Mayor Clerk No. 32

Letter book.

XII A

I have a Bill drawn by Mr Edwin about a hundred pounds in favour of his Brother David for three thousand Arcot Rupees payable at Ten days — I have this Day sent it to Masulapatam though I suppose it will meet with the same Reception as the others have done — I have wrote Mr Edwin Advice on the Subject —

I am sorry you cannot find Means of paying Satum Bills — You talk of Contract Money but I have already told you that I have nothing to do with the management of any that Work is concerned in but that of the Bringing Chunam to the Pagoda and a moments reflection might have told you there could be no profit but a considerable loss on it — I have already paid 1100 Pd have 1800 to pay for the Boats and the Lascars Wages which my Husband has paid since my leaving Masulapatam will Amount to two or three Hundred more, and I have only rec.d 1000 Pd so that when the Money is paid which I have reason to believe there will be a Balance against the Concern of about Six hundred Rupees —

I have nothing more to add but I am recalled in the Snake Line I have from my other Employs, and therefore remain D.r Boileau

Your very Affect.e Hble Servant
W.m Stevens

To Capt.n Edw.d Saunders
Commander of the Ship of War Charles
Protected Calcutta

Coringah 23.d Mar.h 1772

Dear Sir

I rec.d your favor of the 21.st Inst. from Rangoon on Dooney's Budgero in which was brought on Board about 40 Chests Rice and Gold Rupees and Yesterday came to Hand yours of the 18.th Inst. & Duplicate of your former Letter Pattamar and 2 Draughts.

Whilst I rec.d your former Letter I was about from Masulapatam as at present and knew not that Mr David Alcock Attorney was not in a Capacity to pay the Bill I defered presenting it and wrote Mr Edwin

Edwin three Circumstances to which I have had no reply — He arrived at Madras in the Indiana. —

I have sent the Bill to Masulapatam to be presented to the Attorney (one Puthomdam) and as I shall not be at Masulapatam for some Days have appointed an Attorney who understands Business of this Sort better than myself

Pardon I have wrote you immediately on my receiving your first Letter but a few Days having elapsed before I had an Opportunity of doing so from several Circumstances I was in hopes to have heard from Mr Edwin Alcock, but though it is now upwards of three Weeks I have heard nothing from him. — You may rest assured no Endeavors of mine shall be wanting to recover the Amount of the Bill — Let this suffice for the present as I am in great Expectation of Dispatches of Consequence Head or other — I hope in a few Days to be able to write you more particularly and Sincerely

D.r Sir Your very Affect.e Obed.t Serv.t
W.m Stevens

Capt.n Edw.d Saunders

Coringah 23.d Mar.h 1772.

D.r Boileau

Indorsed you will receive Mr Coopers Bond for his Debt due to Mr David Alcock

I am D.r Boileau very affec.e yours
W.m Stevens

To Mr Geo Smith Jun
Falls Point.

Sir

I have been favord with yours of the 27th Ult. and shall
[illegible] out of my power to gain a Release from Mathias Hyde
the Surveyor for my Bond to Mr Edwd Hamilton (from my
present situation I cannot buy the favor of your Brother
[illegible] the same.

Inclosed is the Statement you have made of my
just. though I must confess I did not Imagine that the
year premium was to run on at Compound Interest for the
ensuing six Months - if so it would alter it right but if you
Cannot buy of your Brother to alter it
I must beg of you to alter it

Though the Bargain of Mr Hamilton commenced
the 19th April 1771 yet he did not advance the Money
till some time in June following (Thus reasonably
that Time it was being paid to Mr Westcott and not
paid interested to me) Therefore hope you will make
this in computing the said Interest

At present I am situated among the Islands
[illegible] on a Survey which makes it
impossible for me to find Means of paying you at
Madras in consideration of which I hope you will
excuse the trouble I request of you in drawing on Mr
Sabatier at Pondicherry by the Simogan Bill
[illegible]

Dear Sir
Your most Obed. Hble Servant
W. Stevens

Hope Island
8 Dec. 1772

To Mr David Young Masulapatam 27th Dec 1772

Dear Sir

I now return you the Bill you inclosed in my favour
of Mr Charles Mallet - He sent me word when I sent it to him
the Day before yesterday that he would come and speak to me,
however I have seen nothing of him - I must further tell you
that I have found him a Dilatory at other times in Payment
of Money - I shall send you by Retour 7 or 8 Pieces of
Cloth by the Snow Speedwell which Sails in a Day or two
- I must Sell & get According to your prices & send as
soon as possible - My Absence from Masulapatam
& last past returning Late occasioned my not sending
you the whole now. -

