any Goods whatever.

Of the Muggadoties I have only disposed of 2 Bales a 2 Months Credit [illegible] to be delivered to the Southward Risque & Charges on your Account [illegible] these Prices are much higher than I can expect for the rest, as they were given People that had Occasion for them for another Market and wanted Credit; my utmost Endeavours are used and shall not be wanting to get them off but such Quantities are in the Place and in different hands that I fear it will be a work of Time. This day some were bought back from the Malbar Coast where the Badness of the Madrass Price had induced the Owners to send them & I imagine your accounts from Malbar of this Article will agree with mine.

I inclose you second Bills for 1500 on Mess^rs Russel & Campbell and 2000 on Mess^rs Schultz for which Conveyance as soon write you, in the mean Time no Opportunity of selling the Goods shall be lost. I am with Regard

Sir, your most Obed^t
humble Servant

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r Crauford

Madrass 2^d May 1787

Your Favor of the 2^d Ult^o the Instant reached me.

Your Reproach of my not writing is not entirely without Foundation but the long Letter I wrote to you 20^th last may plead my Cause

The Bills drawn shall be duly honored — the Sums remitted on Account of the Ship & Goods are as follow—

r Bill on Gujrah — Pag^s 1500 . . S. F. Rs . . Cash
Ditto — 500 . .
— 7500 . .
M^r [illegible] on you
6913 . 15 . 9
Madras Specie [illegible] Wallahchaz . 12 —
[illegible] — 6027 . . . .
[illegible] Acc^t — 1617 . 13 . 9
P^s 300 . —

Besides which M^r Smith and you are to pay me your shares of 2000 Current Pag^s each which with the Money for which you will draw and the Bal^a of the Salvage Account will about answer the Sum wanted.

This day I received a Letter from M^r Russel & your Brother advising that on the 6 of April Indian Trader was out of Pilots Water the papers [illegible] on the Subject of the Voyage as well as of the Four [illegible] are Copying and shall be transmitted as soon as finished with the Commissary Acc^ts for 6 months & the Invoice of Persia Chinty—

The Buckingham or the Indian Trader as you must give further call here in my Opinion must proceed thereafter and take in the Cloth that will not be sent you—

There is no Copper in this place that can be got but at an high Price let me know whether you will give so here for you will go [illegible] I doubt the real Price but it must be your [illegible]

I have nothing else to say to you but some lengthy Letters [illegible] more than that I am

Dear Crauford

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

To Captn Charles Cathcart
of the Four Friends — Madrass 22 April 1767

Sir

The Goods being on board you will be pleased to make all possible Expedition to Fort Marlborough.

On your Arrival there you will instantly send the Letter you have for the Gentlemen ashore advising at the same Time that your stay will not exceed 3 or 4 [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ if proper and if the Gentlemen should [illegible] on that Time it [illegible] for those things they alone will be to blame.

When you are ashore if Mr Dunston should be there you may show him the Musters of Ginghams Long Cloths and Handkers and if it should be agreeable to him to give 30 p Cent for any of the Articles the money to be paid on two months (unless you should think proper to receive Goods) you may deliver him those Articles on his sending for them (giving a receipt for the same) but you [illegible] [illegible] Observe that the Sale of [illegible] worth of Goods will not be sufficient to [illegible] clearing the Ship [illegible] of the Cargo [illegible] should be wanted and you can dispose of [illegible] worth of Goods (at 35 or 40 p Cent) you may [illegible] but not longer at

The Cargo we have shipped on board is consigned to Mr Burnet and you at Batavia you will acquaint him what Articles you think will answer for Pasra and jointly purchase the same.

As soon as the Cargo shall be read on board you will return to Fort Malbrough and if you should find any of the Europe Ships bound to China, lay out such Money as you have of ours in the Purchase of Naval Stores Iron &c provided you can get them at about 30 p Cent on the Europe Price —

Your stay at Bencoolen must be as short as possible as we are desirous to have you here early in Septr

Should you on your arrival at Battav find it ~~[illegible]~~ impracticable to land or sell the Cargo you may proceed from the West coast to Colombo as you may possible sell a large Quantity of Chintz & Cambays at that Place for their Europe Ships and if Possible return hither in September but if the Monsoon should be set in before you can get here, you may go up the coast of ~~Mallabar~~ Malabar to Surat and take in Cotton with which you may return to this Place in January —

On your Return into the road be pleased to lower your Fore Top Gallant Sail and hoist an English Jack.

We Wish you a good Voyage &
are —
Yours &ca

Gentlemen — Madrass 22d April 1769 —

The Ship Four Friends being bound to Batavia we now take leave to consign to you sundry Goods & Merchandize as ꝑ Enclosed Invoice.

If Captain Cathcart should be able to dispose of any part of the Cargo on his Passage he has our Permission so to do though we are of ~~[illegible]~~ Opinion it is not likely he will sell any at Mallacca.

