Series XII

Mayors Court Records

Mayors Court Private Papers

(a) Notes, Books &c (Wood)

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Rice Contain Such [illegible] Bengal [illegible]

the Rice yard, will begin to [illegible] him with the [illegible]

[illegible] at the usual Rate of 35 Rix Dollars [illegible]

[illegible] for England

[illegible] opportunity

Mess.rs Chamberlain Regis & Co.

Ship Speedwell, from [illegible]

Jarmet, Capt. Hodson [illegible]

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure of acknowledging your favour Cover to our Joint & Exchange on Mr. Henry Abbott for £1500. — payable to your order at 30 days sight, which being on account of the Owners of the Ship Cricketer — we have to request you will be pleased to place the amount to their Credit when received, — and believe us with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

Sign.d Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 19. August

Camp

Lieut. Wood

Engineer

Sir

I am much obliged to you for your attention — I am afraid my departed friend has not left any effects in your Hands, in which Case Mr. Porcher & myself as Joynts & Creditors in Chief are entitled to Administer to his Estate, I should wish that his Camp Furniture should be sold in Camp this Morning if you think they will fetch a better Price there. At Madras, with the rest of his Effects, they will be sold by Auction, & this Letter be sent to Madras, I shall have a Telescope &c &c for him are during the Siege which I suppose will be an order from Government amongst his Effects. — I must sincerely lament the Colonels fate, & this Speedy Death — both as a Friend & as a Publick Man. —

I am

Your much obliged Humble Servt

Sign.d Benj.n Roe

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 26. August 1779 [illegible]

[illegible] Country any [illegible]

[illegible] certainly was [illegible]

[illegible] on 20 or 30 [illegible]

[illegible] sent us by the [illegible]

[illegible] England 28 [illegible]

[illegible] stood about the [illegible]

[illegible] will be grounded [illegible]

[illegible] Wm Abbott

[illegible] 24th August [illegible]

Col. Maxwell

My dear Maxwell

we have received for the Pd Mads
four Thousand Star Pagodas for which Sums we have this day
Credited you. —

Yours sincerely

Signd Roebuck

Fort St George 22d August 1793

To the

Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Baronet

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir

We have had the honor of receiving
Mr Secretary Clarks letter of the 17 Instant intimating that you was
pleased to Call upon us to refund the Sum of Pagodas 2666–28 Spees
to us on Mr Peters account — We are Concerned that we have not the
means of Complying with your orders, as we have no assets of Mr Peters
in our hands. — we remain

Honble Sir

Your Obedient humble Servants

Signd Roebuck J Abbott

Vellorplom

Pd the Favorite

Madras 23d August 1793

I receive all your Letters as far as the 18
Instant — I have got from the Nabob an Perwannah respecting the Duties
on the Rice, which Nagapah Chitty will endorse the one of this
to draw — I am daily expecting the final accounts of Rice — and
my reason to expect will turn out well — Apsheir Mear
the Favorite is going up Eckepilly with another Cargo of

Rice Contain Fanams 2 Bengal 1 Lds
the Rice yield will begin to load home with all
Salt at the usual Rate of 35 a 37½ Pagodas — I
the whole of the Salt Cargo at Eckepilly, you
at any other Place to the Northward — your
dispatch to load this Vessel — I do not suppose you
4 or 5 days at furthest — as she is but small.

The Bill of Lading for
is here inclosed — as it you will see I have given a
for the 715 Bags of Rice landed here. — Capt. Shaw
Return you this Letter. —

Your Friend

Signed Wm Abbott

Fort St George 26 August

Camp

Colonel Thos Giels

Dear Sir

I do not think with Certainty any
I be fixed for the arrival of the William Pitt, she Certainly will
ick before the first of May & in that Case she may be here in 20 or 3
I do not expect her sooner. —

A Certificate has been sent us by the
Accountant in the Governor General & Council for Bills on England 25
Pagoda for £1466.35.59 — you left us no Instructions about it, nor
the Certificate must go to Bengall where Bills will be granted the
Pray in what Sums are they to be Drawn — the Certificate in our hands
ought to be endorsed by you, as you should send us a Spread on
endorse it which will accompany the Certificate — I hope Andrew is
well —

I am Yours very truly

Messrs Daly & Ockburn

Signed R Rees

Dear Sirs

Fort St Geo. 26 August 1793.

Mr Bransfill received an order from the
Executors to the Estate of Capt. Dimergan, to direct our answer the properties
to us as their Attorneys this letter we closed & forwarded to
Since that period Mr Dimergan has come of age he has rece
orders from him to deliver over his affairs to us & he has acc

Attorney of Capt. in our answer again

Dear Sirs

Your Obedient Servants

/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay.

Bhimjee Ramsett.

Fort St George. 31st August. 1793.

Sir

We were favoured with yours of the

August, three days after Capt Neale had sailed. We
ve applied to his Agents, but can get no account of the 22d August 1793
o Tubs of Sugar Candy. We have in consequence written to
gents at Calcutta, directing them to apply to Capt Neale's
e above quantity of Sugar Candy & to dispose of it, or as much
they shall recover, on your account conformably to your orders,
rovided the markets are suitable. We have also directed them to
ward the Looking Glasses to us, & we have no doubt of their
settling of this business. A letter of the 17th first instant will
will thank you call upon us if the first opportunity
to forward the Letter & Parcel to you may properly be attended with
to send us a Power of Attorney.
is mistaken at present
t you take the Letters for him

We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott.

Nellore

Lieut Bigits

Fort St George. 31st August. 1793.

I have been favoured with your
letter dated the
ed a number
dar hindered my instant. At the time when I could have
e ships that I sent ships, the intrigues of the Renters &
people from exporting Salt, & some of
load were actually disappointed.
by reason to fill
the Parcels in
repeatedly with another Cargo of

Bombay

Mr Francis Kemp.

Fort St George. 31st August 1793

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
favors of the 26th June & the 16th July: In the latter of which I find you have
conformably to my desires credited Messrs Roebuck & Abbott for the
ballance of my account being Rupees Ninety, one Quarter & Twenty
Six Reas.

I am Sir &c

/Signed/ Annah Sawney.

Bombay.

Joseph Harding Esqr

Dear Sir

Fort St George. 31st August. 1793.

We beg leave to refer you to our letter
of the 10th Instant & to confirm its contents. We have now to
acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 5th & 7th of August.

[illegible] for the Protection of our Commerce [illegible] for England

[illegible]

We are Dear Sirs
Your Obed. Hble Servt
Signed
Thos. Welsh

Madras 11th [illegible]

To
Messrs. Fawcett, Sharp & Co.
Bombay

Dear Sirs

I have received your letters dated the 23rd & 25th ult. the arrival of the Benjamin & William & the other Snows Vessels; and they must be dispatched long ere this, I have not yet received their Cargoes; the terms Khuttah we pay those Vessels were 35 Rupees per Candy quantity deliverables by them at the Gallahs at Calcutta.

I believe Captain Mears sailed from hence on the 25th, but as yet you have not informed me of his arrival. I shall however you will not detain them long in unloading the 3285 Bags of Rice now on Board the Fawcett, and in giving them a full Cargo of Salt; but I must particularly request that you will shew due attention to the Mooring of it, for there has been very considerable Cargoes you have sent, and I have not yet settled with whom I shall call to make good those deficiencies, which is very [illegible] that we can bear them. — I have been anxiously waiting for the final Accounts Sales of the Julian Cargo of Rice at Cuttack, and Rice sent to Tumlook, which by the Vessels information you were by Degrees Chilly, I have many reasons to suspect will turn out clear of Sale & Proceeds from 5 to 115 to 120 Rupees, and I have no doubt but that you will have the Rice to dispose of the Rice by the Fawcett on the same terms —

Inform me as soon as possible if you can Bags of Rice would sell here at Dungapatam, Cottapatam or Porto Novo and what Rate of Freight a month, I also which is the speediest Passage that quantity of Rice take first to us in order to take measures you give me encouragement to send a Cargo, the Ships will load a Cargo of Salt.

Mr Dighton & Chocatungum have both written home to inform me that the Salt is Ready at Cottapatam Dungapatam & Porto Novo that the Headmen of those places were imprisoned for one thousand Ships to load; — those people hindered my Ships from being loaded at a time when

Your Obed. Hble Servt
Signed
Thos. Welsh

Bombay
Mr Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

We have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 22nd & the 26th June & are to thank you for the Contents. —

As you desire we Communicate to the Honble Basil Cochrane the requisite Ostacia Rice, I have accordingly done so, & he has desired you on the Subject. — We do not as yet hear of any Ships having been dispatched from England for this Country but

B

[illegible] Bhimjee

Sir

I have written this to Mr Dighton and Deputy to intimate it to Checulungum that he may inform the head [illegible] Sir

[illegible] Palamcottah.

Major Stevenson

My Friend Abbott has got a Tuneer from the Nabob in the Tenivelly country for his pay since he has been in his Highness's service. He has spoke to Porcher on the

[illegible] Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esqr

Sir

We were duly favord with yours of the 20th July & have conformably to your request, now applied to the Office and [illegible] the difference of 8 rupees paid on the Block of the Daspheus, being Pagodas 82: 2k which we have placed to your Credit. —

We remain with esteem Sir &c

Palamcottah. Signed Rachusk & Abbott

Madras. 5th Sept. 1793.

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Bhimjee Have executed the Commission contained in your Letter in every respect excepting in the Price of the Madeira, which is 5 Pipes. The Pipe is Sealed and delivered to the Charge of your Sir with a Bandy to carry it as far as Sankerydroog for which I have Pd 4. and am to pay 3 Pd more on the return of the Bandy:- the is 5. Leigh because it requires 4 four Bullocks Bandy to carry a Pipe of ve to me that distance, 42 Dog. of Corks are also delivered to the Care of your vant, for which I have paid 2 Pd and shall according to your Request to Collect for the Amount cost of the Madeira Casks and Bandy hire as Pa £129.- We have nothing that is new or Interesting here at ; His Lordship is heavily Expected – Fare you well and believe me

Yours [signed] Wm Abbott

ively –

ward

settle Remember me to Shaw –

Madras 7th Sept. 1793.

Warriore
George Ralph Payne Jarvis Esqr
of his majesty's 36 Regt

Sir We beg leave to enclose a Letter for you intrusted to our Care by Mr. Joseph Harding of Bombay, and shall be happy to see you, if you should at any time come to the Presidency.-

We are Sir
Your Most Servants
[signed] Roebuck & Abbott

Madras. Sept. 9th 1793.

Calcutta.
Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co
Gentlemen

We duly received your favors of the following dates viz. 16th Feb.y 2d March 12 & 15th April, & 3d June to a also of the 3d Augt to Mr Henderley. We have to thank you

on acct 1647

for your attention in forwarding Mr Benfield's Bill as p

We have examined your Account Current to the 22d June, which we find correct & pass in Cr as p

Messrs Porcher, Redhead & Co have transmitted the to Mr Mary Turing your letter of the 8th Augt to Mr staining Bills on Messrs Johnson & Co London in favor Mr Mary Turing for £110.14.0, being the third Years Int on Bond for Cust. Rupees 11070. which we have written upon the Bond agreeably to your Advice. We have also to Messrs Porcher, Redhead & Co for information concerning taking the Mortgage to Mr Henderley, & have received enclosed answer which we beg leave to transmit to If you think it proper, we beg you to transmit to duplicates of the said Bills.

[signed] Roebuck & Abbott

Canton.
Messrs James Drummond
& George Spottes.

Madras Sept. 9th 1793.

Gentlemen.

We take the liberty of transmitting to you a Correspondence that our Mr Roebuck has had on the subject of two shares in the Association Concern belonging to Mr Benfield, & at the same time a Power of Attorney impowering you to receive the dividends due thereon, which we beg you to remit in the same way as the proceeds of the Cotton to Sir John Call Bart London.

We enclose the Copies of the Waybill, Invoice & Receipt for two Boxes containing Glass as mentioned in Mr Frost's Letter to Mr James Drummond

[signed] Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 10th Sept. 1793.

Glasgow

Bhi

Bay. is

We find ourselves again under the Necessity of sending
by the bearer and requesting that you will, without further delay,
join the Balance that appears to be due to us being Pags 1,312.. 1749.

We are Sir
Your Most Hble Servts
(signed) Roebuck & Allotts

Madras. 10th Sept. 1793.

Masulipatam
Mathew Tudor Esqr.

Dear Tudor.

I now enclose you Rs[illegible] Pags for Eleven Thousand Star Pagodas on account of yourself for
which sum you stand debited with us.
We are extremely anxious to hear that the whole of our Salt has
been dispatched from Coringa, not only that it may arrive there before
the period on which our Contract expires, but that it may be delivered
before that term, & that in case of any adjustment or difference I may get
it settled before the Marquis resigns his Government. I hope therefore to
hear from you daily that the whole has been dispatched
With respect to the Salt in hand I must request of you to dispose of it
as soon as possible & as well as you can for we are satisfied that the
first loss on that head will be the least.
Appah Swamy has left this to take care of his farms. & Mr Roebuck
goes also up immediately to see that things go on right. I shall
take the liberty of troubling you with a letter of Introduction on his
account, & shall request he will ask your advice if he finds any
difficulty. —

farm is under any other management than [illegible] opportunity
two heads in the district who may interfere with
see the force of this. & shall be much obliged to you for
to settle matters as to let him have the management of the
Salt Farm.

I imagine the reign of your Friend will now
conclude, but I hope to talk you more of this in a
Your last letter came to hand it was put into proper hands

Yours &c (Signed) T. Roebuck

J. Dupre Porcher Esqr

Dear Porcher

Madras 10. Sept.

As our Contract is now drawing to a Close
we can no longer allow any Indulgence to your
Friend - and have therefore ordered our Agents in
not to receive any more Salt from him on our Account
than the quantity specified by the different Dy
Proclis you have and till this period are not to Sign
of Lading —

Yrs truly
Signed

Port St George. Sept. 10. 179

Vizianagram

Lieut Kirkpatrick.

Dear Sir.

I am favoured with your letter of the
& am happy in congratulating you on your having succeeded to your
wishes. Any application on my part was unnecessary as Sir Charles
wished to serve you very much to do what you wished. I spoke to
my friend Fallonfield on the subject who said Sir Charles

…ry action at Law — M.r D.mor… Power of Attorney

Madras the 15th Sept.r 1793. —

…ed.

…ordered to you some letters. We have had no orders
…way, relative to the disposal of his Bonds: But we think
Bhi… situation we should sell now that they are at a discou…
…m 6 to 8 P Cent. We shall be glad to hear what are your…
…ents on the subject.

…ome ships have arrived this day. I have not yet received any
…letters from M.r Pethie; our Postmaster is slow in his motions,
…it will probably be tomorrow before the letters are out. From all
…ver expect Pethie out.

…The French are making a better defence than was expected
…I hope this Campaign will close the Business.

…I shall direct to Vizianagram as I take for granted you will not quit
…ment /Signed/ B Roebuck

the Calcutta

Sam.l Peat Esq.re

Sir We were duely favord with your Letter of
the 20.th Ult.o and have in consequence of the Power of Attorney therein
Inclosed, received of M.r Lib.o Cockburn 15 Pag.s on Account of the debts
due from M.r Secretary to M.r Jones which Sum we have passed
to the Credit of M.r Shaw's account with us, the Remain…

Sir
Your Obed.t Hble Servt
Roebuck & Abbott

London

To General Richard Smith, Sir John Call Bart.
and John Fordyce Esq.re

Gentlemen,

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your… of the 18th April which we received the 12th Instant. In Consequence of your… we shall forepare a Letter to the Register of the Natives Bonds, furn… him with the necessary Extracts of your Communications to us so that… on the next Dividend being made he may be enabled to make the… necessary demands from the Creditors under the support of your… Authority. We shall likewise make the Creditors at Large … with your Communications. —

We are
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obed.t
Devoted Servants
/signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 17th Sept.r 1793.

London
Mess.rs Baring & Co.
Gentlemen,

The Dispatch of the Serpion Bombay Cruizer with accounts of the fall of Pondicherry, affords us the opportunity of conveying the foregoing as Duplicates of our 1052 dispatched by the King George, and Landing your at the same time Duplicate Invoice &… Bond of the Bill of Lading for the 65 Chests of Indigo we consigned to you by that

As we had no previous opportunity of writing to you for Insurance… Consignment by the King George, we have been under the necessity of covering it at … of the Calcutta Insurance Company in Os.r 40000 at … the accompanying Copy… you will observe the Loss is made payable at the House of Mess.rs Edmonds Bohun… Vandaw at the Exch.e of 2/. 9d.r Rupee. So that if King George should unfortunately … or Lost, we request you will be pleased to recover the Loss, and pay the … you already directed to Paul Benfield Esq.re

We remain with much Esteem
Gentlemen
Your Obed.t & Hble Servants
/signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

P.S. 20. Sept.r
As we have just been informed that the Swallow with the dispatches the beginning of next month; and as we conceive her to be a Super convey.e than the present one, we have included the Policy of Ins.ce in our Letter to you by her instead of sending it at …

Madras 17th Sept. 1793.

Bkr

The foregoing are Duplicates of our respects to you by the King
30th April and 15th May last; - And the present Dispatch of the Scorpion is
per
ger, with the news of the Fall of Pondichery, affords us the opportunity of
enclosing the Receipt of your Letters dated 20th May 1792 kept to the 28th Inst
per the 15th April last. -

We are Happy to find that Mr Folly had made your a further
payment of £376. on account of Mr Andrew Ross's debt to you; & tho' trifling as this
payment is, we are glad that thus much is reduced of his Debts to you; and
we shall be happy to hear that Mr Folly continues to make you Payments the
steps should be by Dribblets. - If by Such payments the Principal of this Debt
can be Cleared off, by the period we are likely to get the Decree of the King's
in Council / to which lengths we are say he will push the Suit / we might not find
much difficulty in getting from him the Interest that may be decreed; - We
are perfectly of the same opinion with yourself as to his motives for wishing to
prolong the Suit; he does not seem much broke of late, and we hope he will live
long enough to pay you the uttermost farthing. -

The Discount of the Consolidated Bond has unaccountably fallen
to about 7 to 8 P Cent, and a Bond to a small amount has to our knowledge been sold at even
6 P Cent; We wish you had given us orders to Dispose of your Bond, the present would
have been a favorable moment, & the like perhaps may not again occur. - Some accounts
received from Some of the Likelihood of the Company's taking this debt upon themselves
at par, and granting Bonds for the same as well as all the Interest that is due
on it, is we believe, the Cause of its present Credit, but if the negotiation is not
speedily concluded, we much fear the Discount will again Rise, - Divd.
to the Creditors continues regularly to be made conformably to Lord Cornwallis's
Treaty, at which rate the old Cavalry Debt must be Liquidated about
May next

We are Happy to find by your Letter of the 15th April that
Mr Folly had made you a further payment of £230. the 27th of the preceding
Month on account of Mr Ross's Debt. -

We have received Several Copies of the Publications you
allude to in that Letter concerning the Settlement on the Island of Bulam -

So soon as the Surry of the present Dispatch is over we shall
exert ourselves in procuring Subscriptions to the amount desired for England
from what is Contained in your Letter on that Subject we think a good opportunity
disposed to Set the example ourselves -

Government has discharged all their Bonds
receive 2½ P Ct Premium to grant 6 P Ct Bonds -

We remain with much Esteem Dear Sir Your most Obed. Servants
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

London
Mrs Mary Turing,

Madras 17 Sept. 1793.

Dear Madam,

We beg leave to confirm the annexed as Duplicate of our
last Respects, and acknowledge the Receipt of your favor dated 30th March. Owing to
the lowness of Interest at present, which is only 6 P Ct on Mortgage, the principal of your
money received from Mr Tulloh is still in our hands for which we shall continue
to allow you 8 P Ct P Annm. until we can accomplish your wish & lend it on Security
if possible without diminishing your income.

We have now the pleasure of inclosing the 2d of our Two
Bills on Messrs Rich & Wm Lee in your favor, one for £216. and the other for
£42. the first of which were forwarded in our last. -

You have also herewith the first of a Sett of Bills forwarded
to you us by Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co on Messrs John Ferguson & Co of London for
£110. 13. payable to your Order at nine Months Sight being for one years Int.
to 31 July last on their Bond to you for Ct 11,070. -

We find they had also forwarded to Messrs Cocker & Co as
Attornies to Mr Kindersley, in a Sett of Bills the Interest to 8 March last, of
their Bond to you for Ct 6912. but those Gentlemen have either mislaid them or
forwarded them by mistake to Mr Kindersley in England, we have therefore applied
to Messrs Fairlie & Co for Copies of those Bills, lest they Should be lost. - We
would recommend however your applying to Mr Kindersley to know if he has received
the Originals -

We remain with Respect
Dear Madam,
Your Obed. & Humble Servants -
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Memr:
13th Sept.
Drawn this day on Messrs Rich & Wm Lee
in favor of B. Roebuck & Co for 100 £
at 30 days Sight —

Madras 18th Sept. 1793

Sir,

Since our last Respects of which the foregoing is Duplicate, we are favd with your Letters dated 10th January & 20th March. —

We have not received any of your outstanding since our last, by which we entertain expectation of receiving the amount of Mr Stevensons Debt. —

We are not a little astonished at Mr Stevensons unreasonable request; we never understood that his affairs were desperate, nor do we believe that they are: Your Letter has been forwarded to him and as soon as we receive his answer we shall know what we may expect and you shall be duly informed. — As Hilsford has received accounts by the late Ships, of the Court of Directors having restored him to the Service, if he lives he may be able to pay all his Creditors, now that they have relinquished the Interest. —

We have now the pleasure of Inclosing a first Bill drawn by Lt (now Capt) Sal. Innes on Messrs Wolff & Denille for £1000 payable to our order at 6 Months Sight, which we have endorsed payable to you and passed the amount to your Debit at 7/18. Pagodas, this is the most advantageous Remittance we could at this moment make. — Government have paid off all their 3 pCt. Bonds, and now receive 2½ pCt. Premium to grant 6 pCt. Bonds. —

We have every prospect at present of a lasting Peace in this part of the World now that Pondicherry is ours; and the present dispatch of the Scorpion Bombay Cruizer, we believe is to carry official Accounts of the fall of that place which we suppose will not again be restored to the French. —

We remain with much Esteem & Respect.

Dear Sir,

Your most Obed. Servants

signed Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 19 Sept. 1793.

London

Sir John Call Bart

in his absence

To Messrs Cazenove Call & Co.

Sir or Gentlemen,

Government being about to dispatch the Scorpion Bombay Cruizer with the News of the fall of Pondichery it affords us the opportunity of inclosing Duplicate of

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Of our Respects to you by the King George dated the 6th May, as also the Liberty to write to you via China dated the 5th July, by which advised you of having consigned 455 Bales of Cotton to Messrs Drummond & Parkes to Invest for England & remit to you the proceeds on Account of Paul Benfield Esqr in the most eligible manner possible through the Company's Treasury at Canton. We have as opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your several Letters dated 17 Dec. & 3 & 27 Jan. & 18th April. —

In consequence of the Power of Attorney you sent us we have received from Mr Robt Gardiner Attorney to Mr Young your Papers and Deeds inclosed. We perceive Mr Young had taken up the Bond mortgaged by you to Major Gammonde, discounted it £25 pCt. and remitted to you that portion by your Brother assigned over in part payment of this Debt to you. The other Consols for your remainder of your Claim on him is still in the possession of the Trustees, and as Mr Benfield's Claim on that fund is not likely to be liquidated for about twelve Months to come we shall not untill then be able to get possession of your Brothers Shares of that Concern assigned by him over to you unless Mr Taylor does make some arrangement with Mr Benfield to relieve previous to that his own and your Brothers Bonds from that Trade, but from the many Letters we have written to us Mr Benfield on the Subject you will perceive Mr Taylor could never have had an intention of the Kind ever at the time he was apparently Negotiating the Loan with us. He has sent us Instructions whatever to your Brother to Negotiate with us, of which most likely he will report when he understands that from that period the Consolidated Bonds have been daily gaining Credit, and may now be said to be from 6 to 8 pCent Discount, to our knowledge a small amount has been sold at 6 pCt. — This want of Candour on the part of Mr Taylor, not only retains your Property in the Trust but perhaps your Brothers in this Country, He has not however communicated to us a Word on the Subject what you mention having written to him. —

You may rely on our Exertions in the Management of your Concerns as if they were our own, we could wish however to be furnished with your Instructions on the Subject of Your Brothers Share of the Concern assigned over to you that we may not be at a Loss to act at the period of the Trust breaking up whether to dispose of your Property and remit it to you, or wait for the Expected Arrangement with the Company; if that however Shall not be speedily concluded we fear much that the discount will again Raise, for we can only attribute the late unaccountable fall of the Discount to the Report of an arrangement to take place with the Company. —

You have here inclosed a Letter from us to the Agents

[illegible] act

[illegible] come acknowledging the receipt of the Powers they have sent
[illegible] this Business as much as we can conformable to yours wish
we shall find it a difficult matter to convince many of the Directors
[illegible] Majority is the Act of the whole, and if after every Representation
they do not choose to pay the percentage for the purpose of enabling the
Bay: [illegible] on their Cause what can we do we shall mean while say hds
Bkrs already Subscribed

We perceive by the out lines of the New Charter Individuals
may have the Privilege of Trading to and from this Country to a Certain degree,
believed any of your friends think proper in Consequence to become Speculators we
can [illegible] your kind partiality to us hitherto on all occasions that
you will recommend our Services to them; — The freight to be paid by the Traders
to this Country bears a very unequal proportion to what Traders from Europe are
to pay, the consequence will be that Goods will be sent from Home on the
Company's Ships, and returns required by the Foreign Conveyances on which freight
can generally be procured under 10 £ pr Ton

Government has discharged all their 8 pr Cent Bonds, and are
actually receiving 2 3/4 pr Cs Premium to grant 6 pr Cs Bonds which are made trans-
ferable to Bengal 6 pr Cs Certs @ 206 Curr. Rupees 100 Pagodas and this being
the best remittance at this moment that can be made to that place we believe
the greatest proportion of the Money paid into the Treasury is for that purpose
Three Certs in Bengal are at about 1 1/2 pr Cent Discount and the 8 pr Cs
there bear a Premium of 1 pr Cs

The Reduction of Pondicherry leaves us at present
in perfect peace & with prospects of lasting tranquility in this Country, we
shall be happy to hear from that [illegible] the troubles in Europe are also at a
end, indeed we do not see how it is possible that they should last long —

We remain with Esteem & Regard —

Sir or Gentlemen,

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

[signed] Roebuck & Abbott

20 Sept.r
We have just heard that the Swallow with
be dispatched direct from Lynn the beginning of next Month & that the Lord goes on Sure
and present Packet will be delivered to the Care of Mr. Jolly Midshipman of
the Scorpion — pray be kind enough to deliver the Inclosed to our friend Mr.
Benfield —

R. & A.

B

London

Messrs. Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Gentlemen,

Madras to direct for England
Have a good opportunity
per ye

We were few days ago favored with your Letter of 5th June and its Several inclosures — Having applied to Mr. Stephanson for the Bill of Exchange of his Bond to Gregory Bateman, we are Sorry to Say he Seems not to be disposed to pay it at present pleading want of Funds &c. Immediately after the proper Time we Shall see if he is willing to give any, and what Security for the payment of 6 or 12 Months; and in the event of our getting proper Security for the amount of his Debt, we Shall take upon ourselves to give time for payment, but Should we not be able to get that Satisfaction from him, we Shall be under the necessity of putting the business into the Hands of our Attorney at Law to pursue compulsive to your Request, the most prompt and conclusive measures possible to bring him to an account.

We feel proud of the Introduction our Friends Leave been kind enough to give us to your Correspondence, and Shall be at all times happy to receive your Commands, which we may venture to assure you will be executed with punctuality, and as Constant wish to afford Satisfaction —

We are with Esteem & Respect

Gentlemen,

Your Obed.t & Humble Servants

[signed] Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 20 Sept.r 1793.

London
Sir Bs
Agents of the Bidston at Bart.
340
to us Bs we shall add Esteem
but are afraid, we Sr Call &c
that the Act of Parliament
we can make; it
Mr. Jolly Midshipman on Board the Scorpion has been
Agents of the Bidston to Supply
take Charge of our Packets of Letters by this Conveyance directed
of the Lynn before request you will take the necessary measures to get it as
soon as
You with Letters of Mr. Jolly at the House of Messrs Richard &
with Coleman he is connected —
inclo
On Second thoughts it appeared to us more convenient to
to regu
should it to you by that Gentleman, under Cover to Messrs. Lee, and
or them to forward it to you without delay —
We remain with Esteem — Sir or Gentlemen
Your Obed.t & Humble Servants
[signed] R. & Abbott

Madras 23 Sept.r 1793.

say. We will thank you to inform us what additional
Bkg Office will require to permit the Eliza Capt.n Scott to touch
to Land some Treasure; Referring you to the accompanying
=nant a Letter from our Correspondent at Bombay on the Subject. We
hope a ℔ 6.th will be more than adequate for the Risk She is likely
to run by touching at Tellicherry —

We beg leave to offer two ℔ Cent on Copper from Lime
to Calcutta on the Woodcott and Indian Queen, against the Sea Risk
only, and request you will be pleased to inform us if your Office will
cover our Risk at that Rate of Premium and what amount they
will take on each Ship —

We are D.r Sir,
Your Obed.t Servants
(signed) R.t V. Abbott

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what rate of Premium
Your Office will cover Sic.a Rs 64,250 as follows against all Risks on the Manrah
from Calcutta to Madras Viz.t on 10,000 Bags Rice Sic.a Rs. 58000.
on Freight on 2560 Bags - 6250.
Sic.a Rs 64250 —

As also what rate of Premium your Committee will require to Cover the Sea Risk
only on Sic.a Rs. 6250. on 2500 Bags of Rice also on the Ship Manrah Captain
Robertson from Calcutta to Madras —

We beg leave to refer you to the annexed extract
of a Letter from Messrs.s Lambert Ross & Co.s as to the probable time of her sailing —
We wish this Risk to be covered from the 6.th Inst.t the date of Mess.rs L. & R.s Letter

We are Sir
your Obedient Servants
(Sd) R.t & A.

Madras
23 Sept.r 1793

To Mr. J. Daly
To Mr. Thos. Shaw
To Mr. Thos. Stephens

Bombay
Mr. Francis Kemp —

Dear Sir

I was sensibly shocked at receiving your
Letter dated the 31.st Ultimo after what had passed, I think the line
proper; and Sincerely hope you will get through with it accordg
mean while you must endeavour to support yourself under the mistakes
becoming fortitude. As you wish me to communicate the Conte
to Mr.s Bannerjee I shall do so the moment he returns, he is at present
but is expected back in a few days. —

In my letter of the 13.th Instant I inclosed one
Majesty, requesting of you to forward it by first opportunity. I will thank you
inform me by Return of Sepoy, when you sent it forwarded, for not having as yet
received an answer to it I am apprehensive it may have miscarried —

I remain with Esteem
Dear Sir,
Your Obed.t Servant
(signed) Wm. Abbott

Fort St. George 24 Sept.r 1793.

Henry Abbott Esq.r
Sir

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on your for Twenty five
Thousand Sicca Rupees in favor of Hon.ble Basil Cochran at thirty Days Sight which we
request you will honor at Maturity. —

We are Sir your Obed.t Servants —
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Excl.s @ 350 Arc.t % C.s — 771 4. 12. —

Col. Thos. Geils —

Fort St. George 24 Sept.r 1793.

Dear Geils

I am Sorry to hear of Mr.s Geils's Indisposition. — I inclose
you the certificate the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge, I wrote to you at
Bunja respecting it — you will see from the nature of it that it must be transmitted
to an Agent at Bengal to receive the Bills, Sens them Home &c. &c. the accountants
see them —

Your Sincerely (signed) B. Roebuck —

I inclose you a copy of the Letter I wrote you respecting it. —

Madras 28th Sept. 1793

Tranquebar

Danl. Stevenson Esqr.

Dear Sir

We have been favored with your Letters dated the 13th 15th 17th & 22d Inst. requesting we would forward their Inclosures, excepting those for Cuffa bay. by the earl, which are waiting for the arrival of that Ship, & when She Ship appears we may depend on our giving her as quick a Dispatch as

By paying an additional ½ p Cent the Underwriters have granted us a permission to touch at Tellichery. - We were in hopes her arrival would have saved this additional Premium, but she has not as yet made her appearance Tho' the Industry came in today left Bombay the 6th instant - It would be totally Impracticable, were we afraid, to dispose of the Eliza for the purpose of a Ship of War nobody but Government would possibly purchase a Ship for that purpose and to our knowledge several Capital offers have been made to them which they have rejected. - Messrs. Lambert & Co. wrote to us at first that they intended to freight the Hannah with Contract Rice; but by a Letter received from them dated the 6th Instant, we find they had altered their intentions in consequence of the Bengal Offices having declined to take any Risk on the Hannah - By the Copy of their Letter here inclosed you will find that they intend to send us for on your account 19000 Bags which with the freight of 2500 Bags we believe we shall in the course of the day be able to Cover at our Offices against all Risks in S.R. 64,250: / Conformable to their orders / Valuing the amount at Pags. 20,000 @ 7½ Cr. Premium with the usual exceptions against the Risk of this Coast from the 15 Oct. to 15 Decr.; - As the must have left the Pilot by this time we have every reason to expect She will arrive and be unloaded by the 15th October. -

As to disposing of her Cargo before She arrives it is impossible, but you may rely on our disposing of it to the best advantage when She does arrive; Grain is again on the Rise, and we have every Reason to suppose Rice will be from P. 100 to 110 p Garce next month - We have hopes in the Course of a few days to be able to dispose of the Cookalls last Cargo for upwards of P. 100 p Garce -

We remain with Esteem

D. Sir Your Obed. Servants

(signed) R. Le Hobbs

Be kind enough to deliver the inclosed to Mr. E. Roebuck on his arrival -

Tranquebar

Danl. Stevenson Esqr.

Dear Sir

By the late Ships from England we received the [illegible] from our mutual friend Mr. John Turing. - And beg leave to assure you our affairs are in the State you have represented them to be to him (which [illegible] Not the Case) we shall contribute every thing in our Power as Attorney to Mr. Turing in common with the rest of your Creditors to alleviate your Distresses - But we hope to hear soon from you, that Fortune has since been more smiling and that you will enable us to inform Mr. Turing by the Swallow that will sail the beginning of next Month of your having fixed on early days for liquidating the Balances of your Bonds to him. -

We remain with Esteem

Your Obed. Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Hobbs

Madras 27th Sept. 1793 -

10/38
London
John Turing Esqr.
Dear Sir,

we have been favored with your letters of the 2d & 27th August, & 5th Sept. - We have not yet been able to dispose of the Rice on account of the Owners of the Cookall; 600 Pags. of Garce has not yet been offered, but we think that before the arrival of the Hannah, Rice will be selling at from 95 to 105 Pags. p Garce. -

We have applied to the different offices for Insurance upon the Cargo of the Hannah, & have been able to effect only two Insurances of Pags. 10000 each at 7½ p Cent premium against all risks, from upon this Coast after the 15th Oct. as usual exceptions. But we are sorry we have not been able to effect the Insurance you require upon your Rs. 6,250. the Offices prefer a high premium against all risks, to a low one against the Risks only; however we will endeavour to get it done by private underwriters. As you have not instructed us to make an Insurance upon the Freight of the Cookall, we of course have not applied for any -

The Eliza is arrived; we shall get her unloaded as expeditiously as possible, and despatch her to Calcutta. - We remain with esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obed. & Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Hobbs

Fort St. George 2d October 1793 -

No. -

Bay. We were not able to effect the Insurance you directed to be made
B.[illegible] on the Amount of 2500 Bags of Rice, in the Bank or the Public Office - but we have
- nant of 2000 Pagodas covered by Private underwriters at 3½ per Cent Due considered
believe to believe the whole of the Policy is Subscribed by Substantial People
- reckoned Sowcars of responsibility -
We Remain with Esteem
Gentlemen
Your Obed.t Humble Servants
(signed) R. Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 15th October 1793 -

London
Mrs. Mary Swing

Dear Madam -

We Had the pleasure of writing you by the Scorpion on the 27th Ult.o
of which the foregoing is Duplicate. -
This by the Swallow is merely to inclose the second of Mess.rs Fowlie
Reed Co.s Bill for £110. 15. -. the first of which was forwarded in our last
We have not as yet received Mess.rs Fowlie & Co.s reply to our Letter
concerning the Bills for the Interest of their Bond to you for Pag.s 6982. -. But
the moment we do we shall lay it before you, Being with Respect
Dear Madam,
Your Obed.t & Humble Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 15th October 1793 -

London
John Swing Esq.r

Dear Sir, Government having resolved to dispatch the Swallow, it affords us an
opportunity of conveying the annexed is Duplicate of our Respects to you by the Scorpion
under date the 18th Ult.o
We are still waiting for Mr Stevenson's reply to our Letter, and are in
daily expectation of Remitt.s from Mr Kenworthy for the amount of his debt to you;
If we receive both or either before the Present Dispatch closes, we shall note it
at foot -

The Creditors are in daily expectation of another good opportunity to direct for England
to the amount of near Pag.s 30000 being the Produce of Cuddalore
Attornies of the Executors to the Estate; - And we Hope ere long as
amount of Capt.n Ellis's Bond to you -
The Marquis embarks on the Swallow, and carries with her the Wishes
of every man in India
We Remain with Esteem,
Dear Sir, your Obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 4th October 1793

London
Mess.rs Ransom Morland & Hammersley,

Gentlemen,

The dispatch of the Swallow affords us an opportunity of annexing a
duplicate of our Respects to you by the Scorpion under date the 19th Ult.o -
We have [illegible] Promises repeated our application to Mr
Popham for the amount Principal [illegible] Pag.s 1024 [illegible] Estate
Sorry to say we have not as yet [illegible] Bonds Lately Sold by the
that we Shall be under Necessity of Suing Bonds in the same manner this
Attorney at Law, with the good wishes of all
legal Measures, as [illegible] Gentlemen, in the Hope of Succeeding by
means, - and if our [illegible] Actions take a turn either way previous to the Close of the
present dispatch, we Shall take the Liberty of noting it at foot -
We remain with much Esteem,
Gentlemen
Your Obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 4th October 1793 -

London
Col. Jas. Kirkpatrick
Dear Sir,

We present the foregoing as Duplicate of our last Respects by the Scorpion dated
the 17th Ult.o Nothing particular has since occured. - The Discount of the Consolidated Bonds may now be
quoted at from 8 to 9 p.r Cent, and a large amount could not be disposed of we believe even at that
Rate though the nominal discount is 7 p.r Cent -
The Editor of the Madras Courier is now drawing up a suitable Advertisement of
Subscribing to the Bulam Association, after its appearance once or twice in Print we shall be
able to judge what Success we may expect; and if we find it necessary we shall advertise it
also in Bengal - The present dispatch is by the Swallow, and on her Embarks the Marquis
universally regretted, and carries with him the good wishes of all India -
We Remain with Esteem
Dear Sir, Your Obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 10 Oct.r 1793.

Bay.

Ship

Calcutta

Messrs. Lambert Agst &c.

Gentlemen,

We had the pleasure of informing you on the 2d. Instant of having covered the Sea Risk only on your 2500 Bags of Rice on the Hannah by Private Underwriters @ 3 p.r Cent valuing it at Pags. 2000. —

This will be delivered to you by Capt.n Samways of the Ship Eliza who will sail in the Morning in Ballast — We beg Leave to inclose an Extract of the Letter we received from Mr. Harding by this Ship, dated the 4 Inst.t by which you will Observe he wishes her to be dispatched &; and though we coincide perfectly in opinion with him on the Subject, we have not the means of disposing of her so advantageously here as you will have, and have written to him accordingly by Mr. Samways who is a part Owner of the Eliza will of course consult with you on this Subject —

The Orkatt has been arrived some days, and has we suppose ere this delivered upwards of half of her Cargo; — But the Hannah has not yet made her appearance —

We Remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

your Obed.t Servants

(signed) R & Abbott

Madras 4 Oct.r 1793.

James Daly Esq.r

Dear Sir,

We request you will please to inform us if she is absent from the Port of this Coast at this Present Juncture or she is at Sea on her Passage to Bengal, the Assurance on the Eliza Capt.n Samways from hence to &.a for which you have a Premium against all Risks — We are Sir,

Your Obed.t Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta

To Henry Abbott Esq.r

Sir

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on you for Three hundred & Twenty Five Sicca Rupees 325 : 0 : 9 p.r in Favor of Miss Susan Campbell at Sight which we Request you will honor at Maturity. —

We are

Sir,

Your Obed.t Servants. —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 9. October 1793

London

Sir John Call Bart.

In his Absence

To Messrs. Cyrus Call & Co.

Sirs or Gentlemen,

The foregoing we beg leave to confirm as Duplicate of our last Dispatch, dated the 13. Inst.t by the Scorpion — Since which we have received from Mr. Thomas Parkhurst Register Pags. 3879. 42 6d. for the Passages on the Dividends from Feby. 1792 to Sept.r 1793 in order to defray the Expences of the Agents of the Creditors at Home. This Subscription is a very partial, being confined to a very few of the Creditors, that it becomes extremely hard upon them only to contribute for the benefit of the whole; — and how to oblige the whole of the Creditors to pay the percentages, we are at a loss to determine. The Register could not at his peril deduct it from the Dividends without their consent. — We have no means at present of making Remittances, either by Public or Private Bills. The Treasury is shut for Bills on the Court of Directors, and Individuals suspend drawing untill they Receive Accounts of Credits being again received in England. The Nominal discount on the Consolidated Bonds is 7 p.r Cent, but we have not heard of any Lading been Sold at that Rate, since ours last.

Capt.n Cowtan of the Swallow Packet is kind enough to take Charge of this Packet, and has promised to deliver it the moment he arrives in London; He also embarks on this Conveyance and carries with him the good wishes of all Indies

Be pleased to have the inclosed Delivered to Messrs Benfield and Delesse as to be with the highest Esteem.

Sirs or Gentlemen,

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott —

Fort St. George 3d October 1793

Copy.

All &c.

Bkg

Gentlemen.

Capt. Clarke of the Swallow has been kind enough to take
we a Packet of Letters by this Conveyance directed to you; we therefore reque
take the necessary measures to get it as soon as possible

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed. Humble Servts

(signed) R. Rochfort

Madras 9 Oct. 1793.

London
Messrs. Richard Wm. Lee

Gentlemen

This is to request you will direct your Solicitor to Stop the Proceedings in the Appeals of the Curia Jremanum. Arrowchelum against the Executors of George Savage, that we directed you to prosecute by our Letter dated the 23d. Feby 1792 Parties here having made up all matters to their Mutual Satisfaction — We have also to entreat that you will without Delay transmit to us the amount of Charges on account of this Suit —

We know the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obed. Servants

(signed) Rochfort & Abbott

Fort St. George 9th Oct. 1793

London
Capt. William Smith

Dear Sir

The death of Mr. J. Wall & the contest respecting his Estate has prevented us from taking any Steps relative to the recovery of your property but as soon as that matter is settled we shall try what can be done although our hopes are not very flattering — Mr. Wells Estate will not prove Solvent — we get every thing from Capt. Stuart who in his State considering his Parents cannot be expected & he will give us every Aid in his power to recover the p he was however before he was relieved from Arrestment in such an infirm of Health that it is dubious if he will ever again be able to go to Sea h almost entirely lost the use of one side. We are Dear Sir with Esteem Your Obt. Ser signed Rochfort

London

Capt. Rose

the Fleet of this Con

is at this Moment Shor
she is about Fourteen

My dear Col.

I have to refer you to my Letter by Mr. Forrentosing I wrote to you at length & informed you of the Melancholy Fate of Capt. Maule who lost his head by a Canon Ball as he was [illegible] the Lunatic before Pondicherry — We have not any thing new in Cochin has never once spoke to me about your Business & I believe he is not a Your Bills have been punctual in the Payment of there Kists & will I continue so, Tippoo has not yet fulfilled his payments to the Allies but there are positive accounts of the last being on the road — From the state of Credit in England we have not as yet been induced to draw by this Dispatch & no Bills at present of any sort are to be procured by the January Dispatch we wish however to remit you what Balance we have in our hands at a Satisfactory Exchange The Company's remittance as well as every other is now shut

You will hear from your Friends & Name sake the Col: all the News Pray make my best Compliments to Mrs. Ross & believe me to be ever Yours

(signed) R. Rochfort

Calcutta

Madras 11th October 1793. —

Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen

This will be delivered to you by Capt. Slater of the Crokatt He has delivered his Cargo of Contract Rice, and will sail either this Evening or to-morrow Morning. —

For the Freight of this Cargo we have received of Capt. Crawford of the Letchmi as Bills on you for S.Rs. 5000 payable to our Order at 30 days Sight; — Having occasion to make a Remittance to Bengal we shall Request the owners of the Crokatt with the consent on the Subject of this Ship we have had no late Instructions from Bombay.

We were in hopes we should have been enabled to have informed you of the Arrival of the Hannah ere this but

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make her appearance she may however be handy
Season is far advanced double exertion must be
as her. — We remain with much Esteem

Gentlemen

Your obt Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Madras 12th Octr 1793 —

Bay

Joseph Harding Esqr

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of assuring You on the 26th Ulto to intimate the likelihood of our being able to effect the Insurance ordered by Messrs Lambert Rose & Co on the Ceres of the Hannah at 7 p Cent which are here since done and debited you with the amount premium paid on Rs 29000 but we are sorry to observe the Hannah is not yet arrived, though by a Letter we have received from Capt Robertson dated at Calpee the 8th Ulto we perceive he expected to be here the 5th Instant; — though the Season is far advanced we have no appearance of bad weather as yet, and hope we shall have none until the Hannah arrives and unloads her Cargo, in which extraordinary exertions shall be used; Viz the offices will cover the Risk on the Cargo during the period of her unloading, we shall think it our duty to insure it, provided we can do so, at moderate rate —

On the 26th Ulto the Ceres arrived & sailed for Calcutta on the 28th informed you; — with whose approbation we have continued the Insurance on her, to Calcutta by paying an additional premium of 5 p Cent ag.t all Risks, — We could procure no Cargo for her.

Captain Samways informed us that there was no freight paid on some Ghee & oil that the Ceres brought, and as there was no Bills of Lading signed for them, we did not know to whom they belonged, until a parsee claimed them, to whom they were accordingly delivered on his giving an Indemnification for them & a promise in writing to pay the Freight that may hereafter be claimed; — we will therefore thank you to inform us what we were to demand. — With many thanks to you, we have settled with Mr Maclean for the Wheat

Your Instructions concerning the Cargo of the Hannah shall be strictly attended to; — for which we hope we shall be able to obtain a better price than what we have got for the Cockatte Cargo which we have sold at Pag.s 103½ p Cent — we have also drawn S.Rs 3000 in a Set of Bills on Messrs Lambert Rose & Co.s for Freight on 3200 Bags of Rice from Calcutta on the Cockatte, & she sailed this Morning on her return to that place. —

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The Swallow sailed on the 8th Inst the Risk of this Cargo the Cargoes on Board this would have been at this moment [illegible] your Europe Letters which we have not, however reason she is absent [illegible] We remain with much Esteem for unloading, Dear Sir in ascertaining the

We will Credit your Account with Your obedt Servants
the additional freight & incidentals of the (signed) Roebuck & Abbotts
Hannah carrying the Salt up to Calcutta, — the Remittance you owe
for her next Cargo shall also be made in due time.

Bombay

Mr Bisnjee Ramsetts

Madras 12th Octr 1793 —

Sir

In consequence of our application by our Agent at Calcutta to Capt Neale of the Aurora for Sugar Candy; we got an Order from him to Mr Chaters here to whom he has sold it, to take the amount at our disposal when it became due; we have accordingly got Mr Chaters Bond for the amount being Rs 3778 — 24 — 60 dated the 6th Sept payable at 2 Months, being the date and terms of Sale, the Copy of Mr Chaters Receipt to Capt Neale is here inclosed for your Satisfaction, the Sugar we understand however in very bad condition indeed; — We have not as yet had any Satisfactory Answer from Capt Neale concerning your Cooking &c Glasses. —

When We receive the amount of our Chaters Bond we shall take the Liberty of passing to Capt Reids Account untill we receive your Instructions; — we hope he is arrived long ere this, and if he should be at Bombay we Request you will present our Compliments to him; we Being with Esteem

Sir

Your Obt Servants

Calcutta (Signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Henry Abbott Esqr

Madras 11 Octr 1793 —

Sir,

We have this taken the Liberty of drawing on you for Five Hundred and Fifty Seven Rupees, Eleven annas & Three Pice in favor of Mr Stephen Maclean at Three days Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity —

Sa Rs 550 : 11 : 3 —

We are Sir

@ 350 Abt 6 p Cr 169 : : :

your Obed.t Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Sunk

25th October 1793 —

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We request you will be pleased to inform us if Your office will
at Rate, the Risk of the Sea on the Cargo of the Hannah until it shall
she shall be under the orders of Your Office, to put to Sea when
nably mitte may think the whether may require it.

We are Sir

Your obst Servts

(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 18th October 1793.

Bombay.

Joseph Harding Esqr.

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 12th — and
on the 14th the Hannah arrived in very leaky state, owing to which Capt. Robertson
remained on Board that day; and we did not know her situation, until next morning
when she called upon us — however no relief could be given to her that day owing
to the Weather which prevented the Boats from going off; — But on the 16, fifty
Lascars were sent on Board in order to assist and relieve the Crew that had been
Jagg'd to Death with pumping from the day they left the Pilot, — and with some
exertion they contrived to unload between 5 to 600 Bags; & had Yesterday continued
fair we should, (in consequence of the dangerous situation she was in) have been
enable to have got a sufficient Number of Boats to have relieved her very much,
but unfortunately the monsoon set in, the night of the 16th & continues very dirty;
& Squally all Yesterday, which obliged all the Ships in the Roads to put to Sea,
& the Hannah among the Rest, — they all got a good offing & stood in again
or two when the weather gets more settled they will all return in safety; we
are happy however to inform you that Capt. Robertson does not seem to be
in any great apprehension with Respect to the Safety of the Hannah, having
left orders with the Commanding officer on Board to throw apart of the Cargoe over
Board the instant he should think the safety of the Ship required it, and he seems
to think 2000 Bags out of her, would put her out of Danger, and we sincerely
hope she will return with no greater loss; — Capt. Robertson was obliged to leave
about 1500 Bags of yours behind. So that the Hannah has not on Board on your
Account above 3500 Bags including Wheat & Gram; We shall therefore apply for return
of Premium on the value of 1500 Bags —

On Referring to the Policies of Insurance we effected on
the Cargo of the Hannah; we find that one of them for Rup. 15500 on half of the

Cargo,

Cargo, does not mention any exception against the Risk of this Cargo
after the 15th Inst., so that half of the Hannah's Cargo is at this Moment Insured
but we are not perfectly satisfied whether the days she is absent from her
will be reckoned in the 15 days that the policy allows for unloading,
she having already commenced to Land her Cargo; but in ascertaining this
as well as in every thing that concerns your Interest, we shall always
that which we conceive most to your advantage; — we sincerely hope
however that by next Tappal we shall be enabled to inform You
of the safe return of the Hannah; — being with much Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obt Servants

(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Yesterday upwards of fifty Country Craft
were sunk and drove ashore. —

Pondicherry.

Col. Maxwell

18th October 1793.

My Dear Maxwell

I have the pleasure to tell you that notwithstanding the havock
which has been made among the Dongs your things are all safe — Nagapah had a
presentiment of the Weather & refused to ship the things until he saw the Weather
clear up. — he has got a Boat which he means to dispatch the fourth day after the
full Moon Provided the Weather is Clear — Mrs. R. desires her respects to you
I shall get at Naudi exact what things there are but I do not see any Coffee
Pots in the List of his things —

I got your memorandum & the order to receive your
Donation —

Yours ever

(signd) B. Roebuck

James Daly Esqr.

Madras 25th Octr. 1793.

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We are sorry to be obliged to acquaint You for the
Information of the Committee, of the Total Loss of the Ship Hannah, she having
foundered as we understand, in the night of the 17th Inst. to the South of
Madras about three Miles from Shore — This information we deem it Incumbent
to give you in Consequence of the Insurance effected at your office on
her Cargo, the Policy for which we hold dated the 25th Ultimo. —

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

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Madras 25th Octr. 1793.

To Latchemedut Bellacant
Vajeedut Latchemedut
Gentlemen

We are sorry to be obliged to acquaint you, of the Total Loss of the Ship Hannah, she having foundred as we understand, in the Night of the 17th Inst. Little to the South of Sadras about three Miles from Shore — This information we deem necessary to give you in Consequence of the Insurance effected by you on her Cargo the Policy for which we hold dated the 30th Ultimo —

We are Sirs
Your Obedt. Servants —
Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Madras 25th October 1793 —

Calcutta
Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen

We feel extremely concerned at being obliged to inform you of the total loss of the Ship Hannah; — We have just received accounts of her having foundered at Sea, little to the South of Sadras in about 20 fathom; — She arrived in a very Leaky state on the 15th Instant with 3 feet water in her hold, but on account of the weather no Assistance could be given to her until the 16th when about fifty Lascars were sent on Board, to relieve the Crew, who had been constantly pumping during the Passage, & with some management about 400 Bags of Rice were landed from her; — The Monsoon however setting in that Night, she, with the rest of the Ships in the Roads, upwards of 20, was obliged to put to Sea the next day, & in endeavouring to weather the Gale she went down so suddenly that they had no time to Launch their Boat, you easily conceive then Circumstances that very few of the Crew could save themselves; We have heard as yet only of about 20 Lascars, that have reached Madras, though the Crew with the people sent on Board from thence must have been near 170 Officers & Men; This melancholy circumstance is not the only one we have to lament, — The Hope, the Resolution, & two or three other Vessels, the Names of which have not as yet reached us, were drove on shore near Sadras, & totally lost, in attempting to weather the same Gale, they all left these Roads — at the time the Hannah did; — You may suppose the Country Craft do not escape this general Wreck; — every Dony in these Roads but one, either Founded at

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her Anchors or was Drove ashore, the Number lost is said to be upwards of Sixty —

We have the Satisfaction to inform You however that no exception to the Coast after the 16th Inst. having been inserted in the Policy of Insurance effected on your Rice by the Hannah, we trust we shall without much difficulty be able to recover the Loss from the Underwriters and as a Preliminary we have given them information of it —

We remain with much Esteem
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servants —
Signed Roebuck & Abbott
Madras 22nd Oct. 1793 —

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esqr.
Dear Sir

We intimated to you on the 19th Instant the Bad state in which the Hannah, was obliged to put to Sea the day before, in consequence of a Violent Gale of Wind; and we have now the mortification to announce her total loss, which happened on the Night of the 17th near Sadras, where she foundered so suddenly, that only about 35 of the Crew have been saved with the Ship's Stores; from them Captain Robertson has got the particulars of this Melancholy disaster, for which we must beg leave to refer You to him as he intends writing to your by this days Pappal. We have already intimated this Loss to the Insurance Office, where half of the Cargo was covered by the Policy that makes no mention of any Exception to this Coast, during the Monsoon Months, as mentioned in our last, — and we hope we shall in due time recover the Loss from the Underwriters of that Policy though we do not expect to succeed, without some trouble, & perhaps submitting the Matter to Arbitration, Protests are mean while drawing out, and will be Sworn to tomorrow by Captain Robertson & the fourth Officer, and delivered in without delay —

This unfortunate Gale has proved fatal also to the Ships Resolution & Hope, both which, with the Ketch Alice, were lost on Shore, near Sadras, there are some other Vessels missing which are supposed to have shared the same fate. — We hope the Block of the Hannah was

covered

was covered by Reprn Insurance or otherwise. —

We Remain with much Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Humble
Signed Roebuck & Abbott

James Daly Esqr
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Office.

Madras 23d Octr 1793. —

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We now beg leave to send you the declaration upon
Oath of Mr Matthews fourth officer of the Ship Hannah &
Declaration & Protest of Captn James Robertson Commander of the
Hannah & remain Sir

Your Obdt Servts
Signed Roebuck & Abbott

James Daly Esquire
28 October 1793. —

Dear Sir

We have to request return of Premium
of Pagodas 9f for that Interest of Pagodas 1000 being the proportion Insured
at your Office on the Cargo of the Hannah on Pl Victories Statement & Remain

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants
Signed Roebuck & Abbott

The same wrote to Thos Chase Esqr
Nillapilly
Madras 28 Octr 1793. —

Robert Abbott Esqre

Dear Sir

Having appointed you our Agents to
look after our Manufacture of Indigo on the Salem Government have kindly
offered at our request to grant to Appah Sundrum the request you with
proceed without delay to Nillapilly & take charge of our Indigo Business there
as we are satisfied that you will be Vigilant & attentive to our Interests & we
know not of any Insurance you can have with any one. —

We are

Dear Sir

Your Friends & Humble Servants
Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 31 October 1793

Bombay

Joseph Hardiman Esqre

Dear Sir,

We addressed you on the 23d Instant with
the tidings of the melancholy fate of the Hannah, and herewith you have Copies
of the declaration of Mr Mathews, said declaration and Protest of Captain Robertson
which we Regularly served on the Insurance Office alluded to in our Letter, but
are sorry to inform you that we perceive a disposition in that Office, to
withhold the payment of this loss, untill they shall be compelled to it by
Arbitration or Law; — they pretend today now that the Hannah was
not Sea worthy when she left Calcutta, that Capt Robertson ought to
have put back after she sprung a leak, and in short they seem to
doubt if they ought to pay a loss incurred on the Coast after the 15th Feb
though the Condition should have been omitted to be inserted in the Policy
they seem to think Custom had rendered it reasonably to be understood, and
put stress on Spencer with them, they have already written to Calcutta
for information of the State of the Hannah, when she left that Port
and the reason why she was not Insured there, — On the receipt of which,
should they find the least grounds, we are disposed to believe they will
dispute the payment of the loss; and should it come to that, we wish
to be prepared with your Instructions whether you would wish us to submit the
matter to our Arbitration, or prosecute the underwriters by Law for the
amount of the Loss, which we think would compel them to pay; we say
this Case proves the Ship was not Sea worthy at the time she was
Insured; which Capt. Robertson informed us was not the Case, as she
was here down and had repaired more than at Calcutta; and he further informs
us that the Reason she was not Insured at Calcutta, was because the Office
demanded exorbitant Premium; we shall however write to Ships Consulting
Rose & Co and ascertain Exactly their different points, and as the pay made
of the Loss is not due, untill six months after the Ship had been
Notice of it, we shall have full time to receive the necessary Information
we crave your Candid instructions on the Subject. —

We

We now beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Honorable letters dated the 10th 12th 25th 28th Sept.r and 2d 6th Instant.

We perfectly agree with you that it would be better to keep Mr E Richards off at the sale of Mr Cameron's, exhibit his invoice, which we have daily expect to have.

European Articles have this season sold tolerably well, which depends chiefly on the assortment, Ale has been, and is still in good demand, it is at present selling at 8 Rup.s 25 P Cask cash sales if well preserved generally sell well.

The Corbett left Madras about the 10th Instant, after the period of the Expiration of our Contract, and therefore it was not in our power to give her a Cargo of Salt. We shall in the Course of a few days be enabled to make a Sale of her last Cargo of Rice in accordance of the Honorable Mess.rs Lambert & Ross inform us that they have received orders to dispose of their Ships they deem superfluous, from the Nothing of employment for Shipping, and the War &c. that they will not grant us leave to send a purchaser in that event they deem it a loss to Government to employ them, not having received instructions on that head. But we presume, should they remain here with a Cargo will be better than letting her lay Idle, though from our present prospects, we have every reason, the present Rice will be lower than it is at present for some time to come, and it is now from Rup.s 85 to 95 P Garce.

We are sorry to hear of the Death of Capt.n Hurrell, we began to conclude that some unfortunate accident of the kind, had delayed the voyage of the Pearl longer than you had expected, we are sorry to inform you however that she is not yet arrived, but from the tenor of your letter dated the 6 Instant, we are looking out for her Hourly; — And when she makes her appearance your orders concerning her future destination, & the disposition of Mr Webb her present Commander shall be strictly observed by us. But the late loss of Mr Hatchend met in the Hannah puts it out of our power to know your orders concerning him. — We have therefore sent on Capt.n Robertson, as a person, whose professional abilities & integrity are known to you, and are happy to inform you that he had readily agreed to wait the arrival of the Pearl, though he has the offer of the immediate Command of a Ship now at Negapatam.

As to Mr Grantham he says he has given up

up the Idea of going to Sea any more, that he begs the Accounts of the Hannah, which fortunately is every necessary information he applies through Capt.n Robertson, for an advance on the Rice Sale a power which we [illegible] receive yours Respecting him to be good are liable to Duty he must have Certificate, we did not hesitate to advance the trifling Sum.

We have sent Capt.n Roach the same to See if any thing belonging to the Hannah had come Home that may aid in recovering the Amount. Confident that we have sent little hopes that any [illegible] Mess.rs Lambert Ross & Co have received the Rice the [illegible] Bags of it is now unloading which makes 4400 Bags landed from the Hannah, we shall dispose of in the most advantageous manner able and Credit you with the Proceeds.

We have received letters of Premium on Short Bills [illegible] there is about 1800 Candies of Batavia Carried to your [illegible] Sugar was in [illegible] to the proprietors having purchased them Month ago at [illegible] Rup.s 128 per Candy at present must Rup.s 128 [illegible] the proprietors of the greatest part are people of Capital and can afford [illegible] up it some time longer.

By this inclosed note you will observe that the Cargo belonging to the Estate of Capt.n Hurrell, has been sent to Bengal by Mess.rs Balfour Hall, for Sale; — The proceeds are drawing the Nett proceeds from them we shall Credit your Account with the Amount and inform you of the Product.

We Remain with much Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Mess.rs Lambert Ross & Co Madras 6 November 1793

Since informing you on the 26th ult.o of the

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the Hannah; we received your Letter dated the
Capt. Waldane from whom we also received, advice
of your Signal letter
of Lading of 1st Bags 1362 Rice shipped by you
Eliza on account of Mr Joseph Harding being a part
the Letter to be Hannah was obliged to leave behind;
arrival, which
unloaded, and when disposed of the Proceeds shall be carried
to the
of Mr Harding. — The uncommon number of arrivals in
ports,
down Calcutta lately, has occasioned a considerable fall in the Price
of Grain in General, and the nominal price of Rice for there are no
purchasers at this moment is at present from Rs. 85 to 95 ₹ Corge
according to quality; — and from the quantity of Grain in the Markets
with the present prospect of a favourable Season, we are led to con-
picture that the price of Grain will keep as low as the present
for some time to come; should you however not be able to dispose
of the Eliza and the Corbett, and you cannot find more Employ em-
ployment for them, until further orders from the owners, we think
it would be better to send them to the Pearl loaded with the Best
Bengal Rice on account of the owners, than let them lay Idle. —

As part of the Insurance effected
by us on the Cargo of the Hannah, stands on the same premium
with your Risque covered by private Underwriters, that is, No
Exception to this Coast after the 15th Oct. having been inserted in the
Policy, we have of course claimed the loss, but find the underwriters
unwilling to pay unless compelled by Arbitration, or Law; they pretend
to say the Hannah was not Sea worthy at the time she left Calcutta,
that after Pilotage, ought to have put back as she started a
Leak, and in short they seem to hint, that though the Exception
to this Coast was not inserted in the Policy, it is nevertheless understood,
and they have written to Calcutta, to ascertain whether or not she
was Sea worthy and why she did not Return at Calcutta, and
if they find the back grounds, we are apprehensive they will
dispute the payment of the loss; — We have therefore to request
you

you will lose no time in furnishing us with every necessary information
on this Subject possessed, Authenticated, as well as the Short Law a point
you can procure, whether the Insurers or the Insured are liable to
bear the Risk of this Coast if the Exception, is omitted to be inserted
in the Policy, and favor us with your Instructions at the same
time whether you would wish us to submit the difference that may
happen, to Arbitration, or prosecute the underwriters in the Admiralty
Court — We have applied for Mr Hardings orders on the same
Subject. —

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 3d Nov. 1793

Villapilly

Robert Mc Nott Esqre

My dear Robert

I send you Tunnapah who has been detained
by the badness of the weather he is to have 8 Pagodas a Month this Pardy
hire paid any other reward will depend upon his Services & I hope you will
report them to me & give me an Account of his Conduct he is to act as
your Interpreter to attend you through the districts & to report to you all
the Information which comes to his Knowledge, he has promised me to exert
diligent & active. —

Your Sincerely

Signed B. Roebuck

Pondicherry

Messrs Coulon White Gosling & Co

Masrad 5th November 1793

Gentlemen

We take the liberty of inclosing three
Bills drawn by Mr Jacques Dobbin dat the 5. Instant payable to our order
as follows, One Bill for Sp. 150 on Mr Pyke Merchant at Pondy at
Sight, days sight. —

One ditto for Sp. 150 on ditto . . . . . do at days sight

One ditto for Sp. 500 on Mr Gosling Merchant at Pondicherry

days sight. — which we have received payable to your
order, and have to request you will be kind enough to present them

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... we receive him amount, hold the same at our Credit. —

We remain with Respect & Esteem

Your Obedt and humble Servants

/ Signd / Rachuch & Abbott

Madras 5th November

of your Journal

his letter to you

arrival, ves A Kirkpatrick

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fee

We did not receive your letter dated

9th ultimo until the 13th too late to forward the one it inclosed, by the

Swallow, as she sailed on the 10th inst we sent it to Bengal with regard

to our Agents there to forward it by first opportunity and we shall

not fail to inform you by first opportunity the Arrival

of your Letter to ours M Rachuch dated the 29th Sept. Mr Munro

& his suite are arrived at Madras and we trust we shall ere long

have the pleasure of seeing our mutual friends & Patrons once more

in this Country. — We are with Esteem

Pondicherry Your Obedt Servants

Adjt Thomas 19th Regiment Light Dragoons Fort St George 7th Nov 1793

Sir.

As we have taken out Letters of Administration

to the Estate of Comet Lowe, we beg you will do us the favor to acquaint us to

whom we must apply for the Donation due to the above Gentleman, which

we understand is to be refunded on the 25 November — We have the honor to be

Sir your most Obedt & Humble Servants

Bombay Brist Rachuch } Administrators to

Francis Kemp Esqre Wm Abbott } Estate of Comet Lowe

deceased

Dear Sir Madras 9th Nov 1793.

In Conformity with the request Contained

in your Letter dated the 14th September which only reached me the 23d inst;

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I have procured from the Register of our Mayors Court a Copy of the

against Mr Parry, for Crim Con, and I have now the pleasure of send-

ing the same for which amounting to Pags 46 3/4 — shall be paid to

your debit. —

I must again to become a Subscriber to one of

your Papers, be kind enough therefore to order the last time sent to me

regularly and if you will be kind enough also to give me early notice

of the time you may at any time Resolve you will much oblige

Bombay Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Joseph Fr Carding Esqre Signd Wm Abbott

Madras 9th November 93

Dear Sir

We did ourselves the pleasure of writing to you

very fully on the 31 ultimo inclosing by Land, and by Sea, Bonds which are

now here, favored with your letters dated the 9th 12th 16th Ultimo. —

We shall not fail on the arrival of the

Pearl which we are sorry we are not able to announce as yet, to make

the necessary Search and enquiry after the Dated Letter, and take proper Steps

for the Disposal of the late Capt. Rotherton Effects; — His papers shall conformably

with your request, be strictly attended to as you. —

Your Letter for Mr Cadyer shall on his

arrival, and the one for the late Mr Cathcart we have kept, as the

Contents will equally apply to Capt. Rotherton when he took the Command

of the Pearl and received his Dispatches; — You may rely on it that we

shall do our endeavours to prevent the Publication of the arrival and

Departure of that ship. — The unfortunate fate of the Resolve makes a

Reply unnecessary, on the receipt of your orders for her to make another trip

from Calcutta to this Coast in January. — Rice is now from 80 to 90 Pags

Pagoda nominally; for in fact there are no Purchasers; — The fall has been

occasioned by the arrival of a Number of Ships from Bengal, unusually

early this year during the present Monsoon, by which the Native Merchants

will be Considerable Loosers, having a short time before purchased from

Pags 100 to 105 & supposing it would Rise during the Monsoon. —

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We have already informed you that there is upwards of 1000 Candies of Bataviaa Sugar in the Plains, but are afraid that the holders would refuse under Pagt 28/ Candy they having purchased to arrive Rumbays at Pagt 21½/ Candy —

You have here enclosed Copies of Such Estimate Articles as will be wanted early in February or March, which is as soon as Mr Roebuck will be able to get Remittances, any part of his Investments that may not suit to advantage with you — You have also herewith a Price Current, and are remains with Esteem Regard —

Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servants

Jno Roebuck Abbott

Madras 15 Novr 1793.

Vistanagur

Lieut. James M Kirkpatrick

Commanding

Dear Sir

We have this moment been favord with your letter without a date, requesting to know if a letter inclosed to Mr Roebuck, had arrived in time for the Swallow; — we have already informed you that it not having reached us previous to the Sailing of that Ship, we have forwarded it to Calcutta to proceed by the first direct Conveyance from thence. — Your Fathers Company's Bonds were of Course paid off in its turn, and you have a Statement of the manner Mr Cockburn has employed the Sum used on it. —

The Discount on Cuttacks Bonds has risen to 9 P Cent and we do not believe that even at that Rate a Considerable amount could be Sold — We do not expect any of the Gentlemen will be dispatched from hence before January. —

We remain with Regard

Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servants

Jno Roebuck & Abbott

Mess.rs Corcher Readhead & Co.s

Madras 23.d Nov.r 93.

Gentlemen

We beg leave to inclose you a Letter for your from Lt. Roebuck who has authorized us through his agent Mr. Oakes of Calcutta to receive and grant receipt for the Balance he may have in your hands. —

We are

Gentlemen Your obed.t Serv.ts

(Sigd) Roebuck & Abbott

Mess.rs Corcher Redhead & Co

F S G 26 Nov.r 93. —

Gent.n

We have been favored with your Letter of this days date inclosing Lt. R Mackenzies Acct Curt. with your balancing in his favor Pag.s 156. 41., also Mr. Sharps Acct and Receipts for the Books received from you — We beg leave to send our Receipt for Rs 156. 41 the Balance of your said Acct Curt.

We are

Gent.n

your obed.t Servts

(sd) R & A

Fort S.t George 27 Nov.r 1793.

Rishnagherry

Capt.n Bong Engineer

Dear Sir

We are given to understand that some Considerable repairs are to take place in the Baramahal, and are have been told to hold ourselves in readiness to execute the same. — As yet the details & Estimate have not been sent us — Shall esteem myself obliged to you if you can give me any idea of the particulars to be executed & the materials which will be wanted, and if there are any people you would recommend us to employ in the Business — Shall also esteem myself much obliged for any other Hints or Suggestions you may give me relative to the Business. —

The Place being so far distant from Madras has hitherto prevented me from resolving on any particular mode of Conducting it as I would rather prefer employing People on the Spot then sending Artificers from hence. — I hope you will excuse the freedom

I am Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Jno Roebuck

Fort St. George 28 November 1793

Trichinopoley

Edward Garrow Esqre

Dear Garrow

I shackle you with the inclosed Bills — you
payable out of the Donation, as per list on the other side, and shall be
much obliged to you if you will receive the amounts for me. —

D. Garrow

Sincerely Yours

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

a bill in favor of Sd Dobbin granted by Lt Hughes dated 2d 13. as payable Hon. Coy Rs dated 19th Sept 93 — 92....
do. do. by Wm Mc Rae aag. 36 Rs on Capt Wright — 27th Mar. — 100....
do. do. by A. Marshall Lt 36 do on do. do. 28th do. 107....
do. do. by A. Wright Capt 36 do on do. do. 30 Aug. 123....
do. do. by Thos LaRue Asst Surg. 2d B. C. Aag on Ord. Service } 192....
Commencing the 2d Batt C. Aag Dated 26 June 93 — — —
Fort St. George 28th Nov. 1793 — Star Pagodas 614

Bombay

Capt. John Reid

Madras 9th Dec. 93

Dear Sir

Though your letter dated the 6th Inst. from Cochin brought us the Melancholy tidings of the loss of the Hampshire, yet we received it with pleasure as it announced your safety: — for we must confess that the lengthy time that had elapsed since we heard from you, which was last from Cheiver, led us to apprehend, that you were either lost or taken by the french: — We sincerely hope to hear shortly that your Interest on the Hampshire was sufficiently covered, and your Health completely restored

Ere this can reach you Bhimjee Ramsett will have informed you that by his direction we applied to Capt. Neale for the Sugar Candy you had shipped on the Aurora, and received from him an order on Mr. William Chater of this Place to whom he had sold the Sugar Candy for the Amount when due: — We were consequently obliged to take Mr Chaters Bond for the Same payable at 2 months and though it became due the 9th Inst. we have as yet only received Pags das 1600 on Account, which is carried to your Credit, and we trust with patience we shall receive the remainder: — Mr. Chater being a retail Shopkeeper we were apprehensive it would distress him, without advantaging your Cause, were we to have prosecuted him for punctual Payment —

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moreover he assured us that Captain Neale had told him he might take his time for paying. —

Inclosed is a Statement of the weight of the Sugar sold by Capt Neale to Mr. Chater, wherein we have assumed the Tubs at 70 lb, though no weight was mentioned in the Bill of Sale / which deducted from the Dyp weight delivered by you there appears a deficiency of lb. 21552/20 — in explanation of which we can only offer a Copy of Capt. Neale's Letter to our Agent at Calcutta, in reply to our application for the Sugar. and which you have inclosed. —

Had we been favored with your Letter earlier, we should have been enabled to have got His Answer, to Several Queries that we could put to him, but his intention of Sailing from Calcutta for Europe the latter end of last month put it out of our power; and as he must have left that place ere this, we think it unnecessary to send forward your Letters for him. —

We remain with much Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedt. Servants. —

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Sir Paul Pindar

Madras 12th December 1793.

Sir

Mr. Edward Shaw of Calcutta assigned to Mr. Samuel Peat having authorized us to demand from you the Balance due by you to Mr Peat as per inclosed Account Current being Sa Rs 1.312 — We request you will be pleased to pay to the Bearer that amount in Pagodas being P. 402: 28: 2 P. for which we shall send you a Receipt. —

We are

Sir

Your Obedt Servants

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 12 December 1793.

