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in expectation of a farther Quantity from Bengal refuse to purchase but I still hope to advise you before long of the Sale of what I have belonging to you in [illegible]

I am Gentlemen

Your most obedt. servt.

To Mess Crau[illegible]

Madrass 1st March 68

I have this day drawn on you for Rs. twenty one thousand six hundred in favor of Rogers Carter Esqr. which you will be pleased to pay & place to my Acct.

I am Sir

Your most obedt. servt.

/20 days sight

To Mr. Mr. Taggart

Madrass 1st March 68

In my Letter of the 1st Febry I advised you of the Sale of the Remainder of the Opium by accident one Chest was not delivered it has been since taken by the merchants at seventy five Pagodas it weighed only 8 20 In my next Letter to Mr. Crawfurd I shall desire him to pay you this money

Enclosed are Price Current & a Papper of News received overland from Engd.

I am Sir

Dear Sir

Madrass 1st [illegible] 68

I am concerned to inform you that the Ship Tavl. George by which I sent the Coats & Wastcoats you desired me to have embroidered was some time since lost near Ingeram I wrote to you particularly by that Conveyance & now enclose Copy thereof as also Triplicate of Letters of the 9.13 & 15 Ult. and of two Letters to Mr. Russel I likewise send 2 Bills for 22000 17392 & 10000 also 1 Bill for 6000 these on Mr. Bolts on Mr. Kellican for 7830 Crs & on Mess Rusel & Campbell for 9120. 12. 3

In a joint Letter Mr. Benfield & myself have desired you & Mr. Kellican to send 50 Chests of Opium for this you will Advance the Money & obtains Bills for the Amount in my favour I have drawn on you in favor of Mr. Carter for 21600 Crs.

I enclose you a paper of news & Price Current and am Dr. Sir

Yours Sincerely

To

Robert Crawfurd Esqr.

Calcutta

Madras 1st March

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On the 15 of last Month I wrote to you concerning [illegible] you desired might be [illegible] 392.

[illegible] I have not yet advanced the 1000 Rs which will be come payable in 30 days after Sight and therefore as the Companys Agents here have given publick Notice that they will no longer grant Bills @ 375 I shall give you Credit for the said 1000 @ 363

The 15 of this Month I have promised to advance a farther Sum to make it to equal to one half of the Investment, as the sooner the Advances are made the Cheaper the Goods will turn out I now you for but shall soon be in advance for you

Enclosed is Price Current of Bengal Goods & Paper of News received from England overland I am Sir

Your most obt. servt.

Sir William Bolt Esqr.

Calcutta

Capt. Rt. Holford

Dear Sir

Madras 1 March 1768

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I have received your Favors of the 25 & 27 Ult.

My Concerply has Orders to prepare a Price Current as the value of Eastern Goods here may change which I shall not fail to send you

If the Indian Trader should not be able to get into P. N. River she must go to the Nevad

I shall take care to send you more money very shortly

You may open the Letter from Harrop to me in which you think the Invoice & Bill of Lading may be and it is quite necessary you should be enable you to judge of the Propriety of selling them besides as one of the Concerned you have an equal right with any of us

I have sold all the Mangadoties I had left @ 10 C. P. P. Corge they will rise I imagine then being very few here

Jolly seized me so much that at length I gave him a letter to you that in case you could assist him with Tappies or Chintz I desired you would [illegible] at the same time I mentioned and

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I think myself, as a grant for the Concerned in the Indian Trader, obliged to repeat, that it could truly be understood in case you could spare him which might be replaced at the same price and that we could procure the which Quantity I wrote to you for

The People at Pondichery have acted extremely ill but I hope our Superiors will not suffer us to be injourned

Jam Dlr

Yours

To
Cpt Robert Holford
Vagore

Dear Sir

Madrass 4 March 1768

I have received your Favour of the 2

The French have behaved ill in the Affair regarding Us. I hope we shall have proper Satisfaction notwithstanding

A Treaty has been concluded on with Nizamally and Mr Ardly is gone to see it ratify'd what the Particulars are I do not yet know

Jam Dlr

Your Most Obt Sr

Jon H. Brooke Esqr
Cuddalore

Dear Crawfurd

Madrass 4 March 1768

Enclosed is your Acct Currt for the Month of February

You will observe I have received of the Nabob 130-27-48 & borrowed of him on acct of the next Dividend 215 your Bond run from 1st January 1767 @ 10 P Cent and was exchang for another for 43000 dated 1st Janry 1768 in the Course of the last Month

The Indian Trader must proceed to Masulipatam to take in the Goods as there will be possibility of getting them down