If the Goods can be disposed of to be delivered on board the Ship @ 25 or 26 ꝑ Cent clear of Commission & Batavia Charges altho' this not much more than Respondentia we think it will be more ~~advantagious~~ advisable to let them go, than to run the Risque of Carrying them for a Greater Price depending however on your Prudence we leave you to Act for ~~[illegible]~~ Us in the Manner that appears most for our advantage & Security.

As we shall have Occasion for the Ship [illegible] as possible we hope you will use your ut[illegible]ndeavour to load her and return her with th[illegible]test Expedition —

In regard to the returns Arrack in[illegible] your Article we would have been very little [illegible] we shall have Occasion for about 150

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Tons of Sugar among the Gruff Goods Sapan wood will be a good article if too large a Quantity be not ~~[illegible]~~ sent, Japan Copper and some China Goods will also Answer to guide you ~~[illegible]~~ therein I inclose you a Price Current.

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Any Goods that Captain Cathcart may recommend to be purchased for the Persia Mal
we desire you will Procure.

If any Naval Stores can be purchased cheap you may invest a Part of our Money therein and the Ship may be nearly filled up with some Planks of above 15 Inches wide & 5 & 6 Inches thick.

Whatever Sum may ~~remains~~ remain which you cannot invest in Articles likely to answer you may get Bills on Vizagapatam for, Provided they may be ~~depended on the~~ depended or you may purchase Sun ~~[illegible]~~ Sicca or Bombay Rupees, which we think are at Batavia at the settled Exchange of 27 ~~[illegible]~~ Stivers ꝑ Rupee —

We shall be obliged by your sending us Patterns of the Chints best adapted to the Batavia Market, as well as by your favoring Me with your Sentiments on the Trade in General —

[illegible] Do Wishing your Health & Success

We remain — Gent.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.

Sir

Madrass 5. May 1767

By the Bearear you will receive ten pair of Stockings of the best sort I could get ready made.

I am Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Dear Palmer.

Madrass 5. May 1767

Your Favor of the 25th Ulto. reached me the 3d Instant.

With regard to the Camp Disbursements, as Mr. Raitt will in future keep those Accounts it will be unnecessary for you to follow any new Place; Only for my ease be pleased to distinguish as much as you can the Camp from the Garrison Charges.

All repairs made to the Fortification at Madura must be charged to the Nabobs Accot. with you and the money required to carry on the same must be advanced by his Aumuldar.

As Mr. [illegible] is in haste to have our Books which are [illegible] blamed State I take leave to request you will [illegible] your Accounts for that Mth as soon as [illegible] and if you should write to Raitt pray [illegible] the same to him.

Advise Palmer if any thing should Occur in which I can be of the least Service to you I hope it will be unnecessary for me to assure you.

I am with regard

Your Sincere Friend

Dear Dowsett

Madrass 5th May 1767

Your Favor of the 2d came to hand last.

When you come to calculate the Advantages I had on the Ginghams you made for me about 10 P Cent and make allowance for the Interest of my money and the Risque I run for it it not yet Paid I believe you will think 5 P Cent more than these Goods will offered. Before your arrival Narrain had contracted for a large Quantity of Goods if you cannot charge me less than for last year I shall not dispute with you but you must in consequence a fresh [illegible] in my Business

At this time I can contract for 20000 Pagodas of Goods at your Place as cheap as you can and I speak as a Merchant no one can prevent me from so doing or those with whom I can contract from complying with these agreemen but I think 5 ⅌ Cent due to the Trouble any Person has in contracting & sorting of Goods unless the Sum is very considerable when I am of Opinion less Commission should be expected. Mr Smith and me had only 2½ for the Manila Goods —

Mr Callard is pretends to be in very good Spirits and tells every one I hear that he can clear himself he says he shall be under the necessity of printing [illegible] and you in your true Lights my Compliments if you please to Mrs Dowsett and believe me J Dowsett

Yours Sincerely

PS

Goods to be provided by Mr Dowsett exclusive of what Narrain has a good for

Clouded Ginghams	1 Sort	100 Corge
	2	100
	3	100
[illegible] handk	1 Sort	50
	2	50
[illegible]		50 Corges
[illegible]		20

Madrass 6 May 1767.

