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Madrass. 1. Jany 1764.

I

Dear Crauford

1. I wrote to Mr Smith the other day to acquaint him the Compy have prohibited their Servts from receiving more than 10 ℔ct in consequence of which from the 1 of this Month no more will be allowed and fresh Bonds are to be executed and delivered The Nabob has assigned some Countries for the Payment of them but it will be near 4 Years before they will be discharged Some free Merchts talk of not coming into the above but the Nabob will scarcely venture to pay them before the Council and if a War should happen it might be a long Time before they would get their Money I desired Mr Smith to inform you of the former but must beg you will read the Latter part to him I mean concerning the Assignment &c.

I have recd your Europe Letters which shall be taken particular Care of Mr Smith writes me his have been forwarded but I have not recd them I am uneasy concerning them and have advised him thereof but lest my Letter should have miscarried I must beg you will inform him also —

I am Dr Sr Y. m. affectionately

L Lt — 6 M Dragoons the 9th

Having an Account, Sales — that he will write on the when he will draw on Smith & the Bankers by the Ships.

Dear Dowdeswell

6 Janry 1767

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By two Gilla Pauns I now sent you two
thousand Pagodas the Rents have been advanced

Lam Dr Dowdeswell Yr m. o.

6 Janry 1767

To Capt. Gibson

I have only time to say you
I have bought what called the Buckinghamshire
when you are to have the best in the Comm
of an Europe ship

To Mr Govan Harrop

6 Janry 1767

I have received your Letters of the 25th of Novm
last from Rangoon the 20 and 24th Ultimo from Calcutta
and have maturely considered the Contents

If the Nequadah of the Masulipatam
Vessel should arrive here I will agreable to your desire
recommend him to Mr Smith

Ship fo
reco
Voyage
some ti
not bid
believe

I wish Avist would have sold his
Price as she is much better for a
any we shall meet with for
certainly acted very prudently in
her than you did Mr Bourchier I
her and in that case we may

3 still send you in her

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I last Tuesday acquainted Messrs Russel and Crauford of an having Purchased a new Ship from Mr Dolben which is to be delivered at Bengal in the Month of January or February and is to Proceed immediately to this Place from whence we intended to dispatch her in the Month of May for Acheen should you have failed of Aviants and as it has happened the Purchase is lucky you certainly judge right in regard to the Opium, if you Proceed immediately to Acheen a better Price might be able to return her with a full Cargo of Batte Nett the Profits on that and the difference in the Price on the Opium cannot be equal to the difference of Expence between One and two Ships and therefore as our chief Dependence is on the Coast Goods and as the Ships we have bought is about 200 or 240 Tons much longer than the Horse or Speedwell We Gentlen think it eligible to send her only for this Voyage and if we should meet with a good one of 500 or 600 hundred Tons we will Purchase her and you shall Proceed in her next Year should it and her our Expectations or if we should be disappointed we will then look out for some other Voyage for you

I have desired Messrs Russel and Crauford to buy for me the Lord Hore and Speedwell for which we shall Race after Voyage I have already wrote you on the Subject of your Commission on the Purchases as well as will Sale which has conditionally been agreed to

I have only to add that I shall be glad to
hear at Madrass that you may depend on all the Cloths
we can give you. I am Sir
Your most Obedient Hble

Dear Dorsett

Madrass 8th Janry

Agreeably to what I formerly told
you I hope you settled with the Noequedah Mahomed
Sultan

Besides the Goods mentioned in the
Indent I sent you I shall want about 100 Corge
Blue Cloth and 9 Call/2 Pieces a few Tadempoys
Sayees Chints for the West Coast & Batavia Imployed
Cloth and more blue Handkerchiefs &c I want to
send a Ship to Batavia early in next month and
therefore if you should be able to buy any of the above
assorted at Moderate Prices you will Oblige me as Corge
Dayes Quantity may sometimes be Picked up and Stands
You to make Best Purchase for I will in a days time remit
to you two Thousand Pagodas. Send Narrain to enquire
and Wages what Quantities he can buy for ready
Money

I shall be glad to see the Account to
her Mar[illegible] remember me affectionately to Mr Jones
Assure yourself of the sincere Esteem &c

your most obedient &c

10 Janry 1767

Dear Dorsett

I have received your Favor of 8th enclosing
Acct Curt &c

As so little Time can be spared I am concerned
you have not made the Agreement with the Noequedah
as the Person who will be his Security is a man of Property
if the one fails of his Agreement I think I have Interest
enough to get the Obligation carried into Force against
the other that is if he should be forth coming the Goods
must be ready early in April

Of the 8 Call blew Cloth you will only
agree for 86 Corge as I have sent him an Order on
Mr Defries Agent for 12 Corge of whole Peices of brown
Cloth which you will therefore agree with him for
the dying of the same only

You have omitted to give yourself
Credit for Commission on the Pacht Nut I have carried
it in my Books to your Acct

I am D Dorsett

Yr Affectionately

10 Janry 1767

Ruby Narrain

I have received your Letter of the 2d
Instant enclosing a Bill of Exchange for one thousand one
hundred eighteen Madrass Pagodas

I shall have Occasion for about an
hundred Corges of red Handkerchiefs if you can agree
with the Merchants to let me have them at a reasonable

Price on their delivery here I shall be obliged by
your doing so. they must be from 10 to 35 Rupees
Corge if any Boats come from Mazulipatam see
whether the Owners will not enter into a writing
to let me have their Goods at the market Price
If I can in return of it you let
let me know how & if in my Power I will bring
your Well Wishes —
if any persia Chintz can be bought cheap I shall be glad
of some but it must be down by the end of the month
if you can meet with two or three thousand Pagodas
worth on these Terms I will remit you the Money
immediately but remember if it cannot be here in Janry
I shall not know what to do with it

Dear Sir

10 Janry 1767

A Paper has been sent about this day
by Mess.rs Pybus Call & J. Bouchier setting forth that
in consequence of the Company's Directions to their Secd.
not to be receive more than 10 p.Ct for any money
they have lent or may lend the Nabob he signifies to them
resolution of paying them but as his Circumstances
will enable him to discharge the whole at once
signed or will assign over the remainder
Company's Bonds which in the Course of
Years with pay every Day & the Interest
collected by the Amaldars they are to pay
to the Committee abovementioned whose
shall be received until let it at Interest
every Year or oftener if considerable sum

should be received a Dividend will be made of all the
Cash in hand but the Bonds now bearing 20 p.Cent
are to be returned & fresh ones at 10 p.Ct are to be
given & dated the 1 of Janry 1767 Notice is at the
same time given that the Nabob will not pay off
such Persons as shall not agree to the above Proposals
untill he has satisfyed the whole of those who consent
thereto in consequence every one of the Compys Servts
have accepted of the Nabobs Terms and it is thought
so great a Vogue that no one will chuse to run it
Be pleased Sir to favour me with your Directions
I am D.r Sir with regard
Yr M. O. Hble Servt

Dear Sir

13 Janry 1767

I wrote to you last month on the Same day I addressed
a Letter to Mr. Russel and you desiring you jointly to buy
for us the Lord Howe and Speedwell if you had not already
done so now as I had before made you the Same request it
is necessary to acquaint you that we imagined in Consequence
of our Letter Orders the above Vessels would have been bought
by you jointly and that our taking them out of Mr. Russels
hands to put them under your management would have
been using him extremely ill I hope it has appeared in
the Same Light to you and have therefore not given you
any Umbrage —

The Buckingham we intend for the
Eastward the Lord Howe for Batavia with Cash Goods

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the Speedwell for the Maldivas the Letter the 2nd and Letter arrive the better the reason of the former to be on Miss Smith, Capt. Brooke Beresford gone in the Astern Voyage of the second and Third on Miss Beresford and myself I hope you will have advice before they have left or will advise before they can leave the River that we may insure the same.

As much depends in Voyages of all kinds but Particularly in Trade to the Eastward on advice from your Place I shall take it as a favour if you will constantly give me Notice of the Affairs destined to the Straights and of the Quantity of Bullion supposed to be exported Persons.

I will Likewise be of good Company to me to know the Price of Europe and undercordian Commodities at your Place as often and Particularly whether there is a Probability of Warr or fall of any from the Tranquility of Commerce with Country I am to stop on the Coast in Expecting to your Quantity of Copper which I have reason to think will turn to better Account there sending down I dare but your Opinion would I know be a great

Sir I request you to acquaint me whether you Sail with convoy as on the Malabar Coast and Lord Howe we intend to send with that Article

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I have only to acquaint you further that your Brother is gone with the Chief of Mazulipatam Through the Circars and that when I last heard from him he was well.

I am with regard Sir your most obedient humble Servant

If you have any Business to transact at Madrass you may Command me.

Wm Secretary Stone 14 January 1767

Sir

In consequence of the Minute of Consultation lately recd from you I take Leave to enclose you an Acct of my Expence on the Expedition to Manila

I am Sir &c

J. M. B. S.

Dear Sir 17 January 1767.

I have received your Letter of the 15th and in consequence propose to set out for Portnova Wednesday next. I must therefore desire you will post Pallanqueen Boys as far to the Northward as necessary I shall have come from hence as far as Sadrass

Yrs Affectionately

to Mr Dalrymple

Madras 22 Aug 67

Dear Sir

I have had the Pleasure to receive your two Letters of the 6 Dec. 1765 and am much obliged for what you have Enquainted me regarding private affairs.

