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Calcutta

Messrs. Fairlie Gilmore & Co.

Madras. March 24th 1800.

Gentlemen. We are favored with your letter of the 8th instant inclosing a Set of your Bills of the same date upon Messrs. David Scott Sun & Co London in favor of Mrs Mary Turing at 9 Months sight for £ 69:2:5 being for the 4th pais Patriot on your Bond to us as attorneys to Mrs Mary Turing dated March 8th 1796 for ~~C.~~ £ 6912 on which we shall accordingly write off. We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras. March 24th 1800.

Tranquebar.

Messrs Boalth & Co.

Gentlemen Having for Sale about Thirty Candies of very fine Tallow landed from the Captured Ship Eliza, and knowing that it sells to great advantage at the Isle of France to which place you have frequent embarkations from Tranquebar, we take the liberty of troubling you on the subject, and request you will have the goodness to inform us whether you could procure a good Sale for the said Tallow, in which case we shall beg leave to Consign it to you. Be pleased to say what price we may expect for it.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. We shall deem it as a particular favor if you will forward the inclosed letter to our Messrs Roebuck at Pulo Penang by the first opportunity. —

Madras 25th March 1800

Messrs Stephens & Cockell.

Gentlemen We find by Letters received this day from Messrs H. H. & R. Abbott that their order in favor of Messrs Duing & Co for part of their Consignment on board the Britannia was to be executed at all events whether that Ship proceeded to Europe or not. We confess we did not understand it so from the words of the order, but if your instructions from Messrs Duing & Co & from Messrs Lambert Reid & Co positively direct you to receive the goods at all events, we feel concerned that you did not set us right on this point, for Messrs H. & R. Abbott complain much of this additional delay, & protest against the additional Loss incurred by the waste decay of the Goods & the Loss of Interest for which however they declare their intention of coming upon the Owners. This circumstance renders it the more necessary for us to call upon you to receive the Goods without further delay.

We are &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs. Stephens & Cockell

Madras. March 25th 1800.

Gentlemen We request you will have the goodness to inform us if you received any other instructions from Messrs. Drewy Hy. or Messrs. Lambert Rose & Hy. than such as are inferred in the letter from Messrs. Wm & Rd. Abbott of the 6th ult.

Yours &c
(Signed) Reid & Co.

Captn. William Selby.

Madras 25th March 1800

Dear Sir

Messrs. Anderson & Loughman have no doubt acquainted you that your dft. in their favor of the 25th Decr. last for S. Rupees 3213.- was duly honored as you are winding up your concerns in this Country you perhaps may wish to have your Account with us closed, we accordingly beg leave to hand it to you balancing in your favor S. Rupees 44-23-62 for which we inclose a draft upon Alexr. Adamson Esqr. for Bt. Rupees 155-3-92 - being at the Exchange of Rupees 350 p. Rupees we trust you will find the Account Correct.

We remain &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 28th March 1800.

Alexr. Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

It was with real concern that we yesterday learnt from Capt. Wedgbrough the accident you met with on board La Forte & we shall be very happy to hear that you are perfectly recovered from the Effects of it.

We should sooner have acquainted you that a freight to & from Rangoon being offered to Capt. Ross of the Ship Hope which was thought eligible, he accepted it with our advice & sailed for that port about a fortnight since. We expect him back sometime the beginning of June when it will still be much too early for him to go round to the Malabar Coast, if it should be advisable for him to go there for a Cargo of Timber, but we have no doubt but you will recommend his returning to Rangoon for his Cargo for the Cape. We were happy to learn that Capt. Wedgbrough had procured Despatches for the Lady Clive, to whatever she shall proceed to see her here in all next month.

You will oblige us much by drawing as much of what you will have occasion to draw upon us as you can payable in Madras, for the Exchange upon Calcutta has fallen considerably, & Bills are difficult to be procured the Companys Treasury not being open for Cash against Bills on that place Bengal.

We request the favor of you to forward the inclosed Bills for Messrs. Middleburne Webster & Co. by the next overland Dispatches & to advise us the amount of Postage it being for a Constituent of ours.

We remain &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

29th March 1800.

Vizagapatam.

Wm. Brown Esqr.

Dear Brown. I am much obliged to you for the Draft you inclosed & had requested you not to trouble yourself about it. The Bank is here ready to repay you as I cannot get any Bills to the Northward nor have I any Funds there, I wish you would draw on me at as short a sight as you please which is the only way at present and truly concerned am I that you have put yourself to any inconvenience - I cannot at this moment comply with your wishes as we have occasion for all our funds.

Yours Sincerely.
(Signed) B. Roebuck.

I have tried every where for bills in vain. —

Malacca. Madras March 29th 1800.

A Koek Esqr.

Sir We beg leave to recommend the inclosed letter for Mr. Wm Ractmit of Pinang to your care, and to request the favor of you to forward it to him by the very first opportunity. If we can render you any Service here we shall be happy if you will command us. We have the honor to be
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Ship Lalph.

Amboyna Madras March 31st 1800.