Dear Sir

We have two favors with your Letters dated the 13, 15, 16, & 23d Ultimo; — and are happy to find that the Block

for

Of the Hannah was nearly covered, we have only to regret that you did not cause 40,000 Rupees upon her Cargo at 1½ p.ct from the 15 to the 25 October; — we would have given three that premium to have insured the same risk; we did actually apply to our Insurance Office on the 15 October at 2 p.ct Copy here enclosed; but they would decline taking a Risk on the Hannah, indeed we hardly expected they would when we made the application, for it is very unusual for the Insurance offices here ever to take Monsoon Risks; and we conceived what we said on that Subject, in our Letter dated the 20 September last, sufficiently positive to have induced you to take measures for Covering the Monsoon risk at Bombay; and if we recover on one of the Policies, which we hope and trust we shall, you will be more fortunate than your Neighbours, and which may be attributed to the negligence of the Committee or the Secretary of the office at which the Insurance was effected; — all the other Vessels lost in the same Gale were insured. —

The Huntress, Captain Robertson, has made of the want of Boats &c to give Ships a quick dispatch, and there is distress enough and too much, and we can assure you that with begging and even Bribing, we could not get more than 6 Boats for one day to Lighten the Hannah, and tho' we represented her in great distress, and applied to the Bunder master for redress, we could get none, we at Last got an order from the Governor but alas too late; However the best Idea we can give you of the management of the Boat department, you will find in a Letter addressed to Government by the Merchants of this place for redress a Copy of which is here inclosed, — to which we have received a Gracious answer, and as soon as the Boards have reports to them upon the Subject, we expect they will carry into execution the plans proposed by us for better regulating that Department, if not the Merchants are determined to address them again & again untill they shall get Satisfaction; to threaten, or to prosecute the Company in the person of the Master Attendant, would we apprehend be a rash act, and answer no good purpose; but as to every Exertion, we can make to lighten your loss as much as possible, we need not say you may venture to rely on us, and we trust you will believe that we make your

Interest

Interest our own; — and as soon as Mess.rs Barnett Ross & Co. furnish us with the Documents we have applied for, we shall lay them before the Insurance Company, and we trust they will be Satisfied to Guarantee them that they ought to pay the loss; — mean while we have the Satisfaction to notice to Mess.rs Barnett & Co. Insurance Office in Calcutta had agreed to take Risk on the Hannah at 10 p.ct but Mess.rs D & R. thought that too high a Premium, and therefore ordered us to make the Insurance; — This Circumstance will establish we hope her being Sea-worthy. —

Rice is got down to from Rs. 75 to 85 p.r Candy, and the Merchants offer only Rs. 85 for your Rice by the Anna Maria, and the few Hundred bags landed from the Hannah we shall wait a few days longer, and if the price does not increase we conceive it will be best advisable to sell; but the opening of the Season, shall no doubt Glut the market. —

After waiting a reasonable time for the arrival of the Pearl Capt.n Robertson, had resolved to go round to Calcutta, a good opportunity then offering for that place, but the arrival of Mr. Maclean, who brought accounts lately received at Calcutta of that Ship, has detained him, & he is now determined to await her arrival, which we hope will be announced ere many days elapse. —

We could not get this moment yet above 30 Pounds of Saffron in this place of all the different qualities — what they call European Saffron, from Rs. 3 to 4 p.r lb and Goa Saffron, from Rs. 2½ to 3¾ p.r lb according to quality, the consumption of this Place is annually from 3 to 400 lb of this article, but at present it is scarce, as it also White Lead, which is not to be got at Rs. 30 p.r Candy. — We hope Capt.n Reid is with you ere this, — We received a letter from him from Cochin dated the 6 ult.o intimating the loss of the Hampshire, to which we replied a few days ago & recommended it to your Care. — We furnished Capt.n Reid with his account Current to the day of his departure from hence, but lest he should have mislaid or lost them, we now furnish him with

Yours

2d Copies of the same in the accompanying Letter for them, which Comprehends all our Transactions with them since the favour of being acquainted with them untill the Date of his last sailing from hence. —

We have now the pleasure of inclosing Account Sales of 3042½ Bags Rice received in by last by the Cobatt an account of the Owners of that Ships, the Nett Proceeds thing Pag.s 5049.2.05 is Carried to their Credit; — This Ships Arrived here on the 9.th Instant with another Cargo of 3500 bags of Rice on Sale an account of the owners, which Messrs Lambert Rose & Co desire us to dispose of provided the Sales will secure a tolerable Freight if not to follow your Instructions of them by Dispatching her to Colombo & Tellicherry; which after mature Consideration, we have thought most for the benefit of the owners to unload here, as it will yield about 1½ Rd.s Bag Freight at the rate of Pag.s 80 p.r Garce that we are offered for it; — informing this Resolution, not only upon repeated advices of the lowness of the price of Grain on Coast, but the additional Insurance the offered required for the Voyage might with us; — The Dutch markets are always very precarious and unless you have an able man to manage the Affairs, you generally get a Skimish Accounts; not only this Circumstance, but the quantity of Opium, that to our knowledge has been lately sent to this Place, also induced us to unload the Cobatt here, for we know by experience that a little overstocks that Markets — As soon as the Ship is unloaded we shall return her to Calcutta for another Cargo which she, either deliver here or Carry Round to your Coast, as Circumstances may render most Eligible for the owners, if no particular Instructions are received from you on that Subject ere then.

Your Europe Letters shall be forwarded as also that for Capt.n Smart by the earliest opportunities, and in Conformity with your request we shall supply Capt.n Robertson present wants. — We remain with the Highest Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abell

Bombay

Madras 12 December 179[illegible]

Capt.n John Reid

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 9.th Instant, in reply to your letter from Cochin. —

These few lines are to cover Copies of the Accounts Current we delivered to you previous to your last departure from hence, Comprehending the whole of your Accounts with us up to that Date. — We have taken this precaution, lest you should have lost the Originals in the unfortunate Manifestoe, which might create inconvenience.

We remain with much Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obliged Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abell

Madras 16.th Dec.r 1793 —

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert Rose & Co

Gentlemen,

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour dated the 25 Oct.r 19.th 24. 26th 29th Ult.o. —

Capt.n Haldane of the Anna Eliza delivers us only 1305 Bags of Rice, & sails without adjusting the deficiency, taking a receipt for the quantity delivered. —

The Cobatt arrived on the 8.th Instant & has landed upwards 2000 Bags of her Cargo, the moment she completes the delivery of the whole we shall dispatch her back to Calcutta, having been offered Pag.s 80 p.r Garce for her Cargo we thought it most to the advantage of the Owners to Land the Cargo here, as at the rate offered it would clear about 1½ Rd.s p.r Bag Freight. — We know by experience that the Dutch are very apt to take advantage of a Person, who is unexperienced as to the numberless impositions he is liable to in this Ports, and being unacquainted with the

Rate

State of the Coombs Market, we did not think it prudent to order Capt. Slater to that place; which might however have been regulated, by clearing here out for Bombay & had we had a prospect of the Cargo turning out better there than at this place; as small quantity of Grain glutted that market; and we understand the Europeans must be there ere this with a large. — With respect to the Pellicherry Market we are equally uninformed, but from the tenor of Mr Hardings letter to us on the subject of Rice you have no reason to suppose a Cargo would fetch a better price there than at this Place, after paying the additional premium for Insurance for all there Charges we thought it most prudent to land the Cargo of the Prohatt here, & return her to you, than if you think proper dispatch her with a Cargo to the other Coast, and to this effect we have written to Mr Harding; — she shall make the Remittance you require on account of the Owners of the Prohatt. —

We hope that the Documents now have furnished us with respecting the unfortunate Hannah, will be sufficient to induce the Underwriters to pay the loss on that ill fated Ship, but if they should still refuse, we are decidedly of opinion with you, that Legal Measures should be adopted to Compel them, and that by referring the matter to arbitration. — As the loss is not due until six months after notice has been given of it, we hope ere then we shall be able to settle with them in the manner we wish; at present they are waiting for Answers to the Queries they have put to the Secretaries of your Insurance Offices, to Mr Gillet & Mr Green, whose answers will of course correspond with the Documents you have transmitted to us. —

We remain with great Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Pondicherry

Madras 18th December 1793

Messrs Coulon White Gosling & Co.

Gentlemen

We have been duly favored with your letters dated the 7th Ultimo and 13th instant we should have long since replied to the former but the person from whom we got the Bill made out of the way having on his return mentioned to him that Mr Pope had refused to accept Mr Atkins Bill on him at 15 days, we got his permission to indulge Mr Pope to accept it payable at 6 weeks, which we thought might better than putting the parties to any Expence, You will therefore be pleased to intimate this much to Mr Pope, and if he thinks proper to accept it payable at that period well and good, if not we request you will return it under protest —

We perceive Mr Atkins has paid the draft on him for Pag.s 500 for which discounting your Commission of Pag.s 5 we shall debit your account in Pag.s 450 — until we have an opportunity of hearing on you. —

We remain with the highest Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Captain White

Commanding the 36. Payment

Fort St Geo. 19. December 1793

Dear Sir

State the Merits of hearing you with the inclosed Note which I forward at the request of the Owner of it, who served me for several Years, hoping that if the demand is just Mr Fleming will be good as to order it to be paid. From what I understand the amount is 30 Pagodas a Sum of same consequence to the Poor man, I am not acquainted with Mr Fleming or I should have done myself the honor of addressing him on this subject & therefore hope you will excuse the freedom —

I am D.r Sir

Your Humb.e Servt

Signed Roebuck

Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esq.re

Madras 19. December 93.

Dear Sir

We have been duly favored with your

Letter

Letter dated the 5th 12th 25th 27th Ultimo — and in Consequence of Mr McKenzie's
letter to Messrs Parker Rashleigh & Co. we received from them Gentlemen Esqr 15th Inst.
being the Balance due by them to Lt McKenzie as per the inclosed
Account Current Signed by them —

We have also delivered Lt McKenzie's
letter to Mr Sharp who has the Credit of being an Honest man, and we
believe that he has done his endeavours to collect the Subscriptions but he
assures us that the Subscribers in General decline paying untill they receive
the Second Vol. of the Annals Mr Sharp assures us he has given due
notice to Mr McKenzie —

We beg leave to inform a Bill for sundries
purchased by Lt McKenzie from the Estate of Edward Maule amounting
to Rs 86.12 — & have to request you will be pleased to receive the amount
and pass it to our Credit —

Mr Jones's Bill on Messrs Hamilton & Gordon
has been accepted, and when received will stand at your Credit, we shall then
transmit to you your Account Current and the Balance that may be due
to you, in the manner you request — The only means we at present
have of Remitting to England is in Government Bills, viz Bengal —

We have applied to Sir Paul Jodrell for the Balance of Mr Peat's
Account Current but instead of Complying with it, he requests to have
Furnished with a particular account of the Law Charges, — as you'll perceive
as with the same we shall repeat our application; — Inclosed you have
a Copy of his answer. — We have according to your request inserted
the Advertisement concerning Lt McKenzie Book to be inserted in the
Courier & Bengal Harkaru —

We remain with great Esteem
Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servants
Signed Parker Rashleigh & Abbott

James Daly Esqre
Secy to the Madras Insurance Co.

20th December 1793.

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us
if your Committee will Insure and at what Rate of Premium all Risks
on Rupees 29,150 on the Ship Eliza from Calcutta to Madras or intermediate
may appear, we have a Letter of the 5th instant mentioned that the wanting
Cash from thence in a few days — Rs 20,000 of this Risk is on the Block &
29,150 Bags of Rice at Rs 5 p Bag including
Freight. — The same note to Mr Thos Share Jung & Mr Thos Redhead Secy to the Insurance Committee

We are Sir
Your Obedient Servants
Parker Rashleigh & Abbott

Bombay 9th Feby 1794 Duplicate Copy not Known. — Letter to Capt Smart

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to say
Sail on the 12th Instant, since which
Lines cross the 4th and shall in
decided instructions

Bombay
Rs 20,000
Rs 29,150

from Malaysia ment
French Privateers, now
Sir your Encouragement, and hope to
have not seen Mr Meadows since this Intelligence has been received. — We
have also received accounts of the Capture of the Morning Star, a large
in her way to Pegue, it seems in short that the Star Season with
Privateers, and nothing to oppose them but the Squadron lately Sailed
with Calcutta for the protection of the Eastern Trade; — There appear
have been Insured Felt by our Insurance Offices, and have Consequently
Limited to Rates the Premiums; — So that they ask from 10 to 15
to Insure each Block and the Cargo of the Eliza from Calcutta Ship
Messrs Lambert Rob & Co have written to us to effect here, as they
decline taking a Risk upon her in Calcutta, and Circumstances
Considered we shall not hesitate to give 10 Cent to cover with Risk
Rs 20,000 on the Block and Rs 29,150 on her Cargo of 5300 Bags
Rice which Messrs L & R. value at Rs 5½ p Bag Freight inclusive
But should we fail in Insuring the whole Sum at that Rate of
Premium we shall inform you by next Dispatch for your
Government. — We remain with great Esteem

Dear Sir
The only Office that could have
Insured the Risk on the Eliza at
10 Cent now declines —

Your Obedient Servants
Signed Parker Rashleigh & Abbott

Turn over to the End of the Remarks

Copy of the Letter
Letters dated the 5, 12 &
Letter to Messrs Pe & Ramsett
being the Balo
Account Curr

Madras 25 December 93.—

We have now the pleasure of inclosing Bills
Letter to for 5 Cases Looking Glasses on the William Anna & Rose
informing that Capt. Neale of the Aurora received from Capt.
of the Hampshire, — Capt. Neale has also transmitted to us
the Account Current Exhibiting your and him Balancing in his favor
S. 317. 8 1/2 for which he has drawn on us; but not having your
Instructions we cannot accept his Draft, particularly as we do
not know whether the account is Correct or not, which however
we have before and await your orders with Respect to the Balance
that appears due by you; — Capt. Neale was to have sailed
for Europe the beginning of this Month. —

Inclosed is a Letter for you from
the Nawab of the Carnatic, this Ship having nearly unloaded
her Cargo will in the Course of a day or two be dispatched
for Calcutta in Conformity with your Instructions to Messrs
Lambert Rop & Co. This will serve for your Government in
making Insurance, as we have Reports of a Number of Privateers
being off the Eastward & in the Bay. —

We remain with Esteem
Sir
Your Obed. Servants
Signed Patchett Abbott

P.S. Intelligence having been received the 23rd Instant of the Arrival of the Duke of Portland at Pondicherry, and Captain Neale having left Madras on the 24th Instant, we have thought it proper to send the Packet by Express to Pondicherry, in order to be forwarded by the Packet to Europe. —

Pondicherry
Capt. C. Samways of the Ship Eliza
Dear Sir

Duty not known.
Letter to Capt. Smart

We have this moment been favored with your Letters dated the 21st & 22d Instants, announcing your safe arrival at Pondicherry, which relieves us from the anxiety we have for some days felt on your Account; — After the Report of your having been off Pulicat in Company with the William Pitt, and your not appearing, the Officers here were not without the Fears on the Eliza; of which we gave due information to Mr Harding on the 21st. but we hope the few lines we shall this day write him announcing your arrival at Pondicherry will be in time to prevent his making any Insurance on the Eliza. —

The Price of Rice is very low here
From 65 to 85 Pagodas, and we were glad to sell the Cuddalore Cargo
this day at 85 Pagodas, the Quality of which we presume is nearly
the same as yours; — we would advise you by all means to sell the
Eliza's Cargo for Pag. 90 or even for Pag. 80 Pagodas rather than bear
up with it to Madras, which you may perform in Three or Four
Days according to Circumstances. — As we are unacquainted with the
Black Merchants of Pondicherry we could recommend you selling
for ready money, though it should be at 2 Pag. Pagodas less than
for Credit at 3 months, but if you do not Know this Practicable. —
Your Request you will make to Messrs. Charles Whitehead & Co
and show them this part of our Letter, and be guided by their advice
as to the Credit of the persons who offer to purchase the Eliza's Cargo, as
well the established Customs of the place in buying & selling. — These
Gentlemen will likewise point you in the way of Remitting the
Proceeds to us, to enable us to make a Remittance to Messrs Lambert
Rop & Co for the amount assured by them on account of the
Eliza's Cargo. — You have herewith a Letter of introduction
to Messrs Charles & Co since remain with Esteem. —

Dear Sir
Your Obed. Servants

Note of the Charges &c
Letters dated the 5.12.:

Madras 24th December 1793.

Letter to Messrs Pre
being the Bal
Account Cur.

Harding Esqre

The inclosed is duplicate of our last respects
letter to you the 21st Instant; - and we have just time to inform you
of our having this instant received advices from Capt Sampayo
of the safe arrival at Pondicherry with the Eliza, we therefore hope
this will be in time to prevent your making Insurance upon
her in Consequence of our last letter. - Capt S says that a strong
Current having in the night set him to the Leward of this Port, he
thought it more prudent to try the Pondicherry Market than
attempt to beat up; - and as he seems to think his Cargo will
sell there for Pags 90 ₹ Garce, we have advised him by all means
to dispose of it, even at Pags 80 ₹ Garce, rather than beat up.
and take the Chance of this Market, where Rice continues still
very low: and we do not see a prospect at present of a Rise soon;
we have therefore thought it most prudent, to dispose of your
Rice and that belonging to the Owners of the Cohatt, the whole of
their Lots at Pags 81 ₹ Garce, and part of yours at that rate and the
rest at Pags 77½ ₹ Garce being of an inferior quality, the whole
payable at 3 Months; and in the Course of a few days we shall
furnish you with Account Sales.

Your letter of the 7th in part to me
hand; - The unfortunate Capture of the Pearl puts an end, to
all the Plans respecting that Vessell; - Capt Robertson will in
a day or two sail for Bombay with a fleet of five Ships
arrived from China, and Mr Macleau shortly for Calcutta. - The
Ships from China are the Travancore the Sarah, the Hero the
Exchange, & the Swan Fanny, Left Canton the 18th September
no particulars news besides Lord Macartneys having been met

with

met with by the Admiral Peking, with the Troops from Canton
Market in China very low
Cotton 9 Tale. -

Pondicherry

Messrs Pre Caudon White Gerbin & Co
Gentlemen,

We have been favord with your
Letter dated 21 assuring us of Mr Pre's having accepted Mr
Dubleins Dft for Pags 150 - payable at 6 months. -

We beg leave to introduce the bearer,
Capt Samways of the Ship Eliza to your Acquaintance, and shall feel
obliged by your affording him your kind advice in the Disposal
of his Cargo; - He being a Stranger at Pondicherry will stand in
particular need of it and which will be an Obligation confer'd on

Gentlemen

Your devoted Servants
Jeqrs / Roebuck Abbott

Major Petrie
arrive

Fort St George 25 Dec: 1793

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to tell you that the Arme people will
make good the Money due to you - I have not yet bought your wine that
Article is very much dear in price but a Supply is daily expected from
Bengal which will reduce it. —

Yours Sincerely
(signd) B: Roebuck

P.S. I have some News papers for you which shall
be sent by a Cooley. —

P.S. We have received your Donation & sent to Ab Narrain to receive
the 500 Pagodas. Yrs BR

Fort St George 28 December 1793.

Major Shiffe

My dear Sir

As we have committed to Comte Shaws Estate no Funds, in Consequence received his last Donation, which he obliges us now for the presence of this offers this Last Donation, or any thing you may have in your hands belonging to this Estate.

I am

My dear Sir

very Sincerely Yours

Signed B Raebuck

C. Smith Esqre

2d January 1794

Dear Sir

I should have replied sooner to yours, Letter dated the 11th Ultimo, but Business prevented me. — You seem to be under a mistake with respect to Bonds, it is to all intents and purposes Cash, and we beg to

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

January 1794.

Dear Sir

We have pleasure of informing you of the safe arrival of the Eliza at Pondicherry where Capt. Simmons was only offered Pags 62 ₹ Garce, which induced him to come to this Place, and we trust we shall be able to dispose of the Cargo for about Pags 80 ₹ Garce. — We sincerely hope the early intimation we gave you of the arrival of this Ship at Pondicherry may have saved the Insurance ashore. —

In order to send you Account Sales of your Rice, as well as of that belonging to the Owners of

28 January 1793

of the Crokatte lately sold by us, We are now to the Merchants, who are very desirous that Ship has been unexpected for some days, we have kept her here for the benefit of sailing in a Convoy of the General Coote Indiaman Particularly as the Season a few days will make no difference in her Voyage to the Cape

We are in daily expectation of the Confirmation of the News you have lately sent us, received by Genoa from Spain, — and we sincerely hope that the Antelope will welcome tydings of Peace. — Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, and many happy returns,

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sirs

Your obedient Servants

Signed Raebuck Abbott

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co.

Madras 6th January 1794

Gentlemen

We now beg leave to reply to your favors dated the 2d 5th 19th Ultos.

The Crokatte has been unloaded since the 24th Ulto but as reports of Privateers to the Eastward have lately prevailed here, we thought it most prudent to keep her here and put her under the Convoy of the General Coote. This Ship with several others will get underway in the course of this evening or tomorrow Morning.

We received from the Crokatte 3382 full Bags of Rice, by which there appears a wastage of nearly 3½ p Cent, very great, considering that all the Cargo was in Double Bags. — Seeing no Prospect of a Rise in the Markets here we have thought proper to dispose of this Cargo at Cash Rupees payable at 3 Months if it is now delivering. — Having also applied to our Government for a Certificate, we shall forward it to you in the course of tomorrow or the next day if Possible on Account of the Owners of this Ship; from whom we have had no Later Instructions concerning the future destination of this Ship than what your last sent us. —

We could not get any Insurance effected on the Eliza, in consequence of the Offices having received information on the 25th that the preceding day she was off Pulicat, and thereon naturally conjectured that she must

have

Major Shelly

My dear Sir

We failed not to give this information to Mr. overnment and two days after intimated to him her destiny, which we hope will reach him in time to ving the Premium of Insurance on her. — The current Estate we have, the Eliza to the Southward of this Port, Capt.n Samways now Jn the Roper to put into Pondichery to try the Markets there, but have in the only Pags. 62 pr Garce offered for his Cargo he sails from place and arrived here two days ago. — Our Market will we ju afford him about the same price as what we got for the Cochatta Cargo. — & the Moment we dispose of it, we shall make You a Remittance on account of the Owners conformably with your request. — She will be unloaded and sail for your place in the course of ten days, we hope. —

We remain with real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 7. January 1794

Pondichery

Mess.rs Dr Coulon White Geslin & Co.

Gentlemen

We have been favord with your letter dated the 27th and are very sensible of your kind intention towards Captain Samways in consequence of our Recommendation; — he is since arrived here, and is likely to dispose of his Cargo, on more advantageous terms than what your Market could affords. —

We beg leave to inclose a Bill on Mr Charles Gelsing for Pagodas 500 — drawn by Mr James Dobbin infavor of Mr W. Abbott at 21 Days Sight, which being indorsed payable to your order, we request you will receive the amount thereof the Same at our Credit. —

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta 28 January 1794

Mess.rs Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen,

The foregoing is Duplicate of our Ole. [illegible] Ship Eliza

We now beg leave to inclose Government Certificate No. 201. for Pagodas [illegible] bearing Interest at 6 p.C. p.annum from the 6.th Instant. It being Copper the Lawful, we have indorsed it payable to your Order, & have to request of amount produce, when received, to the Credit of the Owners of the Ship Eliza Eliza has nearly delivered all her Cargo, but as yet we have not been dispose of it, in consequence of our Market continuing very low, which nerally Creates a want of animation in the Purchasers, — We shall never make you a Remittance on account of the Owners of this Ship in the Course of a few days; —

We remain with Real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Servants —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 10.th January 1794

Calcutta

Edw.d Shaw Esq.r

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you fully on the 19.th Ultimo, and have since been favored with your Letter Dated the 16.th accompanying a Note of Land of Mr. Campbell for Sicca Rupees [illegible] the amount of which being received, you will find it Stands to your Credit in your Account [illegible] with us to this day. We inclose, to Balance which we now to account you a Government Certificate No. 232. for Pagodas 1751. 26. at the Exch.e of 208 C.R. p.C Pagodas bearing Interest at the rate of 6 p.C. p.annum from the 6.th inst. for which having paid into the Treasury Our Premium of 2 1/4 p.C. being Pagodas 39. 16. you are Debited for the total in Pags. 1791. and if on examination you find this account Jus from Errors we request you will keep in Conformity with us. — You will perceive that we have taken the Liberty of debiting your Pagodas 36. 12. for amount of Sundries purchased by a Pall Mackenzie from the Estate of Col. Estaunte, we did so taking for granted that you would find no difficulty in receiving this Same by virtue of the Bill signed by the Administrators, inclosed to you in our last respects, but should there be any demur it Shall be refunded to your Credit —

There are no Private Bills on your Place at this moment procurable at a better Exchange than Md. 345. p 100 Pagoda. The one we now send you the Cash affords a much better Exchange —

We remain with Esteem —

Dear Sir Your Obed.t Servants —

signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 13 January 1794.—

Major Shelly &c

My dear Sir Compliments to Mrs Johnston;— I am perfectly agreeable to a settlement of accounts with the Proprietors Estate we have against them a certain Sum, and they owe his Brother now for the hire against them a certain Sum; after deducting which, should there be Balance in favor of the Proprietors he will instantly pay it.—

Madras 13 January 1794

Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co

Calcutta

Gentlemen

We having been favord with a reply to our Letter dated 9 September of which the foregoing is Duplicate, we beg leave to draw your attention to the last Paragraph of that Letter, and request you will enable us to write decisively to Mr Cherry on the Subject of it.— We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

your obedient Servants

(Signed) Parbuck & Abbott

Wm Michell Esq

Dear Sir

In consequence of your Obliging Offer I settle with you with two Packets which I shall esteem myself Obliged by your putting in the Post Office after you land in England I had a conversation with Sir Charles Oakeley relative to the Francona Accounts when I delivered him in a Letter accompanied by yours & have no doubt from the Tenor of it but I shall receive Orders from him immediately to write off the Sum to Military Charges. I wish you a pleasant Voyage & am

Dear Sir

Your very truly

(signed) B. Roebuck

Fort St George

15 Janry 1794

Madras 17th January.

Pondicherry

Messrs De Coulon White Gosden & Co

Gentlemen I have the pleasure of inclosing two Letters to your agent receive this moment from my friend Monsieur Courbon, by an American Ship arrived from the Islands, and remain with Respect

Gentlemen your Obed Servt

(Signed) W. Abbott

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quantity in
Pondy's the
Capt Reid
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James Daly Esqre

Madras 18th January 1794

Sir

We regret our inability to please
Pale of Premium owes office yesterday, but
in the course of a day or two for Cash
the same with.— We are Sir

Your Obed Servts

Thomas Stephens Esqre
Thomas Chase Esqre

Calcutta

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Messrs Lambert Roys & Co

Gentlemen

Since we delivered to you by
of the Eliza from whom we have received 9787 Sp. Rs
of the owners of the Eliza, Capt Lamsay sold 600 Bags
remainder he informs us was shipped for the use
we received with
in different Bags in the presence of Capt Lamsay and Mr Mac
a Sum of Bhan mixed with Sand was separated from the Rice
11 Sp. Rs from each Bag, which is rather more than 2 Cwt
was likewise to affect considerably; what is usually found in
For the benefit of the owner we thought proper to receive it
Sworn to by Capt Lamsay and one of our People who attended
of the Examination, a Copy of which we shall have the honor
you hereafter, notwithstanding Capt Lamsay carry'd one with him,
we shall write more fully to you by the Merchants you have
Rice, the amount for any Extra Measure that may appear to have
sold to you for Rice, a bag of the mixture sealed we have the
of sending by the Eliza for your and their Satisfaction.
Cheps Cargo if such from the unusual quantity of dust that is
with it, at which rate we shall close as we see no prospect of a
Market raising,— we could have sold 4 or 500 Bags at Pags 82
we thought it must disadvantageous for the concern to dispose the whole
Pags 81. have retain'd it at one Pagoda more.—

We have applied to Government for a Cer
for Pags 6000, which shall be remitted to you on account of the own
of the Eliza the moment we receive it.— We remain with
Gentlemen your Obed Servts

Madras 18th January 1793.

Major Shiels &c.

My dear Sir

We have been favoured with your letter dated the 25th Ultimo on the Subject of the Capture of the Pearl, owing to Mr. Estate not having left us entirely satisfied however to find that you were not on board the Ship — we are happy however to find that you were not taken Prisoner — Captain Robertson took his Passage home

on board Flat and will most likely be with you before you receive this; — Mr. Maclean, to whom we have at different times advanced 300 on your account, will sail this Evening on the Eliza for Batavia; — Capt.n Jamieson sold 600 Bags of the Cargo of this Ship 82 Pagodas, deliverable on Board for the benefit of Exportation, we thought proper to dispose of the Rest at Pag.s 81 Pagodas per Candy this prospect of a Rice in our Market, but finding this Price very much above Moogy Rice in general the Merchants upon an allowance being made to them for the additional quantity of which has us to examine fifty Bags indifferently Chosen, before Jamieson & Mr. Maclean, and having found the Brown & Sand that we separate from the Rice to average 11¼ Pagodas about 7 ¾ Cent thought it incumbent on us to cause it under proper Oaths by Capt.n Jamieson, and one of our people that attended the whole of the examination, which we have transmitted to Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.s of cause to enable them to recover from the Merchants from whom the Rice was purchased for the Bad quantity of Dust. —

As our offices require a very high Premium for Bills on Bengal for want of the usual Supply from the Ports in consequence of the news from the French Islands of Europe Exchange here inclines against us, Capt.n Jamieson did not deem it prudent to draw for more than Rs. 20000 on account of the Eliza, this Sum will be remitted; Let this therefore serve for your Government. —

Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co. having applied to us for Remittance on account of the owners of the Eliza we have written for a Government Certificate for Pag.s 6000 which will be transmitted when the amount is received. — Remittances by private Bills are at present very scarce and at Rs. 340 to 345 Pagodas Pay. —

Our Merchants are not sufficiently enterprizing to contract for 4 to 500 Bales of Cotton, as the Consumption of the Coast being small

I am

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Rachael Abbott

Madras 25th January 1793

Captain Reid

Dear Sir

Since we wrote you the 18th Instant on its Sailing, but by retail you have no Candy Pagodas, the price is as per Invoice from Page 27 to 28 of Sales.

Be kind enough to deliver the Cotton to Capt.n Reid & Sublime as very Sincerely. — Dear Sir

in a few days you shall be furnished with — Your obedient Servants

Sale the Acct. Sales. — (Signed) Rachael Abbott

Bombay

Captain John Reid

Dear Sir

We have been favoured with your letter — dated the 25 Ultimo and are happy to find that your health was recovering. —

From the tenor of your Protest we really do not think that the Shippers can come upon you; — for Reasoning that it was your intention to go to the Andamans, it was their business to protest, and hold you answerable for the Consequences; Their not having done this, in our humble opinion implies that they were willing to find their Goods on the Hampshire though she should touch at the Andamans; — Your having afterwards proceeded to Pulo Penang appears by your Protest to have been for the Preservation of the Cargo and of Course of the Ship, but to all this it is our opinion you should get the Affidavits of your Officers. —

Capt.n Jones of the Hercules is the only one of our Knowledge that shipped property on Board the Hampshire, and being at Madras at present we shall show your protest to him and endeavour to find out who the other shippers are and show it to them also. —

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Rachael Abbott

Fort Saint George 21. January 1794

Major Shee

My dear Sir

I am obliged to you for your good offices with
I know not who it is to succeed such I imagine the nearest
to late mean, we have received the 600 Pagodas & give you
Credit for the Sum of Estate on the 5th pris Marriam the Sum of 500 Pagodas as you desired taking
receipt for the same. —

I imagine the buildings will soon begin
but the Chief Engineer will hammer first Verb Arma, I shall speak
to him on the Subject of your letter as far as it relates to Quarters
we shall get your a Copy of mine & shall it off immediately along with the
Roads papers. If you come to the mount we shall expect to see you one day at
least. —

Yours My dear Sir
Sincerely Yours
Signed / B. Roebuck

Madras 21st January 1794.

Sir Paul Joddrell

Sir

In Compliance with the request contained
in your Letter of the 12 Ultimo we applied to Mr. Edward Shaw of Calcutta
attorney to Mr Samuel Peat for the particulars of the Law Charges &
having received them we have taken the liberty of inclosing them in three Bills
Calcutta as follows.

1 Bill Sicca - for Paul Jodrell Knight - Mr Charles Bruce and Thos
Mead. Cost Sa Rs. 461 —
1 Bill Sicca - for Paul Jodrell Knt. Mr Edmd Morris & Jo Barbutt
Kerrington for Sa Rs. 302: 4:
1 Sir Paul Jodrell to Samuel Peat for Sa Rs. 3048. 12. and have
to request your Request that you will be pleased to discharge the Balance of the
Account Current herewith by your Bill of Exchange being Sa Rs. 1312 — that we may
transmit the amount to Mr Edward Shaw of Calcutta. —

We are Sir
Your obedient Servants
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 21st January 1794

To Earnest William Fallowfield Esqre

Pursuant to a Minute of the Board of Trade.

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to represent that having sold the
Copper which we purchased of the Honble Company to Calcutta the duties
of that Place pro tem demanded from us, when we purchased the Copper it
was the faith that No duties would be exacted from us on shipping it from
this Port for any of the Honble Company's Settlements, having also been
informed that no duties were demanded on the Copper purchased at their Sales
& it was on this account that we were enabled to give a higher price
than the Honble Company could otherwise have procured for their Copper
we therefore hope you will be pleased to furnish us with such a
Certificate as will enable us to have our Copper at Calcutta exempt
from duties. —

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen Your obedient Servants
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 22d January 1794.

Calcutta
Messrs Lambert

Gentlemen

I annex a Duplicate of our respects of
yesterday by the Dr Byrnes Major Petrie for
inclosing, in Dr Major Petrie's Bill on the Exchange Rs 19.12 We now take the liberty of
our Agent to request the Favour of Relation Rs 1. mentioned in our last, one of which
we have to request Cash enough to deliver to Capt Hamilton
Rs 1961 — as he pa Cash wishes to have one. — We hope he will be a
Page. Finding the Reports we have this day received from your
Class of a Brigto and some Privateers being in your Roads. The
Rs 20,000 on the Block is uninsured, our Office not being willing to
take near Risk since the late accounts from the Mauritius, Capt Hamilton
does not think worth while, at this Season of the Year to cover the Sea Risk

We have now the pleasure of inclosing a Government
Certificate No 207 for Sicca Rs 6000 dated the 16 Instant payable to our
order which we have signed to yourself and have to request you will

Pondicherry

Madras 25th January

To

Messrs Pre Coulon White Geslin & Co

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for one thousand two hundred & eighty seven Star Pagodas in favor of W. Humphrey & Sharon, at three days sight which we request you will be pleased to honor at Maturity. We are

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Pasbuck Abbott

Pondicherry

Madras 25th January 1794

Messrs Pre Coulon White Geslin & Co

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the liberty to draw on you for Pags 1287.- payable at 3 days sight to the order of W. Sharon, which being for amount of Mr Dobbens Bills transmitted to you at different times, discharging your Commission of 1% we hope you will honor at maturity. —

Our Mr William Abbott has been favored with your Letter dated the 25th Inst but notwithstanding the enquiries he has made he does not find that any more Letters have been received for you from the Mauritius than those he has the honor of forwarding to you, which he requests Cause of a Letter from our friend Messrs Coulon.

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Pasbuck Abbott

Major Pierce

Tanks Georges 30 January 1794

My dear Sir

I send you a Pipe of wine which I hope you will find Prime 130 Pagodas, & also some Packets of Papers in No 1 which we have paid here 4 Pags Cash here, You are to pay two Pags more at Arrival at the Safe delivery of the Wine. —

Sincerely Yours

(Signed) B Pasbuck

Pondicherry

Villapelly

Robert Abbott Esqre

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Pasbuck Abbott

N. S. C. 24 Janry 94.

Dear Robert

I have received your Satisfactory Letter of the 16 Janry 1794 I hope that your expectations will be realised if they have really 900 Cawnies Saw, if Paw as it ought to be, I have no doubt but that you will be agreably surprised as that your Journey will not only Save and advantageous to us both in the end Credetable & beneficial to yourself I must again repeat to you that your own personal exertions will be greatly requisite & I hope to have Satisfactory Accounts from your own ocular Inspection for as I have hitherto said on them I depend and not on the Reports I get from others I know what quantity of Indigo raw should have from 900 Cawnies & I can tell from the Produce whether or not you have been deceived either by your own inspection or by the Representations of others — I must again entreat you to set down & write to me at least once every week. —

When are those Taxes & Cists to be made? & are Current to make them known & Reasons It is Required that you must the Agreements from the Inhabitants to furnish us with Indigo from our Farms for 5 Years from the time the Cists & Taxes are made which they will readily do. I wish you to set sincerely to work upon the Business and to send me a Copy of your first Agreements that nothing be doing Barefoot as it ought to be done. —

I wish you would ask whether the Locusts or Worms ever destroys the Indigo & how they kill it — I expect a speedy Reply to this Rem of yours Sincerely (Signed) Pasbuck.

William is very unto & his two Brothers love very much, received of late or you would have heard from him I am glad you have got a Tent. —

(Signed) W. Abbott

Calcutta

Chas. Rothman Esqre

Sir

At the request of Capt. J. Fergusson of the General Elliot, we now take the liberty of inclosing a Government Certificate No 229 dated the 29th Ultimo for Rupees 3063: 18: 33, bearing Interest at 6 P Cent Annum, which being made out in our Names we have endorsed to your order, and we to request you will account with Capt. Fergusson for the same, as well as for Rupees 68: 33: 35 being for 2½ P Cent Premium exacted by our Government on all Similar Certificates, & Rupees 15: 26: 12 for our 2½ P Cent Commission on the Remittance, together making the Sum of Rupees 3148.— Paid inter our Hands by Capt. Fergusson.— Ever happy to execute your Commands We remain with Respect.

Sir

Your most Obedient and humble Servants

Signed Rachuch & Abbott

Nellapelly

1: February 1794.

Robt. Abbott Esqre

My dear Robert

I am just favoured with yours of the last month & thought that long before this you had been your Records indeed as that has not been the Case you might almost as well have been at Madras you have made no exertion whatever had I been in your place I would at any rate have been twice round the Country by this

To receive your last letter is a compleat disappointment I had only

If a Man of your time of life requiring exertion in a few days for three Months do make up for that inactivity by some Considerable exertion, I really blush for you when I think of it.—

Abbott will speak to Parry & write to you shortly.—

Sincerely Yours

Signed B. Rachuch

Signed W. Abbott

Madras 3rd Feb. 1794

Calcutta

Madras 4. February 1794

Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen

Having received a Letter from the Owners of the Crochatt Containing directions for her future destination, we lose not a moment in transmitting you a Copy here annexed, in the hopes that it will be in time before the Dispatch of that Ship so as to enable you to act Conformably with the orders of the Owners.—

We have to request you will be pleased to deliver the Inclosed Letters to Capt. Slater & the Nacoda of the Crochatt & believe us with much Esteem.

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Rachuch & Abbott

C. Smith Esqre

4 February 1794.

Sir

We send by the bearer your Bond dated 9 September 93. Hope it will be Convenient, you to discharge the Balance due on it.— We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Rachuch & Abbott

Nellapelly

Madras 5th February 1794.

Robert Abbott Esq.

My dear Robert

I duely receive your Letter dated the 25 Ult. but that of the 3 of the preceding month has never reached me;—

I have spoken to Parry on the Subject of the Examining Ships, and he requests of me to assure you that he will only sign in your favor according to his promise but from what I could collect from him, it strikes me that the Emoluments of that Office are much less considerable than the Idea you seem to entertain of them.—

Rachuch has written to you constantly, and things

observe that your Workmen have by no means kept pace with our Expectations from you; — As the Season was fine, you might I think have made excursions into the Country for two or three days at a time even without a Tent rather than stay inactive for three Months at Nellypilla; — The Choultries about the Country would have afforded you sufficient Shelter from the weather; — Had you done so the object for which you went to the Northward would have been see this nearly accomplished, whereas I dont see any thing has as yet been done; — I am afraid you have been lulled into inactivity by the Assurances that Blaiky has given you that every thing is going on well, and it is their Interest to do so in order to keep from You Circumstances that we wish to be acquainted with; — If we had thought these assurances sufficient it would have been unnecessary to have sent you to ascertain them; — Do My Dear Robert rouse yourself a Little and make up for the last time by exertions that may do credit to yourself, and benefit the Concern which will ultimately benefit You. —

The Woodcock arrived here with the other Indiamen on the 26th but I have not yet seen Peter, business requiring his presence on Board; — They will be dispatched on the 28th so that You will just have time to write to your Mother —

Adieu Believe me ever affectionately Yours

(Signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 8th February 1794

Pondicherry

Messrs P. Coulon White Geslin & Co

Gentlemen

In consequence of your Favr dated the 2d Instant we sent for Mr Pepin who assures us that it was his intention to have returned to Pondicherry before the Bills for Pags 150 became due, but indisposition has detained him here; he however intends setting off in a day or two and promises on his arrival to take up the Bills with Interest

We remain with Respect

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Joseph Greenhill Esqr

Madras 8th Feb 1794

Dear Greenhills

I do not doubt but that there is a Govt order authorizing your charge for Gunny bags that I never made use of, or you would not have made the charge, but as it will appear a very inconsistent one to our Constituent, I cannot think of paying it without first seeing the Govt order authorizing the charge. Yours &c Wm Abbott

Bombay

Madras 9th Feb 1794

Joseph Harding Esqr

Dear Sir

Before I received your favr of the 22d Inst. I had wrote to my Brother, & wish him to stay in the Country if he can with propriety do it, he will no doubt communicate with you on the subject —

I shall be happy of his being concerned with you in the Ships & will most willingly advance for him the 1/5 or even 2/5 if you & he prefer it, by his having a share of 2 two fifths, he will be more deeply interested in the success of the Concern, & it may be more an object to him, & 3/5 will probably be the same to you as more.

Our House will reply to the remainder of your letter as soon as possible, you may depend upon our exertions to recover the Hon. Co's, if possible without a Lawsuit, but I cannot say I am sanguine as to my hopes — Yrs (Signed) B. Roebuck —

Joseph Greenhill Esqr

Madras 9th Feby 1794

Dear Greenhill

I have perused the Letter from the Board of Revenue with attention, which however does not convince me that I am to pay for Gunnies I never used. — My Rice was shipped on the Donies in Bengal in Bags which the Srangs for their Convenience stitched but on their arrival here they sewed the same in my own Bags in the Manner they received it on Board

Yours Truly

(Signed) Wm Abbott

Calcutt

James Radley Esqr.

Madras 8th Feby 1794

My dear Sir

I am extremely sorry to find by your letter dated the 26th Decr. that I am not to have the pleasure of seeing you here this Season, but I shall certainly expect the Visit ere this year is over. —

The Ship Barrow Capt. Simpson being about to sail for Bombay, I embrace the opportunity of sending by her a parcell directed to you, contents as p. Indorsd list, being the Commission you requested of me to Execute for Capt. Mackinzie of his Majesty's 75 Regiment, consisting of Long Cloth, Palampores & Handkerchiefs, the amount cost of which in Pagodas 96.. 34.. 80 he pleases to receive from him and Account Sale to Mr. Kemp — to whose debt the same being posted on your account I trust these Goods will prove such as Capt. M. wished to have. —

We are in hourly expectation of receiving late news from England by the Antilope via Bombay; which I sincerely hope will be the tidings of peace, in that event I shall expect the pleasure of your Company immediately. —

I ever remain with attachment

My dear Sir

Your faithful & devoted Servt.

(signd) Wm. Abbott

I pray remember me kindly to Browne and assure him that I shall forward all his Letters with the utmost care

Madras 8th February 1794.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

We have been favord with your letter dated the 22d Ultimo, and beg leave to refer you to our Mr Benjamin Radley, who has written to you, — the needful respecting your proposal of a Concern with Mr. E Rebuck in a Ship

We feel Concerned in saying that we are apprehensive the loss on the Hannah must ultimately be settled by a Prosecution; — In a Conversation that we had the other day with Mr. Rebuck on the Subject of Insurance offices, we understood that the Insurers they had obtained from Calcutta, wanted to induce them to withhold payment unless compelled to it by Law or Arbitrators, — Having informed him that our orders were to prosecute in Case the offices refused payment of the loss, He said "so much the better, for the Law will certainly give it in favor of the Insurers," — We are however, are understand to be furnished with their Reasons for refusing payment, which with the documents we have received from Messrs Lambert Ross & Co. shall be forwarded to you, you will then have the Subject properly before you, and the Orders that you may give us thereon shall be strictly adhered to; — The informations furnished us by Messrs. D M & Co. is in our opinion much in favor of the assured. —

Inclosed you have Account Sales of 1703 Bags of Rice Landed from the Hannah and received by the Anna & Eliza for your account as also Account Sales of 5461 Bags received by the Eliza, The nett proceeds of the former is Rs. 2078:— and the latter is Pags. 7137:11½ — are passed to your Credit, which if on Examination are found free from Errors we request you will pass in Conformity with us. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(signd) Radley & Abbott

P.S. after perusal we request you will be pleased to deliver the inclosed to Weswanath Rhimjee & Co. it accompanys the account Sales of the Prohabbs last Cargo. — The price of grain is fallen since our last Sales, Rice is now from Pags. 60 to 75 P Garce — (signd) R & A —

Madras 8 February 1794.

Bombay

Messrs Weswanath Tookumjee & Co.

Gentlemen

We have been duely favoured with

Your

your letter in duplicate dated the 18 Instant; and at the Cokatta sails from hence for Calcutta with the 8th of last month, we forwarded a Copy of your orders respecting the future destination of that Ship: to Messrs Lambert Rose & Co, which we hope will reach them in time to enable them to dispatch her conformable to your Instructions. — We have the pleasure of inclosing Account Sales of 3457 Bags of Rice, being the last Cargo the Cokatta brought, the Nett Proceeds of which in Pags 5478 — are passed to your Credit, and should it on Examination be found you have overdrawn we request you will pass it in Conformity with us. —

Grain is fallen in price here since our Sales of the Cokatta Cargo, Rice of the same quality wanted now Sells for about Pags 7/5 ₱ Garce. —

On the 10th of last month we remitted Pags 6000 to Messrs Lambert Rose & Co on your account which with we imply sufficient for the Purchase of the Cokatta next Cargo. —

Always disposed to execute your Commands We remain with Esteem — Gentlemen Your Obedient Servants

/ Signed / Rackett Mbott

Fort St. George 8th February.

Tanjore

Captain W. Maxwell

My dear Maxwell I have to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 28 ultimo Covering a draft on Twiaks Jervis & Brodie for Pagodas 2703:16:5 which we have received & this at your Credit I have also settled with Colt for the amounts due to Major Campbell & Major Balfour as you desired & he is to send on Monday for the Cash. —

Farrow is no better I go if the Remittance Mean I can be let enter more as Messrs Harrop & Shewen are embarrassed, I shall by hesitate about the Transaction, will make the Enquiry & let you know. — yours Sincerely

/ Signed / Rackett

Seconded 11 Novr

Cuddalore

John Kinnworthy Esquire

Fort St. George 10th

Dear Kinnworthy — As the Ship sails shortly last I must write to Turing & remind him what money of his we have Received I mean you would speak to him in Cash to be enabled to transmit him the amount of your debt by his letters he expects that it is paid & I hope you will be able to let us have it without any inconvenience. —

I am Dear Kinnworthy

Yours

Calcutta

W Fairlie Esqre

Sincerely Yours

/ Signed / B. Rackett

Fort St George 10th February 9[8]

My dear Sir — Mr Mitchell delivered me your letter last Saying with me until he is equipped & departs for Trichinopoly which I imagine will be about the end of the Month I read him as much of your letter as related to a System of Economy which he seems to shew a desire of observing but I am afraid after he is Set on his Legs he will never be able even to exist on Ensigns allowance as their Cadet — I have not however given him the least hint this effect.

The Mar written out a List of whatever is Necessary for his equipment this Months, and in Consequence preparing for him. —

Write you so often me again troubling you upon Sir A Hamilton's Business with Mr Parry & requesting the favor of you either to bring it to a Conclusion by Arbitration, or to Commence a Law Process for the Recovery of his demand I shall be much obliged by your Communication on this Subject. —

I am My dear Sir

Sincerely Yours

Signed Ben. Rackett

Sir

List of a Box directed to Sir John Call Baronet in his absence to Messrs Pybus Sir John Call & Co. Bankers Bond Street London Containing 4 Parcels Belonging to Paul Benfield Esqr by favour of Oliver Nott Esquire

N° 1	Duplicate Journal & Ledger N° 18 from 1st January to 31st March 1793	
2	Original Journal & Ledger N° 19 from 1st April to 30th June 1793	
3	Original Journal & Ledger N° 20 from 1st July to 30th September 1793	
4	Original Journal & Ledger N° 21 from 1st October to 31st December 1793	

Fort St George

E. Samuel Esqre

Fort St George 10th February

Sir

I have the honor to address you as one of the Proprietors of the Madras Press on the Subject of a Balance of account which I hold in my hands in Consequence of having acted on a former occasion as their Agent. — There is also a Balance due by them to Mr Henry Abbott of Calcutta who must be paid from what is in my hands he having acted under a Power from me, which previous I Should with his agent with the Proprietors if I knew who they were & in any person authorised for that Purpose. Mrs Johnston has indeed applied to me for the amount in my hands but I am credibly informed that she is not a Proprietor nor has any share whatever in the Press — I am to Request that Some one will relieve me from Responsibility on this account and I protest against the Conduct of the proprietors for obliging me to Detain the money in my possession as well as withholding that Sum due by them to Mr Henry Abbott whose attorney I am, and unless they will come to a Settlement on or before the 1st Instant I hereby give notice that I shall pay the Balance due to Mr Henry Abbott from the Sum in my hands, should there then remain a Balance due to the proprietors I shall pay the same to the Mayor's Court to be at the disposal of the proprietors that may by Law be authorised to receive it. —

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Abbott

Recd 11 March

London

Fort St George 13th February 1793

To William Petrie Esqre

Sir,

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for Two thousand three hundred & Sixty Pounds Sterling in favour of Paul Benfield Esqre at Twelve months Sight which, We request you will honor at Maturity. We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

London

Madras 14th February 1793

Mrs Mary Turing

Dear Madam

We have lately duely Saved with your letter dated the 10th June last, and its contents; but are sorry it is not in our powers to flatter you with the hopes of recovering any part of the Bills drawn by the late Mr Mace, that you have sent to us under Protest; — We understand there is not any thing forthcoming from his Estate, as our agent in Calcutta is nevertheless instructed to lay in your claim, that you may be upon a footing with the rest of his Creditors of the same description. —

It is with pleasure we now inclose an order from Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co to David Scott & Co of London to pay the amount of their Bill in your favour dated the 16 March 1793 for £69:2:4¾ provided it has not already been presented & honored; — Those Bills were sent by Fairlie Reid & Co to Mr Henderskey, and they must have fallen into the hands of Messrs Forbes Rickards & Co as attorneys to work. — But as those Gentlemen could give us no account whatever on the subject of said Bills, we applied to Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co and have at last obtained in duplicate the order which we now inclose. —

We remain with the highest Respect

Dear Madam

Your Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

For which we shall Credit you at 8/ 70 Pagoda Pay.s 5900.— and trust you will honor our Dft. at Sight.— We have however requested of Mr Benfield, in Case you of your having left England for this Country, not to present this Bill to your attorneys, lest it should Cause any inconvenience to the Arrangements you will have made before quitting England.—

We remain with Regard & Respect

Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

Since closing the accompanying Account Current, we have only paid a few small / Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott
Sums on your Account. pay.d W.s.—

Madras 15.th February 1794.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.re

Dear Sir

We wrote to you very fully on the 8.th Inst.t— as did also our Mr B. Roebuck on the Subject of your proposal Respecting Mr E. Roebuck. We have since been favord with yours Letter dated the 25. and a Couple of lines under date the 29.th Ult.o inclosing a Letter for Mr Dunkley which we have forwarded.—

Rice can be had from Pag.s 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 per 13 Mds Candy, and if you would wish to purchase the Quantity you mention, Give us timely notice that we may secure it quietly without raising the Market Price,— There is Little or no Copper in the Market, nor did there Seem to be any demand for that article.—

We remain, with real Esteem,

Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

James Call Esq.re / Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 15 February 1794.

Dear Sir

Your Brothers Business Seems still to be in State Quo although I have twice urged Popham before you, you have done the same although he has long had the necessary Papers with him, I am under therefore to Represent your Brother Thinking that we have neglected a Business about which he Seemed to be very urgent & that you have been backward about which he Shewed the greatest Readiness to Comply with, let me request of you to let Him have the Papers & I will observe for the Business being Conducted in time for this dispatch.—

Your Sincere

Dindigul / Signed/ B. Roebuck

Major Frazer. 16.th February 1794

My dear Frazer

I cannot fully answer your letter until tomorrow when I will procure the necessary information, I think the best way is to make the Estimate for Country timber instead of Teak, you Can Make that it will answer as well & be more oeconomical.—

Your Sincerely

/ Signed/ B. Roebuck

Inclose you the Tanjore Estimate we are all in a hurry with this dispatch.—

Madras 19.th February 1794

London

Sir John Call Baronet

In his absence

To Messrs Paynes Call & Co

Dear Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of our last Respects. and we have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favours dated the 7.th 18 & 26.th June last,— We lost no time in applying to your Brother for the Security you so justly require on an Encrease of Salary for a Debt of his that you have made yourself Responsible for, and he readily agreed to our proposal of putting his Bonds in Trust for the purpose of Indemnifying the Sums you may have paid, or engaged to pay on his Account, but being partial behind hand, Lawyer Mr Popham be-ing press'd his wish to have him employed in Drawing the Deeds, and though we have repeatedly urged the inconvenience attending the delay on the part of Mr Popham, the Deeds are not yet Executed;— We only have known persons that they shall be executed this Day, it shall not be for want of Exertion, on our part if they are not, and if we are lucky

enough

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Enough to succeed, you shall have a Copy of the Deed here inclosed; — and when you may rely on our occasions that we shall consider your Interest our own, and act for you to the best of our Judgment, and as we receive payments on your account their amount shall be regularly remitted to you. — We sincerely hope that some arrangement of the kind you mention, may be made for the Creditors, but confess we are not very sanguine in our expectations; — A General belief however that an advantageous arrangement will be made for this Debt, has we verily believe been the principal cause of lowering the Discount on it; — It is at present Nominally at from 5 to 7 ℔ Cent, but we have not heard of any having been sold at those Rates since our last. —

We have applied for a Government Certificate on Bengal for the Purpose of making a Remittance to the Agents of the Creditors at home of the Balance in our hands of the Stoppages made by the Regiments and the Dividends of Interest; Whenever as the Subscriptions has been confined to a very few, we think it would be expedient to Consult those few in the appropriation of the amount of their Subscriptions Messrs Benfield, Taylor, Calle, Maudsley & Kirkpatrick are the principal and almost the only Subscribers to that Fund, a particular List of them is here inclosed. —

The Premium on Government 6 ℔ Ct. Certificates still continue at 2¼ ℔ Ct. Premium, and subject to Loss that almost any Sum of money can be borrowed at from 6 to 8 ℔ Cent Bottomry Interest money is very scarce in Bengal, where 12 ℔ Cent is the current Interest, and their 6 ℔ Ct. Certificates are at from 4 to 6 ℔ Ct. Discount.

Mr Chas Colt who has kindly offered to take charge of this Packet has also the Care of a Box directed to you, containing four Parcels of Papers tied round & Sealed, belonging to Mr Benfield which with the Inclosed Packet for him we have to request you will be kind enough to have delivered to him without delay.

For Politics, and depredations Committed by French Privateers we refer you to our Mr Rochuck remains with Sentiments of Real Esteem. —

We are Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servants
Rochuck & Abbott

We are sorry we cannot transmit you a Copy of the Deed, notwithstanding Parliament prorogued to the 16th Instant, you will observe by a Clause from our Attorney at Law Mr Hall, that the Paper being drawn up very Lengthy cannot be executed so as to proceed by the present dispatch; which you may rely on it, soon that we have got it duly executed & a perfected deed of the Subscriptions by the Creditors at large we not wasting by the Ordinary Conveyance but by next opportunity will be sent. —

London
Fort St. George 19th February 1795

Sir Alexander Hamilton

My dear Sir

I am sorry I have it not in my power to say any thing satisfactory relative to the appointment of your Claim on Mr Pawney, I have written Mr Fairlie in the strongest terms pressing him to conclude the matter by arbitration, as to commence the Suit. I have given him every information on the Subject I could procure here & am daily in expectation of the Steps he has taken, having brought the matter to a Conclusion agreeable to your Instructions by the Ships of the Season. —

I am
My dear Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(Signed) B. Rochuck

London
John Turing Esqr

Fort St. George 19th Febry 1795 —

Dear Sir

We have little to add to our last dispatches. What Balance remains in our hands, we shall remit as early & in as favourable a manner as possible; at present no remittances whatever are to be had at Madras We are extremely sorry that any demur was made about the payment of our bills upon the Messrs Lee; it was not owing to the want of funds, but to the precarious situation of the times & the difficulty of converting property into Cash. We have repeatedly written to Messrs Herries and Stevenson, & to Mr Kenworthy, but we are sorry to inform you that so far from being able to recover the sums due to you, we have not even been favoured with answers to our Letters, however we shall continue to write to them & urge them in the strongest manner to discharge their debts to you. —

We remain Dear Sir
with Sincere regard
Your Obedt Humble Servants
(Signed) Rochuck & Abbott

London

Messrs Richd & Wm Lee —

Fort St George Feby 19th 1794 —

Gentlemen

The Dispatches that we have the honor of sending you by this Conveyance are given to the care of Mr Oliver Colt. This will serve to apprize you of it, in case Mr Colt should delay to send them to you. — We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obt Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

London

Sir John Call Bart

Fort St George 19th Feby 1794 —

Dear Sir

The Dispatches that we have the honor of sending to you by this Conveyance are given to the care of Mr Oliver Colt. This will serve to apprize you of it, in case Mr Colt should delay sending them to you.

We have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your Obt Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

London

Messrs Boyd Benfield & Co

Madras 25th Feby 1794. —

Gentlemen

We have been duly favored with your Letter dated the 1st July last accompanying a Bill on the Honble Basil Cochrane for Pags 2790 — which has been punctually paid. — We urged him for a Navy Bill instead of Cash, but he could not accommodate us not having any by him; — We have therefore been under the necessity of having recourse to what we consider at this Moment, the Best Remittance, because the most certain; namely through the Company's Treasury, by procuring a Govt Certificate on Bengal at the Exchange of Rs. 400 p 100 Pagodas / for which the exact a Premium of 2¼ p Cent / which Certificate being paid into the Treasury at Calcutta Bills on the Court of Directors are granted for the amount at 1 p Rupee payable 543 days after date. — Our agent in Calcutta acknowledges under date the 5th Instant, to have received & paid into the Treasury the Certificate we transmitted to him on your Account. He gives us hopes that we shall receive the first Bills to day, if it should arrive before the Packet closes we shall have the pleasure of inclosing it, at all events the Second will be forwarded to you from Calcutta by a Flush of Indiamen, that were to be dispatched on this day direct for England. — At the time we gave orders to our Agents in Calcutta, to make you this Remittance, we did not know that private Bills could be had at better Exchange, for had we been aware of it & given him the Latitude we did; when we ordered the Remittance to Mr Benfield on his private Acct / which we did to prevent disappointment / by discount of the Bill we transmitted to him, he might have procured a Private Remittance to have ensured from 7/8d to 7/10½d p Pagoda / but we confess we prefer, in these unsettled times, Government Bills though at a less rate of Exchange. —

We are in daily expectation of receiving further Commands from you, particularly on the subject of a General Remittance to and from this Country, which is certainly to be carried on with great benefit to the Concern'd, provided it is adopted on an extensive scale, & dispatches by your Shipping, Connexion, and influence, and you may rely on our best Exertions in every thing that may relate to the management of the business in this Country, in which, and on every occasion we shall be ambitious of meriting your approbation, having with the highest esteem and Respect,

Gentlemen

Your Obt Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 19th Feby 1794 —

London

William Lock Esqr.

Sir

We beg leave to inform you that we have disposed of the Iron Mongery sent to us by Mr E: Roebuck and should have remitted the Proceeds by this Conveyance but as Remittance from Bengal the only one now open is a very bad one We are in hopes it will soon prove more favorable but whether or not we shall remit you the Cash by this Conveyance has been to be procured the Merchants of this place however in the present Situation of Affairs do not choose to draw — the Remittance from Bengal the only one now open is a very bad one We are Cash to Bengal so that a Remittance shall be sent you from thence by the Ships of the Season & along with it an Account Current

We are,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 19th February 1794 —

London

Sir John Call Bart. M. P.

Sir

Since I last addressed you as Administrator to the Estate of Charles & Elizabeth Bromley a Demand has been made upon me on that Capacity by Capt.n Parks as Executor to the Estate of John Douglas for the sum of Pagodas 2470..11..19 — being the amount of what he terms overcharges made on the Estate of Douglas by Bromley when the latter acted as Agent to Mr Davidson one of the Executors and as I declined to comply with the Demand a Bill for the amount has been filed against me by Parks — It is therefore incumbent on me to take care that I have funds to answer the Demand for that purpose it will be necessary in case the Estate is placed in Chancery before this arrives to file a Bill of Injunction to retain 1300 Pagodas at 2/ the Pagoda to answer this Demand with Cost and Interest in case it should be recovered from me but I Request that this communication shall not be in Chancery may not prevent you from placing it there as on every account I wish it to be placed there as early as possible in such a plan as our Able Solicitor shall advise. —

I am Sir

Your Obed.t Servant

(signed) Benj.n Roebuck

Administrator to the Estate of Chas. & Elizabeth Bromley

London

Lieut.t Col.l C. Ross

Fort St George 20th February 179

My dear Colonel

I enclose you duplicate of my last of the 9th Instant with Account Current. — I am

My dear Colonel

Sincerely Yours

(signed) B. Roebuck.

Pondicherry

Messrs Coulon White Gestin & Co.y

Madras 25 February 1794.

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Letter dated the 15.th Instant, informing us of Mr Popé's having paid the Pag.as 158 which balanced the account of Bills we transmitted to you — But we are concerned to find that you did not pass the Interest Mons.r him; as the Bills as the object was, you ought to have made him pay it for his want of punctuality —

In compliance with your Request we now transmit your account Current with us dated the 18th Instant, balancing in our favor Pag.as 218: 3: 60 which on examination we trust you will find correct and pass in conformity with us. — We remain with real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 25 January 1794.

Pondicherry

Madme Forjot.

Ma chere Dame

J'aurois repondu plus tot a la Lettre dont vous m'avés fait l'honneur de m'ecrire en date de 12 Aoust, si les Expeditions de Compte Courr.t Jusqu'au 18 Courn.t soldé par une Lettre de change s/ Imbert sur Mr Reynold pour Pag.as 1207: 39: 77. payable a vos ordres a 15 Jours de vue, la quelle je suis persuadé sera payé a bonne chance. —

Excusé que ma circonstance d'epige ne m'permet deux mots. Je ferai rendre les

Fort St George 15th [illegible]

Paid

Pour votre Compte, Ainsi Ma chere Dame Se vaud Le Sachiacte envers
mie La dessus, ch croyez moi toujours avec L'attachement Le plus Sincere
Votre tres humble ch Obeiss.t Servateur
/ Signed / Wm Abbott

Fort St George 25 February 1794.

J Kidnaghervy

Capt.n Bong.

My dear Sir

I am just now favord with yours
of the 16th I am Concerned to hear that you have been indisposed Since
your return to the Baarmah but hope you are perfectly recovered. —
I Shall procure the Artificers you want
and Send them to you without loss of time — I shall See Colonel Gent
& Send them to you without loss of time — I shall See Colonel Gent
I hope the Vessel will Soon be given You going on, & you will be pleased
to draw upon us for what you want. —

I am

My dear Sir

very truly Yours

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

H.C. Fop Calcraft Esq.re

Sir

Fort St George 22d February 1794.

We have this day taken the liberty of
drawing on you for Sicca Rupees one thousand three hundred & twenty Seven
Inclusive Original and one Dble in favor of Henry Abbott Esquire At Sight
which we request you will honor at Maturity

We are

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Memo:
2 355 ars Rs of 8s Pay 1203:39:35

Messrs Paslack Porker, Colt & Parry

Committee

/ Signed / Roebuck and Abbott

Madras 12th February 1794.

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to lay before you a Letter we have received
from Messrs the Bank master in answer to one we wrote to him on the subject of some Specie
that has been detected & secured for stealing & Running Water Copper that belonged to us, which
you will observe have been released after some of them running a few Yards only, after
such proceedings we cannot hope to recover the whole of the Copper, that we have reason
to Suppose the same people have Stolen, particularly as the Bank master Seems to throw
the Question & responsibility off his Shoulders; — This unnecessary for us to state how Injurious
such practices are to Individuals, and detrimental to trade in general, we request —
therefore, that you will take notice this instance in your Representation to Government —
we have the honor to be

Gentlemen Your obedient Servants
/ signed / R R

Madras 22d Febry 1794

Calcutta

H. I. Calcraft Esq.re

Dear Sir

We beg leave to inclose your Account Current with us dated the 15th
Instant, — and for the Balance that appears to be due to us, we have this day taken the
Liberty of drawing on you at Ds. 355 four Pagodas Being Sicca Rupees 1327. 12 A. payable —
to the order of Mr. Henry Abbott at five days sight, which we request you will honor, and believe
us to be with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servants —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Mr Wm J. Chater

Sir

Fort St. Geo. 25th February 1794.

Having repeatedly called upon you for
the payment of the Balance remaining due on your Bond, without effect,
we have to inform you that unless you make full payment on or
before the 28th instant we are instructed by our Constituents to put your
Bond, which has been so long due, into the hands of our attorney at Law

We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

E. Samuel Esq.re

/ signed / Roebuck & Abbott

one of the Proprietors of the Madras Pr.ty 25 February 1794.

Sir

In Consequence of the Settlement Extract from Letter
to you dated 15 instant Viz.t "unless the Proprietors of the Madras Pr.ty
Come to a Settlement on or before the 17th instant that I shall pay the
Balance due to Henry Abbott Esq.re from the Sums in my hands, Should there
then remain a Balance due to the Proprietors I shall pay the same into the
Mayors Court to the Credit of the Proprietors that may be Lawfully
be authorized to receive it. —" I have now to inform you that I have ch
their account and shall pay on Tuesday next into the Mayors Court Rs 1794 22:3
being the Balance that appears to be due to the Proprietors of the Madras Pr.ty
as per their Account Current dated the 17th inst. and request you will be pleased
to circulate this Letter amongst the Proprietors. —

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

/ Signed / Wm Abbott for Roebk

Fort St George 19th Feb.y

Madras 26th February 1794.

Masulipatam

Robert Malcolm Esqr.

Dear Sir

Colonel Gent having already in a manner introduced us to you, it may be superfluous for me to apologize for the liberty I now take of addressing you on the subject of our Contract for Works & Repairs. —

Our object is to simplify the business as much as possible, at the same time it is our wish, that our Agents in the out-settlements may be adequately compensated for the trouble of superintending & completing with despatch all Repairs & Works that may be required. — Col. Gent has informed us that you had been kind enough to offer to superintend our Works at Masulipatam for a consideration of 10 P Cent on the Works Executed, but as this would not simplify the business so much as your allowing us a certain profit on our Rates of Contract would, I once take Liberty of inclosing those Rates for your private satisfaction & have no doubt but that your experience in & knowledge of the price of Materials and Labour at your place will enable you without much difficulty to undertake the business with advantage both to your self & us, and should you find it convenient to extend your undertaking beyond the district of Masulipatam, it will give us pleasure to extend your management

You will please write to me freely & without reserve on this subject and believe me to be with Esteem.

Dear Sir

Your obed.t Sr.

(signed) Wm Abbott

In compliance with your orders I have paid Pag.s 150 to Capt.n Mc Kenzie. — The Man I suppose is on the road. —

Madras 26 Feby 1794.

Pondicherry.

Mess.rs Coulon & Co.

Gentlemen.

We take the liberty of inclosing a promissary Note of S.r H. Hall payable to Mr James Dobbin or order for Pag.s 361 which we request you will present & pass the amount to our Credit when received. — We remain with Esteem

Trichinopoly Gentlemen Your obed.t Servants. —

Capt.n Flowing Engineer (signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 27th February 1794.

Dear Sir

I have received an Estimate of Sums Prepaired owning to a Gun Shed at Trichinopoly in Mrs inclosed Estimate made out by you. — I understand there is a good deal of burnish to be done there & I should wish to put it upon such a plan as it might go on properly & with Satisfaction, as yet I have not made any arrangement for our burnish but should be glad to consult you upon the Subject & inquire more fully to employ People whom you thought adequate to the Task. I have I enclose you Copy of our Contract Rates by which you will be better enabled to judge what we can afford to give & it would be our wish to have a Contractor those who wished to perform our burnish were known we would pay liberally.

I hope you will excuse this Freedom — And as we have not made any arrangement with you excuse me further entruding on you by requesting you to close the accompanying Estimate of Work to be done without delay & while you draw on us for such Sum or is Executed further purpose or if you Cannot let me know & I will immediately send it up by Post.

The Military Board are pressed that it should be done before you will observe it will be necessary we should have a nominal Agent at Trichinopoly, will thank you to favor me by return of Post with an answer Dear Sir

Your most obedt Servt

(signed) J. B. Roebuck

Fort St George 19th [illegible]

[illegible] pass into the Court Mr. A. will with pleasure pay half or whole of it, to Mrs Calcutt provided the proprietors will sanction it and give him an ample discharge. — Mr. A. is persuaded Mrs Calcutt cannot condemn him for taking these precautions after the vexations he has already experienced in the affairs of the proprietors.

Fort St. George 5th March 1794.

Villapelly

Robt Abbott Esq.re

My dear Robert

Yesterday received your acceptable favors of the 25th ultimo inclosing your Remarks & memorandums which are very distinct touching the Satisfactory Crops the Southern Country this Crop there should be at the most 20000 ℔ weights of Indigo at the last Crop 12 to 15000 ℔ weight — and Hope to hear that the Northern districts which by your Reports are like in a more flourishing State will also Crown your Peculiar Inspection, be more productive. If that is the Case we shall do very well this Year at Cuncja & from the two Crops shall at least have a Credit of 60000 ℔ weight now which deserve Credit to yourself & not only Credit but Advantage for it is our Intention in the first place to allow you a handsome Commission that will be adequate to your Exertions & at a future day to give you a Share in a Concern which will be beneficial, but remember that all this depends upon yourself that your people are not taken Sick & that by Attention & Watchful Eye you must secure the Produce of the Plant which is growing the Natives will sell it else where if they are not closely looked after. — Remember then that on your own exertions your own Bread your own Credit your own welfare and the foundation of your Independance in life depends and I trust that every thing which I can wish that you can desire will be accomplished, that you will be in a way of advancing your own expectations & satisfy your having at home that you are become a Man of Activity, Sobriety & Industry & fair to take interest with Barnes — upon the Receipt I need add no more whether Ramapah & Pastrie shall use if he does not answer your Expectations if he

Calcutta

My dear Robert

Sincerely yours

Signed B. Roberts

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co.

Madras 18th March 1794.

Gentlemen,

We have been duly favord with your Letters dated the 29th January & 8th & 28th ultimo —

We are doubtful that the Number of Bags that was examined with Capt Samways, might probably have been filled from the bottom of the Gallahs, such as those bags are pitched upon were not taken from any particular part of the Ship, such as the Contrary indifferently chosen we could not prevail on the Purchasers to receive the Cargo in the State it was without making them an allowance of 4½ Pag; which we thought would prove more Advantageous to the owner, than putting him to the Expence of examining every Bag and removing the Rusk besides of Wastage and pilferings — As to the Purchaser from Capt Samways, it being for Exportation, he was glad to get the Rice as he found he did not Board there being a prohibition to the Exportation of Grain; — As to the dispersing of Cargoes, which Captains in General lay to the account of Clearing on the Beach at Madras it is hardly worthy of a Comment, for as by the Regulations of the Port the Captains are bound to weigh and deliver the Cargo in Shore, it becomes equally their duty to guard against pilfering on the Beach as on Board their Ships, — We have known Careful Captains deliver their Cargoes with only ½ Pct. wastage, 1½ whilst that of others has even exceeded the 5 Pct. allowed the inference is very evident —

We shall with pleasure await advices of the China Bills you offer at the Exchange of 2/10½ Current Rupee if drawn at 12 months sight 2/8½ if at two Years sight, as our Customers Friends may require Remittances, we suppose you cannot expect to deliver the Bills until

November

December or December. —

We are sorry to find that the Instructions of
the owners of the Cicheth did not reach you before you had loaded her entire
a Cargo of Rice for that Place; — however as per arrivals we shall do all
in our Power to promote their wishes; If however the Interruption of their
to Burmah into Chittagong should prevent her going to Pegue it would be
unless to send her to the Nicobars for the Cargo to be had there must be by
the owners, have been intended for the Pegue Market, — We shall be guided
by the advices you promise to give us.

The Disbursements of your Bot 2000 on the
We must say they will be guided in the Payment of or Litigating the Ld.
by the Opinion that Solicitor has on Insurance on that Ship when She was lost,
who have intimated their wish to submit the matter to Arbitration; in dispute
of which they are willing to stand a suit, on the Grounds of her not being
Seaworthy at the time; They likewise say they would not have Insured her,
has they been informed at the time of the Contract you received from Messrs Reid &
to the application for Insuring her; — We do not think they can prove
her not to have been Seaworthy; however not to run the parties
into unnecessary Expence, we have transmitted to Mr Manning Copies
of the Information received by them from Calcutta, to defend the suit
also Copies of the Papers you sent Us, which differs from their
only in your application to Messrs Franks Office and their Reply which
you must have forgot to send us, the moment we receive Mr.
Manning's positive answer, which we have not as yet, we shall do
the needful, we could write nothing while for the benefit of the opinion,
that you wanted take the opinion of Counsel upon the Subject, stating it
in every point of View which would give Confidence in any Legal Steps that
may be necessary to be taken. —

We remain with perfect Esteem

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Rice is at present from Gentlemen
Rs. 60 to 70 p Garce.

Canton

Madras 11th March 1794

Messrs Jas. Drummond & Geo. Sparkes. —

Gentlemen

Mr Benj.n Joy, the owner of the American Ship the John
of Boston, and a friend of ours, only have occasion to send his Ship to China. —
We therefore take the Liberty of introducing him to you, & shall feel ourselves
oblig'd by the attention you may shew in promoting his views. —

We remain with Esteem. —

Gentlemen

Your obt. Servants. —

Should Mr Joy propose any Plans
that may appear mutually advantageous
we think he will prove worthy of any
confidence you may place in him. — Rt. —

Signed Roebuck & Abbott. —

Madras 11th March 1794

Canton

Messrs Hamilton & Reid. —

Gentlemen. —

Mr Benjamin Joy being a friend & ours of the Owner of
the American Ship John of Boston, and as he may have occasion to send her to
China, we now take the Liberty of introducing them to you. — Any attention you may
shew in forwarding his views will confer an obligation on. —

Gentlemen

Your Obt. Servants

Should Mr Joy propose any plans
that may appear mutually advantageous
we think he will prove worthy of any confidence
you may place in him. — Rt. —

Signed Roebuck & Abbott. —

Fort St George 18th March 1794

Innes

Major Petrie

My dear Sir

I have had the pleasure of receiving yours of the
12th inclosing a Bill for Three hundred Pagodas the amount of which we have drawn
and Carried to your Credit. —

I am
My dear Sir
Sincerely Yours
Signed B. Roebuck

Fort St. George 16th March 1794.