Our Friend Stevenson had not the misfortune to the Despatches with Mr Drake attacked by a violent Disorder, at Batavia, he departed this Life.

The Admiral Pocock having left China in 1765, long ere this must have arrived in England, therefore I suppose you acquainted with Mr Drakes Misfortune & his Arrival in China. he returned here in the month of October he Produced a Memorial, worthy only of himself instead of a Vindication of his Conduct, it Prov'd a Heap of Scurrility intended to ruin others his Efforts I hope will not avail - he has attacked your Character in an unjustifiable Manner, but he has now denied what has been proved by the Evidence of unexceptionable persons that, in general his Assertions instead of ~~running~~ High redounds intends, will recoil back on himself.

He says he has cleared himself and although the Board have been as tender as the Case would Justify but right as he resigned the Government and has not cleared up every part of his Conduct he remained under a Slate of Suspension until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

6 Colsford returned to India this last 6 Decbr and the Company having lately a Cession of the Circars of Ellore, Mantazanagar, Nizampatnam, Rajahmundry & Chicacole, and it being intended to form a new Settlement at Ganjam, he is appointed to reside there.

Capt. Hues on March 1765 went on a trading Voyage to the Island of Bonas, and having run ashore between the Islands of Laut & Bonas, the Malays cut them & all his Europeans off and seized the Ships Cargo.

Mr George Sowell went out Supercargo in a Ship from this to Manila in June last, and on his Arrival there was seized on 8br last he had not been released yet they have hopes he will soon return, and have had Permission to sell his Cargo.

By the last Advices from Bengall Rupees & Rials were still 20 per Cent Abo[ve] par. Mr Floyer Promotion has given great Pleasure here. Crauford has lately been appointed in Council at Fort St. Davids where I hope he will do very well.

Mr Falk will proceed to England by this Ship and Mr Bourchier succeed him - the Council have for their Successors, as Mr Pybus & Call - the Latter is most wished for I believe. Drake also, they say, has some Friends, but I can hardly imagine the Directors will have any.

I am D[ear] Sir with Sincere Wishes for your Health and Happiness Your Most obd Servant

To M. Stevenson

Madrass 23 January 1769

Sir

It is with the greatest Concern I send to you by the Middleton Packet, the unlooked for Death of your Son William; since which Time I have been in continual disagreable & troublesome Disputes, Mr Drake, who arrived here in April last, having persecuted me with the utmost Rancour instead of justifying his own Conduct he has endeavoured from the Blemish of past Transactions on Mr. poor a poor young Gentleman, who met cut off on the Passage by a Malay, your son William & myself, who were his Friend, but in several Letters I have laid before the Governor Council & Share and have so far succeeded that although they Honours for have disputed with Mr. Drake our Characters as men of Integrity have not suffered the least Imputation, while Mr. Drake charged by the with Acts of Oppression has not yet clear himself therefrom.

I involved in these Disputes, engag the Mayors Court against me as Executor, I have not bee able to adjust the Accounts of the Estate any more than the Any late Friend, and but by the next Ships I hope to transm you the Particulars & may with however be unnecessary to add that I have not in my hands sufficient to discharge the Le should me be call'd

Gentlemen

Madrass 8 February 1769

If any of your Sons will return to Europe you may depend on either of them having any Gentleman the Power of my Friends to give Him and the Friendship may assure yourself of my Readiness

With sincere good Wishes for the Health & Happiness of you and your Family

I am with great Esteem Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Dear Dowell

Madrass 8 February 1769

I arrived here early the 17th January and having visited on Mr. Saunders, acquainted him with your Letter to come to Madrass which he said he would not. However agrees to but that you must apply through a regular Channel as he at the same time informed me the last of the Season was ready & would be dispatched in a days or two after my have ordered you to hasten all the Rubies to the Company I could not urge much on the Coast for fear of Suspicion as I should not suppose you would have paid Customs sometime hereafter if you stand proper to apply for Boys for you. Mr. Saunders told me when I mentioned to you some of the Stones I had seen you only you would not write to him. had you not better do so

The Man which he will send out soon as he arrives Nafrain will be with you in a few days

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I must beg Respects to the Ladies with
best Wishes for your Health and Happyness conclude

Dear Crawfurd

P.D. Yours affectionately

Madrass 5th February 1767

2d Ditto I have been favoured with your Letter of the

I am just returned from the Southward where
the procession of the Action Gentle obliged me to go although
much indisposed when I set out.

I have directed Mr Harman to sail
Chird immediately as the Persia Ships is daily expected
for you which shall be remitted.

I am preparing a Turn of Wheat
to Bengall the Buckinghamshire may take them otherwise
will return.

Opium is the Best for Canton but will sell
much lower

Gibson and Harrap are at Bengall Their
last advice Letter from thence.

I have been away for some Days but will write to them
to-morrow.

Your Affectionately

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Gentlemen Madrass 8th February 1767

The inclosed is List of Stores which Mr Dolben
Attorney at Bengall will cause to be delivered to Captn Gibson
from whom you will be Pleased to take a Receipt for the
same.

As soon as Mr Dolbens Attorney shall
deliver the Buckinghamshire to you we are to request you
will put on board 3000 Piece of Cossimbs with a proportionable
Quantity of Lute Roguy Twine 100 Bags of Long Pepper 300 of
Dry Ginger and for the Remainder of her Cargo Rice Sugar
and Jaggery are now in Demand

We shall be obliged if you can
procure any Freight for us & when her Cargo
is shipped Recon you will give the Captain
Directions to proceed to Mesulepatam & put
himself under the Order of Messrs Smith
& Crawford

We shall to morrow transmit
you Bills for fourteen Thousand Rupees &
in a few days more one to the Amount of
twenty four Thousand.

By the next Opportunity a
Pass shall be forwarded for the Buckinghamshire

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by the Name of the Indian Trader

the 10 Feby 1767

We are &c

Robert Crauford Esq.

Your Favour of the 10 Janry reached me only
since to the Southwards of this Place, whither my Business called me
which prevented me from acknowledging the receipt of it.

I cannot help being a little uneasy at not
having heard from you regarding the Satinagar as the Bill for
3000 Rupees ought to have been paid but of the Goodness the Sea
must have fallen since the Arrivall of the Fleet.

I am much concerned you have not procured
for us one Vessel at least as we have Goods on hand the Sale of
would have done - so would the Lord Hawe and Royal Charlotte
We shall depend on your Endeavors yet to buy for the two ends
not limit you to any Price although we imagine the Price of
Vessels will fall as the Salt from this Place is gone cheaper

You have done well in the Canwas affair
I could have wished keeping Goods on hand with Seldom answer
Sam D. &c with regard

Your most Obd Humble Servt

Fort St George
11 Feby 1767

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To the Honorable Josias Dupre Esqr
President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

A Multiplicity of Business
having prevented me from bringing the Books of
the Commissary, & Agent before Mr Hastings's
Departure, I take the liberty of addressing you
to request you that the Books & Papers may be
delivered to Mr Saunders agreeable to the Order
communicated to me by your Secretary Govdd.

The Nabobs Account has been
drawn out untill the 31st October. Mr Saunders
will bring it up untill the 31st of January in
the Course of the next Month

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by the Name of the Indians Traders

the 10 Feby 1767

We are W

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When Mr Cole gave over the

Charge of the Commissary ship to Mr Hastings

there was a Balance due from the Estate of Mr

Charles Read late Paymr to the Army in the

Army in Bryan County & a

has been frequently required of the Ag

but as they have not other

Bills drawn I have omitted with the former

Affairs

I am with Respect

10 February 1767

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brought us to the Mouth of Black R it appears that

a considerable Gain

many miles of the Banks of

the last

Surveying the Lands in 27 1778 Ac 7

Pd

of 1282 6 75 13

's Portraiture &c.

Dear Sir

John Lewen Smith Esqr

To Madrass 12th February 1767

A Journey to the Southward which I was Under the Necessity of making on Account of the Achin Goods and a Multiplicity of Business since my return have prevented me from writing to you for some Time past.

I enclose you your Acct. Current to the End of last Month by which you will Observe Credit has been given at 20 ⅞ Cent Batta on the M.S. Pagodas received for the Bill of Exchange remitted by Audy Narrain.

It may here after happen as at present that I may have Things to communicate to you which I shall not chuse to be come publick – to guard against any accidents that may occur by Letters I take leave to enclose you Copies as soon as you shall advise me of the receipt of Yet I shall address you.

I have wrote to Fraser how anxious I am to get as much Northward Cloth as possible for the Achin Voyage – the Residents at the Subordinates are settling with those Merchants some of their Invoiced one Cloth of the different Sorts will answer very well.

I have not yet received the Letter Charity att the I have wrote to Audy narrain concerning it. the Answer is arrived.

Mr. Monckton has paid Admiral Pocock's Bill for Diamonds to the Amount of Pagodas 1000 which I have Credited to Account Current.

You will be pleased to Observe that on the Departure of the Buckinghamshire have forward the Indian Goods you will have a Visque of 2000 Pag.— the Insurance is 12 ½ from Bengall to Achen & back 14 ½ Cent Resp.t 25. but not much procurable.

I am D.r Sir

with Sincere Wishes for your Health and Happiness your most Affect.e Servant

Sam.l Scott

My dear Crauford

Madras 12th February 1767

By a Letter I have wrote to Mr. Smith by you this day you will see how Matters are with regard to the Achen Voyage.

I hope by the End of March the Long Cloth intrusted to Mr. Smith and you for to the Amount of 1320 Pagodas will be ready as the Northern Cloths are at present in Demand in all the Straights of Malacca.