Lieut. Thomas Pollock

Dear Sir The aforegoing is duplicate of our letter under date the 17th February and of your account Current inclosed therein. We have now the pleasure to send you News Papers for the two last months. We remain with Esteem &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 1st April 1800

W. Balfour Esqr. Collector of Government Customs

Sir We engage to pay Rent for such Godowns as may be occupied for the goods landed from the Ship Britania untill they are reshipd for Calcutta. We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Alexander Farquhar Esqr. of Porcher
D. of Asia

Madras 31st March 1800.

Sir

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that Captn Thomas Ross arrived here on the 15th Ult. & delivered us your Letter of the 7th December last inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Wines & Fruits laden upon the Hope consigned to us for your account. We have thought ourselves fortunate in being able to dispose of the Cargo for the Cost & Charges, reckoning the Rix Dollars at the rate of two to one Star Pagoda, which sale considering the very high amount of Charges & Freight is thought a good one. Indeed we fear the Purchasers have not yet sold a single Pipe of the Wine, & we believe they would be glad to get rid of their Bargain at a sacrifice of 15 p Cent. We shall transmit to you an Account Sale by the Indiamen under Dispatch, & by the Hope our Account Current with you & the Owners in whose account we have paid sundry Sums to Captn Ross.

Having ourselves had it lately in contemplation to load Timber on the Malabar Coast, we made particular enquiries on the subject, the result of which was that a Cargo from thence to the Cape would not answer. We accordingly resolved that it would be ineligible to send your Ships round there, more particularly as the Monsoon would not admit of her coming on the Coast untill the month of September. We therefore with the advice of Captn Ross freighted the Ship to & from Rangoon. She will be employed in this trip about three months, & will earn about four thousand Pagodas of freight; and we have shipped on her by desire of Captn Ross a few trifles to barter at the Nicobars against Cocoa Nuts which find good sale at Rangoon. We have insured the goods & Freight valued at 4000 Pagodas, to & from Rangoon at 10 p Cent. which we consider a moderate premium. Captn Ross will have an opportunity of contracting for a Cargo of Timber for your own account to be taken up three Months hence, when it will be a seasonable time for him to sail to the Cape.

We have likewise to advise you that Mr Lacy has quitted the Ship here after having delivered the Cargo, & that we have paid him agreably to the tenor of your Agreement with him £116-13-4 & due time we shall furnish you with the particulars of all these accounts.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Alexander Farquhar Esqr. of Porcher
Sir D. of Asia

Madras 1st April 1800

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th December last in reply to our several remonstrances on the subject of your management of our Concerns & of your tardiness in remitting our property to London, & we are sorry to observe that it does not afford us the satisfaction we hoped for. But as we trust that our Goods will be all sold & the Proceeds remitted long ere this reaches you, we shall not at present enter upon the Subject but to make two or three remarks. Upon referring to your Accounts we find that you have given us Credit for the percentage upon the amount of the Sales of Sugar & Anaack, but not upon that of the Wheat; now do you explain to us why the remittances of these sums was deferred untill the month of November, notwithstanding opportunities offered in May & July to our certain knowledge.

You have credited us for the Casks, it is true, but at the rate of less than four Rix Dollars each, & you have charged us for the Wine Casks & Dispatch at the rate of thirty Rix Dollars each.

We have also to observe that we have very little satisfaction from your Letter, because about the same time we received Letters overland dated the 8th October, by which we learnt that neither the first nor Second of the Bill for £4000. - - - the third of which you sent us under date the 12th March, had reached Messrs. Wm & Co. Lee notwithstanding repeated opportunities had occurred by which they might have been sent. And we must be allowed to express our astonishment, as well as dissatisfaction, at the latter part of your letter, from which it would appear that you were retaining £11000 - of our funds in your hands untill it should be ascertained whether you would be called upon for payment of a fine of about £2361 - And on this particular subject we must add, that it does not appear to us from your letters that you have taken any steps with the Government of the Cape to get the payment of the fine at least postponed, in consequence of the positive information we gave you that the Government General of India had written on the subject to the Court of Directors strongly recommending a remission of the fine, as well as to the Government of the Cape.

From the last paragraph of your Letter we are encouraged to hope that the Cargoes of the Generous Friends & Dispatch are both sold by this time, & we trust that the Nett Proceeds will be remitted by the Indiamen, which are now most probably at the Cape.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Calcutta

Madras 3d April 1800

J. D. M. Sinais Esqr

Sir

We have the honor to hand you our Account Current with you on account of Mr Manoel Caetanee balancing in your favor S. Rupees 2717. 3. 57 for which we inclose the first of a set of your own bills upon Messrs Wm & R. Abbott for S. Rupees 9056. 4. 10 being at the Exchange of 333 Arcot Rupees p 100 Star Pagodas. We are very sorry it has not been in our power to remit you this money sooner, but Bills upon Bengal are difficult to be procured, & that we might not delay the remittance any longer we have been induced to draw upon our own friends in Bengal, notwithstanding it is inconvenient to us to do so. We shall be very happy if our Services here can any way be useful to you.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt
Humble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Fort St. George. April 3rd 1800.