Nundapore

Robt Abbott Esqre

My dear Robert

I have duly received your favour of the 8th Ult. I am much pleased with your distinct & satisfactory accounts it is satisfactory because you approve what I have undertaken the Business stile however much remains to be done which must be brought about I am confident by your proceeding in the way you are going on. You must ascertain the quantity of Indigo you get from a piece of Ground in a good bad & indifferent state of Cultivation. That must be a check upon the Inhabitants. From what I can gather from your Papers I should suppose 100 Coyans of Seed are Sown on 25 Maunes Cawnies but this is a fact which is very easily ascertained by you. You say that 8 Ollocks Plants they have there Seed equally the Quantity of Cawnies can very easily be ascertained. — The Piece of Ground of 80 feet Square if upon Compare it with your memorandums made here does not produce half the weight of Plants indeed not above two fifths of the weight of Plants of the piece in your Cawnies Garden which was measured & weighed & a piece indeed two Separate pieces at the Red hills which was Cut and weighed, I wanted to command your getting half a Cawnie or even a Quarter of a good Indigo. Cut weighed & manufactured & be what it actually produces — You must my Young Friend think Orders your own mind then the Business is better managed by you must ascertain the Quantity of Indigo produced in the 1st Crop in the 2d Crop and in the 3d Crop you must Completely make yourself master of the Business & ascertain the Produce in good Indigo now that the Plant Pressed under where they manufacture you must go round as you have done & receive the Indigo they have for it as fast as it is made if it is not you must have Tatty at your Cutcherry door & what it is you must make: your Share Comfortable, which you to be as Comfortable as possible. I have been in the Country you now are and travelled all over it in the months of March & part of May & June If you do not look very close after the Inhabitants you will be disappointed of your receipts of Indigo & that is a point requiring your most

most minute attention, you must labour hard & your Cutcherry be satisfied for your exertions — A Man may Surely accustom himself to Business Cheerfully as he Idle. — I am

My dear Robert

Johnny does not go to Bengal he sincerely Yours
stays here with us. — signed J. Roebuck

Madras 19th March 1794.

Calcutta

J. Horsley Esqre

Dear Sir

For want of the means of obtaining the information you require in your Letter dated the 7th Instant, we have delayed replying to it, and are Sorry it is not out of our power to satisfy you whether the Captain who was not among the Ships detained at the Mauritius. It was Currently reported on the arrival of the Vessey here that he was. — We sincerely hope it may prove otherwise —

We received your Letter a day or two after the Hillsborough sailed, your Letter therefore for Mrs Rickett & Mrs Brooks shall be forwarded by the earliest Conveyance from Calcutta. —

Ever happy to Execute your Commands we remain with Esteem. —

Your Obedient Servants

Roger Darvall Esqre signed Roebuck & Abbott

Collector Tiruvalore

Fort St. George 26 March 1794

My dear Sir

I must in hopes are this to have sent you the different accounts required, they have been, all brought me in Malabar but as I do not choose to sign an account the Contents of which I am ignorant of they have been some days undertaking in the same manner as you send me your orders I hope they will be furnished either night or Morn desired they may be done as expeditiously as possible since I am to you as soon as they are ready I am

my Dear Sir very truly Yours

signed B Roebuck

Vellore

Lieut. Wood. Engineer

Fort St George 26 March

Dear Sir

I was duly favored with your letter of the 19 inst. which business has prevented me replying to before this. Before your appointment to Vellore a Friend of mine wished to undertake one Building there. He however declined coming to any determination at that period. My object is if possible to get every thing done at a fine Rate, you know sir, Prices if you know later at what rates work can be executed, will you resolve this subject in your mind. I shall be very happy to come to an arrangement with you if I think one may be made so as to be convenient to all parties. I am My Dr Sir

you know a great deal is to be done at Arcot

Your truely

B. Roebuck.

Madras 26 March 1794

Hydrabad

Lieut. J. A. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

I have been favored with your letter of the 2d inst. I have the pleasure to inform you that the appeal have commenced & we are informed that your Father's causes will come on to be heard, either the next sitting or one after, in the event of an appeal by the opposite party, you may rely our sending it Home by the first Indiaman that sail.

I remain with esteem

Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servants

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Roebuck & Abbott.

Trichinopoley.

Fort St George 27 March 1794

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 3d & 26th Inst. I shall have no opposition in the procuring of what Materials I want for repairing some old documents I have by me respecting the price of Materials & labour & as they are much cheaper than at Madras I should imagine they cannot have ordered much since the time I allude to for Fire Wood ought to bear a cheap one & even then the Rate by which Estimates were made can be no guide because the Pay master has always a very considerable Profit on all Materials he provides. he informed me to estimate the Bricks laid down at 150 Star Pagodas a lack. — I shall be much obliged to you if you will inform me of the Rates of the Price of Materials & of the price of Carriage. — By the Price of Materials in particular I mean Wood & Chunam. — I shall also be obliged to you to let me know at what rate you can procure Firewood, that is good hard Firewood it is almost universally provided by the 1000. but I will thank you to let me know what are the demensions of your 2.3 & 4th sort of firewood, what is the price & what is the weight of 1000 or 100 of the 2d & of the 3 & of the 4 firewood also of the 1st if you use it in burning Bricks. You are the best Judge whether advertising for the delivery of a certain Quantity of Bricks & Chunam would be a good Plan, & I will thank you for your opinion as also whether it would be a good way to advertise for the delivery of Firewood to burn Bricks. Your Bill was presented Yesterday & duly honored. — I will thank you to let me have a Reply as soon as convenient. —

I am My Dr Sir

Your very Hble

B. Roebuck

Tanjore

Major Kapaud

Fort St George 27 March 1794

My dear Kapaud

I know to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 9th Instant. If you will let me know what Cash is wanted I shall always send it from hence at the same time the Company's Cash is sent to the Troops & it will go under Escort if you can procure Cash for Bills you can draw upon me. — all our orders for Repairs come through the Military Board & upon upon it we never proceed with, & they have not even whenever we shall not get paid their Originals orders accompany our Bills as Vouchers. —

I have been looking over my old Papers for some Memorandum Major Stevens gave me relative to Bricks & Chunam at Tanjore when he was Chief Engineer, he sent for some Tanjore People here to burn some Bricks in their method, which upon Trial he found not as good as the Common way practised at Madras of a layer of wood and a

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1798 Layer of Bricks and upon Reference to the Papers, I found the Price of Materials were infinitely cheap there than here.—

I once, when he was Paymaster, furnished the Chunam at the rate of 13 Madras Parrahs for a Pagoda on which you may be sure he had a handsome Profit.—

and the price of Tonnaud for which the Major contracted being good hard wood was in the Proportion of 2 to 3—

what we pay here that is the said 2 Pagodas for the same might of paid me pay 3 Pagodas & I doubt suppose if proper measures were taken, & advantage made to procure Bullock Hackeys it might be procured much Cheaper, which you revolve all this in your mind Sir the next pay Enquire, it will much aid our Barrings, which I hope will be considerable in that Quarter.— I inclose you a Memorandum of such Arrac as Tangore which he gave me.—

I have not heard that they mean to go to Tangore, I hope Strange is recovered from his Fall, Remember me to him & I will write to him in a few days.—

Yours Sincerely

Poonamallee

Lieutenant Hughes

52 Regiment Paymaster

Sign'd B Racknell

Madras 27th March 1794.

Dear Sir

Having received the enclosed for your Loan Calcutta, we have to request you will pay to us whatever Monies may be due to Lieutenant K. McKenzie for which we will readily grant a Receipt.— We are

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Sign'd Racknell & Abbott

Fort St. George 26th March 1794 1130

Trivalore

Roger Darvall Esqre

Collector of the Pagoda

Sir

We have the honor to enclose you the Accounts Expences

from us, We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Sign'd Racknell & Abbott.—

Kistnagherry

27 March 1794.

Captain Byng

My dear Sir

I send you the People you marked to leave as per the enclosed list with their wages annexed, I paid neither the Pioneers nor Bullocks Boys as they were not mentioned; the former asked me any Pioneers every Habitant Rate— They have each been advanced two months pay.

I am

My dear Sir

very truly Yours

Sign'd Byng Racknell

27th March 1794.

Roger Darvall Esquire

Sir

We have the honor of enclosing bills under for three hundred & twenty four Pagodas being the amount of Rent due the 25th Instant, for which we request you will be pleased to send us a Receipt & Remain Sir

Pondicherry Your Obedient Servants

/ signed / R & A.

Judicial Griffeths Esqre

Madras 27th Mar 1794.

My dear Judicial

Though late permit me to congratulate you most sincerely, on your having succeeded so well with your Directors at Home They have at last done that, which ought in Justice to them to have done at least three Years ago.—

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Recevd from Calcutta on Officers at your place, as p[er] Acct here annexed — amounting to Sa Rs 1067: 12: which I wish thank you to collect with as little delay as possible & Credit my account with the same, in doing which you will oblige me — I am daily expecting to hear from you informing me of the objections they may make; — our Correspt at Calcutta says he has vouchers for every thing charged and has not sent them to us — our account of the high Passage they wants pay, but as they are debts of a Strong Standing he trusts there will be no demur made in paying them. —

You have I hope received and Credited me for the Donation which you carried with you from home, as well as for the amount of Capt Prendis note of hand to my Brother, the Second he promises payment having long expired. —

Your account Current shall be made out the beginning of next month & sent to you Government. —

Pray present my kindest Remembrance to Mrs G. & Father, I believe me ever Sincerely Your friend

Wm Abbatt

List of the inclosed Bills

Lieutenant White / shop bills / —	Sicca Rupees	58 — 8 —
" White / do /		26 — 8 —
" White / do /		3 — —
Lieutenant Warneford Jervis / Shop bills /		283: 4: —
Captain R. Fleming / shop bills		100 — —
" Hart — / Shop bills		128 — —
Lieutenant John Sutherland / Promissary Notes /		214 — —
do. do. / do /		107 — 8 —
Lieutenant Alexander Ross / do /		29 — —
	Sicca Rupees —	1067: 12

E. M. White Esqre

Fort St. George 26th March 1794

Messrs Parbuck & Abbatt presents their Compliments to Mr. White & as Mr. Parry is hourly expected, request the matter may be delayed until his arrival, as they have already arranged the matter with him, otherwise they must trouble Government with the Subject which they would wish to avoid if not absolutely necessary. —

Madras 28th March 1794.

Calcutta By Jason Captain Hutton

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co

Gentlemen,

We have the Satisfaction to inform you the Ship Crohall has delivered her Cargo conformably to the Bills of Lading inclosed in your letter dated the 28th Ultimo with a very trifling wastage of, 25 pounds only p[er] 100 Maunds; — but as yet the Offers we have had for it being so low as not to render one Current Rupee p[er] Bag Freight, we have stored it in the Godowns of Grain lying in the Caurdo for a few Weeks provided the importation are then are inconsiderable —.

Having had no further information from you, since that Contained in your letter dated the 28th Ultimo, on the Subject of the Burmah, we do not think we should be Justified in Sending the Crohall on the Voyage ordered by the Owners to the Negrais & Pegue; and as hoping her here until matters shall be settled between them and your Government, may occasion a Considerable Loss of time, we have ventured to return her to you with a Freight of Salt, which we have procured for her, and as you will have earlier advices than we can, of the accommodation that may take place with the Burmahs, you will be enabled to Carry into execution the orders of the Owners, with Safety to the property more immediately. —

Had we found a profitable market here for the Goods you have Shipped on the Crohall for the Pegue Market, we should have unloaded them in order to Save the Risk to the Owners from hence to Calcutta,

as

as they could have been easily replaced by you. —

We remain with real Esteem

Gentlemen Your Obedient Servants

Signd Rachuck & Abbott

Fort Saint George 28th March, 1794.

Bombay

Jos. Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 8. Instant. as there is an uncertainty in my Brother coming, out. I think you had better at once engage Captain Robertson, than my Brothers arrival of which shall be Convenient for you them to be Concerned, every thing requisite on my parrow shall be done, I beg also to assure you that in Case you have any intention of making the Ship the annual China Ship to this place, I will use every influence to promote the object, the same as if my Brother was Concernd in her. —

Dear Sir

Your obedt Servant

Signd Rachuck

Calcutta By Swan Captain Slater

Benjamin Jory Esqre

Dear Sir

I embrace this opportunity by the Cuckatt to inclose a Copy of the existing Regulations of this place for the Custom house and the Beach, & whenever any alterations takes place you or your representatives shall be duly informed. — I sincerely hope that you are ere this safely arrived at Calcutta, — in due time I shall expect to hear from you on the subject of your future plans which I consider in a great measure to depend on the speedy arrival of the Eliza. —

We expect to have had an opportunity of writing home by the three Indiamen that must, ere this have sailed from Calcutta,

Muscat 28th March, 1794

Commanding the Ship Cuckatt

Sir

Having procured a Freight of Salt for you from Messrs Parkes Rashead & Co. as per Agreement in your Despatches, after having taken it in, we request you will proceed with all possible dispatch and put yourself under the orders of Messrs Lambert Ross & Co. of Calcutta, to whom we please to deliver the accompanying letter. —

We have send you a Receipt on the back of the Bills of Lading for the Rice embarked from the Cuckatt — and shall pass Page 39. 31 — that we have received from Messrs Mackett & Co. to the Credit of the owners of the Cuckatt, which we suppose is the Freight in Lieu of the Treasure you have received on Board from that Place, they have sent a Parcell Glass Letters for Calcutta, recommended to your Care, which will be delivered to you by the bearer. —

Permit us to recommend the accompanying Packet of Letters for Mr Henry Osbeck of Calcutta, to your particular Care & nothing more Speedy & pleasant Voyage we remain with Esteem

Sir

Your obedient Servants

Rachuck & Abbott

Muscat 28th March, 1794

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Your obedient Servants

Rachuck & Abbott

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shall be, but we now understand that they have been ordered to proceed Direct to China when they come here, it is now therefore likely but that an opportunity of transmitting Bills home may be created of demand for Remittance to China at present there seems not to be any. — If you should wish however to draw on London, we will however to accept of Bills from £100 to £500 each, we will endeavour to despatch them for you, for Speculation may offer, and I dare say we shall succeed, provided you pay the Exchange at a fair and Rate, which at present I think ought to be at a higher Rate than the Establishment Rate at which here will grant Bills for. —

Believe me with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your very Sincere

Signd Wm Abbott

Muscat 28th March, 1794

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P.S. you will of course avoid every Vessel you may see Bound the East
of your way to Calcutta. — Keep return the Invoice & Bills of Lading of the
Goods you have on Board for the Pegue market.

Signed R&C.

Bombay

Madras 28th March 1794.

Messrs. Wejevenath Bhuvnjee & Co.

Gentlemen,

You will have heard from Messrs. Lambert
Ross & Co. of Calcutta the reason that induced them to Dispatch the
Crokatt with 3500 Bags of Rice to this place instead of sending her
on the Voyage you had ordered for her, which it seems reached them after
she had nearly taken all her Cargo in for this place. —

We have now the pleasure of informing you
that after an expeditious passage the Crokatt arrived here and has unloaded
her Cargo, for which however having only been offered what will hardly
cover the current Rate of Bar Freight, we think proper to keep it for
a few weeks in the hopes that Grain will rise than Rice; Rice is now
from Rupees 65 to 80 p Garce, and we have only been offered this last price for
60 Bags of the Crokatts Cargo. —

In Consequence of Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.
giving it as their opinion, that it would not be safe to send the Crokatt
on the Voyage you had destined for her to Pegue, during the unsettled state
of affairs between the Bengal Government and the Burmahs that have
invaded the Chittigong District, and being no Letters of an immediate
termination of the misunderstanding that seems to subsist between the two
Governments, we have thought it most prudent, in order not to keep
her Idle to provide a Freight of Salt for her & send her to Calcutta,
where she will be ready to go the Voyage destined for her, should the

affair

the affair with the Pegue Government take a favourable turn, and the
Freight of Salt she now gets will most probably pay her expences until
then. — But should affairs take a Warlike turn, fresh instructions from you
will be necessary for her future destination. —

If you could have dispatch of the Goods Messrs
L. & R. laid in for the Pegue market at a Profit it was our intention to have
Landed them here, in order to despatch your Ship as her to Calcutta, where they
could have been replaced, but there is no demand here for those Articles, Consequently
they go back on Board of her unentered from hence, this for your Go-
vernment, but as the Season is Late and she will only have to stay a
few days on the Coast to take in Salt, we do not think she runs much Risk
of Privateers, indeed we have not lately heard of any thing in the Bay. —
We trust our Conduct in deviating from your orders respecting the future
destination of the Crokatt, rendered necessary by existing Circumstances, will meet
with your approbation. —

We beg leave to inclose two Letters from the
Nacoda of the Crokatt and one from Captain Hales and Pilman, with Bills
of Lading for the Goods laden on Board the Crokatt at this Port. —

The Crokatt sailed this afternoon. —

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Wilson

Madras 29th March 1794.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

We have been favoured with your Letters dated the
26th ultimo & 2d Instant; — we perfectly approve of what you suggest respecting
an accommodation with the Underwriters on the Bannah by Sacrificing one or two
Thousand Pagodas, and we have put matters in a train so that the Proposal
shall come from them, if they feel inclined to terminate matters in that way;
were we to make the proposal, though a modest one, we are afraid
they would think we had a bad opinion of our Cause, which might induce
them to take high; — as to their Literary skills Can be said in their favor
Barbarously in the Eyes of the Bannah, and we are perfectly of Opinion

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your opinion that the Lieutenant disposition they have must prove very de-
=trimental to their offices but in the present instance we are perfectly satisfied
that the Commodore are instigated an by their Secretary who by a misapplied
Zeal I am to think Mr Inches do away his regrets;— we shall leave the
Same with your Remarks on the Papers we have laid before you, as the
Loss does not become due until the 25 of next month we shall defer
taking any decided steps until we receive your reply to our Letter dated the
1st Instant, and you may rely we shall not think any trouble too much, that
you may propose on the best way of recovering your property.—

We shall not fail to enquire from any
Ships that may arrive from the Cape for Letters for Mr Jas Morley, and
should we find any, they shall be instantly transmitted to him.—

Our Mr Roebuck has already addressed
you on the Subject of your proposal of Shipping Concern with his R
Et.— should your object still be to make a regular Voyage to
Ship of the one you are now building, you know why on our
many occasions in our power to secure her the regular freight here to
and from China, and further promote your views as much as we are able.—
We beg leave to inclose the Price Current
of the day & Remain with great Esteem.—

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Humble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 29th March 1794

Bombay

Mr Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

I have duly received with your
Letter

[illegible] Dated 26th October 30 Novr 18 January 95 Inst.

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Your account has accordingly been Credited Pagoda 130
for amount of Joseph Gils Bills, Mr B Roebuck Sale very suitable for the
attention you have been kind enough to shew to his Brother, and requests in
return you will accept of his best thanks.—

I have not failed to communicate to Mr Lafon
the Contents of your Letter dated the 5 Instant, and he promises to write you
an explanatory one by this days Tappall, which if he does to me shall be
inclosed.— By the Carron Captain Simpson I sent to Colonel Hartley
Sundries that he had ordered amounting to Pagodas 95: 34: 50 which I
informed him I should pass to your account, and requested of him to settle
it with you, which having been Carried to your Debit, he no doubt as to pass
the Same in Conformity with me.—

It is probable that Mr Manesty will read
three or four Line Vessel by our early opportunity recommended to your Care
you be kind enough to receive and forward them with the utmost Care by
earliest and best Conveyance: by doing which you will infinitely oblige
Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(signed) Wm Abbott
1st April 1794.—

My dear Jack

I shall try to negotiate your Bond for Bills,
the discount is from 5 to 7 & I shall also look out without loss of time
for a Remittance.— Roebuck has wrote as well as myself for the
Cornish Ship to come here & I think you may depend upon seeing her the
beginning of next month.— Yours Sincerely
(Signed) B Roebuck

1118 South the Rate at which Bricks & Cement can be Laid down in the Fort at Negapatam per thousand Pagoda's, specifying the measurement of the Pagoda, & also the Rate of their materials at Elore. —

Jam Sir

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Reginld. D. Roebuck —

Madras 7th April 1794

Mount

Lt. Col. Thos. Geils

Dear Colonel

Compliance with your request I now send you enclosed Bond No. 249 for Pay. 10997. on which there is Interest due from the 27 June 1790 at 6 M.C. p annm —

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. Abbott

Fort St. George 8th April 1794.

Major Petrie

My dear Sir

You are perfectly right, I see received the Sum from the Pay office the 13. March last on the Ledger was not posted up to that date, when the Auditor made out the account & he had neglected to examine the Cash Account the mistake happened for which I am much Concerned, we must treat with you as Connected Account. I am

My dear Sir

Sincerely Yours

[Signed] D. Petrie

Concerning a late Translation, I apprehend that is published in the Courier. —

Madras 12 April 94.

Wellesley Pole Esqr.

Wellesley Pole

You have now been absent a long time, and

thanks

and though I have got Encouragements from the Rebels for you; I do not see that I have any thing as yet, notwithstanding that you are repeatedly writing for further orders from the Rebels; — Being therefore that you are not Capable of managing the business in the manner we wished, we desire Annah Sawmy to write to you to procure us Musters of Indigo made by the Country People in their own way, with the Lowest prices they Can be got at, and to what amount; Rather than Continue any longer to lead your time in fruitless attempts to get Indigo made according to our wishes, and I expect to long ere this Tathana received three more Musters with the Indigo makers you Carried up with you, who must for wrelefs where he is, wherefore we have employment for both here. do therefore send them immediately with Musters of the different sorts of Indigo, the Inhabitants usually make, and if we find we Can get a quantity annually on moderate terms; — You Can make agreements with the Inhabitants for all they Can make, which will render the business easy both to you and them. —

Mr. Roebuck has received your last Letter, but did not know what to make of the Contents; — your Letters hitherto have been full of promises and disappointments & this is all that we have got for the heavy expence we have incurred by sending raw & the people that are with you to get us Indigo. —

Your friend

[Signed] Wm. Abbott. —

Robert Abbott Esquire

Madras 12. April 1794.

My dear Robert

We have not heard from you for some days, which induced me to Conjecture that you are going now Roundly to Set the Inhabitants manufacture the Indigo; and in case I expect to hear from you that a large Product has been the Consequence of your Superintendance I should suppose that the produce of every Cutting is received as soon as it is Successfully Dried, which being the Case, it would be most Convenient to us to receive the Indigo as fast as it is made, as may therefore dispatch by every opportunity all the Indigo that may then be finished; — Directing in what manner the amount Invoices are, & what Ships and Letters of Caunds the Risk of the Seas & Enemies —

I am informed that messrs. Keating & Buyfield agree

ceiving a quantity of Indigo, have to hope, some time ago to inform me of as there

Late were in this line; I will still be thankful for the like information,

and whether they are likely to result us in any degree; — You may

Likewise

Likewise to procure me quarters of the different Sorts of Indigo they
Manufacture and the Price of each.

I will thank you to send me a Muster of the
finest Brown Cotton, that you Can get, such as the best Cambaid Broach Yarn is
are made of, and inform me at the same time what Quantity of that Cotton
you Could get to Purchase immediately & at the proper Season, and at how much
Candy; - I also wish you to procure for me a Bag of Seeds of the Best
Sort of this Cotton, cultivated by Coolies, but to Inquire as to provide its getting
damaged, and inform me at the same time if it is usual to Cultivate it
in any particular Soil. - John is still with him and will most likely
Continue here for some time he desires his Love. -

Pray is there a Schedule of the Debt that
we have under Tabers management being sold Goods; - I have no doubt of his doing
the best for us, but as he had a deal of Currency in his hands I would
be better for us to Suggest the means to him if we know how; Do not
take any notice of this to him, but inform yourself privately which is the
best mode of Selling Salt at present and to most advantage; - Are there
not Banyans Come at Certain Seasons to buy Salt to Carry to the
Countries? and which are the Seasons

Yours affectionately.

Bombay
Joseph McCarding Esq.re
Dear Sir

Wm. Abbott

Madras 17th April 1794.

We have been favord with your letter, dated
the 19th Ultimo, requesting us to make a Remittance of from £4 to 500 Sterling
on your account to Messrs. Johnd. James Mangles & Co. London at the best
Exchange we are able; - Which we shall Comply by the first opportunity
that offers, but in Consequence of the late Fleet of Indiamen, having been dis-
patched from Calcutta, direct, we Cannot venture today, when that may be;
At all events we are apprehensive the Exchange will not be more
favorable here than at your Place, owing to the Remittance here through
the Company being Shut; - Private Bills are now at 1/2 pr Pagoda, 12th

They may perhaps be procurable on more advantageous terms, if the expected Ships from
the Bay can bring us good accounts. -

We are anxiously waiting for your reply to
our Letter dated the 1st. Ultimo - notwithstanding we have by various means
endeavoured to get the Underwriters to make an offer to us of Compromising the
Loss on the Hannah, we have heard nothing from them as yet on the Subject,
and we do not think it would be prudent for us to make the Proposal to
them, for the reasons already given you in a former Letter. -

We received a Letter from Captain Pryce of the
Royal Charlotte a few days ago, on the Subject of the Cotton, we sold him
belonging to you, - Copy of which, is now inclosed for your Government
by which, and the Note of Sale annexed to it, you will find that he claimed the
Quantity of 88348 lb. of Cotton, having paid for that Quantity in Consequence of
an Error occasioned by Calculating the Surat Candies at 840 lb. instead of
784 lb. and which makes the difference of Pagodas 1577: 1: 40 instead of Pago-
-das 531. as stated in Captain Pryces Letter. -

The second Paragraph of Capt.n Pryces Letter
is perfectly Correct as to the Circumstances that happened; - with this difference,
that instead of our Mr. Abbott having taken the advantage as expressed in
Mr. P.s Letter, Mr. Hammond himself Sworn positive that a Surat Candy
was 840 lb. instead of 784 lb. that Mr. Abbott did not hesitate to make the
alteration, as it evidently appeared in your favor, and perhaps he at that time
thought that Mr. H. was right as he shewed a memorandum to support
his assertion, Things being in these Circumstances we request your permission to
rectify this Error by paying to Capt.n Pryces Attorney the amount of the
difference in Pagl 1577: 1: 40 he having demanded the same; at the time this
Error is rectified, we must do Justice to the party who purchased the 191 Bales
who will no doubt Call upon us for the same, we therefore inclose you
a Rubbin Acct. Sales of the 500 Bales Nellore Pagl 10986. 4: 61. and
request you will allow us to Debit you for the difference occasioned by
the Error already mentioned in Pagl 730: 32: 67. -

We have this moment been favord with your
Letters dated the 24th & 26th Ultimo with your Invoice and which you agree to
arbitrate the Loss on the Hannah, which is very fair that we do
not think the Underwriters can possibly object to them, and we shall

take

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We are to advise it hitherto on Monday morning, it being the date
hereof, and inform you of the Result by next Despatch. — The Policy of
Insurance specifies that differences are to be submitted to arbitration. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

Signed Parbuck & Abbott

Madras 14. April 1794.

Ellore

Lieutenant James A. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

We were surprized to receive your letter of the
7th date from Ellore, having had reason to expect from the Tenor of your preceding
Letter, that you would have been at Nyhatabad long ere this. — Consequently we
wrote to you on the 26th ultimo directed to that place, to inform you that your
Pettitioned Cause would come on at the appeals in one or two Settings more. —
We have now the further Satisfaction to acquaint you, that it has since
been decided on by the Court of Appeals, and the decree of the Mayor
Court has been Confirmed: but the old man has appealed from it to the
King in Council, — we shall therefore take the earliest opportunity
of sending the needful on our part in order to hasten the final
decision; — Abbott will be obliged to give Bail for the Costs of Suit
which however are inconsiderable Considering the magnitude of the Amount
Dureed by the Courts here. —

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

/Signed/ Parbuck & Abbott

Fort St George 15th April 1794.

James Daley Esqre

Sustg the Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We have received Mr Hardings permission
to submit the matter in dispute Concerning the Ely on the Vessels
to arbitration / provided the Policy mentions that disputes are to be
determined by Arbitration / but our Condition that Arbitrators shall be
Chosen in Calcutta, either one or both by either party and the two or
four to be allowed to call in a third or fifth, in the event of a
division of opinions. — We think the proposal so fair that we have not
the smallest doubt, but that it will be readily agreed to by your
Committee, before whom we request you will be pleased to lay
this Letter, and as speedily as possible inform us of their determination —
In default of this Arrangement, we are in Honor bound to [illegible] for
that which we presume, Cannot much more Satisfactory to all
Parties, be settled by a Reference to a few Gentlemen. —

We are &c

Signed Parbuck & Abbott

Tuesday 15. April 1794

H. Sewell Esqre

Dear Sir

We have received a letter from Brunsell informing
us that you had expressed a wish to take up your Bond bearing date
the 4 April last for Pags 3000 on account of Jo Morgan. Wherefore
send the Bond & Interest for payment. —

Yours truly

Signed Wm Abbott

Henry Sewell Esqre

Dear Sir

15. April

Had you applied to Brunsell the attorney
to receive the amount of your Bonds, they must have enforced
you to us as attorney to Jo Morgan, but we have no such
to do with the affair. Consider by a
course of suit you will pay the
as the difference may be. —

Pondicherry

Major E. Trahaud

My dear Sir

Parbuck has received your several Letters

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Letter to the 1st Instant inclosing the Account of Expences for the Draw bridge, both which are presumed to be Replying to them; — and I near the morning favour of the 13th that directs to Once date the 13. to which I shall to Reply, and enclose at the same time a Copy of the only Estimate we have received for Repairs to be made at Dividiful, which you write Lies in the Pandy, State Board & Magazine amounting to Pay. 800 27. 35 which was only received a few days ago, and now request you will be kind enough to put it into a State of Execution as soon as possible; — It may perhaps be unnecessary to have to many at many Garrisons for the purpose of Procuring Materials because perhaps work will not be required to all the Garrisons and certainly not all at the same time, but we will Consider how the business will best be Carried on, and adopt the plan that may appear most advantageous. —

The work done will sometimes exceed the Estimate a trifle & sometimes fall a little short of it, and as the Chief Engineer Cannot pass our Bills without a Certificate from you of the measurement of the work Completed, we request you will be kind enough to transmit to us regularly as soon as each Estimate is Completed, that we may meet with no delay in getting our Bills passed; & such a Certificate we now require from you for the Draw Bridge. —

You must be sensible that the Chief Engineer will expect Something from every work we may Superintend with Care; his allowance must therefore be deducted before you can draw your 1/3 of the Profits for that cannot be ascertained untill every Expence in first year on each Separate Estimate, we are under the necessity to have recourse to keeping Cashier for the Purpose of having the accounts clear, & same time from the advances we are obliged to make; Interest must be charged on the work; and untill all these charges are brought to account the Profits of the Business Cannot be ascertained and Consequently your 1/3 share; — you had better therefore allow us to keep an account of all the work that may be done in your Division, which Can be settled every 6 or 12 months and

your

Credit. — J. W.

For what money you may require to Compleat the work agreed on in the accompanying Estimate you had better Draw upon us. for we have not a ready mode of making Remittances when it may be necessary. — As to Mortgages, if there should be any difficulty in getting them on the Spot, inform us & we will send from hence, but they Could Come expensive to the Concern. —

Prichard says he will do every thing in his power to promote your views in the application you have made to Genl. Believe me very truly

My dear Sir

Your Bill for Pay. 115 is accepted. —

Your obedient Servants

Wm. Morris

Master 17th April 1794.

Wm. J. Balfour

Dear Sir

We request that you will proceed to Breckenloch as soon as you receive this, in order to Survey the Ground there, and to consider in what manner, and at what Rate materials of all kinds & wherever, for Conducting our Contract for buildings & Repairs, are procurable on the most Reasonable terms at those Places, and send us your observations as early and as often as you Conveniently Can: — you need not Publish your opinion to any Body, but procure us the information we require as quietly as possible. —

We now deliver you a Copy of our Contract Rate for all kinds of works which may be some Guide to you, and if you Could Conveniently inform us at what Rate under our Contract price the different works Can be executed, it will be very pleasing to us also diminish the trouble we shall otherwise have; — It may perhaps be necessary to inform you that we have reason to think that the greatest part of the works we may have to execute with be Brick & Stone work and such works as the Artd Barracks, Timber work that may be required with. we have reason to think be but a small portion of what we shall have to execute. —

Wishing you health, we are

Dr Sir

Your obedient Servants

Richard Pr

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Fort St George 19 April 1794

Vellore

Lieut Wood Engineer

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you an Estimate for Forage which requires to be executed without delay. Will you be so good as to draw upon us for what cash is requisite or I will remit it by Golahs as is most convenient. I am in hopes of hearing from you relative to rates & prices. Of one thing I am confident that we shall adjust every thing to mutual satisfaction. I am &

Yours

B. Roebuck

sign[d]

J. Daly Esq[r]

Madras 19. April 1794

Secret[y] to the Madras Ins[e] Company

Sir

We have been favord with your note informing us that your Committee have left on Mr. R. Ribaux & Captain James Ede of Calcutta, to act as arbitrators on their part in Settling the dispute Respecting the loss of the Ship Neanah, and requesting to know if we intend to name to them nomination; we do not conceive that we have the option of objecting to any Gentlemen that the Committee may think proper to name for arbitrators on their Side; But notwithstanding

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summons remaining pending our instructions, upon taking opinion of an umpire have advised you will be pleased to refer to our letter to you dated the 15 instant[o] you will find that one of the Condeshons on which Mr Harding agrees to refer the matter to arbitration is that the Umpire shall be chosen by the Arbitrators. To convince you however that we have not the smallest objection to Mr Roebuck sitting on Judgement upon the matter in dispute, we will name him as one of the arbitrators on the part of Mr Harding jointly with Mr R. Saunders

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants

sign[d] Roebuck & Abbott

Robert Abbott Esquire

Madras 19th April 94.

My dear Patient

I am informed that you have purchased six Camels immediately, and Consequently only half finishing the Camels to the Northward. We are anxious to ascertain what effect your Superintendance would have upon the Quantity and Quality of Supplies procurable in exchange for Money. I therefore hint if you leave the Plains before the different Crops are Cut[d] you will incur the risque of being disappointed in your object. I trust therefore that you will reconsider the business and not come up unless your Health absolutely requires it. I am sensible the weather must be very hot. but am at same time convinced that it cannot be too hot as to prevent your travelling with a Tent & other Conveniencies, and so provided you keep out of the Sun, in the Heat of the day it may be rather inconvenient but I am convinced you could go through the business without Injuring your health, Must do the affairs Campaigning in the hottest Situations during the depth of Summer, and take my word for it Patient that unless a person can make up his mind to a number of inconveniencies he will from Heat or some other Causes, be had better not come out to this Country, and particularly a Young man, if he has not Energy & resolution to undertake every thing & overcome difficulties he will never do in this as in any other Country. I wrote to you on the 12th for same information but I am afraid your hurry for quitting your situation will not permit you to give them.

Yours affectionately

sign[d] Wm Abbott

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Bombay.

J. Harding Esquire

Dear Sir

We trouble you with these few lines merely to accompany a Copy of the Correspondence we have had with the Secretary of the Madras Insurance Company on the Subject of the Arbitration proposed by him under certain Stipulations; & have to add our apprehension that same objection will be made to Mr Lambert by reason on your side, as he is your Agent at Calcutta, in which case you will again hear from us on the Subject by next Packet. —

Throughout this unfortunate business the Secretary has shewn more willingness to throw impediments in the way of a Settlement than any Individual Member of the Society — We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir Your Obedient Servants

Reid Peacock & Abbott

James Daley Esquire

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Madras 25th April 1794.

Sir

We have duly received your letter of this date informing us that your Committee agree to the nomination of an Umpire at Calcutta as also to Mr Fairlie acting as our Arbitrator on the part of Mr Harding but object to Mr Lambert either as our Arbitrator or Umpire as they understand that he is Mr Harding's Agent. —

Having been ordered by Mr Harding to name Mr Lambert we do not feel ourselves at Liberty to nominate another Person in his Stead, and if your Committee consider Mr Lambert's acting as our Arbitrator on the part of Mr Harding more detrimental to their Cause than the opinions of the other three Arbitrators will be for it, it is more than probable the matter will never be settled by our Arbitration; — we beg leave therefore to —

Bombay.

Jos Harding Esquire

Dear Sir

Madras 22d April 1794.

Your Obedient Servants

Reid Peacock & Abbott

We are sorry to be under the necessity of returning to you Captain Read's bill on us drawn the want of funds & from the irregular manner in which it is drawn; — we inclose you his account current with us. Balance in his favor Pagodas 3012. 17. 45 which we hold to your Credit as attorney to Captain Read and we trust that this made of doing the Business will not in the least make any difference to you & we have preferred to your former Instructions of the 23d December last, wherein you desire us not to part with any of the Funds belonging to Capt Read in our hands but at your requisition, on behalf of the Concerned in the Settlement, which it is right to note the Bill.

On the 19th instant we had the pleasure of receiving your Communications with the Secretary of the Insurance Company, we now inclose you a Continuation of that Correspondence, & we must recommend your naming another Arbitrator in the room of Mr Lambert. we have consulted a Law Friend on the occasion, on whose Judgment we have every reliance, who thinks the objections made to Mr Lambert will be held unreasonable. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir Your Obedient Servants

Reid Peacock & Abbott

Appendix

much pleased with your different Communications I have always taken the
you wished act for our Benefit and your own Credit, now must proceed
as you have begun — Wish you immediately to procure materials at
Trichinopoly and Deliver Mr Strange Roy Spund the Paymaster of Tanjore
with assurance from 1000 Pagodas. One Thousand Pagodas for your Credit
and as you had better get Mr Hawkins at Trichinopoly to keep your
Cash in his Cash Chest Stake it out as you want it.

I direct this Letter under Mr Stranges Cover

I am
Your obedient Servt
/ Signed / B. Rachuch

It will be necessary that you Stay at
Trichinopoly untile all things go on
right, Shall immediately get Mahobs order & Write me what money you
want, & it shall be sent. / Signed / B R. —

You must ascertain at Trichinopoly
& Tanjore what every kind of work Can be done for by measurement
before you leave the Southward but immediately begin at Trichinopoly Call on
Mr Strange. —

Rishnagherry
12. May. 94.

Captain Bong.

Dear Sir

The Chairs are ready for you & they shall
immediately be sent off, with the most expeditious & best of journey men
with respect to the Artificers when I close
this I shall be able to say Something respecting them they ought not to
have been more than fifteen days on the Road. —

I had a Conversation a short time ago
Colonel Gent & expect Something will be ordered immediately respecting the
Repairs as soon as I hear what is resolved on, you shall hear
the Carriage of the Chairs by Coolies from
you to 3 or 4 Pagodas, a Cart hire is
Pagodas. —

I am
Dear Sir
very truly Yours
/ Sign'd / R.

Madras 12th May 94.

Covelong

Walter Balfour Esquire

Dear Balfour

Baker sent to me a few days ago a letter
from you to him concerning the Long Boat of the Hannah the last Consigned
to Ent. But as we claim the Lost from the underwriters, any part of the
Wreck that may be thrown on Shore, we Conceive belongs to them, and
therefore cannot take upon ourselves to make it over to you, you
had better apply to the underwriters. — Yours truly

Signed Wm Petrie

For
Mr John Sharp

15th May 1794. —

Sir

In Consequence of Mr Edward Shaw's
Letter to us dated 26th ultimo We have to request you will be so good
as to deliver to the Bearer the Remaining of 1st Vol. of Lieut Mackenzie's
Plates and also any Sums that you may have received on account of
Subscription for Lieutenant Mackenzie, for which the Bearer will
give you a Receipt. — We are

Sir
Your obedient Servants
/ Signed / R Yorke &c.

Fort St George 16. May 1794

For
The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council.

Honble Sir

Understanding that there is a damaged and
useless Mortar now lying at the Sea Gate, which from its great weight the Captains
of both Europe and Country Ships have refused to receive on Board, & Carry to
Bengal, — we beg leave to make a tender for it, and to offer Seven
Pagodas a Cwt for the same. — Having built a furnace at a Considerable

[illegible] Expences, we shall be able to meet it, and we presume it would be of no use to any one except ourselves. —

We have the honor to be

Hond.d Sir:

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Signed / R. & J.

Ellore

H. Taylor Esqr.

Ft St Geo: 19: May 1794.

Dear Taylor

We have a Letter today respecting the Repairs of Ellore hospitals, wch we wish to get done as to get them Commenced immediately as well as the Repairs at Masulipatam, as we shall get out a Scrape with Government — Sincerely Yours

/ Signed / B Roebuck.

Fort St George 19: May 94.

Tanjore

Col: Maxwell

My dear Maxwell

Yours of the 15th inclosing a draft for 20.000 Pagodas at 35 days sight has this day Come to hand, the bill has been accepted. —

Yours ever

/ Signed / B. Roebuck. —

Ft St G. 23d May 94.

Kishnagherry

Captain Bong

Dear Sir

I inclose you with the inclosed Bills for two hundred Star Pagodas on Captain Connor and Brothers now intimated from No. 1 to 11 — which please to get put in hand immediately & executed as soon as possible as the Board are very anxious that they should be finished without any delay; — So soon as they are finished please to send us a Certificate that we may get the Cash from the Company & please also to let us have your accounts.

Yours very truly

Signed / B Roebuck

Madras 22d May 1794.

Roger Darvell Esquire

(3 Bank Notes were inclosed)

Sir

We have the honor of sending herewith Five hundred and Twenty four Pagodas, being the amount of our Bill for April for which you request you'll be pleased to send us a Receipt and Re

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Madras. 23d May 1794.

Calcutta

Edward Sharp Esquire

Dear Sir

We have been duly favoured with your Letters dated the 3d & 24 January 17 February 5 March and another another in April and this date, inclosing a Bill of Lading for 250 Copies 2d Vol. of Lieut. McKenzies Book and Cabinet containing Plans in Consequence of different we met in arranging matters as we hoped more for your Satisfaction —

We send you inclosed the following Papers as you requested. —

Copy List of the Subscribers to the Sketch of the late Tippoo Sultaun — as delivered by Mr Sharp — List of the Books delivered by Mr Sharp and List of those that have paid Subscriptions. —

Copy Mr Sharps 2 Account Current with a List of 17 Bills delivered by Mr Sharp & Mr Henderson's acknowledgment for the 17 Bills. —

Copy of messrs Porter Roberts & Co's account Current —

Copy Mr Hendersons Receipt for the 267 Books delivered by Mr Sharp remaining in his hands. —

Extract of a letter from your Correspondent at Pondicherry dated 3d April 94 Regarding the Bills you inclosed to us in the Letter of the 5 March.

Captain Harts bill we keep, as the 36

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36 Regiment here expected here from Warrior, we shall prevent it taking on his arrival.—

We have in Consequence of your Letter dated the 24 January spoken to Mr Paterick as Administrator to Col. Maults Estate concerning a House Lieut Mackenzie purchased at the Sale which he says dues the Sale Acct, but we are sorry to inform you that Mr Paterick cannot take upon himself to make any abatement whatever, we request therefore that you will recieve the Amount from Lt Mackenzie.—

The Ship Charlotte Captain Young is not yet arrived when she does, we shall recieve the 2 Boxes of Books, and deliver them to Mr Hastewan for distribution & press him to collect the outstanding Subscriptions.—

The fate of the two Exchange Lottery Tickets No. 3825/3826 left by Captain Smith, are as follows Viz. the former a Blank and the latter a Prize of 20 Pagodas which, shall be carried to your Credit in Pagodas 18. allowing the usual deduction, & according to Captain S. request contained in your Letter two Tickets in the present Lottery shall be purchased for him and passed to your debt. and you shall be duely answered of their Numbers.—

We cannot get Sir Paul Jodrell to settle Accounts we are afraid without a Prosecution, on which subject we request your instructions.—

We are
Dear Sir
Your obedient Servants
/Signed/ R B A.—

Fort St. George 29th May 1794.

Arnie
Major Petrie

My dear Sir

I have this day the pleasure of haveing yours of the 28 instant inclosing a Bill on the Paymaster General for Five hundred Pagodas which has been duly recieved and carried to your Credit. I hope you are got better since we last us.—

Sincerely Yours
/Signed/ B. R.

Madras 31 May 1794.

James Daley Esq
Dear Sir

Having recieved Mr Hardey's permission to name Captain John Hudson of Calcutta, an Arbitrator jointly with Mr Fairlie on his side, in the affair concerning the loss of the Hannah, we take the Liberty of giving this Intimation, in order that your Committee may prepare the Evidence to lay before the Arbitrators with as little delay as possible.

We are Dear Sir
Your obedient Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

Fort Saint George 31 May 1794.

Trichinopoly
Mr Balfour
Sir

Inclose your Estimate from No 1 to 3 which must be executed as soon as possible. I understand Mr Doyce wants to remit some money to Madras 1000 Pagodas on account of Colonel Maxwell, speak to Mr Paupard about this & receive the Cash & give him a Bill on us for One Thousand Pagodas. I hope the Nabob have sign'd the order if they have not, Pray let me know. I trust to your Exertions & good Conduct which I am sure will satisfy at all times, Mr Abbott and myself in the prosecutions of the Barnagore under your management. I am Sir

Your obedient Servant
/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Bombay

Madras 31st May 1794

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir.

We have the pleasure of informing you that the Eliza arrived Yesterday & Capt Hodges delivered us your favor dated the 19th Inst & this day the Tappal brought us the one dated the 14th.

We have informed Mr Daly that you have given us permission to Name Capt Jno Hudson Joint Arbitrator with Mr Fairlie on your part & have requested

requested that the Committee would, with as little delay as possible prepare the needful to lay before the Arbitrators. — We shall send all the Papers to Messrs Lambert Ross & Co & give them besides every other information that may come to our knowledge which may tend to benefit your Cause. —

We have begin to unload the Eliza & on the Course of tomorrow we hope she will be clear. We have no present prospects however of being able to sell your Cotton by her by Whole Sale at the Rate you mention, but in order that no time may be lost in disposing of it we shall begin Retailing it immediately from P. 26 to 28 p Candy which is the present Price. —

We are happy your orders for sending the Eliza to Batavia are not positive, because we have been able to charter her for 6 Months certain at 1600 p Month, which we conceive will prove much more advantageous to you. & as soon as the Charter Party is signed, which is now drawing out, we shall send you a Copy. & wait with impatience your approbation

There is not above 150 Tons of Bar Iron on the place, & not a single piece of Iron Hoops, nor do we believe there are any to be got to the Southward. We think ourselves therefore fortunate in having been able to freight the Eliza so advantageously. we do not think the Government would have taken her up on similar terms, even perhaps after a delay of three Weeks or upwards. for to our knowledge several Captains have withdrawn their proposals on consequence of the delay they have experienced in getting an answer. we have reason to believe also that they will be very particular in the Ships they take up, & unless they can get good strong Ships on terms that may seem moderate. We understand they intend to employ all the Indiamen that are coming with the Fleet. —

The Gentleman who has taken up the Eliza, we believe intends sending her to Batavia & when she returns perhaps to the Isle of France.

We remain with Real Esteem. — Your's &c.

Immediately on the receipt of this we will thank you to purchase 200 Leagues of Batavia Arrack & send them round by the earliest opportunity. They are for our friend the Hon.ble Cochrane to whom you may draw for the amount on his Agt mentioning what that is we will receive it from him. inform us at the same time what quantity of Arrack is at your place. —

Trichinopoly 31 May 1794

Major E. Frapaud

Dear Frapaud

I have been favoured with your two last Letters I have done as you desired it is all very right & we understand each other, their orders respecting you both they alter not my Resolutions which remain as before and and that Burnett may do as he pleases so much for that. —

I do not understand your intimating the Repair of Brick and Chunam work at Dindigul &c Tanjam as Estimated unless it is the Carriage of Materials with the Flint & soft that it can scarcely be. —

At Trichinopoly cannot some of the Draw Bridges be repaired with Country wood? Cannot you say it must come the same time as no Teak was at that moment to be procured & cannot the Charge be made lower in Consequence & me know this by future. I Tappall I have taken measures to supply you with Teak Timber — I have written to Balfour as our Agent that it may so & I have desired him to give a draft on us for the 1000 Pagodas Mr Dyce wants to furnish on Colonel Maxwell's account. — Sincerely Yours

[Signed] B. Roebuck

Trichinopoly Fort St George 3d June 1794

Mr Balfour

Sir

Immediately on the Receipt of yours Letter I applied to Government & shall shortly have a positive order from the Board I much approve of what you have been doing and I think as Agent to the Contractors you should apply to Colonel Floyd not to be prevented in procuring Materials to execute the Company's business, but Consult with Major Frapaud on this to whom I will write to morrow or next day. —

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

[Signed] B. Roebuck

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Robuck & Bloss

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Sigd / B. Roebuck

Trichinopoly Fort St George 3d June 1794

Mr Balfour

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Yours Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Sigd / B. Roebuck

Madras 3d June 1794.

Messrs Lutchmeedutt Mallacant Vajeedutt Lutchmeedutt

Gentlemen

Though we have repeatedly through Nagapah Chitty demanded Payment of the amount of the loss on the Hannah as per Policy of Insurance signed by you dated 30th September last for Pagodas 2000, which was due the 25th April last, you have not as yet satisfied our demand; — We have therefore to inform you that unless you take measures to make us immediate payment of the amount we are instructed by our Constituents to take Legal Measures in order to Compel you. —

We are

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Signed Parlett & Debett

Madras 4th June 1794. —

Calcutta

Benjamen Joy Esquire

Dear Sir

The last time I had the pleasure of writing to you was on the 28th March, to which I have not yet been favoured with your reply. —

Since your Departure the following American Vessels have arrived, the Ship Three Brothers, the Snow Diana and the Ship Arethusa, to the Commanders of all which I have regularly sent according to your desire the letter you left with me addressed to the Commanders of American Vessels and for your Government have inclosed the answers I received from Captain Swain Commanding the last mentioned Ship arrived a few days ago; — The answers I received from the others have been to the same purport, and by which you will observe that they seem to think the Office of Consul a useless one, and my representing to Compell them to acknowledge you, If it is proper that you afford your authority, and undermine them, both with respect to yourself & those you have named to Represent you in your public Capacity; unless you can do this, my Continuing to send your Letters addressed to the Commanders, will not only expose me to their Ridicule, but lead the illiberal people here, should both the one in whose hand writing Captn Swain Chitty to me is, namely Mr Day, to think that ought to subject them from the Hands to which they may be Consigned, I shall therefore Forbear sending more said letter to Commanders of American Vessels that may arrive until I receive your Reply; and remain with Esteem

Yours

The Eliza has not made her appearance yet — what Can have become of her? —

Your obedient Servant

Signed Wm Roebuck

Fort St Geo. 4 June 1794

Elliot

H. Taylor Esq

Dear Taylor

I have on the other side write you a Copy of a Letter from Corbett I have in Consequence referred him to you, what he always if you will order the Repairs to be executed with as little delay as possible I hope the Repairs at Ellore hospital are expeditious that the Men are in as Train. —

Yours Truly

Signed / Roebuck

4 June 1794

Masulipatam

T. Corbett Esq.

Dear Corbett

I have wrote to Harry Taylor requesting he will get the Repairs executed immediately. —

Yours Sincerely

/ Signed / R.

Madras 5. June 1794.

Frank Day Esqre

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Chitt, & apologyzing for the paper and hand writing of note Captain Swain requested of you to write in answer to one I wrote to him, merely as the representative of Mr Joy the American Consul, — It did not appear to me that either the hand writing or the Paper required any apology, but as my note to Captain Swain was

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in Justice to myself as well as to myself, I could do no less than forwarded to him, which I did yesterday —

Yours truly
(Signed) Wm Abbott

J. Daley Esq.

Fort Saint George 5 June 1794 —

Sir

We herewith forward to you the Statement required in your Note of this days date. —

Yours obediently
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Capt.n Samuel Hodges

Madras 7th June 1794.

Commanding the Ship Eliza

Dear Sir

Having chartered the Ship Eliza for the Honble Basil Cochrane for Six months at 27½ Copy of the Charter Party dated 2d. instant, which you will herewith receive, We request that you will put yourself under his orders, unto he shall deliver the Eliza over to us at or after the expiration of the time mentioned in the Charter Party

We are Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort Marlboro

Madras 7th June 1794 —

James Moore Esqre

Dear Sir

We have duly been favored with your letter dated the 17th July & 11th November last — the formerly the Friends Adventure accompanying 34 Chests of Benjamin and the latter via Batavia. —

We dispose of the Benjamin on the 20th December last at 32½ Pagodas ℔ Candy three months Credit, the Nett Proceeds of which was Pagodas 27½: 19: — as ℔ inclosed Account Sales is Carried to your Credit — For want of the usual importation, this Article is now Risen in price and the first Quality would now Command from 40 to 50 Pagodas ℔ Candy. —

We

We should have been glad to have sent you a Couple of Pipes of Madura by the present Conveyance to Batavia, but we thought there was a probability of your procuring it from thence on your Condition, but we learn now that the Seas are Clear that an opportunity will shortly offer direct for your place, by which we shall be able to send them to you with Confidence and Safety. —

In Compliance with your request we inclose a List of the Ships taken up for the present Season, — not any of them are yet arrived, and we do not expect any before the Squadron arrives that was to have Sailed the 1st February for the Expedition that is now preparing against the Mauritius, off which Island there are at present a 50 Gun Ship and 2 large Frigates Cruizing, and the Comorede of 64 and Flora of 36 are we hope ere this off your Coast, and as it is more than probable but that they will put into Benoolen we refer you to them, for News, they brought almost the latest Accounts we have from Europe. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Trichinopoly

Madras 7th June 1794 —

Wm Balfour

Sir

We inclose you a Letter for Major Frapaud which you will be so good as to deliver to him after having perused its Contents & put a Wafer into it, you will also if it should be necessary address a Letter as our Agent & Contractor to Colonel Floyd & make Major Frapaud acquainted with what steps you take, — Hope soon to have positive orders from the Nabob by the means of Government. —

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Trichinopoly

Fort St George 7 June 1794 —

Major E. Frapaud

Sir

Our Agent having represented to us that the Nabob's people will not allow him to procure the Materials necessary for the Works and Repairs ordered at Trichinopoly — we have to request your interference, and

and to support us with your aid; by making the necessary applications to the Commanders Officers for an Guard necessary to protect our materials and Workmen and as the necessity of the measure is Evident, we trust that by our application through you, which as Contractors, we believe is the Regular Channell, that the necessary protection will be granted, and saving us of so much importunities as that we are ordered to provide may be no longer unfelt. —

Sir Wehave the honor to be

Your most obedient Servants

/Signed/ Rathmell LeMesurier

Calcutta 7 June 1794

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co Madras 7 June 1794

Gentlemen

We duly received your favor dated the 23d April inclosing your Advocate Generals opinion respecting the Hannah, which will be of some assistance to us in drawing out a base that we are now preparing to be submitted to the Arbitration of Mr Wm Fairlie & Capt. John Hudson on Mr Hardings part & Mr Perreau & Capt. Ede on the part of the Underwriters who in the event of a division of opinions are to chuse an Umpire. — As soon as the Arbitration Bonds are sign'd we shall transmit them with the base & all Documents to you, to be laid before the Arbitrators with any additional evidences &c that may be in your power to procure, which may make in favor of Mr Hardings Claim. You will ere this have heard from that Gentleman on the subject of this Arbitration which he has thought a better mode of settling this business by, than leaving it to the glorious uncertainty of the Law. —

After repeated Verbal communications with the private Underwriters of P. 2000 — on the Hannah, we found ourselves under the necessity of Demanding by Letter immediate payment of the Sops, to which we only received a Verbal answer, "that provided Mr Daly's Office would pay they would also pay." — We have in consequence thought proper to desire our Attorney at Law to write a Letter to them, in the hopes it would bring them to Reason, but to which he has, as yet received no Reply. — Matters being thus circumstanced we request your Instructions whether you are inclined to enter into Bonds to abide the Award that may be given on Mr Hardings Claim, or would prefer a Law Process which though tedious, would in our opinion be most favorable to your Cause. —

We remain with real Esteem —

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq. Madras 7 June 1794

Dear Sir

We have already had the pleasure of announcing the arrival of the Eliza & of our having Chartered her for 6 Mos at Pr 6000 p Month which in P. 1250 will be passed to your credit & herewith you have a copy of the Charter party to which we refer you & trust the terms we have made for you will meet with your approbation. — The Insurance you will have to make will be only on the Block of the Eliza. — She sails this Evening for Batavia & on her return Mr Cochrane will probably send her back for another Cargo. This may serve to guide you in making your Insurance on her. —

We have now before us your favor of the 7, 10 17 & 22 Ult & shall according to your permission debit you with the Error in the Sales of your Cotton last year occasioned by a miscalculation of the Surat Candies. —

We are now preparing the base to be laid before the Arbitrators Mr Fairlie & Capt. Hudson on your part & Mr Perreau & Capt. Ede on the part of the Underwriters, when it is completed & the Arbitration Bonds sign'd we shall transmit

Then

Commanders Allen & Co

them to Messrs Lambert Ross & Co with all the Documents for them to lay before the Arbitrators with any additional Evidence they may be able to procure.—

Your letter for Europe shall be forwarded by a Dane now under dispatch.—

We are happy that the Dispatch the Eliza made round has saved you the Insce on her.—

It is not in our power to sell your bottom at this Moment at a rate that you would approve of. None of our Merchants are sufficiently courageous to purchase 100 Bales at a time, we must therefore have patience & sell by retail.—

At a time that we had so good an opportunity of Chartering the Eliza advantageously, we did not think it Prudent to send her to the Southward with a part of your bottom & thereby Lose the Freight we have secured for her. Had it suited Mr Cochranes convenience we should of course sent 200 Bales to Ragoe but being anxious to dispatch her immediately he would hear of nothing that was likely to detain her an instant.—

We think ourselves extremely lucky in having freighted the Eliza so well we don't think that Govt would have given near so much for her particularly since we are informed that in consequence of the Bengal Govt having taken up a number of Ships, this Govt has resolved to take up only such good Ships as are offer'd on moderate terms.— We remain &c

Bombay
Wm Francis Kemp

Reprd Rolbuck & Abbott

Madras 7 June 1794

Dear Sir

I have now before me your Letters dated the 27th Apl & 10th Inst & have now the pleasure of inclosing a copy of a Letter from Mr Cossin to Mr Rodwell by which you will observe he has ordered Mr Popham to settle Accts & pay the Balance that may be due to you, this I hope will finally settle the business to your satisfaction.—

I am much obliged to you for the trouble you took to enquire for the Wheel Mr Maneety informs me that he intends sending them by the Antelope Mr Cochrane says he wrote to you fully on the 17th Inst.—

Will you be so good as to get a few Bales of Mocca Coffee & send them down by the first opportunity.— & let me know at what rate the very large Buffaloes used at Bombay are to be purchased & landed at Cochin so as to be brought over land to Madras, I may perhaps want about one Hundred of them if they are not too high priced.—

Pray remember me kindly to Col Hartley & believe me &c Yours

Reprd Wm Abbott

Calcutta

Madras 8 June 1794

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co

Gentlemen

We had the pleasure of writing to you yesterday & this moment came to hand your favor dated the 2d Inst. inclosing two Letters for Capt Sadler of the Speke, which you wish to have had forwarded by the Eliza.— We regret that they did not come to hand by Yesterdays Tappal as they would have been in time to have proceeded by that Ship, she having sailed only in the night.— Mr Harding having left it to our option to Freight her if a good opportunity offering we thought it more to his advantage to Charter her for 6 Months certain at 600 Rs p Month than send her to Batavia on his own account, & the person who took her up has sent her to that place.—

We shall keep the Letters for Capt Sadler in the hopes of an opportunity soon occuring by which we may be enabled to forward them but should none offer within a Reasonable time they shall be returned by

Your Hble
wd Rolbuck & Abbott

Pondicherry

Madras 8 June 1794

Messrs Coulon White & Gestin & Co

Gentlemen

We request you will kind enough to inform us by Return of Tappal at what rate Bombay Cotton would sell p Candy of 500 Pounds at your place & for how many Bales you could find ready Sale. For we may be induced, if we find your market encouraging to make you a Consignment in that Article.— We remain Yours &c

Reprd Rolbuck & Abbott

Masulipatam

Fort St George 10th June 1794

V. Corbett Esqr

Dear Corbett

I understand Taylor means to resign, but Paymastership Cattle of course leave Masulipatam, he had been so good as to take charge of our Contract business. Have you any objections to manage it for us on this departure which I understand will be soon. - If the Engineer goes our Nothing after it will prove satisfactory, will you be so good as to let me know your determination as soon as Convenient. -

Yours Sincerely

Signed / B. Roebuck

Cuddalore

Captain Douglas

Fort Saint George 11th June 1794.

His Majesty's 74. Regiment

Dear Sir

Captain Nightengale Communicated to me the melancholy account of the loss of our friend Colonel Monnelle. which to me I assure you is a very Severe one, we have been long in the most intimate habits & were at College together. This loss will be a most severe Stroke upon his Relations who most assuredly were partial to him - all those who knew him intimately loved him for the warmth of his Heart & his amiable dispositions & now friendly & better man in private life that seldom exists. His publick worth is in the minds of every one. He has been Cut off in the Career of Honor Glory & Fortune Regretted by all who have known him. - I hope he has left a little and that now into few are amongst his Papers if that is not the Case it will be necessary that his Estate should be administered to & I mean to apply to the Court. I would wish however to hear from you before I make any application, it may be necessary that his Property should be secured for his Relations & it is very Considerate from what he Communicated to me I know not where their Fund may rise but I direct to Cuddalore - Poor Nightingale as well as myself have been very much affected with this News.

I have the honor to be Dear Sir

Your's very obediently

Signed / B. Roebuck

Fort St George 12 June 1794.

Cuddalore

John Kenworthy Esqr

Dear Kenworthy

Having received the other day very pressing Letter from Mr Perring respecting the collecting his outstanding Concerns I am again obliged to trouble you relative to your Bond to him which I hope you will now be able to discharge. -

Yours Truely

Signed B. Roebuck

Fort Saint Geo. 12 June 94

Captain Shippey

Dear Shippey I hope it is Convenient for you now, to discharg the Small Sum due by you to Mr Perring, He desired me to remind you of it with the Interest due if you have not a Memorandum of the Sum I will make up a Statement of the Account and send it to you. -

Sincerely Yours

Signed / Roebuck.

12. June 94

Kilnagherry

Captain Bong

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure to inclose you some Estimates two respecting Summary drawg the others relating to Rayacottah

The whole things raw with Volume shall be forwarded to you. —

Sincerely Yours
(Signed) Roebuck

There is a small house at Pinagra belonging to the late Captain Reding if it could be turned to any use & disposed of to the Company with a few alterations we could have it on very terms. —

London

Madras 15 June 1794

Sir John Call Bart
(By the Princess Frederica)

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 19th Feby last which you have a Duplicate here inclosed. —

Mr Saunter delivered to us your favors dated the 6th July & 8th & 13th August last. and we have now the satisfaction of informing you that the unconnive Brother, who has by a deed of Trust (a copy of which is here inclosed) assigned his Nabobs Bonds over for the payment of the £20,000 that you have made yourself Responsible, in order to relieve him from his debt to the Estate of Sir Robert Baker. this deed amply covers every thing that you pay on account of your Brother on this business. We trust it will meet with your approbation, & you may rely on our making you immediate remittances of every payment that we may receive in consequence of this Trust Deed. —

Notwithstanding you seem very sanguine in your Expectation of a speedy settlement with Mr Dundas in favor of the Creditors, we cannot conceal our apprehension that little or nothing will be done by Ministry in Town business during the present War. & the report however of the likelihood of the settlement taking place immediately has reduced the discount to 3 pCt at which rate we have sold a Bond belonging to Mr Benfield, & notwithstanding his prohibition of selling his Bonds in consequence of the arrangement in agitation, we should have taken upon ourselves to have realized the whole of his Bonds at 3 pCt Discount (if we could have sold them all) provided we had the means of making him Remittances

The only Public Remittance is via Bengal in consequence of this Treasury shut for Certificates on that place, a Remittance on the Court of Directors would only render about 7/12 pCt Pay.ble & private Bills are at present at 7/6 & very scarce. Money is besides so plenty here that it is difficult to employ a large quantity even at 6 pCt Interest. — Notwithstanding all these disadvantages we think it very Desirable for all those whose Fortune is principally in this Funds to realize it at the present discount. We understand George Taylor means to write to your Brother to propose selling a certain quantity of Bonds belonging to the Concern & if he refused, Taylor is determined to sell a Lack at Least of his Fathers Bonds to pay his Debts, we think it would be to your Brothers Interest to accede to the proposal. The Dividends have been made regularly & the Cavalry Loan is at last paid off, so that the whole of the 621,000 must now be appropriated to the payment of the Consol. Bonds on which however there is near 4 Years Interest due. —

In consequence of Orders brought by the Diomede & Heroine Frigates great preparations are making for an Expedition against the Mauritius for which purpose they will require at least 6000 Men & the whole to be taken from this Coast. — weakening this part of India will it is to be apprehended give Tippoo great encouragement to Visit the Carnatic. — The possibility of this happening is we confess with us a great Inducement to wish our Friends out of the Nabobs Funds at present favorable rate of Discount. —

By the Sugar Cane that is to touch here for Dispatches we expect we shall be able in about a fortnight to Remit you a Bill on the Court of Directors for about £2,000 on account of the Creditors, & as we find we have already furnished you with a List of those who have subscribed to pay the Subscription, it will be unnecessary to trouble you with one by this present precarious Conveyance the Princess Frederica a Danish Ship, we shall therefore only trouble you with the Inclosed Letter for Mr Benfield, who we are happy to find (by a few lines of from himself) has made so happy a Piece in the way of Matrimony. —

We remain &c. Yours &c.

Sign.d Roebuck & Abbott

Colonel Gells 16 June 1794

Dear Gells

Inclose you a note I have just received desiring your orders to pay the Cash.

Return me Mess.rs Bix with your Signature & I will get a Receipt from him.

Yours truly
Signed J. B. Roebuck

London
Col.o James Kirkpatrick

Madras 16 June 1794
(By the Princess Frederica)

Dear Sir

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last Respects, & we have now the pleasure of informing you that the Court of Appeals has confirmed the Decree of the Mayors Court, in your Suit against Andrew Rob.s & he as we expected, has appealed to the King in Council: we are therefore getting the Papers ready to proceed by the first Government Despatch, which will shortly be by the Sugar Cane, now on her way from Bengal to receive Dispatches from this Government, by that opportunity we shall write more fully to you. — This goes by a Dane that we understand is to stop in the Channel.

We could not get a Government bert.s on Bengal they having come to a Determination to shut their Treasury: we have therefore been under the necessity of making a Private Remittance to Bengal for the Bills we promised you in our Last, one set of which will I hope be forwarded to you by the Sugar Cane. Private Bills on England are scarce at 7/1 Pagoda, & the Exchange with Bengal is at present from Rs.a 330 to 335 p.r 100 Pag.a The Discount on bons is reduced to 3 p.r C.t & we wish we had your permission to dispose of yours at that advantagious Rate. which we trust however we shall receive by the Expected Fleet: as there is no knowing what may be the consequence of taking 6 or 8000 Troops from hence for the Expedition now preparing against the Mauritius.

We remain &.a — Yours &.a
Sign.d Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 17 June 1794

Aratoon Jacob

Mess.rs Roebuck and Abbott present their Compliments to Mr Aratoon Jacob, and in reply to his note dated the 12.th instant they beg leave to state that if he can give Letters of Credit on Manilla on which Mess.rs Roebuck and Abbotts may depend for funds in Case they should wish to take any, that they have no objection to receive such Letters of Credit that may be Capable of Surnishing us from 40. or 50,000 Dollars, — and should Mess.rs Roebuck Abbotts Agents make use of the whole or any part of such Credit, they will pay the amount here at D.o 16 p.r 10 Pagodas, with Interest at the Rate of 8 p.r Cent p.r annum from the date the money shall have been taken up at Manilla which Can be settled by the Receipt that Mess.rs R & A.s Agents will give for all Sums he may Receive.

Madras 17 June 1794

London
Sir John Call Bar.t

(By the Princess Frederica)

Dear Sir

Our Packet to you by this Ship the Princess Frederica is under the Care of Mr Gells a Passenger on board of her, should there be any delay in the delivery of it, you will be so good as to send for it, she may probably be heard of at Major Pascals at Barnet. — We remain &.a —

Yours &.a —
Roebuck & Abbotts

G. Chalmer Esq.r
Dear Sir

18 June 1794

As you promised me yesterday that you would draw the Arbitrations Bonds to me Here, but which you have not done I suppose for want of time; — I have Consulted with him as to the form in which you have drawn them out, I have inclosed I send this answer which I hope to thank you to return, after Perusal after an opinion of the kind we Cannot, most assuredly sign the

Bonds

Bands as they stand at present; — They ought certainly to be Simple Arbitrators between them — I have no objection to any name being left out of the Band that the Committee do to sign. —

Yours Truly

/ Signed / Wm Abbott

Ganjam.

Mr Edward Dolly

Fort St George 18 June 1794. —

Sir

Since to you I would not so long have delayed answering yours Letter which I think wanted Such reply, Could let you know. I thank you had better apply to Mr Webbe who is very much esteemed & no doubt could support a very good Character. — I am Sir

Your Most Humble Servant,

/ Signed / Braddock

Madras 25th June 1794.

Mess.rs Braddock and Abbott present their Compliments to Mr. Aratoon Jacob, and are Sorry they Cannot Comply with the terms mentioned in his Note dated this day; — They are by no means anxious for Bills on Manilla, and their agreeing so Readily to take Letters of Credit from Mr. Aratoon Jacob was chiefly with a view of accommodating him. —

Canton (of the Nudgee) Madras 23 June 1794

Mess.rs Ja.s Drummond & Geo.e Sparkes

Gentlemen

We have been very much disappointed at not receiving your reply to our Letter dated the 5th July last which went in Duplicate, by the Royal Charlotte & the Warley, by which Ships we consign'd to you 455 Bales of Cotton & requested of you to remit the Nett Proceeds thereof to Sir John Ball of London, by Bills on the Court of Directors, in the most advantageous manner that your Treasury would afford; if we doubt this has been done, though we are at a loss to account for your silence particularly as we have received a Letter from your Mr Ja.s Drummond dated the 19th Jan.y last in reply to a few lines we had the pleasure of writing to you the 9th Sept.r by one

one of the three Indiamen, the Royal Charlotte Warley & Triton. —

We have Shipped on the Sauger Capt.n Macintosh Ten Bales of Bamboo Mats to your Consignment, containing each 15 pieces as p.r inclosed patterns, marked & numbered as p.r accompanying Bill of Lading & Invoice Importing Pag.s 2223.33 which we have to request you will dispose of to the best advantage, & remit the Nett Proceeds by Bills on the Court of Directors (on the most favorable terms that you can procure) as follows. To Mr.s Mary Turing Moane Street Knights Bridge London £250. — and the remainder to Paul Benfield Esq.r — M.P. London, advising them & us duely thereof, & transmitting to us the Account Sales with the 2nd & 3d of the Bills with as little delay as possible. — We remain — Yours &c —

Sig.d Babuck & Abbott

Fort St George 23 June 1794. —

To

The Honble Sir Chas Oakeley Baronet

Governor in Council

Honble Sir

We are Concerned again to trouble you respecting the total Stop put to our proceeding with the necessary works ordered at Pulicat by the Nabobs Managers, who have Seized the Firewood we had purchased for burning Bricks & Chunam have prohibited those people who had engaged to furnish us with Firewood from burning us supplies for the Money we have advanced they have also issued an order to prevent Coolys from working for us on this occasion, — we beg leave to refer to the inclosed three Letters marked No 1. 2. & 3. —

We hope we shall stand excused in again giving you trouble on the business. — We have the honor to be with the greatest Respect. —

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

/ Signed / Braddock & Abbott

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Canton.

Madras 23 June 1794

Jas Drummond Esqre

My Dear Drummond

I have not been favored with your reply to my Letter by the Warley last year, but what is more astonishing we have not been favor'd with a reply to our Letter accompanying a consignment of 245 Bales of Cotton that we made to your House by the Royal Charlotte & Warley, though your few Lines to Roebuck & Abbott dated the 19th Jan.y has found its way: do my friend see that the like does not happen again, for I can assure you it has given us a good deal of uneasiness particularly as we have been prevented from informing our Correspondent in England of the Nett Proceeds of the Cotton.

Roebuck & Abbott have by this conveyance the Lougee consigned to your House 10 Bales of Cambletts, to the Sales of which permit me to request your attentions, & to their Letter I refer you for the appropriation of the Nett proceeds. The Lougee proceeds in company with 10 or 12 other Ships from Bombay.

Great preparations are making for an Expedition against the Mauritius for which purpose a Squadron consisting of 6 Line of Battle Ships 6 Frigates under Admiral Gardner is daily Expected & General Meadows is coming out to command the Expedition. — Three Frigates that had been for some time past Cruizing off the Mauritius, have retaken & brought in the Princess Royal & three other Prizes. — For Europe News I must refer you to what you will receive by the Ships of the Season. — perhaps long ere this reaches you. Lord Hobart is coming out to succeed Sir Charles Oakeley in the Government of Madras. —

Adieu & ever believe me Dear Sir

Yours

sign'd Wm Abbott

Fort St George 23d June 1794

Vizagapatam

Lieut.t Littman

Dear Sir

We have received the inclosed Estimate for works ordered at Vizagapatam before I could make any application to my

one to act for us I thought it would be best to apply to you whether you would be so kind as to do it, and if so we will name any Person man you please as our nominal Agent. Be so good as to favor me with a line by the return of Despatch. Mr Parker on a former occasion spoke to Mr Abbott on the above Subject who promised his attention to it. But should any Circumstances present now from Conducting the Business — will you be so kind as to deliver the inclosed Letter to Mr Alexander after having put a wafer in it, also so good as to keep the Contents to yourself, & likewise be so kind as to return me Mr Alexanders Letter. —

I am

Dear Sir with Esteem

Your obedient Servant

[Signed] B. Roebuck

Madras 23d June 1794. —

Vizagapatam

Robt Alexander Esqre

(this Letter being returned by Lieut Littman)

Dear Alexander

Having received an order for Repairs required at the Arsenal at Vizagapatam I now take the Liberty of inclosing the Estimate amounting to Pagodas 1309. 2. 10. Supposing that it may be Convenient to you to allow your People to make the necessary Repairs, and if you will superintend them we are willing to make any arrangement that may be suitable; and which, I have no doubt will prove mutually beneficial in the present Repairs as well as what may be ordered in future; — whatever Sum you may require to Complete the present Repairs you may draw upon us for, and give the necessary orders to have them out of hand as expeditiously as possible.