Lucy has set about making your Chints,
none are Ready to send to you by the Vessel,
She was a Long time before she could get the money
from Mallet. I could not set About the Chints in
proper time

Your very Affect. Servant
Wm Stevens

Masulapatam the 29th Dec. 1772

My dear Call

I was duly favored with yours of the 9th Inst.
Since which Time I have been absent from Masulapatam
on Business which has prevented my Attending to my
own, and of course you need not be surprized much at
not hearing from Me for so long a Time —

The Long Cloth and Buzarees you want
shall be sent you / I believe / by the Speedwell Captain
Greenway / or if not by the first Opportunity that offers
afterwards. —

Inclosed you have a Draught on your
Agent on Tellicherry Pascoal M.r Johnson under Jany 30
Curr.t pagodas which please to receive and Carry to my
Credit. —

M.r Bonus has sent Me his Acc.t with
the Estate of M.r Eus.s Reddon; Ballance due from him
to the said Estate Chuy. Fan. 32. 60 which he says he will
pay to you; I think you Settled on this he has done so.

I have received his Acc.t Current and
sent it him by this Sappy, though I observe he makes
out no Interest Account which I expected he would
have done. — you would Oblige Me by talking him to.

M.r Saunders also Acquaints Me that
he will pay the Ballance of our Account into your Hands
Chuy. Fan. 32. 60 — when you have received these sums
Acquaint Me that I may Draw for the same —

When convenient I should thank you for
your Acc.t Current to the 31st Instant

I shall set out Madras very likely by the
15th of January, when I hope to meet you well —

I remain my Dear Call with the Compts of the
Season —

Masulapatam the 29th Dec. 1772

To M.r Reynold Adams
Fort St George

Dear Sir

I have rec.d your favor of the 25th Oct. inclosing
Me your Account Current with the Estate of M.rs Reddon
together with an Acc.t Sales of the Bale of Long Cloth. —
The Account Current I have sent you received, though I
had expected you would have made out an Interest Acc.t
this I should have done sooner but have been employed
on Service from Masulapatam which I have taken
up my Attention from other Business. —

The Ballance you have or will please to pay
to M.r James Call. —

As I believe you have no Correspondent at
this place need I say my Services in any thing you
may have Occasion for is devoted to you — If it is
necessary to come down I shall be glad to render
you any Service this way which may be in my power

I am D.r Sir with the Compts of the Season

Your very affect.e h.ble Servant

W.m Stevens

My Dear Sir

I have rec.d your favor of the 20th Instant inclosing Mr. your Account Ballance in my favor Cky. 212. 33. 62 which I have examined and found very right. — The said Ballance please to pay to M.r Samuel Call as you propose

Mad.s 29th Dec.r 1772

I am D.r

Yours very Sincerely

Wm Stevens

M.r Edw.d Saunders

To M.r Lewis Delisle
at Calcutta

Mad.s 29th Dec.r 1772

Sir

I have lately favord with your of the 27th ult.o and its duplicate — Suppose you must ere now be informed that part of the Amount of the Bills Largo was paid for here to Capt.n Bragg and that for the Remainder Mess.rs Austell & Co gave his Bond payable to you the 30th April next at Calcutta which I Suppose you did not understand when you wrote me, as you Desire we will remitt the whole Amount to M.r Reynold Adams or desire him to draw on us — the Money will be ready at Calcutta by the appointed time and as we have already taken Steps towards remitting the Same it will be very inconvenient to discharge the Bond elsewhere

I am D.r Sir

Your most Obed.t
humble Servant

Wm Stevens

To Charles Smith Esq.r
at Fort St George

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Sir

I was duly favord with yours of the 5th Instant and Shod have respected thereto much sooner had I not been Absent from Mad.s on Service which took up the whole of Attention