To
William Petrie Esqre
President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen. We are honord with a Letter from your Secretary of the 29th Ultimo intimating to us that Government had lain

Lam pleased to communicate to you their Resolution of not renewing our Lease of the Pooley Farm, but that Considering the expediency of removing at same expence the inconvenience of European Agency in the Affairs of Revenue and at the same time to afford us some relief from the Consequence of our Engagements they had been pleased to express themselves disposed to grant us a moderate Compensation for the actuals value we now hold in the Farm and that in Consequence you were willing to receive any proposal we had to offer.—

The undertaking we embarked in Gentlemen, has been a most arduous one, it is Consistent with your knowledge that instead of support and encouragement (from measures which perhaps you might have found it difficult to Counteract) we have met with every embarassment and opposition. We have at an immense expence erected Works & Machines, and amongst the rest a very perfect steam Engine of large power.— These Works are built on a Scale not only for the Indigo which might have been produced in the Farm but with the expectation of getting large tracts of the neighbouring districts cultivated by the Inhabitants as is done in Bengal but the impediments and opposition we met with in our own Farms rendered these attempts perfectly useless - our Endeavours were used to procure a large quantity of Indigo Manufactured which at the period we undertook it was a great publick object. In the Course of our labours with which your Board are well acquainted you will see we have brought a number of People Coffries and others into the district from various parts; We have given employment to an immense number of people in a System of Agriculture and tho we have liberally pursued the Publick object which we attempted to introduce and have suffered by it, the Publick Interest has certainly benefited, nor could we look for any recompence without a long Lease.— We have improved a barren soil so as to make it a Garden we have constructed one New Tank and we have strengthened and heightened the Bank of the old one so that this year it holds Ten Months Water more than it has ever done, we believe within the memory of man we have shewn that it is fully adequate to Contain the Water without danger and that at a very moderate and trifling expence it may be made to contain Eight Months Water more than it now holds, whence the whole Farm of Pooley may become a perfect Garden always under Cultivation in every Season, if Common Care is taken of the Water which may also be afforded to other districts which are in want of it, and which have never been supplied, because before we had the Farm there was not sufficient Water contained in the Tank for the Pooley Farm. We have also made several Water Courses for Conveying the Water without waste to the different parts of the Ground and which will be eminently useful to bring into Cultivation parts of the Farm hitherto lying waste.— In the Course of these improvements without any Interest reckoned at any time on our Capital, we have laid out a Principal Sum of upwards of Sixty Thousand Pagodas of which we will satisfy you by producing our Books if requisite at the most moderate Compensation we can ask and to meet the wishes of Government even tho' we shall be Considerable sufferers We beg leave to propose to receive 4000 Pagodas a year for 14 years the term of the Company's Charter.— We take leave to mention that it must be within your knowledge that in Consequence of the encouragement held out by Government we established a Set of Indigo Works near Madras which were rendered useless to us by the order prohibiting the Cultivation of the Weed in the vicinity of the Settlement and that you must recollect even the Crops we had planted were pulled up and destroyed; The improvements made in this Farm if disposed of under the System we are led to understand is to take place must operate immensely in encreasing its value to any Native Land Holder who may be inclined to purchase it as he will possess a large tract of Land unmolested by the Ryots which he can cultivate, and will have a House to live in which may entice Natives of Wealth of which there are many about Madras to make a

a Purchase for their residence. Under these Circumstances we trust Gaverm=ment in establishing a System from which they expect so much benefit to the Country will liberally Consider our Certain which has also the Publick benefit in view to prevent us from being the Severe Sufferers, we must otherwise be unless we have a liberal Consideration for our Situation, and the large Capital we have embarked on the faith of holding our farm for an extended period, which alone could have induced us to have entered so deeply in the undertaking especially as the improvments which we have always noticed must greatly operate to the advantage of the Company in the disposal of the Lands in question, and in fact greatly reduce to them the amount of ~~Expectation~~ the very small Compensation we have asked.

We have the honor to be with
Great respect &c &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Owners of Packet

Madras. April 5th 1800.

Capt. Palmer

Sir,

Several of the kills of Steel shipped on the Britannia to the Address of Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. being landed in bad and broken Condition, from which we apprehend a great deficiency in the Article, We request you or some one on your part will attend to see them weighed. We are &c. — (signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Madras. April 5th 1800.

Capt. Wardlow.

Sir,

The above is duplicate of a letter we had the honor of addressing to you on the 19th Ult. on the part of Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. Calcutta, & we request you will be pleased to favor us with an answer thereto. —

We are &c.
(signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Madras 5th April 1800

Bombay.
Alexander Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We were duly favord with your letter of the 19th Ult. & return you many thanks for the contents of the same.

We shall with great pleasure deliver your letter to Mr William Taylor on board the Centurion, as well as pay him on your account One hundred & Eighty Rupees, & we shall be very happy if our services in any other respect can be useful to him.

By a letter received this day from Capt. John Wedgbrough

is very much satisfied with the Ship, tho' he did not expect to get her out of Dock untill the 2d Inst. now away from Bombay untill the 24th Inst. She will therefore come direct to Madras indeed we should not now wish her to touch at Colombo, as the goods we had lying there are already shipped for this place. If you can assist us with any freight for Madras, you no doubt will. We are likewise happy to learn from Capt. Wedgbrough that you are much recovered from the effects of your fall upon which we heartily congratulate you.