The Boat is arrived from Bandamulunka and the things are landing I have sold the Cundaloo @ 72 P Garce the Lamp Oil Seeds @ 76 P Garce & the Ghee @ 36½ P Candy Horse Gram is fallen & will not yield a Profit proportionable to the other Articles

I shall take care to forward the Letter to Mr Crokat by the first Opportunity

Jam Dr Crawfurd

Yours Affectionately

To Quinton Crawfurd Esqr
Masulipatam

Dear Monckton — Madrass [illegible] March 1768

I send herewith your Acct Current P last Month —

I have a Letters & a small Box for you from your Friends in Europe which came by the Way of Bengal pray acquaint me whether I shall send them P Tappies or wait untill on Escort shall Proceed to Camp —

Dynely is arrived & Looks very well —

Advice D Monckton believe me affectionately

Yours

Dessoua being much out of order & having tryd Party to Little prepare is advised to go to England to by a Change of Air Accordingly he will Proceed thither in the Egmount —

Dear Williams — Madrass [illegible] March 1768

Before your Favor of the [illegible] of Febry came to hand I sent you P Bath Snow fifteen hundred Mss Pagodas I am preparing two thousand five hundred which I shall remit to Masulipatam from [illegible] must be forwarded by land —

I am greatly obliged by the endeavors you have taken to supply me and shall be very ready to convince you so whenever an opportunity shall offer while we continue to provide Cloths of different Qualities from the Companys the Madrass Gentlemen cannot complain —

The Cloth will do as well brown as if washed and may be sent down if an opportunity offers —

In this Month I will certainly remit some money for the Provision of Muslins —

Nigamally having sent Rochan Doolart a Peace has been settled with him & Mr Ardley is gone to see the Treaty ratify'd —

The Europe Ship will shortly sail — Mr Dessoua having been long indisposed is to proceed on her to try a Change of Air —

I am Dr Williams

Yours Sincerely

Dear Sir

Madras 4 March 1760

Enclosed is your Acct Current with me to the 29 Ult.

You will thereby perceive that I have received on yours & Mr Fairfields Accounts Ult 54 & as the Trustees do not intend to make any farther Dividend untill there shall be 10 P Ct which may not perhaps be untill July or August that I have borrowed of them 5 P Ct. The Bonds were renewed the 1st of last Month but not exchanged untill the other day yours for 23300 Mr Fairfields for 7300

As I imagine you will remit money to China where it is imagined it will be much wanted I thought it for your Interest to take up the 2050 — Do you chose to let Meridetts Bond runs on or that it shall be discharged

Since the Appointment of a Naib here for the revenues of the assigned Countries the Money comes in faster that it did but still is does not come in so fast as it should —

Mr Ardly left the Mount the day before yesterday with Kochana Doroba a certain Sum I understand is to be allowed yearly for the Circars out of which the Charges of the War [illegible]

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who should [illegible] on Jany last being distressed [illegible] to receive Goods on that Account as they suffered by the Inconvenions of the [illegible] contract with them for some Chintz for Mr Bolts [illegible] Agreement shall be made [illegible] tomorrow I will give you Credit for the above Sum —

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You will be pleased to determine how much shall be sent to China that we may divide among the Ships whatever you may judge proper I hourly expect to hear from Batavia regarding remittance from that Place to England by the way of Holland

I am Dr Sir with Esteem

To John Lewis Sow the Esqr

Your most obt servt

Mazulipatam

[illegible] Marchyn

[illegible] Your [illegible] of the 29th Ult.o this day came [illegible]

[illegible] Committee of Works [illegible] the Engineer had the Provision of the Materials [illegible] the Company suspected Advantages [illegible] to prevent [illegible] Committee was established They receive all Advances from the Govt. [illegible] all Agreements Purchases &c. The Engineer is a Member of the Committee [illegible] but no Money passes through his hands. Returns I think should be made in the manner you propose, I am not however well enough acquainted with this business to tell you [illegible] here and have not time sufficient to obtain Information thereof to night [illegible] Benfield from whom I must learn it [illegible] in 2 or 3 days I will write to you fully on this subject

I shall also enquire concerning what you write regarding the Checacall Country & advise you

You will be pleased to send in the Acct.s of Offeechonings for last year and the amount you may keep in your hands drawing on me in favor of the Commissary such part as you must have to advance for Mr Bolts Goods keep and remit the rest to Mr Williams at Vizagapatam and you'll oblige me —

my Compliments to Mr Smith if you please it has been said he is coming up but I hope not as there are some here who would be ready enough to apply for the Place in such case