I am however much alarmed at having heard from Mr. Smith you have not been able to procure more than the Sum set down which I advised you was the least if you could not procure the rest would be remitted in Dollars. If you have not procured the whole of the Piece Goods I insist you will not agree for any further Quantity to be ready at the time Time we shall dishonour for Goods & as will oblige us to give away Cash for them for when the Ships is over 1500 Pagodas a Voyage will seldom answer unless the Cargo is at least 3000 but I must have mistaken Mr. Smith for knowing the Quantity wanted and the great Demand for it you would have undoubtedly explained this Matter to me if you should have cursorily mentioned and I as cursorily passed it over, which from a Perusal of your Letters I do not find, no Remedy remains but for you to buy Cloth made up or near finished at any rate for it should be brought to have I shall be under the Necessity of Paying 20 or 25 ½ Cent more Should this unfortunately have happened so, which God forbid, and you not have any Money with you, you may draw on me for any Sum although I am very short of Cash

I am buying Rupees & Pagodas for the Payment of your Dollars but they are procured with so much difficulty it will be probably a week more before I shall have them collected.

The Buckinghams Guns may be bought of Dolben and sent Letter by Boat

Let me entreat but the utmost Frugality

I depend on the whole Quantity of Long Cloth as 1320

I am D.r Crauford

Yours

Sam.l Scott

No News from your Brother Y. M. A.

Lord Clive is gone home

Mess. Smith & Crawford

Madrass 12 February 1767

I have received Advices from Bengal that many
Inward of the Purchase of the Buckinghamshire Mess. Russell
Crawford do not intend to buy any other Vessel on our Account they
have provided the Opium and Other Goods on board.

Mr. Harrop has wrote me of having failed in the
Purchase of Things and Avoids Ships and of having sold the
Stores we consigned to him by which we shall save ourselves
he recommended the Purchase of the Speedwell and sending
her from Bengall directly to Achin with the Opium which
was a very good Scheme but as the Gentlemen were appointed
one of the Supercargoes of 2 Ships morning I acquainted him
the Buckinghamshire only could go.

To Compleat the Loan wanting for the
Cloth I undertook to you for I trans mit herewith Bills on
your selves for the Sum you are indebted to mason Acct of
the Above Voyage endeing 20 days or thereabouts
Star Pagodas in August.

In the Knights last year Goods from
Bengall very ill

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Y. M. A. & A.

Messrs. Russell & Crawfurd

Madrass 12 February 1767

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We wrote to you yesterday, of which the
enclosed is Duplicate, desiring you to dispatch the Indian
Trader from Calcutta to Masulipattam, but has her
Departure may be late, which may render her Passage
Troublesome we are to request you will send her directly hither.

Enclosed is a Bill of Exchange on Mr.
Russel for Nine Thousand three hundred & seventy Rupees
which you will be pleased to carry to Credit of the Concerned
on the Achin Voyage.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Y. M. A. & A.

D. Solomons

Madrass 12 February 1767

Having Occasion for a Sum of Money to pay
Two Bottoms and recollecting that the Wages Officers Comings for
1766 have not yet been remitted I take leave to request you will
pay the Amount of them to Mr. Crawfurd or his Order and on
Advice of the Receipt of the same I will pay an equal Sum to
the Commissary General here.

I must request the favor of your immediate
Answer, as if this cannot be effected I must take other Measures
to remit the Money I must pay. If you Any thing I can render
You the least Service pray command me & you shall find me
my dear Sir.

Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Dear Crauford

Madras 13th February 1767

I have been favored with your Letter of the 3 Instant. Before wrote you to buy the Guns of Mr Dalton and send them down by a Boat for it will not be prudent for the Ships to call at Masulipatam as her Departure from Bengal will be late.

I have send my utmost Endeavors to procure Rupees or Madras Pagodas but unsuccessfully. I have just recollected that the Hoygrages have not been remitted and have accordingly wrote to Mr Johnson to draw them for the Amount to you for which you may grant him a Bill on us.

I am Dr Crauford

Your Most Affectionately

When I sent your Acct Current I should have told you my Reason for paying Brooke for the Wine was my providing a Letter from you to him, wherein you told him you forward so much of the same he left with you for which you lay; charged him with the Amount in account with him - his Bill I have

Dear Davidson

Madras 13 February 1767

from [illegible] Your Letter of the 6th Inst reached me at Pallicat but too late for the return.

Enclosed are the Notes &c you mention

Persons at Vyagapatam to Mr Sampson also his Letter to Mr Palmer on the Subject and one from Mr Gallopine to Mr Palmer which signifies that a Debt is coming but does particularize the Sum.

I am greatly obliged by the Endeavors you took to get the Naval Stores I did not indeed imagine you could have been able to get any Lascars.

Monkton has lately been appointed Paymt to the Army sent to join Nizamally Latham Commissary Persian Interpreter Brookes in Council and as imagined he or Dawson will soon be removed to the Chiefship of Cuddalore to the Mortification no doubt of Johnny Galland — Sadlier is to proceed to Velour to pay the Garrison of that Place if he chooses in Major Lawrence's room of Mr Lyne who is to take the Management of Ingenam if Report can be credited — Bandamulanka has been made independent of Masulipatam & Morgan is to reside at Madapollam —

Crauford is at Pedapore with Lewen Smith negociating. I shall next Time I write to him present him with your Compliments which will always be acceptable to him.

Dawsett desired me to send Betsy Palmer to him which I shall comply with & request him with your Advice regarding her —

Who the Deces told you of my having been indisposed 2 fort: has been and still is. I must get a Country house although my sequeus are not very violent. Crauford is well to ask prudently. I shall tell him what you say concerning his Silence — the truth is he is exceeding lazy — I congratulate you having so quiet a Damsel but with you had a good Rib with whom you might converse as well as solace. Adieu my dear Davidson may you be happy in every Station in Life is the wish of your affectionately

Audy Narraway

Madrass February 16th 1767

The Persia Ship will sail from this Place tomorrow if therefore you have not bought the Bologe which you wrote me you must not by any means indeed only write that by way of Caution for by my Directions you were not to purchase any for me until first and to have in January. I am your well wisher

Dear Sir

Madrass 17th February 1767

Current Your Favor of the 29 Jany enclosing Bill me by the Arnon yesterday as did your Letter to Mr Mont. Crauford per Pondon from Mr Bailly you enclosing Duplicate Bill of Lading for 20 Bales of Mogga Sortie Goods per the Tigot.

I hope to get for the Muggadoties between Forty eleven Pagodas but there being a Large Quantity in the Place I would not recommend to you to send any more at present on the Arrival of the Tigot, daily expected, I shall write you more fully on this Subject.

A Detachment having joined Negamally Cavalry & Mears under Orders for the same Service yet being yet a Secret whether they going to, the Merchants are apprehensive of Purchasing either Raw Silk or indeed any other Goods for they Suspect their Intentions are against Hyder Ally Cawn who Governs the Mysore Country to which great Quantities of the Bengall goods were sent —

I approve of the Purchase of the Four Friends & have accepted your Bill in favor of Mr Ste[illegible]g Pith the Sum you have to draw upon our Accounts shall be paid off in Time.

We hope you have received the Lord Mayor which will be sufficient to enable you to purchase as Soon as we have Advice of her Purchase or shall permit Money to pay for her a Gruff Cargo are already recommended for her

Dear Monckton

Madrass 15 February 1767

Your Favor to Mr Davidson & me from Arcot reached us the day before Yesterday We shall settle with Mr Boyd.

I have a Letter from Mr Crauford at Bengal advising of his having purchased for my his Brother & Ship of about 200 Tons I before acquainted you I had offered Benfield a Share therefore she will belong to us 2 jointly. Her Cost is 32000 Current Rupees (my Siamese) she has arr. Mr Crauford proposes to ensure about three quarters of our Concerns shall be glad of your Approbation.

To return her to Bengal would be attended with that Inconvenience that she would not be able to return until the Month of August which therefore on the Intervening a more advantageous Freight shall offer itself we will send her to Batavia.

Arcot

From hence we know how Rupees are about

add than that I have at present nothing more to

Lathom

Pray remember me to

Your sincerely

J. S.

D. Crauford 16 Madrass 15 February 1767

I wrote some days ago to Johnson to desire time to Pay you the Amount of the Seapoy Officers wages for last Year for a Bill of Exchange on one of them have not been remitted, they should be immediately settled which will be opportune for me to Madrass Pagoda or scarcely a Rupee can be met with the Exchange of the former is 11 P Cent by of the latter 33 1/3 P C. Pagodas.

Your Brother had wrote me advice of having purchased for me a Ship called the Four Friends of 300 Tons Burthen, for Thirty two Thousand Current Rupees which he intended to dispatch about the 15th of July to this Place with a Cargo, I shall ensure three fourths of her Risque Several Reasons have induced me to offer Benfield a fourth which Monckton agreed to which I made my Officers Clerk to Execute & Mr Benfield attended with the Money the Day & Mr Johnson we may then sign of no Bills Protested after that Date but Bills drawn a day or two before send you the Plan of my Thing Letter when I am at

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Upon Lan[illegible] contracted for
the 1 Voy[illegible] of Cloth for Cabin and
Lascar Use from Vizt 60

Mess[rs] Rufsell Hillars

Madraspatn 17th February 1769

Gentlemen

By the Carter Sloop to Bandar
Carolina I sent Hence by the King fisher Snow
Captain John Rich, we have consigned to your Selves
of Copper already the Sahong Jacques Schooner Captain
Grave we have Consigned to you Do Candies of which
we inclose you Invoices & have drawn on you, your
of Mess[rs] Rufsell Crawford for Six Thousand Current
Rupees we have likewise taken upon Ryes Credit on
the Schooner Sixteen hundred eight Candies
Rupees [illegible] with the proceeding of the Sloop
of the Snow the Copper Sheets of the Copper we
of as [illegible] to you, we beg as may be dispos
earliest [illegible] Ty of Drawing on you for the Amount

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed[t] Humble Servt
F. B. & Co

21 Febry 1769

Dear Dorsett

No 33

Your favor of the 15th reached me in due
time.