You will Oblige us much by ordering the Bombay Courier to be regularly Sent to Major Robert Turing Deputy Quarter Master Genelal under this Presidency.

We remain with Esteem
Dear Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras. April 5th 1800.

Capt. John Wedgbrough.

Dear Sir,

We are favored with your letter of the 22d Ult. & much pleased to find you are so well satisfied with your Ship, tho' disappointed as to the time you expect her to be out of Dock, as by the last Tappall our friend Mr Adamson informed us she would be out as the 24th Ult. It will now be too late as it will be unnecessary for you to touch at Colombo.

We beg leave to call to your notice our particular requests to have an exact account of her dimensions; to have it ascertained that she is a Bombay Built Ship, & that you obtain a Register for her as such. We should be glad to have this information by return of Tappall if possible. —

We request likewise you will inform us by return of Tappall what will be the probable amount of her repairs, & the day on which you will expect to sail in order that we may make the necessary insurances; also what signal you will hoist in coming into Madras. We shall have use for all the Guns she had on board, request therefore you will bring them round.

We remain — &c. —
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras April 5th 1800

Tranquebar
Mr Heumanson.

Sir

We duly received your favor of the 27th & 31st Ult. the latter giving advice to an Inventory of the Stores of the Ship Denmark, late the Princess Royal. We return you many thanks for the same, but we cannot make you any better offer than we have already done for her & her Cargo of Salt Viz. 13000 Star Pags. payable by three equal payments at two four and Six months, more particularly as we find upon comparing the list of her Stores with the one made immediately before she was taken, that she is not so complete now as she was then.

We request you will be pleased to favor us with a speedy answer to this Letter &

We have the honor to be &c
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 8th 1800.

C. W. Fallofield Esqre
President & Members of the Board of Trade

Gentlemen In Consequence of permission granted to us by Government under date the 9th ultimo to send a Ship to England - We beg leave to Tender the Ship Lady Clive Capt Jno Heyborough for that purpose at the rate of £22.10 P Ton. subject to the Conditions specified in the Advertisements published by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council dated the 15th Nov. & 10 Dec. last. She is Bombay built, belongs to us and is Capable of stowing about Six Hundred and fifty Tons. She has been just Coppered, has undergone a Thorough Repair at Bombay & may be expected here ready to take in Cargo by the 10th of next Month.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St George April 10th 1800

W Balfour Esq
Collector of Government

Sir

We request a Permit to Ship one Box of Treasure marked C.M No 1. upon the Brig Alert for which we hand you the Government Licence -

We are &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 10th 1800

Jno Maxton Esq

Sir We have the honor to inclose a Bill of Lading of one Box containing five thousand two hundred & fifty Rupees shipped on the Brig Alert to your Address by order of Mr John Turing of this place. Respecting the disposal of this money Mr Turing himself will no doubt write to you -

We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 10th 1800

R A Maitland Esq

Sir We beg to know what Premium you require to insure 5250 Rupees in Specie on the Brig Alert Capt Hopland against all risks to Colinga with liberty to touch & trade at all intermediate Ports.

Sir your Obt Servt
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

The same to the following Gentlemen.
Messrs Chase & Co Ist to the new madras Insurance Co
F. D. Monte Esq Ist
Geo Lys Esq Ist

Duntoor

Madras 11th April 1800

W H Gordon

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of troubling you respecting our Bills for the Sum of £000 Madras Pagodas which Mr Webber gave us purposely on account of our Contract with Government it is of the utmost importance to us that the Cash should be received early to make advances to the different people & I hope you have been able to send it off before this reaches you but if this has not been the case let me request the favor of you to have it dispatched directly

I am Yrs
(Signed) B. Roebuck

Madras April 14th 1800.

Cape of Good Hope.

Alexander Farquhar Esqre

Sir We have received your letter of the 26th January, by no means admit that your letter of the 6th December was an answer to ours of the 16th August & 17th October. - In the latter particularly we remarked on the disagreement between your letters of advice, your accounts, & your actual remittances, & we demand why the Bills for £9634 were detained till the month of November notwithstanding frequent opportunities had occurred of sending them, & notwithstanding you actually sent us the Firsts of them on the 17th June which proves that you had the Firsts & Seconds of the same in your possession. On this subject you are pertinaciously silent, tho' we think it is of too much

much importance to you for you to be indifferent about.

We are extremely surprized that you should say you did not receive the Correspondance between us & the Madras Government till at too late to send it to Messrs Lee, as we sent it to you in the very letter that inclosed the Invoice of the Cargo of the Despatch, and referred to it in a long paragraph in that letter, & from what we have since heard we are satisfied that if you had forwarded to Messrs Lee a Statement of the circumstances relative to the Shipment of that Cargo at Madras, & a Copy of our Correspondance, the Fine would never have been exacted.- By the Varuna however just arrived we are advised that in consequence of the Documents we furnished Messrs Lee, the Court of Directors were about to reconsider the matter, & that Messrs Lee had been privately informed that the Fine would be remitted.- We have likewise heard from a Gentleman Come out on the Varuna that the resolution of remission of the Fine was actually passed before the sailing of the Ship, tho' no official or authentic report of it has reached us. We request therefore that you will have the goodness to take such steps as shall be necessary to recover and receive back the amount paid to Mr Pringle.-

