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I have not been able to see Johnson you do

again hear from me to morrow

Yours affect

Fort St George 23 April

Fletcher

Dear Fletcher

Series XII Travis Jordan No. 15

When you mentioned Mr Dallas

you may remember how readily we promised to do

lay in our Power soon after his arrival here, and spent

strong over to Pegu appeared & he desired that every

might be prepared to enable him, to embrace it

drew out articles to the following Purport That

should be joined by equal subscriptions to carry on

Business as might differ between Madras Pegu & Bay

each to own one third of the Trade, & to share one third of

Profits that Mr Dallas should first have allowed him

P Annum out of the Profits or if they should not amo

out of the Stock, That no Commission should be charge

either at Madras or Pegu, That all Orders or Commiss

at Pegu should be on the joint Acct of these even

material part of the Agreement we meant to inte

to them & when it was shown to him, he appro

ed Us it did not suit him, & for the present he did n
for Pegue. We imagine some Person whom he consulted
him to decline our offers for after having first
Articles he sold Mr Benfield he expected to receive
on his own Acct Now it is well known, that the
Coast of Bengal do not make Consignments to any on
st up in Business - Supported indeed by Us he might
ly have received orders for Goods, or Goods for Sale, but
on the other hand he should have considered that they were
ere procured through our means, & that the Allowance of
num is equal to the Commission on 20000 Rupees, he
nevth whether we should have got more Goods consigned
or Goods ordered than to that Amount His refusal
offers is no disappointment to Us, for we can at any o
ther Persons on Terms more advantageous to ourselves
t withstanding we meant to do that which was jus
between Him & Us, we still were desirous of favoring
because he was your Friend. We are concerned at having
his opportunity of serving him, but having conscious
done all we could with propriety, we flatter ourse
with having your approbation of our Conduct

we shall ever esteem ourselves happy in any other power to
obliging you, as we can with great Truth assure you
our being D^r Sir Your sincere Friends

To Mr Dorsett Madras 23 April 1769

Dear Dorsett

As it is impossible for us to pay all the
attention to the disposal of your Effects as you might do if present
we are of opinion you had better come up to Madras
be pleased to repair as soon as possible
I am D^r Dorsett Your

Gentlemen

We have received your Favor of the 24th

D^r Sir Fort^h George 26th April 1769

Advices this Instant received from Achin
induce Us to wish you may not have already purchased or agreed for
the building of the Ship we mentioned to you unless such advice can be
provided fit for Sea for 20 or 25000 Rupees or there abouts - as a Vessel
of a greater Expence will be too chargeable for that Trade.

We do not imagine that Mr Magee
is still with you or should write to him although we have nothing
further to acquaint him than that we have failed in all endeavors
to Provide for him the Articles he mentioned to Us and that it is
not possible to collect any except a very small quantity of Cow Bezoar
& a few Sets of Seed Pearl. The Occasion of the great Scarcity

of the Latter is owing to their having been all Man Fishing the Year
& of the Marko Fins on the Coast to their having for a considerable
been more policized the Southward by a Person at Negapatam
and you will know that the Frauds of the Country have prevented
the bringing any Candal Wood over and which this will have advised
Messrs Kellican & Crauford & all It has given as much Pain; not
to have had it in our power to the Orders left with us but
but we flatter ourselves Mr Magee on his Return will be convinced
that our utmost attention has been paid to this Business

If the Pattamar should arrive in 26
Days you will be pleased to make them be

We are Sir
To Mr L Cantofer Your most obedient Servants

P Holford 4 May 1769

After having advanced to Stevenson and
part of the money that will be necessary for the
Provision of the Goods the nagore Man agreed to get for
Mr Haarop be pleased to deliver the Balance to Stevenson
to forward some to Cuddalore You will enquire
some honest Portors to collect the Goods mentioned
Asherry was to make up for us

Pray let me know when we may
hope to see you & believe me

Yours Sincerely

4 May 1769

D Stevenson

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I have recd your favour of the 8
Mr Paddy you will be pleased to agree
for a 35 Port N Pagodas provided a Nagore Garee is equal
to a Madras one

Capt Holford will leave Money with
you & Hutterman for the Provision of the Goods Harrop
Commissioned a Nagore Man to provide but whom Mr
Holford never could find

Respecting the Provision of the Ports Navo
Goods I shall be glad when you can scrape together
money that you will procure thither, but of this I will
again to write to you

You will continue to exert your
endeavors to procure for the Owners of the Admiral
Pococke the Articles Mr Magee has desired to be got ready

I shall desire Narrain to send a
Conscopy will write that one person may be sufficient
I wish Narrain was with you

Sam D Stevenson

When you have money Yours &
I wish you to send to Hafsana
Maricar at Porto Novo 1000 Pag.
Pray inform me how Bittanuh
sells. M Stevenson

D^r Holford Madras 7 May 1769

I have seen Johnson who tells me he has written to you on the subject of the money the Gov has of Mr Bowers

Be so kind as I have not time to desire Stevens to remit som money to Hafanar Marcar at Portnovo for Blue Cloth.