Yours very Sincerely

[Signed] Wm Abbott

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Kistnagherry

F. S. 23 June 1794.

Captain Bong

My dear Sir

I have had the favor of your two letters of the 7th & the 13th June — I have received also one from you of the 18th — The Articles ordered by you on the 7th must be sent as soon as the Padlocks are ready — I am glad you have provided yourself with Artificers & hope there will be no further delays; I inclose you a letter to Capt Read which please to read & send to him by any Person you choose to call your agent & I make no doubt you will have the Tank diggers, should they be necessary — I will apply to the Governor but I hope that will not be effectual — Inclose you three more Estimates, we must be as Economical in proportion in our Field business, your Bills when they appear will be duly honored inclosed is the Memorandum you have drawn: —

I am Dear Sir

Your very humble

(Signed) B Ruthuen

Villapilly

Robt Abbott Esqr

Fort St Geo. 23d June 94

(2 letters of introduction were inclosed for Capt Bong & the other for Mr Taylor)

Dear Robert

As Mr Taylor who promised to go on Contract Bureaus at Ellore & Masulipatam in leaving that place it is necessary the same one should proceed immediately to take Charge of it until we have otherwise arranged it I have therefore to request you will immediately on Receipt of this proceed to Masulipatam — I have written to Mr Taylor to desire that his Servants may give you every information and assistance in their power, you are to remember that whatever people may tell you there are no exclusive Contracts for Bricks & Chunam & in the mean time I will try to arrange matters so as to release you in time for your

or three weeks — I inclose you a letter to Captain Johnston, put a paper in it & deliver it & see yourself if he will undertake the management of the business, you must however do this in a most guarded manner — This requires management let us see how you can act — When you go to Masulipatam enquire for Serjeant Hughes Engineer overseer, he will be able to give you every intelligence & information how you are to proceed the Man may be such but you must go to his Guard — You are also to enquire for William Huddson at Masulipatam he was once in Colonel Pitts employ he may be of use to you if so it will not be attended with inconvenience, which I am afraid it will, you can take Gunapaty with you but I rather think he should stay where he is & look after the business. —

I am Dr Robert Sincerely Yours

(signed) B. Ruthuen

Write to Mr Taylor at Ellore as soon as you receive this he will communicate with you as the Subscriber has got all the Estimates & Papers & will give you Cash for Bills payable at Madras for what Cash you want for the Business let me have an answer by return of Cossade. —

Mr Arieth Seth Madras 24 June 94

Messrs Ruthuen and Abbott present their Compliments to Mr Arieth and take the liberty to mention that the Bills on China have by by mistake all been made Sight Bills instead of first second and third no therefore Returns them, with a Sett of Bills correctly drawn out for Mr Arieth Seths signature, which if he sends in time Messrs R. & A. will take them — Messrs R & A are sorry they cannot comply with Mr A. Seths request by sending him P. 3000 on Respondentia payable at Manilla at 12 P Cent Premium because they understand the Premium paid at present is 25 P Cent

Canton (By favour of Captain Thomas) Madras 24 June 1794.

Messrs. Jas. Drummond & Geo. Sparks

Gentlemen

We have already addressed you by the first opportunity by favour of Capt.n Mac Intosh of the Lauzun, by which Ships we have Consigned to you 10 Bales of Chaicc Cambletts, which we trust you will be able to dispose of to good Advantage, as you will receive them, probably, long ere your annual Importations of that Article this Season —

We beg leave to Inclose a first Bill of this Date drawn by Avent Seth an Armenian Merchant of Canton, for Spanish Dollars Three Thousand Four hundred & payable to our order at 30 days sight, which we have endorsed payable to yours, and have to request you will receive the Amount thereof, & place the same, per like manner with part proceeds of the Shellacs, already directed you / to Paul Benfield Esq.r M. P. London, / by Bills on the Court of Directors, forwarding the first thereof to him and the 2.d & 3.d to us by the earliest opportunity. —

We remain with real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

J Balfour

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

(N.B. I sent on the 26.th instant)

Fort St. Geo. 25 June 94

Your favour with your letter of the 25.th and am glad to hear your are making some Progress for Cash, but the Investments are very in another with regard to Timber get Such Country that will answer — I inclose you a of Timber we have sent to Trichinopoly by Carts, if you want any

any further Timber pray go to Tranquebar and purchase it as cheap as you can & send it by land or by water the nearest Roads the Prices at which you procure it. — Sam glad to hear that your family have got safe Arrived to you. —

I am Sir

Your Obed.t Serv.t

(signed) B. R. —

Ellore

H. Taylor Esq.r

Madras 28.th June 1794

We have got another Msg from Coast on the Subject of the Masulipatam Repairs. — Hope to find your people are going on with them; having at a loss what to do — since Receiving your Last letter, we have ordered my Cousin Robert from Conenga to Masulipatam, who can take Charge on your leaving there present Situation, and to whom pray Recommend those people that you have Confidence in. — Though the Season is far advanced pray do not let that Deter you from finishing immediately all the Repairs ordered, that we may have no further Complaints, and though we should lose Something by the Monsoon it will be no object to us provided the Business can be expedited. —

The Committee of Works at Masulipatam, pretend not to know that we have any body employed there to Carry on the Repairs, though you mention I believe to the Engineer that you had been Kind enough to undertake the business for us. —

Yours very Truly

(signed) W.m A.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.re

Madras 8.th July 1794. —

Dear Sir

We have now before us your favors dated the 31 March & 2, 4, & 11 Instant; and at the same time that we offer our best thanks for the News Contained in your Last we beg leave to defer

Respecting

Mr Harding to them for a day or two. —

Should you not have purchased the Arrack
we ordered for Mr B. Cochrane, he begged you will let him know that a quantity
is come to this Market. —

We remain in haste but ever with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 2d July 1794.

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co

Gentlemen

We were duly favored with your letter
dated the 4 Ultimo, but having previously with Mr Hardings permission, Named
the Arbitrators Mr William Fairlie and Captain Hudson, on his behalf we
could not with propriety propose to the Madras Insurance Company to
substitute Mr Syder in the room of Mr Fairlie, after the receipt of your letter.
But as it is probable the Arbitrators will Call in an Umpire, you can
suggest to Mr Fairlie & Mr Hudson, that Mr [illegible]
the properest person they could pitch upon. —

After a great deal of delay which
was not in our power to prevent, the Arbitration Bonds have at last
been Signed and made a Rule of Court; and we are now enabled to
transmit the one Signed by the Committee of the Madras Insurance
Company along with a Case to be submitted to the Arbitrators,
which we request you will peruse with attention, and should it
appear to you not sufficiently full, accompany it with such a
Supplement as you may deem necessary and most to the advantage
of our mutual friend Mr Harding. We trust the Documents
referred to, and annexed to the Case will bring the matter clearly
before the Arbitrators and we have no doubt with Success.

We expect in the Course of a few days

to be favored with your reply to our Letter dated the 7th Ultimo,
and the Instructions it will contain will guide us with Respect
to your Interest in the Cargo of the Hannah Insured by Private
Underwriters. —

We remain with Real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 5 July 1794.

Bombay.

Col. James Kerr[illegible]

My dear Colonel

Having this moment received a Packet for you from
your Brother that came by the Nancy Packet. Mean to dismiss the moment in
forwarding it herewith.

I am informed the 75 Regt is coming round & therefore am led to hope
that I soon shall have the pleasure of seeing you here. pray Inform me if
I am right. —

The latest News we have come via Bombay. this surmises
the Expedition will not take place at least before the Monsoon, but
I should suppose every thing will depend upon the Squadron arriving
soon. — With Real Attachment &c

Yours
(Signed) Wm Abbott

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert & Ross Madras 5 July 1794

Gentlemen

As we conceived it necessary in the support of Mr Hardings
claim to have a Certificate of the rate the Madras Insurance Company offered to
Underwrite the Hannah from this to China, where she was under the Eye of their own
Surveyor during last Year, we have made the necessary Applications & shall be able
either to procure the Certificate or an Affidavit as to the fact, we trust therefore the Arbitrators
will not proceed until they are furnished with Mr Hardings Case & Documents which
we shall without fail forward by Monday's Dawk. — We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

To

Madras 5 July 1794

William Farlie Esqre Capt. John Hudson Capt. James Cole &c — Berreau Esqre

Gentlemen

As we trust you will be so good as to undertake an Arbitration between Mr. Joseph Harding of the Madras Insurance Office we take leave to inform you that we have been under the necessity of delaying to send the case not having been provided with some Documents, which we hope to forward to you on monday next. — We remain &c Yours &c

signd Roebuck & Abbott

James Daley Esq.
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Fort St. Geo. 5th July 1794.

Sir

I again trouble you for a Certificate of the Premium at which your Office offered to insure the Kaumah last Year from hence to China. —

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

/ signed / B. Roebuck

To

The Honble Sir Chas. Oakeley Bart.
Governor in Council

Fort St. George 7th July 1794.

Honble Sir

On behalf of the owners, we beg leave to tender to your Honor in Council the Ship Catharene, formerly the Princess Royal for the Expedition to the Mauritius at the same rate other Ships have been taken up at: She will Carry Six hundred Europeans exclusive of their Officers or eight hundred Native Troops, and we will engage to supply a Sufficient number of Water Casks to Contain Water for a Regiment of Europeans at the rate of three quarts per man a day for three months. We tender the Ship 1000 Tons burthen, and if properly stowed will carry more. —

We have troubled your Honor in Council on this occasion, understanding that the Military Board have declined taking up any more Vessels, & thinking that the supply of water Casks may be an Inducement to your Honble Board to take her up. —

We have the Honor to be
with Respect

Your Obedient Servant

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St. George 8 July 1794

M. John Balfour Honble Sir

Sir

I entirely approve of your proceeding to Pindegul we have not any thing to do with Earth work in our Contract, & we must have a Fair and equitable Price for it — Mayor Sapaud should state what he thinks a just price for the Earth work — You have done as much as you could and your last letter was a very proper one — I have forwarded it to Government & hope a proper order will in Consequence be obtained from the Nabobe You forgot to enclose the Measurement of the Barracks at Palamcotah, without I Know all Particulars how can I apply to Government to put a Stop to Such proceedings, send me also the particulars of the Temporary Barracks building at Trichinopoly that I may represent all these matters to Government — I am

Your Obedient Servant

Calcutta

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

Madras 8th July 1794.

Benjamin Joy Esqre

Dear Sir

I have now before me your favors dated the 6. 19 & 20th Ultimo; — and with Respect to the plans we talkd over here, we will engage to do our part of whatever Settlement you may make with

with any Brother, It is extremely unfortunate that you have had no accounts of the Eliza, we shall keep the Letters you left for her, untill you shall order them to be sent to you. —

I am afraid we shall not be able to sell Bills to any amount at 7/13d 7/14d Pagoda 12 Mo. for by sending money to Bengal to purchase Cutts and paying them into the Treasury for Bills on the Court of Directors, a better Remittance Can be made. —

I have asked Nagapah for his and Mr Brown's accounts, and if after repeated promises I am able to get them before sealing up, you shall have them inclosed. —

Should the Eliza touch here we shall do our best endeavours to dispose of her Cut at the Rate you Limit, and it is possible we may get a quantity of it off to the Fleet, which we shall find a much readier mode than by getting over the prejudices of the Country people. —

I am sensible of your kind attention in offering the assistance of your Friends to recover any money we might eventually lend to Mr Stimson; we have however given up that Idea at present. —

In Conformity with your direction I sent your Letter for your Brother to Mr Young husband of the Sugar Cane with a request from your part to forwarded it by the quickest meand; — This Vessel will not sail I am told for three Days to Come, and will Carry from hence all the people that feel disposed at present to return home, and there not being any Freight as I Can find for Europe, you will not of Course allow the John to touch here. —

Neither Mr John Henderson, nor Captain Swain is at Madras at present; — I am informed they are gone

in the Ashuda to the Cashuard, & therefore shall keep your letters for them untill their return, in order that I may make sure their receiving them, and make the necessary enquiries respecting Capt. S. and the legality of his Papers, — I shall not spare any trouble to do the duties of the office, and trust to Patience for any advantages it may produce; — your letters to Mr Vs. are written with proper dignity, and I have no doubt will have the desired effect. —

If you think proper to send a few bills for small Sums at 7/16d to 7/18d ₹ Pagoda, we shall be able to inform you from the Sales whether we shall be able to dispose of them to any amount. —

Pestonjee & John desire their Compliments & Remain with Real Esteem. — Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servant
(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 8th July 1794.

Bombay

Phenias Hall Esqr.

Dear Sir

I shall be obliged to you if you will procure for me and send by the returning Dawk Copies of the Bills filed against Captain Read of the Hampshire in Consequence of her Cargo either by Dady Nardsawanjee, Mr Adamson, or any other persons and also Copies of the Affidavits made to the respective debts, by which he was to be held to Bail, I would wish to have them Certified by your Register and Mr Harding will pay you on my account, any Expences you are put to on the occasion if you will be so good as to shew him this letter. —

I am

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servant
(signed) P. Pestonjee
Clerk to Captain Reid

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Madras 8th July 1794.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqr.

Dear Sir

We now beg leave to reply to your favors dated the 31st May, & 2d, 4th, 18th & 25th ultimo.

We are sorry that we did not intimate to you the likelihood of our Expedition, the moment it was determined, but it was not in our power to inform you that Arrack would be in great demand; - This is always a precarious Article in this market, because the Arrack Farmer and the Company's Agent are the only people that can purchase it, and they have it at all times in their power to regulate the Price. - Mr Cochrane the Agent Generally Imputes his annual Consumption of Arrack and one of his Cargoes having delayed its arrival was the Reason of his applying to you to purchase 200 Leaguers; and he is happy that you have only been able to get 85 Leaguers at that high rate. - The price of this article here is usually from Pg 25 to 35 P Leaguer at present it is Pg 50 P Leaguer but the daily expected Large Quantities will again reduce it to the standard, and Mr Cochrane has some Idea of sending Round to Bombay a Cargo he daily Expects from Bengal, as your price seems to keep up. -

We have already thanked you for the overland News you were kinde enough to send us. - Government have stopped taking up Ships, which looks as if the Expectation was at an End, - We feel ourselves extremely happy in having engaged the Eliza so well, particularly as it has met with your warm approbation. As the Freight for Six months is paid down, we shall therefore Insure the whole of the Block according to your request with Rs 40,000

We

We have accepted your Bill on us for £1195 Rs 42,000 - Sicca Rupees are at present about 340 P £100 Sterg. -

Mr Cochrane is looking out for a Remittance to you for the purpose of Lending it on Respondentia to China; - We believe the Phoebe is a good Ship, but we do not conceive that the Risk is Lessened, and if the proceeds alone we could not by any means think of Lending on her at 11 P Cent premium; - The Insurance would be nearly that for 5 P Cent has been paid from hence on the Bombay Frigate; - If however the Phoebe go in a Fleet, one P Cent more or less is no great object, and you may lend that Sum properly Secured on our account, and if we should not be able to make a Remittance in the Course of a few days, you must draw upon us through the Exchange should be 335 P £100 Sterg. The Bond must be made payable to Messrs James Drummond and George Sparkes of London, with instructions to them, pay the amount principal and Premium into the Company's Treasury on the most favorable terms obtainable, for Bills on the Court of Directors payable to Paul Benfield Esq or order, sending to him the first of the Bills of Remittance to us the 2d & 3d. -

As you will hear from Captain Read by the Lapwing we refer you to him Concerning himself, we are only sorry to observe that he should have been used so Villanously at your Place. -

We remain with Real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obed. Servants

pr proxy / R&A

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Calcutta

Madras 10th July 1794.

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen,

The foregoing has been kept until we could complete the Case to lie before the arbitrators, which we have only been able to do this instant by the Committee of the Madras Insurance Company furnishing us with the Certificate applied for upwards of a month ago; as stated to you in our letter dated the 5th instant, inclosing one to the Gentlemen that have been chosen Arbitrators on the occasion. — We presume it will be unnecessary for us to trouble them with another letter to accompany the Case, but should you deem it necessary, we beg you will remedy it by addressing a few lines to them Explanatory on the subject. —

We are &c &c

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Roger Darvall Esqr.
Collector.

Fort St. George 10th July 1794

Sir

We are concerned you should have had the trouble of writing to us about the Payment of the Cheque dispatched it by a Golah Peon. — We enclose this day

We are &c

/ signed / Roebuck & Abbotts

James Daley Esqr
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Office

Rates of Cotta &c &c
Villages

11th July 1794.

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what Rate of Premium your office will Insure Pags 40000 on the Block of the Ship Eliza Captain Hodges for Six months from the 7th June last / the day of her leaving that Roads for Batavia / with or without the Bars Risk. The Eliza is known to be a very Capital Sailor. — We do more than probable but that she may

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continue in the Trade between Batavia & Madras & Madras & Batavia, for Six months, but we do not wish this to be a Condition in the Policy, when must as usual view at all Goods & Effects within the Company's Limits of Trade. —

We are Sir

Your Obedient Humble Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbotts

The foregoing sent to the following Secretarys

Thomas Chase Esqr Secry to the New Madras Insurance Company
Jno Stephens Esqr Secry to the Americas Association
Mr Smith Seth Secry to the Commercial Society. —
Thomas Parry Esqr Secry to the Exchange Insurance Company. —

Madras 10th July 1794.

Trevalore

R. Darvall Esqr (Sent the 12th)

Sir

We have the honor of Sending here inclosed Nine hundred and twenty four and a quarter Pagodas being the amount of our Rent for June, for which we request you will be pleased to send us a Receipt and remain, Sir

Your Obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbotts

Madras 12th July 1794

To
Ernest William Fallofield Esqr
President &c Members of the
Board of Trade

Gentlemen

Understanding that you have not been supplied with Sufficient Tonnage to Carry home the Investment provided, we think it a duty to the Honorable Company to make a tender of the Ship Catharine formerly the Princess Royal on behalf of the owners to your Board for the purpose of Carrying home an Investment, and

we

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will equip her in every way Compleat as an Indiaman for the Sea
Service. The Gentleman who Commands her has been Chief Mate in the Honorable
Companys Service & is a Lieutenant in his Majestys Navy. The Ship Can proceed
to Bengal and take in such a quantity of Salt Petre as your may
Judge adviseable in article we understand particularly wanted at home in the
present Crisis. as the quantity sent home this year of that article we understand
is not equal to what is Stipulated by Charter, and she may return here to
be dispatched in September or October, as your may Judge proper we
request take favored with your answer as early as Convenient as we only detain
the Ship here, untill we are favored with your reply. We are &c &c

Mr. A. Seth

(Signed) Robt. Madras 12 July 94.

Messrs. Babcock & Abbott present their Compliments to Mr. Aneath Seth, and
request he will fill up the Pakey according to the terms mentioned
in his Chitt on the Eliza, the Sea Pork only.

The above wrote to Mr. Jno. Stephens Secry to the Commercial Society.

Fort St George 12. July 94.

Capt. Bong

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to send you Estimates for the Works
to be executed in the Baramahal & that the list is on the other side & hereby
I hope you will now be able to get Completed & hope shortly to have from
you same Certificates. — I am

My dear Sir

Yours very truly
(signed) R.

List of the Estimate.

No. 1 Estimate of the Expence of Repairing the works at Veerabadrag —
2 do. for two new Godowns wanting at do —
3 do of a Powder Magazine for. — do —
4 do of building two Store rooms at do —
5 do of Barracks for a Battn. Infy at ditto —
6 do for Repairing the Retaining walls of the Rampart at ditto —

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12. July 94.

Masulipatam

Capt. Johnson Engineers

Dear Sir I am much obliged to you for your favors
of the 8th which has this day come to hand. It has always been my wish
to Conduct any business, of which I formerly had a good deal to do with
your Corps, in such a manner that the Publick works should be ex-
-cuted to do Credit to the Contractor and in such a way as to give
satisfaction to the Engineer who had the immediate Superintendance &
I hope I shall be able to do the same I wanted previous employing
people at Masulipatam whom you approved of and have given directions
to Mr. Abbott that whenever he employs as a Bature in the Business
is implicitly to follow any directions you may be pleased to give
him. I have also desired that every thing may be got forward as fast
as possible with alacrity & spirit. I am Dear Sir

ditto

Your obed Servt
(signed) Babcock

R. Abbott Esq.

12. July 94.

My dear Robert

By a letter I have received from Captain
Johnson he desires that I say he will give every assistance in his
power his letter is an open one and request you will Communicate
him on every thing that is to be done & applicant there people
to the Bearers of whom he approves. Pray make them exert
themselves to get forward as fast as possible before the Monsoon
& by all means get things as to Capt. J. satisfaction he will
probably in case to recommend Masters to the Board, whom
you may employ in the Service, it will be perhaps better if
his people or those whom he recommends Conduct the the
Business. —

Sincerely Yours
B. R. —

S. Topham Esqr. Madras 14th July 1794.

Dear Sir

If the business rested with me, I should be very happy to grant you every indulgence, but situated as I conceive myself to be under the Instructions our House have received, and the Reply's given in Consequence, I do not think, I can with propriety withhold from enforcing the demand. — Jam

Dear Sir

Your obed Servant
(Signed) Wm Abbott. —
Fort St George, 14 July

Major Petrie

My dear Sir

I am concerned to hear that you continue unwell I intended calling on you but of late I have been so busy that I have been obliged to come straight to Town — I have received your Bill on the Pay office for Pagodas 99-4-16 — which we have received and Carried to your Credit as you desire. —

Yours Sincerely
(signed) B. Roebuck
14 July 1794. —

James Daley Esqr
Secy to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We beg leave to offer 3 P Cent for Insuring the Block of the Catharine (formerly the Princess Royal) to all Ports & Places within the Company Limits — for 3 Months
If your office is inclined to take a Risk upon her on these terms, we will thank you to inform us what amount they are willing to take, and with them to have permission to Insure once in & Come once out of the Bengal River for

which permissions we are willing to pay one P Cent more, when we Conceive fully adequate as the Ship will not proceed (if she goes to Bengal) higher than Diamond Harbour. —

We are &c

Your obed Servants
(signed) R & A. —

The above wrote to the following Secrys.

John Stephens Esq. Secy to the American Association. —
Thos Parry Esq. Secretary to the Ex. Ins. Company —
Thos Chase Esq. Secretary to the new Madras Insurance Company —
Mr. Seth Secretary to the Commercial Society. —

Madras 15 July 94

Thos Parry Esqr
Secy to the Ex. Ins. Company. —

Messrs R & A. present their Compliments to Mr Parry, and requests he will fill up a Policy for Pags 5000 on the Catharine, Capt Jno Reid, accordg to the terms mentioned in his Note, the Sea Risk only, on acct of the owners. —

The same wrote to John Stephens Esq. to fill up a Policy for P. 3000 —
The same wrote to Mr Seventh Seth to fill up a Policy for Pags 10,000 —

15th July

Captain Heming

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure now of replying to your letter of the 5. which a variety of Business of different sorts has kept me from. I am obliged to you for the trouble you have taken and am fully sensible of the impediments you must have met with, but you be so good as to take to yourself one third of the 321.27.3 & pay the Balance to Mr Balfour taking his Receipt for the same I am sorry for your misfortunes but hope that the Sea voyage you intend, will bring about your health. — I am Dr Sir

with real make one of your people get the Bills made out & the Sign, the necessary Certificates & send it to me that I may receive the Cash from the Company (signed) B. R. —

Your very Humb
(signed) B. R.

Hydrabad

Fort St. Geo. 15th July

Capt.n Thomas Dallas

My dear Dallas

Yours of the 2d & one I suppose of the first both Came to hand this day. I inclose you the Musters and the highest Price we Can pay so as to make a Remittance for which purpose we Can only purchase at that rate.—

The Mark No1 we Can give 17 Pagodas a Maund for delivered at Madras free of all Charges. No2. Eight Pagodas a Maund as above. Inferior Qualitys are Scarcely worth Carriage, but if you will forward Musters I will tell you the highest rate we Can give, we will take as far as 1000 Madras Maunds of 25 lb each sort or more a little more — our Maund you know is 25 lb Averdupois.—

Indigo may apparently look as well as the accompanying Musters but still be not equal botham in quality from having a quantity of Earthly matter mixed with them & those the quality is not so valuable.

With regard to passing the Chokys I do not see well how I can get that Business done in the Nabobs Country it is to be managed if we Know in time of the Articles Coming, & I think I could get it effected without difficulty & could also perhaps give some assistance in getting his goods passed Northward in the same way, I Can neither promise absolutely for one or the other for you know the Durbar people are difficult to deal with, but I will do my Endeavours.—

I am
Dear Dallas
Sincerely Yours
Signed / B Rachuck.

Cuddalore

Fort Saint George 15th July

John Kenworthy Esqr

Dear Kenworthy

I am Concerned to hear you have been unable to get the amount of your Bill in our favor for One Thousand Pagodas as you will see by the inclosed Account Current Balance Pagodas 130 - Fanams 18. Cash 39 - which I still desire by your being so kind to transmit us. Inclosed you your Promissary note discharged.—

Yours Sincerely
Signed / B. Rachuck

Madras 15th July 1794.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqr.

Dear Sir.

We do not find any body willing to draw upon Bombay, of Course Mr Cochrane Cannot make the Remittance you request for the arrack you have purchased for him; nor we, an account of the proposed Respondentia to Shenia proceed you Can lend it on the terms mentioned in our last; — As Arrack bears a very high price with you, and likely to continue so for some time, Mr Cochrane has Come to a Resolution of Consigning you about two Hundred Leaguers of old Royal Rum that he hourly Expects to arrive on the Pitcham, which Ship will only be detained to take in water; — on the Receipt of this he requests you will make such arrangement with Government or Individuals, on the most advantageous terms — possible, as you may think proper, making a due allowance for a Voyage to Bombay at this Season of the Year — this will serve as a Remittance to you from Mr Cochrane, and the Surplus may be Carried to our Account, but if you prefer drawing upon us for the whole of the Sum mentioned to be Lent on Respondentia you may do so even at 13 R.s 335 for 100 Pagodas. —

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Inclosed we Copies of the Accounts between Messrs Colt Baker & Co and the late Captn Hurrell, The Balance in Pay 476.. 24.. 65.- we have received and Carried to your Credit.-

We remain with Real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

signed / Raebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 17th July 1794.

Is Rice likely to bear a high price with you in October next?-

Kilnagherry,

Captain Geo: Bond

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you three Estimates for Penagra as on the other Side.-

Yours truly

signed / B: Raebuck

List of Estimate

No 1 Estimate of the Expence of repairing the fortifications at Penagra.

2 do do of building a new Gateway at do

3 do do of repairing the inner Gateway at do-

P.S. The Indents for building our Rocks is now under Reference to Government but have refused any allowance, but we have reserved to refer the matter to arbitration.- Yours of the 18th ins. just come to hand.-

Fort St George 25th July 94

George Taylor Esqre

Dear Taylor

I hope as you have sold the Bandy that you will be able to settle the account of Jones's Band- as I wish to add to Mr Benfield that this matter is finally acquited.-

Yours Truly

signed / Bond & Raebuck

Madras 25th July 1794

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London

Messrs Boyd Benfield & Co

Gentlemen

The foregoing is duplicate of our Last Respects, which gave Cover to the first of a Sett of Bills on the Court of Directors for £1033.. 16.. 10 payable to your order, which we hope to hear in due time had reached you safe;- We beg leave to inclose a memorandum of your account with us, which we trust you will find Correct, and in Expectation of your further Commands we remain with Respect.-

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

signed / Raebuck & Abbott

London

Messrs Ranson Morland & Hammersley

Madras 20th July 1794

Gentlemen

Though Mr Popham's Bond has been due since the 29th ultimo we are sorry it is not in our power to inform you, he's having paid it, nor do we see a reasonably distant prospect, when we may expect Payment without being put to the necessity of having ultimately recourse to Legal measures, which we should not hesitate to inforce immediately, if by it we could foresee a likelihood of attaining the object, whereas it appears to us for the present that it would be sacrificing your money to little or no purpose. We have therefore determined to bear matters with patience some little time longer.- If the Speculation he is now engaged in the Cultivation of fine Cotton, Succeeds we shall have some hopes of getting paid.-

We beg leave to inclose Copy of the Correspondence

correspondence that has passed between us in Consequence of ours having
remended him that his Bond was due and demanded payment,
and remain with respect.

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants
/ Signed / R & A.

London

Madras 20th July 1794.

Coll. James Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of our
last respects, and this serves to give Cover to the first of a Sett of
Bills drawn by the Bengal Government on the Court of Directors
dated the 18th of June in your favor for £800 payable at the usuales
date which makes but a So So Remittance at 3/3 P Rs P 100 Pagodas
& 1/11 P C&R but remittance of all Sorts Continues Scarce & very bad
privates will only draw at 1/8 a 2d at 12 Months and the Navy
Bills that are likely to come shortly into Circulation, will be dis-
posed of at or under 1/7 Pagoda. but we trust the moment a
Peace is made in Europe, the private Vessels that are fearful of
drawing now, will readily give their Bills on more rational terms
The Bonds Continue Still at 3 P Cent discount, and as the Specu-
lation against the Mauritius Sums to be dropt for the present
we See no Reason why the Credit of this Paper should not keep
up; By the expected Ships we may look for the arrangement
that the Agents of the Creditors at home have been making with
Government, which perhaps will open a Source of Remittance.

By the present dispatch the Sugar Cane good

Andrews

Andrew Ross's appeal & Mr Hall has prepared all the papers
on your Side that the matter may not be delayed in Coming to
a final hearing before his Majesty in Council; Mr Hall will
write fully on this Subject, and we trust you will See that the
Lawyers at home forward the business without delay. As
Soon as you obtain the Decree do not fail to send it to us
in the regular official manner.

We remain with the highest Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most obedt Servants
/ Signed / R & A.

Madras 21 July 1794.

London

Mrs Mary Turing

Dear Madam,

The foregoing we present as duplicate of our
last respects, & have now the pleasure of inclosing a Duplicate of the
Order obtained from Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co. mentioned in our last,
as also a first bill drawn by those Gentlemen on Messrs Daniel
Scott & Co. dated the 18th March last for £69: 2: 5 in favor of Messrs
John Turing & Saunders, N. C. Hendersley & Capt P. Turing which
being for one Years Interest of their Bond to you, you will be
pleased to receive the amount under their Signature.

Mr Cochrane has renewed his Bond at 8 P Ct.
Interest, but we find it extremely difficult to make you a tollerable
Remittance of the Interest on his former Bond that we have
received as also for one Years Interest to the beginning of May
on your Money in our hands; - No Remittances Can at present
be procured here on better terms than 2/3 P Pagodas, which would

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Cause a Considerable decrease in your annual Small Income, that you have hitherto been accustomed to Enjoy at 8% Pagoda; we have therefore sent a sum of money to China by an opportunity that offered a month ago. We have instructed our Agents Messrs. James Drummond & George Sparks at Canton to make you a Remittance of £ 250— by Bills on the Court of Directors which we hope will turn out a Remittance equal to our Expectation and to what you have been accustomed to receive, and we expect it will reach you by March or April next.—

We remain with the highest Respect

Dear Madam

Your most Obedient humble Servants

/Signed/ R & A.—

Madras 21st July 1794.

London

John Turing Esqr

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of writing to you the 19th February last of which the foregoing is a duplicate, & have now the pleasure of informing you that we have at last received from Mr Kenworthy P. 1000 on account of his Debt to you, the Balance of which Calculating it at 12 P Cent may be about Pagodas 100 more which we expect to receive in the Course of a few days.—

We have also received Pag.das 500— being the amount of Mr Popham's debt to you and given a discharge on his Bond, this was very unexpected, and happened in Consequence of Government purchasing his Bazar for Barracks; the amount purchase was divided amongst those of his Friends who had lent him money to build the place, and they agreed by receiving the principal of their Loans to give him a discharge in full.—

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But we have not been able as yet to get any Satisfaction from Mr Stevenson, who has given up altogether even answering our Letters.— And as to Mr Stuppy we beg leave to inclose a Copy of his note to our Mr Babcock by which you will observe, it is not yet in his power to pay the Sum he owes you.— Remittances still continue very Scarce, at present private Bills are at about 7/12 P Pagoda 12 Months under Bengal Government Bills may be had by sending money to that place to turn out about 7/13 P Pagoda. but we do not think proper to remit you on these terms, we had rather wait a little longer & if we find matters still continue the same, we will in preference make you a Remittance in Navy Bills at 3 Months at 7/11 P Pagoda the present Rate at which they sell.— We remain with respect

Dear Sir

Your obedient humble Servants

/Signed/ R & A.—

Madras 22d July 1794.

London

Sir John Call Bart.

/Duplicate/

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of writing to you on the 15th & 17th ultimo of which you have Duplicates here inclose.— We have since been favored with your Letter dated the 6th December by the Nancy Packet.— You will have been long ere this reached you that in Consequence of your Power of Attorney we received from Mr Gardner the Papers belonging to you that Mr Young had left with him.— By the deed of Trust your Brother has assigned

signed also his Nabobs Bonds are mortgaged to you for the Engagement you have entered into on his account, a Copy of which we sent you in our last, and another goes herewith, which we trust will appear to you very ample to cover you. — Your Brother does not however appear anxious to quit the Country at present, for he rather seemed to avoid the Subject when we hinted to him your anxiety for his return, and what Mr Benfield has written to us with respect to his Bonds that are now in deposit; It appears to us that James Taylor has more influence over him than any Body else, who we have no doubt keeps him here. —

The Bonds Continue at the discount mentioned in our last, and we have had no reason to alter our opinion with respect to the propriety of people realizing their Fortunes at the present rate of discount, if we could remit, we should not hesitate to sell the whole of Mr Benfield's Bonds on those terms there is every prospect however that the Discount will still Rise because people Expect to hear that very advantageous terms will be Settled for the Creditors with your Government & the final Arrangement is expected by the Ships Of the Season, but we perceive in order that this arrangement may operate as a Remittance, it will be necessary to obtain an Act of Parliament for the debt to be transferrd home; this may also require time. —

In Consequence of despatches received by Government as late as the 21 March from England, Stop has been put to the operations that were Carrying on for an Expedition against the Mauritius. — It is hinted that it may be carried on the beginning of next Year, but we hope it will not unless

unless Troops for the purpose are sent from home. —

We have the pleasure of sending you inclosed the First of a Sett of Bills drawn by the Bengal Government on the Court of Directors dated the 18th June in your favor for £ 2000. — at the usual date, which we intend as a Remittance to the Agents of the Creditors on account of the partial Subscription we have received, and though we have been obliged to make this Remittance at very disadvantageous rate of Exchange yet we have not hesitated in making it, thinking you might want Funds to carry on the business of the Creditors at Home. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

/ Signed / R & A. —

Fort St George 23d July 1794.

London

Messrs Richd & Wm Lee

Gentlemen,

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for one hundred Pound Sterling in favor of Mrs Stewart at one month after sight which we request you will honor at Maturity

We are &

Signed R & A.

Fort St George 23d July 1794

London

Messrs Richd & Wm Lee

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for One hundred Pound Sterling in favor of Mrs Stewart on account of Miss Taylor at one months after sight which we request you will honor at Maturity

We are &

/ Signed / R & A.

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Fort St. Geo. 24th July 1794

London

Col. P. Ross

My dear Colonel

At present there are no Remittances to be had except at a most losing Exchange. a Peace would bring things about to their old footing and we must wait — Not a single house is drawing. Lahore offers at 170½ at different Sights. — I think you had better send me a letter to the Amshet —

Yours

My dear Sir

Sincerely Yours

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

London

Messrs Richard & Wm Lee (Duplicate per Duke of Portland) Madras 25th July 1794

Gentlemen

Our Packet to row by this Conveyance the Sugar Cane is under the Care of Mr Edward Garraw who is a passenger on Board of her, in Case of any delay in the delivery we request you will apply to him for the same. — We remain &c

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott.

Madras 25th July 1794

London

Sir John Lall Bart

Dear Sir Our Packet to row by this Conveyance the Sugar Cane is under the Care of Mr Edward Garraw who is a passenger on board of her in Care of any delay in the delivery we request you will apply to him for the same.

We remain &c

/ Signed / R & A

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Madras 26th July 1794

Captain John Reid

Commanding the Ship Catharine

Dear Sir

Having got your Impress and the Catharine being Ready to Sail we have to request you will make the best of your way to the Place where you have agreed to take in Salt for Messrs Porcher Redhead & Co and after having taken in the Quantity you shall deem sufficient proceed without delay to Calcutta. Where we hope you will find the Catharine has been tendered to, and taken up by Government for England, which is the great object the Owners have for the present in view for the Employment of the Catharine, Should you therefore, on your arrival at Calcutta find further Exertions necessary to Secure the object, we trust you will in Concert with Mr Henry Abbott use every endeavour to induce Government to take her up on the most advantageous terms possible, which we have reason to hope you will not find much difficulty in effecting, as we understand the Government has applied to Bengal for 1000 tons for the Company's Investment that will be ready to be shipped by the 31st August. — This will find employment for Four Ships for we understand that the Tonnage usually allotted for the Coast Investment seldom exceeds 250 tons in each Ship. — The Private Traders besides will be anxious to get home their Investment, and Interest may be made with them to back your proposals to Government, But should all your Endeavours to promote this first object fail, You must see if a full Freight for Europe Can be procured for on advantageous terms, provided Danish or any other foreign Colors & Papers Can be procured for them in which Case you must without Loss of time do the needful and if you should have time to spare until an Europe Cargo is getting ready it would perhaps be advisable to make a trip to Madras either on freight or with a Cargo of Rice on account of the Owners the former we should prefer, but if you should find yourself under the necessity of Laying in a Cargo it may be proper for us to suggest that

That Clear hard Grained and Clean Rice, is that which is preferrd at this Market, and the present prices are as p Inclosed Price Current of the day.—

It may be as well to put down what we have already talked over and agreed on with respect to the Charge of Commission in the purchase or Sale of goods on account of the Owners of the Catharine; that is to say, neither you nor we are to charge Commission on such purchases or Sales; but for the trouble you will have in Purchasing Cargoes on account of the owners, you will be allowed Reasonable Expences attending the purchase of all such Cargoes.—

Whilst at Calcutta it appears to us that it will be most Convenient for the owners as well as for you to pay all Sums that you may Receive, for Freight or otherwise on account of the Owners of the Catharine into Mr. Henry Abbotts hands taking his receipt and to receive from him all Sums that you may stand in need for the Expences of the Ship or for Cargoes that you may be obliged to buy on account of the owners, for which purpose we do hereby leave a Credit with him. & request you will grant your Receipts for all such Sums as you may take up from time to time.—

It may be necessary to inform you that the Catharine is insured at the offices here untill the 15 October next against the Sea Risk only, with permission to go once in & come once out of the Bay of Bengal after the Expiration of this Insurance, you must effect a fresh Insurance on her, provided you can do it on better terms than we can at our Offices, which on good Ships is at about 1 p Cent p Month, & some times 5 p Cent for 6 Months, but if you cannot effect Insurance on her on those terms, give us timely notice that we may do the needful.—

It is the wish of the owners to have their property in the Block of the Catharine, (as well as in Cargoes they may from time to time have on her,) always Insured against the Common Risk on the most advantageous terms, But as the Insurance against

against the war would Come too Expencive for the Concern, they intend to run that Risk and trust to you for defending it, and in order that we may be able to do it effectually, it may not be improper to suppose that the Services of 30 or 40 Europeans may not be ill bestowed on Board during the war.—

Having Shipped on board the Catharine 116 Candies 463 lbs. of Pepper on account of the owners and Consigned to you, we now beg leave to Inclose the Invoice amounting to Pagodas 326 " 8 " 36 and have to request you will dispose of it to the best advantage, and pay the Proceeds to Mr. Henry Abbott of Calcutta, transmitting us the Account Sales.—

28th As your agreement with Messrs. Pincher Rashead & Co. for taking their Salt, no longer Exists, You will be pleased to proceed direct to Calcutta.—

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

[signed] R & A.—

London

Messrs. Rd & Wm. Lee, (Duplicate & Quintuplicate)

Fort St. George 26 July 1794

Gentlemen

Triplicate

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for One hundred Pound Sterling in favor of Samuel Hawkins Esq. at Twelve months sight, which we request you will honor at Maturity.—

We remain

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

[signed] Roebuck Elphinstone & Co.

Pemrycoolah

Madras 30th July 1794

Lieut. John Darley

Dear Darley

I have been very unwell lately or I should have replied sooner to your Letters dated the 6th & 12th July;— but I have not been negligent in my applications to the Nabob for a Letter to Government re-

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requesting to continue you in your Command, and tho' the Credit has prevented to write, yet in order to do the business effectually, it will be absolutely necessary to get a Letter from the Old man, which will however require patience, but I shall not neglect every opportunity of Soliciting, and trust a Lucky moment will soon offer to accomplish the needful.—

The Muster of Indigo inclosed in your letter of the 12th is not very Faul, but the Colour is far from being so bright as it aught to be; which must be owing to some defect in the Manufacturing of it, perhaps too much Boiled, or too much heat; but a Skilful man Superintending the Manufacture would correct this defect, and if you have plenty of Leaves, Labor and wood Cheap, I see no obstacle to your Succeeding upon a large Scale; but from Experience we have Learnt, that Contracting with the Village people for the Indigo, and keeping a few guards to See that they Sow the quantity agreed for, and have one or two people to Superintend the Manufacturing of it, is the most eligible plan that Can be adopted in getting Indigo, unless you have works that Can be Superintended immediately under your own Eye; you had therefore better adopt this plan, and if you want a person to Superintend the Manufacture we will Send you one;— they always make it in Coppers Pots, and were they to have Coppers, they would not make but better, but if it should be usual with them to make in Copper Pots— Money Can be advanced to them to Lay in their Apparatus; but before you make any Considerable engagements Send us down Musters according to which they are willing to deliver, and the prices of each that we may Judge whether they are worth the prices demanded;— any Share in, or Commission on this business that you may wish to have

have, I trust you will mention without reference to yours very Sincerely Rathuck & Mrs Rathuck desire to be kindly remembered / Signed / Wm Abbott to you;— I believe Bad weather to day Tomorrow.—

Fort St Geo 30th July 1794

Arnee.

Lieutenant Woods.

My dear Sir I have to acknowledge your favor of the 24th which Came to hand yesterday.— Balfour is now just beginning at Tatchenopoly but I will See if he Can take a Trip to Arnee in the Course of a few days I inclose you Copys of Estimates & a Plan of work to be executed at Arnee as per inclosed Memorandum.— Shall I send you Cash or will you draw on us & to what amount.— Yours Sincerely / Signed / B. Rathuck

List of Estimate here inclosed.—

		Expence of building one Captains & two Subalterns Quarters with a Varanda Offices an arched Roof	Pr 2183. 6. 2
	2 do.	of the Expence of building one Captains & two Subalterns Quarters with a Varanda Offices an arched Roof	1328 " 33 "
	3 do.	for building Barrack at Arnee for 2 Companys of Cavalry on the same Plan as those now building at St Thomas's meant an arched Roof	3895 " — "
	4 do.	of the Expence of building Store Rooms and Gunsheds according to Plan at Arnee	5172 " 24 "
No.	1 Estimate	Expence of building a Granary an arched Roof	8892 " 38 " 2
	2 do.	of building Barrack for a Battalion of Native Infantry an arched Roof	2153 " 27 " 7
	3 do.	of the Expence of building a Barrack for 500 men an arched Roof	10,893 " 37 " 4
			Pr 34,520 " — "

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Fort St Geo. 30th July 1794.

Palmanaire

Captain Bond

My dear Sir.

I inclose a raw Estimates from No 1 to 7 as per list on the other side with an Plan & Section to be executed.—

List of Estimate here inclosed

No 1	Estimate for rebuilding the Bastion on the N.E. angle of Palmanaire	Pr	1497. 23.10.
2 do	for rebuilding a Bastion on the South face at Palmanaire		642. 10.—
3 do	for repairs to different parts of the works at do		839. 5.16.
4 do	for rebuilding the Inner Gate at Palmanaire		326. 26.64.
5 do	for Brick work two drains at Palmanaire		111„ 33.44.
6 do	Tarracing Store rooms and a Granary instead of Palmyra and tiles roofs at Nannial		271„ 28.66.
		Pr	3689. 2.30.

Fort St Geo. 30th July 1794

Cuddalore

John Kenworthy Esqr

Dear Kenworthy.

Neighbourgall left with me Thirty Pagodas for you which he said he is indebted to you to whom shall I pay it.—

Yours Sincerely

(signed) B. Roebuck.—

Wan Mr Turing's Account right.—

Mr—

Fort St Geo. 30th July 1794 (1223)

Pitchinopoley

Mr Balfour

Sir

I am regularly favored with your various punctual Communications which I regard you will Continue, Now you have got the Orders you must make the most of them and not depend upon our getting Stronger Orders to an as fast as you Can with the present order we will do what we Can to procure more but you must not expect it.— I intend you an Estimate to be executed— I shall wish you in a few days to go to Theyar for a few days to arrange some business from thence to go to Arnee for a little— But I will write you more particularly on this Subject.— Provide as many Bricks &c much Chunam as you Can at Pitchinopoley with the present order & they will do for other Buildings.— Janjeri

Your Obed Servant

(signed) B. Roebuck

when your bill arrive in favor of the Quarter Master of Dragoons they will be duly honored

Estimate of Repairs wanted to the Quarter, Store house Laboratory & works at Pitchinopoley Pr 467„ 39„—

Fort St George 31st July 1794

Masulipatam

T Corbett Esqre

Dear Corbett

The business of Masulipatam was so much hurried that I was obliged to send to Robert Abbott to proceed there and to desire he would arrange it, what he writes me he has done, I am sorry I have troubled you on the Subject.—

Yours Sincerely

(signed) B. Roebuck

Madras 31 July 1794.

Bedee

Lieut. Jas Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

We have been duely favord with your letter dated the 10th Inst. and in reply are sorry to say that we have not had the Satisfaction of Receiving even a Single Line from your father by the Nancy Packet; - nor indeed have we had any Instructions from him, or tidings of him for a long period; but we hope he enjoys perfect health; - And Should we receive any orders from him by the Expected Ships relating to a Compromise with Mr Ross, we shall not fail to intimate them to you. The Papers of Appeal to His Majesty have been ready for some time, waiting for a Safe Conveyance which Mr Hall did not think the Sugarcane mail, and in order not to run the Risk of putting your father to double Expence he has detained them for the first dispatch of Indiamen, which will most probably be in October. -

There has long been a talk of an intended arrangement between Ministry and the Agents of the Creditors at home, (as which) it is said) takes place, the Consolidated Debt may be transferred home under certain Stipulations, but we are not made acquainted any thing for certain as yet, the moment we are sure shall be informed of it. -

the Dividends go on to be regularly and the discount on the Consols has got down to 3 p Cent, and notwithstanding the arrangement talkd of it is our opinion that a Person who wishes to realize his property, and put it out of the Power of the Chapter of Accidents, ought to take advantage of the present favorable discount. -

We remain with Regard & Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) R. & A. -

Madras 31 July 1794

Messrs Gordon & Hamilton

Gentlemen

In Compliance with the request Contained in your Letter dated the 29th Instant, we have now the pleasure of inclosing our Account Current with the late Colonel Maxwell balancing in his favor Pags 19,237 .. 12 .. 36 - for the information of the Administrators -

We are Gentlemen

The Acct Current is made up to this day -

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Pechuch & Abbott

(Private)

Madras 31 July 1794

Capt. Johnston

Engrs Masulipatam

My dear Sir

I am obliged to you for your favor of the 26th I have Letter the constantly Employed Natives in our Business. thinking & knowing it to be the best way I have only an European whom you may have named Balfour who is a professional man & took him from the Engineers Office - I do not think that our Business could be an object to a Gentleman as his sole Occupation or that we could afford to pay what he would Expect - upon these Grounds I hope you will not take it amiss that I have stated my Reasons to You & I have Ordered Jones Ingram a Confidential Servant who will attend to the Business Inside I send as many Iron Lines - which I will do immediately I am My D. Sir your most obed. Servt

S. B. R.

I will take Care & Speak to Mr Forbes about those Dr Rowley's & pairs I will write to you again in a day or two -

Madras 31st July 1794

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

We have been duely favord with your letters dated the

the 28 ultimo & 2 Instant —

When your Bill on us for Pagodas 2000 is presented it shall be duely honored.

The Surat Castle and the Amelia are unloading the Arrack the amount Cost and Charges as p Invoices you have transmitted shall be paid to your Credit in BRs 22.538 — 30 — The Peckham is not yet arrived; but will be dispatched Down the moment she makes her appearance — We are now preparing your Annual Account Current as well as that of the Owners of the Brochatt the Balance of which shall Conformably to your orders be paid to your Account, and the whole transmitted to you in the Course of a few Days. —

We have omitted to inform you that in Conformance of your orders we have Insured BRs 50,000 on the Block of the China for Six months from the 2d. ultimo the Sea Risk only with the usual Exception to this Coast from the 15th October to 15th December, and the proportion paid is passed to your Debit. —

Cotton Continues very Low we have within these few days purchased 700 Bales from Messrs Colt Baker & Co. at 24 Pagodas p Candy intended as a Remittance to China by the Surat Castle that is to sail in a few days; we could have taken yours at the same Rate, but we did not think your orders to us would warrant us, We hope however that we shall be able to dispose of it to the Expected Europe Ships bound to China, on more advantageous terms provided little or none of that Article is meanwhile Imported from your Place. —

We remain with Real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 8th August 1794

Adjutant Thomas Halsall
19th Regiment L.D. —

Sir

We have the honor to enclose you the necessary Receipt for the Prize Money belonging to the late Cornet Shaw —

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott
Fort St George 8th Augt 1794

Trichinopoly
Major Child

My dear Sir

I shall be much obliged to you if you will let me have an Inventory of Cornet Shaws effects sold in Camp Trichy an Account Current as those papers are necessary for the Administrator to lay before the Court when they render an Account of their Administration

I am
My dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Madras 1 August 1794

Bombay

Mr. Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

I have been duely favored with your Letters dated the 31 May 5th & 18 June & 4 ultimo, and have to offer my acknowledgements for the Onions you were kind enough to send me by the Upton Castle Captain Thomas, The short stay this Gentleman made here, and business that occupied him during that time, deprived me of the pleasure of shewing the attention I wished. — I have examined the muslins of the Sugar made at your manufacture, it has every appearance of being of that Quality most in demand for the Europe Market, namely strong Cassidy and

and I have no doubt you will find it answer your expectation, which I shall be very happy to hear. —

You will have heard long ere this that the Expedition is laid aside, at least for the present. I sincerely hope the Bengal Ships may bring some late News from home, but the best, in my opinion, that they can bring is peace. —

I shall be happy to hear that you have settled with Mr Popham the Balance of your accounts with Mr Capon.

I have to thank you for the Bale of Coffee by the Amelia, which I have received and when you inform me of its Cost & Charges the amount shall be passed to your Credit. —

I am much obliged to you for your information concerning the Buffaloes & shall in Consequence send a trusty person to Calliecat, Purchasing them there and marching them to Madras will be the cheapest mode. —

Mr Manesty informs me that the Trees he intends for me are among those the Antelope brought & I am informed I may expect them round here about the middle of this month; I feel nevertheless much obliged to you for the trouble you took in enquiring after them. —

Pray present my kindest Remembrances to Col Hartley and believe me with Real Esteem Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servant

(Signed) W Abbott.

Fort St Geo. 1 Augt 1794

To

Pommandoo

Having full Confidence in you from the Character given you by Mr Pellman we hereby nominate you our Agent for Repairs at Vizagapatam. —

We are

Your humble Servant

Signed R &c

Fort St Geo. 1 August 1794

Vizagapatam

Lieut Geo. Pittman

My dear Sir I inclose you a letter to Pommandoo to be used as you may see occasion as not doubt things go on to your satisfaction. I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs Tassell when she was here I never saw her look better since I have had the pleasure of knowing her. — I am

My dear Sir

Yours very truly

(Signed) B. Raebuck

Fort St Geo. 1 Augt 1794

Rajamundry

Lieut Evans

My dear Sir I am favored with your letter of the 23d ultimo

I shall be happy to take such supplys of Timber from you as we may want for our Contract to the Northward or here. To the North we shall not want much but here our Consumption is Considerable. — I shall therefore thank you to let me know the Prices at what you can supply us with Timber of different sorts at Covingas & the Sizes of the Timber, we frequently want Timbers of Considerable length & proportionate dimensions. —

When your Timber arrives I will look at it. The length of it is against it I should have thought it would have been more useful in general if it had been longer or shorter Wood are always now made 8 feet in the Clear, this of Course requires Timber near nine, feet; in the Case Three feet would be in some measure lost. —

I am

My dear Sir

Yours very Obediently

(Signed) B. Raebuck

Tanjore (Private) Fort St George 1st August 1794

Majr E. Trapaud.

The moment I hear from Government I will send you the orders they may direct for what Cash it would be
make the necessary Repairs what you propose is right —
I shall take Care that in future no more
Repairs of this Kind are entered into which are an express Breach
of our Contract — I have ordered Balfour to make as many ma-
= treats at Pattanapoly as practicable during his present order which
by the by is a Presidency Work I trust we shall have no complaints
in future —

Our Contract does not specify Teak in many
Articles & in many Articles Teak above, without mentioning Country or
Pegue, indeed Pegue Teak is not mentioned in our Contract whatever
work therefore is done in Teak should be charged as Teak but if
it is other timber than Teak what you propose is very proper we
have now a large quantity of Teak from Rajah Mundry of Inferior
which we intend to use in lieu of Pegue Teak — for our buildings
here: — The Certificate is made at the foot of the Bills which I
am sure you can safely do after what you write to me —
with regard to the Earth Carrying off
the Hill & Dudgeon they must pay for it if they order it that
Article is not in our Contract, but is what they must pay
a reasonable price for —

Yours Sincerely

Col: Malcolm (signed) B. Roebuck —

Fort St George 1 Augt 1794

Sir

Auditor General

Having last November made an application to
Mr Hassall, Paymaster to the 19th Dragoons for Cornet Snows Donation
he replied that he had not received the Cash, although he was included in
the Bills transmitted by him to your Office and requested that we would
make the necessary applications to you for Payment — We have now therefore
to request you will be pleased to order us Payment of this Donation — and
we transmit for your information our Letters of Administration. —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck Le Abbott

Adr to the Estate of Cornet

Snow

Fort St George 1 August 1794.

(Private & Confidential)

Masulipatam

Captain Johnston

I have just heard by a private Communication
that Mr Pennick has been applying for duties as our Agent which appli-
cation has been referred to Government as I am given to understand that
they will object to our Employing him thus Situated if asked publickly
on the Subject I can only say I did not employ him but I suppose
our Native Agent Guravapah the man who will be with you at
Masulipatam from Ingram has found difficulty what he supposed the
sid of a European would remove — I am told a letter was addres-
sed from Lord Cornwallis to this Government respecting the Chattemen which
is the cause of the measures they adopt. — I am

Dear Sir

very Obedt & very humble Servt

(signed) B. Roebuck

(p Swift to Capt Laurie Duplicate)

Canton —

Messrs James Drummond & Geo. Sparkes. Madras 1st August 1794

Gentlemen

We have now the pleasure of Indosing Duplicates —
of our Letters to you by the Laurie Captain Mackenton
dated 23 & 24 June accompanying Invoice & Bill of Lading of 10 Bales Shalloon
Cons

Shalloon Consigned to you by said Ship, as also a Bill of Exchange for Dollars 3400— drawn by Seth Smith dated 24 June on Marlborough Johnson of both which you have Seconds here inclosed —

Having Shipped on the Surat Castle Capt.n Lawrie 675 Bales of Cotton 571 of which are marked AA & 104 marked S.S. & weighing Gross Cwt. 2476.2.7 Nett Cwt 2318.1.9 to your Consignment as per this hand you the Bill of Lading and have to request you will dispose of it to the best advantage, and pay the Proceeds into the Company's Treasury on the most advantageous terms you can obtain for a Sett of Bills on the Court of Directors in favor of Paul Benfield Esq.re M.P. London the first of which with the Remittances we have already ordered you to make to that Gentleman, we request you will forward by the earliest possible Ships, and hand to us the 2d 1st & 3d of said Bills with the Account Sales, in duplicate by different Conveyances as also Account Sales of our Last Years Consignment by the Warley & the Royal Charlotte, which had not yet reached us, but we trust the Remittance had been made.—

People seem sanguine that Cotton will sell this year in China much higher than it did the last, and we have reason to believe our present Consignment will fetch as high a price as any that has been sent this Year from Bombay, and perhaps higher in Consequence of the Surat Castle having on Board a Chaw Chaw Cargo, and as it is probable that a number of the Articles it may Consist of will be in demand, a higher price will be paid for those that are not, in order to get those that are, as we are informed one person in General purchased the whole Cargo.— For management of this Consignment we trust to your Judgment & Experience & remain with Real Esteem.—

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed P & T

Fort Saint George 6th August 1794

Kilnagherry

Captain Ed.a Pong

The Copper Brass Iron & Copper Locks for the Powder Magazine & the Pattaus will leave this today & your Bill in favor of Capt.n Campbell when presented shall be duely honored.—

I am

My dear Sir

Your very Truly

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Fort St.e Geo.e 6 August 1794

Ellore.

Harry Taylor Esqr

Dear Taylor

Captain Mears took charge of some Greyhounds which our friend Fallofield wanted to send to you and which I trust will arrive in good order.— I now inclose you an Estimate for buildings and Repairs at Ellore which must be executed without delay. I know you do not like writing but you will oblige me by ordering one of your writers to acknowledge the Receipt of this by the return of Tappall & to tell me what is going on and when any work will be finished that the Bills may be drawn and I do not Care whether he writes in English or Gentoo it will do equally well in either.— Yours Sincerely

(Signed) B Roebuck

1 Estimate for building new Cookroom Mess Barrys and Godown &c.a at Ellore Pd.s 130-8-17

Madras 7th August 1794.

Maddapollam.

C. Fenwick Esq.re

Sir

We have received your favor of the 28th ultimo and are obliged to you for your offer of Services to act an account of your Friend — Mr Robt Abbott, who left the arrangement of our Business to the Northward to Mr Robt Abbott, who keeps our Agents at the different Places, & as Independant of them, we have a general Agent for our other Business to the northward, whom on this occasion we cannot change, we had directed him to give her attendance

whereon

wherever it might be required; we have since been favour with your Letter of the 5th Instant and beg to state that at present we cannot change our Agents at Ingram & Wearsfir

Masulipatam

Your Obedt Servants
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Capt Johnston / Private & Confidential / Fort St George 7th Augt 1794

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My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of inclosing you an Estimate for Masulipatnam. — We have received two Letters from Capt Fenwick & beg to inclose you our Answer to him for your Perusal which please to seal before it is delivered to him. —

I have / entre nous / seen the Letter from Masulipatam to Government which states "That Sobraydoo the Coniceply left in the Charge of "the Contractors busings by Mr Abbott was at the Chiefs that morning "and that he had not said he was Sick or unable to attend to the Contractors "Busings." We have not as yet received a Public Letter but understand one is to come to us after Friday's Council — The Chief & Council express a desire to give every Aid to the Contractors in their Powers —

I am
My D. Sir,
Very Obedt Servt
(signed) B Roebuck.

Madras 7th Augt 1794

Mount
Capt John Campbell
Artillery —

Sir

Having received the Inclosed Letter for you from Capt James Moore of Fort Marlbro' / by mistake directed to Capt Rob Campbell / we now beg leave to transmit it to you with a Paragraph of his Letter to us — on the Subject of Pags 786.34 — That you have received from Messrs Chas Parry & Co. for Balance due from them to the late Capt James Turner; which he having requested of you to pay to us, we beg Leave to know when it will be convenient for you that we shall send for the Amount / as we are ordered to remit it with as little delay as possible —

We are Sir &c
R & A

Madras 6th Augt 1794

Tranquebar
Harrop & Stevenson

Gent.

We have this moment received the below Letter for you from Mr James Moore of Fort Marlbro' who on account of himself and his Partners has ordered us to receive from you Spanish Dollars 6238 for Balance of an account due by you to him; which we request you will be pleased to remit to us if possible by Return of Tappal but should you find any difficulty in getting a Remittance for the Amount / we believe we shall have an opportunity in the Course of a few days of drawing on you which we should not wish to lose / in order to be enabled to make the Remittance ordered by an opportunity that will offer almost Immediately — We request a Reply at all Events by Return of Tappal & remain with Esteem —

Gent: Your &c
R. & A.

Cuddalore
John Kenworthy Esqre

Madras 6th Augt 1794

Sir

We have this moment received the enclosed Letter for you from Mr James Moore of Fort Marlbro' who on account of himself and his Partners has ordered us to receive from you Spanish Dollars 2918: for Balance of an account due by you to him; which we request you will be pleased to remit to us if possible by Return of Tappal but should you find any difficulty in getting a Remittance for the Amount, we believe we shall have an opportunity in the Course of a few days of drawing on you which we should not wish to lose in order to be enabled to make the Remittance ordered by Messrs Moore & Co by an Opportunity that will offer almost Immediately — We therefore request a Reply at all Events by Return of Tappal and remain with Esteem —

Sir — Your &c
(signed) R. & Abbott

Madras 8th August 1794

Calcutta
Captain John Reid
of the Ship Catherine

Dear Sir

We hope in the Course of few days we shall hear

Mean of your safe arrival at Calcutta with the Catharine, — and are in
hourly expectation of hearing from Mr Henry Abbott favourable accounts with
Respect to Government taking her up; — In his offer of her to Government he
had mentioned that She would be ready to take in her Cargo two months
after her arrival, which you will of Course be able to ratify, there
is no Reason why She should not be taking in her Cargo whilst the
trifling Repairs she requires are Carrying on; — I am told Mr Pellets
expects he will have a good Job of her, but they will be disappointed, for you
will of Course have nothing more to be done to her, than what is absolutely
necessary, besides getting a New Mizen Mast. —

We wrote to Mr Henry Abbott on the 22
on the Subject of the offer that had been made for the America for the
purpose of sending her to Europe, we suppose under Danish Colors, we have
this moment been informed that Mr Christiane has increased his offer to
Pag 45.000 this information may be useful. —

We hope you have debited the Pepper for
this; — The General Aukar, by which this proceeds, we are informed has one
an Board which may prejudice your Markets. —

Nagapah Chilly delivered to us 2 days
ago a memorandum of three months Lascars and Sepoys pay that never
procured by him and sent on Board the Catharine, as follows,

3 Months Impress of 25 Lascars . . . . . Pag: 161-6-40
3 do . . . of 28 Sepoys - . . . . . 129- - -

together making Pag 290-6-40 which we
have passed to your debit, having already Credited you for the Impress of
the Crew, in consequence of the accounts you delivered towards the 28 ultimo
You have also been debited and the owners Credited Pag 7- Received by you
in the hurry of your Departure, for some treasure from Mr Hunter. —

We remain with Regard & Esteem
Dear Sir
Your obed Servts
P.A.

Madras 9th August 1794

Bombay.
Robert Lewis Esqre

Dear Sir

The last Pattah brought me the duplicate of
your favor dated the 16th & the original of the one of the 19th but the original
of the former has not yet reached me. —

You will have heard long ere this can
reach you that Government have laid aside, for the present, the Expedition
against the Mauritius, and though it is supposed, it will still be
Carried on after the N.E. Monsoon, they have declined and will not for
the present take up any Ships for the Transport Service, on the Contrary
they have been endeavouring to Compromise matters with the owners of
the few they had taken up. — Be it also known for your Government that
the Ships they may take up must be on the Spot, and after a fa-
= vorable Report has been given of them by their Under Master who is obliged
to examine & Survey the Ships very strictly; — notwithstanding this disappoint-
ment for the present, you may rely on every aid and assistance that I may
be able to give in promoting the Interest of the owners of the Rodelia —
Should the Expedition be Carried on after the Monsoon, Mean while perhaps
it may be most Eligible for her to proceed to Bengal, and at the opening
of the Season bring a Cargo of Grain to Madras, which will keep her as
well employed perhaps for the present, as she can be; and being on the
Spot, she will be taken up if an Expedition should be Carried on. — I
shall talk this Subject over more fully with Captain Smart on his arrival,
and you may depend upon every assistance that I can give him in the
disposal of the Goods he may bring. —

I shall be happy to hear as I have no
doubt it will be the case, that Col. Hartley's Court Martial has ended to his
Honor. — I remain with Regard & Esteem
Dear Sir
Your obed Servt
pr. Wm Abbott

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Trichinopoly

Major E. Trapaud

Fort St. Geo. 9th August 1794

My dear Trapaud.

I return the Certificate as we shall have an uproar in passing the Account at the Board with it I mean the Military Board of the Teak is Country Teak it is the same as Pegue Teak & first we must take Care in future to use only Teak or Country Teak I write therefore it was left out, I do not Care for the difference of Cash it is the trouble we shall have in adjusting the Barrack Pray my friend alter it. The Rebate sent me word Yesterday that the Dewan should Come today but I have not received it, there is a great feast which is the Cause of the delay —

Now I hope the works will be Commenced I have wrote to Balfour to address you a Public letter on our Part relative to the Heighness of the walls. Two feet walls will not support an Arch of 16 feet span & I think if Government Continue determined to have the walls only of that Thickness you should throw all Responsibility from yourself, as we shall do if they do not stand the Company must bear the Offence — with respect to your own Quarters & the Payment, Balfour shall do whatever to you Seemeth meet on the occasion so tell him accordingly —

Yours Sincerely

signed/ B. Rackett

Fort St. Geo. 9th August 1794.

Trichinopoly

Mr. John Balfour

I hoped to have this day sent you the Rebels order but as there is a great feast among the Mooremen it has been delayed, you will have it tomorrow forwarded to you when

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when I hope there will be no more delays — as the Barracks are ordered to be built on Two feet walls which I am very Confident are not Sufficient to rear an arch of 16 feet Span — You are fully acquainted with the Subject & must therefore State your Idea on this matter to Major Trapaud as our Agent, mentioning that you executed the Buildings of Tanjore under him and that you also executed some Buildings at Negar which have failed from the walls, not being strong enough I request you will write a full & proper Letter on this Subject to Major Trapaud & send me a Copy of it, also write a Publick Letter to us on the same Subject — I think the walls at least ought to be two feet & a half — By very clear and distinct in your letter. —

Yours Most Sincere Servant

signed/ B. Rackett

Fort St. Geo. 9th August 1794

Arnee

Lieutenant Wood

My dear Sir I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 2d & hope to reply to it more fully on Monday when I shall procure the necessary orders wanted in the Country. —

I now inclose you an order to our Conicapaty to explain every thing & under you a true account of every transaction I understand he has not given you a true acct of the Rates at what he has provided the Materials a Circumstance I only learned to day from our head man. — I agree with you that two feet walls will not support the Roof of 16 feet Span — I shall tell them that the Responsibility on this Score will not be on the Contractors Col. Read has given the same opinion & I know it is the firm opinion of every one who knows any thing of Building — You must write your opinion officially to Government & then no Blame can be on your head. —

Yours very truly

B. R.

James Daley Esqre
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Madras 6th August 1794

Sir

At what rate of Premium will your office insure the Rishe on the Block and Cargo of the Benjamin & William to Bencoolen she is reckoned a good little Vessell, which Can be ascertained as she is now in the Roads; — at this Season of the Year the Passage is likely to be very short perhaps not above 10 or 12 days — We are

The above wrote to the other Secretys

Your Obed.t Servants
(Signed) R & A.

12.th August 1794

Arnee

Lieutenant Woods

My dear Sir

I have now the pleasure to send you the order to the Chumildar of Arnee I have wrote to Balfour to go to Tiagar as soon as he Can leave (Nellore)

Jam My dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Benj.a Roebuck

Madras 12th August 1794

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

The Annual Balance of our Books, has rather delayed your Account Current to the 31.st ultimo, but having at last finished it, we have now the pleasure of inclosing it Balancing in your favor to the 31 ultimo Pags 24.5.7½.15.10 which we trust you will find Correct, and pass in Conformity with us; — Our Account Current with the Owners of the Crokatt ypou will also find in the accompanying Letter addressed to them, left open for your perusal; — The Balance that appears in their favor, you will observe has, Conformably with the Orders Contained in your Letter dated the 19.th ultimo, been passed to your Credit in Pags 5.11.3.17.11 and we shall strictly observe your orders, neither to debit or Credit their

their account in future without your Concurrence; we must therefore request your Instructions how to act supposing that Ships Comes here upon the procuds to Bombay —

We received a letter from Messrs Lambert Rob.t & Co dated Calcutta the 26.th ultimo informing us that they had Received a letter from you, requesting them to Call upon us to remit to them the Balance that might be in our hands belonging to the Owners of the Crokatt, but as your positive orders to us were to pass that Balance to your Credit, we shall inform them Consequently that we have done So. — We would recommend that any future Bills you may have to Draw upon us, may be in Star Pagodas, in Consequence of the Courtant fluctuation of the Exchange of Rupees here, you Can never make a Certain Remittance by Drawing in Rupees; For Example, your Bill on us for Sicca Rs 42,000 became due the 8 Instant and in Consequence of the great Scarcity of Rupees in Market of late, we were obliged to pay it at the Exchange of the day in the Bazar being then Rs 325 ₰ Pagoda; — We have accepted your Bill on us for Pagodas 2000 and Remain with Real Esteem. — Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Madras 12 August 1794

Bombay

The Owners of the Ship Crokatt

Gentlemen We have now the pleasure of Inclosing Account Sale of the Last Cargo of Rice advices to you by the Crokatt dated the 3 ultimo whereof the Nett proceeds in Pagodas 1502.27.30 are passed to your Credit, we Conceive ourselves extremely lucky in having been able to Sell this Cargo so well, and request, now will be pleased after

after examination, to pass this account in conformity with ours. —

You have also here inclosed your Account Current with us to the 31 Ultimo, which ours will find Closed by Pay. 5443.17.71 having been Carried to the Credit of Joseph Harding in Consequence of Orders Received from him — and for which ours will of Course account with him. —

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Servants

pro.d Parbuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co.

Madras 13th Augt 1794

Gentlemen,

We have been favored with your Letter dated the 26th Ultimo, but are Sorry it is not in our power to Comply with your Request of Remitting to you the Balance of our Account with the Owners of the having already by Mr Hardings particular desire, Closed that account in our Books to the 31st ultimo, by passing the Balance to Mr Hardings Credit; The Nett proceeds of the last Cargo delivered to us by the Corbett being included in that Accountant Current, we have not at present any outstandings to receive on account of the owners of that Ship. —

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Errors Parbuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esqre

Madras 13th Augt 1794

Dear Sir

We were duely favord with your

Letter dated the 11 June, and are Sorry to inform you that Lt Macleod on whom it inclosed a Bill for Sundries amounting to Sa Rs 283:4 - having died on the 25th of that month at Angale, we have not been able to procure payment, but should our application to the Administrators of his Estate prove more Successful (which we much doubt) whatever may be received on that account shall be Carried to your Credit.

Here inclosed you have a memorandum of the Sale of the Several Bills you formerly Sent to us to procure from different Officers, and as their pay and allowances on this Coast are very Scanty, they Cannot very Conveniently pay them, besides their being at different Stations, distant from Madras makes it extremely difficult to Collect them by Instalments; - mean while you have been Credited for Pay 50 - Received of Lt Sutherland on account. —

We have not as yet received the 2d Volume of Lt Mckenzies work, the Charlotte having twice put back to Calcutta, perhaps: on the Cause; — And we are Sorry to say Mr Henderson has not been Successful in Collecting the outstanding Subscriptions, People do not seem Inclined to pay untill they receive the 2d and as they are very much dispersed about the Country, it becomes very difficult to Collect the Subscriptions, for our part we shall feel ourselves obliged to you to relieve us from any Responsibility in this business as it relates to Lt Mackenzie, with whose Concerns, in any thing Relating to them, we do not wish in future to have any thing to do, having yesterday experienced a very Strange treatment from him, in demanding back Pay 66 - that he had been Charged with, by the Administrators of Col. Maule, which Sum he Said we had detained, — The amount was of Course paid him, and as you had Credited us with it, you will be pleased to procure it from him. — Mr Henderson perhaps will be very glad to Continue to Execute your orders respecting the Books — We will Shew every attention to

Mr

Mr Money on his arrival, which from the late accounts received our Lads may perhaps not be untill the latter end of next Month—

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Memorandum

Lieut. Wm White Sals — 61—8— promises to pay as soon as possible

Lt Alex Rose — 120— not paid— says that he has wrote to Calcutta on that subject

Capt Hart — 128— shall be provided when the Ryl Comes from warrior to Madras

Lieut H Sutherland

1 Promissary Note for 217

1 do do 107—8

Sals 324—8 or Pags 95—20

Paid in part 50—

Remaining Pags 45—20 promises to pay

Madras 14th August 1794

Captain John Reid

of the Ship Catharine

Dear Sir

We has the pleasure of writing to you on the 8th and having since received a letter for you from the Southward we beg leave to inclose it herewith—

Having written very fully to Mr Abbott by this opportunity on the subject of the Catharine, we beg leave to refer you to them to save Repetition — and have no doubt but that Orders under mentioned will be Complied by the Government taking her up; on failure of which, we have no doubt you will be able to employ

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employ her on the most best possible manner.— Parks has purchased the Amelia for Pags 16000, and will sail with her on a few days for Calcutta The object he has in view is very obscure.—

There is a report here that you had written to Calcutta that you were going Round to offer the Catharine to Govt — we think this might as well have been avoided, particularly as we had written to Mr Henry Abbott to negotiate the business with Government — There are people every where, who delight in doing mischief though they should not benefit by it themselves, Pratt kept in Consideration of this, that we with'd the matter to be kept secret untill, we should know from Mr Henry Abbott's negotiation whether or not we were likely to succeed.—

We are in daily expectation of hearing of your Safe arrival & Remain Dear Sir

Price of Grain keeps much about Your Obedient Servants

the Same as when you were here. (Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Trichinopoly

Mr J. Balfour

Madras 15 Augt 1794

Sir

I have only time to say that you must proceed with the Repairs of the Bridge — I do not believe that Govt in the end will allow the Nabob to interfere in Repairs &c as I understand they have said to the Nabob because it would be a breach of our Contract.

Yours &c

(Signed) B. Roebuck

James Dalzell Esqr

19 Augt 1794

Sir

We beg leave to offer 7 ℔ Cent to Cover all Risk on the Benjamin & William from hence to Bencoolen, which we thank

think a very ample premium, the Season is advantageous the Run will be short; we will thank you to inform us the amount your office may be inclined to take anthis Vessel.