I am Sorry to Acquaint you that I am not in Cash of M.r Johnstone to Discharge the Bond due to Colonel Hart, notwithstanding I am very desirous of paying all his Debts, however as at this Time I have a Large Demand on Me for Money; it would be very inconvenient for Me to pay the Amount of this Bond, may I therefore request your patience for a little Time which if not very inconvenient to Col.o Harts Affairs would Oblige me much —

If you will fix on any Period either at the Expiration of the Year or the Date of the Bond or any Time before it you may either Draw on Me for the principal & Interest Due I will take care and remit it to Madras if you Desire it

I am with your most Obed.t Humble Servant

Wm Stevens

Mad.s 29th Dec.r 1772

To Mr Butler

Sir

I Sometime ago Rec'd a Letter from Mr Myers Guest inclosing One to him from you of the 19th November last — I have now to Acquaint you that the Bill of Exchange is for the Amount of Sundry Articles you had from him Agreeable to the Bill Sent you inclosed at the foot of the Account Current and which is the whole of what you are indebted to Mr Isherwood — as you may perceive the former Account is Ballanced by Rec'd 5: 15: 8 you paid to Mr Isherwood the 1st of August last & you

I have drawn on you for the Ballance or with the Amount of Sd Exchange Rec'd 27: 8. in favor of Mr Geo. Westcott at Otter payable at Sixty Days sight & Interest beg due Honor to.

I am Sir

your most Obedt
humble Servt

Wm Stewart

Mar 29th Dec 1772

Mar: 29. Dec: 1772

My Dear Westcott

Inclosed I trouble you with a Draught on L. Butler for Mr 27-8. L which by you will receive and Carry to my Credit.

I also inclose a Note of Hand of Sergeant Major Cox's for 29 Mr: 28 Jan — which will pay=able the 1st Oct: last however he represents=able that it would be impossible for him to pay it but Promised to pay 20 Pistoes the 1st of November and the remainder in December so that I hope he will now be able to Discharge the whole. — I am my Dear Westcott

Sincerely Yours

Wm Stewart

Mr David Young

Mar: 31 Dec: 1772

Dr Sir

Since writing You just now the long Cloth is come from the Watchmans and I now send you 9 pieces by the Snow Speedwell Capt Joseph Greenway — Invoice and Bill of Lading for which also inclosed I am

Dr Sir

Your assured Friend Servant

Wm Stewart

To Thomas Brooke Esq.
Chief & Council of Masulapatam

Gentlemen

Accompanying this I have the Honor to lay before you a Chart of the Bay of Coringah with the Islands Bank and Soundings from Point Gadaware to Sugeramapooram as also a more particular plan of the River its Bar and Soundings the Road of Coringah each of which has its particular Explanation inserted thereon — All the Remark I have to add with Revelation to the Bay the Bay &c have lately undergone —

About 20 Years ago I am informed that to the Northward of Yedlecottapa there was no Islands or Sands but an open Road of Sand to fathom Water (where the Banks now are) and a good Passage into the River Guadaway for Shipping; that at this Time the Barr of Coringah was an inconsiderable Bank, that where the Reefs from the River Guadaway about 15 or 16 Years ago first threw up Islands and Banks not near where they now stand the River at Coringah became larger and about 11 Years ago was first of the Use to Shipping that it now is — that the Mouth of the Coringah River was till between two and three Years ago about half a Mile to the Northward of where it now is (however I must at the same time mention a particular and a remark from the Natives I made on my Journey from Vizagapatam in the Year 1766 from which I conclude it was then near the same as at present I see my Journal of the Road when in the Year 1766 about Twenty two Miles West was in the same Point as now & now "the Opening of Coringah River to be from N.E. to East the last "very near" which Bearings are very favorable as at present.—

I am also informed that the Banks and Passages among them are Subject to Annual Changes from the Freshes of the River

I was not to conclude from the Strength of a Flood Side I found setting to the Westward about a Mile North of Coringah and from the Depth of Water both within and without that there might be a good Passage into the River Guadaway at that place however as the Pilot turned pretty positive that there was not any & if there was that it could be of no Service from its frequent Changes and as it would require some time to examine it with Care I did not think I was not then prepared I did not Esteem that