Yours Sincerly

Dear Stevenson 8 May 1769

I have receivd your favor of the

be pleased to agree for 30 Garce of Paddy @ 35 ℔ to the best of my Recollection the Southern Garce is greater than ours

Mr. Holford will leave whatever Money he may collect in your hands of which some must be remitted to Hafanemarcar

I have ordered Nanna long since to see Cundaloo to you

Yours Sincerly

D^r Holford 8 May 1769

I have received your favor of the 3

Whilehill having gone into the Court house I cannot obtain if for you but you may have a Room in my house for

the Transaction of your Business the Room however will be warm

A as to the Provision of the Nagore Goods all that can be done is to leave it to Hutterman & Stevenson then is no and be assured most were the Men whom Harrop commissioned would have given him Satisfaction

I am D^r Sir Yours Sincerly

Dear Crawford 8 May 1769

I have receivd your favor of the 27 ℔ one without Date

your Bill on board of a Boat 30 Candies of Copper which will be with you in 5 or 6 days If you can agree for the Sale of at immediately I shall be obliged to you

I shall draw on you shortly for 2 or 3000 your Acc Current I shall promised you to the end of April it shall write you tomorrow

Disputes between the Council & Grand Jury have been very high at — I will write them to you on Grand Jury was dismissed 3 of another even impressioned who were Benfield Mayendy & Marsden the Latter I believe you do not know

Your Sincerly

Sir

Madras 9th May 1769

You will be pleased to prepare with all possible Expedition to Sea as soon as Mr Stevenson will deliver to you any Paddy he may have provided

From Nagore you will proceed to Trunkenbar where Fifty Garce of Paddy will be delivered to you and whatever more may be requisite will be put on board at Porcelah That done you will return

I am Sir your most obedt Servant

Capt Worsfold

Dear Stevenson

Madras 9 May 1769

If you have not already provided 30 Garce of Paddy at Nagore pray get it ready with all dispatch as the Shirreff will sail for that Place immediately the Capt will call on you there for which reason order Holford dubash to wait for him & if now can beget advice him so & desire him to proceed to Trincombar

Dear Sir
Yours

To Mr Quintin Crawford

Do Crawford

Your Account Current is enclosed

You will receive this by a Patamar Chittore who proceeds in this Boat to procure Brown Cloth

My Orders to him are to provide any Sum not exceeding Pieces of 29 pr Madras Pagodas $40 if he should apply to you for any Money assist him as far as 100 Pagodas at a time

He will deliver to You 30 Candies of Copper of which Invoice is enclosed & which you will dispose in the manner you think best

He has with him 50 Candies of Tin which if the Price is Tolerable You may sell at Mazulipatam but in such case advance him money for the Purchase of Cloth

From Maz.m he will proceed to Jongeram Bendamoolalanka which should have been mentioned first Mazulipatam Vizagapatam & Ganjam assist him in the Prosecution of this Business which is of great Importance to us as much as You can

Mr Smith has Recd all Your Letters & although the Heat of the weather prevents him from writing to You he does not pay the less Attention to what You have written

I am Dear Crawford
Your Affectionate

Madras 10
May 1769

Madras 16 May 1769

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 11th Concerning the Ramfilk. I shall wait your Arrival

If Mr Harrop should arrive at Nagore during your Stay recommend to him to act in the manner you think most for our advantage and on your departure leave such directions for him as you please

I am Dr Sir yours Sincerely

Capt Holford

Might it not prove to our advantage to get over the Aumeldar of Nagore by offering him a Concern or by making him Presents

Dear L. Thom

Fort St George 20th May 1769

I have rec'd your favor enclosed one to Holt & am Concern'd for Your Misfortune. I know not of a Purchaser for Your Muslins. If they are on hand it would be better to send them up as tho' not having them ready to deliver may be attended with disappointment. I do not know whether You include the Freight &c from Cuddalore in the 35

As to the Cloth you are making up for me if you can get 60 Corge of 1/2 Pce & 100 Corge more of half Pces it will be acceptable but I could wish you could reduce the Price to 29½ & shall take 150 Corge of half Pces & 100 Corge of 1/4 Pce