We are Sir
Your Obed.t Servants
pr.s, Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 25 August 1794

Thomas Parry Esq.re
Secretary to the Madras Exchange.e Company

Sir

We beg leave to offer Rent for permission for the Catharine to proceed as far as Calcutta, should it be found more Convenient for her to go up for the Repairs she may require, she arrived at Diamond harbour the 3.d Instant, she is light having only 916 Cwt. of Pepper on Board.

We are Sir
Your Obed.t Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

John Stephens Esq.r Secretary to the Amicable Association
Thos Madras Insurance Company's

Madras 25 Aug.t 1794

Calcutta
Captain John Reid
Commanding the Catharene

Dear Sir

We are much alarmed at the accounts we have received this day of your intention to take the Catharine up to Calcutta, without Insurance, we informed you in the most distinct manner we could, that she was only Insured as far as Diamond harbour, and that she was not to go any further unless absolutely necessary in which Case she was to be insured, this deviation in an instance of such moment, on a point so important, has hurt us exceedingly.

We have to request that on every thing relative to the Catharine, you will be pleased to Consult our friend and Agent Mr. Henry Abbott, whose Experience in Business in Calcutta, must be of the greatest use on all occasions and particularly in the object we had in view from the personal Communication he has had and will have on the Subject, with our friends in power.

In Consequence of the Intelligence we have received this day, we have thought it necessary to make an Insurance from Diamond harbour to Calcutta, on the Steps you have taken relative to the old Insurance as to time, and we have to request that in future, you will take no Steps relative to the Catharine or her Cargoe without Consulting Mr. Henry Abbott, & having his advice and concurrance.

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We are Dear Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

21 Aug.t 1794

Kistnagherry
Captain Bond

To the Carpenters and Smiths & Bricklayers at Vellore

My dear Sir

must now be employed besides we could never afford to pay Batta by our Contract Government are obliged to give us every assistance in procuring Artificers the enclosed letter to Captain Read sent by an Obstinate Man will do an ill part to urge him in giving assistance in the procuring of Artificers in the Baarmahal, Inclosed you have the term of the Artificers I am

Dear Sir

We transmit you a Bill on the Baarmahal for 1000 Star Pagodas being Shippernaut Shetty an Acopeah the Rent Contractor at 10 days sight which will be punctually paid (which we have carried to your debt

Please to acknowledge the Receipt of the bill by return of Peppall.

Your Obed.t Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

* Two of the officers refuse to cover the Risk of the Catharine up the River saw dear therefore the hazard we have just us to buy such an imprudent steps Rec.d The third office has also declined to insure the risk. If the Catharine is not employed by Gov.t we prefer Sending them over at 1½ Rupee a Ba to load us her account of the owners & therefore desire she may be Sought up if Freight Can

can be obtained - we have received your favor of the 2d which gave us much pleasure that has however been much damped by ..... the subsequent accounts - inclosed is a letter from Bombay.

Your obd.t Servants

signed/ Puckwick & Abbott

Madras 22d August 1796

Calcutta

Captain John Reid

Commanding the Ship Catharine

Dear Sir

On hearing from Mr. Henry Abbott of your intention of Carrying the Catharine up to Calcutta, and that you did not think it necessary to Insure the Risk of the River, we wrote to you yesterday under the anxiety that we must feel untill we hear of your safe arrival, - and we have this moment been favord with your Letter dated the 6th Instant advising us of your determination; in Consequence of its having been hinted to you that Government wish to See her, - and because She is Insured to the 15. October you therefore Conclude She must have liberty to go as high up as Calcutta, which however, unfortunately, is not the Case, - and having had more than one Conversation with you on the subject, after we effected the Insurance / on the 15th Inst./ we Could have no doubt of your being as well ac= quainted with the Circumstance as we were, and which certainly must have Caused our omitting to insert in our letter of Instructions to you, that She was not Insured beyond Diamond harbour; - for we perfectly recollect your mentioning more than once, that you thought it might be necessary to Carry her up to Calcutta, but in which Case you said you would Insure the River risk; - and though we endeavoured to dis= = Courage the Idea of her being Carried up, yet as you said you would insure

insure the Risk, we thought it best to leave it to your Discretion, in case you should find it absolutely necessary. On recollection we are Convinced you will Remember these Circumstances, - But at all events, we are astonished that when these past Circumstances did not occur to you, you that you Could not be certain that the Insurance on the Catharine would permit her to go up to Calcutta / particularly as Ships of her size, seldom go so high / you did not, at all events, insure the Risk with a claim to return part of the Premium, provided a Policy Insurance on her, against the same Risk, has been effected at this place, - Similar Insurances are made every day - and as great deal was left to your discretion, you should have sacrificed without hesitation a few Rupees by insuring so large a property, which we, in your Situation, should most Certainly have done, if it was only to ease our own minds -

Notwithstanding what you mention in your letter, we must Confess we do not See, any advantage that we / which God Grant / She arrives and Returns safe; - on the Contrary are likely to reap by the Catharine's going up to Calcutta, if even are much afraid her going to Calcutta will be look'd upon as a deviation and annul the Insurance already effected upon her to the 15. October - the delay that will arise by her going up, Repairing there & returning to Diamond harbour to take in a Cargo / for She Cannot of Course with Safety take in any before She returns / will be Considerable, and perhaps be the means of her arriving here after the Monsoon Sets in, whereas it was our wish that She should deliver a Cargo & have this before the 15th October - It also occurs to us that the Ship Coughs taken - they get her up to Calcutta will work to make a Job of her, if you do not Restrict them to what is absolutely necessary for the present And should the Government take her up in future the necessary fixtures for a Europe Voyage Can then be put up. - As to any Representation you

you can make to Sir John Shore, we are afraid it will not for the present produce the desired effect, having already done what we could with our friends in Power, through Mr Henry Abbott without success.- Fort may however take her up after they receive the last Overland dispatches that will have reached them about the 12 Instant.- at all events there is a good Prospect of her being taken up by them in Dec or January either for Europe or the Expedition, that is still supposed will be Carried on; mean while she must be employed with a Cargo to this Place, and we should prefer new 1½ Rupee P Bag Saltpetre, to a Cargo laid in on account of the owners, for Rice still keeps very low.-

We are informed that a Danish Ship would not be able to get much Freight at Calcutta, in your enquiries about which we trust you will be Careful, neither to Commit yourself nor us.-

We cannot possibly get, either the offices or Private Underwriters here to Cover the River Risk on the Catharine, and have therefore written to Mr Henry Abbott to Insure that Risk during her stay at Calcutta and down to Diamond harbour in Sp 25,000 for we find in one of the Policies for Sp 15000, the limitation to Diamond Harbour has been omitted of Course that office must bear the Risk of the River to Calcutta.-

We are glad to find the Pepper will sell for Rs 28- the produce of which you will of Course pay to Mr Henry Abbott who has orders to pay the sums the Ship may require, you will also pay to him the amount of the freight, if you get one and on all occasions, in every thing relating

relating to the Catharine, we request you will be pleased to Correspond with Mr Henry Abbott and believe us with Regard and Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants
/signed/ Raebuck & Abbott
Fort St George 23d Augt 1794

Cuddalore

John Kenworthy Esqre

Sir

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for One Thousand Six hundred & Six Pagodas forty four fanams and forty four Cash, being the Balance of your account with Messrs Crisp & Co in favor of Benjamin Raebuck Esquire Military Paymaster General at Five days after Sight which we request You will honor at Maturity.-

We are

Sir

Your obedient Servants
/signed/ Raebuck & Abbott
Madras 23d Augt 1794

James Daley Esqre
Secretary to the Madras Insce Company

Sir

In Case the Catharine should proceed from Deamond harbour to Calcutta, we request to know at what rate you will Cover the Risk from thence to Calcutta back to Deamond harbour;- The Ship has only 116 Candies of Pepper in her, and will return Ballast.-

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants
/signed/ Raebuck & Abbott
Fort St Geo. 23d Augt 1794

Ellore

H. Taylor Esqre

Dear Taylor

Another Complaint is arrived from Ellore respecting the Hospital- indeed my Friend you will bring us into a most Serious & disagreeable Predicament if you do not allow your people to keep us informed how things are going on & if there are delays, what are the Causes of them- Pray let me hear from you by return of Peppal.- Yours truly

/signed/ B. Raebuck

Tritchinopoly

Fort St. Geo. 23d August 1794

Mr. J. Balfour.

Sir

I request to know by return of Tappal if possible at what rate the Mahobs people will furnish you with Bricks and Chunam and at what rate you can provide these Materials yourself if allowed to purchase Wood and Charcoal & employ your own Coolys to make Bricks & Chunam.—

Your Obed. Servant

(signed) B. Roebuck

Kistnagherry.

Fort St. Geo. 23d Augt.

Captain Bong.

My dear Sir

Will you let me request the favor of you to transmitting me Certificates as early as possible for the work which is executed I want them as soon as Convenient to Shew the Government what we have done in the Baarmahal Concerning which they are very anxious.—

I sent you on the 21st a Bill for Pg. 1000

Yours Sincerely

(signed) B. Roebuck

Madras 23d Augt. 1794.

Mount

Captain John Campbell.

Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 7th instant to accompany a letter we received for you from Mr. James Moore of Bencoolen.—We now beg leave to annex Duplicate of our said letter, and have to request the favor of an answer by Return of Tappal, or rather the bearer our peon, in order that we may Communicate the needful to Mr. Moore by a Vessel that will sail in the Course of three days.— We are Sir

Your obed. Servants

(signed) R & A.

Fort Saint George 25th August 1794

W. Tallofield Esqre.

President &c. Members of the Board of Trade.

Gentlemen

We beg leave to request that we may be allowed to load on the returning Ships of the Honorable Company for 94 & 95— 14 Tons of Indigo.— Four tons of which will be ready to be Shipped in the Course of next month & the remaining ten tons in the month of February next.— The freight for which we are willing to pay at this Presidency.—

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 25th August 1794

Calcutta

Captain John Reid

Commanding the Ship Catharine

Dear Sir

We wrote to you on the 21st & 22d instant under great anxiety for the Safety of the Catharine, in Consequence of your determination of Carrying her up to Calcutta, and we have not yet been relieved from it by an intimation of her Safe arrival, though we have received a letter from Mr. Henry Abbott of the 10th We Cannot help again observing that we do not see any good the Catharine's going up to Calcutta Can possibly do, on the Contrary, independent, of the Risk of the River, we apprehend great delays,— Surely Members of Government or the Boards, never personally Inspect Ships, but must necessarily depend upon the Reports of their Surveyors,— She Could, we are sure, have been Surveyed at Diamond harbour to the Satisfaction of Government, and as we are assured that every Repair she required Could as well be Completed at Diamond harbour as at Calcutta, we wish you had reflected on the Consequences, before you determined to Carry her up; for Supposing even that she had been Rescued

again

against Risk, any accident happening to her, either going up or coming down, must infallibly defeat the great object we have in view, and we are rather astonished these Circumstances did not occur to you. —

We received the inclosed for you this day, and suspecting it may have Contained some accounts of the Arrack you had Contracted for, we took the Liberty of opening it, in order that no time might be lost in doing any thing that might have been required of us on your account, which we trust will sufficiently apologize for our having opened the Letter. —

This goes by the Amelia, that has been purchased by Parkes, as you have already been informed, — She has, I am told great hopes that the Government in Bengal will take her up to Load for England; How well founded his hopes may be, we do not know, but we do not think they will give the preference to her, a Country built Ship, rather than take up the Catharine British Built. —

We remain with Regard

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Bombay

(Signed) Raebuck & Abbott

Joseph Harding Esqre

Madras 26th August 1794

Dear Sir

We have been duely favord with your Letters dated the 28 & 30 July & 6 & 9 Instant. — It was unfortunate that our Letter to you of the 8th did not reach you in time to make the Remittance to Anjengo, we shall in future give you early intimation of the Remittances we may require. —

We much approve of the plan of Remittance you suggest in your Letter dated the 30th last unfortunately Hydra Pagodas are hardly to be got here at present, but should any come into the Market we will purchase them for Joint Account, in the manner you suggest.

without

without either party Charging Commission. —

We are surprized you should have been informed that we had made any demur or trouble about accepting your Bill for Rupees 42000, we accepted & paid it the moment it was presented and the day it became due. —

Allow us still keep very low, but we hope on the arrival of the Expected China Ships we shall be able to dispose of yours to advantage; — they will, it is true, be obliged to go the outward passage, but the Captains will require Remittances. —

In Consequence of the information Contained in your Letter dated the 9th instant Mr Cochrane has relenquished the Idea of Sending Round the Peckham with Bengal Rum, for 1 Rupee ₱ Gallon, would render him a losing Concern; — He had given him much pleasure to hear that the Eliza was seen so near Batavia, she may Consequently be expected every day. — Your letter for Tellicherry has been forwarded and those for England shall proceed by the Nancy Packet. —

Having on the 12th instant transmitted to you, your Account Current, wherein you will find you have been Credited with the Balance of our account with the owners of the Prokatte, it becomes our necessary to accept of your Bill for Rp. 5000 — on account of the owners of that Rup, in favor of our Mr William Abbott, which you had drawn in order to Secure yourself; — and having transmitted to them inclosed in your Letter of the 12th their Account Current & informed them that we had paid the Balance due to them to your Credit, we Conceive we have done the needful & Conformably to your with; — and of Course having no funds of theirs in our hands we shall not be able to accept of any Drafts they may make upon us. —

We remain with Real Esteem

Dear Sir

We request you will inform us Your Obedient Servants

by return of Ship'pal in what situation Capt Reeds (Signed) Raebuck & Abbott

affairs are at Bombay, the claims that

are against him, and on what account, he Complains that he has never

been

been able to get a Statement of the kind; She has had an expeditious passage of 44 days to Diamond Harbour, and before he left this, he mentioned having written to you more than once. —

/ Signed / R. & A.

Madras 26 August 1794

Bombay

Francis Kemp Esqre

Dear Sir

I was favored yesterday Evening with your Letter dated the 5th instant inclosing your Account Current with Mr Cafsin, and a Bill on him for the Balance, which however you had forgot to sign, I therefore return it here inclosed in order that it may undergo that necessary formality; and will, notwithstanding, endeavour to receive the Balance from Mr Cafsin provided Mr Popham has informed him of having adjusted it with you but unless he has done so, I am afraid he would refuse payeing me the Bill. — The Lottery Tickets you order shall be purchased and Sent to you by next Pattall, as also your Account Current. —

Mr Cochrane informs me he had no intention of changing his Agent at Bombay for Supplying the Navy, and says he should have given a Commission for same Kismeput ere this, but he expects a quantity of Stuff by the Expected Ships from England — The Muslins & Piece goods you require shall be sent to you by the first opportunity, had your Letter reached me sooner, I could have sent them by the Experiment Sailed Yesterday for your place with some Arrack &c. —

I shall write to Colonel Hartley in a few days, mean while pray present my Respects to him and Congratulations on late honorable Triumph over his enemies. —

Believe me with Regard

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servant

/ Signed / W. Abbott

Madras 27th Augt 1794

Fort Marlboro / Original by Benjamin & William /

James Moore Esqre

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you via Batavia on the 7th June of which you have duplicate here inclosed as also a rectified Account Sales of 34 Chests of Benjamin you Consigned to us by the Friends Adventure having found that the one we handed to you in our last was erroneous. The Nett proceeds of the present one is Pags 258 11 24 — Is pags 2d to your Credit instead of Pags 27 11 19 — That appeared to be the Nett proceeds by the Account Sales already transmitted to you, and we have to request you will be pleased after Examination to pass us Conformity with us. — On the 7th Instant only we were favord with your Two Letters dated the 5th & two the 6th April last, but we have not been able to learn through what Channel — for the Watson Hoy has never made her appearance here, and as there is no Likelihood of an opportunity offering soon for your place — We have taken up a Small Vessel The Benjamin & William to run over to Bencoolen with a part of the Commission you have been pleased to give us on your account, as well as that on account of Messrs Mr Broff & Co & the small Investment we have put in ourselves & been enabled to procure from our Friends has better enabled us to accomplish this. Our hope our endeavours will have the desired effect of bringing the Madura Muslins & the Small quantity of Piece goods that you ordered to a good Market, — We think there can be little doubt of this — as no Vessels from this place have for some time past been dispatched to your part of the world and we doubt much whether The Europa from Bengall with Troops for Fort Marlboro' have Carried any thing of the kind. —

We are very Sensible of your kindness in Introducing us

Sent to Messrs Broff & Co by our diligence & attention to their Interest, we shall merit their Confidence & Esteem, having by this opportunity addressed them fully — We beg Leave to refer you to that Letter for our Correspondence with Mr Kenmonthy & Messrs Harrop & Stevenson, by which you will perceive that we have drawn on the former for the Balance of an account transmitted by them — but we have no hopes of receiving the Balance due by the Latter Gentlemen for this month the soonest — We have nevertheless purchased & Consign by this Conveyance 40 whole Pipes of Madura Wine to Messrs Broff & Co the amount of which is Carried to their debit — when the Balance due by Messrs Harrop & Stevenson is received they will be Credited for the same. —

We duely transmitted your Letter to Captain John Campbell, not Rose Campbell, as by mistake mentioned in your Letter, and by his referring us to Mr Adrian Depries — we find this last Gentleman has remitted the Balance of Pags 786-34 our account of the Estate of Captain Turner to Mr Jno Barns as Copy of his Letter to that Gentleman delivered by them to us which you will find here Inclosed. —

You have here Inclosed Bill of Lading & Invoice of Sundry Cloths & Stockings ordered by you in your Letter of 6th April and two Pipes of the very best Madura Wine procurable here, of which indeed we could only get these two Pipes; This Article has of late been Scarce and dear here & there is every Likelihood of its Continuing so for some time to Come; — We could not get the exact quantity you ordered of each of the articles, — and therefore procured them as near as possible to your Instructions they are Likewise higher priced than they would have been had we received Timely Instructions from you to get them made — In future we would recommend your Friends to give us two or three Months — In order to Contract for & Lay in goods on Considerable Lower Terms. —

We Should have been glad to have taken half

half Concern with you in 30 or 60 Bales of Bengals but we have however Consigned to Messrs Bale could we procure on the Spot — Broff & Co as you Inform us you are on the point of leaving Bencoolen 14 Bales of 16 to 24 Punjum Cloth — in joint account with a Native Friend, which we hope may Come to a good Market & Encourage our Friends to attempt future adventures — and in order not to Let the Vessel go empty, we have put on board of her 12 Parce of Salt which we understand always Sells to advantage at your Place, though we do not think the Rate between this & Bencoolen is worth 10 P Cent yet as we could not get Insurance effected on better terms we thought it prudent to pay that as we had your permission to do so; Even at this high Rate we have only been able to Insure on a very Limitted Sum indeed, and had we had the means of Sending a more valuable Cargo, some part of it must have gone uninsured. —

We are sorry to Inform you that it is not practicable to get a Commission in the Kings Service for Gentlemen circumstanced as Mr Turing is — The Kings orders being positive on that Subject — to our Knowledge Lord Cornwallis has put a negative to every application of the kind — and though we feel very much disposed to do every thing in our power to promote your kind Intention towards Mr Turing — yet are really at a Loss to suggest how we could prove of effectual Service to him. —

You have herewith your account Current to this date Balancing in our favor Pags 2450-19-78 which we trust you will find Correct & pass in Conformity with us. —

Pepper from your Coast is now Selling at 40 P Candy of 500 lb — and Benjamin such as your last by the Friends Adventure, would now fetch Pags 40 P Candy, and different Qualities in proportion, Should you or your Friends therefore be Inclined to Consign a Cargo

Cargo to this Place, we beg leave to recommend Captain Mercer who Commands the Benjamin & William and is part owner of her - as we believe he will be perfectly disengaged after his arrival at Bencoolen & will be happy to get a Freight Back. —

We have likewise taken the liberty of Inclosing Inclosed in our Letter to messrs Broff & Co a Power of Attorney Jointly & Seperately to you & Wade Gentlemen to Recover 3000 Pagodas Principal with premium &c from Mr Coles - This Sum was Lent on the Cargo of the Speke, and we are sorry to say Mr Coles's Conduct In it has not been Satisfactory to us - not any Cargo having been Sent by him on the Ship to pay the Respondentia Lenders, - an attested Copy of the Bond goes along with the Power of attorney & we regret you will be kind enough to give your assistance during your Stay in the Country to recover the amount, and having accomplished it - We beg Leave to you & messrs Broff & Co for remitting it in the manner you may think best - we do not think much is to be apprehended from Privateers - one of the Large Frigates is gone to Cruize in the Straights & China Seas & two others One of 50 and the other of 44 Guns are going on a Cruize in a few days - we may also expect the Squadron daily with the fleet of Indiamen & the Seas then will be perfectly Clear. —

Our Latest accounts from England are of the 17 April - The India Fleet had not Sailed, so that we have not as yet had a Ship In - Perhaps you will receive this before you get further accounts from Europe - where the War Rages with unabated fury - but the Campaign that was beginning to open, it was hoped would put an End to it - The Expedition against the Mauritius is Hoped for the present but it is supposed will be Carried on after the N. E. Monsoon - We remain with Real Esteem. —

Dear Sir

Your very Obedt & Hble Servants

Fort St Geo. 28th August 1794

Arcot

Major Young

Dear Young

Government have referred to us a proposal of yours for Building your Barracks & Stabling & desiring to know whether we can execute the same before the Monsoon - I am very Certain had you known that your proposition was an Infringment on our Contract you would not have made it at the same time the Military Board have wrote to us that they are aware the description given by you is so indeterminate as to leave us at a loss to know what is to be executed - will you be so good as to give us the Demensions of the Barracks & Stabling & a description of what is required as to Flooring, doors, windows, & the Supports of the Roofs & any other particulars to enable us to form an Estimate of the time it will require in executing - will you be so good as to favor me with an Answer by return of Tappall —

Yours Truly (Signed) B Racknell

Madras 27th August 1794

Fort Marlbro

Messrs Robt Broff & Co

Gentlemen We feel ourselves very much Indebted to Mr Moore for the honor he has done us to Introduce us to your Correspondence, & trust by our Zeal & Deligence in Executing your orders we shall acquire & merit a Continuation of your Friendship. —

In compliance with the Instructions Contained in Mr Moores Letter dated the 5 April last, which only Came to hand the 1 Instant we applied to Mr Kenworthy & Messrs Harrop & Staunton for Balance of their account to Messrs Crisp & Co, from the former Gentleman we received a Statement of Accot of which Copy you have herewith with Copies of our Correspondence on the occasion & permission to draw upon him for the Balance

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Balance in Pags 1606.44.44 that appears to be due by him, which having accomplished we have passd the amount to your Credit, But from Messrs Harrop & Stevenson's answer to us you will perceive that we are not likely to receive the Balance due by them for some time but when we do the amount shall in due Course be passd to your Credit.

As Mr Moore mentioned that it is your wish, we should Invest the amount of these two Balances in Madura Wine on your account, and being informed besides of the Scarcity of that article at your Place we have taken up the Snow Benjamin and William to run over without Loss of time, particularly as there is no prospect of an opportunity offering soon - You have Consequently herewith Bill of Lading & Invoice of 40 whole Pipes of Madura of Two ages, Two & four Years old the amount whereof in Pags 5193 is passd to your Debit and we hope they will Come to good Market the qualities of the Wine are good, but in Consequence of its being rather a Scarce article at this place the Price is higher than it otherwise would be as Mr Moore Intimates that it was your wish to Insure the property against all Risks we have paid as far as 10 P Cent Prem.m on the Wine from hence to Bencoolen, and were at that high Rate we could hardly prevail upon our Offices to take the Risk.

In order to enable us to take up the Benjamin William, we have prevailed upon some of our friends to put some Goods on Board of her which are Consigned to you as per Bill of Lading & Invoices here, which are for account & Risk as follows -

No 1 Invoice of 7 Bales Piece Goods, Chents &c for account & Risk of Jemna Sawney amot to Pags 2066.26.62

No 2

No 2 of 5 Bales Piece Goods Chents &c for account and Risk of Trevanama by Auroomaudree Yadswarer amot 1912.14.26

3 do of 14 Bales of 16 to 24 Punjum Cloth & 2 Bales Putnah & Vuntapollam Handkerchiefs for accot of Vaggeah Chitty 2939.20.20

Besides the above we have Shipped 12 Jarrs each 923 6/28 of Salt for your Consignment - all which we have to request you will be pleased to dispose of to the Best advantage & remit us the proceeds either in Bills on the Bengal Government or in any other articles that you think will turn to most advantage, - we have the pleasure of Inclosing the Price Current of the day, of Goods from your part of the World, and should you be inclined to make us any Consignments either on your own or on Accot of your friends, we beg leave to recommend Captain Mercer, who would be happy to get a freight back, & should he stand in need of 2 or 3000 Rupees you may advance him that amount, on our accot by taking his receipt for the same, and advising us accordingly.

We now beg leave to transfer you with a Power of attorney from us to you & Mr James Moore Jointly & Seperately - & have to request you will be pleased to call upon Mr E. Coles for the amot Principal Premium & Interest of a Respondentia Bond granted by him to us on the Cargo of the Ship Speke dated the 22 September 1792 - an attested Copy of the Bond is here Inclosed the amount Principal of which is Pags 3000 - As we have great Reason to be dissatisfied with Mr Coles's Conduct towards us Respondentia Lenders on the Cargo of the Speke - In the first place for having kept the Ship away many months after the Bond became due & In the next for his not Sending us a Pagoda's worth of Cargo at the time he sent the Ship to Calcutta, we request you will take decided steps to Compell him to

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them to pay the amount of his Debt to us, or give such Security as may satisfy you for the Recovery of which we request you will be pleased to remit the amount to us in the manner you may Judge most advantageous.—

Our Latest accounts from England are dated 6th April when the Fleet of Indiamen had not Sailed Therefore we Cannot expect them before the middle of next month.— The Expedition against the Mauritius is Laid aside for the present, but will it is Said be resumed after the N.E. Monsoon.—

We beg leave to offer our Services on all occasions & Remain with Perfect Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 29th Augt 1794

Captain John Mercer ..

Commanding the Snow Benjamin Williams

Sir

Having Completed your Cargo we request you will without loss of time make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro in Bencoolen and on your arrival there loose no time in delivering the accompanying Packets for Messrs Robert Broff & James Moore Esqr to whom the Cargo of the Benjamin Williams is Consigned.—

We must Caution you to avoid every Sail you may See, for fear of falling into the Clutches of a Privateer, & wishing you a Speedy voyage we remain.

Sir

Your obedt Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

‡‡ We also beg leave to Inclose a power of Attorney to you from our friend Nagapah Chitty who finds himself Stimulated as we are with Respect to Mr Coles whose Respondentia Bond for S. 1000 / an attested Copy of it / you have Received inclosed. You have to solicit your Exertions to Recover the amount.— R & A.

Madras 29th August 1794.

James Dalzell Esqre

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company.

Sir

We beg leave to offer 5 P Cent to Cover the Sea Risk on the Block of the Lakshme for 6 Months to all ports and places within the Companys Limits with permission to go once in Coast of the Bengal River She is a Ship about 12 Months old and in point of Size for the River and Reputation in every Respect perhaps Stands among the first of the Shipping in this Country.— We are Sir

Your obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

The above wrote to the following Gentlemen.—

Thomas Parry Esqr Secry to the E. Ind. Company

" Chase Esqr Secry to the Mad. Mo. I Company

John Stephens Esqr Secry to the Amicable Association

Mr. A. Seth Secry to the Commercial Society.—

Fort St George 29th Aug 1794

Kistnagherry

Captain Geo. Bong.

My dear Sir I Shall be obliged to you if you will direct our Conicopoly in the Baarmahal to write us a Letter Stating the number of Artificers of different descriptions & Tank diggers wanted, & I will get an order to Captain Read.—

Yours truly

/ Signed / B. Roebuck.

I inclose you the Certificates which being wished by you, I did not write to give them in, also Certificates which are all that is necessary for you to give & we will make out our Bills.— Yours Sincerely

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

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Bedr

Lt. J. A. Kirkpatrick

Madras 31 Augt 1794

Dear Sir —

We have been favored with your letter dated the 16 inst. & in compliance with your request we now enclose a calculation to shew what your Fathers Consold. Bond would nearly produce, were it to be sold at 2/p ℔ Discount & the amt remitted to Calcutta to invest in Government 6 ℔ Ct Certificates. — The small balance we have in our hands might be remitted on the same terms which are better than private Bills at present that are scarce even at Rs 325 p. Pago.

We remain Your's

Trichinopoly

Mr Balfour

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Rr. Roebuck & Abbotts —

Fort St George 1st September 1794

I have now the pleasure of enclosing to you the Nabobs order also Original & Government Extract to us — being Copy of his Highness's Letter to Government, & I hope now you will proceed without further molestation & that in Case you meet any hindrance, Colonel Floyd will now be so good as to give you his Support. I hope to hear from you as soon as possible after you receive this —

I am Sir

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Ft St Geo: 3 Sept. 1794

Arnee

Lieut Wade

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you an Estimate for the Repairs of the Powder Mills at Vellore which by some unaccountable accident was mislaid, will you be so good as to order it to be prepared immediately. I will get the necessary orders from the Nabob —

Yours very truly

(Signed) B. R

1 Estimate Expence of necessary Repairs to Two — buying Terraces and Lifting Rooms for Pr 94 = 15 = 13

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Madras 5th September 1794.

Bedr

Lieut Jas A. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir.

We have this moment received the enclosed for you from your father by the Raisé, which Ship with the Phoenix & Rockingham arrived the day before Yesterday left England the 2d May and parted with the fleet the 8th ultimo for news we refer you to your father; — In the few lines we have received from him he gives us no Instructions whatever concerning things we have received from him he gives us no Instructions whatever concerning his Consolidated Bond, nor does he even hint a compromise with Prof. —

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir Your obed Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Trichinopoly Fort St Geo: 5th September

W. Hawkins Esqr

Dear Hawkins You will much oblige me by advancing Mr John Balfour on my account one Thousand Star Pagodas taking his receipt for the Same — I will send you up Cash to replace it with the Publick Cash on the 10th or you may draw on me at forty days sight for the same —

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Ft St Geo: 5th September 1794

Mr John Balfour

Sir I think you should make the utmost exertion at present in the procuring of Materials before you can both lay the foundations & get up the walls to the Arches before the Monsoon so much the better at any rate in my opinion the first should be done — Search you wound as soon as you have dispatched matters take a step to Theagar & from thence to Arnee & the sooner you go the better, Let me hear of your proceedings —

Your obed Servt

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Inclose you a Letter to Mr Hawkins

for which you are good as —

B. R —

Madras 6th September 1794

Messrs Satchemedut Nellacant Vaspoodut & Satchemedut

Gentlemen

In Compliance with your request we wrote to Messrs Samuel Ross & Co and they agree to refer the Loss on the Haunch to the Arbitration of four Gentlemen two chosen by you and two by them.

We remain

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqre

Madras 6th September 1794

Dear Sir,

It is with unfeigned regret we inform you that the Arbitrators of the Loss on the Haunch have given an award against you, a Copy of which with Copy of Letter we received two days ago from Messrs Samuel Ross & Co you have here inclosed, we need say little on this disagreeable Subject, as you will no doubt hearfully from them; - It is of Kind of award we did not Expect, but in Consequence of the Arbitration Bonds entered into, we shall of Course be under the necessity of passing the Mutual Releases awarded by the Arbitrators.

We have been duely favord with your Letter dated the 16 ultto inclosing a Bill on Gopaldoss Whitteddoss for Arcs 25,000 which has been accepted, and when paid will duely be Carried to your Credit.

We are happy it is in our power to inform you the needful Concerning the Purchase, had not so satisfactorily as we could wish, for those Lately Appointed here have no Salary whatever allowed them as yet.

We have Receipted your Bill in our date 12 ultimo for Pags 3714: 11 57 and here inclosed we beg leave to transmit a Bill on Mr Daniel Seton Govt Pags 100 or Bhs 345 which please to get

to our Credit when Received.

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Eliza arrived here the 29th ult with 380 Leaguers of Arrack, & the returns immediately for another Cargo. Be she comes back we should wish to be furnished with your Instructions how to employ her after the time expires for which she is freighted to Mr Cochrane. We have applied to Captain Hodges for the particulars of the Cargo of the Pearl, but he says the last Copy he had he left with you before he left Bombay, but he promised to furnish us with such a Memorandum as he may be able to Recollect, which shall accordingly be forwarded to you.

The Phoenix, Rose and Rockingham arrived on the 3. and as they parted with the Fleet this side of the Cape, some of your Ships will have arrived, I hope ere this, & the News brought by these Ships you will have seen by our Papers.

We remain with Real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 8th September 1794

James Daley Esqre

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what Rate of Premium your Office will Insure on the American Ship John from Calcutta to Ostend with leave to touch at all ports & places, against all Perils warranting the Ship & Property to belong to Mr Benjamin Jay Citizen of Boston N. America. We are Sir

Your obed Servants

(signed) R. & A.

The above wrote to the following Secretary's

Thomas Parry Esq. E. I. Company

Thomas Chase Esq. New Madras Ins. Company

John Stephens Esq. Amicable Association

Mr Scott Seth. Commercial Society

Bombay

Madras 6th September 1794

Robert Lewis Esqre

Dear Sir,

I have been duely favored with your Letter dated the 9th ultimo and have accepted your Bill on me for Pgs 1142.30.60. in favor of Mr Bawtly —

The Rosetta is not yet arrived, from the elapsed period since her Sailing I am led to suppose she must have touched on your Coast; I have to thank you for your kind present of Onions and Bumbalaes for my Hors. and have no doubt but that the Arab Horse you have desired Captain Smart to deliver to me will fully answer your description, and be an agreeable to any body when I see him will write to you more fully about him —

The Phenix Rose and Rockingham arrived here on the 3d they parted with the Fleet this side of the Cape, so that it is to be hoped your Ships will have arrived ere this, for the News I beg leave to refer you to their papers which will reach Bombay before this —

The Revenge Privateer of 36 Guns is just come to our Anchor, sent in by the Resistance taken off Achem Head the 26th we know nothing further of her as yet. — Believe me with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obed.t Servants

(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 6th September 1794

Bombay

Mr Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

This is merely to inform you that I have conformably to your request purchased 12 Lottery Tickets for account as follows Viz.

6 Tickets for account of Mr Geo.e Popham No. 852. 853. 854. 855. 871. & 872.
3 Tickets for account of Mr Thomas Hall No 862. No 866 & 867 —
3 Tickets for account of Mr Francis Kemp No. 863. 864 & 865. —
12 Total the Cost of which in Pgs 120 is passd to your Debit. — I have not thought proper to Insure the Tickets for fear of accidents, trust your having the Numbers will do as well. —

Remain with Regard

Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servant

(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 8th September 1794

Capt.n Charles Stokes

Commanding the Ship Lakshmi.

Dear Sir,

Having Completed the delivery of your Cargo, we request you will make the best of your way to Bengal and put yourself under the orders of Henry Abbott Esq.r of Calcutta, and as our object is that the Lakshmi may be loaded with dispatch, and leave the Bengal River as soon after as possible, we request (the moment you get the Pilot on Board) you will forward the inclosed Packet for Mr Abbott by the most Expeditious Conveyance possible, and inform him at the same time whether you intend to Remain at Culpee for the Cargo, or proceed with the Ship to Calcutta, the former of which we conceive will be the most eligible at this Season to insure Dispatch, and as this is the object, and the Packets must have Come down we prefer paying the Extra Sloop hire rather than run the Risk of having the Ship detained up the River —

From the intimation given to Mr Henry Abbott by the Jane Captain Sheard we have reason to hope you will find the Cargo for the Lakshmi laying for you at Culpee. —

Wishing you a prosperous Voyage we remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

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Calcutta

Madras 8th September 1794

Benjamin Joy Esqr.

Dear Sir

I have been duely favord with your letters dated the 29th July & 21st ultimo. —

We have had Several Indiamen from England but I have not as yet been able to learn any tidings of the Sarah. —

Having received fourteen Sells of Bills drawn by you on Mich. Joy Esq. No 56 Hatton Street London, amounting together to £ 3000, — I shall exert my endeavours to dispose of them on the most advantageous terms, in Conformity with your Instructions, and the amount I may from time to time receive for you on that account shall be forwarded to you in the manner you direct in your letter dated the 17th ult.

As the most sure way of giving Notice to the worlds, that we have such Bills to dispose of, we have thought proper to Advertise in our two papers without mentioning by whom they are drawn, and as fast as they are disposed of, I will keep you informed that you may send me others. —

I am glad to find you have got tidings of the Diza, I began to give her up.

I wish you had got a full freight for the John, but rather than keep her longer at Calcutta I am glad you have fitted her up & dispatched her, — I have applied to all our offices for Insurance on her, and have inclosed you have Copies of their answers, — but before I may receive your Instructions, their terms may alter, for the premium on War Insurance fluctuates every day, it is therefore better, when a person is at a distance, to make up his mind and Instruct his agents to

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to pay a Certain Premium & no more. —

I thank you for the Copy of the american Consuls Act. Remain with Regard.

Dear Sir

Your obed. Servant

Signed / Wm. Abbott

James Daley Esqre
Secretary to the Madras Ins.ce Office

Madras 10th September 1794

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 6 instant inclosing a Copy of the Award of the Arbitrators appointed to determine the dispute respecting the Loss of the Ship Hannah, with the Contents of which we shall of Course Comply. — The Policy effected by the Madras Ins.ce Company on the Cargo of the Ship Hannah, which is not yet returned, but when it Comes to hand we shall send it to you Cancelled & meen while we are willing to meet you any Convenient hour in order to Exchange releases & fulfill the award. —

We are Sir

Your obed.t Servants

Signed / Patruck & Abbott

Thomas Parry Esq.
Secretary to the Ex. Insurance Company

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what rate of Premium your office will Insure on the Ship Pearl against all Risks from Bencoolen to Batavia & Bombay. — She is 5 Years old and is reckoned a remarkable fast Sailer, Commanded by Captain Dangyland who wish to leave Bombay on the 15th instant to take charge of her at Bencoolen & will probably Sail in all this month. —

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants

Signed / Patruck & Abbott

The above wrote to the following Offices

James Daley Esq. Secy to the M. I. Co.
Thomas Chase Esq. M. M. I. Co.
John Stephens Esq. A. Association
Mr. Seth. Commercial Society.

Messrs Salchemedut Nellacant Vafoodat & Salchemedut

Madras 12th September 1794

Gentlemen

Annexed is duplicate of what we wrote to you on the 6th Instant, and not having as yet been favoid with your Reply we beg leave to acquaint you that our Instructions are not to allow of delay in the Settlement of Messrs Lambert & Ross's claim on you, but adjust it either by Arbitration or Law, and if we do not receive your answer to the in due time, we shall be under the necessity of taking measures accordingly — we are

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Lynch Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Captain John Reid

Madras 13th September 1794

Dear Sir

We have been duely favored with your Letters dated the 24th 25th & 28th ultimo, and are perfectly appraise of the Steps, you and Mr Henry Abbott had taken to load & dispatch the Catharine without loss of time, provided Government should in not take her up for the present, which however we hope will not be the Case, from the Conversation you had with Mr Hay on this Subject, and doubt in a few days you will give us tydings of her being ingaged to Government —

We are happy to find that orders had been received to pay you the produce of the Prize you took —

The fleet is all arrived, and it it is reported that 4 or 5 Indiamen are taken up as Sugar Ships in addition to, and Convoy out with the five Small ships taken up for that purpose the latter end of April, but we hope the

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the quantity of tonnage demanded is too great, for it to appear 1212
expect for the Catharine —

we are glad to find the Cargo of the Catharine will be cheap, if, she comes here, and hope the quality of the Rice will be wholsle, clear Grain'd, and free from dust, — the prices here still continue the same from Pags 62 to Pags 72 Pagoda but if the Seasonable Rains keep off for 20 days we may expect an increase of Pags 10 Pagoda in each quality.

Your Letter here is in a proper train and Mr Roebuck has received an attested Copy of the only Bill filed against you at Bombay, which it seems must have been misrepresented to you for it seems a fair Bill enough & Mr Roebuck has sent it to Mr Hall who will speak to you fully on the subject when you arrive, and perhaps it would be better to Compromise if you could make a general one; — I am informed one of the Prosecutors is come Round from Bombay on the Rosolia and is going to Bengal, where we believe he cannot touch you personn, having Commenced a prosecution at Bombay, therefore it may be with in view of Settling matters amicably, this for your sake. — we are with Real Esteem

Dear Sir Your Obed Servts

we are sorry you did not carry up a number of the pepper & let with you, and Sell it the moment you arrived at 26 Rupees this omission will make the diffce of near Ps 3000 in the Speculation. W. A. —

But mauy at Bombay was selling at 24½ Rupees

(1273) Bombay

Madras 13th September 1794

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

We have been duely favored with your several Letters dated the 9th 13. 23. & 27 ultimo by the Rosetta Captain Smart, who arrived here on the 9th instant. —

with respect to the Insurance on the Pearl we have applied to all our offices here, inclosed you have Copies of their answers. — But before we may receive your instructions for insuring, their terms may alter, for the premium on War Insurance fluctuates every day, it is therefore better when you wish us to effect an Insurance here to make up your mind to pay a Certain Premium, and give us your orders accordingly. —

Your bill for Arx. 25,000 in favor of Copaldas for Pr. Exchange has been accepted and when it becomes due shall be duely honored, as also that for Pr. 70 in favor of Mr. Arthur Anderson. —

We think it would be better to dispose of your Cotton at Pr. 30 if the Can be procured, in preference to sending it to China, for the much distress of being able to get Freight holden as you mention at Pr. 42 Bale. — The Prices at Canton have not yet arrived, but the Freight may be higher than it is in peace time, we shall however do the best for you. —

The Cowdage was sent by the Hannah we left on Board as it was not saleable here, sending the Invoice of it to Messrs Lambert Ross & Co as you desire. we shall write to Captain Robertson on the Subject. — We are apprehensive that we shall not be able to Sell the Eliza according to your wishes but should an opportunity offer we shall do our utmost for your Interest. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

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Tritchinopoly

Mr. Fra. Balfour

Sir

I inclose you the Madrabs Letter to Government relative to the Draw Bridge. I shall send you shortly an order to the Arabok to refund the Money he had taken from you so improperly for Materials, which should have been provided by ourselves. I hope you have finished the Draw Bridge, if you meet with interruption you must apply by letter to Colonel Keys for support. — I am Sir your obedient Servant

Signed B. Roebuck

Fort St George 15th September 1794

to

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor & President in Council

My Lord

We beg leave to offer 2 Pay Bale for the freight of 1000 Bales of Cotton to China on the Honorable Company's Ships now under dispatch. —

We have the honor to be

My Lord

with the greatest Respect

Your Lordships most obed.

humble Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 16 Sept.

Peder

Lieut. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

I have had the pleasure of receiving your favor of the 3d Instant & have both applied to Mr. Fallofield & Mr. Saunders on your Business & hope what you have requested will be granted. I understand it comes on in this days Council.

There are two Parcels sent out for you to our Care shall I forward them to you by Cooley & to what place I am

Dear Sir with Esteem

Your obedient Servants

Signed B. Roebuck

Josh was understand that you have

received your application to the Auditor

General for his opinion. —

Bombay

R. Lewis Esqre

Madras 6 Sept. 1794

Dear Sir

I was duly favored with your letters dated the 12 & 23 Ult. the former by Capt. Smart of the Rattler which arrived in these Roads a few days ago — the Horse you sent by that ship Capt. Smart has left at Pondicherry — with a Gentleman who I find has no intentions of sending him round to Madras — I understand he answers in every respect the description you have given of him —

The Rattler will sail in the course of a few days Northward to take in a Cargo of Salt for Bengal on account of the Contractors — to whom we have Introduced Capt. Smart — This will give him about 8000 Rupees Freight and this was thought the most Eligible way of Employing him at Present, as Captain Smart had entered into a Contract with the Government of Fort St George to deliver them 10000 Bags of Rice by the Month of Dec. next —

I am sorry it is not being able at present to procure any Gravy Bills as you request — a Person I employ had taken up six that he could get to a certain amount at the Rate of 7/1 & 8/ — when he has satisfied himself — I shall Engage to get the Amount you require — Should the Lockets Suit you

Capt. Smart has not as yet paid to us any Money when he does he shall own Receipt

Your Tickets in the Madras Lottery for 1793

Nos. 410. 411. & 412 are each Prizes of Pag. 20 — which after deducting 10 p. Cent Comm. according to the Scheme stands Pags 18 to your Credit — No. 209 was drawn a Blank

Orders have been given to the Office of the Madras Courier & the Vizarat to transmit to you regularly those Papers — They are the only two Published at Madras at Present —

Remain &c. Sincere Regards

Your — &c

P. R.

(1276)

Bombay

Madras 16 Sept. 1794

Joseph Harding Esqre

Dear Sir —

We had the pleasure of addressing you the 13 Inst. since which we have received none of your favors — this is merely to Inclose you the Abstract of the Pearl's Cargo when Captured which was allowed by Capt. Hodges from his memory — And your Acct. Curt. to 31 July last Rectified which makes the Balance in your favor to the Pag. 2457 4 15 10 as p. the last Acct. Curt. we transmitted you the 12 Ulto. — If you find the present one borrect we request you will pass it accordingly. —

You has been made acquainted sooner of your wish of being Agent to the Madras Lottery at Bombay, since which we have procured it for you, but we thought it a place of so much trouble & little profit that it was not worth offering, as the present Lottery has begun drawing it is too late to think of it, but if it should still be your wish to be the Agent, we shall procure it for you for the Ensuing Lotteries — The Sales were so inconsiderable at Bombay that the Company do not think it an object to send any Tickets round this year. —

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

signed / Roebuck & Abbott

16 Sept. 1794.

Wandiwash

Major Fraser

My dear Sir. I will thank you to enquire how our people are going on at Wandiwash in the preparing of materials for the Repairs of the Barracks so that when we get the order there may be no delay in completing what is wanted. —

Yours very truly

signed / B. Roebuck

16 September 1794

Tindivanam

Wm. Balfour

Sir

I am astonished you have given over any thing to the Maistah without my Express orders after what I have wrote to you

I report that on no account are you to give any thing over to them in future & you must demand this business back again as you well see by the original letter I enclosed to you

Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servt
Signed / B. Roebuck

Madras 16th Sept 1794

Bombay

Mr Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th ultimo duely came to hand & all in time to prevent the purchasing of the Long Cloths you had ordered the Handkerchiefs & Muslins are purchased & shall be forwarded to you by the first Conveyance —

The Second of your Bill for Pag 1254. 24. 65 — on Mr P. McCasim has been received & accepted and when paid shall be duely Carried to your Credit —

You have here inclosed the Numbers of the Thirty eight Tickets you desired should be purchased for your friends — The Lottery began drawing yesterday but we are not yet informed if any of them have been drawn — You have also inclosed your Account Current to the 31 July Balances in our favor Pag 996 — 30 which we trust you will find right and pass in Conformity with us —

I shall be glad to know what has been done in Consequence of your Letter to your friend at Calcutt Concerning the Buffaloes and what is the Price of them —

I remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

To Your obedient Servant

Ernest William Tallofield Esqre
President &c. & Members of the
Board of Trade.

/ Signed / Wm Abbott

Fort St. Geo. 17 Sept. 1794.

Gentlemen

In Consequence of an Advertisment published in the Courier of the 12th Instant intimating that the Tunnage of Ships in future is to be Calculated on Measurement, We beg leave to say that we Cannot afford the

afford the Freight what will be demanded — and Indigo is very Low and between Six and Seven Cwt Constitutes a Ton of Measurement, we should therefore at the present rate of Freight have to pay near Twenty £ Sterling for a Ton of Indigo, which this Article will not afford we trust therefore that you will be pleased under the Circumstances above Stated to Consider our application for Freight as paid —

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Signed / Roebuck Lettsom

17 Sept. 1794

Thomas Parry Esqre
Secry to the Ea. India Company

Sir

The Catharine Conformably to our letter of 13th Curt. went up the River to Calcutta for Repairs, and will we believe have left Calcutta on the 12 Instant for Diamond harbour, to which place she is insured by the Officers to Diamond harbour, but we wish to have your official answer on the Subject —

We are Sir

The same wrote to the following

Thomas Chase Esq
John Stephens Esqre

Your Obedient Servants

Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Thomas Chase Esq
Secry to the New Madras Ins.ce Company

18 September 1794

Sir

As we do not Consider the Catharine has deviated from her voyage in going up to Calcutta for Repairs, we request that the matter may be referred to Arbitration & that it may be done without delay.

We are Sir

Your Obed.t Servants

/ Signed / Abbott

Calcutta

Madras 18 September 1794

Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co

Gentlemen

Your favors of the 5th & 17 ultimo we have duly received — the former including our Account Current to the 30th April, balance in our favor Rupees 1952..12..4 and the latter including Bills on Messrs David Scott & Co of London for £ 110..16..— in favor of Mess Turing, the amount of which shall be wrote off on the Pond, & shall be transmitted to him —

We have now the pleasure of including your account Current with us to the 30th July, Balancing in our favor Rupees 1056..23..46 — which after examining, we trust you will find Correct to pass the same in Conformity with us — We are Gentlemen

Yr most Obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 18 September 1794

Calcutta

Capt John Wilson

Sir

We have received your letter of the 28 August and are Sorry to hear of the Sloop Watson's incapacity of proceeding on her Voyage from the Andamans — we received our Letters from Messrs Bruff & Co & Mr James Moore, and an opportunity offering for Bencoolen before we received your letter we informed Mr Moore that we had heard nothing of the Sloop Watson — we are glad to find you have transmitted Copies of the transactions and receipts to the Government of Bencoolen —

We are Sir

Yr obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 18 September 1794.

Calcutta

Captain James Haig

Commanding the Tally Islam.

Sir

Inclosed you have a Duplicate of a letter we received from Mr Saumarez inclosing one for you, which we have sent you, and by which you will perceive, that the Proceeds of 133 Spars shipped on board your Ship were to be paide to us — we request therefore you will give us the necessary information on the Subject —

We are Sir

Yr most Obedt Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 19th September

Tranquebar

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Gentlemen

We duly received your favor dated the 10th ultimo since which we understand the General Aukar has arrived safe at Calcutta, and now beg leave to remind you of your promise Concerning the Balance due by you to Messrs John Bridge & Co — we request therefore you will send us by return of Sappal, Bills on Calcutta, or if it should be more Convenient, we will draw on you for the amount of that Balance —

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most obedt Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Tranquebar

Mr Daniel Stevenson

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 23d September last, Concerning a Bond due by you to our mutual friend Mr John Turing, inclosing a Letter for you from him to which however we have not as yet had a reply — we now send you a Duplicate of his letter to you & request you will give us a satisfactory answer by return of Sappal of the Balance due by you

I have ordered the Musters to be procured & sent without delay.

I inclose you an Estimate of Expence for making the new wooden Entry Boxes in the Garrison of Vellore. The materials will be forwarded to you tomorrow.

Yours, signed / P.R.

Madras 27th September 1794

Peder

Lieutenant J. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

We are favored with your letter of the 13th Instant in case as we had wrote to your father wishing for his instructions in Case from the State of the Funds he should decide to have his Property in the New Consolidated Funds deposited of & might have had his Property on the Subject by the present Ships, had he thought it necessary to give any particular orders on the Subject, we do not think we should be authorized in disposing of his Property at the present period - But as you are of a different opinion we should willingly resign over to your Charge his effects, could we do it Consistantly as a Trustee thereof.

We beg leave to say that your wishes on the occasion could not be carried into execution by any person, because the Company do not receive any Cash on a deposit in their Treasury, except what is placed there by the Mayor's Court. - And we must add that as a House of Business, it is a measure we could not submit to, having never experienced a Compliance of the sort. - and having reason to think that we have given both your father & Sir. John Clay whose Concerns of a large magnitude are also in our hands due introduced us to the Labour, subject Satisfaction. nay could we willingly have any Transactions where we could suppose such a distrust called exist. - In the present times Mortgages of Company's Papers are not to be obtained. - With perfect to the arrangements proposed at Calcutta - Company's Paper if required, is there granted in such a manner that it cannot be ever always disposed of, except by the express orders of the Principal, & therefore who ever held the Certificates could only receive the Interest, unless ordered by your father's Attorneys to receive the Principal. -

We remain

Dear Sir

Your Hbl. Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

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London

Duplicate.

Madras 28 Sept. 1794

Messrs. John & Francis Baring & Co.

Gentlemen

The Nancy Packet is just arrived from Bengal & as she is to be dispatched Tomorrow - though we do not consider her a safe conveyance yet we hasten to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated the 25 Nov. 20 Jan. 12 Feby. 16 & 22. April last. - and by the Phoenix. Dutton & the Camden that will be dispatched direct from hence on the 10th of next month we shall renew our respects. -

We feel ourselves infinitely obliged to you for your Ideas on the different qualities of Indigo consigned to you by the King George, they will be a guide to us in our future Manufactures & purchases & we shall esteem it a favor if you will take the trouble from time to time to suggest any thing that you think will be an advantage to the Sale of that Article. - By the experience we have had in the Manufacture of this Article we find we can make drop fine a quality as the finest Spanish - but we have found ourselves so much checked on our outsets from the want of encouragement on the part of Govt. - that though we have in a great measure by your perseverance overcome the difficulties we labored under, yet we still feel the Effects of disappointment, though we have every prospect of turning in profit of a quality of the Manufacturers in this Country, as to quality the Bengal Manufactures have only the speed that what we make is superior to any thing they can produce. By the Ships under dispatch we expect to be able to consign you a small quantity - but the late orders of the board of Directors "That Indigo shall pay by Measurement". - will we apprehend be a great check to Manufacturers & Speculators in this Article for we calculate our Indigo would bear that Rate only pack from 6 to 700 Lbs in the Space of 108 cub. Feet or one Ton Meas.t - as the answered wishes of the board of Directors have all times been to encourage the Manufacture of this Article we must suppose that when they gave the orders above alluded to they could not have been aware that it would tend to check instead of encourage Enterprizes on the Article of Indigo. -

We have been so much occupied since the arrival of the Fleet, that we have not had time to examine the Accot. Sales of the Indigo but we are persuaded we shall find us Debtor & accordingly shall debit you £ 3947. 1. 10 for the Net Proceeds. -

We have credited you £ 3194. 10. 6 being the Sum you had paid to our Credit on Accot. of the above Net Proceeds. - And remain with the most esteem

Gent. Yours &c

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

London Duplicate

Madras 28 Sept. 1794

Messrs. Boyd Benfield & Co.

Gentlemen. —

Though we deem the present Nancy Packet a precarious conveyance yet we just pen to acknowledge the receipt of your favors dated the 1st & 5th Feby 2 & 19th March & 21 & 22 April & by the three Indiamen that will be dispatched about the 10th of next Month we shall renew our Respects, & then however we hope we shall be favored with further Orders from you by the Swallow Packet daily expected in these parts. —

We have noticed the Signature of Mr. James Drummond as a partner in your House, to which due respect will be paid by us at all times. —

We have received Mr. Benfield's Instruction to transfer to your P. 96,000 Principal of Consolidated Bonds with Interest from 1 July 1793 but in order to save double Transfer Fees we have not yet made it, but believe enough for us to do so when by the Orders you give us we are presented to us. — we perceive that you have issued Orders upon us for the principal Sum of P. 227,500 which though considerably exceeds the amt. Mr. Benfield has ordered us to transmit to you, yet should they be presented even before we receive his further Instructions we shall think it our Duty to accept them & make the necessary Transfer; for in a Transaction of this Extent we must conclude that we should keep the Spirit of the Transaction between Mr. Benfield in view, & consequently if drafts appear on us even for the whole amt. of Mr. Benfield's Consolid. Bonds we shall not hesitate to accept & Transfer them taking it for granted that you will have made the necessary Arrangements with him. —

We have noticed the Mistake you point out to have made in the nos. of the orders from No. 16 to 25 granted to John Paine Esq. Comptroller of Accounts, but agreeable to your Instructions the Orders shall be honored as presented without Respect to their Numbers. —

We feel ourselves particularly obliged by the Samples of Indigo you have taken the trouble to send us, accompanied by your Brothers observations on the different qualities. — This our Article we have had experience to expect when we first undertook the Manufacture of Indigo we should have made a great progress by this. — having however by dint of perseverance once & in some degree got over the difficulties we have had to struggle with we trust we shall be in point of quantity & quality, be able in a short time at least

to Rival any of the Manufacturers in this Country the present only which hitherto been able to Manufacture has been limited. —

By the Indiamen under dispatch & by every other safe conveyance we shall send you a Price Current of Europe Articles selling at our Market conformably to your request. — The Nominal Disct on the Consold Bonds is 2½ p Cent but we have not heard of any having been negotiated for sometime past. — Since the arrival of the Indiamen there does not seem to be any demand for them. — Prior to that it was expected that the final arrangement with Mr. Dundas for that fund would have come out this Season, & therefore some speculations were made at 3 p Cent believe even at 2½ p Cent Disct. — The Treasury Certificates bear a premium of 7 p Cent & two Each Ps between this & Bengal continues at Rupees 325 to 330 p 100 Pags. as that Remittance by sale bills either to Bengal or England are extremely scarce & indeed disadvantageous the Company no Plan of General Remittance has been established, Immense sums of Money might have been made in consequence of the great demand there has been & still exists for remittances to England, private Bills are at 6/11 Three months & 7/2 at 12 Months Sight. —

Mr. Oakes delivered us your Letter dated 4th March, but did not apply for any Cash previous to his sailing for China, we should have been happy to have shewn him every attention in our power but did not his short stay at Madras deprived us of that pleasure. —

Mr. Harris has also delivered us your letter of the 4th March & every attention in our power shall be paid to your recommendation of him, as well as to any of your Friends at all times. —

We remain with the highest Esteem & Respect. —

Yours &c. —

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Sir John Call Baronet

Madras 28th September 179

Dear Sir

Your letters of the 14th February arrived with all the rest, our Endeavours shall be exerted to do what you wish relative to the Person you have mentioned to us. — He has hitherto led the same life, she set out with, for some Years but we will try what Can be done, I hope

hope by the Sailing of the Ships to acquaint you with the Result of our Endeavours, from Enquiry we have made we cannot say that the Prospects are flattering but we hope a Reform may be attained.

We are with regard

Mr Rowe will send by the Ocheden Ships the Papers required in the Bromley Estate business

Your faithful Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

London

Fort St George 29th September 1794.

To Messrs Richard & William Lee / Original p Nancy Packet
Gentlemen / Duplicate

We have this day taken the Liberty of Drawing on you for One Thousand five hundred Pound Sterling in Favor of Messrs John & Jas Mangles at six Twelve Months sight which we request you will Honor at Maturity.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

London

To Messrs Richard & William Lee / Original p Nancy Packet
Gentlemen / Duplicate

Fort St George 29th Sept 1794

We have this Day taken the Liberty of Drawing on you for Forty Pound Sterling in Favor of Miss Maitland of Culemborg near Utrecht at One Months sight which we request you will Honor at Maturity.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Messrs Boyd Benfield & Co

Continued from p. 1288.

We beg leave to inclose the Rates of Commission are different transactions Established by the different Houses in this Place; though our Signature is affixed to the Rate, yet we are willing at all times to execute Commissions as moderate terms if possible than our neighbours, though we will venture to say nobody can pay more attention to the interest of their constituents than we do; - we therefore leave the matter of Commission entirely to yourselves, and if you think we can deviate from what we have offered our Names to we will, and in transactions not included

included in the Rates, we request you will fix the Commission as you may think we ought to charge

Your /R A

Madras 29 Sept 1794

London Duplicate

Messrs John & James Mangles

Gentlemen

We beg leave to enclose you a Letter from our friend Mr Jas Harding of Bombay who has favored us to remit you to the amount of Pagodas One Hundred Pounds which we now draw on a Bill on Messrs R Williams of London at 12 Mo Sight the Amount of which when paid you will be pleased to pass to his Account

We beg leave to offer our Services & Remain Gentlemen Your Obedient Servants
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

London Duplicate

Madras 29 Sept 1794

Mrs Mary Turing

Dear Madam

We have the pleasure of Inclosing a Duplicate of our last Despatches to you dated the 21 July since which we have received another Set of Bills from Messrs Fowke Reed & Co for the Amount of £110.14 on Messrs David Scott & Co dated the 1 Aug in favor of Mrs Mary Turing Dto Saunders. Nath. E. Kingsley Capt Bearing being one years Interest of their Bond. the first of which you have here Inclosed. - Send by the Ordinaries under Dispatch we shall reply to your Letter received by the Fleet.

We are with the greatest Respect. Yours.
/Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

London

Samuel Hartley Esqre

Madras 29 Sept 1794

Dear Sir

I have been favored with two of your letters & have forwarded the Inclosures to Col Hartley.

I have now the pleasure to Inclose the Decision of the Bombay Government with respect to the Col which I am persuaded will give you & all his Friends infinite pleasure.

The Colonel is with me at present & has taken his Passage on the Lord Camden that will sail in Company with the Phoenix & Dutton about the 20 of next Month.

As the Packet is closing I remain but always with Esteem & Respect. Yours

/Signed/ Wm Abbott

London Nancy Packet Madras 29th Sept. 1794

Sir John Call Bart.

Dear Sir

This serves merely to Inform you that our dispatches to your address are delivered to the care of Capt.n Paterson of the Nancy Packet — who has promised to forward them to you Immediately on his arrival in England — We remain With Real Esteem

Do Sir &c.

Sign.d R.C.L.

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Mess.rs R. & W.m Lee Duplicate

Gentlem.n

This serves merely to Inform you that our dispatches to your address are delivered to the care of Capt.n Paterson of the Nancy Packet — who has promised to forward them to you Immediately on his arrival in

London Duplicate Fort St. Geo.e 29th September

Col. P. Ross

My dear Colonel

I only take up the Pen by the present dispatch to shew you I am not negligent although I have not any thing to Communicate Business or otherwise — our Finances at the Durbar go on in the usual way, their Payments are regular & they of course keep their Country in and have secured you a Remittance by the Ships under dispatch for the amount of your Balance in our hands & shall allow you 6 per Cent Interest while it has remained with us, we wish we could have made you a more advantageous Remittance but the Exchange is rather generally from 6/9 to 7/4 — My best Compts to Mrs Ross & I hear Upon Mr. Maule is in great want & distress we mean to make a Subscription for

for her, & the Trustees will request of Mr Hobbs to call on you & Lauson to assist — I am my dear Colonel

Yours Sincerely

Signed R.C.L.

Chicacole Fort St. George 29th September 1794

Lieut. Dec.r Morgan

Dear Dec.r Morgan

On the other side is a List of Articles we have Bought for you by desire of our Friend Swing & forwarded to Vizagapatam by the Elisa — to the charge of your old Acquaintance Alexander I hope the Articles will prove good we were obliged to send a Carving Knife & Fork & a Cheese Knife otherwise we could not have got the Knives which are a scarce Article

Sincerely Yours

(signed) B. Roebuck

P.S. We make your Remittance by this Ships

Madras 1st October 1794

James Daley Esq.r

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what Rate of Premium your office will Insure all Risks as Respondentia on the Honorable Company's Ship Carnatic from hence to China —

We are Sir Your Obedient Humble Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

The above wrote to the following Offices

Thomas Parry Esq.r Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company
Reuias Chase Esq.r " to the New Madras Insurance Company
John Stephens Esq.r " to the Amicable Society
W.m Smith Seth. " to the Commercial Society

Madras 1 October 1794

Thomas Parry Esq.r

Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We beg leave to offer 3 p.r Cent to Insure

Block of the Ship Catharine the Common Risk at 4 from Dec.
maid Harbour to Madras allowing the Usual Number of 14 days for unloading,
that the policies generally specify the Risk of the Coast between the 15 October &
15 December, within the Soundings take Town by the Ground tackle
without the Soundings at the Risk of the underwriters.

We are Sir
Your Most Obed Servants
Signed R&A

Madras 2d October 1794

The above wrote to
Thomas Chase Esqr to Insure 8200 Pg.

Thomas Parry Esqr
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir
We request you will fill up a Policy for
Pagodas 4960 on the Carnatic to China at 5 P Cent all Risks Going in part
of a Respondentia Bond for account of Capt R Twining
Mare Sir
Your Most Obed Servants
Signed R&A

The above wrote to
W Seth Smith Secry to Commercial Society for Pgs 3000

James Daley Esqr
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir
We beg leave to offer 6 P Cent to Insure the
Block of the Ship Catharine for 6 Months from the 15 of last Month to all Ports
and Places within the Companys Limits of Trade, with liberty to Come once and
the 15 October & the 15 December, the Risk whilst she is within Soundings
to be on account of the Assured, but without the Soundings at the Risk
of the Underwriters.

We are Sir
The above wrote to the following offices
Thomas Chase Esq Secry to the new Madras Ins Company
Thomas Parry Esq Secry to the Exchange Insurance Company

Your Most Obedt Servants
Signed R&A

Fort St Geo. 2d October 1794

Captain Jackson
Ship Carnatic

Sir
If you do not choose to give a
Receipt for the Bales, we beg they may be returned Duse until apply
to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the occasion.

We are Sir
Your Most Obed Servants
R&A

Ditto.

Sir
The Commanding Officer on board the Donatee
has received our Cotton and has not thought proper to give a Receipt for it.
If it was his duty not to receive any Bales
on board without an order from us, he ought to have returned the Cotton.
We have therefore to request you will
either grant us a Receipt for all Bales so delivered by your Officer on
Board, or return all such Bales to us. In default of which we shall
be under the necessity of laying this Extraordinary Case before
the Right Honble Governor in Council

We are
Your Most Obed Servants
Signed R&A

Madras 2d Oct. 94

Tanjore
Major Frapaud

My dear Frapaud
You know at a period like this when every hour is
Dear My Excuse for answering your Letters - Know we are hurry for the
Europe dispatch - Have commenced the Ground work of having Every
thing settled at Tritchipoly to our Satisfaction - If they object to the
Rate of the Inhabitants - it must be referred to you - Inclose a Pattern
You would make out your Estimate for Intelligence state that
is more accurate - we have sent the Cartel to the Military
Board - Think I shall now get Every thing arranged
so that after the Monsoon we shall proceed with Vigor & Effectually
Leave as soon as Yours sincerely

Pay 5000 on the Block at the Ri

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Capt. Wm Bong

Madras 4th Octr 1796

My dear Sir

I have several of your favors before me unanswered — the Board have not finally resolved on the above ones to be granted for building our Docks — although as far as they have gone into the Business they have given it sanction — I look to my friend Mr Rundell when I arrive for a perfect description & plan which will be given to the Engineers & I have no doubt but the very proper application will be given on that Subject — I have not as yet heard any thing of the Payment of the Quantity of Rattan you shipt & think you had better apply on the Subject with Lieut Colonel Ibbetson — I know not what is to be done relative to the Ground you have purchased as Contractors I do not think we have any thing to do with it but are of opinion the Military Board should be addressed on the Subject to request that they will obtain permission of Government for the Payment to discharge the Amount — I therefore return your Letter inclosing the Copies of the 22d of September I shall be glad if you can come to Madras & let this end between you & the Commander in Chief will object to your coming down for a short time — I good Deal of difficulty in settling our Business without it — I will think now to let me have the above particulars of the Works executed — I have an extremely hurried of late which I am persuaded by writing to you so soon as I shall have more leisure

Lord Macartney

Ryacottah

Capt. Doveton

Madras 4th October 1796

My Dear Sir

I must apologize for having delayed to reply to your Letter of the 19th ult. but I assure it is our wish on all occasions to accommodate in our Contracts as possible & with respect to yourself I shall feel much pleasure in complying with your wishes — I know not how, what you propose can be done by us we are willing to waive our Contract entirely on the occasion if you can the Business settled to your satisfaction through the Military Board & I shall feel happy if with the Engineers assistance, you can get your Business executed you wished — If you choose to ask for us on the occasion — I am sure you are welcome — it is what we do not wish to gain by, only I should think the Matter could be so arranged that you are to receive by an Engineers Certificate the sum we are to have for completing the Building — I write Lieut Colonel Ibbetson on the Subject & Capt. Bong shall be glad if you arrange this Matter to your Satisfaction — You will remember we are not in the way in the least —

Yours sincerely

P. D.

Madras 4th October 1796

Mr Balfour

Sir

The only reply I can at present give to your various very proper Communications is that I have laid the Matter before Government & shall soon I hope have their proper support on the occasion I wish you joy on your arrival & as fast as you get the Work executed the Engineers Certificates for the same that we may obtain Payment for work done and in the Course thereof the amount Cost of Executing the same —

I am &c

P. D.

P.S. I write to me a particular & public Letter, the way the Business is settled with the Chinese Man

Madras 4 Octr 1796

Bombay

Mr Francis Kenny

Dear Sir

By the Peckham Capt. Inner Master to sail immediately I have the pleasure to send you the 2 Pieces of Book Muslin & 12 Pieces of Handkerchiefs which you ordered some time ago, & which I hope you will receive in good condition — I remain

Yours —

Wm Abbott —

Canton

Messrs Beale & Reide

Madras 6 October 1796

(Duplicate & Duplicate)

Gent

By the Hon.ble Company's Ship the Carnatic Capt. Jackson we have taken the Liberty of consigning to you by desire of Messrs Joseph Harding Esqr. of Bombay 100 P. Bales of Surat Cotton marked H T E No 1 to 100 as p Indorsed Bill of Lading & weighing Surat Candies 209. 17. 9 on which we have also granted a Respondentia Bond for the Principal Sum of Star Pags 3000 at 25 P. Cent premium for the Voyage in favor of Capt. R. Twining payable by the Assignees of Mr Harding to Messrs James Drummond & Geo. Sparkes of Canton by you to their Agents Messrs James Drummond & Geo Sparkes of Canton at the Expiration of forty days after the arrival of the said Ship Carnatic at Canton at the Rate of Dr 16 p. P 100 Pags We have therefore to request that as soon as from the Proceeds of the said 100 P. Bales of Cotton you will be pleased to pay the amot Principal Premium of the said Respondentia Bond as appropriated the Assignees on the manner Mr Harding may have directed. —

With the assurance of our Services We remain with Esteem Gent Yours &c

Pd Buck & Abbott

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Tarvalore

Roger Darvall Esqr

Madras 6 October 1794

Sir

In Consequence of your letter of the 28th of August we have made enquirys respecting a piece of Ground Mr Call wish to include in the Reports we have got, State that Mr Calls old Garden Contains about 4 Cawnies of Ground, He now wants about 23 Cawnies, the Ground is uncultivated, used only as Pasture Land: It is within the Bank of the Tank and in Case Government should choose to give a Grant to Mr Call we think there should be a Clause inserted that he shall not in Consequence give any Molestation or hindrance to the raising the Banks of the Tank, in Case at a future period it shall be judged proper to raise them higher than they are at present. —

We are with respect

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Signed R D & Co

Bentors of Bills

Madras 6 October 1794

Canton

Messrs James Drummond & Geo Sparkes

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure of addressing you on the 4th August by the Sunat Castle Captain Laurie of which you have Duplicate here inclosed as well as Ricards of Bills of Lading for 675 Bales of Cotton Consigned to you by that Ship, the Proceeds whereof to be Remitted to Paul Benfield Esqr. That Ship we trust will have arrived ere this and the Cotton Sold by you an Account Sales thereof Shewn as Sale as usual, we find that Article was worth upwards of 11 Sale a Picul and expected to Rise. This News has encouraged us to make a purchase of 775 Bales of very good Cotton just arrived from Bombay, which we have Shipped on the Dublin Captain A. Smith to you Consignment marked as in Margin Bills of Lading weighing Gut 263 2/20 Wheat weight 252 1/20 388, which we request you will dispose of to the best advantage, and in like manner with the proceeds of the 675 Bales by the Sunat Castle, pay the Produce into the Company's Treasury for Bills on the Court of Directors on the best terms obtainable in favor of Paul Benfield Esqr M. P London; to whom you will be pleased to forward the first of said Bills by your earliest dispatch of the Company's Ships, and include it as the 2d & 3d by Separate

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Conveyances

Notwithstanding the various Conveyances to the different parts of India, by which you might have written to us on the Subject of the Consignment we made to you last Year, the produce of which we requested might be remitted to Mr Benfield, yet we are still deprived of your Communications on that Subject; We therefore Hope that on the Subject of Consignments that we have or may hereafter make to you, you will be pleased to send your Letters to us in Duplicate & Triplicate by different Conveyances, for it is extremely inconvenient to be deprived of necessary advices when they become due. —

We have recommended Captain Deering who has some Remittances to make to England to your House, and by the Canada with a Duplicate of this we shall forward a Packet from him to you. —

We remain with Real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck & Hobson

Madras 8 Octr 1794

Tanjore

Captn Innes

My Dear Innes:

I have been favored by a visit this morning from Appaji Row & Vencatarow Pundy who called on me on the part of Your Father in Law - I soon knew from what they said that the Intent of their Visit was not altogether as I at first did that the Interest you offer is not adequate to the Sum you want to borrow - Appaji Row expects to lend Money to an Individual at Twelve p Cent is what he always Gives & Expects to lend it at - Bankers Bonds are the Bankers to deal with the Bank is much the safest & always preferable to a single Man his affairs however but if anything Unfortunate happens to a single Man his affairs do not go on the arrangement is not so Easy as the other you write for - I would not borrow for you a Single Pagoda upon the Terms you have - I have Cruelly abused the occasion who Conferrs Favours & Obligations on the Ungrateful - I have Cruelly abused the occasion who Conferrs Favours & Obligations on the Ungrateful - I have Cruelly abused the occasion who Conferrs Favours & Obligations on the Ungrateful

If you draw upon us for Pay. 10,000 At Twenty days Sight I shall Honor it - I have this Sum Independant of your own Money & can Lend it at Interest for the Amt. I propose the Twelve Months & 12 p C. Any Lend us at Interest for the Amt. I propose the Twelve Months & 12 p C. Any Lend us at Interest for the Amt. I propose the Twelve Months & 12 p C. Any

If you can get Cash or Easier Terms you may take it for as short a Time as You Please - I am with best Compliments to Miss Innes

Yours &c

Sgn D R

Mr Avet Seth

Madras 10 Octr 1794

Secy to the Comn Society

Sir

We request you will effect up a Policy of Insurance for P.s 5000 on the American Ship Johan from Calcuttta to Canton conformably to your Note dated the 5th Sept.r — And should your Office be inclined to cover on the same terms to a greater amount we request you will inform us of the same. —

Yours &c

signd Roebuck & Abbott

Canton

Messrs Jas Drummond & Jos Sparks. —

Madras 11 Octr 1794

Gent.n —

Notwithstanding the Bills of Lading for the 721 Bales of Cotton mention that the Freight has been paid Capt.n Smith having expressed a wish to have part of it paid him on his arrival at Canton we have accordingly drawn on you at 2 Mos Sight in favor of Capt.n Smith for P.s 1133. 32. 20 at the rate of P.s 16 p Bale being the Balance of the Freight due to him & deducted the same from the Bills of the Cotton. — We remain with Real Esteem Yours &c —

signd Roebuck & Abbott —

London

Mr Michael Joy. —

Madras 11 Octr 1794

Original & Duplicate

Sir

By the desire of your Brother Mr Benjamin Joy we have effected Insurance on P.s 5000 on the Cargo of the American Ship Johnah & Co against all Risks from Calcutta to Canton which he desired us to say is over & above what he has already informed you of. — We remain

Yours &c —

signd Roebuck & Abbott

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London

Original & Duplicate

Madras 12 Octr 1794

Mrs Mary Turing

Dear Madam —

The annexed is Duplicate of our last respects dated 29th Sept.r by the Nancy Packet: we now sit down to reply to your favor dated the 12th January last — Concerning the debt due by Mr Mair to you, we fear we have already informed you, that we dispair of receiving any part of it. —

We are happy to find that the Bill for £69. 2. 4½ — transmitted to you by Messrs Pocker & Co the Hon.ble Mr Kendersley is forthcoming. —

We have now the pleasure of sending you inclosed the Second of the Bills drawn by Messrs Fairlie Reid & Co on Messrs David Scott & Co dated the 11th March for £69. 2. 5 in favor of Mrs John Turing Edward Saunders N.E. Kindersley & Captain Robt Turing and also the Second of the Bills drawn by the same Gentlemen on Messrs David Scott & Co dated 1st August for £110. 14. in favor of Mrs John Turing Edward Saunders N.E. Kendersley & Captn Robt Turing both of which being for one Years Interest on account of those Gentlemens Bonds to you. — And we beg leave to assure you that we shall embrace the first Opportunity of sending you the Money at 8 P.C upon Security

We remain with the greatest Esteem. — Yours &c —

signd Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St Geo.e 13. October 1794

to Captain Samson

Commanding the Sutton, Indiaman

Sir

We now send you the Parcel directed to Messrs Boyds Benfield & Co which we request you will receive Conformably to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. —

We are Sir

Your obed.t Servts

R & A

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Vellore

Lieutenant Wood

Fort St. Geo. 14 October 1794

My dear Sir I have the pleasure of inclosing you three Estimates for Repairs the particulars of which are on the other side, as they relate to Quarters at Vellore the sooner they are executed the better — The Shumbeam Planks will leave this today & I am in daily ex pectation of getting on to the anicuts at Tellaur so that I trust you will be able to procure the Wood for burning the Bricks — our Head man has been speaking to me, alarmed lest you should punish the Conceptry at Arnee which he says would much injure him with his Cast — I have told him I was sure you would not do any thing harsh but that if they had been playing tricks you wanted to make him sensible of his Error that you perfectly understood the Business of the Country where you was & that it was in vain for the Conceptry to attempt to impose upon you that you would hear what he had to say for himself, would do him Justice & treat him with regard — I shall daily be at the Durbar & shall get the order.