Dear Sir

Your Favors of the 26 & 31 Ulto duly came to hand

I have again demanded Mr Fairfields Bond of the Nabobs Trustees but have not yet recd their Answer

By the last Advices the Indian Trader on the Buckinghamshire as you call here was on the 6 Ulto out of Pilots Water but as the Mth of April is the is the most dangerous to come out of the River the Ships being Obliged to Work out almost against the Wind & the Monsoon changing also in the Time she must be on her Passage I thought it most eligible to ensure your Risque from Bengal for ditto me from hence for the Voyage and am happy in your Approbation of what I have done —

I shall Exchange your Note from Capt Beaver for my Receipt to the Exors or Administrators you will be pleased to Observe I have given you Credit for the Amount

I two days ago sent half Corge of the best Stockings I could get

Crawford has Already been acquainted & I suppose has advised you the Ship for Achin will if possible proceed to Masulipatam to take in the remainder of the White Cloth

It has been talked of that the Goods made up for Manila will be freighted on the [illegible] but I think 5 ⅌ Cent due to the Trouble any Person has in contracting & sorting of Goods unless the Sum is very considerable when I am of Opinion less Commission should be expected. Mr Smith and me had only 2½ for the Manila Goods —

Mrs Calland is pretended to be in very good Spirits and sells every one I hear that he can clear himself he says he shall be under the necessity of granting Cannings and you in your two Lights my Compliments if you please to Mrs Dorsett and believe me D. Dorsett

Yours Sincerely

PS

Goods to be provided by Mr Dorsett exclusive of what Warren had agreed for

Clouded Ginghams	1st Sort	100 Corge
	2d	100
	3d	100
Blue Handkfs	1 Sort	50
	2d	50
Check[illegible]		50 Corge
[illegible]		20

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but I am well convinced nothing has been ended
will be determined untill we hear something about
the Sultanas Begum by the Way of Batavia The
Minerva is detained here if possible to carry the
the Manila Freight But unless one or other of
their Ships go on Respondentia will be wanted to
China because the Captains will scarcely be able
to invest the Produce of their Cargoes in Goods or
Silver which unless a great Sum should be brought
out will be dear my Endeavour shall not be wanting
if you have an Inclination to send Good Elephants
Teeth 1 foot are 120 Pag P Ct in 34 to 35 P Ct you shall
certainly hear from on this Subject as soon as the Ships
for China may arrive

Your Letter for Mr Law has been
forwarded

The Complaints exhibited against Mr
Calland by the Merchants have been sent to him
he says he can clear himself & lay down the Conduct
open to the Censure of the Board among other Charges
the Merchants say he obliged them to buy Cotton of
him @ 35 Pag P Ct when the Madrass Market
[illegible] 26 the Merchants offered on his Obtaining
[illegible]ship 200 they say & he insisted on 500 from
[illegible] Streeshalapuddy was his acting Man Calland
[illegible] the Merchants were called up Obliged Lamer
[illegible] him a Writing in which he declared he
[illegible]lland had not forced him to give him any
[illegible] that Conduct of Johnnys is of a Piece with

a certain Person and gives Reason to suspect something
had been demanded on it would have not recurred to him
to oblige the other to assert he had not — However
their Disputes will hurt the Genl at Cuddalore for
in all Probability John will lay before the Board the
Advantage of the Paymastership &c which will cause
such Orders to be issued as may not be agreable to those
who may remain

But to have done with this disagreable
Topics a Ship is arrived at Pondicherry from France
which she left the 14 of October last the brings Advice
that Mr Pigot is married to a Niece of Mr Tilly of
this Report should prove true his Lordship must
have had a good deal of Courage at his Time of Life
to [illegible] into the Matrimonial State a Ship expected
here within 14 days & I suppose will bring us Advices
of Consequence

Mr Jas Bourchier has joined the
Army but we have no News I believe of his having
had an Audience of the Nizam or if he has had one
the Result of their Conference remains Secret The Army
at Balbaram & it is reported how true I know not
Hyder Ally has Offered Nizam Ally a very Considerable
Sum of Money to return to his Country he gives great
Encouragement to the French at Mahe & unless he should
be humbled will impede our Trade very much on the
Malabar Coast

Col Call is near at Sautgud
negociating with the Marattas I believe Majr Bonjour
is with him & commands a considerable Detachment

very [illegible] few men I believe remain at Velore —

I have only to add my Wishes for your Health & Happiness & to assure you I am

Dr Sir

Y. M. Aff S.

Mr Harrop

Sir

Madrass 6 May 17

As Captn Gibson will have 200 Bales to receive at Port Nova & Cuddalore a Part of the Rice must be sold to the Southward I enclose you musters of Cargo Rice & the Price is affixed to them act herein as seems proper to you but advise with Captn Holford who is a very good Gentleman & [illegible] in the Voyage —

The Gunnies I want myself yet if the Rice should not sell so well to the Southward and they bear a better Price than 9 Pag ₰ 100 you may clear the Ship of them otherwise be pleased to bring them hither I wish you Health & remain

Sir

Y. M. O. S.

Mr Holford

Dr Sir

Madrass 6 May 1761

I have received of the and am obliged for the Trouble you have taken in regard to the Chintz

I now write to Mr Harrop to sell the Rice [illegible] can get a tolerable Price [illegible] some must [illegible] that the P. N. Bales may be put on bo[illegible] I have only Time to add my Compliments [illegible] Mrs Holford being

Dr Sir

Y. M. O. S.

Dear Dowsett

Madrass 8 May 1761 —

Dr S

Enclosed a Letter for Mr Law which you will be pleased to forward to him.