I am Dear Sir
Your Sincerely

Dear Comfurd

Fort St George 20 May 1769

I have rec'd your Account with my Letter of the 18th inst. when I have entered on Your Account for the Four Friends she being on a Dangerous Voyage & having a Quantity of Gun Powder on board four thousand five hundred Pag.s D 17½ Pct for one Year in all Ports & Places The Premium Appears but considering that to the Eastward of the Straights of Sunda the Four Friends will be back in Sept.r she may if Rice continues dear Make 2 Voyages within the Term limitted & consequently this was a better method than to insure for the Voyage

The Indian Trader is returned from Bedar Visa a day or two will give you a Statement of the Voyages

I sent Ryan the other day 30 Candies of Copperas which I hope You will be able to sell for ready money — for I have been under the necessity of Drawing on You for 5000 M.ds Pag.s I hope this will not prove inconvenient to You, should it draw on me at [illegible]

I shall leave it to You to take out Tin if you can get a good Price for it & I shall depend on Your assisting another Merchant in the getting of as much long cloth as Possible I mean consistent with Your Station that is You may recommend him to be assisted & supply him with money

The Convenient have been surprized & forfeited some of the Ryotts have been sent to England The Contractors Managers has been treated & informed greatly disapproved

I am D.r Comfurd
Your Affectionate

Dear Stevenson

Fort St George 20 May 1769

The Indian Trader being arrived here as soon as You have seen or written to Capt.n Worsfold you may repair to Port Novo & provide as much blue Cloth or Brown Cloth as Possible

Worsfold shall wait for You than pray desire Worsfold to whom deliver the enclosed to take on Board or inconvenience and forward to

M. A. 5 or 600

I am Dear Sir with Compliments to Mr Hutchinson

Fort St Geo 20 May 1769

Dear Holford

Yours of the 14 & 17 I have desired Stevenson to write to Worsfold to receive all your things I have received the Horses for with Sam Ollage I shall by the first opportunity send down the Silk

I am Dear Sir
Yours Sincerely

D.r Crawford

Fort St George 21st May 1769

I was not well even this morning, she is ill & who has desired me to apologize to you for not writing to you, chiefly on that Acct & partly by reason of the Business he is involved in, he having determined to proceed to Europe in the Ship, under dispatch.

He is very desirous of preserving the utmost Concern, in Restraining me that Mr Johnson, having written to the Govr demanding the Employ of Account as Second of Masulipatam & Commending him that

Sir

Fort St George 22 May 1769

I am informed you mention Sreepath Chitty's paying the Pollygar Duty on 180 Corges of Blended Gingham provided by him for me, and therefore take this opportunity of advising You that all the Duties paid at Cuddalore, were on my Account

I am also to Advise you that on about 1000 Pag.s of Blew Cloth made up by Mordechi Isaampalla for me since 1766 the Duties have been paid on my Account

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

To Mr Lathom

Sea Customer at Cuddalore

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Dear Stevenson

I have received your Favor of the 19th Instant

You have by you a Price Current of Goods at Canton The Sandal Wood on board the Dutch Ships must be from Timor the Price at Canton is 6. 5 or 3A/o P.C. Dollr If it be good of the Kind We shall will be strong & agreable - in such case you may go as far as 10 P.C. If the Betelnut begins to grow bad you must consider the Propriety of keeping it at all Events so when ye can get 6 you may sell

There will be Letters for me from Batavia which you will oblige me by applying for and sending hither I say a Bill of Exchange. therefore upon my Letter - if there be a Bill tender it for Acceptance of Gold receive it & advise me

I am Dear Stevenson

Yours

Let me have a Price Current of Goods at Negapatam - the Europe Ships being arrived perhaps Things from hence may answer - What is the Price of Japan Copper also what is Pepper & Candy.

To Mr Thomas De Malle

Sir

I hope this will find You all in tranquility & in good state of health, We had a

Be pleased Sir to Acquaint Pawn Chinsonkeam of your Sale, that I have read this Letter and will write to them as also the King on the first opportunity

Another Vessel will sail for Tichan the 2d Instant & I believe before on a few Days Sirrah Your sincere

and Loving Master

Dr Stevenson

26 May 1769

I send you inclosed an order on Cole for 87 Copangs for which you will give a receipt

Be carefull on the Purchase of any Sandalwood, as it is old, if it be good, that the Chinese Junks at Batavia do not buy it

The Copangs from Batavia are invoiced at 6 Rix Dollrs & ½ each deduct 5 p Cent off them if you Please & employ the Amount in the purchase of Goods for Acheen

Pray send with the Bag from Dr Sir Your sincerely

to Mootoo Comara

& Samberan Renter at Pewcotah by 2 Gallah Boys on Acct from 2 Moors

Pray sell or Capt Worsfold 50 Yards of Broad Cloth at Tiranlawah & forthwith he must go to Pewcotah