I have already told Scott not with
Propriety wait to hear what Beauchar had to say on
your Letter indeed it would at all Events have only
been, that he would consider of it - but I think you did
right in addressing him, I dare persuaded you will
here after have a kind answer from him

Moreton would certainly not
have taken Namas[d] boy could he procured any other

Goodlad some time since returned
but I know not to what Port we shall dare visit you
I imagine have however heard from him

You must have heard of the
Destribution of the Plate nothing have fallen
to my Share from 1100 or more I have been
promoted to 650 you see how much I owe to the
Grandees —

When I was at Cuddalore I borrowed
500 Pagodas of Sorlapa Chetty he pleased to take
up my Note out of out the Remainder of the
Remand Pagodas Compliment if you please
to all Friends Dear may you be happy

Yours Sincerely

Circumstances I cannot at present request to you but
obliged me to leave you out in this but you may be assured
my dear Sir my Intentions are that you shall always
act for me & those for whom I act as Attorney and that the
difference will be more than made up by fortune favoring
me at

I enclose you Price Current & am Your
sincere Well wisher & humble Servant

I See,

Had I occasion to have been disingenuous
you could not have had a more convenient
opportunity than I now have given Mr Benfields
Name but I love to be open in my
dealings your sincerely

I I

Mr & Mrs Ryder & Hillsdon

Lord St George 9th July 1767

Gentlemen

By his Majesty we consign to you
with [illegible] Three Cases of Copper of 2
Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed
We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servants
For I

J Smith Esq

Sir

This serves to acquaint you that
the Lenox will sail for England in about 10 or
12 Days I forgot to advise you that Powers
& Burnett have drawn on me for what they stand
indebted to you I am Dr Sir with Regard
Yr. m. o Sr

Dr Crawford

22 Febry 1767

I have only time to inclose you
Bills on yourself for Rupees 6912. and to
Assure you that I am Dr Crawford
Yr

The Europe Ship will sail in 10 or
12 Days

Dear Sir

Madras 25th February 1767

I am set down to acknowledge the favor
of your last Letter to me as also that of having forwarded
my pursuant Draft.

On the Subject of the Voyage to Bengal
&c I have to acquaint you that the Buckinghamshire

Circumstances I cannot at present request to you but
obliged me to leave you out in this but you may be assured
my dear Sir my Intentions are that you shall always
act for me & those for whom I act as Attorney and that the
difference will be more than made up by future favours
I remain

I enclose you Price Current & am Your
sincere Well wisher & humble Servant

P Sir

Had I reason to have been disingenuous
you could not have had a more convenient
opportunity than Mr Benfields
Name but I leave it to be given in my
Absence your servant

I I

My Dr Sir Ryder & Hillcoat

Gentlemen

Fort St George 9th July 1764

By this Vessel we consign to you
with the Bill of Lading are enclosed
Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obd Servants
I I

J Smith Esqr

Sir

This serves to acquaint you that
the Lenox will sail for England in about 10 or
12 Days I forgot to advise you that Powis
& Barnett have called me for what they stand
indebted to you I am Dr Sir with Regard
Yr m. o Sts

Dr Crawford

22 Febry 1767

I have only time to inclose you
Bills on yourself for Rupees 6918. and beg
Assure you that I am Dr Crawford

The Europe Ship will sail in 10 or
12 Days

Dear Sir

Madras 25th February 1767

I am at down to acknowledge the favor
of your last Letter to me & also that of having forwarded
my persian Seal.

On the Subject of the Voyage to Bengal
Sir I have to acquaint you that the Buckinghamshire

Which is to be delivered on her Arrival at Calcutta, to Mr Claud Russell, Robert Crawford, sailed from Ingeram the 27th or 28th of last Month. I expect she will be there about the 15th of March.

When I left Pyore Mahamed Sultan with a Servant of mine had my Direction to buy up the ready made Chintz, Tapsuis & Handkerchiefs I have reason to think they have Succeeded, but they have not been regular in acquainting me. I must therefore request you will, the next Time you go to Nagore be pleased to send for Mahamed Sultan and if he has purchased any Goods to receive them, & employ him as he has been disappointed by me in the procuring of the Blue Goods, in the purchasing of us such Goods as may still be wanting. You must know that before his Departure recommended him to me, to be joined with me in all my Deals in the proceeding of all Business, I apprehended me they put me to a great Trouble & after all could have no Commission with Mahamed Sultan that offered to make Chintz & painted Goods provided I would have the money. I was unwilling to do it as I would give Security that as the Chintz came large he could not deliver to my Satisfaction

therefore I contracted with others. But when I left Porto Nove recollecting how necessary he would be to Nagore I was very unwilling to affront him and desired him to follow me. When I arrived at Nagore I found I could do nothing & therefore repeated my Order to him before you arrived & made me the obliging offer of assisting me. As I had taken every Measure I thought necessary & saw a sufficient Quantity of Goods I was unwilling to trouble you, but when these People are not under the Eye of an European they generally are very inattentive.

I have advanced to Comicopoly with Mahamed Sultan Porto Nove Pagodas one Thousand.

and enclose to you a Note on Yourself for two Thousand Current Pagodas. In about three or four days I shall remit to you three or four Thousand Pagodas more.

The Goods wanted for the Return Voyage are as follow.

Chintz of different Prices as per Indent prepared from Mr Hastings about two Corge . . 4000

Tapsuis	220	1260
Handkerchiefs	20	550

But the Quantity of Tapsuis ought to believe be encreased this however Mahamed Sultan will be the best Judge - on a general Account of the Goods wanting Harrop understood for ten Corges of Tapsuis - among the Musters are some Piece goods each 6 which are for Children, of these Harrop has made no Mention, but a Small Quantity I should think would answer If you will oblige me much by looking after this Business as well as employing Mahamed Sultan to buy the necessary Goods for the reason I have before urged. I have you will be pleased to inform him he has due a Broadcloth for each of those which I made an Opportunity by me to send to them.

I shall be glad of your Advice regarding the Dispatch of the Ships if she should not arrive here until April she cannot have the [illegible] 20th now if she is to go from thence to Negore, I fear will be lost in working down the Coast whether it would not be advisable to send the Goods either by convenient Opportunities and to let her go from hence here it is that she may get a good deal of Freight at Negore but will that

Advantages make up for the Loss of Time.

Harrop made no Indent for Tobacco you will oblige me by enquiring, or if you know advising me what Quantity will be necessary and the Price at which and Time where it may be obtained at Porto Nove or Negore as I expect sufficient from 50 Miles to the Northward, should not be cheaper than to the Southward.

I shall at present only add my Respects to Mr. Holford and with the best of wishes for your Health & Happiness remain Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Servt

Dear Dorsett

Madrass 20th February 1795

Your Favor of the 12th reached me this Morning. I have before wrote to you regarding your Letter to Mr. Bourchier but the Cuddalore Bales having been examined & judged superior to the Musters I imagine your Proposal will not be accepted of.

I shall adjust your Account with one in a day or two and send it to you.

I am sorry to hear you have been indisposed but hope it has not been occasioned by Uneasiness.

Adieu Dr Dowell believe me truly Yours.

Compliments to the Ladies.

Dear Dowell

Madras 27 February 1767

One of the Merchants that Contracted with me for the Provision of Rice Cloth having purchased on that account some Indigo at Cuddalore desire me to request of you to prevent any Impediments from it's Arrival on his Way accordingly I take leave to request you to afford him that Favour Dear Dowell

Yours sincerely

Dear Crawford

Madras February 27 1767

I have received your Letter of the 26th I have no need to be put to the Blush regarding [illegible] Mr Mitchell I have sent you near your Sum a Bill on you for 6016 and an other for Mr Prideaux which will be equal to about Mr Smith has held ready to pay three Thousand Pagodas Such as the Remainder of his Subscription Money

and I shall that you may draw on him on for 4 or 5 lack. which altogether make near 3 or 4 Rupees Mr Daniel must have Copies of his Accounts of Payments to the Sepoys and the draft in favor of the Commissary Gen. and not to be so very exact as the Examples of the Stoppages if any arrears after the Cloathing is paid for is to be delivered in to the Company's Cash and Mr is never examined by any Persons whatever but even supposing the strictest Examination it will be no difficult matter for your South to order the Sepoy Pay Rolls up for the accounts having been prepared. the Vouchers will hardly be called for. could I have procured Madras Pagodas or Rupees I should not have thought of this Method but as they are not Procurable I must depend on you. When I Mentioned to you the Payment of Dolbies Pag. I had no Order of Paying the money to the R. Ward.