If a Detachment of Seapoys which left this Place the day before yesterday with money for Tritchinopoly & Madura should not have arrived at Cuddalore ere you shall receive this that be pleased to stop them from for a Day, or two that an additional Supply which I shall forward tomorrow may join them but if they should have passed or have taken a different Rout pray write to them to detain there a day, or two —

Compliments to Mrs Dowsett —

Your Affectionately —

I have nothing to advise you of regarding Publick matters excepting that the Merchants Complaints have been delivered to Mr Calland —

Madrass 8 May 1761

Gent

I have recd your favour advising me of having drawn on me a Bill which shall be duly honored

Enclosed are Papers recd from Bengal from Messrs Russel & Crawford [illegible] in a Day or

I hope to have the [illegible] for those arising

[illegible] one of the Ships [illegible]

Dear Crawford —

Madrass 9th May 1789

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Favour of the 19th Enclosing Acct Sales Acct Current & Invoice

I think you have done right with regard to the Cloths Provided by Ordy Narrain & others as well of that which I desired the Cullen to Provide for me by himself — the 18 Pr ... Cloth I propose to send to China — the Ordinary may be taken for the Achin Voyage or will do very well for Mocha but should be brown.

I at first recommended the accounts for the Achin Voyage to be kept as one Statement in Madrass Pagodas or Rupees you at the same Time thought it would be the best method to keep them in Current Pagodas and balance them by Batta — either way being agreeable to me, I shall follow with you whatever Method you have adopted.

I shall alter the Account Current and transmit to you with that of the Month of April but it will be some days before I shall be able to finish the Accounts for each month Credit shall be given for the Sums mentioned in your Letter agreeable to your Directions and the mistakes in the December Accounts shall be rectify'd.

D H

Stracy Long since delivered to me your Set of Johnson's Shakespear which he received from General Cailland.

It is true I Promised you part of what I might by means of Goodlad but I am persuaded you would be a Long Time finding out the Amounts — no less than 4 Catties of Tea although I wrote for 20 or 30 for Silks Sattins &c. but Goodlad has given great Part of which he got on my account to the Governour I will nevertheless send you a Catty out of the remaining & and Perhaps hereafter I may be able to get more elsewhere —

I now enclose you Invoice of the Chints sent to Persia — also of the Cargo sent to Batavia p Four Friends — Invoice of Piecegds from Bengall with Account Current — also account of the Indian Trades.

I hoped ere this to have settled the Accounts of the Four Friends but it will take 2 or 3 days longer had you been at Masulipatam I should have sent the Ship there for the Chay Goods but there was in depending on that the saving

Improbability of a Ships going to Manila induces
many rather to sell cheap there run the risque

Salt Water &c &c The Indian Trader having [illegible]
Instant as I imagine before the
at Vizagapatam I have there lodged Orders with
Price Current for [illegible] that in case any Goods
can be sold to more Advantage than here they may
be disposed.

We hear there have been Troubles
at Acheen but they are seldom of Long Continuance
therefore I don't apprehend they will affect our
Voyage.

The Great [illegible] is not yet arrived
I have received a Letter from Mr. [illegible] regarding
his Opinion which when it shall arrive I shall not
know to get it off. The [illegible] dated your Brother
consigned to the Coast remain unsold Raw Silk
and in General all Bengall Goods [illegible]
[illegible] Broad Cloth was offered to sell
by the Imp[illegible] at 10 ℔ Cent [illegible]

Orders [illegible] 90 ℔ Bale of 6 [illegible]
do [illegible] 90. 19. 90 ℔ do do

Pray [illegible] Answer to the northward.
B[illegible] [illegible] considerable [illegible] for [illegible]

note which | Near Ganjam where I have heard Copper
& Broad Cloth may be disposed of Will you enquire
and advise me.

Copper here is at 80 Pag.s ℔ Candy
having Occasion to remit you some money I
shall send you 10 or 20 Candies at that rate the
Amount of the Invoice of which you may place
to my Credit 5 Candies I shall send ℔ Boat on
Monday W.ch will be of fine Copper part of the rest
will be coarse which indeed in general had bears a
better Price.

Arist Ship has been offered to
Sale Benfield and myself after having had
a most favorable Account of her from Capt. Hand
who had examined her and reported her about
620 Tons tendered him 17500 which he refused since
Cathbert I hear offered 19000 and some Other Person
who I know not has bid 300 more but Arist will
not let her go under 20000.