Under date the 21st October Messrs Addams & Lee acknowledge the receipt of the third of your Bill dated Febry 22nd on the Victualling Office for £4000- forwarded by us from Madras so late as the 22nd May, but with expressions of the greatest astonishment at having received neither the first nor Second of the same Bill from you, which from the date of the Bill and the opportunities that has occurred, they might have received in all July. There is something very unaccountable in all this, and we must candidly tell you that it is highly necessary for you to explain it.- We now think it expedient to revoke our instructions that the firsts, Seconds & Thirds of all Bills should be forwarded from the Cape, since we have observed that the thirds of the Bills by a retrograde & circuitous route of Madras Bombay & Overland may reach London before the Firsts & Seconds direct from the Cape

Cape of Good Hope, and we accordingly request that you will forward to us by the first opportunity the Thirds of all the Bills you have remitted to London on our account. And we must again most earnestly entreat you to close our accounts and remit all our funds to Messrs Lee if you shall not already have done it upon the receipt of this.-

The Cornwallis Capt. Robertson was at the Cape sometime in October, by which you had an opportunity of forwarding the First or Second of the Bill No. 377 dated 30th June favor of Messrs Lee upon the Commissioners of the Victualling for £4000 Sterling, if opportunities had not previously occurred. The Third of the Bill we request you will forward to us.-

We have the pleasure to inclose an Account Sale of the Cargo of the Rope netting S.R. 14,276: 14: 69 to be passed to your Credit on the 13th May, the Goods having been sold at the usual Credit of 2 Months.- We have reason to congratulate you on this Sale for the Queen Capt Timmins had brought a quantity of Cape Wine on which we are confident there must be a very considerable loss.-

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 8th 1800

Exps Wm Fallofield Esqr
President & Members of the
Board of Trade

Gentlemen In Consequence of the advertisement published in Calcutta bearing Date the 18th Nov. & a Subsequent one dated the 10 Dec. following - We beg leave to Tender the undermentioned Ship & Subjoin the Several particulars respecting her.-

Ships Name	Measurement Tonnage	Sole Owners	Commander	Port required from
Lady Shore	500 Tons-	P. Roebuck. W. Abbott W. Roebuck & R. Maitland	Jno Hodgstrong	Lisbon 22. 10.-

&c

She has since just Copped has undergone a thorough Repair at Bombay, and may be expected here ready to take in Cargo by the 10th of next month.— We agree to abide by all the Conditions Contained in the advertisment and in the Draft of the Charter Party.—

We beg leave to Tender the undermentioned Persons as Security for the Performance of our Engagements, when agreed is hereunder subjoined.

Geo. Arrow Esq
Honble B. Cochrane

We have the honor to be &
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

We agree to become Securities.—
(Signed) { Basil Cochrane
George Arrow

Madras 15 Apl 1800

Walter Balfour Esqr
Collector of Govt Customs

Sir,

We beg to acquaint you that a considerable part of the Goods landed by us from the Ship Britannia were damaged and unsaleable, & we beg to know if the Duties are to be paid on them equally with those that are landed in good & Merchantable Condition.—

We are — &c
(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Messrs Chase & Co.—

Madras 17th April 1800

Gent.

We beg to know if it will be agreeable to you to renew the Insurance on the Gunnies Goods for one Month Prorata.— The same to— Geo. Dellonde Secy. Hennessy Geo. Lys Esq. Secy W. H. Maitland Secy.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 19th 1800.

Walter Balfour Esqre
Collector of Govt Customs

Sir

We request you will grant a Permit to reship the undermentioned articles on the Ship Anna Capt. Talmore which were landed from the Ship Britannia & Lodged at the Custom House for Exportation.

We are &c

Madras April 19th 1800

Bombay.

Alexander Adamson Esq.

Dear Sir The Ship Indiaman when called the Messenger belonging to Mr. Baker underwent a most thorough repair at Bombay about two years & half ago, We shall be much obliged to you, if you will procure from the Builder a Certificate of his opinion of the state of the Ship when she came out of Dock, and with this to be as full & particular as possible as it is of some Consequence to us; Mr. Baker has always us she was considered as a perfect good Ship, and we have every reason to believe him well founded in this opinion, but we request the favor of an answer if possible by return of Dawk.—

We are with real Esteem &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras April 19th 1800

Capt. Farrer
Commanding the Ship Varuna—

Sir,

Upon enquiry & examination we find that the Bale of Cloth marked & Shipped on the Varuna by Messrs. Ritson & Lee to our address was damaged by Sea Water on Board the Ship. We have left it in the Custom House & request you will be pleased to attend there at 11 o'Clock on Monday Morning for the purpose of having it regularly surveyed.

We are — &c
(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.—

Columbo.

J. Greenhill Esqre

Madras April 21st 1800.