I am Dear Sir Yours Sincerely

signed B Roebuck

List of the Estimate Inclosed in the above Letter —

No 1 Estimate of the Expence of necessary Repairs wanting to the Barracks inhabited by the Europeans at Vellore —

2 do do do of the necessary Repairs wanting to the Officers Quarters at Vellore

3 do do do of the Expence of necessary Repairs wanting to the Soldiers Barracks at Vellore —

London

Original & Triplicate

Duplicate

Lt Col. James Kirkpatrick

Madras 16 Oct. 1794

Dr Sir

I have the pleasure of addressing you by the Sugar Cane on the 20 July a Duplicate of which you have here annexed — & by the Ships of Indiamen since your favr dat. 15 March — your Son has intimated to us your wish to compromise with Mr Pigot but must beg leave to assure you that if upon it was practicable we think it would not have the desired effect & would serve only to involve you into fresh Lawsuits

For

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for it is our opinion that you would be obliged to prosecute him even when the first Instalment became due — The Appeal to His Majesty will certainly be sent by the Ships now under dispatch, together with the Papers Mr Platt has by heard on your side. —

We have tried every one means in our power to get Subscribers to the Bullam Association but have hitherto been unsuccessful. —

We have now the pleasure of inclosing your Account Current to the 16 Instt Balancing in your favor Pa 934. 16. 6 which we trust you will find correct — We remain with the highest Esteem Your Obt Servants

signed Roebuck & Abbott

Original & Triplicate

London Duplicate Madras 16 Octr 1794

Messrs John & James Mangles

Gentlemen

The annexed is a Duplicate of what we had the pleasure of writing to you the 29 Ulto by the Nancy Packet & we have now the pleasure of inclosing the Second of the Triplicate Exchange & remain Gentlemen Your Obt Servts

Roebuck & Abbott

W Balfour Esr

Fort St George 14 Octr 1794

Sir We inclose you a Letter we have Received from the Military Board by which you will perceive that Government have desired us to Change the Situation of the Buildings for the 19th Regt L.D. provided it can be done without any expence — On the Receipt of this we request you will take the Matter into your consideration & if it can be done without any material Expence to us we should wish it to be complied with as it is Colo Floyds desire & it is our wish at all times to oblige whenever we can do it without much detriment to ourselves. — We are Sir

Your Obedt Servts

signed Roebuck & Abbott

W Balfour Esr

Madras 14 Octr 1794

Sir, (Private)

The inclosed Letter you can Shew to Colo Floyd if you think necessary & if 50 or 100 Pr will only be incurred by changing the Situation of the Barracks they may be done. I have sent him a considerable Estimate to Tellore to be executed & I shall wish much to See you here for a Fortnight next month, out of this I shall advise you — Your Obedt Servt.

signed B Roebuck

Major Trapaud — /Private/ Fort St George 15 Oct. 1794

My Dear Trapaud

I inclose you an Estimate of Repairs ordered at Tanjore amounting to Pags. 3398. 9. 6 done at Vellum amounting to P. 1647. 33. 59. which we wish may be executed without delay — Be so good therefore as to order our Agent Mootoo to be expeditious & urge him on with the Business —

Your Sincerely

signed B Roebuck —

Original & Duplicate

London

No 19 Bartholomew Close Samuel Hawkins Esqr

Madras 15 Octr 1794

Sir

Conformably to instructions we have received from Messrs John De Monjan we transmit you the first of two Setts of Bills for £1000 each payable to your Order at 60 Months Sight at the rate of 176 P Pag.a Drawn by Mr Benj.n Joyon Mr Nicht Jay of London the Amt. of which we understand from him, is to be lodged in your Hands for the purpose of being presented to Mrs West. —

We remain

Your Obed.t Serv.ts

Original & Duplicate

signed Roebuck & Woods

London

John Turing Esqr

Madras 16th Octr 1794

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of addressing you on the 25th July by the Augusta a Duplicate of which you have herewith Inclosed a Bill of Exchange we have received your several Letters of the 5 Jany & 25 Feby — And we are happy to find by them that you have come to terms with Jones Lyons & agreeing to give Mayendies Bond which we have received from Mr Geo. Taylor — The Principal of the said Bond is —

Interest on Do — from 1 Jany 1793 to the 1 Jany 1795 (at which time we hope to receive the whole amt.) for 16 years at 12 P.C. p.ann. —

You will therefore see that the Estate will be —

P. 2794. 29. 8

5365. 32. 32

P. 8160. 26. 40

Bank

Original & Duplicate

London

William Petrie Esqr

Madras 15th October 1794

Dear Sir

We have now the pleasure of inclosing you Duplicate of our last Statement of your account with us by which you will perceive that agreeably to your direction we have sold your three Pipes of Madeira which fetched 186 Pagodas a Pipe, we have not as yet received any money from Popham although we expect to receive some in the beginning of the year — we have delivered to Lieut.t Hastings Fraser a Parcel of Letters which came out for you, after you had left Fort St David & a parcel containing Muslins Mock Cloths which were sent to you from Bengal also one Copy of the Acct. you sent to be executed by Mr Rose —

We remain with Regard & Esteem

Your Obedient Humble Servants

Roebuck & Woods

We have received your Letter of the 5th Inst. with the Bond of Cundoo Mooneah for Pag.s 1400 as stated in your favor for Jane Ts Bond it is noted at Parnds with Pag.s 5. —

We are concerned the first of Capt.n Innes's Bills on Messrs Wolff & Borrodaile for £1000 was endorsed payable to you but as every one should have omitted this the Secretary of Bulkeley's Endorsing the second Instrument by the Surflow — However as any Accident should have happened to the first, we have now the pleasure of sending the third of the said Bills indorsed in your favor. —

You will perceive by your Acct Current herewith forwarded to the 15th Inst. Balancing in your favor P.s 163. 33. 24 that we have received a further dividend of P.s 1525. 32. 63 from Gurdans Estate which has been carried to your credit & we have debited you for the Inclosed 5 Setts of Bills payable to your order amounting to P.s 3574 Arcs 21. 4. at 176 P Pag.a at 12 Months Sight drawn by Mr Benj.n Joy on Mr Nicht Joy of London — which we believe to be very good Bills & on the most favorable terms procurable at present.

By your Cash you will perceive that Mr Popham paid us on your Acct P.s 500. — in full of the Principal of his Bond — But as for Mr Harris we have no prospects of his being able to make any payments for sometime to come. —

We now beg leave to inclose you a Copy of a Letter from Mr Stevenson which we received after writing to him repeatedly — And in realizing the Outstandings trust you will believe that we shall neither spare Pains nor Exertions — Being always with the highest Esteem & Respect

Yours &c

Roebuck & Woods

1306 London Original & Duplicate

Madras 16th October 1794.

Col. Patrick Ross

Dear Colonel

We have the pleasure to inclose you Duplicate of Mr Rochucks last letter, and your account Current up to the 15th instant with Bills in fave Sills the particulars of which are stated in the account Current, drawn by Benjamin Jay in Calcutta on Michael Jay Esq. London for the Sum of £ 1050— which we look upon as a very safe Remittance, and the best we could obtain, as your Cash had been long in our hands, waiting for a Remittance, we have allowed you 6 P Cent for it the Current Interest now paid, and feel much pleasure at this period of being able to make you so good a Remittance, we request that at your leisure you will examine the account and inform us if you find it Correct, we have delivered the Packets of Letters left under our Care by you to be forwarded to England to Capty Mr Latham Commd gone to Colombo George Smith, whom we are Convinced will take good Care of them.—

P.S. Mr Latham is gone a board very sick but We remain with regard & Respect

he has not any Cabin we have purge it most nauseous Dear Colonel

to after Sunday your Letters & Papers left untill the next

dispatch (perhaps an many account it may be better as your Your Obed.t Servants

London your Cannot be in a hurry for them.—

John Sordyce Esqr Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Mont Shp.s 16th October 1794

Sir Original & Duplicate

We have been favored with your letter from Portsmouth under date the 23.d April which was delivered after your Son left this it having by some account been mislaid, but no inconvenience has happened thereby as it was generally understood a negotiation was in train near the Conclusion, and of Course no disadvantageous Sales have been made, & you have certainly shewn much ability in the Arguments you have used in defence of the Creditors Rights & to me they appear uncontrovertible & must strike every unbiassed mind in the same point of view— The Creditors are now much, but we are afraid, that like most Publick Bodies when the charge of Ingratitude cannot be attached to the Individual, they will neither act towards yourself nor the other Gentlemen who have supported the Cause in the manner they ought— our Mr Roebuck has had Cause to complain of them, & were it not on account of the Interest some friends have in the fund, for which he has sacrificed Considerably, he would long ago have declined to act as their Agent.—

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The Papers shall be made known to the Publick Creditors of the Madras Line shall endeavour to impress on their minds by a clear & short recital of facts the Sense they ought to entertain of your Conduct however pointed to answer for its effects.— We had the pleasure of seeing your Son here who did us the honor to bring us a letter from Sir John Call, but as his stay here was very short, we had it not in our power to shew the attention we could have wished to your Son & the nephew of a most intimate friend of Mr Roebuck's who is now no more.—

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t & devoted Servants

Signed R & A

Mont.t Shp.s 16th October 94

London. Original & Duplicate

Sir John Call Baronet

Dear Sir In Consequence of your Communication of the 4th February our Mr Roebuck has had a long Conversation with the Person you Regarded might be spoke to relate to her unhappy Plan of life, he represented like in as strong Colours as he was capable of doing, the impropriety of a woman professing her knowledge & Education Contrary in such a Voyage and System of the Remorse she must feel at a future day, when she would be probably in a situation of want & the necessity of her altering her mode of life if she had faith in her Religion, or had a Spark of Shame left, she replied she had been unfortunate & that she had Suffered much from the Fickleness of Man, that she was the mother of five Children by Captain Mackay but that now she had found an attachment which she must wait the issue of before she could assist herself of your Indulgence towards her that Mr Selby who Commanded the Scorpion Packet was attached to her that she could not say but hoped he would marry her that she had from him at present 50 Rupees a month & that she expected he would Come and to his Situation at Bombay as soon as he was released on exchange, Mr R. exhorted her to lead an unreproachable life during his absence she said she had done so, but we are afraid this has not been the Case— we shall make further enquirys respecting her Connection with Mr Selby from another Quarter before we close this we

understand

We understand he is absolutely engaged by a deed of Contract to marry her he is a man of some Thousand pounds Property —

We have not as yet been able to ascertain any thing further on the above subject. —

We are
Dear Sir
Your most obedt humble Servants
Signed R & H.

London
Messrs Richard & William Lee
Gentlemen

Fort St Geo. 16 October 1794

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for one hundred forty one Pounds 17 S. 2d. Sterling in favor of Captain Allan Grant at twelve months sight which we request you will honour at maturity — We are Gentlemen
Your &c
Signed R & H.

Fort St Geo. 16 October 1794.

London
Messrs Richd & William Lee
Gentlemen

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for three hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of John Palmer Esqr at twelve months sight which we request you will honour at maturity — We are Gentlemen
Your &c
Signed R & H.

Fort St Geo. 16 October 1794.

London
Richd Jos. Sulivan Esqr
My dear Sulivan

I have nothing to add to the above except that I confirm it — I am going on further Cash to bring all matters to a close I have paid the Sum of in fact as far as possible. The Court deed money will not be paid of until the 10th of January but I shall urge all in my power the closing it immediately & I do hope something will be finally arranged by the end of the month — Said Mahart seems well contented for the Station he holds, & I make no doubt that both now & when the Govt of India comes into his hands that the Publicks will have Cause to be satisfied & with his measures & that Individuals will feel themselves happy & that Justice is done to them, they appear an exceeding pleasant Family & I have not as yet heard Your friends Borough appears a Smart & attent man I made a tender of my Services to him as I would do to your Friends, & shall be happy at all times to aid him, & shew him every attention in my power — hitherto however he has never called upon me as perhaps he has had no occasion. — I am my dear Sulivan

Sincerely Yours
Signed B Palmer

Fort St George 16 Oct. 94. —

London
Sir John Call Bart

My dear Sir I have nothing to add to the accompanying duplicate the Troops have embarked for Bengal which were sent round here & of course every Idea of the expedition against the Mauritius is at an end. Genl Mauro has received a letter from Mr Fraser with the Papers you have delivered to the Court of Directors an account of the Cicatrices which we shall send round to them with an address to themselves and urge them to do what is right. — Said Mahart is a man of business & I think will give general Satisfaction — There is a good deal for him to do here, which will pave the way for his taking upon him the Government General of India — I shall in my power to aide your Brother but as I have said to you he is so much in Taylors Trammells that I cannot say it will be with effect a decided line should not admit of Compound Interest being Charged in the account manner as Belchurri who is one of Lanags executors tells me he will take Your Brother may follow his Example — Taylor has Compounded with his own Creditors & with many of the Creditors of the Concern with what face there can be charge that Concern with Compound Interest for what it is indebted to him. — I shall point out this to your Brother. —

I am
my dear Sir
Very faithfully Yours
Signed B. R.

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London Duplicate & Triplicate Madras 16th October 1794

Messrs Boyd Benfield & Co

Gentlemen

We beg leave to inclose duplicates of our Respects to you dated 25 July & 28 ultimo since which duly deprived of your favors since have little to trouble you with by this Conveyance — The discount on the Consolidated Bonds still continues nominally at 2½ ₰ Cent — and the Shade of the Treasury, Company's Certificates Remittances to Bengal Home as per our last Respects —

Conformably to our promise we have now the pleasure of inclosing a Price Current of Europe Articles, — The Captains Investments this Season sold in general from 35 to 45 ₰ Cent upon the Invoices. —

We have shipped on Board the Dutton Captain Sampson in our Mr Raebucks Presidency a Small Parcell Containing 6 Pieces of Book Muslins 6 Pieces of Book Muslin Handkerchiefs for Mr Binfield, directed & consigned to you by his desires and for which we now beg leave to inclose a Bill of Lading — requesting you will please to clear them at the Custom House and deliver them to Mr Binfield who will pay the Duties & expences attending them. —

The three Ships under Dispatch are the Phaenix, Camden & Dutton, and we hope they will be with you in all February. —

We remain with Esteem & Respect

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

signed P.R.A.

Madras 16 October 94

London Duplicate & Triplicate

Sir John Hall Bart

Dear Sir

Respects to you dated the 22d July & 28 Ultimo and not having since been favored with any more of your favors — we shall have little to trouble you with by this present opportunity, by favor of Col. Hartley who goes Passenger on the Camden — which requesting you will be kind enough to have the inclosed Packet for Mr Binfield delivered without delay — Colonel Hartley has also been so obliging as to take charge of a Box for Mr Binfield directed to your Care, containing 6 Parcells of Papers from No 1 to 6 tied Round & Sealed — which we also request may with as little delay as possible be delivered to Mr Binfield. —

The Discount on the Consolidated Bonds still continues nominally at 2½ ₰ Cent — the Exchequer Treasury is shut, and the premium on their 6 ₰ Cent Certificates a 7 ₰ Cent — The Exchange between this and Bengal is at Rs 325 ₰ 100 Pagodas and with England 6/11 ₰ Pagoda a 3 mos 7/1½ at 6 Months & 7/4 at 12 Months — on such Terms you may naturally suppose we do not feel ourselves authorised to make Remittance to Mr Binfield — you have done our utmost by sending Cash to Bengal & Cotton to China for the purpose of Remittances to him — & may venture to say we have never lost sight of his Interest when we saw an opportunity of making a decent Remittance to him; — we may without vanity assert also that nobody here would have done so well for him with all those disadvantages we labored under for some time by being restricted by him to Certain Remittances only. —

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your very obed & humble Servants

signed Raebucks & Abbott

Madras 16 October 1794

London Duplicate & Triplicate

Messrs Ransom Morland & Hammersley

Gentlemen

Since the foregoing which is a Duplicate of our last Respects dated 20th July — we have again applied to Mr Popham for the payment of his Bond, and beg leave now to inclose a Copy of the Correspondence that has passed between our Mr Abbott & Mr Popham — should he make any objections, after the time he has fixed for the payment of the Bond, it is our opinion that a Prosecution should be Commenced against him —

We remain with respect

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

signed P.R.A.

Madras 16th October 1794

London Duplicate & Triplicate

Messrs John & Fras Baring & Co —

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure of acquainting you

Inclosed you have the 28th ultimo by the Nancy Packet — of which you have duplicates since noticed.
This is by the Jamaica on which Ship we have laden in Captain Dances privilege
53 Chests marked N D R A No 1/53 containing Nett 18.8.87/36 3/8 of Indigo and here
Inclosed you have a power of attorney from Captain Dance to make you
to receive & dispose of the same for our account — which we are persuaded
you will effect with the utmost advantage to our Interest — & pay the Neat
proceeds to Paul Benfield Esqr. transmitting to us the account Sales. —

The whole of this small Consignment
excepting the few Boxes in Lumps is of our own Manufacture, and the Quality
in General being very fine we trust on the whole will render a good account
Sales — by your exertions and able Management. —

Having been under the necessity of
Relinquishing the Tonnage we had applyed for to Government, in Con-
sequence of their having published that it was the pleasure of the Court
of Directors that Indigo in future should pay Freight by measurement —
we do not know if it will be in our power to make you a further
Consignment of this article the beginning of the Year; — for neither
advantageous nor any other Person can afford to pay the exorbitant
Freight Indigo would have to pay. Calculated by measurement took
if we can procure any Freight on as moderate terms as that we have been
able to get for our present Consignment we have a prospect of being
able to make you a more Considerable one by February next. —

Captain Dance who has £4000 Insured
on his privilege out. home has ceded £3000 of that Insurance to Cover against
all Risks our present Consignment to you, and as the Policy is he says, Lodged
with his Attorneys at home he has made over to you for our account by Deed
Such part of said Policy; a Copy of which Instrument will be inclosed
in a Copy of this Letter to proceed by the Phaenix & Dutton that said
together with the Camden, so that if any accident should happen
to the Camden — we request you will by virtue of said deeds recorde
for our account £3000 from the Underwriters of the Policy assigned
to you that purpose. —

The Premium of Insurance we have in Con-
sequence to pay to Captain Dance with the amount Freight he
has requested of us to give him an order payable in England, we
have

England, we have therefore given him a draught on you for the same
amounting to £334. — 2° payable to Nathaniel Dance or order at
2 Month Sight which we request you will duly honor and hope before
it becomes due you will have sufficient effects from the proceeds of the
Indigo to answer the amount. —

We remain with real Esteem.

Gentlemen

Your very obed. Servants

signed R L & Co

Fort St. Geo. 18. October 94

London

Messrs Boddam Lee

Gentlemen we have this day taken the liberty of drawing on
you for Two Hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of Mr James Stewart Hall at
2 months Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity.

We remain

Gentlemen

Your obed Servants

signed R L & Co

Fort St. Geo. 18 October

London

ditto.

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on
you for Twelve Pounds Sterling in favor of Mr William Rathbone at Thirty
days Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity —

We remain

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

signed R L & Co

Fort St. Geo. 18 Octr 1794

London ditto

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you
for one hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of Mr James Stewart Hall at Sight
which we request you will honor at Maturity — We remain &c

signed R L & Co

Fort St. Geo. 18 October 94

London ditto.

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you
for one hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of Mr James Stewart Hall at Sight
months Sight which we request you will honor at maturity —

We remain &

signed R L & Co

London

Fort St. Geo. 18th October 1794

Messrs. John & Fras. Baring & Cy.

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for Three hundred and thirty four Pounds and two Pence in favor of Captain Nathaniel Dance at four months after sight, which we request you will honor at Maturity — We remain

Gentlemen

Your obed. Servants

(signed) R. H.

London

Paul Benfield Esqr.

Fort St. Geo. 18. Oct. 1794

Sir

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you for one hundred and twenty Six Pound Sterling in favor of Captain Nathl. Dance at four months after sight which we request you will honor at maturity —

We are Sir

Your obedt. Servants

(signed) R. H.

Edmonton

Jos Dorin Esqr.

Church Street

Sir

By advice of Captain Smith I have the pleasure to inclose you the first Set of the following Certificates on the Honble the Court of Directors Viz.—

№ 431 £ 1000 — — № 432 £ 500 — — № 433 £ 265 — —

at 90 days, and one № 429 £ 265 — — at 365 days, which you will be pleased to hold to his disposal and acknowledge the receipt of

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obed. Servant

(signed) B. R.

(1314)

(1315)

Madras 20th October 1794

Secy to the Mad. Comt. Society —

Sir

If it is agreeable to your Office, We request to renew the Insurance on the Ship Catherine for the Month commencing the 15th Oct. Inst. at 6 ⅌ Ct. with the following Clause viz. — This Insurance to commence from 15th Oct. Inst. & to cease on the Block of the Catherine Ship bound to Bengal & to commence on the 15 Day of April next, should the Catherine remain on the Coasts of Coromandel or Orixa between the 15 Day of Dec. & 15 Day of Feb. both days inclusive the Risk whilst she is within bounding is to be on account of the Assured, but on her leaving bounding on safety the Risk of the Insurers is to recommence And the Assured engage to pay an additional premium of One Per Cent for every time the Catherine enters the Bengal River during the Period she is covered by this Policy —

We have no accounts of the Catherine having left the Bengal Rivers as she was entirely loaded on the 2 Oct. & we are told by the Captain of the Ship that he intended to sail on the 10th Oct. & Anchor at Balasore & Kedgeree the same Day & Sail with a single Anchor at Balasore & the Pilot vessel Board. — We are — Your

Obedt. Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

The above was wrote to

John Stephen Esqr.

Secy to the Amicable Insurance —

List of the Box directed to Sir John Call Bart in his absence to Messrs. Peters Sir John Call & Co. Bankers Bonds Street London Containing 6 Parcells belonging to Paul Benfield Esqr. in Favor of Colonel Hartley —

№	
1	Duplicate Journal & Ledger No 19 from 1 April to 30th June 1793. —
2	Duplicate Journal & Ledger No 20 from 1 July to 30th September 1793. —
3	Duplicate Journal & Ledger No 21 from 1 October to 31 December 1793. —
4	Original Journal & Ledger No 22 from 1 January to 31 March 1794.
5	Original Journal & Ledger No 23 from 1 April to 30th June 1794.
6	Original Journal & Ledger No 24 from 1 July to 30 September 1794. —

Fort St George 18th October 1794

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

(1316)

Capt.n John Reid Madras 22 Oct.r 1794

Commanding the Catharine

Sir

We request you will repair on Board of said vessel without loss of time for Tuticorin but as you round the Island of Ceylon we wish you to look in to Columbo & Point de Gaul to see how the Market are that in case of your not clearing with Government for the Cargo of the Catharine, a measure we have now in negotiation or not finding a Market that will bring you P.r 100 P.r Gr.ce the sum we have offered to you, you may proceed to Bombay, or such other Place which you may be directed to said to by Instructions we shall transmit to you Overland to Tuticorin which will most probably reach the Place before you. —

Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

Roebuck & Abbott

As the weather appears to be moderating since the above was written we wish the Gunners & Such Other Small Articles were landed before you proceed & as the weather may again appear to become blowing we leave it to your discretion to remain or not as you think best, but we only wish you not to stay too long if it appears gathering so as to run the Risk of your not being able to put to Sea & in case of your putting to Sea before these articles are landed we also leave it to your discretion to return to the Port & discharge them if this can be done without Danger or inconvenience of which you alone can be the Judge. The Oil Jars we do not like to the Southward & now sell here at P.r 110 P.r Gr.ce. —— Ab.t ——

Madras 22 Oct.r 1794

Tho.s Chase Esq.r

Sec.y to the New Mad.s Insur.ce Comp.y

Sir

We request you will inform us at what Rate of Insurd. your Office will Insure on the Pearl at & from Rancooden to Batavia & Ultimo Ry. — R.ps 35000 being part of R.ps 110000 on Goods All Risks & R.ps 20000 being part of R.ps 50000 on the Vessel Masts &c only — Capt.n Douglas went directed to Rancooden to take charge of her the 15 Aug.t last. — We are informed the Officers at Bombay are to take All Risks on R.ps 75000 from Rancooden to Bombay @ 5 P.r Ct. — Your Obed.t Servts

Roebuck & Abbott

The above was wrote to Mr. Aviet Sec.y — Tho.s Comp.y Office

J. Daly Dyke.

(1317)

Capt.n John Reid Fort St. George 22.d Oct. 1794

Dear Sir

I wrote to you a few Minutes ago by Your Servant in Reply to your Note, And for fear that the Weather may not Permit your Coming on Shore again I set down to Say a few more Words, on the future destination of the Catharine; it is very possible you may find the Markets at Point de Gaul and Colombo from R.ps 5 1/2 to 7 P.r Bag. I think you allow very little time for unloading at Tuticorin, and getting to Pegue, where you Say you will be in December, and thence after taking in a Cargo to Calcutta in January; — I will thank you to Reflect upon these Points and let me know if it is easily to be accomplished within that period at the Season of the Year you will leave Tuticorin —

Inform me also the mode of making a Contract for Cotton at Surat or Bombay writing immediately and what advance would be required for 1500 Cand.s and whether writing at this time, a Freight of Cotton could be insured at Bombay for China in May or June and the Rate of Freight we ought to Claim for. —

I am afraid it will not be possible for us to get P.r 4000 of Goods for the Pegue Market off tomorrow, but we will do the utmost. —

If you can send ashore the Ships Accounts at Calcutta with an Account of Disbursements made by you and the Accot Sales of Pepper, it would enable me to pass them —

Yours Obed.t

(signed) Wm Abbott

I kept two Letters for you at the Beach & Sent your Servant to take them you will receive them. —

Madras 23 Oct.r 1794

J Daly Dyke

Sec.y to the Mad.s Ins.ce Comp.y

Sir

We beg leave to offer 6 P.r Ct to Insure the Block of the Ship Catharine from Rancooden to Batavia & come once out of the Bengal River the Mark of the Vessel with two Soundings between the 15 Oct.r & 15 Dec.r to be on Accot of the Assured but on her leaving Soundings on safety to be on Accot of the Underwriters. I request you will inform me what & your Office will take on her on the above terms. — Yours &c

Roebuck & Abbott

The above wrote to

Tho.s Chase Esq.r

Sec.y to the New Mad.s Ins.ce Comp.y

Capt.n John Reid — Madras 22 Oct.r 1794

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Your most Obed.t Servt.s
Roebuck & Abbott

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Madras 22 Oct.r 1794

Tho.s Chase Esqr
Sec.y to the New Mad.s Ins.e Comp.y

Sir

We request you will inform us what rate of Insurance you Office will insure on the Pearl at & from Ramcooten to Batavia & Tellicherry. — P.s 85000 being part of P.s 110000 on Goods All Risks & P.s 20000 being part of P.s 50000 on the Block Mast Risk only. — Capt.n Douglas went directed to Ramcooten to take charge of her the 15 Aug.t last. — We are informed the Office at Bombay have to take All Risks on P.s 175000 from Ramcooten to Batavia & so forth. — Your Obed.t Servts
The above was wrote to Mr. Ariel Sett. — Tho.s Perry Esqr.
J. Daly Edge. ——— Roebuck & Abbott

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Your Obed.t
(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 23 Oct.r 1794

J Daly Esqr
Dep.y to the Sec.y to the Ins.e Com.y

Sir

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The above wrote to
Tho.s Chase Esqr
Sec.y to the New Mad.s Ins.e Com.y

Roebuck & Abbott

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Thos Parry Esqr
Dept to the Mast Dockyd Comy

Madras 25 Octr 1794

Sir

We request you will fill up a Policy for P. Wood Esq
3000 on the Pearl on the terms mentioned in your note of Yesterday

Yours
Rbuck & Abbott

Kistnagerry
Capt Bond

Dear Sir

Port St George 31st October 1794

I have the pleasure to enclose you the Estimate of Store House proposed to be built up of an Ola Chaultry at Vellore - I am My Dr Sir

Yours truely
(signed) B.R.

Vellore
Lieut Wood

Dear Sir

Port St George 1st November 1794 -

The Nabob has again said that his Managers at Arcot has Complained that his Cowls have been Seized. Told him I wou'd write to you to enquire into the matter and See if our Manager had done any thing improper which I was Certain would be found not to be the Case but that his Highness's Manager had given protection to People whom he had nothing to do with. That I wou'd Shew him your answer. I will therefore thank you to write me an Ostensible Answer Beginning by saying "you have enquired into the Conduct of our People & State what we really want to carry on the Business at Vellore & Arnee with Effect & will push to get the necessary Orders from the Nabob He really appears very Reasonable on the Subject & this will enable me to bring it forward before him -

I am My Dear Sir
Yours very truely
(signed) B. Roebuck

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Madras 3d Nov. 1794

Captn C. Stokes - Commanding the Laschmi. -

Sir

Having inclosed you Invoice of the Cargo you have on board you will be pleased to proceed to the Southward & dispose of at to the best Advantage at the following Places any of the Ports on the Island of Ceylon or on the Coast as you may Judge best after you have round the Island. - Our Ideas at Present are confined to the Ports of Point de Galle, Columbo & Tutacareen or some Port in the Gulph you had better perhaps touch at the Ports as you round the Island & Sell as you find the Prices favourable we Shall write to Mr Bunny who will give you every Aid if you go to Tutacareen & we request you will immediately on your Arrival report the Same to Mr Bunny - The Returns are left to your own Judgement we Shall allow you 2½ per Cent Commission on the Sales & the Same on the Purchases you have accompanying the Price Current Every guide we have it in our Power to furnish you with If any Advantageous Freight Should turn out which will not break in with your intended Arrangement you will use your discretion in taking it. - The Laschmi is only insured against Sea Risks of this you have been made acquainted with exception to the Coast of Coromandel which probably may include in all Policies from Point Palmyras to Cape Comerin. -

We are Sir
Your Obed. Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 4th Nov. 1794

To W. C. Jackson Esqr
Military Secretary -

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain permission from the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be Supplied from the Honble Company's Stores with three Barrells of Gun Powder for the use of the Ship Catharine now in the Roads the amount we will pay on Receipt. -

We are Sir
Your Obed. Servants -
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott -

Capt.n John Reid
Commanding the Ship Catharine. —

Madras 4th November 1794. —

Dear Sir,

Having discharged your Cargo and taken on Board the Investment for the Nicobars & Pegue as p.t Invoice here inclosed amounting to P.s 3598: 16: 20: we request you will Sail as Soon, after you receive this, as possible to our Nicobar where after having Laid in a Cargo of Cocoanutts, and what Birds Nests you can procure, you will be pleased to proceed to Pegue, and there Lay in a Cargo of Timber conformably to the Qualities mentioned in your Letter to us from Bengal, fitting the Catharine as full as She will carry with Safety. — Here inclosed you will find a memorandum that will Shew the quantity of Timbers & the quantities that we can Contract to deliver at Nagapatam and Sell here on the Arrival of the Catharine. — This will Serve for your Government & we hope the Catharine will be able to Carry Some Fine Masts besides the Timber mentioned in the Memorandum And She will be deep, it will perhaps better at all events for her to come to Madras first and after Lightning herself go to Calcutta, where if She carries Some Part of the Timbers it may be expedient for her to go up the River in order to save the expence of unloading. But of this hereafter, — We Shall at all events make the Contract for the Timber deliverable at Negapatam so that you will be pleased to be particular in Laying those quatities in that are required by the Memorandum. —

We also Recommend to your particular attention Elephants Teeth of the best quatities, and Stick Lack both which are procurable at Pegue, and of which Articles you may venture to purchase as far as your funds will admit of besides the Timber provided the quatities are of the best. —

We have only further to add that you will of course use your discretion in any thing that we may have omitted in these Instructions, avoiding as much as possible Vessels that you may See at Sea, for the Catharine is not insured for time, and if you Should unfortunately fall into the Hands of the Enemy, you have permission to Ranson the Catharine and the Cargo She may have on Board on as advantageous terms as you possibly can Draw upon us for the amount. —

Wishing you a prosperous Voyage & in the Hopes of Seeing you back the begining of January. — We remain Dear Sir Your Obed.t Servants —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras Nov.r 6.th 1794. —

Calcutta

B. Joy Esq.r

Dear Sir

I have been duly favored with your several Letters up to the 11th Ult.o The hurry of the Dispatches for Europe & other unavoidable Circumstances have prevented me from replying to them at an earlier date

I have effected an Insurance on the John to Ostend for Pag.s 5000 @ 7 p.r Cent against all risks with Liberty to touch at all Ports and Places — The amount premium of which Sa.s Pag.s 350. 21 — I have passed to your Debit. I have as you requested Informed your Brother Mr. M. Joy of having done so — by the Nancy Packet —

All your Letters for Europe have been forwarded carefully by the Last Despatches — except one for Miss Joy which came too Late — but it shall be sent by the next opportunity —

I have with some difficulty disposed of all your Bills on Mr. Mich.l Joy — as p.r Inclosed List — to effect which I was under the Necessity of raising the Exchange — should you wish to dispose of any more at the same Rates of Exchange, send them round & I will do my endeavours to dispose of them for you — But untill people get accustomed to your Bills — you must not reckon selling them at the same Rates of Exchange as those of the Established houses here. —

In reply to the offer you make of taking a part in a Speculation on the Hector our Friends at present do not find it Convenient to Enter into any — We will however Inform you at a future period — Should any thing occur to Induce them to alter their minds. —

I send you Inclosed your Acc.t Curr.t Balancing in your favor S.a 6317. 19. — which shall be remitted to you — In the manner you have already desired — when a good Conveyance Offers. —

I remain Dear Sir

Yours very Obed.t Serv.t

Calcutta

Capt.n M. Smith

Madras 6 Nov.r 1794

Dear Sir

I am favord with yours of the 16 ult.o & have the pleasure to inform you that Two Lottery Tickets N.o 4968497 were purchasd for you on the 28 June Last Lon examination I find they are still the wheal — This amount I have passd to the Debit of W.m Shaw —

I have not heard of Capt.n Wilson since the wreck of the Daphne. — I remain Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Serv.t

Bombay

R.t Lewis Esq.r

Madras 4 Nov.r 1794. —

Dear Sir

I have duely recvd your several obliging favors — up to the 4.th ult.o & I should have replyd to them sooner — but for the hurry of the Late Dispatches for Europe & various other unavoidable Impediments. —

I beg to refer you to my Letter of 16 Sept.r respecting the Remittance you wish me to make to Capt.n Tryse — In £500 — In navy Bills — M.r Cochrane has engagd with a person to deliver to a Certain amount he has not yet accomplishd it — but when he does, as I find the Exchange at 7/6 p Pag.da I shall not omit to make the Remitt.ce you require — under a Seperate Cover we return you M.rs Andersons Letter — expressing our want of Success — In making her the Remitt.ce you mentiond. —

From the Intimacy that Subsists between Commodore Admiral H.W. DeSauza it is Likely to suppose that the Commodore has appointed him agent for the Navy Stores & Provisions at Bombay — I therefore I thought unnecessary to ask the question. —

Capt.n Smart did not shew me the Statement which you mention in your Letter of the 9.th Sept.r for supplying provisions to the Kings Ships — the Contract however having been given to M.r Cochrane by the Commodore — it would not be practicable to obtain it. —

By the present Conveyance the Snow Union Capt.n Lowe — I Consign to you all the Europe Articles that were procurable at the Prices mentiond in your memorandum — Bill of Lading & Invoice of which I now Inclose with a Price Current of Europe Articles at this Place — we will apply to effect an Insurance on the above of which you shall be Informed by next Coppal — Invoice amount of the above Goods is passed to your Debit In Pag.da 1162 11 4 3

Your Letter for Europe was carefully forwarded by the Last dispatches & those for Capt.n Shaw & Smart have been delivered — From the Latter I have received no payment whatever on your account.

I have to return you many thanks for your kind Intentions respecting the Horse Capt.n Smart sold at Pondicherry — I beg you will not on my account give yourself any trouble In procuring another — though a good Arab is always valuable to one who delights in Horses — But should you at any time have arabs or any thing Else for sale you may always Command. —

P.S. one of the Boats going off with some of your Goods to the Union in the Roads — was unfortunately Lost In the Surf — Her account particulars — shall be sent you hereafter. —

Dear Sir

Your very obed.t Servant —

Madras 4.th Nov.r 1794. —

Bombay

R. Lewis Esq.r

Dear Sir

Having been unsuccessfull In procuring a Remittance as you wished to M.rs Anderson of Craven Street In London, herewith I have the Pleasure of returning you the Letter, which you inclosed to me for that Lady. —

I remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your very Obed.t Serv.t

Palamcotah

George Powney Esqr
Collector of the Poligar Pusnesh

Madras 4 November 1794

Dear Powny

The Ship Laishmi Capt.n Stokes, in which we are Interes sailed from hence on the 3d Inst.t with about 5500 Bags of Rice & 600 Bags of Wheat, with an intention of proceeding to Suttecorin, when we are informed Rice bears Pag.s 140 p Garce; as having instructed Capt.n Stokes to apply to you for any assistance, or information he may r require; I trust you will be kind enough to give him the protection that may be necessary in disposing of the Cargo of the Laishmi; and in Laying in the R Returns; — I must also beg of you to give him your advice on the Subject should he have any Money to Remit to us, either Receive it yourself, or put him in the way of doing it. — As Capt.n Stokes has orders to touch at Point-de-G Gaule, and Colombo, it is possible he may sell apart of the Cargo there

I have taken the Liberty of giving you this trouble being persuaded you will Excuse it & on a Similar, or any other occasion you will as freely Command the Services of. —

Yours Truly
(signed) Wm Abbott

Bombay
J. Harding Esq.r

Madras 4 Nov.r 1794

Dear Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors up to the 2d Inst.t with their Enclosures & should have replied to several of them sooner, but for the Late dispatches to Europe & other indispensible occupations —

You shall be Credited Pag.s 261:25 which Mr. Brodie has paid us — being the amt. of your draft on him. —

The Bills you drew on us this day 1 Sett Infavor of H. T. Constable @ 10 Days Sight for Pag.s 120 — & one Sett — infavor of the same Person @ 15 Days Sight for Pag.s 280 — have been honored & passed to your Debit. —

Mr. Cochran delivered to us your Letter and we have

have paid him the amount of your Bill in his favor being Pag.s 1428..23..7½ He is about Leaving this for Bengal — as he wishes for an opportunity to go to America — he however appears to be so far gone In a Consumption that we fear he will never reach that Clime — We need not add that we are always ready & happy to pay every attention to your Recommendations. —

By the Nancy Packet we have remitted according to your request to Messrs Int.t & Sal.t Manyles £1500 — In our own Bills on the Exch.e of the day — 7/4 p Pagoda which is Pag.s 4090 — 32. 40 — Is passed to your Debit — the Second of which we also forwarded by the Indiamen. —

The Eliza sailes for Batavia about the 15th Inst.t when the Insurance on her Expires we will endeavour to renew it for four Months longer if we possibly can for the offices here are Cautious how they Insure on her as she is Reckoned a Bad Risk — and as for selling her we have already informed you that that was not possible We have already written to Bengal for the Course Sugar & may Expect it here by the time the Eliza arrives which will not be before January Next when it shall be Loaded on her & Consigned to you on our Joint accounts according to your Suggestion We have in one of our former Letters Informed you that Sultan Hydar Pagodas were not procurable here — The counterpart account Current that you sent us we have Received —

Herewith you will find Copies of our Correspondence with the different Insurance offices respecting the Pearl — we have effected one Policy on her Cargo for 10,000 Pag.s at 8 ℔ Cent all Risks — the Voyage discribed — but in consequence of the high premiums demanded by the offices — we have in a Manner found Ourselves Restricted from effecting the Amount you require

We are this Moment favoured with yours of the 18th Ultimo and Consequently will endeavour to have the Abovementioned Policy altered & made out agreable to the Memorandum You have sent Inclosed — and as you seem desirous that we should at any Rate Cover the uninsured Risk on the Pearl — we shall Endeavour to do so for the Voyage you describe — +

+ as we could not obtain the Price we wished for your 400 ½ Bales Cotton, they were Shipped on the Cornatic, which left this the 6th Ult.o & Cantor on which according to your Request we have Consigned them to Messrs Beal and Read for which Premiums payable to the order of Capt.n taken up on Respondentia Pag.s 7000 @ 8 ℔ Ct. R. During 40 days after the arrival of the said Ship and at the Rate of Spa.d Dollrs 16 p ℔ Ct. 10 Pag.s which is accordingly passed to your Credit — Messrs Beale & Read are ordered to account to you for the Residue after having discharged the Respondentia Bond

We Know of no other Insurance to be Recovered on your account on the Hannah, then that which was given against you by the Arbitrators In Bengal The one you allude to. Is an Insurance we made on that Ship on account of Mssrs Lambert & Ross - In order to Recover which we shall be obliged to prosecute the Prin Under writers

orders have been Sent to the Courier office to have that Paper Regd forwarded to Capt. Whitlock

we purchased on the 27th Ult. agreable to your order 10 Lottery Tickets of which the following are their Numbers N° 7461 - 7463 - 7468 - 7469 - 7470 - 7471 - 7474 - 7476 - 7478 & 7480.

We remain with sincere Regard
Dear Sir
Your very Obed. Servant

Bombay

Madras 4th Nov. 1794 -

Mr. Francis Kemp

Dear Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your obliging Letters of the 1st & 11th Ult. the former Inclosing your Corrected Bill on Mr. Dyson for 1254 - 24:65 - which has been rec'd Shall pass to your Credit

I beg to refer you to Mr. Cochrane's Letters for In- formation respecting, providing the Navy with Provisions - he tells me he has wrote to you fully on that Subject

Col Bartley after staying three Weeks with me took his passage on the Camden which sailed for Europe with the Phanix & Dutton on the 18th Ult. - I wish he had remained with us Long enough to have heard the good News the Panther brings - we may hope soon to hear that End is put to this destructive War - to remain Commerce a Little -

I remain with sincere Regard
Dear Sir
Your very obt Sert
(signed) W. A

Madras 10th November 1794

James Daley Esqr.
Secry to the M.S.C.

Sir

We will be obliged to you to inform us what Rate of Premium your Committee will require on Dy 1300 on the Snow London, att Risks from Madras to Bencoolen The Ins.ce to Commence from the 8th Inst.

We are
Sir Your humble Servants
(signed) R.S.P.

The above wrote to
Thos Parry Esqr.

Fort St George 10th November 94

Kilnagreery
Captain T. Bong

My dear Sir

I have inquire particularly from Col Kent & send you word what he says respecting the Curtpieales, I am sorry to see that some of the work done has exceeded the Estimate however we shall find much if know we Can procure payment - The Lead you want shall be sent to you directly, the Padlocks must be paid for Seperately if they are not put in the Estimate, let me know how many Padlocks you want & what sort Brass or Iron as they shall be sent to you without loss of time. -

I am my dear Sir
Yours Truly
(signed) B Bidduck

Madras 10th November 94

James Daley Esquire

Sir

We request you will inform us if your Committee will Insure Rupees 20000 on the Block of the Pearl bound to Bar Point only at and from the Port of Bencoolen from the 1st October 94, to Batavia & Bombay and Rupees 50000 on the Cargo against all Risks, the voyage above described, on the Conditions as per printed Paper, duly made out which the Offices at Bombay have insured. - (signed) R.S.P.

The above wrote to Mr Galloway
J. Stephens Esq
W. Seth
Thos Chase Esq.

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Sir

Your obed Servants
R&C

To Dittoe

Madras 11th Nov. 1794

Sir

we wish to be Informed by your filling up a Policy for 13000 Rs
on the Hannah - against all Risks &c. - The Insurance to commence
from her sailing in Safety —

we are &c
R&C

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co

Madras 11th November 1794

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the
receipt of your favor of the 15th ultimo inclosing a Special Power of
attorney to receive from the Private Underwriters the Insurance effected
on your account on the Hannahs Cargo - we are sorry to observe
that we shall be under the necessity of taking Legal measures to compel
them to do Justice, for we can neither get them to Submit the matter
to arbitration nor pay the Loss. —

We remain with Real Esteem
Gentlemen

Your obed Servants
(signed) R&C

James Daley Esqr

Madras 11th November 1794

Sir

We have to inform you that your
Policy was Carefully delivered
sailed from hence the 25 ultimo —
We remain with offer our Services.

Gentlemen

Your very obedient Servants
(signed) R&C

Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esqr

Madras 11th November 1794

Dear Sir

We have duely received your favor of
the 7th September and in reply beg to inform you that we have not neither heard
or Seen Mr. McKenzie Since we last wrote to you on your account Hannah
as it is your particular request we shall see from time to time that
Mr. Henderson exerts himself in Collecting the outstandings for those Goods,
Should Mr. McKenzie with again to interfere, we shall inform him that we
his paying or giving Security for the amount due to you, you are
willing That the whole Should be made over to him. —

We remain with Esteem
Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants
(signed) R&C

Manguebar

Messrs Harrop & Stuenson

Madras 11th November 94

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the receipt
of your favor dated the 22d September — your draft on Messrs Parlin Rust & Co
of Calcutta for Arcot Rupees 6777 on Pay 1816. 37. 52 has been Sent for acceptance,
when we are informed of its having been paid Messrs Crisp & Co shall be duely
Credited for the Same. — your bill on Messrs Cobb Baker & Co for Pr 1092. 10. 0
has been received & passed to the Credit of the abance Gentlemen —

We rem. &c (signed) R&C

To Tranquebar

Madras 11th November 1794

Daniel Stevenson Esqr.

Dear Sir

We have been duly favoured with your Letter dated the 3d Ult.o ultimo — The letters therein inclosed for Mr Turing were forwarded to him by the late dispatches for Europe with a Copy of your Letter to us of the 11th ultimo; — and we now beg to inclose you according to your desire a Copy of your Bond to that Gentleman

We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

To

Capt.n John Reid

Commanding the Ship Catharine —

Madras 12th Nov.r 1794.

Dear Sir

These few lines by Capt.n Sparrow are merely to say that we have been informed that you may meet with great detention at Car Nicobar, if you persist in getting a full Cargo of Cocoanuts; Sparrows Says you will have to wait these Months but as you know what Consequence it is of to the Owners that the Catharine should return on this Coast as Speedily as possible we are persuaded that you will not wait long at the Nicobars, and on your Arrival at Pegue exert every nerve to get a proper Cargo with all possible dispatch, to effect which, Should Some presents be necessary you will of Course use your discretion in order to insure Dispatch, which at this Period is of greater Consequence as the Catharine is not Insured against the War Risk. —

Do not omit to forward the necessary papers &c.a Recommended by Mr Roebuck on the Subject of your own business, which if your dispatch by the first Opportunity may be put in Some Train before your Return Here. —

We are with Real Regard —

Your Obed.t Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

To

J. Daly

Lieut.t to the R. I. C.

Madras 12 Nov.r 1794

Sir

Be pleased to take up a Policy of Insurance on the Cargo of the Ship Pearl against all Risks for Pd.s 5000 @ 12 P.C. with a return 2/2 P.C. should she go the direct Voyage from Bencoolen to Bombay — as described in our letter to you of yesterdays date —

We are &c

R & A

To

Edward Saunders Esqr.

President &a Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

Madras 12.th November 1794

With a view of improving the Cultivation of our farm at the Redhills we have opened a Channell from the Black Town nearly as far as Vasaravaddy Tank & have rendered it navigable, our object is to carry thereby the Manure produced in the Black Town which has hitherto been laid up in heaps or thrown into the Channell near the Black Town washed into the Sea — From a Survey which we have made we find it very practicable to make a Cut from Vasaravaddy Tank to our farm at the Redhills which can be done without the smallest detriment to the Cultivation in its way, we have spoke to the Renter of the Home farm & have pointed out to him the Track in which we mean to Cut our Canal & hope to have the permission of your Board to Carry into execution the Plan which we hope may be of Publick utility by shewing how far Cuts of the Sort are practicable in this Country. What Benefits may be derived from them —

We have the honor &c

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

/ Signed / R & A

Madras 12th November 1794

I. Daly
Lieut to the R. I. C.

Sir

Be pleased to fill up a Policy of Insurance
on the Cargo of the Ship Rael against all risks for D.o 5000
@ 12 P.o with a return 2 1/2 P.o should she go the direct
Voyage from Bencoolen to Bombay - as discribed
in our letter to you of yesterdays date -

We are &c
R & R

Madras 12th November 1794

To

Edward Saunders Esqr
President & the Members of the Board of Trade.

Gentlemen

With a view of improving the Cultivation of our farm at the Redhills we have opened a Channell from the Black Town nearly as far as Vasaraveddy Tank & have rendered it navigable, our object is to carry from the Manure produced in the Black Town which has hitherto been laid up in heaps as thrown into the Channell near the Black Town & washed into the Sea - From a Survey which we have made we find it very practicable to make a Cut from Vasaravaddy Tank to our farm at the Redhills which can be done without the smallest detriment to the Cultivation in its way, we have spoke to the Renter of the Home farm & have pointed out to him the Track in which we mean to Cut an canal & hope to have the permission of your Board to Carry into execution the Plan which we hope may be of Publick utility by shewing how far Cuts of the Sort are practicable in this Country & what Benefits may be derived from them -

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

signed / R & R

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Dear Sir

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We remain with real Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

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Do not omit to forward the necessary papers &c.a Recommended by Mr Roebuck on the Subject of your own business, which if your dispatch by the first Opportunity may be put in Some Train before your Return here. -

We are with Real Regard -

Your Obed.t Servants
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Tritchinopoly

Fort St. Geo. 14th November 1794

Capt. Dale the other Engineers give the following Certificate for measurement &c—

Map C. Trapaud

I as declare upon honor that I have neither directly or indirectly derived nor will derive any advantage whatever from the upon Buildings — Pray return the Certificate by Return of Post Peon per the Bearer hereof

Dear Trapaud

accompanying annexed to it which is quite absolutely necessary Pray return them to me without delay that we may get the Money as our Bills will not be passed without it — At last Parliament have taken up the matter seriously with the Nabob since shall now have no Interruption in future Lieut Balfour was down here for a short time as I am much in want of him & think this is the period he can be best spared I shall write to him to set off as soon as he receives a Letter from us which will be delivered to him by the Nabobs Son, as it goes from the Nabob here —

I am

My dear Trapaud

The Letters are put out of the way as you wish. Sincerely Yours.

/ Signed / Roebuck

Madras 14th November 1794

Tritchinopoly

Lt John Balfour

Sir

This Highness the Nabob in Consequence of the Representations which have been made to him of the many impediments thrown in your way at Tritchinopoly has been pleased to give most positive Orders that in future you shall be at Liberty to proceed yourself with all the necessary Materials for the Buildings & Repairs & that those people whom you shall have made Agreements with shall proceed in the Execution of their Agreements made with you or in behalf for the Company's business we are Satisfied of the Punctuality with which you have fulfilled your Agreements with those whom you had Contracted & we doubt you will in the same manner as hitherto be punctual in your payment to them If you want any Assistance — we are now Confident from what his Highness the Nabob has so kindly been pleased to say that you will have no application at Tritchinopoly and we are sure you will Conduct Business with all manner of Accomodation with his Highness's managers — who on their part will give you every Assistance instead of throwing Impediments in your way & stopping your Business as hitherto has been the Case — we request on the receipt of this Letter you will say how

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how you have been received by his Highnesses manager at Tritchinopoly —

Your obed Servt

B Dl

Tranquebar

Madras 14th November 1794

Messrs Lichtenstein Brahl & Kierulf

Administrators to the Estate of Mr Edward Stuenson

Gentlemen

We are this moment favored with your Letter of the 10th Instant and take the earliest opportunity to inform you, that we are sorry it is not in our Power to furnish you with the Information you require respecting any Concerns that Mr Benfield may have had with the late Mr Edward Stuenson as Mr Benfield has taken with him all the Books that might have enabled us to satisfy you on that head. —

We remain

Gentlemen

Your obed Humble Servants

/ Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

Thos Chase Esq.

Madras 15th Nov. 1794

Sec.y to the New Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We beg leave to Inform you that the Madras Ins.e Company have covered 5000 ₰ Pag. on the Cargo of the Pearl at a Premium of 12 ₰ Cent at & from Benccolen to Batavia & Bombay against all Risks with a return of 2½ ₰ Cent should She go the direct Voyage from Benccolen to Bombay — We will be obliged by Informing us if your Committee will Insure at the above Rates & Conditions on the Pearle 20000 R. on the Block against war Risks only — & 17000 R on her Cargo all Risks — the Voyage above described —

We remain Sir

Your obed Servants

/ Signed / R & A.

Bombay

Madras 15th Nov. 1794

Robert Lewis Esq.

Dear Sir

The foregoing are Duplicates of my Letters to you of Ultimo — I have — now the pleasure of Transmitting accompanied Invoice of the Goods — consigned to you by the Ship Duplicate Bill of Lading — I on the 11th Inst. Effected an Insurance on that Cargo @ 5 ₰ Cent Premium against all Risks which In Pag. 65. 21 Is accordingly passed to your debit —

I am concerned for the accident that happened to the Boat

In

in going off to the Union with part of the Goods, but I wished to be in time for the Vessell – as it was the only one for your Port for the Eve of departure. –

I remain with Sincere Esteem

Dr Sir

Your most obt Servant

R Abbott

Lieut. J. A Kirkpatrick

Madras 15th Nov. 1794.

Dear Sir

We are favored with your Letter of the 8th October By the Ships of the Season we recvd orders from Sir John Call & Mr. Benfield not to dispose of this property as they wished to wait the conclusion of the negotiation on foot for the Loan of the Debt – & by Letters of a Late date from Mr. Fordyce one of the Agents for the Creditors – we have received very satisfactory accounts relative to the Loan for being carried into execution – We wrote Col. Kirkpatrick our Ideas on the Subject of a Sale & asked his Instruction on the head – he has been silent on that Subject & we think this may have arisen from Communications he most probably has had with Sir John Call – from the flattering accounts Mr. Fordyce has transmitted whatever might have been our opinion at a former time – We should not now wish to dispose of the property of our Constituents in the Consolidated fund – and another Reason why at this moment we should especially Decline it is that the Rate of Interest has increased & the Discount on Bonds has constantly risen –

We remain with Sincere Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Most Obt Servants

(signd) R Abbott –

Madras 15th Nov. 1794 –

Pondichery

Julius Griffiths Esq.

My dear Julius

Will thank you to inform me what quantity of Marine Stores of different descriptions are procurable at your place, their Rates, and if they are Fresh Stores If there should be any very good & Cheap I may perhaps become a purchaser Tar & Pitch are of Course included in Marine Stores: – If you can drop me a Line on this Subject by Return of Toppal. you will oblige – Yours truly

(signd) R. Abbott

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.

Madras 15th Nov. 1794 –

Dear Sir

The Inclosed is Copy of our respects to you of the 7th Inst. by the Union and which we have not been favored with any of your Letters. –

We have only been able to Effect one Policy on the Cargo of the Ship Union from Bencoolen to Bombay – We have made application to the other offices but have not yet received their Answers – when we do & should they seem disposed to take the Risks we shall act accordingly – For the present We remain with Sincere Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most obt Servants

Robert Abbott

Tanjore

Madras 20th Nov. 1794

Mootoo

Contractors for Dispatch Agent

Purchaus Tadeire you will not hesitate Bills on us at this Place – whenever you may be in want of Cash Viz. – give us timely notice & we will Contrive to supply you in Bonds at Tanjore – which will be a Shorter & better way.

Signed R A C

Madras 20th November 1794

Trevalore

Lionel Place Esq.

Collector

Sir

We have been honored with your Letter & have in Consequence ordered to be published in all the districts rented by us. that you are by Government appointed Collector of the Northern Circars of the Zaghire & that you have nominated Veeraswamey your Peshcar

We remain Sir

Your Obed

Signed R & A Pantro

Tanjore

Capt.n Jamas Innes.

Dear Innes

your letter of the 15th ultimo is duely come to hand. The dispatches for Europe and other unavoidable Impediments have prevented me from replying to it sooner Sunday your Bond settled up — which I now inclose and after having received it you will return it to me —

the sum paid to your credit the Same shall and Pagodas on account of our Bond to you which please return discharged, the Balance as your Orders shall be paid to Turing —

Remain

Dear Innes

Sincerely Yours

James Roebuck

Capt.n Charles Stokes

Commanding the Ship Lackmi

Duplicate sent to Colombo

Madras 23 Nov.r 1794

Dear Sir

We are just informed that Tonnage is much wanted at Bombay & the Malabar Coast — at the former place we are told that 30 Rupees ₱ Candy is offered for bottom round to this Place — you will therefore make enquiry on this subject & if you find a Prospect of getting a Good Freight at that place perhaps it may be worth your while to go there which we are informed at this Season of the Year would not at all events make many days difference to your Voyage round to Madras If you should find it expedient to go to Bombay you will probably be able to get a Cargo of Timber on the Coast, either at Cochin or Ballicut which they say are the best place for large Spars. If you may likely meet with a Ram Head for the Lackmi, The Freight on Timber from the Coast to Bombay is 1/3 of its value at Bombay which ought to be very advantageous.

Mr Powney promises to give you every Assistance in his power to the Disposal of the Lackmi's Cargo — But it seems the price of Grain was not quite so high at Tuticorin as was reported the bounty Rice is P. Mad.a 150 ₱ Ponce but what the Company sent was selling by their Accounts at P.M.a 105 ₱ Ponce —

We shall send Duplicate & Triplicate of this Letter to Colombo & Elsewhere the hopes of its meeting you for the information of the Scarcity of Grain Bombay may of consequence —

We are — Roebuck & Abbott

Yr Answer daily expectation of hearing from you from somewhere on the Island of Ceylon or Tuticorin —

The Freight of large Timbers to Bombay is half of the value at Bombay

R. R. —

Tinnevelly —

Madras 23 Nov.r 1794

George Powney Esq.re

Dear Powney —

Accept of my best thanks for the kind assistance you promise to give to Capt.n Stokes in the Disposal of the Cargo of the Lackmi I am in daily expectation of hearing her arrival at Tuticorin or Colombo & as the inclosed Letters for Capt.n Stokes may prove of the utmost consequence to his Owners, permit me to request the favour of you to direct your people to forward one to Tuticorin & the other to Colombo, unless you have Accounts of the Lackmi's having gone elsewhere, in which case you will be kind enough to forward them accordingly — Memory informs me that the Company should sell their Rice at the Reduced Rate you mention, it will be a relief to the Poor while the quantity they sent lasts but an Individual perhaps cannot afford to sell so cheap — The Rice will stand us at that price at Tuticorin but being persuaded you will do what is perfectly Right on the occasion Stokes will be guided entirely by your advice —

I feel very comfortable in my House & shall be happy to see you there when you come to Madras but as to the Europe Furniture you allude to I have no Expectation of having one in that House though my Friends seem to think otherwise they of course know best. —

Yours &c

James Abbott

Sanfore

Capt.n James Innes

Madras 20th November 1794

Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esq.r

Dear Sir

Fort St George 25th November 1794

Sir

We have this day favord with yours of the 10th Ult. Inclosing Capt.n Gibson's Note to you respecting Lieut.t M.Kinzies Books & have to Inform you that we did receive a Bill of Lading of Capt.n Gibson for three Boxes the only one that we have of what you Sent us for 2 Chests Containing 250 Copies Shipped on the Charlotte Capt.n Bartholomew Young which never came to Madras We shall however send to Mr. Dorr for the Books & desire him to dispose of them & Put an End to that Account to Mr. Henderson to dispose of them

We are with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Servants

Reder

Lieut.t Kirkpatrick

Dep.ty

25th March 94

we are Concerned that we should have omitted to answer any part of your Letters Particularly that the Question you put respecting Trustees to your father Settlement should have escaped us we have applied to Messrs. Parry & Jones who acted as Agents to Mr. Munro during his life time & are we understand the Agents of Mr. Munro whom here the Dead the Original Trustees were Mr. Falk Lewis Stone Esquires father has the power of nominating new ones as the old Trustees either leave India or die. We have Consulted Mr. Hall upon the Subject who says there Can be no impediment to our passing the Interest from the Company entitled your father appoints a new Trustee or Trustees. The Property is in the Company funds the Bond is made out to Mr. Munro as Surviving Trustee of the marriage Settlement Do. perpetually secure we have desired Messrs. Parry & Co. to return in their hands these Papers entitled we See who is authorized to receive them & they will be perfectly safe. upon reference to your Correspondence we by have to reply to the following Query which is unanswered perpetual your letter sent from Vizianagapatam We imagine it must be by the Charlotte Packet but we Cannot particularly say as we desired an answer to it with other Letters of our own Do. has not Judged it necessary to make mention of the Subject in any Letters to us from Masulipatam we Shall take the earliest opportunity after receiving your Parcels to Mr. Brereton & Co. we have sent your Contract and Articles. We remain Sirs your Obed.t Servants

(Signed) R.S.P.

Calcutta

Edward Shaw Esq.r

Dear Sir

Fort St George 25th November 1794

Sir

We are favored with yours of the 10th ultimo inclosing Captain Gibsons Note to you, we have in Consequence received of Mr. L. 2 Chests Containing 250 Copies of Mr. McKenzies Books. They shall immediately be sent to Mr. Henderson and we shall desire him to exert himself in disposing of them We had the pleasure of addressing you on the 11th Instant on that subject.

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) R.S.P.

J. Daly Esq.r

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Madras 25th November 1794

Sir

At what rate of premium will your Office Insure all Risks or the bear Risk only on the Ship Catherine for 3 Months the sailed from hence the 5th Inst. for the Nicobars & Pegue and mounts 18 Guns.

The above wrote to

Thos. Parry Esq.r &

John Stephens Esq.r to cause the Man (Signed) Richard & Abbott

J. to Thos. chose to Insure all Risks or the bear Risk only.

J. Daly Esq.r

Sec.y to the Madras Ins.ce Comp.y Fort St George 29 Nov.r

Sir

I Request you will please to Open a Policy of Ins.ce for Pd 3000 at 3 p.r Cent p.d against Capture only on the Ship Catherine as mentioned in your note of yesterday

We are Sir

Dampier

Capt.n James Innes

Dear Innes

I have received yours of the 25th Novr
inclosing your own Bond to us Dated to you this Day Cancelled. If
you take my advice you will not go one inch farther than you
are embarked; from this you will have something Comfortable dis you
go deeper you may embarrass yourself, besides you know not what
Reviewals may take place & you should never be so deep, but that
you Can get out as your Engagement which might not be practicable
if it was very deep. With respect to ourselves it was on your
account solely that we advanced the Cash — Money is now Scarce
at Madras & eight per Cent is given with the best Security — &
even the Common Interest without Security & some have gone as far
as 12 to Substantial people.

Sincerely Yours

Signed / B. Roebuck

Thomas Parry Esqr

20th Dec.r 94

Secretary to the E.I. Company

Sir

We request you will be pleased
to pass up a Policy of Insurance on the Catharine accord.g
to your note of this day —

R & A

Conenga

20 Dec.r

W. Marshall Esq.r

I am favored with yours

of

of the 22d inst. In consequence of its Enclosure which therewith
returned we shall discharge (when presented) the Bill you drew
on us for Cloth procured by you for Mr Kemp — Meantime beg
leave to observe that we declined paying it some days ago
as we were not authorised to do so by Mr Kemp. —

I remain Sir

Your obed.t Hble Servt

/ signed / B. Roebuck

5th December 1794

Thomas Chase Esqr

Secretary

Sir

We beg to offer you 6 P.r Cent on
the Catharine to cover all Risks from the time of her leaving
Soundings in Safety for the Space of three months she was to
touch at the Pescadores in her way to Bengal & from thence
the 5th November. —

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Ellore.

Fort St Geo.e 5 December 1794

Harry Taylor Esqr

Dear Taylor

I shall be much obliged to you
if you will let me know what Works are finished & what are
now going on, write to me if Convenient by return of Sappall. —

Yours Sincerely

/ signed / Roebuck

Mr Neeth Seth

5 Dec.r 94

Sir

We request you will inform us at
what rate of Premium your Office will insure £5000 on the
Catharine against the War Risk only for 12 months
from the 5 November the mounts 18 Gns. —

We remain &c

R & A

I have been favored with your Letter and having
the Parcel for Mr Kemp it Shall be forwarded by first Opportunity

I Remain with Esteem. —

Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Servant —

Signed / Wm Abbott

Thomas Chase Esq.r
Secry to the New Madras Insurance Company

Madras 9th December 1794

Sir

We request you will be pleased to inform us at what rate of
premium your office will Insure on the Laishme the War risk only for
three Months to commence the 5th of November last. she mounts 10 Guns
she Sailed from hence for Ceylon & will probably go to the Malabar Coast
and return at this season it is to be supposed the Frigates will be on that
Coast and therefore the War risk will be but small. —

We remain

Sir

Your Obed.t Serv.ts
Signed / Roebuck & Abbott

The above also Sent
to Thomas Parry Esq.r
Secry to the Eastn Insurance office
and to J. Daly Esq.r Secretary to the Madras Insurance Compy —

Coringa
Henry Wilson Esq.r

Madras 9th December 1794

Dear Wilson

Ere this reaches you you will no doubt have heard of the
Death of our friend poor Tuder. — Walter Balfour is appointed in his Room
We have got the Salt Contract this year on very low terms, it may
perhaps be convenient to you to enter into some engagement with us to
deliver a part of our Contract at the Gollahs at Calcutta free of all charges to us,
if so and the terms should be moderate we shall be happy to enter into some
engagement that may prove mutually beneficial — and in that Case
I request you will with as little delay as possible inform me the Lowest
Rate at which you can deliver free of all expence to us at the Gollahs
a certain quantity of Salt by the 1st of August next or by the 1st November next
In proposing for this Contract we had in Contemplation to get off our hands
the Salt that remained under poor Tuders Care after fulfilling our last Contract
besides the Dany Freight that we had engaged for us for which he had
regular agreements. and which must be on the possession of his Dubash.
I shall therefore feel extremely obliged by your calling upon the Dubash
for the Agreements, and taking possession of the Salt, regular accounts of
both which we have under poor Tuders hand, and of course his Debash will
deliver them over accordingly — It is our wish to Load all the Dones
that

...anore

Capt.n James Innes

Dear Sir

...your au...
...e my ...dated the 6.th instant Having in Consequence had a Communication w...
...arke... Stephens & Cockell we find that they Judge it impracticable to execute the...
...the Salt Contract, and have, we understand resigned their pretentions to a...
...of it by a Letter to your Lordship — We trust therefore that you will be
...pleased to accept of our Proposal laid before your Lordship the 1.st Instan...
...the whole of the four Lacks of Maunds —

We have the Honor to be, with Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordship's most Obed.t Ser...

/signed/ R. & Abbott

Coringa

Port St George 8th Dec.r 1794.

Wm Marshall Esq.r
Master Attendant

Dear Sir

I am informed that you have proposed to furnish some
Gentlemen here with six thousand Garce of Salt at Calcutta on or before the
first day of August next, now as we have got the Salt Contract if we
could make any arrangement with you mutually advantageous I should
be very glad. I will thank you therefore to inform me at what rate
per 100 Bengal Maunds of 82 Sicca weight you could afford to deliver us a
certain quantity specified at the Companys Gollahs near Calcutta
bearing all the charges yourself by the 1st of August next and at what
Rate by the 1st day of November Next. —

We have had several proposals, but as your Situation
must enable you to execute this business in more moderate terms than Mer...
I trust your reply will Justify the Conclusion —

I

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Madras 21st December 1794

that are engaged to us, with Salt, and Despatch them to Calcutta
as possible and to get freight for the Remainder of our Salt on the
moderate terms possible. I shall be extremely obliged to you
to inform me if you've can get Freight for the Remainder on what
and on what terms and be kind enough to Despatch the ships
engaged without delay — a few lines by Return of Tappal will
much oblige —

Yours Sincerely

Capt.n James Innes

My Dear Innes,

I inclose your your Account with our
the Balance we have sent to Swing —

Yours Sincerly

(signed) B Roebuck

Fort St George
12 Dec.r 1794. —

To Lichel Place Esq.r

Collector of the Saghur

Fort St Georg

Sir

We are honored with your Letter of the 10.th Instant
No Report has been made to us of any of the Tanks
Farm having failed and we believe there is no foundation
The large Tank of Poret is now fuller than it has been
Water has only been preserved in it by particular and daily
to the Inhabitants who wanted to allow it to run off. There is
for the whole farm for near 12 Months in this Tank.

We are Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

(signed) Roebuck Abbott

Renters of Poret District

Calcutta
Mess.rs Fairlie Reid & Co.

Gentlemen.

Fort St George 12 Dec.r 1794

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on you for
Four thousand one hundred fifty eight Current Rupees Two Annas
favor of Mr. Hy. Abbott at fifteen days sight which we request you will honor at
Maturity —

We Remain Gentlemen

Your Hble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Cp.s 4158: 2: 8: — or Ps 1056. 23. 16. —

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John Stephens Esq.r —

Sec.d to the amicable Association

Sir. —

Be pleased to inform us if it is agreeable to you
Office to renew the Insurance on the Block of the Ship Elena
Capt.n Hodges for 4 or 6 Months to commence from the 7 Inst.o

Your Obed.t Serv.ts

13 Dec.r —

Roebuck & Abbott

The above also sent to
Mr. J. De Monts Sec.y to the Mad.s Insur.e Society. —

sign.d

Fort St George 13 Dec.r 1794

Calcutta Mess.rs Fairlie Reid & Co.

Gentlemen,

Inclosed we beg leave to hand you a rectified Account Curr.t
balancing Cp.s 4158: 2: 8: in our favor, instead of Cp.s 4144: 11: 8: as noted in the
one transmitted to you in our Letter of the 13.th Sept.r last — you will perceive that
the Mistake arises from having passed on the Credit side Sa.Rs 98 — : 11: in lieu
of Sa.Rs 84. 9. 11. for the Subscription to the Calcutta Gazette &c.

We have taken the Liberty of drawing on you a Sett
of Bills for the amount Balance payable at fifteen days sight to Mr.
Henry Abbott which we trust you will honor.

We Remain with real Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your Obed.t Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta
Wm. Fairlie Esq.r

My Dear Sir

I have had the pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 3.d
Oct.r I was afraid that you would think too much Cash had been advanced to Mr.
Mitchell but it was with difficulty I could get him to join his Regement on that
I expostulated with him rather harshly on his Expences but perhaps not more so than
he deserved he has since drawn upon me for a small sum of between 60 and 70 Rs
which I found I must pay for him or he would be arrested, I did it but did not
think I was authorized to advance it on your account & consider it as my own loss — he
is a bad Subject & will do us. Credit to any one who has any Concern with him he
Coventry I am told with the whole Regiment Muddles himself with Brandy
has done a number of mean if not bad Acts. —

I am My Dear Sir,

Your Sincerly

(signed) B Roebuck.

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esqr.

Madras 13th Decembr

Dear Sir,

We duly received your favor dated the 26th November contg of our long silence, but the letter we had the pleasure of writing to you dated 1st November by the Union duplicate of which went per Tappal on the 15th Nov. which must have reached your a few days after the date of your Letter. Subsequent ones dated the 5th & 9th instant, will we hope, let you with respect to the Several queries contained in your last. -

We have the pleasure to inform you that one of our have renewed their Policy for 6 Months on the Eliza for Rs. 20,000 at 6 p to our great Surprize - She Sailed from hence the 15th Inst. & we do not expect her here till the middle of January. - The rest of our declined taking any risk on her. -

We are with Esteem
Dear Sir,
Your most Obed. Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Nellore
Lieut. John Deighton

Madras 15 Dec.

My dear Deighton

I have been favored with your Letter, and shall most cheerfully give you the preference, - Let me know however the Lowest Rate at which you can put it on Board, & the most convenient places at which you can load, as well for yourself as for the shipping, as our Contract is at a very low Rate I despair of getting European Freight for the quantity you could deliver me; but more of this when I know the price of the salt

I have had a great deal of trouble with the business of the Reddys but I hope it will at last be settled to their satisfaction; and as they fulfill their engagements you may rely on it they will meet with every possible support. -

Yours very Sincerely
(Signed) William Abbott

Major Trapaud
Dear Trapaud

F St G. 15 Dec.