Your Brother having pressed me
very much on the Subject of the Ship will I fear be
disappointed but as she requires near 2000 Rupees
to be expended on her before she will be compleated
in Prudence we could not give more though

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at Vizagapatam I have there lodged Orders with
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can be sold to more Advantage than here they may
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very much on the Subject of the Ship will I fear be
disappointed but as she requires near 2000 Rupees
to be expended on her before she will be completed
in Prudence we could not give more though

Perhaps it might Answer better to Cuthbert or other who might have an immediate Voyage in that where as it now was very distant

Harrop in a Letter to me from Bengall acquaints me Gibson is of Opinion the Buckinghamshire or Indian Trader with a Strong asst I hope however it is no more than a Prejudice in him against Coast built Vessels.

When the Four Friends shall return she may as I before wrote you Proceed to Persia unless Mr Bourchier shall send his which is called the Madrass merchant in which case should Ours go the Market would be Spoiled for both Should this happen I would recommend her to be sent to Pegue and from thence she might return [illegible] Proceed to Cochin China & dispose of Several Goods Proper for that market Take in Commodities Proper for [illegible] either Purchase others for China & Commodities of [illegible] Persia she should then go to Cochin China [illegible] with Sugar &c for the Gulfrah and Proceed to [illegible] where Painted Goods might be lodged there she might sell some of her China Articles and take [illegible] for both of Bussorah Bussorah &c more [illegible] I shall again write to you in a day or [illegible] to your Brother to have the

Management of the Ship.

It is dubious whether Nizam Ally will not indeed return to his Country in which case we shall have an inveterate & Powerful Enemy in Hyder Ally. Advise Dr Craufurd.

Yours &c

9 May 67

Dr Monckton Madrass 13 May 67

A Multiplicity of Business has lately Prevented me from writing to you.

I should not have bought the Bengall Goods or Broad Cloth had I not been of Opinion that if matters should be accommodated with Hyder Ally and you cannot dispose of them at Cange we shall be able to get more than they cost.

To morrow I shall send you copy of the Invoice of the Ship Four Friends which I hope is near Fort Marlborough if Mr Bourchier should not send the Madrass merchant to Persia she'll in all Probability will go thither as the more likely Place to employ her to Advantage ——

The settling of this Ships Accounts
has Prevented me from making out your Accot but
I have of yours in my Hands about

But in the next month the
Part of the Goods which was bought at Credit will
be Paid for.

The Massamungalam Lender of
Bond Paddy have Paid their Bonds the Other two of
Paddy being so cheap they cannot raise Money—

If you want Money you
may draw on me at any time even if it should exceed
the Balance of your acct in my Hands—

The Indian Trader left the
Pettah the 6th but is not yet arrived.

I shall to morrow again write
[illegible] conclude now with wishing Happy Seas

Your &ca

Dr Dowsett

Madrass 15 May 1765

In my last letter to you dated
[illegible] detachment that set out the [illegible]
1200 [illegible] should now take me that left the [illegible]
to [illegible] the Remainder of the [illegible] with the
first [illegible] she had since the Money wanted—

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Over It will be better if they should not be set out
when you receive this that you make the second Party
in your Presence deliver over the 12000 to the first and
take their receipt, be pleased to hurry on the money to
Trichinopoly as they begin to want it, to the Southward

As Often as I hear any thing
relating to Call and you shall be informed but has
not sent in his defence but you may be assured
he will urge every thing he can to hurt you and
Cuming however aspersions unsupported by evidence
ever reflect more on the Author of them than on those
who they are intended to wound.

Advise Dr Dowsett my Compli-
ments to Mrs Dowsett and Cuming

Your &ca

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ar Monckton

Madrass 11 May 1765—

Your Favour of the 7th Instant
the Letter inclosing Bill on the Jewans for 1850 Pagodas duly
came to hand.

We have only purchased about 1300
Pagodas worth of Cuttanees & Taffeties and about 600 Pag
of Cloth at Pondicherry which having been Obtained at
Cheap Rates Even should you not have an Opportunity

of Selling at the Caveys, may, whenever Matters shall be settled be disposed of to some Advantage.

In a day or two your Accounts for April shall wait on you; we have money belonging to you in our hands, therefore if it suits your convenience to draw on us you may do so.

When Col. Smith became the Commissary, the Sewars have a [illegible] of the Army are in want of money cannot you [illegible] on the same Terms as in Gravelt.

We shall soon have the Pleasure to write you more Particularly on Business now conclude with the best of wishes for your Health and Happiness being

J. & Munkton

Yours &c

Craufurd

Madrass 12 May 1767

I must request the favour of you to Provide for me 10 Corges of Handkerchiefs [illegible] Piece of No 1 & of No 2 containing the same as [illegible] and to forward them to me in time to be delivered the Portuguese [illegible] whom I have contracted for the same [illegible] the Middle of August. I shall by the first [illegible] send you some Copper which will go towards [illegible] for the above

I am [illegible] Craufurd

Yours &c

Mr Robt Craufurd

Madrass 12 May 1767

D.8

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Favor of the 11 Ulto.