Jim Dr Crawfurd

To Quintin Crawfurd Esq.r

Yours sincerely

Dear Crawfurd

Madrass 9 March 17[illegible]

Enclosed is a Bill for £ 3369

All which you will be pleased to receive & carry every Credit

Yours affectionately Friend

To Capt. Motley

Madrass March 1768

Having empowered Mr. Jolly to receive the Bales I put on board of your Ship I have delivered him the Bills of Lading & am to request you will be pleased to deliver the said Bales on his giving you a receipt for them and discharging all Demands you may have on me

I am Sir

Your most hum.l sent

John Jolly
Sir

Madrass 11 March 1768

Enclosed are Invoices of Goods sent on the London

1 for 5 Bales	1141. 7. 0
1 for 11	1036. 24. 19

The greater part of these Goods were provided by me the money advanced in the beginning of 1767 & the first Cost affixed to the Goods on these Bales I took up respondentia of Capt. Motley for the Premium is included in the Charges March on the Other I borrowed 1200 Pagodas the Premium of which added to the above Sum of 2177. 31. 19 with the Freight of 5 Bales at 5 P.Ct. on the Sales make about Pagodas 2357. 31. 19 [illegible]

meet the London and think it for the Advantage of the Owners to give eighteen or twenty P.Ct. on the Sum of 2357. 31. 19 you may receive the said Goods Out of the Produce you will pay Capt. Motley 1035. 4. 16 and Freight for 5 Bales of Murces & 5 P.Ct. on the Sales and the remainder you will send to Mr. Gordon at Canton

Enclosed also are a Letter to Capt. Motley to desire him to deliver the Goods Under a flying Seal for your Inspection also Bills of Lading

I wish your Health & Success and am Sir

Your most obt. Sr.

To Mr. John Jolly

Madrass 12 March 1768

To Lt. Bowman at Treptore

Agreeable to Mr. Monckton's desire I take leave to enclose you a Packet under his Address which if there is reason to apprehend any Danger of the Interception of the Tappials I must request the favor of you to detain & advise Mr.

Dear Monckton

Madrass 12th March 1768

I have two Letters of yours to reply to but really have not time to day I therefore shall only enclose your Europe Letters and you may depend on hearing from me particularly on Monday

I am D Monckton

Yours affect.

Dear Sir

Madrass 12 March

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Favor inviting me to Cuddalore sooner than Mr Brooke should have gone alone I would have accompanied her although I could not with Propriety leave Madrass at this Time but as Mr Dawson Mr Carter & Mr Mears are going down it is became unnecessary & I shall therefore defer my Visit for about three Weeks

I shall on Monday write you Particularly regarding Mr Alexander's Affairs in the meantime I remain D Sir

Yours affectionately

To Mr Brooke

Cuddalore

Dear Poury

Madrass 15th March 1768

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It is true that involved in a Multiplicity of Business I forget your first Letter but I hope you will pardon the Commission

I had paid Capt. Chaignean the Offreckonings for 1767 and as I do not find you returned with the Batallion I cannot positively say whether, you are entitled to Offreckonings, were though you were nominated in Novr you had better enquire or on recollection wait untill you shall hear from me I will ask Mr Call whois in the Country & inform you what his Opinion may be Apply to Vault if you want to remit Money & he will give you a Bill or you may draw on me & I will with the next Remittance send him a Bill on you

Yours Sincerely

To Capt. Poury

Tingrecotah

Dear Craufurd —

Madrass 15 — March 1798

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I have been out of Town these three days past or should sooner have reply'd to your Favor of the 4th

What I offered you for the Four Friends was the Sum I thought the Ship really worth. She cannot make a good Voyage to Bombay but still I would not have sold her to any other Person on your Account for less — therefore you need not consider the Offer in any other Light those from one Merchant to another — however it may not be unnecessary to Observe that you must run the risque you have Ensured as the Insurans might otherwise imagine your Sale of your Concern cancelled the Policy

The Commander is a Person of whom I have a very good Opinion & he is to go in January or Febry next on our Eastern Voyage as I can depend on him —