Dr Crauford

26 May

I was obliged to break off my last Letter some what abruptly on acco[t] of the Dispatch of the Shipping all your Friends wish you to continue at Mas.[m] It is urged with Justice that having formed the Book on the first Establishment & having kept them 2 Years you have sufficiently shown your Capacity & that your Continuance in the employ of Accountant is of no great Consequence to you, but were my friend had never acted as accountant your Conduct in the other part of the Companys Business would have obtained for you the Approbation of the Government & the good opinion of all who know what Share you have had in the management of business to the Northward

Dr Lathom

26 May 1769

I have rec[d] yours of the 25 at the former Price of 30 D[s] 180 Corges of blew Cloth will suffice I mean besides the Quarter Pieces of which I shall be glad of 70 or 80 Corges

My Reason for thinking you might sabale ½ a Bag of Corgs was that the Troubles being at an end Cloth would grow cheaper but as it would seem from your Letter that I am mistaken, I must even wait a little longer for what more Cloth I may have occasion

I shall write to Capt Worsfold of the Minerva who is to the Southward to call & receive the blew Cloth & to M[r] Stevenson to forward to you two thousand Bag Contact

The Cloth for the Owners of the Minerva is not included in the 180 Corge mentiond in the first Paragraph

If you can get for me any Scarlet Cloth at a Reasonable Rate pray do what you think reasonable for your Trouble & draw on me for any advance

which if you any want there not being time to make it up you can only buy what is ready made

I am &c Latham Jr. Comarty

Dear Stevenson

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I last night wrote you but could not enclose the order for the gold Copang it now waits on you

I must by the favour of you to send up the Chest of Camphire Holford left to the Southward

Pray enquire whether any Pigment or Paint Water can be got & if they can buy up a Compleat Chest for Mr Benfield

George Watson desires to be remembered to you

I am &c

Yours

Mr Holford tells me there are troubles at Chitally — any money you may send to the Southward had better go by the way of Deveecotah if you hear a Rising of the Nemesis — and the Capt ward to proceed to Tremalavash as you cannot get any Paddy

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Dr Latham

Madras 28th May 1769

I have been favored with yours of the 28 Instant

I shall be obliged if you will provide the Cloth brown both on half & whole Pieces and to enable you to do so I have written to Mr Stevenson to supply as soon as he possibly can with a thousand Pag. in advance the usual Commission 2½ P Cent

I am Dr Sir &c

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31 May 1769

Dr Stevenson

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I have recd yours of the — (no date)

I am glad the Minerva is arrived as I am sorry we lost the opportunity of buying Paddy at first — but I hope there is what I have been promised, at Tremalavash & Devecotah which will suffice

I am concerned at your disappointment I also have failed a Brother I

Dr Stevenson

Mr Hunterman has recd some money of the Amuldar at Nagore & expects more & I have delivered to a Boatman 3 Bales of Tarsilk, for which Capt Holford contracted some time since with the Gouvr of Tranquebar & the Amount of which he will immediately receive — it will be more than 1500 Pags

The Cloth to be provided is 9 Coll blew either half pieces or ½ Pc — & brown Cloth eight Coll whole or half Piece — the Cloth should be thick & weighty — the blew Color good, the Price of the half pieces brown 20 to 22. 0 NP the whole 20 to 21 — the blew Cloth ½ Pc 27 to 29 RNP ½ Pc 14 to 16.

I shall be obliged by your transmitting to Hunterman the Order for the Copangs

I am Dr Stevenson

Yours sincerely

D' Sir, Madrass 6 June 1769.

You will oblige me by buying & sending to Hafsana Marcar at Porto N°. 10 or 12 bandies of good Coir. I have written to Hafsana to make some Cables & Coirdage for the Indian Trade

I am D' Sir Your most obed' Servant

To M'. Arnold Heuterman

20th

D' Lathom,

I have reed the favor of your two Letters of the 12th & 17th — to the latter I have already replyd — As I do not find that M'. Heuterman has yet sent you any money tomorrow I will send of a thousand P. from hence & in two or three days more a farther Sum — I have had such considerable Demands made upon me by a Gent'. going home, that I have not been able to make the Advances I intended

I am D' Lathom

Y affect

20th

D' Sir

I have reed your favor of the 13th Inst

If Capt Holford has not desired you to send up the Camphire by a boat which will come with her things I must beg the favor of you to send them in the same boat as I can sell it at 2 P of these Places & Catty of 3 1 Oz Troy

Sell the Copang for the most they will fetch

If you can get 5 ½ Pag'. P. of Ammanam for 1000 or 1500 Ammanams be pleased to sell & collect the Amt as soon as you can

I am D' Sir

Y M H d

M'. Heuterman

Dr Stevenson

20th

I have not had the favor of a Line from you for some time but I never the less know you have been able to do some thing at Cuddalore — at this time want of Money must have in a great measure stopped your Progress