I have already wrote you on the Subject of the Raw Silk. As in all Probability the Trouble in the Mysore Country will soon end, it is [illegible] two or three months will make a very great difference in the Price of Bengall Goods in general Particularly on the Article of Raw Silk as it is not exported from Bengall in such large Quantities as formerly however long before you will be able to send it out of the River I shall write you very Particularly what may be expected.

On making up the Accounts of the Four Friends I find we are ingreatly in your debt enclosed therefore is a Bill on yourself for two thousand Arcot Rupees and the Balance of the Acct you may if you please transfer to mine.

In a multiplicity of Business I have omitted to express to you how well pleased the Gentlemen are with your management of their concerns. Their Approbation is a great Satisfaction to me as I always interest myself in every thing that concerns my Friends and the Brother of my Friend Craufurd

being a Gentleman well spoken of by all concer
of my Esteem.

I have viewed the Ship concerning which I wrote you Mr Benfield and myself have offered for her 17500 Pagodas which with Stores &c wanted would have made her stand us in 23000 or 24000 Pagodas the Owner has been offered 20000 by Others which in our Opinion greatly exceeds her value. Your Brother writes that a Ship is now building to the northward which may answer our Purpose and he says will be greatly cheaper But as I can scarcely think a China Voyage will answer next year as so many have taken that track I have thought of another voyage which Promises much greater Advantages which is from Madrass to Cochin China or Tonquin there to [illegible] whose Ports of a Cargo for Persia must be Purchased there to return to Cochin China (if the disputes out, People that voyage in the Admiral Pocock traded with the Natives [illegible] thought too dangerous which She May [illegible] much cheaper than in China and [illegible] Quantity of the Proper Sort of Agala [illegible] she should leave the latter Place in January [illegible] Proceed to Anjengo where the

May dispose of some Articles proper for the Malabar Coast take in Pepper and such Piece Goods as we might think Proper to send to that Place for her She should then hasten on to the several Ports in the Gulph and in her Return Call at Surat for Cotton.

If it should be thought imprudent to send the vessel to Cochin China the Production of Tonquin are the same and she might take in her Cargo of Sugar there.

What I have written on this Subject is a Plan that has Occured to me and which I have only communicated to Mr Benfield and your Brother I must request the favor of you not to mention any thing of the kind to any one.

If on balancing my Account with you it should appear I am in your Debt, it will be advisable for you if Possible to remain one indeed I would recommend it as the most Proper way in settling all accounts with me either when for the con of the Four Friends or on my Private Account, as the Fluctuation of the Exchange of Rupees renders it otherwise difficult to adjust such Acct.

Enclosed a Letter from Captain Cathcart.

I am Sir with regard
Your &c —

Taggart

Sir

Madrass 15 May 1789

Your Favor of the 11 duly came to hand.

The Sloop Rose Voyage having lost her Passage to this Place returned back since to Masulipatam where it was removed to another Vessel which is not yet arrived.

You may depend on my Utmost Endeavours to comply as soon as possible with your Directions regarding the Sale of it

I am Sir

Yours &c

To Captn Gibson

Madrass 15th May 1789

It is with Pleasure I congratulate you on your safe Arrival at nagore

I have given Directions to Mr Harrop regarding the Disposal of the Cargo I have therefore only to recommend to you to assist him in Complying herewith by Landing such Goods as [illegible] wanted and securing those Provided [illegible] Voyage with all Possible Expedition

I [illegible] am the more anxious to [illegible] you with [illegible] Mr John [illegible] Movements as Capt Holford [illegible] others are setting a foot a Voyage which in all Probability will Interfere with us and of course much depends on you getting away first.

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I am Sir Yours &c

Dear Holford

Madrass 15th May 1789

I have had the Pleasure to receive your Congratulations on the arrival of the Indian Trader and am much obliged to you for having immediately communicated the news to me.

I am sorry to acquaint you that a Resolution Mr Johnson has taken of sending Mr Gosselin in a Vessel you lately purchased with Opium &c to whatever Port he pleases is very likely to hurt our voyage. I am too deeply concerned not to be very much uneasy.

I write to Mr Gibson and Harrop to hasten as much as Possible as no Time must now be lost.

I am Sir

Yours &c

It will answer no End for Mr Harrop to come up to consult with me regarding an Attendant vessel as I have lost the one I had in View

Mr. Gowan Harrop Madrass 13 May

Sir

I have had the Plea-
sure from Captn. Holford of your arrival
at Nagore.