I am concerned to hear such Accounts of our People, I inclose you a Letter from Balfour and request you will be so good as to tell our people that if I hear any Complaints of inattention to your Commands that I will immediately remove them. -

Yours Sincerely

Kitnaghery
Captain Geo. Bong.

Fort St George 15th December 1794

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you three Estimates for Sankerry Droog as mentioned on the other side which I hope will soon be compleated, I am in anxious expectation of your Certificates as mentioned in your last the Articles you wrote for shall be immediately sent to you -

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) B. Roebuck

17th December

Thos. Parry Esqre
Secy to the Madras Exchge Assurce Comy

Sir.

We request to know at what rate of Prem. you will Insure Goods on the Fort Louis Danish Castle or English Ship or Ships from Mandla to Madras, with liberty to touch at Port or Ports - at all places and at what rate of Prem. you will make the Insurce of the Voyage is by the way of China - a pt. Prop. to be deducted provided the Vessel or Vessels do not go to China in their way here. - Yours &c.

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

The above wrote to
John Stephens Esqr
Thomas Chase Esqr
Mr. L. Dumont
J. Daly Esqr.

Secretary to the annuitie Association
Secretary to the new Madras Insce Compy
Secry to the Madras Commercial Society
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company -

Madras 15th Decr 1794

Cecil Smith Esq

Dear Sir

Inclosed I beg leave to send you an Extract from Mr. Henry Abbotts Letter - in reply to yours of the 24th Octr. Last - relative to the Money that was in the late Bengal Bank belonging to the Proprietors of the Madras Courier

I remain &c
W. H.

Trichinopoly

Major Frapaud

Fort S. George 18th

My dear Frapaud

I am concerned to hear such Accounts of the Bramin Balfour wrote to him what goes inclosed to you take and send him another note on the subject I have desired 1500 Pagodas to be sent immediately to you for the Business at Tanjore it will be with you in few days and I have sent 2000 Pagodas to Tanjore Balfour cannot leave this for a fortnight Be good enough to give a Receipt for the 1500 Pagodas or make our man do it and you say he has done it by your order Mootiah shall have what you asked I have told him so — yours &c

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) B. Roebuck

Trichinopoly
To the Bramincy in charge of the Contractors Business
Tyroor of Mr Balfour

10th Dec.

Bramin

I am sorry to hear that Major Frapaud complains you must obey his orders and carry on Business with dispatches Mr Balfour wrote to you do as you are ordered or you will make me very Angry. write to me all particulars that I may know you. attend to Major Frapaud directions. he advance you 1500 Pagodas give him a Receipt for it

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Trichinopoly

Major Frapaud

F.S.G. 18 Dec.

My dear Frapaud

I this day answered yours of the 15th and inclosed a letter to the Bramin — I now inclose you two Bills for 1000 Pagodas each drawn by J. Dobbyn on Maclaren & Gelding in favor of Roebuck Abbott the first at one Months sight the Second at two Months Sight please to acknowledge the Receipt of them and inform me if they are regularly paid and give the Amount to our Bramincy for our Business.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) B. Roebuck

Kistnagurry

Captain Bong

F.S.G. 18th December 1794

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inclose you Dobbyns draft on Pierce & Bevy at one Months sight for one thousand star Pagodas —

Yours truely
(Signed) B. Roebuck

Tanjore

Madras 19 Decr. 1794

Mootoo Modelliar

Mootoo

We have received your letter of the 13th Instant. In consequence of which We have sent you through the means of Nagapah Chitty P. 2000 on account of Repairs at Tanjore and Vellum

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

J. Daly Esqr
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Fort S. George 22 Dec 9

Sir

We wish to make an Insurance on the Danish Snow to Fredericksnagor from Manilla to Madras or Manilla to Bengal as may happen with liberty to touch at Port or Ports The following is the description of the Vessell and the Manner in which the Property will be shipped and we shall be glad to know at what rate of Premium you will make the Insurance

We are

Sir

Your Obed. Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

The Danish Snow the Fredericksnagor Commander Juan Jacob Wiche. her real name is the Dudley and the owner is Mr Rouby a Frenchman, she has a regular Danish pass & Colours from the Governor of Serampore and is nominally the property of and goes Consigned to Charles Hanson of Serampore. a Gentleman well known to Henry Abbott the Vessell is well found and known in all the offices and is to sail the latter end of December or beginning of January. Lest you should have any apprehension about the owner of the Ship, we have to acquaint you that he is a Gentleman well known in Bengal and made this Voyage last year under English Colours granted him by Lord Cornwallis. His Snow is now gone to China and is expected in all october

To reap all the benefit possible from the neutral flag & Passport we have agreed with Rouby that he shall enter the property in the Manifest as property belonging to Charles Hanson & Consigned to Messrs Rozenkaz & Anker of Tranquebar two fictitious names. a Danish Invoice & Bills of Lading will be made out in the same tenor and he and the Captain will sign the real bills of Lading for the property in English. some or all of us will be on board & keep the papers till necessity shall oblige us to give them up to the Captain and in case of a visit from a Privateer they will defend the property as well as they can — We think that this Arrangement can be of no disservice in making the insurance tho we are confident that we cannot risk a warranty of the property being Danish.

The above wrote to John Stephens Esqr Secry to the annexed Committee
The Do. — to Thomas Thorpe Esqr Secry to the new Madras Insurance Company
The Do. — to Thomas Parry Esqr to the Madras Insurance Company
The Do — to Mr J. Dmonett Secry to the Madras Com. Society

the 23d Decr 1794 —

Madras 24th December 1794

Ellore

Lieut. Darrel Carey

D. Master - 1st Batt. E. I.

Madras 24 Dec. 1794

D. Sir

By Lieut. Capt. Lindsay I am told you are engaged to take charge of our building concerns at Ellore - to the superintendance of Mr. Taylor - he has not wrote to us on the subject but I understand is daily expected at Madras - & in consequence I take the liberty of sending you copy of our Letter on that head from the Writing Room - by which you will see it is our wish that you should stop on, & go on any further - Rate as Govt. - Must pay us for what we have done & the Materials we have provided - it will be necessary to have the Engineer to examine the buildings & a Statement of the Materials we have provided - I am D. Sir &c

Sign'd W. B.

Capt. Johnstone

Masulipatam

Madras 24 Dec. 96

D. Sir

I have been favored with the receipt of your letter of the 16 Inst. & immediately wrote to Guntoor a most pointed letter - had he applied to me I would have obtained an order from Govt. that Mr. Crosby should not have interfered with him - I have been concerned to hear of the loss you have sustained but I am sorry it is what I looked for - & it is lucky that it is all you suffer - The Comp.y are bound to repay us for the Materials we have furnished for the Buildings & I have desired General to immediately to proceed to Masulipatam & send us a regular account in the shortest way of getting cash you need not draw upon us for 500 Ps. it is too small a Sum to send by a Golah & I understand there is a good deal of money at Masulipatam - to their Comp.y to whom

Madras 24th Dec.r 1794

My Dear Dighton

I have been favored with your Two letters; - with respect to renting the Sea Coast: I am now endeavouring to accomplish it, and shall as you may suppose, be happy to rent the whole or a part to you; what part would you wish to have, and how much could you offer to give: —

with respect to Salt, I am offered the quantity I may require at all the different ports in the Nellore District at 4 Star Pagodas p.r Garce, all charges till on Board to be paid by the Sellers, and no advances to be made to them: - Those terms you will perceive are considerably lower than yours: - I would willingly however give you something more than to them and if you could take under your Charge a small quantity of Salt we have still remaining in the Nellore country, being a part of what we provided for our Salt Contract, it will enable us to settle with you, more satisfactorely to both parties —

yours very Sincerely

Signed W.m Abbott

James Daly Esq.r

Secry to the Madras Ins.e Company -

Fort St. George 26th Dec.r 1794

Sir,

By accounts lately received By the Benjamin & William we are informed that the Ship Pearl on which your Office had Insured to the amount of P.s 5000. was lost in the Bencoolen Roads. further particulars of this Loss we shall lay before you when we receive the necessary Documents. -

We Remain

Sir,

Your Obed.t Servants -

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Thomas Parry Esq.r

Secretary to the Madras Exchange

Ins.e Company

Fort St. George 26th December 1794 -

Sir,

By accounts lately received By the Benjamin & William we are informed that the Ship Pearl on which your Office had Insured to the amount of P.s 10,000 was lost in the Bencoolen Roads. further particulars of this Loss we shall lay before you when we receive the necessary Documents -

We Remain Sir,

Your Obed.t Servants

Signed Roebuck & Abbott -

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esqr.

Madras 23. December 17

Dear Sir

We have duly received your favor dated the 3d. instant — Capt.n of a Vessel lately arrived from Bencoolen gives us some imperfect accounts of loss of the Pearl in the Bencoolen Roads but he says he believes her Cargo saved the inclosed Letter that we have received from Thence for you will no doubt give you perfect and we hope such accounts as will prove more Satisfactory to you and us, what we have received, - however we thought proper at all events to give notice Officer that had Insured on her — We have already informed you that we could oversee only one Policy for Sa. 21000 on the Block of the Eliza. —

By Late Advices from China we have very bad accounts of the Sales of Cotton there it sold from 7 to 8 Tales of Piece & the Best did not exceed 9. 2. — As we do not wish in the present State of Affairs in Europe, to draw any Bills on England, we have sent to the different Houses here to know at what Exchange they will grant Bills, & hope by the next Post we shall be able to fund your Bills to the amount you wish at the same Exchange as those we draw by the Last Ships —

We have now the pleasure of inclosing you a Price Current of the different Articles from your Coast — and we remain with Esteem —

Dear Sir
Your Obd.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay
Mr. Francis Kemp

Madras 27th December 1794

Dear Sir

I have received your favor dated the 26th Ult.o inclosing your Account Current which are perfectly Correct, Sales Mr. Marshall's Note of Land which shall be sent to him for Payment — and any Bills he may draw on us on your Account will be duly honored. — we received a Parcel from him for you desiring drawing it might be forwarded by the first Opportunity, which will be by the Charron Capt.n Simpson that is to sail the 31st Instant for your place. — Mr. Marshall drew a Bill on us some time ago, which we did not accept as we were not Authorized

I now beg leave to trouble you with a Letter for Mr. Duff in forwarding which by the first Opportunity you will much Oblige — Dear Sir

Your Obd.t Servant
(signed) Hon. Abbott

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esqr.

Madras 27th December 1794.

Dear Sir,

We had the pleasure of addressing you the 23d. Inst. since which we have received none of your favors, & this is merely to inform you that we have not been as successfull as we could have wished in procuring Bills on England, most of the Houses here having declined drawing at present, And the best terms that offers are 7/8 p Pagoda at 12 Months Sight. - if you wish to have any at that rate of Exchange be pleased to inform us & they shall be sent you. —

Our Lottery has finished drawing and we now inclose you a Memorandum of the success of your Ten Tickets, the day of Payment of the Prizes is fixed for the 15th Inst.o when we shall carry to your Credit

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We Remain with Esteem, D.r Sir,
Your Obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Camp
Kurntanch
Lieut.t J. A Kirkpatrick

Madras 27th Dec.r 94

Dear Sir

We have this moment received the inclosed three letters for you from your father via Bengal

We remain with Regard
D.r Sir your obed.t Serv.ts
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Trivalore
J. B. Travers Esqr.

Madras 29th Dec.r 1794

Sir

We are favored with your Letter of the 28th Inst.o and return you our thanks for the Information therein Contained - We now send the Bearer with his Pcons for the 11 Coffree men & 3 Women —

We remain
Sir your Obed.t Servant
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott
Agents of Poly

Bombay.

Madras 1st January 1795

Mr. Francis Kemp

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of writing to you the 27th Ult.o which I have received none of your favors to reply to. — This is merely to inclose you a Receipt for the Parcel received from Mr. Marshall and on board the Chairon under the care of Mr. Dennison second mate of that ship. — Mr. Marshalls Bill for the Pagodas 133 at 10/6 Batta was S.F. 146. 15 has been returned to us & which has been duly honored.

Our Lottery has finished drawing and inclosed you a Memorandum of the Sums of the Tickets you ordered and as they were not more fortunate. — The Prizes are to be paid in the when your Account shall be credited S.F. 216. — being the amount of Prize Tickets purchased by your desire. —

I remain

Dear Sir

Your Obed.t Servt.

J. Daly Esq.r

Secry to the Madras Insurance Company —

Madras 2d January 1795

Sir

At what rate of Premium will your Office Insure 10,000, Against all Risks on the Cargo of the Research Capt.n Douglas Marlbro' in Bencoolen to China, She was to Sail in four or five days the 6th of November last. —

Your Obed.t Servants

(signed)

The above wrote to —

Mr. John De Monte — Secry to Mad.s Comercial Society —
John Stephens — Secry to the Amicable Association —
Thos. Chase — Secry to the New Mad.s Ins.e Company —
Thos. Parry — Secry to the Mad.s Exch.e Ins.e Company —

Madras 3d January

J. B. Travers Esq.re

Sir

Agreeable to your desire We send you inclosed the Pagoda Acct.t for the maintenance of the Fourteen Caffres — 1: 9: 10 being the Amount of the Account enclosed in your favor of 31st Ult.o

With many thanks for the trouble you was so obliging to take on that account — We remain

Sir

Your obed.t Servants

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

Renters of Poolay

Madras 2d January 95

Lt. J. A. Kirkpatrick

My dear Sir

I have to apologize for not having replied sooner to your Letter, but the appointment of Deputy Master attend.t which I have Lately got hors for some time past occupied me solely in order to arrange and regulate an office that had been totally neglected by poor Boys. — I will Sincerely acknowledge to you that Some of your letters on the Subject of your Fathers Consolidated Bond would have caused us uneasiness, had we not been convinced, that you could have had no intention of hinting our pride as Agents in giving peremptorie and perhaps unusual Instructions on the Subject of your Fathers property on the Consolidated Bonds under our Management, particularly as our Management heretofore had given him Satisfaction: — We of course attributed your Letters to the Right course, your anxiety to do the best with his funds Mothers Marriage Settlement you might most unboubtedly dispose of that Sum in trust, in the Manner you might Judge proper, and it might of course be remitted home by your orders. — but the Deed in the possession of Mr. Parry Executor to Mr. Munro it seems does not mention your name. — If however you have a Deed of appointment by you, conformably to the Clause here inclosed sent by Mr. Parry to Mr. Roebuck, do not Lose a moment in Sending it down in order that the Trust Papers and the money may be recovered from the Executor of Mr. Munro, who will not deliver up any thing unless we can produce a regular Authority, for fear of becoming Responsible. —

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Have you any intention of Returning to Vizianagram, and what
Accept the Compliments of the Season, with Sincere wishes that you
See many happy returns, I believe me very Sincerely
Yours
Mr Parry will regularly pay the Interest
on the Trust Money but without Authority
you cannot dispose of the Principal.
[Sgd] Wm Abbott
[Sgd] W.t

Thomas Parry Esqr
Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company
3d Pairs

we offer Ten per cent Insurance on the Research and
that when you see the accompanying Extract of a Letter you will not
the Risk — we are Sir
Your Obed.t Serv.ts
(Sgnd) Roebuck Abbott

Madras 3 January 95

Coringa
Captain Wm. Marshall
Dear Sir

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 26th
and observe by it that it will be more convenient for you to provide Salt
Tonnage for us than Contract to deliver 6000 Gunies on your Account
on Account of our Contract with Government — we should be happy to
accommodate you in the Manner you wish, if we had not already
received several offers from People who would wish to Contract even for
the whole quantity of our Contract, deliverable at Calcutta at three
Risk payable for each Cargo after delivery. — Having however a quantity
of Salt on hand, as well as Tonnage, what we shall require to contract
for us but trifling being only about 100,000 of Bengal Maunds deliverable
on or before the 1st November Next. If you are willing to Contract with
us for this small quantity at the same Rate that others offer, which is
M.ds 14 p 100 Bengal Maunds of 82 Sicca Weight deliverable free of all
expence to us at the Company's Golahs at Calcutta, we will with pleasure
give you the preference being Sincerely
Your Obed.t Servant
(Signed) William Abbott

Madapollam
Henry Wilson Esqre
Dear Wilson

Madras 3.d Jan.y 95

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 20th Ult.
and perceive that it is not convenient for you to Contract to deliver Salt
at Calcutta on our Account. — we will therefore thank you to engage
Tonnage for the whole quantity of Salt belonging to us now under your
Care that was formerly under that of poor Tuder, which amounted
to about 2460 Corinja Gunies by an Account transmitted by him to
us Dated the 18th October 1793 since which I believe a considerable
quantity has been sold but we have not been furnished with the
Account particulars; I will however thank you to order a Regular
Account to be made of it, and transmit it to me at the same time
that you will inform me what quantity of Tonnage it will be necessary
for you to take up over and above that which we have engagements
for. — I perceive by your Letter that half amount or there abouts of
the original amount has been paid to our Tuder or his Dubash: —
of which likewise I should wish to have a particular account
as soon as possible. — As our Contract does not expire before the
1st November. — I trust you will be able easily to get Freight at
from M.ds 3 to 4 p Corinja Gunie, of 60 Bengal Maunds which
is about the Rate as you will observe that poor Tuder settled
for us for a larger quantity than we shall now require. — we
shall of course with pleasure allow the usual Commission on the
Tonnage you may procure. — and. — I will thank you for a Reply
with the necessary Accounts as soon as you conveniently can send
them. — The Salt as heretofore will be consigned to my Brother
at Calcutta — wishing you the Compliments of the Season I remain
Sincerely Yours
(Signed) William Abbott

I will thank you to receive the amount of
the Inclosed bill on Mr. Marshall for Rs. 1259: 61 indorsed by
Mr. Kempi and carry the Same to our Account —

Madras 1st December 1793

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Have you any intention of Returning to Vizianagrum, and when
Accept the Compts of the Season, with Sincere wishes that you
See many Happy returns, & believe me very Sincerely
Mr Parry will regularly pay the Interest Yours
in the Trust Money but without Authority [Signed] Wm Abbott
you cannot dispose of the Principal.
[S/] W A

Thomas Parry Esqr 3 Sets
Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company
a
we offer Ten per cent Insurance on the Restant and are
that when you see the accompanying Extract of a Letter you will not
the Risk we are Sir
Your Obed Servts
[Signed] Roebuck Abbott

Madras 3 January 17

Corsiga
Captain Wm Marshall
Dear Sir

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 2
and observe by it that it will be more convenient for you to provide Salt
Tonnage for us than Contract to deliver 6000 Gauce on your Account the
on Account of our Contract with Government — we should be happy to
accommodate you in the Manner you wish, if we had not already
received several offers from People who would wish to Contract for
the whole quantity of our Contract, deliverable at Calcutta at this Ba
& Risk payable for each Cargo after delivery. — Having however a
of Salt on hand, as well as Tonnage, what we shall require to
for us but trifling being only about 100000 of Bengal Maunds deli
on or before the 1st November Next. If you are willing to Contract
us for this small quantity at the same Rate that others offer, which
Rs 13 p 100 Bengal Maunds of 82 lbs Weight deliverable free of
expence to us at the Company's Golahs at Calcutta, we will with pleas
give you the preference being Sincerely
Your Obed Servant
[Signed] William Abbott

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Madapollam
Henry Wilson Esqre
Dear Wilson

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 20th Ult
and perceive that it is not convenient for you to Contract to deliver Salt
at Calcutta on our Account, — we will therefore thank you to engage
Tonnage for the whole quantity of Salt belonging to us now under your
Care that was formerly under that of poor Fuder, which amounted
to about 2460 Coringa Gauces by an Account transmitted by him to
us Dated the 18th October 1793 since which I believe a considerable
quantity has been sold but we have not been furnished with the
Account particulars; I will however thank you to order a Regular
Account to be made of it, and transmit it to me at the same time
that you will inform me what quantity of Tonnage it will be nece
for you to take up over and above that which we have engagemen
for. — I perceive by your Letter that half amount or there abouts
the original amount has been paid to our Fuder or his Dubash
of which Likewise I should wish to have a particular account
as soon as possible. — As our Contract does not expire before the
1st November — I trust you will be able easily to get Freight at
from Madras 3 to 4 p Coringa Gauce, of 60 Bengal Maunds which
is about the Rate as you will observe that poor Fuder settled
for us for a larger quantity than we shall now require; — we
shall of course with pleasure allow the usual Commission on the
Tonnage you may procure. — and. — I will thank you for a Re
with the necessary Accounts as soon as you conveniently can
them. — The Salt as heretofore will be consigned to my Broth
at Calcutta — wishing you the Compliments of the Season I re

Sincerely Yours
[Signed] William A

I will thank you to receive the amount of
the Inclosed bill on Mr Marshall for Rs 1259:- 61 indorsed
Mr Kemp and carry the Same to our Account —

signed by every officer of the Corps & we request you will return it to us by Toppah with your signature.—

Yours Truly
(signed) B. Roebuck

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esq.

Madras 6th Jany 1795

Dear Sir

We have received your favor of the 10th Ulto.—
With respect to the Goods you wish us to get against the Elizas return we have to inform you that Bar Iron is now here at Ps 16 or 17 p Candy, steel at Pags 28 p Candy of the first we can get 100 Candy and about 20 Candys of steel - we have however written to Tranquebar to know how those Articles sell there, and what quantity is procurable, which will guide us whether to make the purchase or not - as to the Salt Petre we could purchase 300 Candy at Ps 15 p C. but are not certain if we should be permitted to Extract it, as there has been an embargo laid on that Article at Calcutta however we shall be able to determine that point tomorrow, Red Lead White Lead is not procurable here at present.—

We have now the pleasure of sending here inclosed the first of a Sett of Bills drawn by H. P. Weston on Thos. Weston Esq.r of your place for Ps 4 87/p in favor of our M.r Roebuck & by him indorsed to you which when paid you will be pleased to pass the Amo.t to our Credit.—

We remain with great Esteem
Dear Sir Your obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

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Tranquebar
Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Madras 5 Jany 1795

Gentlemen

Having nothing material to write you at present Messrs only to request you will be pleased to sign the Letter of Toppah the Price of which Bar Iron is stated at your Place & the quantity procurable, as we understand by from Europe ships there a short time since these Articles may be very reasonable.— We remain &c.

Your Obed.t Servt
(signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Nagore
Capt.n Fleming

5 Jany 1795.—

Dear Sir

I send you inclosed a copy of my last to which I have not been favored with an answer as we cannot receive the Amount of the Bill of the Gun &c without the necessary Certificate & take the Liberty of inclosing one for your signature which I request you will be Kind enough to return by Toppah

Nagore
Capt.n Fleming

Yours
B. Roebuck

Fort St. George 5th Jany

Dear Sir

I have been favored with an answer to my last of the 15th of July & in consequence we cannot receive the amount of our Bill for the Gun this this is hard upon us as we ought to have had the Cash long ago the Amount we cannot receive without your Certificate which we request you will be kind enough to let us have the inclosed is the form which is

Madras 21 December 1793

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To Lt John Dighton

Madras 1st Jan

My Dear Dighton

I have been unavoidably prevented from ans
your Letters sooner —

I have been thinking on the Subject of your
the Companys Service, and I really cannot see any benefit you can
reap from it, on the Contrary I conceive it would be the means
your losing the influence you now have when you are, and the
the end you propose would be defeated, for your Successor would
Likely be not quite so scrupulous as yourself, in striking out of
Letter of the General Orders. — Infact I do not see the use of your
observing them rigidly, provided you go on smoothly, and if you
cannot do business in your own Name use your Dubashes, any
thing in the way of making up Piece Goods &c that may lay in
or my friends Forever shall be thrown in your way. I am inform
however that since the french war, and the late Bad markets at
Manilla the Demand for Nellore Goods has been very limited
indeed. —

I shall most certainly take your Salt at Pagodas
Pare in preference to any other persons at the same price, but to
to take the whole quantity you have would be what we could not
Convenience do; I will however take as much as I can, and It will
depend much upon yourself the quantity I may take, for Ships
Like to go where they meet with greatest Dispatch, and I find at
Kistnapatam where 1500 Parce of your Salt is / I never could
Boats enough to ship above 10 Parce p Day, if you could get Boats
there it is more than probable but that you'll be able to take

is good Dispatch made; I have some Salt scattered on the Coa
remaining from our last Contract but, I shall not give the pre
to it if I can meet with Dispatch from you unless the Capta
should make a particular request. I had rather sell my Salt
I could, and if you can conformibly to the inclosed List Dispa
of it I will thank you. —

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I am afraid I shall not be able to settle with the Nabob for the
Rent of the Sea Coast, Nurdeen makes great opposition, however
notwithstanding the great trouble he has given me on the Subject
of Mootah Reddys business, I have now nearly concluded it, in
the manner that the Reddys could wish as Independent of the
Khan as Ram Reddy is, and if they keep their promise and
are punctual, they will have every assistance and protection
they can desire. — Adieu my good fellow believe me

very Sincerely
Yours
Signd Wm Abbott

Tranquebar

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Madras 12th January 1795

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Letter dated
the 9th and in Compliance with your request we lose not a moment in
replying to it. You may settle for the whole of the Steel being 70
Candies at the price mentioned in your Letter P Pagodas 21 p Cand
Candy of 537 English Pounds deliverable free of Expence to us at
Madras, — The Iron appears very dear to us, but trusting to
your good management for getting it cheaper if possible than
P Pagoda at 13 p Danish Candy, we venture to authorise you to
settle for the whole quantity mentioned in your Letter being
500 Danish Candies of 537 English Pounds each deliverable
to us at Madras free of Expences to us; — payable for on delivery
at the Exchange of 121 p a 121 3/4 p 100 Star Pagodas. —

We remain with Esteem
Gentlemen your obed. Servts
Signed Roebuck Abbott

Madras 16th Jan.

Lieut John Dighton

My Dear Dighton

I was favored yesterday with your letter dated and shall wait to reply to the one you promise to write to me in a but putting the Subject in every light I cannot see any good you can do doing what you proposed in your former letter.

I shall send the Ahmed Elgi Captain to take a Cargo of Salt from you, she will sail on the 19th, and as Captain is in a great Hurry to be Dispatched, I shall send her to where I believe the greatest Dispatch is made, he talks of staying 24 Hours, but he will stay 48. If you can give him 50 Garce in that which I am sure you can, for my people have loaded upwards of 30 p day there on the Receipt of this therefore order the Necessary prepa at Durgapatam — as some Ships require Mats, it would not be amiss to prepare some — I shall send by sea some Blank Bills of Lading which you will make the Captain fill up and sign after taking these Cargoes — The Salt must be consigned to my Brother Mr Abbott at Calcutta, to whom you will be pleased to inclose one of the Bills of Lading with a few lines by the Ship, and send the other by

As the greatest part of your Salt is at Kilakarei I think it would be advisable for you to get Boats enough there to load at least 30 or 40 Garce p day, during our last Contract we only sent 10 Garce p day from thence

A Coin for the present I believe no

very Sincerely

Yours truly

(Sign'd) W. Abbott

Bombay

Capt. Chas Stokes

Commanding the Ship Lacsmi

Madras 17th Jany 95

Dear Sir

We have been favored with your Letters dated the 29th November from Colombo and 1st January from Mahé, but that of the 25th December is not yet come to hand, and we regret the more as it seems to refer to some plans that you had formed for the Lacshmi on leaving Colombo

Though we feel rather disappointed in the expectations we had formed for the Lacshmis Cargo at Colombo

Yet we are sensible you did the best you could with it, and are Satisfied that Rs. 4 3/4 p Bag in good Bills on Bombay is better than Rs 5 p Bag paid in goods perhaps that would not have answered at this or the Bengal Market.

The information we gave you in our Letter dated 23d Nov. was merely from hearsay, but we thought it as well to acquaint you with it supposing you would be pretty well able to ascertain the facts at Colombo we are sorry however to find your Trip on the Coast has not been productive of any Considerable freight but we hope as you had determined to go to Bombay that the Trip will not be altogether unsuccessfull you will at all Events be too late round, on this Coast or at Calcutta to enable us to carry into effect from this place the plan we had in Contemplation for Mocca But if this reaches you in time it may not be altogether be impracticable to carry it into effect in some measure from Bombay provided you could obtain on the Spot or from Surat a good freight for Mocca, it might prove more advantageous to go there than to come round with an indifferent freight. — Times are so dull on this side of India at present, that a Cargoe from Bengal on Acct of the Owners will not Yield 1/2 Rupee p Bag freight. You will therefore be pleased on the receipt of this to consult with our frend Mr Harding (to whom we inclose this) and if by his influence & your exertions a good freight can be got to Mocca or there and back it will in our opinion be much better to go thither Than come round here, with a tollerable freight. — we should not wish to enter into great Speculations to Mocca in our own account but in order to make it worth while for the Lacshmi to go there we would have no objection to your Laying in a Small Investment for that place consisting of the most Saleable Articles for which we could get returns on Coffee, Almonds Kismisses Dates &c The great object would be to be the first Ship there and the first on the Back, in which case you might touch at Surat Bombay this place and there to Bengal at all which places a full Cargo would Sell well prove

Your

provided you could Anticipate the Nabobs Ships by a Month, as
is going to send this year the Sweeps Galley, the Surprize
and the Generous Friends that he has lately purchased to
Sailing early and making Dispatch Back would suit the
On your Arrival at Bombay and after you
shall have made your Arrangements we shall expect to
Acct Sales at Colombo of the Lakshmi Cargo and the
that you may have remitted to Mr Hy Abbott of Calcutta
shall as you come round and buy Coir. Let the Yarn be
fine — we remain with Esteem
Sir
(signed) Rdt

Bombay
Joseph Harding Esqr

Madras 17th January 1795

Dear Sir

We have been duly favord with your Letter dated the 9th
Inst. and beg leave to offer our thanks for the Insurance you have effected on the Cattarina
7/8ths for 3 Months from 5th Nov. against all Risks the amount Premium paid on Pagodas 1600 as
in Conformity be pegues to your Credit in B/R. 2554. —

We are sorry to find that you Confirm the Loss of the Pearl
as soon as you furnish us with a Regular protest we shall duely serve the Office that the
risks on her with it —

By a Letter we have received from Capt. Sicks of the Lakshmi
from Mahe we find it was his intention of proceeding to Bombay in the hope of getting
a freight round to this Coast or Bengal, but as Trade is very Dead this side of India
we think she might be better employed, provided by your Influence and his certain a
good freight could be procured the Lakshmi from your place or Surat to Mocca, we
have written fully to him on this Subject as p the Inclosed which we request you will
cause to be delivered to him, should he be still at Bombay & desiring you to
contents we have to request you will be kind enought to give Capt. Sicks every
advice & Assistance he may stand in need of which will infinitely oblige

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servants

(signed) RT Abbott —

Henry Abbott Esqr

Madras 19th Janry 1795

My Dear Hy

These few lines by the Mary Captain Peters is
solely to inclose Captain Peters receipt for 16 Madras Garce
of Salt, I have loaded on him, deliverable at your Godowns on Acct.
of our Contract, having sent it on Board as Ballast it goes
Freight free and as on the same terms I expect to be able from
my Situation, to send up a Large quantity; I have to request
you will take every possible means to give them dispatch
in unloading at Calcutta, in order to induce all the Captains
to come into the Measure for though it is an advantage
to them to Ballast here on those Terms because they save
Ballasting Expences, which are very high here, yet the
Native of the Animal is such, that unless he is kept
in good Humour he will rump; — the advantage we derive
by it is chiefly insuring a Certain quantity of Freight, - for
the Salt put on Board here, is nearly as Dear as the Price
if Salt & Freight to the Northward, of course we cannot
afford to pay freight for what we put on Board here; but
we give Pags 10 p Garce for all they may take in to the North
-ward, Brown takes some as Ballast, and so will every
Captain I am sure that Ballasts here, but you must
humour and accommodate them as much as possibly you
can consistant with propriety. —

with my kindest affections to my Sister
I remain your affectionate Brother
(signed) William Abbott

Madras 19th Janry 1795

J. Daly Esqr

Sir Inclosed we beg leave to hand you Copy of an Attestation which
we have this day received from Mr J. Harding of Bombay, made at his desire
by Mr H. F. Constable Notary Public of that Place of the Loss of the
Ship Pearl in Pulo-way. The original of which we are ready to produce
when required. We are in Consequence, ready to receive the Amount
of the Risk your Committee has taken on her - after making the usual
deduction of the Interest on the unexpired time for payment

We are
Sir
Your Obed. Servts
(signed) Roebuck Abbotts

The above also wrote
to Thomas Parry
Secry to M.C. Compy

Madras 21 December 1794

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Major Trapaud

Madras 21st Janry 1795

Dear Trapaud

I enclose you Copy of a Certificate sent to us
we have no Estimate we cannot make out the Bill, with you send us
of the Estimate as soon as you can. —

Yours Sincerely
(signed) B Roebuck

P.S. Baltour Rall leave this as soon
as possible —

Lieut John Dighton,

Madras 21st Janry 1795

My Dear Dighton,

I wrote to you on the 16th to inform you that we
send the Anna & Eliza to take in some Salt at Durgapatam, She Sails this
& Capt Haldane who Commands her will deliver you this: if he find Dispatch
he will throw over Board all his Ballast and fill his Ship intirely with Salt
and I am sure you will exert all in your power to give dispatch, and as Haldane
is a Genteel Young Man, I trust you be on the Spot, any attention you may
shew him I shall feel obliged for.

You will find a Number of Blank Bills of Lading
inclosed, which you will be pleased to fill up a Sett of three for each Cargo you
may load, and inclose one of them by each Ship to my Brother, send the other
two to me. —

Yours Truely
(signed) Wm Abbott

Lieut John Dighton

Madras 21st January

My Dear Dighton

I have received your Letter from Durgapatam dated
the 20th. — The Anna & Eliza sailes the 21st and will have arrived either the
Evening or the Next Morning —

I am persuaded that you will give every possible
Dispatch to the Ships and as Kistnapatam is your principal Object
I shall you may rely on it, whenever I can send Ships there, but until the
S.E. Monsoon it requires management to get Ships to stop for Salt, and
unless great Dispatch is promised there they will not stop. — I would have
for the present send the Ships to Durgapatam, where you

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you will be able to Load from 20 to 30 Garce p Day for I am afraid
they would not think 15 Garce p day that you say you can only
load at Kistnapatam. sufficient dispatch at this season of the
Year. — I shall send the Yarmouth Captain Thompson
to take in from 120 to 150 Garce of Salt at Durgapatam, and
as she will not sail before the 26th; — the Anna & Eliza will
I hope have taken a full Cargo and Sailed: — On the Receipt
of this Request you will order your people at Durgapatam
to prepare the Salt and Matts for the Yarmouth, in order
that she may begin to take in the moment she arrives. —
I sent you plenty of Bills of Lading Blank by the Anna & Eliza,
when they are finished you shall have others

Yours truly
(signed) William Abbott

Madras 24th Janry 1795

Bombay
J. Harding Esqre

Dear Sir

On the receipt of your favor of 3d Instant, we lost
no time in sending to the Insurances offices a Copy of the Attestation
it inclosed respecting the Loss of the Pearl — We now beg leave
to hand you Copy of our Note with the Answer we received from
one of them on the Subject —

We cannot help remarking her having been
lost in Cuto - way, when the Insurance you ordered to be made
on her was from Bencoolen to Batavia and Bombay - and
which we are afraid will do away all Responsibility on the
part of the Insurers — when we receive the reply from the other
office it shall be immediately forwarded to you, we only hope
it will be more favorable than the Enclosed — We trust
however you will be able to get more Authentic Accounts
of her Loss - and which will prove more Satisfactory —

We remain with Esteem
Dear Sir
Your very Obed Servts
(signed) Robert Abbott

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Henry Abbott Esqr

Madras 26 Jany

My dear Henry

This will be delivered to you by Captain Smart of the Ca
The Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 96 Garce of Salt that he has on boa
which on his arrival you will receive on account of Roebuck Lobb & Co
with the Company Should he deliver more than the Specified Quantity
will pay him at the rate of 14 Pagodas p Garce for the Overplus
it is what we Agreed to pay him as he takes it on his own Account
requests you will unload her with all possible dispatch - he is just a
much employed at his new office - but in a day or two will write to you

My dear Henry
Very affectionately
(Signed) Abbott

Wm Abbott Esqr

Madras 26 Jany

My dear Wm

This is merely to inclose a Bill Lading for 99
of Salt Laden on the Wm Pitt Capt Brown on account of the
Contract & you will be pleased to unload her with all possible
dispatch - Remain Yours affectionately
(Signed) J. Abbott

Lt John Dighton

Madras 27 Jany 1795

My Dear Dighton

This will be delivered to you if you are at Danger
by Captain Thompson of the Yarmouth - I have already intimated to
you by Tappal of my intention of Sending her to load, and if she
with Dispatch she will take in from 130 to 150 Garce of Salt
for which you must fill up Bills of Lading inclosed one of my Boys
and send the Rest to me - The Pilot that carried the Ship
to Durgapootam is returned and tomorrow I suppose
from you of her being Dispatched - Yours truely
(Signed) William Abbott

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Calcutta
Benjamin Jry Esqr

(Letter Sent by the Canton
Duplicate p Dupatt)

Madras 27 Janry 95

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 6th November last inclosing your Acct
Current since which I have received none of your favors - By the
present Conveyance the Canton an American Ship, I send you a
Box of Treasure containing Star Pagodas 3000: / on Account of your
Bill in our Hands on England / a Bill of Lading for which You
have here inclosed - This is the first American Ship that
has offered for Calcutta since I received your Letter of the 17th Augt
and by the next opportunity I shall send you the remainder
I did not think proper to send the whole on one Bottom, you
will Insure it or not therefore as you may think proper
If no opportunity by an American Ship offers
before I receive your reply Inform me If I may Venture
the next Remittance on an English Bottom

Capt Rob Jones goes passenger on the Canton

I remain with Esteem
Dear Sir
Yours very Sincerely
(signed) Wm Abbott

P.S. Capt Jones has just informed me that he does not proceed to Calcutta on the Canton / W. A

Madras 28 Jany 1795

Henry Wilson Esqr

Dear Wilson

The Annexed is a Duplicate of what I had the
pleasure of writing to you the 3d Instant since which I received
your favor of the 28th Ult with its inclosures -
I am very anxious to know what you have
decided upon with respect to the Freight you have procured &
when to sail - of which I will be obliged to you to inform
me by return of Tappal -
I gave a Letter for you to the Owner of
the Snow Phoenix, who had promised to carry Salt to Calcutta
I trust ere this you have dispatched him -
I remain Dr Wilson
Yours Sincerely
(signed) Wm Abbott

Henry Abbott Esqr.

Madras 28th Jany

My Dear Sir

Beg with this to recommend to your attention my Captain Capper who goes to Bengal with Mrs Capper who is in unwell. He will probably want a good Pinnace Budgeron while he is there which will only be a few days and I hope you will be to presume that for him or any thing else he may want you will be pleased to advance him any Cash he may stand in need of

I am

My dear Sir

Yours Sincerely

(Sign'd) B Roebuck

Captain John Reid

Madras 29th January

Commanding the Ship Catherine

Dear Sir

The Ship being Captain Bishop being on her departure for Pegue we avail ourselves of this opportunity to send you these few lines — Having heard nothing of you since you left this place we hope ere this reaches you, you will be prepared for your Departure for Madras, with a Good Cargo of Timber for the Bengal & this Market We have already Contracted for part of your Cargo deliverable in all February if as Timber is at present very Low we wish you to make all possible dispatch to be here in the time stated, lest that Contract should be annulled — indeed we were in hopes of seeing you by this time — We remain

Dr Sir

Your Obed. Servts

(Sign'd) Roebuck Abbott

Calcutta

Henry Abbott Esqr.

Madras 30th January 1795

My Dear Henry

This is merely to inclose Bill of Lading for 31 Mauns Garce of Salt shipped on the Annah Eliza Captain Baldare by Lieut. Digby for his man Boukla Venataramodoo from Durgapatam in the Nellore Country on Account of our Contract — he has been paid the freight in full at the Rate of 10 Star Pagodas p Garce by his Dft on us —

I remain

My Dear Henry Yours &c

Messrs. Broker

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Madras 1st 26th Feby 1795

Fort Marlbro'

Messrs. Robt. Broffs & Co.

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the original and duplicate of your favors dated 31st October last, as well as those dated the 1st 4th & 5th November with their Inclosures —

By the Benjamin & William we have received the 12 Bales of Cloth returned by you as unsaleable We beg leave to observe that those Goods were Consigned to you for account and risk of the three Natives, mentioned in our Letter of the 27th August — Their being then no Immediate Conveyance for Bencolen and finding that the Goods ordered by Mr. Moore for his and your account, would not be sufficient to make it an object to freight a Vessel expressly we with some difficulty prevailed on our Friends to make a small Consignment on their own Account & Risk, with a view that the Freight might not fall heavy on your Goods but we conclude from your Letter that you must have misunderstood our Intentions — We have consequently had some trouble in order to settle matters in the manner you seem to wish, which is, that the whole of the Goods consigned to you by the Benjamin & William should be looked upon as for your account — We now inclose Invoice of the Goods kept by you, sent on account of Nagapah Chetty, which differs in Dollars 170. 3. 80 from the Memorandum Inclosed in your letter to us — you will perceive that one Mistake arises from an Error in the Calculation of the Dollars to the amount of about 150 Less than what it ought to be, reckoning at the Rate of 162½ p 10 Pagodas — The other on Account of some Pieces of Long Cloth and Handkerchiefs which on examining the Bales here we find are Missing, for the particulars of which we beg to refer you to the Memorandum at the foot of the Invoice — In future we shall Conformably to your desire make you no other Consignments, but what you expressly order — We are happy to find from the Report Captain Mercer gives that the Madeira came to a good Market at your request we now Inclose Copy of Mr. Moor's Letter to us dated the 5th April last by which you will observe that he ordered us to Invest the whole of the Sum we should receive from Messrs. Harrop & Stevenson in Madeira Wine — We trust therefore you will not

not find that we have exceeded his orders. Malwin is a very scarce Article at present at least 30 p Cent higher than what we paid for your

You have here inclosed the amount of the Sums we have received from M.r Kenworthy & Warrop & Stevenson on Account of the Crisp &.c (which are passed to your Credit) with Copies of the Current transmitted by those Gentlemen to us.

On Account of a Quantity of Benjamin being on this Place we have only been able to sell about 200 Chests of your Consignment to us that Marked J H @ 30 P.r Cent. Nº 1 & 3 at 26 Pagodas P Candy neither of them are of a good quality and particularly the Latter which is Little better than dross. We shall however endeavour to dispose of them to the best advantage & hope shortly to be able to hand you the Account Sales.

The Gold dust was on its arrival sent to the Mint to be coined into Pagodas, where it has produced Sicca Pagodas 3526 which with the Bill for Sicca Dollars 1100 — drawn in favor of M.r R. Innes & made payable to us, we have received in Pagodas 6871.2 & passed to your Credit.

We have with some difficulty effected here the Insurance you ordered to be made on the Cargo of the Research at 10 p Cent on Sicca Dollars 10,000 or Sicca Rupees 6666. 30. From Fort Marlbro' to Canton & for the Premium of Insurance in Pag.s 667. 3. 24 we have accordingly debited your account with.

So far from being satisfied, that as Responsible Owners, we cannot help being very much dissatisfied with M.r Bell's conduct. We trust therefore that you will not desist urging payment of his Bond to us either in goods or specie, whenever you may think him capable of paying even by Instalments.

As the whole of your Benjamin is not yet sold we cannot at present conveniently furnish you with your Account Current.

In reply to what you say on the Subject of Interest. We can only assure you that we will do our endeavours to settle it as Low a Rate as possible, from 9 to 10 p Cent is what all Houses here

We have at last received the 20 Chests of Benjamin that you sent p the Watson Boy. it had been Twice Sold & we have had the

Salvage which has been passed to your debit. The produce of it respecting which we will be passed to your Credit when sold.

After the Sales of your Benjamin, should there appear a Balance in our Books in your favor we will thank you to Instruct us how you would wish us to remit it to you.

This goes by Captain Mercer and by the Europa we shall send a duplicate.

We remain with highest Esteem and Respect Gentlemen Your Obed.t & humble Serv.ts

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras. 2.d February 1795

Fort St. Marlbro'

Messrs. R. Broff & Co.

Gentlemen

At the request of a particular Friend of ours — we are now induced to trouble you with the present to Introduce to your Civilities Mr. Clark a deserving Young Man, who proceeds to your Place on the Europa Indiaman, on some Commercial Business — any Services that you will render him will be gratefully acknowledged by. —

Gentlemen Your very obed.t Servants —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

James Call Esq.r

Madras 2.d Feb.y 95

Sir

We become responsible for the usual duties on the Consignments to us p the Benjamin & William. We are

Sir Your Most obed.t Serv.ts

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

not finis[h]d John Reid

Fort St George 3 Feby 1794

Commanding the Ship Calcutta

Dear Sir

We are favord with your Letter of the 20th Ult[o] and are to hear if your long detention from the Andamans to Tyree, as well as the State of the Markets there.—

We conceive, the Enclosed Protest mentioning the Brig Calcutta belonging to Calcutta—We therefore hope you will not have Occasion for any Damage—We do not hear of any Enemy out Cruizing, at any Rate it is as well for you to avoid any—You'll see—Commodore Rainier is dispatching the Diomede and the Hannibal to protect the Trade in the Straights and the Eastward—

Timber at Negapatam, which if this reaches you in time will make you Store your Cargo in, as to deliver the Articles contracted, at Negapatam without being under the necessity of unloading the whole of your Cargo—

wardley arrives will have left, ere you come here on this Coast, and make with you to go first to Negapatam, but of this you are the best Judge.—

If this Letter Reaches you before you Leave Bengal we could wish you would make a Purchase of about 25 or 30 Good Bengal Horses, you will take particular care of the Colours and get some of the to match, not forgetting the Lucky marks about them, as in general [illegible] them more Valuable.—

We Remain,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obed[t] Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay,

Joseph Harding Esq[r]

Madras 3[d] February 1794

Dear Sir

We are favored with your Letters of the 14th & 19th January and have accordingly sent to the Insurance Offices the Account Captain Douglas gives of the Loss of the Pearl—as yet we have not received their Reply—We fear however that we shall find some difficulty in settling matters with them, at all Events it will be necessary that you should transmit to us a Regular affidavit of the amount of the Goods in her as well as of those that were saved from the Wreck to Enable us to recover the Insurance Pd

we shall make the necessary enquiries at our Secretary Offices respecting the Packet for your Government and by next Tappal, we hope we shall be able to write to you more fully on the Subject—

We are in hourly Expectation of receiving the Molasses from Bengal, and when the Eliza arrives we shall lose no time in Loading and dispatching her, we have secured in Consequence of your orders a quantity of Iron at Tranquebar at about 16/p Pagods and steel 18 to 20 Pagods p[er] Candy—the Invoice of which you shall be furnished with so soon as we shall have received them

We are sorry to find the Bill given us by Captain Smart on Mr Sleyken is returned—we shall however give you Credit for the amount and received it from Captain Smart when he arrives

We find a great difficulty in making you the Remittance you require on Shroffs at Bombay but you may rest Assured that we will do Every thing in our power to Effect it we find that People here are in general are more desirous of making Remittance to your Place than Drawing on it.—

We remain with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Obed[t] Serv[ts]

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Thomas Parry Esq[r]

Sec[y] to the Madras Exchange Insurance Company

Madras 5th Feby 1794

Sir

We now beg leave to Inclose you more Authentic accounts of the Loss of the Pearl by a Letter from Capt[n] Douglas to Mr Joseph Harding of Bombay, which was transmitted to us to Lay before your Committee—you will observe that the Pearl was actually lost in the Bay of Bencoolen and not in Pulo-way, as was erroneously stated in the attestation we handed you on the 19th Ult[o]—We have written to Mr Harding for a regular affidavit of the amount of the Goods in her, as well as of those that were saved from the Wreck—which when we receive we shall not fail to furnish you with to enable you to Settle with the Assured—

We are

Sir

Your obed[t] humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

The above sent to

Mr Daly Esq[r]

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Madras 7th Feby 94

Lieut[t] John Dighton

My Dear Dighton

The bearer says he has some Salt at Tinlipunta, and as he is recommend by some of the great People about the Durbar, if you could make any arrangem[t] with him suitable to both parties you will oblige

Yours very truely

(signed) W[m] Abbott

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Fort St. George 9th February

To E. W. Fallofield Esqr

President &c &c Members of the Board of Trade. —

Gentlemen

We have been honored with your Deputy Secretary's of Holland's letter dated 6th instant and beg leave to State in reply as far as our experience, that Cotton and Sugar will stow as follows —

1 Candy of Cotton Packed in the manner the Bales usually are that is as from Bombay will occupy the Space of about ⅔ of a Ton measurement

	Cwt	T.
1 Candy of Sugar in Chest will occupy	13.	7. 8.
1 lb. of Do. in Bag will occupy	3.	7. 1.

The Tonnage that Indigo may occupy depends entirely upon its quality the finer the Indigo the less weight will occupy the Space of a Ton, We have at different times had in Indigo that would be about 650 lbs. in the Space of a Ton, at others times being of an Inferior quality upwards of three times that quantity in weight would stow in the same Space —

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen.

Your Obed.t Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Ft St. G.e 9 Feby 1795

John Wrangham Esqr.

Dear Wrangham

I shall be much obliged to you if you will pass the Timber & Bamboos which we bring down the Kistnah with the other Articles for the use of our Contract of Repairs duty free The Duties are so high as to Amount to almost a prohibition — This will be delivered to you by our Servant Gurupah if he is able to go out he has been ill for sometime —

Yours Sincerely

(signed) B. Roebuck

Masa. 9th Feby 95

Captn Johnston

Dear Sir

I have sent positive orders to Gurupah to proceed immediately to Masulipatam — The inclosed is for Mr Wrangham please to put a wafer on it & forward it to him. —

The Orders I have given to Gurupah will be if he is able to stir carry him to you and prevent the like happening again from the Man he has employed. —

I am

Dr Sir

Yours truely

(signed) Benj.n Roebuck

Fort St. George 9th February 1795

To the Right Honorable

Lord Hobart —

Governor in Council —

Fort St. George —

My Lord,

We take leave to represent that in consequence of the Terms formerly Published by Government relative to the Shipping of Indigo encouraging its exportation — We last Years took the necessary measures for providing a considerable quantity of that Article & have now in our Ware Houses upwards of 60,000 lbs. weight of Indigo of the first quality — It will be to us a very heavy Loss if we are obliged to keep it here — And we can have no other alternative but that of sending it Home on the Honble Companys Ships or Selling it to Foreigners who will purchase it with Avidity — If we send it Home on the Honble Companys Ships at the prescribed Freight by measurement We find that 1000 lbs. weight Indigo we now have in store will occupy 40 Feet or a Ton of Measurement of course a Ton weight of Indigo will stand us £50: 8: — Freight at the above rate of measurement of £22.10 ₰ Ton we are well convinced that as the Honble Company have expressed a wish to Encourage the Produce of Indigo they will not demand a freight which is so extreamly high & we will if agreeable to your Lordship is pleased to permit our Indigo to be Shipped leave it to their liberality either to pay the Freight now demanded, or that formerly held forth. —

We think it necessary to State that if those who the Act does not prohibit from Shipping Goods on Foreign Bottoms were to purchase our Indigo they would find no difficulty in procuring freight for it at from £ 15: to 18: a Ton dead weight that they would be

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be able to Land it in England at a much Cheaper rate than we can do upon a Rate of Tonnage formerly allowed by the Honble Company. As Individuals we can say that the present terms of Freight would amount to a prohibition to Trade to Europe in the Articles of Indigo & that on the Contrary from a Encouragement to the Foreign Traders who would purchase the Indigo we have to Ships we value at Ten Shillings a pound which is about 30000 Ls.—

We Hope your Lordship will be pleased to take our Letter into your favourable Consideration & grant permission for this Property to be Shipped in the Honble Company's Ships in our Roads.—

We have the Honor to be,

My Lord,

With the Greatest Respect

Your Lordship's most Obdt

Humble Servants

(signed) Roebuck and Abbott

Madras 12th Feby 95

Thomas Parry Esqr

Secretary to the Madras Exchange

Insurance Company

Sir

Be pleased to inform us at what rate of Premium you will Insure on the Honble Company's Ships Homes, All Risks or the War Risk only.—

We are Sir Your obedt Servants

The above Sent to the following Gentlemen

Wm Chase Secretary to the New Mad. Insce Company

Wm Stephens Esqr Secy to the Annuall Speculation

Jas Dalzy Esqr Secy to the Mad. Fire Compy

Mr John De Monts Secy to the Mad. Comt. Society

Fort St George 12 Feby 1795

Tranquebar

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson.

Gentlemen

We have received your favor dated the 5 Instant & it is with pleasure we inform you that Mr Pengel has at last closed with us for the Iron & Steel at the Price you were so good as to offer for us but we have not yet received the whole quantity.

With respect to the Pepper you were kind enough to offer us, we are sorry it is not in our power to make you an offer for it, not having occasion at present to purchase any of that Article — but if you can inform us the Lowest price that you could afford to dispose of it for either here or at Tranquebar you may Depend on our exertions in doing the best for you.—

We remain with Esteem

Gentlemen Your obedt Servants

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

PS.

We have no accounts from Messrs Hansen & Co of the price of Europe Goods Benjamin But from an English Price Current of the 7th Feby 94 the price of Benjamin was from £8 to £12 p Cwt & the Import Duties were £2.16 p Cwt. No other Ships can take the Article to England direct from here except the Company's Ships but we do not know whether it may be imported into England by foreign Ships from foreign Ports — R[illegible]

J. Popham Esqr

Madras 12th Feby

Dear Sir

We beg leave to remind you of your promise contained in your note dated 15th October last respecting the payment of your Bond to the Estate Geo. Bateman, which we request you will pay to the Bearer.—

We are

Dear Sir Your obedt Servts

Signed Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 12 December 179

James Daly Esqr
Surgt to the Madras Insurance Company

Fort St George

Sir

Having insured at the different offices the sum of Calcutta or the Fredericksnagore to the amount of P.s 44000. as follows with your Office P.s 6000 with the Madras Exchange Insurance Company The Amicable Association P.s 5000. The Madras Commercial Society P.s 5000 with Mess.rs Fairlie & Co.y & Mess.rs Mercier's & Co.s Offices P.s 24000 - of the have received by her being only Sicca Rupees 47246. 1. 11. at Sa.s Rup.s 116 P.s 10 Pag.s 31153. 42. 39 - We therefore beg leave to call upon you for P.s 131. 37. 9 your Share of the return of Prim.m on Short Interest -

We remain
Sir
Your obed.t Servants -

The above was wrote to the following offices with the alterations viz.t:

Mr. John De Monte Surgt to the Amicable Society P.s 3000 at Sa.s Rup.s 112 Pa.s 117. 18
Mr. Stephens. Surgt to the Amicable Association . . P.s 5000 at Sa.s Rup.s 112 Pa.s 117. 18
James Daly Surgt to the Mad.s Ins.ce Company . P.s 5000 at Sa.s Rup.s 112 Pa.s 117. 18
Mr. Carey Surgt to the Madras Fund Ins.ce Company P.s 10000 at Sa.s Rup.s 112 Pa.s 117. 18

List of a Box sealed &c. in John Call Bart. esqr Call & Co. Bankers Bond Street London Containing Four Sets of Bengal Duplicate Journal and Ledger No. 22 from 1st January to 31st March 1794.
Benfield Esqr. In favor of Captain Money of the Journal Ledger No. 22 from 1st April to 30th June 1794.
Journal & Ledger No. 24: from 1st July to 30th September 1794.
Journal & Ledger No. 25 from 1st Octr. to 31st December 1794 -

Fort St George the 14 February 1795 -

Duplicate sent by Rockwright

Madras 12th Febry 1795 -

London
Lieut. Colonel James Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir

We have been favoured with your two letters inclosing 15th & 22d May

1794. - The Thetis did not touch here, but we have received three of the packages mentions in yours. Two shall forward them by the first opportunity. The Packet inclosing the letter we have received also and forwarded -

Your Son is no longer at Vizianagur, but is gone Interpreter to the Nizam's Detachment. We are of opinion that were he still there, he might employ money to great advantage & with safety.

The appeal to his Majesty in your suit against Mr. Ross was sent by the October Dispatch.

We have so repeatedly received assurances that an arrangement would shortly take place between the Nabob's Creditors & the Directors, & so repeatedly been disappointed, that People begin to lose confidence, & the Consol. Bonds which some time since were selling nominally at 2½ p.r Cent. discount are now selling at 10 p.r Cent.

We remain with the highest esteem.
Dear Sir
Your obed.t Servants -

Madras 14th Febry 1795

Robert Clerk Esqr
Secretary

Sir We have the Honor of sending you an Account of different parcels of Salt shipped on account of different parcels of Salt shipped on Account of our Contract with the Honble Company, amounting as p accompanying Bills of Lading to Bengal Maunds 42960, which at Star Pagodas 19½ p.r 100 Maunds make Pagodas 8201: 29: 32, and we request the favour of you to order payment of one third of the same amounting to Pagodas 2733: 37: 64 conformably with the terms of the Contract. -

We have the Honor to be
Sir Your very Obed.t Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

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London

Messrs. John & Francis Baring & Co.

Madras 13th Feby 1795

Gentlemen

The annexed is a Duplicate of our last respects of the

1794. : We have the pleasure of sending you a further Consignment of Indigo, the Produce of our own Manufacture, & partly collected from the different Manufacturers of the Country. Shipped on board the Ship Boxes marked R & A No 1 @ 32 weighing Nett Candies 932 lbs. Upon the Company's Freight on the General Account. You will be pleased to pay the Nett Proceeds of the same to Cant Benfield & Co on our account, transmitting to us the Account Sales.

The freight to be paid for this Consignment will depend upon the Liberality of the Court of Directors. The Governor in Council conceives that the freight will not be, if paid by Government according to the Rate which others receive, have permitted us to ship this Indigo, recommending it at the same time to the Court of Directors to charge the freight the former rates. We hope that upon their considering this request, you will see the reasonableness of it, & will accordingly grant it your support.

We hope to have it in our power to make you a further consignment by the next Ship, as we have laid in a large quantity of very Superior Indigo. Government has written to Calcutta to provide Tonnage for the same; but we must take the Liberty of observing to you, that unless the Court of Directors grant a favorable reception to the recommendation of the Governor in Council respecting the freight, it will be almost impossible for us to continue trading in this article.

All our own Indigo in the present consignment together with some part of the rest is of very fine quality; the remainder the rather inferiour is still a good current Indigo, so that the whole with your good management will yield good Account Sales.

We remain with real esteem

Gentlemen

Your very obt. Servts

(signed) R & Abbott

Madras 13th Feby 1795.

To Henry Brown Esqr

Export Warehouse Keeper

Sir We have the Honor to inclose you Account of Nett Weight and Measurement of Sundry Packages of Indigo shipped on board the Ship Boxes

We understood that the Company's Measurement was 40 feet per Ton but Captains Taylor & Money who have taken Indigo on this privilege have assured us that 50 feet per Ton is the Measurement allowed in Bengal being the same as the measurement allowed from Chin.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. Servts

R & Abbott

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Madras 16th Feb.y 1795.

Duplicates Sent p Rockingham

London

Messrs. Ransom, Morland & Hammersley.

Gentlemen.

The annexed is a duplicate of our last respects in date 16th Sept.r 1794.

We have repeatedly applied to Mr. Popham for payment of this Bond to Mr. J. Bateman, but without succes. We beg leave to inclose a Copy of a letter received from him within these few days, as also a letter from him to Mr. Bateman. As he has a prospect of a good Crop of Cotton this season, we think it advisable to wait the time that he requires; particularly as the expence attending a suit at Law is certain & the benefit to arise from it very doubtful. We remain with respect

Gentlemen

Your obedient Servants

Signed/ Roebuck & Abbott.

London

Messrs. Rick.d & Wm. Lee

Gentlemen

Fort St. George 16 Febry 1795.

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on you for £ 51: 13: 2¼ Sterling in favor of Mrs. Mary Turning at 6 Months Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity.

We are Gentlemen

your Obed.t Servants

/signed/ Roebuck & Abbott

East.s Co.s/ pp.a is P.t 129. 6: 75.

Duplicate Sent by Rockingham

Madras 16th Febry 95

London

Richard Sullivan Esqr

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to congratulate you on the Arrival of your property. Inclosed is the statement of the Nabobs Accounts with Mssrs Scott Call, & Co in conformity to it we have raised New Consolidated Bonds as per lists on your account as Agent to the Nabob.

We are taking the necessary steps to discharge Mr Benfields Claim in conformity to your directions in your Letter of Attorney & have taken up your order on us in favor of your Brother for Sixty Five thousand two hundred Pagodas. We inclose you copy of the order that you may give to us by your Brothers Attornies in case you have neglected to carry it home with you.

We have paid on account of the Transfer of your Bonds Gs 2-56- Six Rupees must be debited in his account with you for this Sum.- We shall take the earliest & best opportunity of making you some remittances, which we presume you will wish; at this moment the rate of Exchange is very bad.-

We remain Dear Sir
with great esteem
Your obed.t Servants.-
(signed) Roebuck & Hotchkis

Duplicate Sent by Rockingham

Madras 16th Febry 95

London

Lieut.t Colonel Patrick Ross.-

Dear Colonel

The annexed is a Duplicate of our last respects Dated 16th Oct.r 1794 to which we have nothing to add.

We now have the pleasure of sending you Duplicate of your Account Current with the Second of Five sets of Bills Drawn by Benjamin Joy in Calcutta on Michel Lay Esq.r London for the Sum of £1050— Your Letters & Papers which we had not an opportunity of sending by the last Dispatches are intrusted to the care of Mr. Edw.d Shaw who will take the earliest opportunity of delivering them.

We remain with regard & respect
Dear Colonel
Your obed.t Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Hotchkis

Duplicate Sent by Rockingham

Madras 16th Febry 95

London

Mrs. Mary Turing.

Dear Madam

The annexed is duplicate of our last respects Dated 12th Oct.r 1794..

In June last we wrote to Messrs. Drummond & Sparkes of Parson desiring them to remit to you by Bills on the Court of Directors £250 which they have promised to do, this remittance will cost P.s 595:8:35 Rd. it was the most favorable we could get.-

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of the Sunary Sums of Interest &c received on your a=
there remains a balance of Pd 129 6:75 for which we indose the
of a sett of our own Bills on Messrs Reid & Wm Lee for £81 12
being at the Exchange of 8/ p Pago &c. This is the best Exchange
can allow, as at this moment the Current Exchange is only 7/6

We also have the pleasure of indosing your Account Curr.
to this Days by which you will observe that there remains in ha=
hands the Principal sum of Pd 6750 received from Mr. John
Talloh for which we continue to allow Interest at the rate of
8 p Cent.

We remain with the greatest Respect
Dear Sir
Your very Obt Servts
(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Edmonton
Jos. Dorin Esqr

Fort St George 17th February 1795

Sir

October 1794. -

The annexed is Duplicate of our last Respects dated 16
We have the pleasure to indose the Second sett of
Certificates in the Double the Court of Directors as particularized in the annexed
Duplicate.

We have the Honor to be, Sir,
Your Obedt Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 17th Febry 1795

Capt Geo: Byng
Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the
11th 12th and 13th instant I have got from Mr Gent the following certificates -
one for a Powder Magazine & Granary & Store Houses at Nameol -
It is necessary you Should send me a Certificate of
the Gun Shed at Sankery Droog which is the only one wanting. -
I have got Some good People to Send up to you
Conicopley who will I trust be both Faithfull & able Servant
We are not allowed any additional Price for the Work

Fort St George 17th Febry 1795

Fort therefore we must be oeconomical in all our buildings but do not let us do any Work that can disgrace us I Should feel much hurt if in the execu=tion of our Contract there was any just Cause of Complaint; Annexed are the Prices of the Iron Steel Locks & Hooks. -

on Reference if you find that we want a certificate for the Granary and Store House at Namacul you may send it without delay. -

I am D Sir,
Your's truely -
(signed) B Roebuck -

Masulipatam
Captn Johnston

Fort St George 17th Febry 1795 -

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 2d instant returning the letter Estimates - The Estimate at Rajahmundry Mr Evans will execute himself entirely So we Shall only leave to Sign the Bill -

At Samulcotah the Repairs that were wanted were only intimated to us just before the Monsoon commenced the end of Month 1794 of course we had not time to procure Materials & Repairs then that being the case fresh Estimate should be made, but if they can be executed for what they are estimated at I would Sooner execute them than trouble Government on the matter let me know as Soon as possible what you say to this that the necessary Steps may be taken - Perhaps it may be as well to commence immediately at Samul Cotah & make an additional Estimate for which is further wanted of this year are the best Judge -

Your's Truely -
(signed) B Roebuck -

London
John Turing Esqr

Duplicate Sent by Buckingham

Madras 17th Febry 95

Dear Sir

The annexed is duplicate of our last respects dated 16th October 1794.

We have applied to Mr I Call for payment of Majendie Bond assigned to you. he refuses to do it, having received instructions from Mr Taylor not to pay it until their concerns are finally Settled, which Mr Cockburn Executor to Savage informs us will take three or four months, & as it is uncertain what may be the result of this Settlement we think it will be advisable to file a Bill against Mr Call. however we will Consult Mr Hall on the occasion & do whatever we judge most for your interest - We Remain with Esteem & Respect -

D Sir
Your Obedt Servants
R Abbott

Madras 21 December 1795

1795 London

Captain Allan Grant

Duplicate sent by Ship Triton

Madras 17 Feb.

My dear Allan

The foregoing is Duplicate of my last by the Ship Triton, now inclose the second of the Bill for £151 17 4 on Robert Taylor in your favor — You have also Duplicate of your Draft on Mess.rs Boyd Benfield & Co in favor of Mr Hart who has lost his Senses. — The fatal Malady has now continued so long that we have little hopes of his getting cured, he goes to England in the Ship Triton, poor woman with two Children on the Passage —

London

Messrs. Boyd Benfield & Co

Duplicate sent by the Packet from Fort St George 17 Feb.y

Gentlemen

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last by the Ship Triton, still continue deprived of your favors, though in hourly expectation of a Dispatch from Home which will undoubtedly bring us many, we hope some good News to keep up our Spirits. For the Enemy in possession of is the defeat of the Allied Armies, and the delivery of Ostend into the hands of the French —

The Discount of the Consolidated Bonds has fallen considerably of late and the present Rate is 10 p Cent at which we are informed a Black Man has sold a small sum — This Reduction we can only impute to the want of Confidence in some Bonafide Holders in the long promised Arrangements from Home —

Company Anticipates still continue at a premium from 6 @ 7 p Ct and the Rate of Exchange between this and England gets lower daily, Bills on the former place are with difficulty procured at Arc 325 @ 330 p 100 Pagodas and in Bengal Sa Rs 6/10 @ 6 Mos and 7 @ 7/1 at 12 Months —

In the hopes that matter will soon be more favorable we Remain with Real Esteem

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To Messrs Richard & William Lee

London

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on you for One Hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of Mr. C. Taylor at Six Months Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity —

We are

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Servants —

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Fort St George 18th Feby 95

To Messrs Richard & William Lee

London

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the Liberty of drawing on you for One Hundred Pounds Sterling in Favor of Mrs Stewart at Six Months Sight which we request you will honor at Maturity —

We are

Gentlemen

Your Obed.t Serv.ts

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.r

Fort St George 18th Feby 95

Dear Sir

We have received your favors of the 17th & 25th Ultimo.

Capt.n Douglas's letter is satisfactory as to the Loss of the Beard, but is still necessary to have a regular Affidavit of the amount of the Goods as well as those that were saved from the wreck without which Documents we can settle nothing with the Insurance offices.

Agreeably to your former directions we had laid in a Cargo for the Eliza consisting of Iron & Steel & we have commissioned Sugar from Bengal which we are in hourly expectation of Joining together to nearly Rup.s 15000 — but as you desire by yours of the 25th Ultimo that the Invoice shall not exceed 6 or 7000 Pagodas unless our offices would insure her, & as we cannot accomplish this

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Madras 21 December 179

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Duplicate Sent off Packet

Madras 17th

Captain Allan Grant

Boston

My dear Allan

The foregoing is Duplicate of my last. I now enclose the second of the Bill for £141 17 5 on Rich.d in your favor. — You have also Duplicate of your draft in your favor. — You have also Duplicate of your draft perfectly dull here for want of news from your part of the world as we have been so long deprived of any. I am afraid we shall have nothing good to expect. — our latest accounts go back to the Middle of June, when the Monsoon were carrying every thing Letter than we may be Glad to see. God grant the first news. I apprehend it will Hark.

I have not heard the price of Cowries but I think I have heard you say that it in general Answer sending to Bengal; if you think that the above Articles will pay a good freight you will of course ship some of each.

We have also been thinking of a plan for employing the Ship in the Interims between her arrival & her return to the Coast. You are perfectly acquainted with the business, you will therefore have no difficulty in determining. It is to send her with a Cargo of Rice to Manila about the latter end of Sept.r or as soon as you can prepare it, provided you can get a Spanish Cedula for her. Really, you know, get Spanish Clearances last year. if you find it practicable and the Port open for the exportation of Rice and the price at Manilla such as that it may pay a good freight to China, we beg you will ship 6000 Peculs on her she will sail from hence some time in June so that you may expect her herein all July. If you can procure any of the other Articles that sell at Macao you will naturally procure Some of them. Avilla has informed us that Rice was selling in China at 4 Dr.s p Picul & that in consequence of the Typhon last year the price was likely to keep up. If so the

favourable

To Messrs Richard & William Lee

London

Gentlemen

We have this day taken the

you for One Hundred Pounds Sterling in favor of

of Mess.rs C. Taylor at Six Months sight which we

honor at Maturity —

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between Merchants and their Agents, he could scarcely do such a thing, even if he were before inclined to do it, which however I shall not expect him of. We are getting letters of Credit from the Governor which we shall send you by the same opportunity Lord Hobart has promised to give us a letter of recommend to the Governor of Manilla. This may be of great service in recovering Nagapahi's property

I remain

My Dear Sir your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) R.t A. Maitland

Madras 26th March 95

Nelson

Lieut. John Dighton

Dear Dighton

This will be delivered to you By Capt.n Kepping of the Two Brothers who sails this evening to take Salt at Cottapatam he can take from 120 to 130 Garce, Hope he will meet with all possible dispatch. — I am Dear Dighton your truly Sincere W.m Abbott

Madras 26 March

W.m Wilson Esq.r

Dear Wilson

This will be delivered to you by Capt.n Deane of the Eliza that Sails to day for Coringa to take a Cargo of Salt you will give him our Salt on the same terms of freight as to the other

one, and we

Remain Sir Your most obedt. Servt

Richard Maitland

for Roebuck & Abbott

Madras March 20th 1795.

Lieut. Thos. Wood

Vellore.

Sir.

We have the pleasure of inclosing to you a bill drawn by James Dobbin of Madras on Robt. Addison Esqr. of Vellore for three hundred & fifty nine Star Pagodas, the amount, when received, you will be pleased to pay to our Credit. We request you will acknowledge the receipt of this Bill. We are Sir

Your most obedt. Servants

Richard Maitland

for Roebuck & Abbott

Madras March 20th 1795.

Bombay

Bryce Mancrieff Esqr.

Sir,

I was favoured with your Letter of the 25th July last together with the Small Roll of Paper for Lt Col Mackay, which shall be forwarded by the first opportunity. — The Indiaman daily expected from Bengal will be the first and as they are to take in part of their Cargo here, I do not think they will leave this till the latter end of April or beginning of May so that they may be 6 months to arrive in England is about five Months from hence. —

Remain

Sir

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Vizagapatam

John Snow Esqr.

F S & Y. 30th March 95

Dear Snow

Our Agent Condul Row is in want of some Palmyras for the necessary Repairs at Vizagapatam which cannot be cut without your permission in consequence of what you had said to him / as he reported to me / I have spoke to Bickbuon who tells me that the cutting of the Trees is entirely at your discretion, and that there cannot be any occasion for a referance to the Board of Revenue - will you be good enough to allow us to cut what are requisite we are willing to give a fair Price for what we want - Yours Sincerely (Signed) Benj Roebuck

Vizagapatam

Lieut. George Pittman

Dear Sir

I was duly favored with yours of the 16th Inst. I enclose you a Letter to Cundall Row on the subject which is left open for your perusal. —

Remain

Dear Sir

Your very Obd. Servt.

(Signed) Benj Roebuck

Madras 30th March 95

Vizagapatam

Cundul Row Brameny

I received yours of the 16th Inst. and in consequence of Trees and that any reference to them is unnecessary. I accordingly inclose a letter to Mr. Snow on the subject, which you will be pleased to deliver — I am your friend (Signed) B. Roebuck

Madras 30th March 1795

Nellore Lt Dighton

My Dear Dighton

This goes by Doney Shree Venkatswarloo, Rammoo Rammodoo Syrang, owner Venkatasum, who has engaged to load 40 Madras Candy of Salt at Kistnapatam deliverable to my Brother at the Company's Golahs at Calcutta on our Account after he shall have repaired his Vessel at Kistnapatam, in which I have to request you will give them what assistance

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assistance they may require, and see that they do Repair their Vessel and sail in due time Conformity to their Agreement with me, Copy of which shall be sent you by Tappal by which you will observe that I have made considerable advances on Account of the Freight of this Doney —

I remain very Sincerely Yours

The above also wrote by Shree Anganah Boommady Loty Syrang Owner Malady Sabbana Narasso for 25 Parcels.

Signed/ Wm Abbott

Thiagar, The above also wrote by Shree Vencatta Reddy Yerrapoly Venatasamy Syrang & Owner Durmady Pudmady for 25 Parcels

To Captain Wahab

Dear Sir

You will much oblige me if you will give Cushna and Protection to our Peroply at Thiagar Tondavarian — Wants me that he wants water out of the Tank and Some of the Wells for the use of the Works - This water was always allowed to be used when Col Pasley was carrying on the Building there as water is an Article without which we cannot build and it is also one of those Articles that will not bear the Expence of Carriage I shall therefore be obliged by your allowing to use the water of the Tank and of those Wells which are not of the freshest sort of water — I have desired him to use every Expedition in completeing the Buildings at Thiagar —

I am Dr Sir
very Sincerely Yours
(Sd) B Roebuck

Madras 31st March 95

One man wants a Saw & some Pick Axes or hatchets can you assist him with any from the Stores as it will save time in transmitting those from here they shall be carefully returned —

Madras 31st March 95

Lieut. John Dighton

My Dear Dighton

The Brothers sailed Two days ago and Hope ere this she has began to take in a part of her Cargo at Cottapatam I have already written to you this day by three different Donies that I have sent to Load at Nisnapatam after their Vessels shall be repaired, and here inclosed you have Copy of their Agreement with me, by which you will observe that a Considerable part of their freight has been paid to them in advance. I must therefore trust to you to see them repair their Vessels Load, and depart in proper time. Send to the Number of Donies

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require some exertion on your part to keep them to their Duty, and sail in proper time which I believe will be in May or June

The Fortune Capt. Innes will sail in Course of three or 4 Days to take in about 40 Garce of Salt. as she is Small. I shall send her to Nisnapatam for your Government —

Yours very truly

(Signed) William Abbott

Madras 31st March 1795. —

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.