I shall be glad if you are at Cuddalore if you will forward the — with all possible expedition, if you approve of the Contents

Capt Worsfold writes me that he is much obliged to you for the assistance you have given to him by which you have also obliged me

Dr Crauford

20th

The Inv. Co acquire 18 ℔ct. for insuring the Arrac — I do not think there is much to be apprehended the was at Sea though they may have — with a hard Gale, If therefore I have not yet insured — I think the must be gone to the Northern — the considered as a sinking Affair

Dr Crauford

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II

Fort St George 7 June 1769

Since writing to you yesterday 21 Bags of Dammer have been delivered — the Quantity therefore to be added to the Invoice

I am Dr Crauford Your Affect.

Dr Latham

Madras 7 June 1769

I have yours of the 5th I have desired Capt Worsfold to call at Cuddalore you may therefore put on board what ever Goods She may be able to receive

I flatter my self Mr Hunterman has recd a Balance due from the Havildar at Nagore which will enable him to advance more Money to Mr Steverdon to whom I now write — at all Events if on receipt of an answer from Nagore were can be expected you may draw on me and I will find means to remit you some money

I am Dr Latham Yours Sincerely

Sir

Madras 7 June 1769

I have been favored with yours of the 31 Ultimo & have desired Narrain Pilla to write to the Subedar to assist you

I hope you will get as much Paddy at Cuddalore as will fill the Vessel — Be pleased to call at Cuddalore for some blew Cloth belonging to the Owners Acct

I am Sir Your Most Obedient Servant

D.r Stevenson

Madraß 7.th June 1769

I have [illegible] to Send the 1000 Pag.s to Doniedah, to prevent [illegible]
I enclose you my letter to him, which [illegible]

You will I hope receive some money from Nagore — I have also 1600 P.s of R.s silk to Tranquebar for which ready money is to be paid I send Hafsana Navear a Bale of Silk I shall send the Patch Cloaves which come by the Indian, Smeleres I hope you will not want money

I wrote to you last Night concerning the prices of Cloth — Hafsana Navear is a good Judge of Cloth if you may depend on him. make a great measure but beat them down as much as you can for. Mr. Harrop complains much of the Prices of our Goods

You will do well to write to Mr. Hutchinson to know wh.t expectations you may have of money that in case none can be hoped for I may remit some

I am D.r Sir Your sincerely

D.r Stevenson

Fort St. George 23.d June 1769

This being a Probability of a Famine at Madraß you will Oblige me by Purchasing all the Paddy which can be collected at

To Mr Stevenson

Fort St George 28d June 1769

Dr Stevenson

I have rec'd your favors of the 17 & 18 Instant

The blew Cloth at 29 p C. P. P. as the Corge is rather dear but we must consider the Distress the Country has been in & make allowances

Recommend to Condalo to make Hyloona Maricans to Provide the Brown Cloth as cheap as possible, I shall endeavor to send some Money soon

I write to you to sell the Bellamah if you can get 5 3/4 or half if you can get no more than 6 p C annum

I will remove and Crawford 100 Pagodas—

You will oblige me by sending a Trusty Person to Tondy in the Paiveully Country to buy all the Grain that can be purchased now, that Place we about 30 or 32 Coss I expect money every day & will supply you

Yrs D. Stevenson Sincerely

To Mr Richard Lathom

Dr Lathom

28d June 1769

I have recived yours of the 20 Instant

Your Expedition & Attention to the order I gave you, I am obliged by I am collecting money to pay Straccy the Amount of your Demand

I am Dear Lathom

Yours Sincerely

Gentlemen

As Rice is extremely scarce & there is no reason to apprehend a greater Scarcity the Govrs recommended the employing the Vessel in a Voyage to Pegu when any quantity, he is informed may, in general be procured she may carry 2500 Pagodas of Blew Cloth with such other articles as may suffice for the Purchase of Cargo which will Amount to 4500 Pags the Rice will in all probability sell for 9000 Pags which will answer better than sending her to Pegu she may be back in Sept. be dispatched with Salt to Bengal & then sold for the best Price that may be offered above 50000 Rs

Be pleased to favor me with your Sentiments & you will oblige

Your most Obedient Servant

Dr Crawford

I have many of your Letters to Acknowledge the Receipt of—viz. 19. 21. 22. 23. & 26 Instant