It is true that is general Ships only time to account to Captains & [illegible] but with proper Persons in the Command they may be advantageous — You imagine I may be removed, but I have considered this matter well & doubt much whether I would accept of any Place out of Madrass, for I am situated much to my liking I have the management of the Minerva & with it whenever the Manila Trade shall be opened the Provision of the Goods, I have the conducting of the Achin Trade in which this next year I shall have a Concern of 20000 Pag I like many in Madrass but there are few I would chuse to leave my Business with I trade on a considerable Sum of Money at a Subordinary I must contract my Views very much and if it shall only amount to this that my Profits on a certain Sums will be equal to a greater Sum at Madrass why should I leave Madrass [illegible] less agreeable one — besides if Dowsett [illegible] Year himself, which I have the greatest Expectation & Hope he will he is to have I understand Bandamalanka & Barker has also [illegible] Residency and sitting there Residencies one of our View what Inducement can I have to leave this I have been thus particular to you that you may favor me with your Opinion &c —

&c

To return to the Four Friends the Bills for the Ship were drawn in Rupt. & discharged @ 338 & 340. the difference between your Share of the Purchase of the Vessel & what she stands on your Books is owing to the Charges at Bengal after the Purchase of her as also at Madrass Insurance &c.

Mr. Marchand has written to me concerning the Cloathing due to sundry Officers of Seapoys you will be pleased to pay him in Curnt. Pagodas or in Madrass Pagodas @ 10 p Ct. deduct in from the precedent mentioned in my request to you —

I have received a Letter from Harrop dated at Malacca the 2d Febry the next day he was [illegible] for Salangore from thence to Achin & think we may expect him by the [illegible] of March, or early in April he has sold [illegible] Goods invest the Amount in Pepper Cloves & Tin & on the whole we may do very well notwithstanding the French pretend we had no Property on board the Vessel they seized —

The Article that has turned but to Acct. was Longbloth therefore the more we can get the better

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Be pleased to acquaint Mr. Lewin Smith with the foregoing as well as that the Manila Ship which sailed in July last was at Malacca in Febry & is daily expected

The Spaniards gave the Armenian Letter or no trouble they bring back 250000 Dos.

You will be pleased to take such part of Mr. Smiths than as you please — the rest I will take we shall sheath the Ship at Porto Novo, that she may return to the Streights in June — The King of Rio behaved very well to Harrop

Advice D Craufurd

believe me most affectly yours

There is not one Man
Button in the Place like those
I sent you — how shall I act
send you all of a Different Pattern?

To
Quinton Craufurd Esqr.
Mazulipatam

Dear Sir

Madras [illegible] March 1768

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I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Indian Trader was on the [illegible] of Febry at Malacca having returned from Rio with the Produce of the Cargo what she sold at Achin excepted invested in Cloves Sine Tippery &c.

I expect she will arrive with you in the beginning of April & hope to have her in Porto Nº River before the April Moon

Our Tappies sold better than the Cluntz of which a great part was disposed of to the Dutch any quantity of Tappies you can procure be pleased to buy. you will have for 6000 Pagodas in Gold for Sin which Harrop sold to the Captain of the Macoa Ship which is on her Return from Manila

I shall be with you shortly when I shall have the pleasure to assure you in Person what I now with sincerely that I am

Dear Sir

Your most obt. Servant

For Captn. Holford

C. Nagore

For John Lewin Smith Esqr.

Dear Sir

Madras 19 March 1768

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I have received your Favor of the 4. Instant.

Regarding the Returns to the Coral you wish to make I have only to say that Gocull Nellecunlaker &c. have agreed with the Govr. Mess. Morse &c. Diamond Merchants not to sell except to them and not to purchase any of the Manimungulum People but a less Price than they have given for them two years past No More than 60000 Pagl are come in for which the former high Price has been paid - in Octr. I hope to be able to procure a quantity of a good sort & cheap

I know what to say of the Nabob - of the Countries assigned to his Credetors the Revenues come in very slowly - he owes the Company a considerable Sum & of 266666 2/3 he promised to pay in Decr. last scarcely any thing is come in - much also is due on account of the Jaguear His Expences are so great & he employs such a Number of Useless Fellows whom he calls Seapoys whom he does not chuse to part with that unless the Govr. & Council shall insist on his retrenching his Expences I do not see how he wer will [illegible]

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able to discharge the whole of his Debts for of the Countries assigned notwithstanding all the Precautions we take it is suspected apart is clandestinely sent to the Nabob & applied to other purposes than discharging his Debts to us A fortunate stroke in the Mysore Country may indeed assist us but things have not the most promising aspect that Way for with the Expences of many men & much Treasure we have not get the Valley which when the whole may be conquered it is thought by men of Judgement will be but a trifling Acquisition

I have desired Mr Dowsett the Acct of Goods sold to Mr Monneron & now enclose to your Napuks Acct Curt

The Macao Ship from Manila was on the 20 of Febry at Malacca & is hourly expected there was no opportunity to remit the Money to China