I have More than once reported having mentioned to Mr Smith what People send him from your Letter it does not seem agreeable to either of you. but notwithstanding as I always act from the same Principal I can not entirely blame myself I will only repeat to you some of the Council disappoint

I had it from one the Reason you urge convince me
which you made not to have come, for I was persuaded
you acted with Propriety but they perhaps know not
those Reasons & many judge of Things as they See them.

I have no Advice regarding the
Buckinghamshire except that She did not sail until
the 2 of this Month, therefore no advices of her delivery
due to Mess.rs Rupell & Crauford can reach you until
the 20th of next Month.

She Currently reported that Geo Fauquier
who set out for Bengal this Morning has engaged
to render the Matrimonial State with your old Friend.

Adieu M.r Crauford

Your Affectionate

Dear Manckton Madrass 28th February 1767

Your Favor of the 26 from Conjeveram
reached me this Morning.

The Rupees are arrived - your
Agent ordered to Tondaymah he had agreed for Conveyance
of Rupees but the Bills he transmitted on your
Account mine are drawn for Arcot Rupees which

are not equal in Value to the others but I shall I hope
get our own Money. If it is a Mistake in the Drawer me
shall gain I write on the Subject to Pyne.

I am Obliged by the Trouble you have
taken & with regard remain.

D.r Manckton

Your sincerely

Dear Crauford Madrass 25 February 1767

To day I have rec.d a Letter advising of the
Sale of three of the Tutenague about 950 Pag.s which will help
towards paying for the Ships. Convinced of having exerted my
utmost Abilities to remit you Rupees or Pagodas I could not help
being vexed at your reproaching me with not having sent you
the Money, but certainly you would have angry with good Reason
if Dolben had called on you for it & you not have not had it in
your power to pay him. Excuse any thing I may have written
amiss or nothing can come from a sincere Friend than Your

I. S.

Dear Fyne.

Madrass 28th February 1767

No

I received a Letter to day from Monckton advising of the Purchase of Rupees on his my Account to mention unto Arcot his Servant Companys Arcot Rupees the difference is not inconsiderable you will oblige me by making enquiry for which the Bargain was made. for the person who is to pay the Bill Arcot Rupees were rec[d] in that Coin only will he pay on - in the Letter can we shall hardly same in the other we shall gain 5 p[r] Cent.

I am much pleased that you have at length had the Promise of a Place that in all Probability you will find advantageous. I wish you success and am D[r] Fyne

Yours

for not having replyed to your Letter your Accounts were right & have been

Dear Crauford

Madrass 28th February 1767

No 24

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Your Favor of the 21st Ult[o] & Piget reached me last night as did also one from Mr Baillie & you accompanied with a Bill of Lading & Invoice of Nougadolies I have sent off for them & shall dispose of them as advantageously as possible.

I have had reason to regret altering of Vessels when I myself have been present and therefore cannot entirely approve of lengthning the Tear Friends either at Pegu or Bombay more Particularly so as she could not be ready to leave this in June next for China & she is well calculated for the Persia Trade in which Track she may possibly be employed.

A vessel of 600 Tons lately launched at Pegu is hourly expected & the Owner will be oblig'd to sell her: Mr Benfield & my self could have for her if unless the Terms should be very unreasonable buy her & send her to Canton in May or June next she being quite adapted to that Trade - We should be well pleased to put her under your Management but I am much at a Loss to know whether it will

To Bills is served for the By Bills for January
Tuesday of January Have Paid 834 mustbright
Pags 10 to Account
236 — 438 — 10 3/4 —

And all Disbursements are to be added pr. the
same rate of 5 C. In the Company's Cash Account & the
Method has been constantly followed —

I am &c. &c. &c.

Yours Sincerely

Dear Johnson

Madras 5th March 1767

Your Favor of the 16th Ultimo reached me
the Instant.

Your readyness to oblige me in the
Instance renders it indispensable on me to assure
you that at any time I can be of the least Service to
you here you may freely Command and will
always find me Dr Johnson your Sincerely

Madras 5th March 1767

Your Favor of the 2 reached me Yesterday
and this morning a Letter from Lamballan.
Hoodeshma had taken Leave of the
Governor all the Gentlemen may rest satisfied

you will in all probability see him before you set out.

As Samanadale may be useful at
Porto Novo. I shall be sorry if he has been left out.

Be pleased to tell me wether I am
to get Boys pleased for you on the Road.

Adieu Dr Dowsett present my

P.S. The Ivory Balls that were on the Anson are ordered to be
Landed to be reexamined many of those in the Warehouse
having been found to contain Ivory damned Cloth the
Chief & Council have been reprimanded & some think
Davidson will be turned out of the Service he being as
E. W Keeper most to blame

My dear Friend

Madras 5th March 1767

Previous to the receipt of your favour
of the 23d I had wrote to Rafael & your Brother to send
the Buckingham immediately hither for she will sail
so late that it is the Opinion of the best Seamen in

Dear Sir

Madras 6 March 1767

I have received a Letter from Mr Dowsett
advising of his having sold your Piece Goods the Cloudes
Ginghams excepted to Mr Davidson for five hundred
Pagodas Roumal Respondentia on the Desire to the Islands
at twenty p Cent the Voyage to be performed by the End of
October.

Your Perrial Goods are off Connore but nobody will buy them for Mr Marion as gone to the Gulph by the Improvidence of our Resident our Affairs are involved yet as I have some Goods for that Market by one and an Opportunity offers of sending them by the Way of Batavia I propose to risque mine & shall consult with Marion regarding yours in all probability I shall send them also

I much desire Mr Smith if you will give me directions regarding your Ingagements on the Voyage to the Eastward each of you have 2000 from Bengal

Dear Sir Your affectionate

I inclose you Copy a Letter from your Brother I do not like many of Upside it being generally attended with every heavy Expence but if your Brother will meet Your proposals we will get a Ship proper for the China Trade Avoid Ships

as she would be obliged to Stick over to the Eastward to make this Port the goods must therefore be sent down by a Boat which will be engaged to and from some of the Manilla Ports as soon as the same time it will be impossible to get the away before the 15 of may for the Coast to the Southward and will not be ready until the End of April

I have presented your Bill for the Note of hand to the Administrators to Captain Beaver's Estate and are having Promised to deliver it up or be Accountable for the Money it has been discharged.

Every strict Scrutiny is Making into the Vizag. Bales near one third of those that Bales have been examined have been formed to big and the fine Cloth it is imagined will however turn out much better.

At Cuddalore the last years Investment amounted to 1500 Bales but great fault had been found with the Cloth they Call being little more than 8.

The Army is near Damalcherry Pass but in want of Provisions the Mysore Vakeel constantly attends the Govt although he says his Master fears nobody having 50000 Seapoys & 25000 Horse. I am with Respect your Colleon. your affectionate & most Obedt Servt

Sir

Madrass 5th March 1767

Your Favr of the 11th Inst reached me Yesterday & agreeable to your Desire I enclose you a Price Current although Piece Goods are in no Demand here at present that it cannot be of some Service to you.

You Mention Directions for ~ Providing a Return Cargo but as your Affairs were so circumscribed that the Gentlemen here thought it would not be proper to give Orders to you for the Provision of that Part of the Cargo after they Invested 200 Pagodas for the other Goods - but now as I can give you Leave for you may depend on the greatest Encouragement from Us.

Your Most Obedt Servant

Dear Sir

Madrass 5th March 1767

Your Favr of the 21st January reached me the 2d Instant the Piece Goods are now here but have not yet been able to sell them.

I have had reason to repent writing by the Vessels before I have been provided to answer ~

Sir

5th

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our very apprehension the lengthening the Four Friends would be attended with too great an Expence to make it answer to us besides she is well calculated for the Persia Trade in which perhaps she may be employed.

A vessel of 600 Tons is daily ~ expected from Pegu and the owner will be obliged to sell her we intend to purchase her and send her to employ her in the China Trade, provided we can obtain her on reasonable Terms. this year two Ships have already been despatched from your Port for China and they will be sufficient for your market Ours is always supplied by the Moors Ships which are sail'd so much cheaper than those that are navigated by our People that the Owners will ever have it in their Power to under sell us. If we should get that Ship we shall be happy in having her under your management on the latter End of the Year we propose to send her to the Other Coast for Cotton and Sandalwood and to send her on her Return to China. but as Soon as the Vessel arrives you shall hear particularly for us.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Hble Servt

Gentlemen

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Madrass 5th March 1767

We have this day drawn on you in favor of Messrs Manesses & Co or order at Calcutta 2 Sets of Bills for twenty one thousand six hundred Current Rupees at ten days Sight which you will be pleased to pay & charge to our Account

To Messrs Rafsellas Hellings.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed Servants
Francis Souden
Paul Benfield

Dear Crauford

Madrass 5th March 1767

The enclosed having been last night received I have now the Pleasure of forwarding them to you.

You will oblige me by informing me what you have done regarding Pallon Guard [illegible] are to have them, for although in my opinion they will not be much Use to us [illegible] the Carriage.