Mahamed Sultan writes here that he has Contracted for 100 Corge of Bonam Cloth at 34 1/2 M/s P. C. 3/4 of the amount to be paid in money the Other fourth in Tin p 35 7/8 of 500 & Bellamah at 17 M/s P. C. 7/8 of the same weight He is a man I believe who may be trusted as he was left at Acheen the Yr Before last with near 20000 Pags But Considering that the Agreement must be made with the British Companys Merchants and that unless there is some Protection from the Chief I have desired Jacob Simons to go to Queramalapatam to the Chief of which he comes a Letter

of Recommendation, but what will be of much more effects is that I have
cured to settle with that Chief to allow him 2½ ℔ct for his commons at
Pulicat or Call it what else your please He is the only man that Could
Secure us from the Villanary of the Black merchants You may ——
Consequence if You can send a thousand Bullocks some more money with --
all the Beetlenut that You have, I have receipted Your Bills for £1118.6.8
which shall be paid as shall any Other You may Draw

Of the Beetlenut 36 Bags were taken board the Day after
I wrote to My Letter from the Sandy Feeder & the weight of that as well as of
the Darrumer was Only Guessed at

If the Cloth be made up in the Dutch Fashion I cannot
see what Our Chief can say to that - at all events I shall keep it as soon —
as Possible

The 2800 ℔ charged to Four Friends please under stand
of Voyage to the Eastward for Four Friends

The Shamon Sailed the 23d Inst

At Porto Novo, so much apprehended Paddy is 50 ℔ct Garce

if You can send any it will be Chearly taken

Yours Sincerely

Credit my Account if You please
for 500 Rec'd by Your's of Capt Hodge
for Offerings same things I have
are same for Yours, the Remainder

The Company are so expected that Letters report the same People will be sent to

Fort St George 4 July 1749

Dear Stevenson

I have received your Favor without date I had hopes
from a letter I received the day before yesterday from Hunterman, that
the Beetle nut would have gone off at 5¾ ℔ct accordingly wrote to desire
it might be sold at that Rate, but your Letter mentions only 5½
I shall leave to you to act as you may think proper, but I am of opinion
it will not be proper to keep the Beetlenut such longer, as a worm
frequaintly gets into it, which spoils the Sale —

I wrote to Hunterman also that if Paddy
242 ℔ct Goods could be got in Exchange it would be a very convenient
method of receiving our money an advantage, would occur to us
thereon, and it would be great consequence to this Settlement, which
begins to be much distressed for want of Grain - it is 50 Bags
at Madras & Garce at Cuddalore 53

My Intention is to dispatch the Indian
Trader within 10 days therefore you will be pleased to hire a
Boat & send her with all the Piece Goods which may be ready on
receipt of this Letter

If any Saffanapatam Tobacco can be bought
you will oblige me by purchasing & sending it down on the
same Boat

Enquire if you please at what rate the
Dutch vessels will deliver Salt at Achin

If Abbiotre should send you any money
and the Produce of the Camp here should have been received
before this comes to hand you will send some to Huffiana at Maracara
or Portonovo for at present it is not in my power

I hope to be with you in this month
prevent my Comp. to Mr. Hunterman, & believe me
Yours sincerely ——

Madras 5 July 1769

I send three Bales of Rawsilk the other day
to Mr. Abbotte the Govt. of Tranquebar, of these he has only taken
two & the third is in the hands of Mr. Hunterman with whom
jointly be pleased to sell it I shall send you down a Baler or two
in a few days —— Mr. Holford has written to Mr. Abbotte to pay
the amount to Mr. Hunterman this will be a small assistance
to you

If Paddy can be received in Barter for the
Beetlenutt it will be a speedy means of recovering an money
it sells here at 50 Pat Cuddalore 52. and no Customs are charged
at either Place For it 40 or 44 RVP may
If Dollars can be bought at 16 Dollr for 10 Pagr.
you may agree for any quantity & draw on me but Rupe will
not answer for the Owners of the Admiral Boscke nevertheless
advise me at what Tate Rupees may be bought as I have 2000
to pay in that Coun. which is scarce at this place

You will be pleased to have an away
the Tappees which may be ready as Soon as I get the
Ship away

My Compliments to Mr. Hunterman,
& believe me sincerely Yours

Dr Stevenson

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I have recd your favors of the 30 Ulto
& one without date,

The Delavery of the Freight was an unluckly
incident, as the Merchant have fallen in their valuation
of Beetlenut But as the Quantity they recd as Freight, is
not large 'tis to this I hope the whole is sold — You will be
better able to judge being on the Spot, of the Propriety
of selling or keeping it longer, than I can — however the
scarcity of Cash must be a Consideration with us
indeed, I well know that the Produce cannot be expected
in less than 2 Months — I have already written to you
that if Paddy at 42 can be got in Exchange or in fact
Payment it will be as good as ready money at
Cuddalore or Madras

If you can get 50 Candies of Sugar
in Barter for Beetlenut, reckoning your Beetlenut
at about 5 3/4 & the Sugar 11 or 11½ ₰ Candy, you will
do well in so doing — in which case, it must be immediately
sent hither on a Toney