I have already wrote you that
as part of the Cargo must be taken out to enable
you to receive the Goods provided at Porto Novo
it will be best to dispose of them at Negapatam
or Nagore as soon as you shall have finished
there Capt Gibson is to Proceed to Porto Novo when
the Goods are ready and from thence to Cuddalore
where Other Goods will be sent off and having
received them he will repair to Fort St. George
with all Expedition.

I had some Thoughts
of buying a Small Vessel to attend you into
the Straights and don't think it now neces-
[illegible] to the Vessel I had in View
[illegible] should meet with one fit for the
[illegible] and Captn. Holford if you should
[illegible] in Opinion regarding this matter

you may Purchase one if Procurable at a Cheap
Rate.

Captn. Holford is Concerned as I
have before told you in this Voyage but he with
other have lately Purchased a Vessel for the
Eastward and Captn. Gosselins who is to command
her is not unacquainted with your Destination
therefore the soon you can get away the more
to our advantage it will be I hope thus to yourself

You shall tomorrow again hear
from me in the mean time I am Sir

Yours &ca.—

Gentlemen Madrass 13th May 1767

This Serves only to acquaint you
the Indian Trader arrived the 9th Instant at
Nagore.

I am
Gentlemen
Yours &ca.—

Dear Monckton Madrass 13. May 1767

This serves to acquaint you
that the Indian Trader arrived the 9th Instt.
at Nagore

I am
J Monckton
Yours &ca.—

Sir

Madrass 5 May 1767

I have recd your Letters of the 9th & 10th you have done well to sell the Rice as the Price here is low & room must be made for the Goods.

Enclosed is Price Current of the other Articles if you can get a better Price sell them by all means but as little Time be lost as possible as Mr Bourchier is going to send Captn Gosselin in the same Track

The Indent for brown Cloth at Masulipatam has only in part been Complied with therefore if you can invest with Articles that will answer or increase those already provided you may do so & if you should want Money for this Purpose you may draw on me —

You omitted to insert Tabacco in your Indent as an Article necessary for Acheen &c none is procurable here I have therefore contracted for 50 Candies to be delivered to the Nabob but if you can get any Tobacco to the Southward it will be better to [illegible] for the Ship to go to the Port where the [illegible] have Agreed to deliver it

Regarding the Musquets [illegible] to morrow or the next day —

This Voyage of Capt Gosselin's [illegible] greatly should be pushed on to [illegible]

before he you will sell his blew Cloth to Advantage & ours perhaps may not fetch a tolerable Price

All the Cloth sent down from Masulipm is on a Vessel which sailed a Month ago but of which I have not since heard Mr Crauford recommends the Ship to be sent to him for the remainder consult with Captn Holford & Gibson what difference it may make in the Voyage

Wishing you Health & Happiness

Sir

I remain

Y. M. O. S.

Sir

Madrass 15 May 1767

I have received your Favor of the 10 from Nagore

Guns are ready at this Place with Carriages they are not Perhaps quite so Convenient for the Ship as those you might Procure at Negapatam or Tranquebar but 25 Pags for a Gun is a Price that Nothing but the last Extremity will Induce me to give

If Spars are wanting for the Voyage Negapatam is a better Place to Provide yourself than Madrass consult with Captn Holford and Gibson perhaps what may be necessary but Permit me to recommend to you to be as Oeconomical as Possible

I am Sorry to hear the Ship
are so bad for a Ships Bottom it was our Intentn
on your return to send you to Pegue to sheath her
as Circumstances are it is out of our Power to
it is Practice before you must leave this Coast
that can be done is for you to use your utmost E
to Keep her Clean.

The Case of the Tanks is a
very disagreeable one I know not what to recom
consult with Captn Holford — and act as he and
you think most Proper well Constructed Tanks
in General I believe preferred at Saving of
than the Casks that will be required to carry an eq
Quantity of water.

I am Sir
Your [illegible]

Sir

Madrass 18th May 1788

I have received your favor of
and am glad the Rice is sold.

I am Obliged by the Trouble
have taken and must desire you to assist
Gibson with your Opinion regarding the
that [illegible] to be useless [illegible]
Spars if necessary they will be cheaper
than [illegible] best Teake ever Cheaper here I believe

[illegible]ear & ats

18th May.