My best Compliments to Mrs Smith. Yours affectionately

Dear Sir

Madrass 5th March 1767

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I have been favoured with yours of the 5th Instant — Johnson has taken a Concern of 6000 Star Pags in the Active Voyage 4000 he has paid me & for the other 2000 he was to have given me a Bill on you which having debited you for your Proportion he intended to pass to your Account

By Letters I have received from Mahomed Sultan & a Fellow of mine they tell me they have bought 50 Corges of Chints & 100 of Tapries & desire a further supply of Money I yesterday forwarded to my Dubash at Cuddalore 2000 Pagodas to be exchanged into Portnovo Pagodas & remitted to you & Gold at Tons & in a few days I shall send you more

I have this Instant heard besides the beforementioned Quantity of Chints purchased Mahomed Sultan has agreed for one hundred Corges more therefore you will be pleased to supply him with money & receive the Goods

Hurried at present I can only add my best Compliments to Mrs Holford

I am Sincerely

Mr Abraham Bonsten

Dear Sir

March 13 1767

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Your Favor of the 2d Sept.r acceded me in Decem.r last

Your Apology regarding the Money is quite satisfactory so far as regards myself reason a Rebell receive any money on Your Acct I shall discharge the Bond and if any Demands should remain will send it to you —

I have been removed this year from Cuddalore and if any thing is in my Power that can be of Service to you I command with the acceptable Terms

I have some thoughts of sending a Vessel to Bengal & Batavia in which Case I shall depend on your Assistance

If Mr Rubert is on the Island pray pay him on my Acct fifteen Pag.s which I owe him

Hasty presents my being more particular in this Letter you shall however very shortly hear from me in the mean time accept my Congratulations on your Appointment in Council and Wishes for your Health & Welfare

I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obed.t Humble Serv.t

[illegible]

Madrass 12th March 1767

Dear Sir

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Although I am at present much freighted for Time & involved in a Multiplicity of Business for approaching Dispatch of the Ship Anson for Europe I cannot refuse myself the Pleasure of addressing you

I am in your Debt for Japan Gowns p.d sent home for which I have taken leave to send you two Pairs of Long Cloth for your own Wear that will be about the Value of the received.

I flatter myself with the Hope of writing you in about three Weeks perhaps by a Vessel I have a Concern in but at all Events I shall embrace the very first Opportunity that shall offer having many things on the Subject of Trade to Consult you on.

Duff will acquaint you of the Departure of Mr.r Falk and of Mr.r Bourchier's Accession to the Government as well as of every material Occurrence on this Side I shall therefore only add that I am with Regard & Esteem

Mr.s Burnett

ad Batavia

with a Parcel under her address

My Dear Sir,

Y. M. O. S.

Sir

Madrass 12th March 1767

As you have been obliging enough to offer to take Charge of some Goods we had provided for Persia which the Owners of the Union refused to receive on Freight now have taken Leave to add a few Lines to give you trouble with the following Directions regarding them.

The enclosed are Bills of Lading and Invoice of the Goods.

On your Arrival at Batavia if you can get for the above sixteen ffrench more than the Amount of the Invoice, Freight, Risque, Interest & Commission and the Goods to be delivered on board of Ships we beg you will dispose of them at Such Price rather than run the Chance of another Market, But if so much cannot be procured, we recommend to you to sell the Baled goods for the most you can Obtain of the above 10 Guinea ffrench the Contents not being quite so proper for the Persia Trade and the rest of the Gulph on your arrival at Muscat you will find a Letter from Captain Justice relative to the better Guidance to you than any thing

We hope however you will be able to dispose of them at Muscat to Advantage, If Ships you have great Appearance of much a more considerable Gain up the Gulph, we recommend to you to sell them for the most you can Obtain provided it be not under Prime cost with all Charges for even such case we imagine it will be better to consign them to Mr Borrer at Busseer at worst carry them to Bombay, where they will presently fetch 20 ffrench on the Madrass Prime cost which will nearly clear us but notwithstanding what we have said we leave it to you to act for us as you would for yourself.

If you should have an opportunity of writing to us from the Gulph by the Way of Bengal we shall be obliged and recommend to you to address your Letter to the Care of Mr Robert Crauford

If you can sell the Goods at Batavia and empty the Money to the Gulph or Bombay we beg you will do so otherwise be pleased to remit us the amount in Gold if it can be purchased at a reasonable Price even in Rupees if not above 27 Shillings each if you cannot dispose

of Hamat Batavia you shall receive a Letter from us
on your arrival at Bombay regarding the Produce
there of—

We wish you a Successful Voyage—

Your Most obedient Servant

S. S. B.

If you should not be able to get your Goods
clear for the Bales N.os 10 11 at Bellaura
all the Goods contained in them except
the white Chintz & Muscboys must be
Tolerably fair Dryed and the other Goods
may be disposed of at Bombay—

Sir

Madrass 12th March 1767

Your Letter regarding a Packet you mad
up for Mr. Herbut by Captain Money I left with
me has been received.

And Order Capt Money appointed me Mr. H
to Lift the most Cost on the Cont
to England and Desired if that ma
way for Gratification that Mr. Herbert
Information of their having received
you with them to Mr. Herbert directed to

Capt.

Mr. Herbut and recommended to Money who I doubt
not received them and finding he did not intended
to return so soon must have sent them by one of the
China Ships I have requested of Mr. Dountow to
pay the fifteen Pagodas I received of Capt. Money
on your Account

If I can be of Service to you at
this Place you may command Sir

Your Most Obed Humble Serv.

Sir

Madrass 12 March 1767

I take Leave to trouble you with four
Bales of Chintz for Persia amounting as for Invoice
enclosed to Pay.

If you can dispose of them at twenty
eight or thirty P Cent on the Invoice at Batavia you
will be pleased to do so otherwise to Carry them to
Muscat where you will sell them to the best Advantage
Provided the Gains amount to 16 P Cent under fault
of which it may be over proper to carry the Goods
to Bombay but if this you will be the best Judge

When you arrive in the Gulph I have only to add that I require you will act for me as you would if the Goods belonged to you

I wish you Sincerely —

Dear Crauford —

Madrass 15th March 1767

I have received your Favor of the 2d Inst from Sattavaram and shall follow your Directions regarding the Adventure on Account of the Buckinghame —

Your writer has informed me the Remainder of the Tinnagur has been disposed your Brother not having advised of the Sale of that sooner I imagine it remains on hand

The four Pounds must go to Pegu for we have not Money or Goods ready for Batavia and I believe if she can be back by the latter End of May or early in June it will be much more to our Advantage for we may then send her down to Bengal with a Cargo of about 3 Lacs of Rupees worth of Europe Goods which will sell much better than the China Ships very cheap or Bought Salt Petre is a very great advantage and from the Carriage of

The Piece Goods which were received from Mr. Baillie and your Brother are not yet disposed of but I hope in a few days to advise of their Sale

Opium is about 800 Rupees or £80 Rupees Pearl and few purchases to be met with. Bengal Goods in general very Cheap and Calcutta very dear.

Having no news to communicate to you I conclude with sincere Wishes for your health and Happiness being D. Crauford

Your Affectionately —

Dear Sir

Madrass 15 March 1767

Your Favor from Sattavaram reached me last Night

A Bill for four hundred Pounds payable 40 days is ordered to be drawn out and I shall remit it to your Attorneys in England by the Ocean which will sail within one week in the Postscript to your Letter you direct me to procure Bills to be sent by the Pigot but I have applyed for them to go by this Ship as the money will be remitted earlier in England and the Governor and Council

certainly that they will draw by the Tyger

The Examination of the Virg Boles still continues the Gentlemen have wait for the Chief and Council to urge what they have to say before they determine how to act with regard to them.

I wish you Endeavors for the Company at Tellicherry may Succeed and that your Interest may be forwarded at the same time with theirs.

I am D.r Sir your most obed.t Servant

Dear Sir)

Madraſs 16th March 1767

Not apprehending the Ship for the Bolina Voyage would depart so late from Bengal as she likely to do the Captain was first Intended to Proceed to Mosulipatam by the Advice of the Concerned there that order was revoked and he dispatched immediately as his calling at that place mention'd it would have rendered his Passage to this place very precarious he ought indeed ought to have left that Roads and Sailed but at the latter Place the goods will not be ready till the End of April would have prevented her dispatch from hence till towards the End of may Now as Circumstances are I think it will be best to bring up the Goods by Boat which will prevent the detention of the Ship as the South only Measure on quite setting the Expence will not be very great had I fortunately consulted you soon or it might have been saved and other Inconveniencies obviated but when your Letter arrived it was too late to give first orders perhaps it may occur to Mr.r Harrop on which I shall take care to observe him to follow your Directions.

I a few days ago forwarded to you two Hundred Pag.s which neither two thousand Johnson has given you Credit for will answer any Present Demands on account of the Actions or Battavia Goods if at any time you want more you may if you Please draw on me on advise more shall be remitted.