If you can buy Paddy at Nagore or near
there the 1000 Pagr you inclose for Hosanna Marcar had
better be employed therein, for an sending it to Cuddalore
it will be sold for ready ~~at~~ 53 Pagr ₰ Garce free of
Duties - and I owe Latham Money & if he should not
want it he will send it to Marcar

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Hafanamarcar writtes, that Butternut
5/2 of Ammam at Partono — but that Price will not
are ever for us to export at he has a Bale of Silk, to sell
the Produce of which, he may invest he has also 1200 Pags
of Pepper which he can sell immediately

The out Cuttlenut you may as well keep
to the Southward a little longer as we have a long Quantity
have already — Hafanamarcar will write you what
Price is bean at Porto Novo

For the Purchase of Paddy you may draw
on me — the Price here will continue Hun Pag 50 ₰ Gare —
you will judge how near you can go — reckoning 5 ₰ Ct
Ct for Wastage — Freight &c. You may go as far as
38 ANP
38 or 40 to the Southward I think, for then if it be sent
directly hither & immediately many Charges will be
avoided — as at Nagore Your are obliged to pay to Cherchelly

I am D Stevenson

Yours sincerely

D Stevenson

Madrass 11 July 1759

I have recd your favor of the 5th Instant

I am sorry you have not been able to sell the Butternut
— The Freight amounted to so Little that I hope it will not be long before
you will have it on your Honor Exchanging apart for Paddy may
answer but I think if the whole could be sold at once, it would better
Sugar also as I wrote to you, may be received in Payment

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Mr Holford has written to Mr Abbetts to
pay Mr Hunterman the amount of the Law Silk, & you may
employ that money in the Purchase of the Grain, This being
a Transaction in which Mr Benfield has no Concern
1/4th of the Profit shall be on your private Acct without
running any Risque

Paddy being 50 Pags Curr.t ₰ Gare you
may go as far as 38 a 40 P N Pat Tondy — but I hope
you will be able to get it at the Price you mention

Pray can any Rice be brought to the Southw.d
it would answer better than Paddy because as the Freight
would be the same and a Gare of Rice is equeal to 2 Gare
of Paddy it would of course be proportionably cheaper

I must request you will hasten up the
Tappies for the Indian Trader

If you cannot exchange receive Sugar for
Butternut pray buy & send up 50 Candies you may buy at 29 Mdr
Credit — in which Time I can supply you

If the Raw Silk can be sold Pray let it go — as
I have more, to send to You

I am D Stevenson Yours sincerely

I flatter myself with the
Pleasure of seeing you soon

D.r Sir 3d

The Company having agreed to take Money for which they will give Bills at 3 M by the exact Chop if paid in before the 15th of Augt I shall be glad to know how much you chuse to subscribe & whether you have given Directions to any one to Subscribe or whether I shall do it for You

If you Please to give me two thousand Current Pagodas in exchange for Nabob Bonds to the amount of two thousand and eight hundred from the 1 of this month you may consider it as a Bargain made on your writing me

I am D.r Sir Y M & C

Sam.l Blake Eqr.

at Bombay

D.r Sir 13 July 1769

I have received your favor of 23d of November last with Invoice of Sundries sent to me, which have come to hand, and your Acc.t Current with me

The sending of embleached Cloth to you was entirely a Mistake I had received from Manchester, but a day or two before the departure of the London I had not time to land it for examination, Imagined by Error it was bleached & Consequently sent it to you as such, should it remain unsold at the time of your Receipt of this be pleased to take the first opportunity of sending the said Cloth to Mr. Bellamy at Malacca who will send it to my Attorney it at his when brown Cloth is in demand

I the Cakes of Tobacco and Handk.f packed up myself, and am certain they were in good Condition, but as you have

3d

given up the Bills of Lading, it is not matter of much Consequence

Mr. Lewen Smith having directed me to pay the Amount of what I have of this in your Hands to Mr I must beg the favor of your accordingly paying him

The next year I shall send you a quantity of Sparks Fine & Beche de Mar Camphire, is in general too much mixed to be trusted to your Market

I shall be particularly by your sending me the Several things mentioned in the enclosed List and whatever Balance may then remain you will be pleased to remit to England & transmit me the Bills payable to me or Order

If the embleached Goods remain unsold I shall be in your debt in which case I shall be obliged by your drawing on me at the Exchange you may be able to procure

Captain Holford a particular Friend of mine having requested me to mention him to you, having some Business to transact at your Port I now take the Liberty of recommending him to you—