Dear Sir

We were duly favoured with yours of the 6th Inst. to

We now have the pleasure of remitting to you a first bill of exchange drawn by Coal Dofs Businesson on Mannohara Dofs Duaracadofs at one months sight for ten thousand Bombay Rupees (B. Rs. 10,000) for which we have paid three thousand one hundred & sixty nine Star Pagodas twenty five fanams & sixty Cash (Fo. 3169-25-60-) being at the Exchange of Rs. 315 p. Fo. 100 Pagodas This is the best bill we have been able to procure, & it was with much difficulty —

We are happy to be able to announce to the arrival after Eliza on the 28th Inst. but we are sorry to acquaint you at the same time of the death of Capt. Hodges at Batavia. We shall make every exertion in unloading & loading the Ship & shall give proper directions to Capt. Wauchope relative to your Pepper at Allippi.

Your inclosure of the 21st Ult. is come to hand & shall be duly forwarded. —

We remain Dear Sir
Your very Hble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

P.S. In a few days we will transmit you Invoice of goods to be sent by the Eliza Batavia she may possibly belong on her passage at this late Season we think proper to acquaint you now for your guidance that there will be from 300 to 350 Candies of Flat & Square Iron and about 27 Cof Steel —

Major Stan Dalrymple — Madras 31st March 1795

Sir

We are favored with yours of the 28th instant. The private bills advertised by us are drawn by an American Merchant long & well known in Calcutta, owner of the John and other American Ships — The rate of Exchange at Six Months sight is 7/3 p Star Pagoda —

We are Sir

Your very obed.t Serv.ts

(Signd) Roebuck & Hall

James Daly

Surety to the Madras Ins.ce Compy

Madras 31st March 95

Sir We request to know at what rate your office will insure all Risks or war risk only in the Indiamen that sailed in the last fleet or those that will sail in the next fleet from Hence, and war Risk only in the Catherine from Pegue to Madras with liberty to touch at Port or Ports on the Coast to the Southward —

We are

Sir

Your Obed.t Serv.ts

(Signd) Roebuck & Hall

The above Letter also wrote to J. Parry Esq.r Surety to the Exch.e Ins.ce Compy.

F. S.G. 1st April 1795

To Ernst William Fallofield Esq.re

President & Members of the Board of Trade

Gentlemen

We beg leave to request permission to ship the quantity of Indigo we have been allowed to send on the Honble Company's Ships now under Dispatch in the following proportions on each Ship —

on the Rockingham	95 Chests
on the Melville Castle	95 do
on the Queen	95 do
on the Thetis	62 do
	347 in all containing Net

Pounds 63600. which will about fill up the Tonnage that has been allotted to us. —

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servts

(Signd) Roebuck & Hall

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F. S.G. 1st April 1795

Lieut.t W.m Farquhar

Dear Sir

We shall be much obliged to you if you will send us the Measurement of the Works finished with your Certificate it is of consequence for us to have it because we receive no cash in advance and from the very great Sum we have outstanding in our Contract it is necessary for us to collect all the Cash we can as soon as any work is finished at Madras and else where wherewe make out a Bill for each building or Quarter when compleated. — I am

Dear Sir yours very obed.t Sv.t

(Signd) Benj.n Roebuck

Tanjore

F. S.G. 2d April 95

Baron Rechell Esq.r

My Dear Sir

We have received the amount of the 770 Pagodas 50 excepted the Bill for 300 Pagodas is accepted and will be punctually paid. I am pushing round the Subscription and hope to be so successful as to be able to get for poor Mr. Maule a comfortable annuity. I will again write you on this subject in a day or two and am

Mr. Porcher has sent to me the Bill for 25 Pag.s and we have got the Cash. —

Yours very Sincerely

(Sgd) B Roebuck

Tanjore

Baron Richell Esq.r

Madras 2d April 1795

My Dear Baron

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 30th and in Reply I can only say that we expect the Catherine (late Princess Royal) every hour; — The Large Size Timbers that she was to take in at Pegue has been the Cause of her being detained there so long. — In order not to lose time we gave the Captain timely orders to proceed from Pegue to Nagore Direct where there is a Letter waiting for him containing orders to deliver the Cargo to the Rajahs people; who I hope will be ready to receive it immediately on her arrival, and I trust ere many days we shall hear of her safe arrival there — Two or three Vessels that were to sail with her are neither of them arrived as yet. — Any Assistance you may be able to give us in inducing the Rajah to take the whole of the Cargo that our ship

our ship may bring. will much oblige —

Yours very Sincerly

(Signd) William Abbott

Pettapore

Henry Wilson Esqr

Madras 2d April 1795

Dear Wilson

I have recived yours of the 12th Inst. I have no objection to make a Contract with Venkataramanah upon the terms he proposes provided he will take off our hands all our Salt at Pringa at the same price we bought it, otherwise the Contract will be only a Detriment to us in preventing our getting freights for the Salt we have already —

I remain Dear Wilson

Yours Sincerely

(signd) Wm. Abbott

Arney

Lieut. Wood

Madras 2d April 1795

My Dear Sir

I inclose you a list of Certificates wanted the five first Articles were executed very long ago the last I suppose is nearly compleated by this time I also inclose you amount of articles forwarded to Vellore. — Yours sincerely

Col Burt has mislaid the Certificates (signd) Benjn Roebuck

& new ones become necessary —

Calcutta

Messrs Hamilton & Aberdein

Madras 2d April 1795

Gentlemen

In Answer to your favor of the 19th Ult. we have the pleasure to acquaint you that the One Thousand and eight (1008) Bags of Rice & General Goddard was Sold by Mr Shaw on orders to a Black Merchant at 2 Months [illegible] 9th Feb.

The A/S of which we delivered to him. As Soon as this money becomes due we will receive it and remit the Neat Proceeds amounting to Pags. 933: 10: 20 agreeably to your directions. —

We are

Gentlemen

Your very Obed. Servts

(Signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Madras 2d April 95

Francis Horsley Esqr

Sir

We were favord with yours of the 18th December inclosing a Bill of Lading for 811 Bags of Rice shipped on the Revenge Capt. M. Smith, which consignment we duely received. We have hitherto delayed writing to you in hopes always of being able to get a better price for the Rice than has as yet been offered. Forty Six Pagodas p Garce was the best offer we had for some time: something more may now be got, but as there is no prospect of its rising any higher we shall immediately sell for the best price we can procure & remit the Neat Proceeds Agreeably to your instructions —

We are Sir

Your very Obed. Servts

Signd Roebuck & Abbott

P.S. upon weighing the Rice we sold we found it was deficient in 149: 7 which is nearly double the wastage allowed and we remarked it accordingly on the back of the Bill of Lading, leaving it to Capt Smith to adjust with you at Calcutta, as he pretended he could account for the Deficiency to your Satisfaction —

F. S. J. 9d April 1795

Mr Balfour

Madras 3d April 1795

Sir

Inclose you Estimate of Repairs wanted at Secondarmally which we request may be begun upon immediately and executed properly

I am Sir your Obed. Servt

(Signd) B. Roebuck

Calcutta

Madras 2d April 1795

Captain Smart

Dear Sir

As the misfortune you have met with (on which we most sincerely condole with you) has prevented you from delivering Eighty Six Garce of Salt at Calcutta according to our Agreement, we have to request you will make a repas of Rs 1204. the amount that was to have been paid for the said Quantity of Salt upon its delivery, to the Debit of Mr. Lewis of Bombay. We can conclude that you perfectly and chofood the

the Salts to be on Mr. Lewis's account until the delivery at Calcutta, and that our receipt went no further than to the Bills of Lading which would have been necessary to us in order to enable us to receive payment of the Company upon the delivery of the Salts —

We remain dear Sir

Your very obedt. Servants

(signed) Richard Abbott

Bombay

Robert Lewis Esqr.

Madras 3d April 1795 —

Dear Sir

On the 21st. Febry last I had the pleasure of advising you of an agreement entered into with Capt.n Smart of the Fiji Ressetta for Eighty Six Lacs of Salt deliverable at Calcutta at the rate of 14 Rs. p. pecu. that Capt.n Smart has signed Bills of Lading for the same & that I had in return given him my receipt. It was perfectly understood between him & me that the Salts was on your account until it's delivery at Calcutta & that the Bills of Lading were signed merely to enable me to receive payment of the Company agreeably to our Contract. As the Loss of his Ship has prevented him from fulfilling his Agreement, I request that you will make a repay of Rs 1200 the Amount that was to have been paid for the Salt when delivered, to the Credit of our House, in conformity with what I have done.

I remain dear Sir

Your very Obedt. Servant

(signed) Wm. Abbott

Henry Abbott Esqr

Madras 4th April 1795.

My dear Henry

Capt. Innes of the Berlin will deliver this. He takes up Salt on account of the freight of which he has received Pagodas 300 thanks he be entitled to more for the quantity he may receive on Board to the Northward, at Rate of 10 p. Lac — you will be pleased to pay him —

Yours affectionately

(signed) R.

Madras 4th April 1795

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqr.

Dear Sir

We were duly favored with yours of the 14th Ult.

In settling your Acct. Current with Mr. Shaw, we charged 6 p. Cent Interest at his desire in consequence of your having charged the same Interest upon a former account which he shewed us, otherwise we should have made it out at the common rate. —

We are sorry we cannot give you any intelligence of your Packet from Bencoolen. you may be sure it did not escape us that the Capt.n of the Benjamin William might be able to give us some information about it. we applied to him but without success. —

We do not think that Capt.n Douglas's signed list of the Cargo on board the Pearl when lost and of the nett proceeds of what has saved, will be considered by the Insurance Offices as sufficient documents, but if you will send these papers and any others that you think may have weight with the Underwriters, you may depend upon it we will do every thing in our power to recover payment. & by the first opportunity we will, agreeably to your request, write to Mr. Burnett the Secretary. + From the best information we can procure we judge that there be from 200 to 300 Bales of Cotton at present at Madras, which are selling by retail at Rs. 26 p. Candy, and we are told that as much more is shortly expected upon the importation of any large quantity the price must necessarily fall. If you send any to us We beg you will instruct us what we shall do with it in the event of its not bringing the price you set upon it, whether you would with us to send it to China on your Account. by our last advices from thence dated 28th January Cotton was selling at 10 p. We hope to be able to dispatch the Elvia in the course of a few days —

We now inclose a second Bill of Exchange drawn by Coal Dost Burnejon on Mannohora Dost on Duwaraca Dost at one Months sight for Ten Thousand Rupees

We have paid three thousand one hundred

and sixty Nine Star Pagodas thirty five fanams and Sixty cash / P. 3169. 25. 60 / being at the Exchange Rs 315 p. 100 Pagodas

P.S. we take the liberty of recommending to you to have the papers respecting the loss of the Pearl properly attested and armed with all the usual formalities in order that the offices may make no objections on that score since writing the foregoing we have heard of a way of disposing of a quantity of Cotton at about Rs 24 p. Candy. If this price will suit you and you think proper to send about two thousand bales of good New Cottons, very well screwed and to be here about the beginning of June, we have not the least doubt but we shall be able to sell it and upon the receipt of your Answer we will conclude the bargain

We remain
Dear Sir Your Very Obd. Sts.
(Sign) Roebuck Abbott

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Pettapore
Henry Wilson Esq.

Madras 6th April 1795.

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 20th Inst. inclosing a Bill upon Cuil Smith Esq. for Madras Pagodas 1000 / which is accepted & when paid shall be carried to your Credit

We remain Dear Sir
Your very obedient Servants
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Sanjore
Baron Reichell

Madras 6th April 1795.

My dear Baron

I has the pleasure of writing to you a few days ago in answer to your Letter, since which we have heard from Captain Reid of the Catharine / late Princess Royal / who informs us that his detention has been caused solely by the Arbitrs that we have [illegible] on account of

Rajah, for as we has ordered him to attend very particularly to the quality of those Articles, he thought we should be better pleased by his taking his time to pick & choose; & has accordingly laid in all the Articles we have agreed for with the Rajahs Vakeel here, at Leisure, and at much higher prices than if he has received the Lumber as others do. As he was to sail about a week after the date of his Letter we may look for him daily; & shall not be surprized if he should arrive at Negapatam as soon as you receive this. —

Wallajahad
Lieut. Farquhar

Fort St. George 7th April 1795.

Dear Sir

I inclose you Copy of a Letter from Govt. to us by which you will see that our Bills are not to be delayed for imputation & think the best way is for you to write to the Chief Engineer to say to him, you have received a Letter from the Contractors calling on you for the necessary certificate & enclosing you Copy of a Letter from Govt. to them that you have in consequence given them the certificate & that you request he will apply to Govt. & have a Comittee nominated to report on the Works finished. — I have ordered our People to cover the Guns this immediately

Yours Dear Sir,
Truely Yours.
(signed) B. Roebuck

Yours very Truly
(signed) Wm. Abbott

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Nellore

Madras 4th April 1795.

Lieut. John Dighton

My dear Dighton

I have been favored with your letter dated the
From what you say Capt. Kipling can have nobody but himself to
blame for his being longer than 6 days Loading, but every man in
his own Humour, he perhaps is not in a hurry, though ingeneral pple
of this cost plague one to death about being detained, — Suppose
he has ere this got his cargo and sailed —

I have now two or three Ships almost ready to
leave this to take in Cargoes from you, for the present I reserve your
order the muster to Joas the Glasgow Capt. Arthur at Durgapa
she will sail in the course of a fortnight, and take about 80 Lacs
I wish you would inform me how much Salt you have actu
ally at the different places, for I am led to think the quantities
mentioned in one of your former Letters, was meant by you as the
quantity expected, & not actually ready, I doubt wish also
you would get some Salt at Ekepelly & Timjepatam
are ports known to most of the Captains, every good lot
is made there, — besides as the Season is now approach
when we may expect a Number of Ships will be sent
take in Salt it will be a convenience to all parties to
or two other ports to load at, for it may so happen
may have 5 or 6 Vessels to Load at the same time, from
Experience I know that more than one Vessel ought
sent to one Port at the same time — this
certainly an inconvenient Plan for Expe

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it will however answer for small Vessels very well, all which I shall
send to that place as well as what Country Craft I may be able to
engage, particularly as this last will require to be more immediately
under your Eye. —

The Berkenwith Lays left Vizapatam in this —
Reaches you, I have already dispatched 4 Danes to take in Cargoes —
here, one Commanded by a Portuguese that is to take in about 15 —
Lacs will sail tomorrow / your Leave here enclosed his agreem.t —
with me, to guide yourselves in filling up the Bills of Lading, — You
shall as much as possible make your own people fill up the
Bills of Lading, the very particulars about the place of
delivery at Calcutta which must be at the Company's Godowns,
& the wastage allowed must not exceed 5 p.Cent, unless by
special agreement —

Yours very truly
(signed) Wm. Abbott

Annie

Madras 8th April 1795. —

Lieut. Thomas Wood

Dear Sir

We have been favored with your Letter of the 2nd Inst.t
advising us of your having received the Bill on Mr. Addison. —

By your last Dubashes Accounts I perceive he has
advanced to Seebaroy Comicply at Annee as per inclosed account amo.t to P.s 1,46,733.
to the 19th August last, of which P.s 1,33,23.10 was advanced to himself and the
informs our Dubash that he has accounted to you for it, if he should not have
done so I request you will make him account to you for the whole, & acquaint
you with any sums he may receive, I have employed him, in order that
we may have only one account open. the remaining P.s 129.9.30 was advanced
to Vizapatam [illegible] which was expended in

making Bricks an account of which was delivered to Soobaroy Canoo
The different Articles that have been sent to Arnee Welfare by your
desire have not been carried to your Account, pray inform me if you
wish that they should be carried to your debit or kept in a seperate
Account —

I remain

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servant

(signed) Wm. Abbott

Vellum

Madras 8th April 1795 —

Lieut. Col. J. P. Dalrymple

Sir

We have been favoured with your letter dated 4th Inst. to
inclosing a Bill for P. 327. 28 — which has been accepted and when it becomes due shall
be presented for payment

We have now the pleasure of sending here inclosed the second
Duplicate & Fourth of a Set of Bills drawn by Mr. Bazett Esq. at Six Months
Sight for £300 on Mr. Mitchell Esq. No. 56 Hatton Street London in favour
William Hamilton Esq. Dated the 12th. Febry. 1795 With the First of which
we shall do the Needfull conformably to your request —

We remain

Sir

Your Obedt. Servants

[signed] Roebuck & Abbotts

Fort St. George 9th April 1795

Henry Brown Esq.

Sir

In answer to yours requesting to know the dimensions of the
Chests and the weight of the Indigo to be Shipped on Board the Company's Ships, we
have to inform you that every 85 Chests measure 533. 11. 5 Cubic Feet of the Indigo contained in
the same weigh 17,063 lb. — We are

Sir

Your very Obedient Servants

[signed] Roebuck & Abbotts

Madras 8th April 1795

Mr. John Reid

Commanding the Ship Catharine —

Dear Sir

Capt. Mack delivered to us your Letter dated the 25th. February by which
we find that your detention at Pegue has been unavoidable, and we trust you will not have
found it necessary to complete your Cargo by the purchasing from the Monopolizers, Capts.
Mack assures us that you had taken Measures that would have prevented the necessity
of your applying to them —

We wrote to you either by the Sarah Capt. Burns, or the
Capt. Brunner to request that you would bring 25 or 30 Good Horses, but we are
those Letters will not have reached you in time; The Sims however it seems was
into the River when Capt. Mack was coming out — The Rajah of Tanjore whose
he will receive the Timber you will have to deliver at Nagore has promised to take
the Horses you may bring that have Lucky marks; — you will be pleased therefore
our arrival to transmit to us without delay the Invoice of all your Cargo, with
Particulars of the different Articles it may consist of, and send at the same time
List of your Cargo to Baron Imhoff at Tanjore without taking any notice of
Circles which we will take care to settle —

We have accepted of your Bill on us in favor of Beranjee —

On the Subject of your own business we beg leave to refer
to your Attorney Mr. Hall from whom you have a Letter here inclosed — The
ment About May arrives you shall be made acquainted —

In the Hopes of hearing daily of your safe arrival at Nagore

We remain with Esteem —

Dear Sir

Your Obed. Servant

(signed) Roebuck & Abbotts

Fort St. George 9th April 1795

Nagore

Francis Alex. Grant Esq.

Dear Grant

Our House has already troubled you with a Letter for Capt.
Reid of the Catharine that we daily expected here has arrived at Nagore or
Negapatam, there inclosed is another Letter for him, which I request you will
be kind enough to have delivered to him the moment he comes to an anchor, and
afford him every assistance in your Power in order that he may be enabled
to unload his Cargo as quickly as possible —

I conclude you have not yet begun to Ship the Salt
from your Salines for some Days past. — If we can be of any Service to you here I conclude
you will freely Command

Yours truly —

(signed) Wm. Abbott

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Vellore

Lieut. John Dighton

Madras 9th April

My dear Lighton

This goes by the Dawny Shee Venkataswarly 6th
Maundee Kistnama Eyarry, Owner Coparties Ramasamy, who will
35 Parce of Salt at Kistnapatam. - his Agrament with me & the oth
those I have already forwarded to you. —

Remain

Yours very Sincerely
(signd) Wm Abbott

Timmycoolam

Madras 9th April 17

Lieut. Darley

Dear Darley

I am ashamed to find I have four of your lett
unanswered, but my having delayed answering them till now has been o
- Dalton -

Except of my thanks for the Cows, I acknowledg
receipt by the people that brought them; and I will now thank you to inf
me what Sum to pay for them; - they are fine Animals, I have kept
of them, & sent the remainder to Place for whom they were intended; -

I believe the Nabob has nothing to do with
Expences of the 3d Battalion by his Treaty with the Company they a
bound to protect his Country. —

Your Letter to me & the one from the assistant
I delivered to the Nabob, that he might be convinced of the fact, he look
& desired them to be translated, but I have heard nothing further from h
on the Subject & as you desire me not to push the business any fur
I have desisted. -

I doubt not have delayed replying to your Lett

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to the Subject of the Cultivation & Manufacture of Indigo, but I have been
living in the hopes of being able to send up a man to teach the Sowing &
Cultivation of the Plant, but I find it will not be in my Power, for the
only man we have capable of the business is at present employed in Sowing
our farm —, but the Process is Simple: and perhaps from my description
you will be able to instruct them. —

The Ground must be ploughed deep & well & immediately
after sowing the Seed flood the Ground which we make into small
Batches for the sake of watering conveniently, - by doing which the Seed
comes up in two or three days, it must be watered every ten or
Twelve Days after as the Ground may seem to require; we have followed
this plan this year, and have succeeded beyond our expectation; the
Period of Cutting is between the flowering of the plant, and the seed forming.
but I dont suppose the Country people will be able to ascertain this point
from their experience; — we shall not be able to send you any seed from
Since last I have written to a man we have in the Musulipatam District
to get some & send you. — We think as you do that the trial should
be made at our Joint Expence, and after we find what it yields we
shall be able to speak further on the Subject should it be necessary

My enquiries about the next Renter of your Circar,
has been unsuccessful, the Durbar Policy I suppose will not allow
them to inform me what they must pretty well guess; - The Fusly
Year commences the 12 July, & no one offers more than the present
Renter, he will Continue. Adieu for the present & believe me

ever Sincerely Yours
(signd) Wm Abbott

Luis Griffiths Esqr

Sir, Fifteen days after sight Please to pay or Cause to be paid to Mrs
Marguerette Guyot or her Order the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Six Star
Pagodas, Seventy five Fanams and Seventy Six Cash for Value Received and plac
same to Account as p advice from. -

Sir Your Obdt. Servants
(signd) Raebuck & Abbott

Madura

Madras 9th April

Lieut. I. Welsh

My dear Sir

I have been favord with your le
=ating your & Mrs Welsh's safe arrival, and it gives me plea
find that she continues to enjoy good health. —

I thought it would be better to buy
Bunny fa your Team one that has been used, I therefore
ceipt of your Letter, settles for one that was almost fit
it will be completed in the Course of four or five days
sent to you; — it will cost about Pag. 60. —

The Last Letter I have from my
is Dated the 28th ult. both he & Mrs Abbott were well
am Sorry to inform you she has had a miscarriage
15 or 12 days Before. —

I shall always be happy to hear
of Mrs Welshs welfair, to whom pray remember me very
& believe mi very Sincerely

Yours

(signed) Wm Abbott

Vellore

Madras 11th April 1795.

Lieut. I. Dighton

Engr

My dear Dighton

The Favorite Captn Mears will sail in a
to take in Salt, & as I know it is your wish that I shall
the Salt from Kistnapatam in preference to the other place

awaited upon Captn Mears to Load at that place, you will be pleased therefore
order every thing to be prepard to Load the Favorite with Dispatch she will
in about 30 Days. —

I have already dispatched & Dismiss the Ship Bostuna & the
Coop Chance to Kistnapatam. — The Glasgow will sail to Load at Durazapatam
the day after tomorrow as already advised you. —

Yours Truly

(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 10th April 1795. —

Pondichery

Julius Griffiths Esqr

Dear Sir

We were duly favord with yours of the 4th Instant advising
us of your having accepted our draft in favor of Mrs Guyot & requesting to have your
Account Current, which we accordingly now inclose balancing in our favor Pdt. 176.25
176.. for which amount we have taken the liberty of drawing upon you in favor of Mrs
Guyot. —

We remain Dear Sir

Your most Obed Servants. —

(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 10th April 1795. —

Pondechery

Madame M. Guyot

My dear Madam

I had the honor of addressing you some days ago to accom
=pany your Account Current, & a Bill on Mr. J. Griffiths for Pdt. 1000 in fa
your favor, which I am informed has been accepted, & in due time I shall
expect to hear that you have found your account Current Correct. —

I now take the liberty of inclosing a small Bill on
Mr. J. Griffiths for Pdt. 176..25..76 - payable to your order at 15 days sight,
being on account of the balance of your Account Current. and as fast as I can pro
procure remittances the remainder shall be sent to you without delay. I
am my dear Madam

Your devoted Servant

(signed) Wm Abbott

Madras 8th April 1795

Cottapore

Henry Wilson Esqr.

Dear Wilson

You have already had advice from the Secretary that Mr Smith having accepted your Bill on him for Pagodas 1000, he at first made a demur on the Plea of your having drawn on him at a shorter sight than were Authorised. —

I will with pleasure take charge of your Chaloon, & Mares when they arrive, but you dont say on what Ship they are coming. —

I shall be very happy to see you at Madras. I hope ere you leave the Northward, you will put the exportation of Salt in such a Train that it may go on without the necessity of your presence, indeed I expect you will have skipped, and dispatched the greater part ere you come away. — I am in daily expectation of receiving Number of Bills of Lading from you; — hitherto I have only got

Yours Truly
(signed) Wm. [illegible]

To Ernest M. Tallofield Esqr. Fort S. George 9th April 95

President & Members of the Board of Trade

Gentlemen,

After taking Measurement of all the Bales of Salt we have now on hand we find that they will occupy the Space of 2637½ Cubic Feet or thereabouts. We are given to understand that Government has been pleased to allot to us only 2400 Cubic Feet We have to Request to Know whether you may be pleased to permit the surplus Measurement amounting to 237½ Feet or the making about 4 Tons to be received on Board the Ships now under dispatch. We send an Accurate Calculation that the 317 Chests of Indigo we applied for are to be Shipped on Board measures only 2587½ Cubic Feet we have in hand 300 If you are pleased to allow our surplus to be Shipped on board the Ships now under dispatch we Shall wish to have an order for the 66 Chests to be equably among the four Ships.

We have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.

Madras 11th April 1795.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqr.

Dear Sir,

We were duly favored with yours of the 18th Ult. Were we happy to hear that you have received your Boncoolen Packet. Inclosed we send you Copies of the Policies of Insurance effected by us at Madras & as soon as you transmit us the Accounts we will make our demand upon the Offices. —

Your draft for Pags. 16000 when presented shall be accepted.

As there is no clause in the Charter party providing for the monthly payment of the Chorato freight, & in consideration of it's having been very beneficial one to you, we have not thought proper to demand of Mr. Cochrane a monthly payment, but as soon as the Ship is discharged by him, we will settle the whole and carry the amount to your Credit.

We remain Dear Sir

Your most Obedient Servants.
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 11th April 1795.

James Daly Esqr.
Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir

We request to know at what Premium your office will insure P. 6000 on goods on the Elizas against the Sea Risk from hence to Bombay, with liberty to touch on the Malabar Coast. —

We request also the favor of an answer to ours of the 30th Ult. —

We are Sir

Your most Obt. Servts.
(signed) Richard Maitland
for
Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 11th April 95

Jh. Chase Esqr.

Secy to the New Madras Insa Company

Sir

We request to know at what Premium your Co. will insure P. 6000 — on goods on the Eliza against the Sea Risk of thence to Bombay with liberty to touch on the Malabar Coast

We are Sir

Your most Obet Servants

(signd) Richard A Maitland

for

Roebuck & Abbott

The above Letter also wrote to the following Offices —

W. I. De Monte

Secy to the Mast Commt Society

Jh. Stephens Esqr.

Secy to the Amicable Association

Jh. Parry Esqr.

Secy to the Cork Ins. Company. —

Madras 11th April 1795

Captain Smart

Sir

We are sorry to be under the necessity of returning the inclosed Bill for which we gave you Cash, the Agency having any Effects in Hand. As we expected you would have in your way from Bengal we delayed writing to you on the subject till now. —

We are Sir

Your most Obt Servt

(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 11th April 95

Bombay

Robert Lewis Esqr.

Dear Sir

As we suppose the Cash which we furnished Capt. Smart with for the Bill now returned to him was an account of the Ship, we will with yours permission pass it to your Debit

We are Sir

Your very Obt Servants

(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 13th April 1795

Vellore

Lieut. J. Dighton

My dear Dighton

I now send the Snow Nancy Capt. Macarthy to take in a Cargo of Salt at Nishnapatam she will take in about 35 Garce, I Hope you will be able to Dispatch her in 3 days after her arrival by which time the Favorite will arrive at Nishnapatam, which Ships must likewise be Dispatched quick that I may not again receive similar complaints to those which Capt. Jones has made of the Delay he has experienced.

Yours Truly

(signd) Wm Abbott

Madras 15th April 1795.

Vellore

Lt. J. Dighton

My dear Dighton

I have been favored with several of your Letters, to some of which I shall defer replying untill tomorrow or the next day, in order to ascertain what foundation there is for the report you have heard.

I have received Capt. Keeping Bill of Lading

Mr. Chase

Secy to the

Sir

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for a day or two yet, the new Nancy is ready to

Cargo, I shall dispatch her this Evening for Kistnapt.m where

people will be waiting for the Favorite, they will I hope

without delay, as I hope she will be there in 3 days by the

ready to sail the Favorite will arrive - I hope you are

Coast at Sugarapatam, Collapatam & Provisi

provides your people make dispatch in loading I think

Sum you are in advance - I pray over your people

returns of the arrival of the Country Boat - I have, &c

at Kistnapatam -

Yours very truly

(Signed)

The Pilot that carries Capt. Jones up,

informs that the Berbice was detained 3 days at Kistnapt.m

I am sorry to observe this moment by the orderly Bo

has been confined: you are removed at Forbes

do every thing in my power to get you

write you further

John Dighton

Madras 13th April 95

My dear Dighton

This will be delivered by Capt.n Arthur of the

in Glasgow that will sail this Evening for Sugarapatam to Coa

with Ease of Salt, in doing which I trust you will afford every

possible Dispatch to her; The Capt.n says she may be loaded in

days. —

Yours truly

(signed) Wm. Abbott

Mazaulabad

Major Charles Glendoning

Madras 13th April 95

Sir

We have received your favor of the 11th Inst.

and love no time in forwarding the two Pipes of Madeira Wine

you desired us to send you which will be delivered to you by the

bearer of this, they are marked L No 24 and L No 4 — We have

paid the whole of the Cask & Cooley hire amounting to Pr. 6. —

We remain Sir your Hble Servts

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott

Kistnagherry.

T B Hurdis.

Madras 13th April 95

Dear Sir

We have this day drawn a Bill on you in favor of Capt.

Jos Bong for Pr. 427. 23. — at Ten days Sight which we request

you will honor at Maturity - of which Pr. 400 was for

Grey Arab Horse purchased of Mr. Porter. Pr. 20 for your

Subscription to this last years races & Pr. 7. 23 for Money

advanced to the Horsekeeper Sundries as p the Account ap

Particulars already Sent you. —

We are

Dr Sir your Obed.t Servts

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Sherry.

Capt.n George Bong

13th April

Sir

We have the pleasure of inclosing a Bill drawn on

favor on Mr. T B Hurdis of your place for Pr. 427. 23 which

trust you will present to that Gentleman for acceptance

and you will be pleased to pass it to our credit —

We also request you will transmit us the

the Works that are finished under your Superintend.ce

We remain Sir Your most Obed.t Servts

1463

George Barry Esqr. 14 April

Dear Sir

Your people are preventing mine from making Bricks in my own Ground at Poorsevauk and have been asking my people for 10 Pags a lack fees I must request you will be good enough to order them to be severely punished for this.

Yours truely

(signd) B. Roebuck

Cuddalore

Madras 14th April 1795.-

Lieut. Francis Clapper -

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of sending here inclosed the Set of Bills applies for by you to Mr. Abbott for S. 300.- drawn by Mr. Benjamin Joy on Mr. Michell Joy of London, in your favor at 6 Months sight dated Calcutta 15th May 1795 at the rate of 113. p Pagoda amounting to P. 551.31.60.- You are in very great for the Ships, it is supposed they will not sail these 8 or 10 days. —

Your Bill for P. 500 on Mungalore Narsumbo is not accepted & no doubt will be paid when due.

We also inclose your account Current which we hope you will find Correct, balancing in our favor P. 522.12.9- for which we have drawn on you in favor of Mrs. M. Guyot at 10 days sight.-

You will procure in order to Close the Account will have Credit you for the amount of Mungalore Narsumbo's Bill which will be due the 19th Instant. —

We remain

Dr. Sir

Your Obt. Servants

(signd) Roebuck & Abbott

1464

Pondichery

Madras 14th April 1795.-

Mrs. Marguerette Guyot

My Dear Madam

I had the honor of writing to you a few days ago, to company a small Bill on Mr. I. Griffiths in your favor; - I have since been favd with your Letter dated the 10th.-

I have now the pleasure of inclosing a Bill on Capt. Clapper for Pags. 522.12.9- payable to your order at 10 days sight which no you will be pleased to receive & pass to my Credit being on Acct. of Balance due to you. - I have the Honor to be with Respect my dear Madam -

Your Obt. & Devoted Servt.

(signd) Wm. Abbott

Madras 14th April 1795

Calcutta

Messrs. Hamilton and Aberdein

Gentlemen

We have now the pleasure of acquainting you that agreeably to your instructions we have shipped on board the Glasgow Captain Arthur one bag of treasure marked F.I.A containing Nine Hundred and Twenty Star Pagodas / 920 / being the Nett Proceeds / deducting 2 Cent freight and our 1/2 Cent Commission upon the Remittance / of 1088 Bags of Rice sold by order of Mr. Edward Shaw, to whom the Account Sales were delivered, and who we presume has duly transmitted them to you. The Glasgow is to touch on the Coast to take in Salt which may detain her four or five days. We have not made any insurance here, not having any instructions for the purpose. Inclosed is the Bill of Lading -

We are Gentlemen

your very Hble. Servants

Signed Roebuck and Abbott

Madras 14th April 1795

Calcutta

Messrs Colvin and Baillie

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to inclose a Bill of Lading for Three Bags of Seasave marked C & B N. 1. 2. 3. Containing Three thousand Star Pagodas shipped on the Glasgow Captain Arthur by order of Mr Benjamin Joy to whom credit your Debit be pleased accordingly to pass the Amount.

The Glasgow is to touch on the Coast by which she may be detained four or five Days. We have not made any insurance on the above, not having received any instructions for that purpose.

We are Gentlemen

your most Obedt Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Hodges

Madras 14th April 95

Henry Wilson Esq.

Dear Wilson

I have been favored with your Letter dated the 6th inclosing two Duplicate Bills of Lading, together for about 95 Coniga Jarr of Salt you have Shipped on Board of two Donies.—

You do not seem to take any Notice of the People who Aound the Returned Donies at the Close of your Last Contract, they are bound to take our Salt up, and ought to be called upon to do so at this moment or pay the Balance due by them. — In a former Letter you informed me that they had paid a part. — now is the time that they should pay up the whole either by paying the Amount, or furnishing freight for the same. — I trust you will finally settle this before you leave the Northward. — Yamboriah Seppa still continues employed in this business, it was by his means that the freight was got for our last Contract. I wish you would call upon him to see this business properly terminated. — I have received a Letter from him lately where he professes great Zeal. —

Yours very truly

(Signed) William

Fort St. George 14th April 1795.

Lt. Balfour

Sir

I wrote to you some time ago and inclosed to you Estimates of Repairs Wanted at Secunderabad, they were directed to the care of my friend Lt Hughes of the 52d Regt who will give you every assistance in his power if you have not received the Estimates pray write to Lieut Hughes for them in a few days I will send you the Letter for the Baarmaul but I wish to have all the particulars of prices &c from you first at all the Southern Places I hope you will now hurry the Business at Trichinopoly as much as you can pray when will those Barracks of Dindigore be finished and all the Repairs &c done about Trichinopoly. I am Sir

Your most Obed Servt

(Signed) B Roebuck

Madras 15th April 1795

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.

Dear Sir

Since our last of the 11th Instant inclosing Copys of the Policies of Insurance on the Pearl, we have received none of your favours.

We have now the pleasure of inclosing Invoices & Bills of Lading of 287 Bags of Raw Sugar, 230 Candies of Iron & 29. 11. 3 of Steel shipped on the Eliza, amounting together as p Invoices to Rs 6189. 36. 63 which is carried to your Debit.

We must remark to you that the weight of the Sugar does not now correspond with that marked on the Invoice from Calcutta, the difference is occasioned by the extraordinary wastage of this coarse Sugar, the Jaggery oozing out in great quantities. We had purchased all the Steel at the first price marked in the Invoice 19 p p Candy, but in consideration of a quantity of it being rather inferior we prevailed on the Seller to abate Rs 7 p Ct upon the same.

We have given Capt Wauchope instructions conformable to those contained in your different Letters & in hopes that

that this Consignment will meet with your approbation

We remain

Dear Sir

Your Most Obed.t Serv.ts

(Signed) Roebuck & Co.

P.S. We have supplied Capt.n Wauchope with Cash for the use of the Ship amounting to P.s 543 7 - and we have drawn on Mr. Seely one of your Officers P.s 26 38 P. on Acc.t of the same by desire of Capt.n Wauchope. both which Sums we charge to your Debit. —

London

Madras 16.th Feb.y 1795

Mr. Mary Swing. —

Dear Sir,

The annexed is Duplicate of our last Letter under date the 16.th Feb.y 1795 — We have now the pleasure to advise of a set of Bills remitted to us by Mess.rs Fairlie Reis & Co.s Agents on Mess.rs Davis Scott & Co.s London at Nine days Date for £69-2-5 — being for the 2 Years Interest due on their Bond dated 11.th March 1791 to the Attornies of Mr. Sibbald

We remain with the greatest Respect

Dear Sir

Your very Obed.t Serv.ts

(Signed) Roebuck & Co.

Capt.n William Wauchope

Sir

The Ships having taken the Cargo offered by Mr Enoch Harding of Bombay on freight we shall with as little delay as possible, and while the Ships remain here, you will be pleased to put the Ships under the direction of Mr Harding, on the following terms

We beg leave to inform you that Mr Harding has at different times received from the Managing Owners of Cargo now on board the Ships as well as from others for a quantity of Pepper which he has shipped on board the Ships for Bombay — we wish to impress upon you that the Ships touching at Calicut may cause a delay of the Ships touching at the Ports on the Malabar Coast, and the Sales of the Cargo, as the Planters in the Interior will not bring their Pepper to the Sea Ports to dispose of it, but wait for the arrival of the Ships at Calicut to dispose of their Pepper to the Owners of Cargo or to their Order, as it is the Custom of the Country for the Planters to receive Money in Advance for their Pepper, and they will not bring it to the Sea Ports to dispose of it, unless they receive Money in Advance for it, and as

finished there is much money outstanding & I want to get in as soon as possible on that Acct. with all Business as much as possible —

I am
Your Obed. Servt.
(Sgd) R Roebuck

Silimanock

William Hamilton Esq.

Madras 17th Apl. 1793

Sir.

By desire of Lt. Col. Stair Dalrymple we have the honor to remit you the first of a set of Bills for £300 drawn in your favor at Six Days sight by Mr. B. Roy on Michael Roy Esq. Lord Mayor of London which we beg the favor of you to honor and place to the Account of

Sir
Your most Obed. Servts.
(Signed) Roebuck & Hewitt

Fort St. George 17th April 1793

Tranquebar

J. C. Crail Esq.

Sir.

We are favoured with your address of the 13th Inst. It was in consequence of the Exchange being fixed that we were enabled to decide whether or not we could purchase the Bills and an order to prevent all Mistakes our Mr. Roebuck has drawn on you and mentioned the particular circumstance of the Exchange being the same as was fixed at the time Messrs. Harrop & Stevenson were negotiating the Business with you which we looked upon as binding on our Partners to which he understood you gave a perfect acquiescence. Had the exchange of the Day proved favourable to us we should have considered ourselves as precluded from taking any advantage from it having looked upon that matter as finally closed but we hope the Explanation will prove Satisfactory. We are Sir

Your most Obed. Servts.
(Signed) Roebuck & Hewitt

Madras 17th Apl. 1793

Tranquebar

Messrs. Harrop & Stevenson

Gentlemen

I am this moment favored with your Letter dated the 14th, informing me that there are only 26 Barrels of Tar at your place for which the owners asks 7 Pags. a Bar; as the quantity is but small it will not be worth while to stand upon the difference of the Sum Demanded you to, and that which has been asked you. you will be pleased therefore to purchase the whole of the 26 Bar at 6 Pags & send them by the first Dony and draw upon me for the amount which will with thanks be paid by

Gentn Your Obd Servt
(Sgd) William Hewitt

Madras 17th April 1793

Calcutta

Francis Horsley Esq.

Dear Sir

We have now the pleasure to enclose Account Sale of Rice consigned by you p. Ship Revenge. The Neat Proceeds Amounting to five hundred Eighteen Pagodas twenty one Fanams & Six cash (Pags. 518. 21. 6) we will remit to you when received. The great deficiency in the Rice we before marked on the Bills of Lading as well as in our last respects. At present Rice in general sells very low and we were sorry to observe that yours was of a bad quality. Recommending ourselves to your future favors.

We remain Dr Sir Your most Obed. Servts
(Signed) Roebuck & Hewitt

Fort St. George 20th April 1793

Henry Brown Esq.

Warehousekeeper

Sir

We request that our Indigo may be shipped as follows —

on Board the Rockingham	103 Chests
on the Queen	100 do
On the Melville Castle	100 do
on the Hastie	72 do

We are

1340

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1356

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Madras 21 December 1794

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Henry Wilson Esq.

Madras 26 [illegible]

Dear Wilson

This will be delivered to you by Capt. [illegible] of the Ship Restoration who has agreed to take on board 100 Coringa Garce of Salt, which you will let him have dispatch him with all possible speed —

Yours truly

(Signed) William

Freight 8 Pd Garce

Payable at Calcutta

Madras 26th [illegible]

My Friend Yanaboiah

This will be delivered to you by Capt. [illegible] of the Ship Restoration who is going up to Coringa to take 100 Madras or 200 Coringa Garce of Salt which you have with all possible dispatch —

Your friend —

(Signed) William

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Madras

Sir

We have the honor of sending you an Account of different parcels of Salt Shipped on Acct of your Contract with the Company, Amounting as p Accompanying Copy of Bill to Bengal Rupees 5 L 9 77 which at Star Pagos at 3 Rupees Rupees make Pagodas 10 720 : 31 76, and we request you to order payment of One third of the same amounting to Pd 3373 : 25 : 32 conformably with the terms of the Contract

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obed Servts

(Signed) Rebuck & M

1472

Copy of a Bill drawn by Sir John Call Baronet in his absence on Messrs Boyles Sir John Call & Co Bankers Bond Street London in favour of Paul Benfield Esqr for Pagodas

Duplicate Ledger and Journal No 25 from 1 October to the 31st December 1794. —

Original Journal and Ledger No 26 from 1 January to 31 March 1795. —

Fort St George 22d April 1795

Lyne Roebuck and Gilchrist

Madras 24 April 1795

Lieut John Dighton

My Dear Dighton

I have received your Letters dated the 15 & 16th Inst and from what you say in your former one I am in hourly expectations of receiving the Bills of Lading for the Salt the Donies were takeing in, the Nancy Shaw and the Ship Glasgow the first at Kistnapatam and the other at Dungapatam have I hope loaded and sailed ere this — The Favorite is still loading here nor can I say when she will sail to take in a Cargo at Kistnapatam but as your people there will be expecting her, in order to keep them employed — I now Dispatche the Snow Telemaque to take in about 40 Garce of Salt at that place, and this will be delivered to you by her Captain, by whom I also send according to your Request a quire of Bills of Lading, I request you will Load her with Dispatch —

The Anna Eliza Capt Baldaye will sail in a Four or five days to take a Cargo at Dungapatam I wish you would collect more Salt at that place and at Ettapatam, and order your people to send me Weekly Returns of the Salt remaining at the different places in order that I may be guided in sending the Ships to Load, — and it will be necessary that I should know

[illegible]

keep constantly your people Resident at those place
may be Loaded the moment they arrive —

The Bill we gave Lt Fenn
at 6 Mos Sight and paid to your Debt at 7/9

I am very much afraid my
that your Absence from the Pettore Country will throw
business into great Confusion, Notwithstanding
opinion you seem to entertain of your many Ke
where and unless you have one at each place and
promises to give them assistance it will not D
seen Forbes since his appointment nor Do I
he is gone up yet or not but I hope you will
doing in a proper and sensible manner and inform me
for the time is approaching when I shall have
to Load at your ports. But if things are not
were on the Spot and Ships dispatched quick,
complaints without end, and it will Entirely
therefore you have any doubt of being able to
attention is constantly at all the different ports
time, say so without hesitation that I may
on whom I can depend. —

As to your Nellore Cotton
of them and know your price, I wish all you
give for them — Let me hear from you by return
and believe me your sincere friend —

(Signed)

Mr Balfour

Sir

I have taken such measures as will
our Business to go on
and hope in a day or two to
is impossible for me to interfere
proceedings to Secundramally but I
committed by our people under your management
they will then go on right. If you apply to
of the 52d Regt he will show you

er, I will write you particular Instructions about the Baamaal
ntil that is done you cannot proceed there — In about Six
weeks I shall want to see you at Madras —

Your obed. Servt
(Signed) B Roebuck

Dindegul
F S G 24 April 25

J Wynch Esq.

My Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for your
letter of the 9th. I have delayed answering it in part
until I heard from Mr Balfour but as I have not
yet received his Reply I was determined no longer
to delay thanking you for your kind attention in
advancing Cash to our Baamapurry which I hope has
not put you to inconvenience will you be so good
as to tell me how I shall repay it whether to your
Agent here and at what Exchange we shall believe
want perhaps at different times 1000 Pags advanced
I can send the money from Tanjore of the advance
is not perfectly suitable to you I cannot reply about
the Timber until I hear from Mr Balfour I beg to offer
my best Compliments to Mrs Wynch who I hope as well
as little Henry are perfectly well

I am
My Dear Sir
Kistnagurry — very truely yours
(Signed) B Roebuck

Capt Read
F S G

Dear Read

I have a man of the name of Lingapah Naig who
engaged to supply us with Timber Bamboos &c and received
from us considerable advances has retired from Dindigue
to your district of Chandemangalum and refuses either to
fulfil his Engagements or pay his Balance will you be
so good as to oblige him to make good his agreement
or to pay us the money advanced him it is on account of
our Contract Business — Sincerely yours
(Signed) B. Roebuck

1473

Wm Wilson Esqr

Madras 25th

Dear Wilson

I have dispatched two Ships the
Capt.s Galloway and the latter Capt. Nash to
at Coringa each of which will take about 100
Coringa Garce of salt - at the rate of Rs 8 p Ko
payable in Calcutta - I hope they will meet
dispatch from you -

Yours very truely

(Signd) Wm Abbott

Joseph Barding Esqr

Madras

My Dear Sir

Having mentioned to a friend
had hinted in one of your letters the arrival of a
Best Arab Horses you had seen, he has requested
to procure him one or two provided that you can
with any answer
the description
he has sent me, if you can procure them, the
you send them round the Letter he has not yet
you as far as Rs 500 or thereabouts to Rand
cash at Madras

I trust you will excuse my taking
time with this troublesome commission & remain
Esteem

My Dear Sir

Your Obd Servt

(Signd) William Abbott

Calcutta

Messrs Lambert & Co

Madras 25th

Gentlemen

We are this day favored with your
11th Inst inclosing a Bill for Rs 10000 drawn by Mr Halliday
& observe upon instructions respecting the remittance of
act conformably to them. Dellars will not answer. They
dear and are not to be had to that amount -

Finding all our endeavours to recover
the sum owed for you on the Hannah frustrated, we have
been under the necessity of filing

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Madras 25th April 179

Joseph Barding Esqr

Dear Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of our last respects and
ice & Bill of Lading. Since which the Elen had the misfortu
art her cable and lose her anchor and as there was a breeze from
thward for some time Capt. Wauchope did not think it worth
ile to wait till it was fished up and we at his particula
quest Supplied him with one and your Account stands debi
the amount being Rs 651: 28 - we have the pleasure to acq
w at the same time that we have since got up your Anchor a
ill put it on board the first ship of yours that touches here, y
ccount being debited in the accustomed salvage. Capt. Wauch
ailed on the 19th Inst and we have heard from him since from Tra
under date 21st all well. We have not been able to effect an
on her. your bill for Rs 10000 was received this day and
accepted. — We spoke to the Committee of the Madras Exchan
Lottery recommending them to appoint you their Agent at C
and we hope it will be done. —

We remain with esteem

Dear Sir

Your Most Obd. Servts

(Signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Calcutta

Fort St George 27th April 17

H. Abbott Esqr

My Dear Sir

I have this day received yours of the 15th Inst
th the two deeds for my Signature which I return executed I will tha
to let me know wherein my Power of Attorney to you was incomplete
magine it was because I had not substituted you as the Attorney to
R. Hamilton Please to let me know this by return of Tappal

Yours Sincerely

(Signd) B. Roebuck

1477

Tranquebar

J. C. Pringel Esqr

Sir

Port St George

Madras 27th April 1795

Sir

Our Mr Stephens and Cockell

Gentlemen

We were favored with yours of the 24th Inst.

ing Mr Pringels Letter. We have this day written to him, referring
our correspondence and recalling to his memory the conversation
with him personally on the Subject of the exchanges in question
we trust will convince him of his mistake —

We are

Gentlemen

your most obedt Servts

for Richard A. Maitland

Robuck Abbott

Madras 28 April 1795

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esqr

Dear Sir

In compliance with the request containd in your
Letter dated the 8th instant we have now the pleasure of inclosing
the price Current of the day, of Articles thos we receive from Your
part of India, we Sencerely hope some of them may encourage
You to speak with a freight, the Ship you inform us, you intend
sending round: but we apprehend at the prices marked in the
price Current, wet dates, almonds and Raisons will hardly pay
a decent freight we were offered more than those prices for what
Capt Stake brought round for us, but in the hopes of a better
Market we sent them into Calcutta, and are Still waiting for
the Accounts of their Sale —

You have already been informed that the Eliza left
the Roads on the 19th with a fair wind: we hope in this She will
have got Round Ceylon; in which case she may still be intend
to carry into effect the aliyt of you had invoice for her

We remain with real Esteem —

Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signd) Roebuck & Abbott

Nellore

Dr J. Dighton

My Dear Dighton

I have been favored with your
the 22d 24th & 25th Instant inclosing several Bills of Lading, I am
that most of the European Captains on trouble some fellows, but
must fortune to act conformably to orders as much as possible

The Agreement of the other two Bonds
exactly the same as the two former, I have ordered them to be sent
to you; if they should have sailed you can forward them to my
first Ship that loads at your ports —

I wrote you very fully after my
the Snow Edmington and sent a Duplicate by Pattipatam — I have since
and spoken to him very fully, he promises to gives you and us every
in his power; he will sail off tomorrow and, as he seems to be
how he is to proceed in doing business; I hope you will stay some days
your arrival to initiate him completely in what will be an entire
here and may be a considerable Profit to you; If I hear from you
to my taste before the Annah Eliza sails I shall be guided by your
what best to send her to Pattipatam or Durgapatam, if not I shall
to the last mentioned place —

Yours truly

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Julius Griffiths Esqr

My Dear Julius

Madras 29th

The dispatch of the Ship prevents me from writing more than a few lines in answer to your Letter, and saying that you may draw upon me for the amount of your purchase of Mr Farnum's Estate about the middle of next month for Two Thousand Pagodas payable at 6 months the Manner you propose. I think Mr Farnum has been very much to blame in the whole of this business, but what astonishes me is that he should have suffered to have died Insolvent with my kind friend Mr Gyles's name to his Bond. Believe me to be Yours very Sincerely

(Signed) W. Abbott

Madras 29th April 1795

Pitchinspaly

Mr. C. Macleron.

Sir

Madras this day favored with yours of the 29th ult. by mistake to Mr Robt Abbott who is now at Calcutta. From whom to us. —

At Mr Dobbin gave us the date to which your Salaries, we naturally Supposed that he would advise you of it, we Should Have acquainted you in due time that we had the amount. —

Agreeably to your request we Have the pleasure of enclosing a Statement of your Account with us balancing in your favor Ps 103. 29. 20. —

We remain Sir

Your most Obedt Servts

signed Richard Mac

for

Roebuck & Co

Madras 29th April 1795

Cuddalore

Captn Geo: Bomy

Dear Sir

We were favored with yours of the 22d inst. shewn Certificates & we request you will allow us to make use of them as possible. It is of consequence to us, for the Drawers we are obliged to are very considerable. —

Agreeable to your request we inclose a Statement of your Account with us. —

We are Dear Sir

Your most Obedt Servants

signed Roebuck & Abbott

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Nellore

Madras 30th April 1795.

Bondragula Gopaul Row.

Dear Sir.

I have not been able to do any thing satisfactory in your private affairs, but I think if you are inclined to put you in the way of doing something and able to yourself rendering to me some service, if that will be of any object to you, to be sure to your friend. If this should meet with your approbation, I request that you will immediately on the receipt of this set off for Nellore & you will find from me a letter at the Commandant's directed to you. Either Mr Sighton or Mr Forbes will be at Nellore; but wait at Nellore for my letter when you receive it from my friend Mr Abbott who will carry it. Let me have an answer by return of Tappall. I am

Your Friend

(Signed) J.B. Roebuck

P.S. I hope you will be at Nellore three days after the receipt of this.

Madras 1st May 1795.

Calcutta

Captains Geo: Galloway

& James Park.

Gentlemen.

I am favored with your's of date April 26th. in answer to which I have to observe that the agreement concluded with for the freight of salt from Coringa was a particular one & entirely independent of any agreements to be entered into with other persons, by which consequently I did not suppose our's were to be affected. whether they were for higher or lower terms; however I shall not dispute the point with you, tho' I cannot subscribe to the justice of your demand. I am &c (Signed) W.m Abbott

Lieut. Forbes

Madras

You can hardly be amused me this
It is on a subject that is of consequence to us
will prove Mutually beneficial. we have m
concerns with Nurseen Mahomed Khaun, de
as Dighton will have informed you, which ha
been managed by our Dubash Nagapah Chitty
Died Suddenly yesterday. It becomes nec
to take the management of the business into our
Have therefore got the necessary orders for the
the Nabob. I informing Nurseen Mahmed Kha
Reddy & Napete Ram Royer of the Death of Naga
that the business would in future be conducted
only in my Name, desiring them accordingly to p
from the Revenues punctually to my people. -
consequently written to the above named three pe
them to pay as usual the daily Revenues
the people that have hitherto had in their
Lutcherys, who are, in Nurseen Mahomed Khan
Venatarayer & Vyderam Pillai, in Moortal Reddy
Venatakistniah Iyer Sheshagerry Royer & Madan
Pillah; - the above Persons are to pay the daily sums
in the above Lutcherys to receive
Have further written to them that you are our Agent
if you will be kind enough to undertake that
afford protection to our people, and our property
be better secured. I will thank you therefore to
the enclosed Letters to the Khaun & to the Reddy and
same time send for our people as herein named,
them to be diligent in their duty and report to you
daily receipts as well as every thing that is going
The Bearer Velloydom, is a Confidential writer
and will be very useful to you in Interpreting
explaining the Nature of the Transactions, until
be with you which may be in about Ten days
you receive this from

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intend setting off tomorrow or the next morning. -
mean while as my Friend Dighton is perfectly well
quainted with the Nature of these transactions. he
ill inform you how you should proceed. all Enquire
present is that matters may go on as heretofore, and
y tricks that may be attempted to be played in consequence
the Death of Nagapah may be prevented. Dighton
is up to all their Tricks & if my people do their duty by
iving your timely information you will be able to over
their plans. - I shall carry up with me strong orders
d put things. I hope in a Smooth Train for you to
anage. - Yours very Sincerely -

(Signd) William Abbott. -

Lt. John Dighton Madras 1st May 1795.

My Dear Dighton.

I have received your Letter dated the 27th
and am happy to find that you will leave in your absence
proper people to Load at the different Ports, the Vessels
I may send up. I shall you may rely on it take as much
of your Salt as I can. I could wish therefore you had
more at Cottapatam and Durajapatam, for after I shall
have drained those places, which Two Vessells will do
I shall only have Kistnapatam to send to for your
Salt and it is impossible to send two European Vessels there
at once. - I shall of course send all the Country Craft
and small Vessels there that I can. -

Poor Nagapah Chitty Died Suddenly
Yesterday. we therefore find ourselves under the necessity
of taking the Management of our Nellore Concerns with
Nurseen & Mortal Reddy into our hands; -. I have got
some orders immediately necessary from the Nabob, and
none I send them with Letters from my part to them.
which I have requested of Forbes to have delivered and
see that they do us Justice in paying us, and in Justice
at their Lutcherys in receiving the Sums regularly as
they come in. - you who are perfectly well acquainted

with

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with these transactions can give Forbes some
on the subject & put him in the way of conduc
busines without interruption, until I go up
Stronger orders, which I shall get tomorrow, mo
either in the Evening or the next morning:
Forbes this Aid I need not assure you that you
us an essential Service and if your coats stay
until my arrival, which I expect will be
the 4th. you wants further obligd

Yours very

Tanjore
Baron Reichelt

Madras 2d May 179

Dear Baron.

I enclose you a List of
rowon the way from Peyar in our
ear to sail between the 23d & 30th of March positively
they may be expected hourly. We are willing to dispo
whole cargo at the same rate we have contracted fo
with the Rajah. I am afraid the Mygan Bank is
senior to heathing Board for flooring
disposal as we wish to close for the whole at once,
above specified, we will allow you a commis
Whole Cargo of 5 ℔ Cent if you can conclude the
h. If any thing the Contract is for could exactly no
of —

Our friend Strange carried home the
from Mrs Maule sincerely Yours

Signed B Roebuck

Bombay
Francis Keene Esqr

Madras 2d May

As we do not receive
since that of the 7th March, we take the liberty
to speak to the Editor & demand the reason of
t; to which only we can receive it but is not
ive you any complaint respecting
of the Cattahs. We

Madras 3d May 1795

Wilson
Lieut. N. Forbes.—

Dear Forbes

I wrote to you the day before yesterday on
ject of my Concerns with Vurdien Mahomed Khawn
ostat Raddy, endeavouring to draw from the Nabob to them, & Sir
to have set off Yesterday for Vellore according to my promise
the arrival of Vurdien Mahomed Khawn has detained m
haps it will keep me there a couple of days longer.— You
have inclosed however two strong Orders from the Nabob
ostat Raddy & Narumah Raddy with any letters to the
companying them:— I have written to the former very
edly to if he does not make speedy payments, he will be sen
nished.— Your

Sincerely Wm Wilson

Cattapore
W. J. Wilson

Madras 3d. May 179

Dear Wilson

I have rec'd your two letters dated the 17th
ning Captain Deans Bill of Lading for 70 Corge of Salt; and informing
that you were making daily engagements for Freight;— I wile thank you
m me by the return of Tappal the exact quantity of Tonnages you have
dy engaged for to sail in June or July, independent of what you have se
the Ships I have sent from hence to take Cargoes, in order that I may be ab
ge what further quantity I shall want

I will also thank you without loss of time to
a Certificate to my Brother at Calcutta, stating that the Salt you are n
ping off as purchased by us from the Company's collectors when you w
Deputy and that he had made it on account of the Company;— this
ficate will be necessary to pacify the Board of Trade there, who are
cting to the Cargo Salt on account of the badness of its quality, and
ile thank you to be particularly careful in future that they do not
any Sand with the Salt; I have informed us our Salt was the best that
be made there, and it ought not certainly to get worse for being a year
we old.—

your Bill on C. Smith has been paid and carried to your Cred
Should any thing happen at Madras in
the

...ied to bring away, nor can the Bullock Men by even
...e a little Straw for the subsistence of their Cattle both with
...ptly Carts. — I shall be much obliged to you if you will
...he necessary orders in the district prior to have the sub
... of Straw we have contracted for. Our Bullocks are a
...valuable property. We have brought them from the
...ton Deccan from Hyderabad, & to relieve them presently
...ender with a most disastrous burning up. They cannot
...be supplied independent of the expence

Sincerely Yours

(Signed) B. Rochfort

Dindigul

A.D. Balfour.

Sir.

I enclose you a letter for Lt. Colonel Cuppage.
...ead it, then put a Wafer in it & give it to the Brahmin to
...liver to him.

Your Obed.t Servant

(Signed) B. Rochfort.

Dindigul

Lt. Col.l Cuppage.

Dear Sir.

Our people employed at the repairs
...ndered at Dindigul complain of interruption from your
...Dubash. I am very confident that so far from his having
...my authority for my you to interrupt our business, you
...ould give us every assistance in your power. I inclose
...you Extract from our Contract by which you will see we
...are entitled to the assistance & Protection of Government, &
...shall be much obliged to you to give us your Aid & Assistance
...which we have desired our Brahmin who is the Bearer of
...this to apply to you when he stands in need of it.

I am Dr. Sir
Yours &c
(Signed) B. Rochfort.

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...line you wish to employ yourself, I shall not feel of the
...work but at present I find sums to be nothing if the bill
...can get employed that way. I would advise you to find
...line and make the most of it. —

I have ordered your Stamps
and shall send them by first opportunity.

...ky Boddam has sent me a
for Pags 351 Rates may I pay the Amount to your Debt
your

(Signed)

Madras 10 May

Neilson

Lieut. N. Forbes —

Dear Forbes

I wrote to you on the 1st inst inclosing an
to Nurdun Mahomed Khan, to Moolut Petty and to Nabob
I should have followed them according to promise but the arrival of
Mahomed Khan and the 2 Nabobs Both day I have returned me
is playing tricks and delaying making payments I have therefore
him a Strong Letter which is here enclosed, and Have to Request
deliver it to him and pass him at the same time for payment
be able to set off tomorrow, and I trust you Servants he will have
Considerable sum, or I shall feel much displeased with him. —

Sales find that Narsima Petty has
Tricks also with the Inhabitants I have therefore written to him
will thank you to find it to him with a few Lines from
not at paid. —

I shall write to you again tomorrow
while Remain with Regard Yours Sincerely

(Signed) Wm. Abbott

Lionel Place Esq.r

Madras 10 May 17[illegible]

Dear Place.

We are likely to be
for want of Straw for our Bullocks which we have
the Red hills near 200 of a large kind but have been
to feed them with. We made various contracts at
derable distance inland, but we cannot be supplied
out your orders. Our Carts 20 in number & Pair
Bullocks went from Trichinopoly
of the Year (beginning of this) they have returned
empty & they have

rwin's Cutcherry strict orders about making the daily collect
of money on acct. of the May Kist & send the same to me
ich as possible. I hope I shall be able to set off in
ours of to morrow or the next Morning.

Signed Jno. Abbott

Vistanagory
Captain Bong

Fort St. George 5th May 1795

My Dear Sir.

I send you the Accompaning Estimates as for
ewed list will you let them be begun upon without delay I hope you are
better for your Trip to the Sea Coast-

Jain. Yours truely
Signed/ Bnc. Roebuck

as Parry Esqr.
Secry to the Exchr. Insurance Office—

Madras 7 May 1795

Sir,

We request to know at what rate of Premium your Office will
re on the Block of the Ship Catharine Captn. Reid the Sea Risk or all Risks for
onths, Vales for the Voyage from Pegue to Madras with liberty to touch to the Southward
Risks—

We are
Sir,
Your Obedt. Servants
Signed/ Richard A. Maitland
by
Roebuck & Abbott

The Risk on the first to
rence as the 10th Ulto.; Captn. Newton left
in Rangoon River on the 9th.—

above Letter wrote to the following—
Daly Esqr. Secry Madras Ins. Co. Company—
Chase Esqr. Do New Madr. Ins. Co. Company—
Stephens Esqr. Secry to the Amicable Association—
John De Monte Secrys to the Commercial Society—

Madras 7th May 1795

Sir,

We are willing to renew the Insurance on the Ship Catharine Captn. Reid
in Months on the same terms as the last, the Risk to commence on the 15th Ulto—
We request to know at what rate of Premiums your Office will insure
Block of the same Ship for the Voyage from Pegue to Madras with Liberty to touch
Southward against the War Risk

Masulipatam—
Arthur William Gregory Esqr.

Dear Sir

Madras 5

Should the Liberty of writing to you take
Appah Sawmy for whom we are friendly for the Favor he takes
before he left this he carried with him Seven Bills for Sicca
your refusing to receive the he drew on us for the amount of his
might as well have paid it at first Since on the requisition
however on our Representation gave us hopes to hear from him

Appah Sawmy informs me that you
him to make good the Old Arrears of Balance from Inhabitants
Renter producing a Duplicate of Lease—This Circle is now
Head he is responsable for such Balances as Bonds have been
over to him by the Collector due from Responsible people we
consider ourselves as liable for any other Balance—

Your must be sensible that while
Masulipatam he is prevented from giving that necessary attention
Farms which his absence from it must require. I must therefore
that you will be good enough to let him proceed to his Farms
with him the Old Balance in conformity to the terms of

Jain. Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Signed/ B. Roebuck

Lieut. Forbes.

Madras 5. May. 1795

Dear Forbes.

I wrote to you yesterday
inclosed a letter for Mootal Reddy. I enclose for
Reddy You have also been inclosed a letter for
them accompanying and us from the Aboh
Port of which my Tapidars will be able to
you, to whom I have written very strictly by this
as above to Cobsle Ram Ross & I hope when I
I shall find Madras going on more smoothly
going more smoothly—nothing
in Mootal Reddy's district than here to
you to give my Tapidars

Madras 21 December 1795

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Mr. Balfour.

Sir

Madras 21

I inclose for your perusal a Letter I have received from Capt. Read which you will return to me, I have directed to Salem to Lieut. Macleod the particulars of Lieut. Macleods saying in your letter to him that you will do by my orders. I shall to-morrow reply to your letter of this day.

Your Obedt. Servant

Signed/ B. Read

P.S. Send me copy of all the papers you transmit Lieut Macleod that I may write to Capt. Read.

Vellayden

Port St. George 21st

What is the reason we have not any Letters from you? I understand our People are playing Tricks - & that they have got a Mortgage for One hundred and Ten thousand Pagodas from Moodal Reddy as this is the case I do desire they will give proper Receipt for same in Mr. Abbotts name and have the strongest assignment possible that no other people can meddle with that Grain till we can sell the said Grain & send the Money. This is a Business of much importance & consequence and my Credit depends upon your & your conduct the Business to Satisfaction & properly. In particular write me all what you have done & what your Opinion Business will do, & what money will come forth write me about all these matters - & Moodaly Reddy write to favor from me & get all the Business properly. & get the Money or the amount in Grain & this all will be right if not it will be worse for him he has no Friend the Durbar except Mr. Abbott since Nanjah Chetty is dead & favor all his Business must go to ruin & I shall not take any Grain about him I am thinking to get me. Tell it sent to him from Pondicherry This is all I have to say & Hope you will write me Satisfactory

Signed/ B Read

In addition to what Mr. Read has written to you I have only to add you will make Lieut. Forbes acquainted with all the Business after & understand it well yourself - upon all the Paddy or Grain that Moodaly has mortgaged to our people their must be my Chop put on the Bags

I wish you would enquire from Mr. Diggles how exact Quantity of Salt they have at Nellapatam Pettapolam and Durazepatam and Let me

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patam in the Course of a few days; - The Favorite Capt. Mears will sail in the of 3days to Load there she will take about 80 Garce. - and I intend to send rmouth Capt. Thompson to Load at Durazepatam, she will take 150 Garce ey must Dispatch be quick, and not delay as last time. If Mr. Diggles st Salt enough there, he or we must get some more there to Load that urthout delay), more salt must also be got at that place and Cottapatam ad other Ships, If Mr. Diggles wishes to get it without delay, it is very well, t you must get it for us, on the same terms as what we pay to Mr. Diggles, is a man that Nagapah Accommended, who has great deal of Salt, he offered iver it to me at the same Rate, you have seen him at our Office, he sat nt at Nellore and you can easily find him out by enquiring for him from Diggles people; If you can get from him some Salt at Timlipunta and helly; it will be very convenient to us, and your Brother can manage both places; - Let us hear from you on all these Business as soon as possible, I shall be able to set off tomorrow, and If I find Moodal Reddy paying debt to me quick it will be well for him, if not it will be very bad for : You must inform us particularly how our people conduct the business; we wrote our Letter to Moodal Reddy today - I have established a Tappal he Road that our Letters may go quick. -

Your friend

Signed/ Wm Abbott

Madras 7th May 1795

J. N. Forbes -

Dear Forbes. -

I find that our Writer Vellayden is arrived at Nellore, I suppose I shall receive at Letter from you tomorrow, after you shall have yourself acquainted with the nature of the Business. - Nurdeen Mahomed has I find paid all his Lists regularly up to the 30th Ultimo, but dal Reddy is very dificient, as well on account of his Lists as his Bonds for my paid for him, but his Vakeel informs me that he has Mortgaged y Tapsildars about One Lack and Ten Thousand Pagodas worth of Grain on unt of his Debt to me. I will thank you therefore to send to my people after enquiring into the Business order that all the Mortgaged property ther in Grain, Cloth, Tobacco or other wise may be completely secured to me, putting my Chops on them I will thank you also to order them to Report me the amount and qualities of the Articles so Mortgaged; You will ige me Likewise by sending for my Tapsildars in Nurdeen Mahomed awn Cutchery and desiring them to Report to you how they go on, and hing them to make the Collections quick and Remitting them without y -

I am

Madras 21st December 1791

I am much afraid I shall be detained for
in order to Settle my Accounts with Nurdan Mahomed
Reddy & two Letters to our People at the Five Cutcheries, which
thank you to have delivered, and believe me ever

Very Sincerely Yours

(Signed) W

This goes by the Snow Isabella Jaffier —

Bombay

Nicht Harding Esqr

Madras 9th May 1795

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th & Bills
have Bills Examined by us, the Amount of
Per Rs 531 a 2 a 9 and the other as
We are sorry to observe
Agency made
but for our participation
to your letter of the 10th May 1795 & Bill
which you was pleased to draw
the nearest Opportunity
to our Letter of the 15th
You of the Difficulty
was to be understood by
possible that mistakes
remittance had we not been
It by your respected
Bay the last Advices received from
Bengal was nothing
Remark at 94 D 96 Rupees
Information of the Price
Prices to speculation

We remain

Dear Sir

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Daloy Dinn, Venkatah Hebnah, & Pallanala pulley —

You must immediately on receipt of this wait
Considerable Gopaulrow and shew him all your Accts.
give him every information relative to the Ready
up as well as all Business without one moments Delay
on as he arrived from Masulipatam he will call
Ft. Fowles House and will send for you by my Desire

Madras 9th May 1795

(Signed) W.m Abbott —

Madras 9th May 1795

Dear Wilson

You will perceive by the Inclosed Agreement that
Sparrow of the Snow Generous Friends has engaged to Load
Coringa 1600 Bags of Salt deliverable on account of our Contract
Calcutta at the Rate of Freight you have paid this Year to other
ships, on Acct. of which I have advanced him Rs 125 which you
will take notice of in the Bills of Lading that he will sign, You
will Dispatch her with all Despatch and Instruct the
Pilot to receive the Bills of Lading of the Restoration & the
Letter that you must have Loaded before this. Your
Receipt acknowledging the Acct. of the Rs 125
by this Agreement — Capt. Sharrow will
receive a Parcell Directed to you containing the Stock &c you order

Dear Sir Your Friend Yamboracah Madras 9 May 95

I have rec.d your Letter dated the 8th Inst. & am
pleased to find that you were exerting yourself to get Freight
for the Remainder of your Salt. Since you have already Loaded the
Letter the Restoration that I have already sent to you to Load
which will be delivered by Capt.n Sparrow of the Generous Friends
who engaged to Load about 200 Bags I therefore request
you will Load them without Delay. I have informed Mr. Wilson
having advanced him Rs 125 on Acct. of the Freight &c. the Salt
he is to take, I will not forget to recommend you properly
to the Gentlemen you wish & if he does not come there I will write
to him & I hope you will continue to exert yourself in
Business. —

Yours &c

Vellore

Lt Forbes

Madras 9th May

Dear Forbes

I have just received an intelligent fellow here who has undertaken to provide the Elephants and Camels required for the Service, and as I am desirous of having the Business settled, I have directed him to proceed to Vellore, stating in the Letter I have given him, that you will be ready to receive him, and have informed him that he is to look to you for his Pay, as I am not in Cash myself, but that you will draw upon me for it, which I am sure you will have no hesitation in doing, as I have given him a Bill on Mr Cockburn for the Amount, which I am sure will be duly honored by him, as I have no doubt but he will have received Cash on Account of the Company's Business before this reaches Him. I have also given him a Letter to Mr Anderson desiring him to provide Grain for the Cattle, which I hope will be ready for them on their Arrival at Vellore.

I am sorry to find that the Bullocks are not yet arrived, but I am in hopes that they will be with you in a few days, as I have wrote to Mr Anderson to hurry them up, and I have also wrote to Mr Cockburn to desire that he will send off the Bullocks he has purchased, as soon as possible. I am also sorry to find that the Business of the Bullocks is not settled, but I hope it will be done in a few days, as I have wrote to Mr Anderson to desire that he will settle with the Bullock Merchants, and get them away as soon as possible. I am sorry to find that the Business of the Bullocks is not settled, but I hope it will be done in a few days, as I have wrote to Mr Anderson to desire that he will settle with the Bullock Merchants, and get them away as soon as possible.

…he decided measure with Mootah Shaby & see that our people …ceive all the Grain &c. they are able until I come, which will …the very first moment after I have settled with the Khawn …we is enclosed is a letter from him to his Manderin ordering him …make payment to our people as fast as possible on account …his Visit to us from this Month. —

I can say you will find Velloy dom active & intelligent …ingenuine of his Honesty, & you may with confidence …employ him. & when Service I hope we shall be able to …range something that shall be Advantageous to you as …ll on the present business, as in future. —

I will send out for certain whether Nurdeen Mahomed …khawn, is to be contended the next Year, I have every reason …ever to believe here. —

Wm Nobbs —

Madras 12th March 1795.

John De Monte
Secry to the Madras Commercial Society —

Sir,

We accept your offer of Covering P.s 5000 on the Catherine for …Months from the 15th instant @ 6 p% & request you will accordingly fill up …Policy. —

We are Sir, Your Obed.t Servants —
(signed) Richard & Maitland
Roebuck and Abbott

Madras 12th May 1795.

Bombay

Joseph Harding Esq.

Dear Sir.

We are favord with your's of the …25th Ult.o & have pleasure to acquaint you that Cardage …rears no price here at present, as there is more than …will supply the Consumption of the Place for a consi…derable time. We remain with esteem
Dear Sir
Your / Roebuck & Co.ts May

Madras …

Sir Forbes

Madras 12 May 1795

Dr. Forbes

…and the 1st …shall have …