Dear Sir We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 17th ult by Tappall, by the Doves arrived here on the 16th inst the former inclosing an Invoice of 1174 Bags of Copper amounting to Rs. 6036: 36: 18 which we pass to your credit. We beg leave to return you our sincere thanks for executing this Commission for us; & we shall be extremly happy if you will take the trouble of collecting for us as much more Copper as you can upon the same terms, and of sending it round to us as soon as the season will admit of it, which we hope may be in September next.—

We shall be very happy if our Services here can be useful to you.—

We have the honor to be &
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras. April 21st 1800.

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen,

We have duly received your several favors, but have not replyed to them ourselves as we daily see your Mr Woodcock with whom we communicate on the subject of them, who has regularly communicated to you our ideas. The present therefore is to advise you that the Minerva Capt. King will sail hence on Friday next to load from 14 to 16,000 Bengal Maunds of Salt, at Coringa. The freight is to be ten Star Pagodas pr 20 Bengal Maunds at the Exchange of the day viz. 358 Arcot Rupees pr 100 Pagodas. The Minerva ballasts with Salt here for which we pay half freight on condition that she fills up a full Cargo at Coringa. We request the favor of you to give him all the dispatch possible & to send us the Bill of Lading without delay.

We are — &c.

(signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

George Taswell Esqr

Master Attendant.

Fort St. George 22d April 1800.

Sir

We have received your letter of yesterday's date stating to us that in consequence of the Representation that had been made of the unworthiness of the Prize from a Survey report of her in Bengal, you by the Charter Party for the freighting of the Ship. In answer to which we beg leave to state some Circumstances for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. We purchased the Prize at Public Sale after having had a very perfect Survey of her from People belonging to our Service the Report of one of whom Mr Makepeace is as follows. "I have examined "the Elsa below and above and my opinion is that she will pass for 3 or "4 Years very well. Her Timbers are all remarkably good Kind Beam "close forward they are not quite so fresh, but far from being bad, "I never saw a Ship that was better bound together in my life; the Upper "works will want Caulking and some small repair about - New Top "Mast pegging & a New Suite of Sails and then she will be fit to go to Europe." We know he was assisted by other professional Men in the Survey and in particular by Capt. Kingsmith in your department, she was Surveyed by Capt. Hutchinson Commanding the Nereide one of our Ships and he was accompanied by Mr Carter in your department, We have still have every reason to believe the Ship perfectly Sound, she went from this with Sails of all sorts sufficient to carry her to Bengal and with Cayard

to make her a Complete Suite of New Sails which was to be effected while she was loading, She was also well found in ground tackling - Under these Circumstances we are led to believe that the report Survey given on her is unfounded and prejudiced. — About 2½ Years ago she was in Bombay Dock completely repaired at a very heavy expence and new Copper'd, since that period after her Capture & Condemnation at the French Islands, she has mostly been laid up and has never met with any damage or accident. We have further reason in stating the Survey to be prejudiced, from Letters which we received from Calcutta immediately on her arrival from our Agents who had heard it expressed in some of the Public Offices that the Ship had had no repairs for Seven Years past and that as she had not been Surveyed at Madras, this Government had requested she might be Surveyed in Bengal and that in Consequence a person was to be sent to examine her before the Rice was put on board of her. —

The Prize came deep loaded into these roads having on board 7000 Bags of Rice 440 Leaguers of Arrack a quantity of Sugar and a variety of other articles and after a beating Passage of two Months and a half landed her Cargo without damaging a single article and her Log Book will shew that she made no more Water in that situation in a Gale of Wind than she did in easy Weather, a certain proof that her leak was of no Consequence. — The Ship is in the same State as when she left this, she had met with no accident and we look upon her as a good Ship, we further request that Captain Kingsmill and Mr Barker who know the Ship may be called on upon Oath to say in what State she was in when they examined her. —

The Ship was purchased by us having a particular lucrative Voyage in view and when we were first asked whether we would let her to Government, We stated our objects to you and afterwards the terms we would take to let the Company have her, thus situated we Cannot Conceive that there has been any breach of Contract on our part or that our Ship is not adequate for the Voyage, and there is no provision for such a Survey at Bengal; If the Ship had been loaded with Rice as directed and damaged it on her Voyage down from want of Seaworthiness, we should have been answerable for such

damage

damage and never should have hesitated in making it good.—

It is at all times our desire to conform to the wishes of Government, but we hope from the foregoing representation and their liberality that they will not insist upon our Complying with a demand which will so materially affect us and which we trust we shall be excused in saying we do not think by Contract we are liable to be called upon for; We will however as far as lies in our power meet what we conceive may be the intention of Government and substitute our Ship the Lady Shore (tho' we intended to send her to England) which is expected here from Bombay the first week of next Month, where she had ~~been~~ been put in Complete order having been docked, sheathed & coppered and take the Purse into our own Employ.

Government must be sensible that the report of Survey in Bengal must be highly injurious to the Ship and to us and tho' our Agents on the 27th Instant have given us no intimation that she had been discharged by Government yet on her arrival at Madras we trust she will be surveyed, and will be found adequate to the Voyage for which she was Chartered, in which Case we hope she will be continued in her employ.—

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras. April 23rd 1800.

Captn George Arron.
Commanding the Ship Earl of Mornington.