It may happen that you may be able to get 5 6 p.r Spanish Dollar for bills on England and to draw on me at 15 Dollars for 10 Pagodas In such case I shall be glad if you will obtain Bills for me to the Amount of 1000 £

I am Sir your most obedient humble Serv.t

Dr Sir

Madras 12 July 1769

I have to acknowledg the receipt of your letter of the 7 July which a multiplicity of business hath prevented me

Your Servant advised you of the Arrival of one Boat load of Red Wood, which is landed, but the Company are a long time in receiving it — part only being yet weighed off — notwithstanding I have done all I could to get this business finished

When the next Boat arrives, I shall advance the money you mention to the Concern

Whatever Mr Bonsette's Vanity may have led him to say. I am certain, his Wife's Jewells have been delivered & that they are worth but a very small part of the Sum you mention No Dividend hath been made for the Resp.e Land Interest Creditors cannot agree

I am Dr Sir Your most obed.t Serv.t

To
Capt Calvert

Madras 13th July 1769

Dear Sir

As I shall have an opportunity of negociating some Company's Bonds in a short Time, if it is agreeable, I will take of you such as you may have on the following Terms Viz.t I will give you a Bond for the Amount with Interest at five & Cent p.r Annum, payable in England at seven shillings and nine pence — one half on or before the end of Dec.r 1771 & the other half on or before the End of December 1771 but the Interest to cease from the day the remittance shall be made from Madras

I am Dr Sir Yours Sincerly

Robt Campbell

at Wm Edwd Stevenson

Fort St George 15th July 1769

Dear Stevenson

You will receive this Letter by Sinclair Thomas Morton of the Boat Simeirayah on which I have laden Patch leaves & Raw Silk agreeable to the Invoice, the boat will call first at Cuddalore where Maduhistna Pilla may stop a Bale of Raw Silk from thence she will go to Porto Novo where Hasana Marican will stop what he can dispose of — the remainder will be dilivered to you with the Patch leaves which I must desire you will dispose of to the best advantage

On Receipt of this you will stop the Provision of the Goods for the Indian Trade I do not mean providing by Shark Sultan but the Lappwo providing by you as the Ships will sail in 2 Days & will have gone from Achin for Salangore before they can be sent to him whereas those Goods which Shark Sultan is providing being intended for Achin can be sent over in Sept.r I wrote to you some time since to send me all you could — which I imagine you have done and whatever may remain you may easily dispose of in supplying you can get an advance on what they stand you in

I propose in the beginning of the next Month to see you — in the Mean time a pen a quill of my being D.r Stevenson

Yours Sincerly &c

D.d Stevenson

36 I have recd your favrs of the 10th & 12th Inst.

I am much concernd you have failed in the Paddy Business, not on my own account, because it would have been but trifling, but, because I had Promised to let a Gentleman have it, to whom I am much obliged therefore I must request you will use your utmost endeavors to procure for me 10 or 15 Garce of Paddy & to send it up as soon as possible — or as much more as you can procure — The Havildar at Tirmalawash has some and you may enterind with the Ammuldar of Nagore who perhaps may oblige us by so mall a Quantity

Some very great disappointments on many matters have not only prevented me from sending the money to Hafana nearer but also have obliged me to come to a resolution to order him to send a part of what you have remitted to him, to Mr. Latham

The Distrefs for Grain is in some measure abated as great Quantities have come in from the Southward

The Boat being arrived with the Pattees I shall immediately ship them on the Indian Trader and dispatch her therefore, as I wrote to you before, if you can get an advance of 10 or 15 p Cent sell them, otherwise as you receive them send them up,

Oblige me by sending me an Acct of what the Dutch ship brings

If 20 Cacks of Tor tor will sell I will send them if you could contract for the Delivery of 20 it would be better at even 12 p Cask than to run the risk of a greater Price

19 I promised to assist your Brother but as I thinks you will be able to sell a little Gold & Thread to the South w.h I am glad you have written to Crawfurd to take some — you may however depend upon this that he shall receive all the Assistance in my Power

I have already written to you upon the Subject of the Military Service my receipt of your Father Letter but 6 Cadets at Madrass I shall more at Bengal which I have heard them for my honor I know not the exact Number / give no great Encouragement to enter into the Military Service — But I hope soon to be with you & to Settle Things more to your Satisfaction — Certain it is that Things to the S. ward cannot be so clever as at Madrass N yet I assure You with good Looks I could almost be as happy at Any Place as here for I can truly say Madrass is not what it was

As to Accidents either in respect to Sales let it give you one moments more concern than you can help to say let it not give you any Concern & to command that which cannot be for every man will feel a Disappointment on an Occasion of this kind

I shall make out an Invoice & settle the Acct with you when I go down but you must send me immediately Destroya's Invoice Jan D.d Stevenson Ult.