Attention upon it which I have since wished I had done

I am with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

J. Howell

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Mas. 4th Janry. 1773.—

Lieut Butler

Sir

It is now some Days ago since I rec'd your favor of the 3d Instant — I am sorry to find you are inclined to any redress Me to any disagreeable Method for recovering the Ballance due to Mr Adam Isherwood I shall be very unwilling as well on your account as mine to have any disagreement there Depending on my Hands at Madras to enter any Process against You I therefore must beg me leave to explain this Matter to you more clearly than I said in my Letter of the 29th Ult.o I omitted there to tell You that the Things you had from Slater and for which the Amount of your Ballance is due belonged to Mr Isherwood and not to Slater as perhaps you may have imagined; if you are not already satisfied of the veracity of this You may be informed of it I have say by applying to Slater from whom you had the Goods — If you think proper to pay the said Ballance to Mr Watson or his Order as I have already desired you will be kind enough to inform me of it by a Line directed to Me at Madras for which place I shall set out to Morrow and hope to find a Letter from you there that I shall have no further Trouble in this Matter I am Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

J. Howell

Mas: 18th Janry. 1773.

My dear Barclay

I have rec'd yours of the 2d Instant and have Time to acknowledge it before I set out to Mass. Indeed you have an Order from Sago representative to his Brahmin at Long ah about the Customs and his Answer to Me. — I have paid Robbyn Bills and settled with M.r Westcott therefore could Me for these Sums — how my Account Stands with you I know not as I have not perus'd mine for Six months past but I believe you must be indebted to Me — A great part of the Merchs are yet in Hand and for those that are sold I cannot yet collect the Money — A Man to whom I sold some of your Goods last year is dead and a Ballance is due from him which I cannot recover nor could compel him to pay me as I have done with the Estate much is owed from you which I must charge to your Account as I have wished you an Account Sales and a Remittance to the Amount — The Piece of Cloth you write for is already shipt for You —

There only 8 Pieces of the Baft you want remaining therefore I suppose it unnecessary to send them — Jam.s Barclay

Your very affect.

Mad.s 6 Janry 1773. W.m Stevens

Capt.n William Boulton
at Masulapatam

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Madras 30th January 1773

Dear Boulton

I have rec'd yours of the 2d Instant and in answer thereto have to inform you that I will agree to take at the Rate of One Hundred and Eight Hundred Rupees p.r Month for the Diana for Nine or twelve Months — The Owners to pay & find her in Stores Jam.s Boulton

Your very affect. Servant

W.m Stevens

Capt.n C.s Chaigneaux

Dear Chaigneaux Madras 31 January 1773

I have found among my deceased Friend M.r Radcons Papers a Copy of an Account Current betwixt him and you as far back as January 1768 and a Ballance due from you of Rupees 369:12 — which you stand indebted for on his Books commencing last May was a Year and has not since been discharged — I therefore shall be glad if you would remitt Me the said Ballance either to this place or Masulapatam

If the Account has not been furnished You I will send it Jam.s Chaigneaux

Your very obed.t
humble Servant

W.m Stevens

Exc.d Madras

To Capt Edwd Lowndes or in his absence to Mr Charles Weston at Calcutta

Mondon 9th Feby 1773

Sir

I am sorry to hear it has not been in my power to send you earlier Intelligence regarding the Success of the Draught you sent me on Mr Edwd Monday I acquainted you on receipt of the 23d November that I had sent the Bill to Masulapatam to my Attorney there to do with as he thought best. He (Mr Sundan) sent it to (Mr Benfield) his Attorney at this place who presented it to Mr Lewin Alcock and it was duly accepted - when it became due Mr Alcock represented his Incapacity to pay it at that time and desired two Months to let offering Mr Benfield the Cash payable at the Expiration of that Term - Mr Benfield consented to take his Bond pay able on demand in exchange for the Bill till he could hear from Mr Sundan whether he would accept of this proposal, and thus stood the Matter when I arrived here, when Mr Benfield applied to me for Directions and as I find Mr Alcocks Circumstances will not admit of discharging the said Amount it would answer no purpose whatever throwing him into Prison and as his Bond at any Time is equally Good as the Bill I have advised Mr Benfield to let the matter remain as it is that he has an Opportunity of settling his Affairs with Those from whom his Own expects to pay their Claim to his demands on the Estate of Mr Payne. I have desired Mr Paul Benfield to remit the Amount agreeable to your Orders to You or in your absence to Mr Watson at Calcutta - I hope what is done will prove agreeable to You as it is undoubtedly for the best as may be explained when I think it unnecessary to enlarge upon this Subject

Fort St George 13th Feby 1773

To Capt Rob Hewitt
commanding the Snow Diana
at Masulapatam.