The Longcloth that you cannot send by the Madrass Merchant be pleased to send by any Boat coming this way for transporting it by Land will be attended with an heavy Expence & the Cloth being of a shorter Measure than ours we shall be able to pay double Duties

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I have reason to think you will not be able to lend much Respondentia from hence to China as none of the Europe People want much of their money here & therefore they are glad to lend the remainder @ 8 or 9 p Cent for Respondentia Premium &c Freight together but you may be assured of my endeavors in this business I have already written to my Attorney at Bombay to employ the Produce of the Persian Chints in the manner you desire

I have secured two Pipes of last Years Wine for you which I shall send to you by one of the first Conveyance I have Shipped on the Egmont one Pipe for Lord Pigot & one for you directed to Robert Smith Esqr

Although by manifesting the Muslins &c you want to send to England you or those to whom you want to send them must pay the Duties I am of Opinion you had better get a Permit from the Govr & Council for sending of the same

I shall take care to receive & send you your Tea from China

I have sent your Ring to be mended when done I shall return it to you

I am with sincere Wishes for your Health & Happiness Dr Sir

A. M.

26 Dear Monckton Madrass 17 March 1768

I have forwarded your Letters from Europe by the Tappies & should have written to you sooner in answer to your several Letters had I not been on a Party of Pleasure for 3 or 4 days —

The Madrass Merchant I have been informed will clear much more than Respondentia but unfortunate all the Money the Cargoes have produced are at Bengal. I have ensured 1000 from that Place on your Acct & this I have done because I ensured the same Sum on a less Concern I hold on the same Vessel

I shall enquire of French Claret and send you any good I may get.

I shall send you Money to morrow & shall credit you for the 10 Rupees you advanced the Coleis

The Appointment of Dupré to the Government was unprecedented & therefore if Lord Clive got to London before the Affair was decided Mr Call stands a good Chance at least his Friends think so.

That your situation must be disagreeable is certain and the want of it is that I do not any Likelihood that it will

27 soon mend the Operations in the Valley cannot distress Hyderally & it is too late I think to go to Bengaloor

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Palmer has no Idea of leaving Madura if I should hear of any such Intention of his depend on my advising you certainly something may be done there if a Man will exert himself

Respondentia on the King George is 30 p Ct for one year which is too high I have ensured for you 800 Pag @ 16 p Cent & the other I would advise you to run the risque of

I have certainly made a mistake in your Acct with the Nabob to morrow I will get a Copy of your Acct in the Nabobs Books & adjust that matter —

The Indian Trader will I have be here early in next month the Minerva is in the Road & the Madrass Merchant hourly expected

Jam Dr Monckton
Yrs Sincerely

The Ship St Antonio from Manila is hourly expected was at Malacca the 20th shall get something by her not much

Dear Sir

Madrass 17th March 1768

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The day before yesterday Mrs Brooke & Mrs Marthrick with Mrs Dawson & Miss Mears & Carter sat out & I hope will be at Cuddalore

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Indian Trader was at Malacca on the 20 of February & that I hope to see her in a fortnight

Tomorrow I shall send for Papah & Settle Accounts with him and write you again I intend to see you on Sunday after next if possible but in such case you shall hear from that Tallaheen Boys may be posted as I must both going & coming proceed Port

I am Dear Sir

Your most obedt. servt.

To Mr Henry Brooke

Dear Sir

Madrass 17th March 1768

I hope this will find you very near your Departure for the Eastward

I take leave to recommend to you the following regard the manner you are to keep your Accts.

Open a General Head of Owners of Snow King George which debit for all Disbursements by you & credit for all Sales and keep no separate Account of the Owners as they are to divide the Produce on your return

Such Goods as you may purchase may be Heads in your Books, particularly if you should go to China

I wish you Health & Success

& am Dear Sir

remember if you go to China by Declaration on my Account to case the Insurance Company of as much Risque as possible advising me of the same

To Mr John Jolly

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Dear Lathom

Madrass 17th March 68

I have been favored with yours of the 6th March & have received the Amount of the Bill in your favor. I shall in a day or two remit Money to Cuddalore by Gollah Peons when I shall send yours

I hope you find Cuddalore agreeable I shall see you in Seven or eight days

I am Dear Lathom

Yours sincerely

To Richard Lathom Esqr

Cuddalore

Dear Sir

Madrass 17th March 1768

I have recd your favor of the 13th

Harrop has written that the King of Achin promised not to let any Vessels from his dominions go to the Coast before his return & their Non-Arrival renders it probable that he has detained them