I shall be obliged of you will inform me what Goods you have provided on my account for Battavia and whether any Sayeed proper for

that market can be got with at Nagore. Send
by the Favor of you to buy for me a Tonjy or Shiny
Country Boat Cot[t]abelee containing 200 as you
and Cowries

To take charge of her Sobah
send you a Tyrang who has given me Security
for his good Behaviour

I am with best respects
for your health and Happiness Yrs &c
Holford

Your Affectionately

To Capt Holford

Madrass 15 March 1767

Dear Sir

The Bearer is a Tyrang I
have sent home to take Charge of a Tonjy or round
Boat I have requested the favour of you to purchase
for me

Having been obliged to wreck
my Tonjy on Point de Dilt owing to
that Ship you will be pleased to Dispatch
the Dubashes and of the Boundary
Peons cannot demand Customs or Goods
are not to be landed from Dumaun

your sending me up such Goods as have been provided
on my account but if he can no doubt he will
Have it will be better to send her empty unless you
can get any more at 6 or 7 ℔ Candy

The Bearer has been advanced
I beg you will make my compliments acceptable
to Mrs Holford and believe me with regard

Dr Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Gentlemen

Madrass 16 March 1767

Of the 4 Bales of Persia Chintz sent by
Boat Hurry, Seven Pieces having been wetted by rain
I have sent to be washed. I offered the rest to
Sale but could not meet with a Purchase I therefore
sent it with a Quantity of my own on board the
Chesterfield bound to Batavia consigned it to Capt Duff who is a very good and
careful man had it arrived sooner the Owners of
the Union would not have taken it on Freight
The Ship not being bound directly
to Persia may be one Objection but had I not
taken this opportunity the Goods must have
remained on hand the remainder of this Year

Parnell thinks I have done rightly I hope you will also think the same

Be pleased to acquaint me whether I shall insure your Risque on the above Ships the Premium from one hence to Batavia Surat & Bombay about 15 or 16 p Ct the Ship is old I shall take up some Respondentia of Mr Ezbas

I am Gentlemen

Y. M. O. S.

The Anson will sail in 10 days
The Pigot in 10 or 15 days

Dear Mackay

Madras 17th March 1767

This is in haste to acknowledge the receipt of your Note as well as to acquaint you one hundred & sixty two Pagodas have been paid to Parry & Co on your account and to request you will draw the Bill to pay it You to received from Shamsoon Pojeary

Dowsett is with me at present

Records all Orders I shall believe myself

Capt Holford

Madras 22 March 1767

Sir

By a Letter I have received from Bengal I have reason to expect the Ship for Achin sailed about the 10 Instant & by Mr Harrops Desire he with proceed to Negapatam I therefore enclose you a Letter under his address which contains a Price Current and directions to him to dispose of such Articles as bear a better Price to the South ward there here as also for him to receive any Goods you think proper to put on board and there to proceed to Porto Novo to take in the blew Goods This Letter being under a flying Seal You will peruse and if you can a spare room in the Sales you will oblige me

I am Sir with my Respects to Mrs Holford.

Your Most Obedient Servant

To Mr Harrop

22 March 1767

Sir

Mr Rufsel having acquainted me he proposed to dispatch you to Negapatam agreeable to your Desire the following Instructions now send to you for your Guidance in the Disposal of the cargo

I have enclosed a Price current of the Goods of which the Buckinghams Cargo

Farwell thanks I have done right by. I hope you will also think the same.

Be Pleased to acquaint from time to time I shall ensure your Risque on the above Ships the Premium from hence to Batavia Mocha & Bombay about 13 or 14 p% the ship is old I shall take up some Respondr of 8 or 9 p%

I am Gentleman

Y. m. o. s.

The Anson will sail in 10 days
The Fleet in about 15 days

Dear Mackay

Madras 17th March 1767

This is in haste to acknowledge the receipt of your Note as well as to acquaint you one hundred & sixty two Pagodas have been paid to Parry on your account and to request you will observe the Cal to pay 8 p% to receive from Stevenson Fojdar

Dowsett is with me who presents his Compliments all Orders I'll attend with pleasure

Capt Holford
Sir

Madras 22 March 1767

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By a Letter I have received from Bengal I have reason to expect the Ship for Achin sailed about the 18 Instant & by Mr Harrop Desire he with proceed to Negapatam & therefore enclose you a Letter under his address which contains a Price Current and directions to him to dispose of such Articles as bear a better Price to the Southward than here as also for him to receive any Goods you think proper to put on board and there to proceed to Porto Novo to take in the blew Goods This Letter being under a flying Seal You will peruse and if you can assist him in the Sales you will oblige me

I am Sir with my Respects to

Mrs Holford.

Your Most Obedient Servant

To Mr Harrop

22 March 1767

Sir

Mr Rufsel having acquainted me he proposed to dispatch you to Negapatam agreeable to your Desire the following Instructions are to guard you for your Guidance in the Disposal of the cargo

The enclosed is the Price current of the Gruff Goods of which the Buckinghamshire Cargo

Dear Sir Madrass 23 March 1767

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Your Favor of the 11th duly reached me but previous thereto I had obtained a Bill payable to your Attorneys to whom I proposed to remit it but I not afterwards being informed it must be accompanied with a Declaration of Oath that the Money remitted was directly on your own account as I could not positively assert any such thing I enclose you the first Copy that you answer there to the necessary Declaration The Pigot will sail early in April therefore the sooner you return it the better.

It was fortunate I got the money from Souries for he's now in Goal for near three Thousand Pagodas which he has lately been decreed to pay to some Southward Dewes I am sorry that I omitted to acquaint you Ballarmodon Chetteys Securityd have Paid the same sume as last year.

I delivered that Morning your Letter to Mr Nabob with his usual Professions of Friendship desired me to present his Compliment to you. I sought many times to introduce the Affairs of the Bonds but could not with Propriety because one of his People was there to whom every thing is not Intended and I believe it would have been to

cotton if you can get as much as the Southward as Charges are not so high there as here you had better sell the whole part a Price Current of these Goods at Porto Nove shall be sent to you then you may also sell some and any that may be left you may be desired of there 1/2 or 3/4 of the Garnets if they go not at more than 9 Pag. P.C. to be pleased to keep for me

You will receive the Goods provided at Tragore as well as any Freight that may offer provided it is for our Advantage to take Freight and there you will proceed to Porto Nove to take in the Blew Goods further Instructions shall on time be transmitted to that Place.

Any Money you may Receive for Goods to the Southward you will be pleased to pay Capt. Holford Doctor will account to me for the same.

If you should have any Bar- I think you had better sell them to the Southward however I will as soone as I hear of you I must send you the exact Price of this - I have nothing more in Demand -

I am Sir

Your Most obed Servant

Dear Sir,

Madrass 23 March 1767

Your Favor of the 11th duly reached me but previous thereto I had obtained a Bill payable to your Attorneys to whome I proposed to remit it had I not afterwards been informed it must be accompanied with a Declaration of Oath that the Money remitted was directly on your owne account as I could not positively aver to any such thing I enclose you the first Copy that you answer thereto the necessary Declaration The Pigot will sail early in April therefore the sooner you return it the better.

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You will receive the Goods provided as reasonable as well as any Freight that may offer provided it is for our Advantage to take Freight and there you will proceed to Porto Nova to take in the blew Goods further Instructions shall in time be transmitted to that Place.

Any Money you may Receive for Goods to the Southward you will be pleased to pay Capt. Holford who will account to me for the same.

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I am Sir

Your Most Obed Servant

Purpose because the last Time I mentioned them
he seemed vexed to Hear you should doubt him
and told me his Honor was concerned in the
Payment but I am of Opinion not much is to be
depended on the Honor of any of them.

I shall make the necessary
Enquiries regarding the Stockings & if not
Satisfied will send you some from hence.

We Learn that the Morattoes
have plundered great Part of the Northern Division
Districts. Mr James Bourchier is to proceed shortly
on our Embassy to Nizamally.

Pray remember me to Crawford
and be pleased to hurry him with his Europe Letters

I wish you success at Sattimangam
as well as every pleasure else and remain D. Sir
Your most Obd. Hbl. Servt.

The Division will suit to night

Dear Sir

Madras 23 March 1767

I have the Pleasure to acquaint
you the Diamond returned from Pegu with
a full Lading of Timber & Plank which

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Notwithstanding what has been imported will
turn to very good Account. We have no Acct. from
Bengal and our Goods at Pegu are unsold yet
I doubt not where every thing is settled we
shall have no reason to Repent of having
purchased her.

In what manner she will be
next employed is uncertain if accounts from
Manila should not prove favorable she will
be sent back to Pegu, if they will proceed to make
as there are large Quantities of Goods ready
for that Market.

The Four Friends left Calcutta
the 28 Ulto. and I expect will be here about the
beginning of next Month I propose to send her to
Batavia with Piece Goods in part Return of what
to Bring back Sugar y the End of this year or
beginning of next to send her there with and
painted ye North ward Goods to the Gulph of
Persia as there is reason to expect there will be
great Demand for the East Goods.

I did propose to draw on
Rupel for the Amount Sale of Sandal wood
but Rupes having fallen it will be more to your

Dear Sir,

Madras 25th March 1767

If the Ships Your Friends commanded I believe by Capt. Cathcart should call at Nagore I shall be obliged by your sending on the enclosed Letter

I am D.r Sir with the Compliments to Mrs Holford your Wellwisher & obed.t Servant

Aubry Narrain V.b Sabapathy

I have received your Letter of the 25th Instant

At the Prices you have mentioned I suppose the Merchants are to deliver the Cloth to you free of all Charges except embalery and on that Supposition you may proceed to Corge of the 23 Pagum.

10 @ the ——— 21
10 ——— 19
10 ——— 17½
10 ——— 17

And as soon as you receive the same advise me I expect allsoft from the Southward which I shall send to Masulipatam I wish your Health & Success Your Bill in favor of Mr Stratton shall be duly paid

Sir

Fort.t St George 31st March

Bengal Piece Goods being on no Demand here at present and Mr Stratton having transmitted to us your Letter to him of the 11th Dec.r with a Postscript of the 19 and advised us he had desired you at any

Sir

Madras 25th March

As it is not improbable that you may call at Nagapatam on your way to Bengal I enclose you a Free Certificate for Goods and Effects on board belonging to the Honble Company which you are desired to dispose free of which having done you will be pleased to direct your further with all Expedition

I am Sir

Your most Obt Servt

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to dispose of the remainder of his Sandal Wood
as he thought most to his Interest, now take Leave to draw on
you in favour of Mr Robert Crawford or his order for the
Sum of four Thousand Current Rupees payable at
ten days sight.