Sir Having chartered our Ship the Earl of Mornington to Government for the period of six Months and as much longer as Government shall require her, We desire you will put yourself under their orders accordingly, adverting at the same time to our Charter Party of which you have a Copy.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Ingeram

Madras 23d April 1800.

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gent. The aforegoing is duplicate of our respects of the 21st Inst. the present will be delivered to you by Capt. King himself and we request you will give him every dispatch possible.—

We are &c
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Masulipatam

Madras. April 24th 1800.

Capt. John De Morgan

Dear Sir. We duly received your favor of the 15th Instant & agreeably to your instructions paid into the hands of Tulloh Brodie & Connell the Sum of One Hundred & Twenty Star Pagodas for account of Mr. F. A. Grant. for which we have taken their receipt.—

We are &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

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Fort St. Geo: 25th April 1800.

The Honble Col St Leger
Commandg

Dear Sir I took the liberty of writing to you some time ago respecting some Ships for me in the charge of Venkataroy a Brany, Rehas sent down a Report that he delivered the letter, part of his Ships 30 in number are detained by your people & he himself who had charge of my Ships is made a Prisoner, I put confident this must have arisen from some mistake my friend Chinniah procured the Ships for me, let me request the favor of you to enquire into the matter & to give order for my property not to be molested.—

I am &c (Signed) B. Roebuck

Madras 26th April 1800.

Walter Balfour Esqr
Collector of Govt Customs

Sir On the 19th instant we applied and obtained Permit for Sundry articles to be shipped on the Anna Capt Gilmore having since altered their shipment to the Ducan Capt Jenkins we request you will grant a permit accordingly.

We are Sir &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

George Taswell Esq.
Master Attendant.

Fort St. George April 25th 1800.

Sir, We have the honor to State to you that we are this day furnished by our Agents with the report Survey of the Ship Paige, & that from the Opinion of impartial professional men upon the same, we are induced to believe the Ship had no defects that might not easily have been repaired at Diamond Harbour, with the exception of the trifling Leak which is noticed in it & which you are sensible the Best Ships are subject to without being on that account rendered not Sea worthy. The Ship made no more water between Madras & Bengal than she did in her passage from Batavia to this Port, & as she landed a very considerable Cargo here without the smallest damage, a Cargo in point of Bulk & Weight much more considerable than it was intended should be loaded upon her in Bengal, it is fair to presume that nothing was to be apprehended from that Leak, that it ought not to have caused her being ordered up to Calcutta. It is needless for us to point out to you the dangers of that River for so large a Ship, the extraordinary expence a Ship going up to Calcutta incurs, & the incalculable expence of a Ship being put into the hands of Builders where the Owners are not on the Spot, & where, as in this instance, the Captain & Agents have no instructions whatsoever respecting repairs, & the orders of Government are to be the only rule for them.

We request you will have the goodness to submit these circumstances to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, & we are satisfied his Lordship will do us justice to hold us harmless from the risk of the River above Diamond Harbour, & from any unnecessary or extraordinary expences that may be incurred by the Ships being taken into Dock.

We presume you have been likewise furnished with Copies of the Papers we have received, namely the Report Survey & the Letter from the Master Attendant in consequence, & you must yourself have observed from the latter, that there is no reason assigned for ordering the Ship into Dock, except a motive of curiosity; with respect to the Age of the Ship we must remind you, that we did not conceal her former name when she was taken up & that she was then known to Government to be the Old Prize Indiaman, & consequently this ought not to have caused Her being ordered into Dock.

We have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

William Petrie Esq.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George April 25th 1800.

Gentlemen, We have been honord with your Secretary's letter of the 26th Instant and in reply, we beg leave to say that, the Sum in immediate payment we deem an equivalent to what we stipulated in our letter of the 5th Instant a Sixty Five Thousand Pagodas. We trust however that we shall be permitted to gather in our growing Crops of this year, which have been planted at a great Current Expence.

We have the honor to be with respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants.
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott
Owners of Paige.

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J. J. Hall Esq.

Madras 29th April 1800.

My Dear Hall,

I have the pleasure to inclose a Set of Bills of this date drawn by Hunter & Hay upon Hamilton & Thuray for £ 400. - - - at 6 Months Sight on account of the appeal in the Cause Dunglatore Thingelroy & Benfield, & Harding & Exchange Insurance Company.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) R. A. Maitland.

Bombay.

A. Adamson Esq.

Madras April 29th 1800.

Dear Sir, You will oblige us much by forwarding the inclosed Letter for Messrs. Rapp & Co. Per the Overland Packet. Neumann with Ettum &c.
P.S. Likewise one to Chas Stuart Esq. (Signed) R & H & Co.

Madras 2d. May 1800.

Messrs. Boalth & Co.
Tranquebar.

Gentlemen, We are favored with your Letter of the 28th ult. & return you many thanks for the obliging tender of your Services. In consequence we request the favor of you to send us a particular account of the State of the Ship Johanna & an exact Inventory of her Stores, likewise to acquaint us the lowest price the Owners will take for her & the periods of payment.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Tranquebar
M. Hermanson.