I have received your Favor of the 29th
from before Colaconda and Communicated what I
thought necessary to Mr Pybus who cannot but be
pleased with your having already sent in the Vouchers
to the Contractors Accts as he must consider it as a Proof
of your close Attention to Business but in future
it will be sufficient if you give them to the Contractors
People who are not paid at Madrass untill the
Certificates are produced

A Considerable Sum of Money having
forwarded to Mr Palmer he will no doubt send you
timely & sufficient Supplies

Apologies for not having sent in
your April Accts were as yet unnecessary for we
have not had those of Febry — but still you have
acted in the manner I should have done as I think
Accts in general may be settled in 9 or 10 days
& when any Circumstances occur that render it
impossible to Accot to our Supervisors for the Delay
will keep us free of Censure ——

If during your Stay with the
Army you should think of any thing in which I
can be of the least Assistance to you assure yourself
of my being Dr Keith Yr Sincere Friend

Mr Harrop

18th May

Enclosing is a Price Curt of the Goods
remaining on board if you can Procure a better Price to the
Southward it will be best to sell them the Gunnies and Rope
Excepted ——

I am Sir Y. M. O. S

ear Sir,

66

Madrass 19th May

The Nabob having paid

of of his Debts to Individuals a considerable

of Money his Trustees have advised that with

will be advanced to every Creditor at eight

while the Nabob Bond bears @ 10 being a little

for Money at Present I must request the favour

your Permission to take up what you may

for which I shall give Credit for with Interest

untill I shall have Occasion for it on your

and for which I shall be greatly Obliged

I have this Instant received

Favour of the 14th the Moralbees I hear are retu

I wish the Hydrabad All camed may answer

news of the Army

Entering into News I ha

forgot to acquaint you that the Bundle to

was forwarded to him by Mr Dowsett your Le

to Mr Law has been transmitted

Calland has delivered in his

to the Complaints but I do not hear what the

Board have done –

Dear Craufurd

67

2d Madrass 21st May 1767.

Enclosed are your Accts Currents

to the 30 of April & Accounts of the Ship Four Friends.

Your Bill on the Concerned

was drawn to great Disadvantage to yourself for

Madrass Pagodas on only 9/2 and had you empowered

me to draw on you I believe I could have Obtained better

Terms –

I send you a[illegible] the Accot out of

the Commissarys Office. but being the first draft,

and not a Copy when you have done with it return it.

I have only Time to add my

good Wishes for your health. Yr very sincere Friend

Dear Monckton.

Madrass 21st May 1767

We have the Pleasure to enclose

you your Acct Current to the End of April

and to assure you that we are with regard

DJ Monckton

Esqr &c.

Dear Sir

Madrass 22 May

Enclosed I have the

send your Acct. Curt. which I should

on you sooner had not I

interfered with my Private

The Morattas

accommodated with Hyderally for 52 Lacks

our Army it was Bangalore and greatly

with Nizamally.

I am Dear Sir with Respect

& Esteem —

Your

D. Dowsett.

Madrass 22 May

I should have acknowledged the

receipt of your last Letter much sooner but I

hoped to send you at the same time Money

Disappointed every where I am sent you a

to be forwarded to Mr Harrop which

Directions to send you two thousand Pag

of which you will pay to Narrain for

be bought at Porto Novo If you can advance

for a few days it will be a singular

that the Moratt News of any kind

I hear nothing settled with Hyderally

Edward Barrings

my Compliments to all

Sullivan.

Madrass 22 May 1767

I am greatly obliged by your kind Letter of the 8th and am much ashamed to Apologize for not having acknowledged the receipt of your former Letter which in the hurry of Business escaped my Memory depend upon it however Sullivan you shall not again have reason to Complain.

Since Monckton's departure I have not received a Line from him which was not on Business from other hands I hear he has made a bad Trip of it. The Army is at Bangalore expecting every day that Nizamally will inform them he has settled with Hyder Naig and will return to Hyderabad the Situation of every man in the Camp has been in every respect disagreeable how the Campaign will end God knows but I fear we have made a most inveterate Enemy in Hyder Naig who takes every Opportunity of encouraging the French & of discouraging us on the Malabar Coast; the Morattas before they returned to their own Country received 52 Lacks of Rupees or Bo[illegible] the Sowcars for that Sum.

The Expences of the grand Army have greatly exceeded the Expectations of most of the Board and I believe if the Truth was known the Convention with Nizamally offered no great Satisfaction to them

Madura Country

in reducing the Polygars and in destroying their
as to get Possession of them.

Mr Haret in the Marava
commanded a Battalion of Seapoys who are also
employed in Reducing the Polygars there he had

The Time approaching for
Europe Ships many Bets have been laid on her arrival
as Usual. All expect great news by her. Pybus talks
of Returning to Europe in October which I think
unless he has a Prospect of the Government and I
am of Opinion that as the Court of Directors may
Patti would determine in 1766 they have appointed one
one to Succeed Mr Bourchier especially at a time of
I have known him to be of no very Strong Constitution
and must be of Opinion Mr Drake is not the
most Proper to Succeed him when the Expected Ship
left England they must have been unacquainted
with what had past here however from Circumstances
I am Persuaded [illegible] you will be able to form a Proper
Judgement [illegible] of which in every respect.

Pray make my Compliments
acceptable [illegible] all and believe me with regard
Esteem [illegible]

Yours &c