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Dear Hewitt

I have rec'd yours of 30th Jan'y. The Piece you had I fancy better bring down here as they will sell I hear very well. Sater will tell you what you are to do with your Piece as it was by his means you bought it, the Muggadorties will not sell here for 8 th pagodas at the utmost even should they weigh 19 th p Corge - therefore you and Sater must do as you think best with them.

There is here a Grab now bound to Bombay and she will sail about the 20th - They have talking of sending the Ulga but whether it is determined or not; she belongs to Mr Whitehill - If the Ulga does not go I think there is little Fear but that the Bales you have will be sent round on the Diana - I have spoke to Mr Lindsey and in him you will find a great friend if you go to the Malabar Coast, he has promised to give you Letters to Anjengo and Tellicherry which he says are the only two places you need to call at as you go on; also Letters to Bombay to the Fleet as well as to Thos in Case they are raised -

I am much obliged to Mr Sundan for the Service he has been of towards assisting You and I hope you will thank him as well as in your own as my Name -

The second Bill of Exchange for One thousand Current Pagodas I have received -

Probably you may be able to freight the Diana on the Mal Coast, perhaps for the Service of the Fleet. I lately asked 1000 a Month for her for twelve Months with Liberty to be at the Expence

Mr Reynold Adams.

Sr Madams

Herewith you have the Answer of Black Mud
which please to sell as well as you can and pray the most
procure to Mons. Dubois — Mad. Dubois must be
acquainted that the Money is to be remitted to Mons.
Lawyer at Pondicherry Pray your endeavours

Madras 14th Sept. 1773

Yours &c
W Stevens

Answer to Letter following the next to a Letter of this Date.

To Mr Randolph Marriott
at Batticaw

Sir

I have rec'd your favr under Date the
11th inst. inclosing your Accountsment with the Heirs of Mr Elias
Radson, together with Copies of Letters to you from Mr Dawson &
Vincata Ramaden as also your Answer to Vincaty, for all which
I thank you —

It is incumbent on me to acquaint you
that I have more than once endeavored to settle Accounts
with Vincaty but without any effect and I have therefore
been reduced to the necessity of employing a Lawyer to
compel him to deliver in his Accounts — I have related
to him every circumstance I could gather from your Letters
relative to his Case but and which he seemed to have been
before perfectly acquainted with but he wanted to be
informed relative a Decree of the Mayors Court which he
said was given in his favr of fifteen or sixteen thousand
Pagodas against the Canacapiah, I indeed promised him
to write you on this Subject but this a multiplicity of
Business had forgot it — Lastly in looking over our
Books your Brothers Estate is debtor to you Sicca Rs

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Copy Letter to Mr Wm Hodges

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20 January 1772 to the president and Council of Fort William in the Letter part of which you tell them you are directed by M.r Addison to apply for a Ballance of the Damages he had sustained which you make out to be thirteen Thousand Seven hundred & forty five Current Rupees — this I suppose is the sum he Verbally mentioned to me, of which I could give him no Receipt — please to inform me what you can on this Head — If any Person has paid the Bond it should be sent him as I suppose it would Authorize him to detain any of the Rajahs property where he might meet with it —

Please to send Copies of the Affidavits of Lawyer [illegible] & nor of the Decrees in favor of the Famous Cause with Bills of cost and Interest I must beg you will furnish me with them as I apprehend I shall have a little trouble in settling Accounts with Verelst — In your former Instrument dated 8th January 1770 you charge for Damages your Claim on the R Rajah for Cur.r 75.0.0 I please to explain this Matter to me, as also a Charge in your last Account of Sept.r 20.0.0 which I do not understand

Please to send Copy of the Invoice of Goods you sent on the Hoop may I request the favor of you from you — Verelst has got all your sent — I have reason that this Transaction done by M.r Addison was in act of Treachery, if you could favor me with any declaration you know of the Matter I should like it kind — Any reason for drawing this proceeds from his having Executed me that the Goods you Shipt on the Hoop were on M.r Addisons account and not his own, and I apprehend when he finds himself disappointed in the fifteen thousand Rupees which he expects that he will probably deny he had any Concern in this Transaction