Hoping for your most favourable
& Kind Assistance

I am
Calcutta
Your
A. D.

Madras 21st March 1767

I have received your Favor of the 9th
Calcutta which arrived at Negapatam here a few
days since as also Duplicate of one dated the 3d Feby
of which the Original that was forwarded by Capt Lloyd is not yet come to hand —

I have already had the Pleasure to
advise you on the Subject of the China Trade which
however by the first Conveyance write you more
particularly

Your Reason for not purchasing
the Lord Hawke are very satisfactory

I am greatly obliged by the particular
account you have been pleased to give me of the
Business with which you are entrusted to the Weights &
Measures with Opinion as well as of the Market
for Goods in general The Charts
will undoubtedly be found very

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Advantageous to me if I was Judge but Holford
who resides at Negapatam is well acquainted with
this Trade has entirely monopolized it Would succeed
Mr Sumner in his Share he shall be greatly pleased
by your acquainting what the several Sorts with in
general fetch as I propose shortly to employ some
Money herein

NO If I can have an Opportunity
I will send down about two thousand Ounces of
Gold Thread —

Canvas of the Sorts you mention
is not to be procured at any Rate that would
answer

In Regard to the Coast I shall make
particular Enquiry & if not with answer by the first
Conveyance will consign some to you

The Scheme of the Owners of the
Calcutta is a good one I shall have a small Vessell
ready to send down as soon as I can get an Europe
Cargo for her out of the Ships then for China which
are expect in the beginning of June —

You shall have my Opinion in
about fourteen days regarding Bengal Goods I hope
to sell about ⅔ of the Moggadonkies tomorrow at
a Pagoda for Corge but the Market Price does not exceed
10 —

Any Bills you draw you may depend
on having duly honored

I have been greatly disappointed

in a Vessell that was to have sailed the 2d of March from Bantam Tarlande with a Quantity of Copper out of the Produce of which I intended to have paid what might be due on Acct of the Ship Two Founders Cht Isaac informed she is not to sail these 3 or 4 Days I therefore enclose to you for Bill on Messrs Russell & Campbell for 1700 Current Rupees & one Mr Reynell for 300 which will be sufficient

We have received the whole of your Despatches from Bengal in the Eastern Voyage if you can however procure any Respondentia twenty or two thirty from Madrass on the Voyage you may take up for Mr Benfield & 20000 Rupees twenty thousand Rupees I shall write to your Broker on this Subject as Imagine he will be glad of it

Lords. Settle — Jam &c.

PS as the Prospect of Bengal River is above 3 feet I should imagine 22 will be thought very reasonable

Madrass 1st April 1767

Dear Sir

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The Nabob having delivered the Bonds to his Trustees I have receed from them the one in your name for Pagodas thirty five thousand five hundred & forty but the other in Mr Fairfields Name they have delivered to Mr Bourchier his other Attorney I have notwithstanding called on Mr Johnson Secretary to the Courtus, for it and have refused to give up his Receipt for it untill I have directions from you how I shall act further herein.

The Cuddalore Merchants having first agreed to signa Penalty Bond by which they were to pay 10 P Cent if they should not compleat their Contracts and afterwards flower off have been ordered to Madrass whom they now remain — The Contracts will in all Probability be made here The Gentlemen at Cuddalore do not agree.

I am ready at not having received your Letter for Europe as the Hope Sailes in 3 or 4 days.

On the Subject of the ackan Voyage and the Persia Goods I have wrote fully to Crauford to whom, being in great haste I must beg Leave to refer you —

I wish you Health and Happyness

and remain &c &c &c

your most obed.t humb.t Servt

May Luckyattack at Sea to England

or the Fight you will fall into Famine

Dear Crauford Madrass 1st April 1767

I have to acknowledge the receipt

of your favours of the 15th Ulto

You must be mistaken with

regard to Solomons not having made out the Acc

of last years effects longed as he writes me he had

settled them but if I told you they amounted to

Wt P.S 800 I erred and meant to say only as many

Rupees.

The four Vessels is not yet

arrived although she sailed the 27th February she

commanded by Capt Callcott from the your brother

acquainted he is not only a Gentleman but a good

Seaman also.

By a Letter I wrote you some

days ago you will find I sent by your Persia Chest

with some belonging to Bonfield myself & the

Gulph by the way of Batavia and as I have order

that no more Cotts painted Goods are in great

Demand I hope you will be disposed of to your

Satisfaction I shall ensure the whole of your Cargoe

On the Buckingham I have insured

for you and Mr Smith each 2200 from Bengal

to the whole Voyage your Letter worded me in case

get Dispondentia for the Voyage a 25 p% if you

desire him he will in all probability be able to procure

some, the risque commencing at Madrass, at abou

22 in which case I have desired him to take up some

for me. The Premium for the voyage from Bengal

is a 4 Cent but if the risque is to commence from

that Place only. M. the Company of Indivers will

only insure 2500 Pag.

You Complain of my not writing

you any news when nothing has occurr'd since the

Advices from England with relating the affairs about

20 or 30 Coss to the westward of Adoni about 20 days

ago ended in Hydernaig would give a great deal

to make up matters. The Mallers with the

Recluse armies have plundered a great number

of Places in my Soubah and have taken a Fortreatle

Surprise which has proved 12 Lacks

Not withstanding my utmost

Endeavour the Rice remains unsold I wish I

may get 3/4 the first Money for it all my Pagy

Likewise remain Dear

The Buckinghame is the call at Negapatam to take on the Southward Goods I have lodged Orders to Harrop to sell such part of the Bengal Goods as shall be and the Piece Goods shall have.

By the Bigot I received no Bill of Muggadavalley by the Calcutta yet shall have divers in Bales aware, about 1/3 part to sell in a day or two.

I am ready to receive your Letters for Europe on the Sapphire will sail in 20 or 25 days.

Jolly proposes to go Captain in her Sura next Advice my friends please

Happiness attend you.

Your Affect.

Dear Sir

Madrass 1st April 1767

I have been favoured with your [illegible] and thank you for the Intelligence Broadcloth.

The accounts of the Inward to the Castboard inclosed to be drawn Pay

If you can get any Tapseil proper for the Batavia Market, draw and

Your advising me I will remit you down Money

I am Dr Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Be pleased to make my
Compliments acceptable
to Mrs Holford

Sashia

Madrass 1st April 1767

Forward the enclosed Letters by a
trusty Peon to the Several Persons to the Southward.

Desire Rajah to take care that
the Bullocks be ready in Time.

Gentlemen

Madrass 2 April 1767

We have received your Favor of the 27th Ult. and are making the necessary Enquiries regarding the Broad Cloth & Bengal Piece Goods. We shall purchase such Articles as we may meet with and are of Opinion will answer, but we must request you will immediately acquaint us what Quantity ~~we are to ship~~ as well as what Quantity of Cloth is the best adapted for the Negapatnam Cargoe.

Tomorrow we shall forward Mr Monckton Account Current with us to the End of the last Month. We are Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

F. S. & A. D.

Madrass 8 April 1767

Dear Monckton

Enclosed is your Acct with Mr to the 31st Last Month — Yesterday we paid a Bill of Exchange by you in favor of Capt Baillie for Pagodas One hundred & Six pounds Eight Fanams — The four friends left Calcutta the 27th July & hourly expected Mr Jourdan will have Answered for three or four Thousand Pagodas for your Share of Goods for Batavia —

The Sum mentioned in your Acct to have been paid in part for the four friends was your share of a Bill drawn by Mr Bob Crauford on Mr Jourdan & for the remainder Money has been remitted to Bengal the Goods from that Place are in our Demand Here we thought it eligible to draw on Mr Rufsell for 3000 Rupees in favor of Mr Crauford which will nearly pay your Part of what is due on Acct of the Trip at Calcutta —

The Nabobs Trustees have delivered in his Bond for Pags 70,000. and of Andrapah we have received one from Pullipaucum Annanda Narramia

[illegible] Mary Lone from Pullipauram [illegible] forgotten in the same [illegible]

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Money is due & hope to receive the same in a few days

We are on the Point of agreeing for 60 Corge of Cuttanies & 40 Corges of Taffeties which we hope to get cheap & at two Months Credit the Cloth to be met with here may be Obtained on the same Condition but for what we are to procure from Pondichery ready Money must be paid —

It will be proper not to mention your having wrote for or hereafter having procured Cloth from Pondichery because we do not know whether it may be approved

We are

Dr Monckton

Yrs Sincerely

H. D.

Dear Sir

Madrass 8th April 1767

Your Favor of the 25th & 27th Ult have duly reached me with those enclosed to your Friends in England which I shall take care to forwarded —

I have forwarded to you a Bill to be attested by you to be on your account upon default Here of the Court of the Directors will not accept it.

I shall have to write to you tomorrow be pleased to acquaint Crauford I have received his Europe Letters which I send by the Fleet and assure yourself of my being with respect Sir Your most humble Servt

Dear Sir

Madras 4th April 1767

The Enclosed is Duplicate of my last to you of the 31st March —

If you cannot get many coopers indentures under 25 you may, more take up 200 at that Rate —

I am with Regard

D. Sir

Your most Obedient Hble

Dear Payne

8th April 1767

The Bearer having delivered me your Letter of the 1st Inst. agreable to your Desire I paid him One Thousand One Hundred and Nine Pagodas with forty nine Fanams

I am D. Payne

Y. m. O d.