Madras May 3d 1800

Sir, We have received your favors of the 30th ult. & 1st Inst. on the subject of the Johanna, late the Albion. On this same subject we Yesterday heard from Messrs. Boalth & Co. offering us their Services. We are not at present in want of a Ship, nevertheless we have deemed

desired the above Gentlemen to enquire her lowest price and the periods of payment.— The Ship is well known to us, and we imagine you have very much mistaken her burthen for she only carries 6000 Bags which may be reckoned equal to 350 Tons measurement. She is Pegue built, Consequently not strong and not entitled to the advantage of Bengal and Bombay Ships.— We can only afford to buy her if the goods upon very moderate terms.— We have the honor to be &c.

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.—

L. A. Maitland Esqr
Secretary to the Exchange
Insurance Company.

Fort St George May 7th 1800

Sir

We request you will renew the Insurance on the accompanying Policy on the Apollo for one Month agreeably to the terms of it.—

We are &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

The above to John D'Monterky.— policy on the Apollo No 930 for 9000 Pags

Tranquebar

Madras May 9th 1800

Gentlemen We are favored with your letter of the 6th instant and its inclosure, for which pleasure to accept our best thanks.— We know that the Albion was copped last year, but believe it was only to low water mark.— We are told her rigging is so bad that it will be necessary to give her new rigging, & with respect to her burthen, having loaded her ourselves to the utmost we know exactly what she could carry, & that is Six Thousand Bags, & that her burthen cannot be computed at much more than 400 Tons, being a Pegue built Ship.— we do not suppose she is as burthensome both Iron, & certainly is much less durable than a Bengal or Bombay Ship.— But let her qualities be what they may, the price the owners ask is so much out of the way that we shall not attempt to make any offer for her, but hereafter, when they come down in their price, as they certainly must do if they wish to sell her, we will thank you to inform us of it.— We have been told that Mr. Shamier has enquired about her; but finds her much too small for his purpose.— He certainly does not mean to purchase her.—

Whatever price we might be willing to give

for this Ship, we would not stand any risk ourselves as to the nature of the Property. We should therefore request her to be delivered to us here.— We are &c (signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Dindigul Madras May 9th 1800.

Lieut Col. James Innes.

My Dear Innes I am this day favord with your letter of the 5th inst. & have purchased two whole tickets & one Half Ticket in the Asylum Lottery with the money returned for your two tickets in the Jewel Lottery. They are as follows. No. 522 } Whole Tickets
523. }
2516 Half Ticket

which I will keep at your disposal, & heartily wish you luck with them. I beg my best Compts to Mrs. Innes & remain &c

(signd) R. Maitland

John D'Monte Esqr Madras May 13th 1800

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Sir

We beg leave to know what premt you require to insure on the Ship Dispatch Capt. Browne at & from Penang to Madras with liberty to touch & trade at Sooloos & the intermediate Ports against all risks. The Dispatch was expected to sail from Penang about the 9th Ult. & may be daily looked for here. The many arrivals at Bengal & Bombay from the West Coast of Sumatra & Penang shew that the Coast is clear of Enimies.—

We are &c (Sgd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

The same to Mr. Lee. Lys.
Mess. Chase & Chinnery & R. Maitland Esqr

Walter Balfour Esqre Madras May 13th 1800

Collector of Revenue Customs

Sir

We hereby engage to be answerable to you for whatever Customs are due upon the Goods landed from the Vacuna Capt. Farrer & Consigned to the address of Mr. Geo. Abbott & ourselves. We are making out an Invoice of the Goods that are landed in a Merchantable State & likewise shall shortly lay the same before you.— We are &c

Portuguese Vessel Sgd (Signed) R. & Co.
of War.

Penang

Mr. Roebuck Esqr. Madras May 13th 1800.

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To A. Maitland Esqr
Secretary to the Exchange
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Penang. 8th May.

Upon Roebuck Esqr. Madras. May 13th 1800.

Dear Sir We avail ourselves of a small Portuguese on immediate departure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

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the 28th March come to hand this day by way of Bengal. We approve of all that you have done with respect to the Ship Despatch, & trust you have been very particular & punctual in your instructions to Capt. Browne for he requires it.

We are sorry you have made no reply to the three paragraphs in our letter respecting the Pistols the Arrack & Mr Stevenson's affair. We wish particularly to know what number of Pistols you could dispose of. The Destination of the Ship Lady Shore being changed we request you will keep the Goods intended for her, until you receive further instructions from us, excepting the Iron which you may dispose of if you can obtain 9 Dollars the Peul for it. We will thank you to acquaint us particularly the State of your market with respect to Narrow Flat Bar Iron, Sagot Steel & Gob Steel, for we have a Considerable quantity of these articles brought out to us upon the Varuna. They are now all very Dear in London.

We have never yet heard any thing respecting a Consignment of Steel you made to Malacca on our account. We are very happy to hear that the Generous Friends arrived safe & in Cochin China, and we shall daily expect her return. We shall have an opportunity of writing to you again in a few days when we shall reply particularly to your letters by the Impaience. In the mean while.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Dan Stevenson
Esqr

Madras May 19th 1800

Sir

The foregoing is an Extract of a letter we have just received from Mr John Timing, to which we request you will have the goodness to enable us to reply.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras May 14th 1800

R A Maitland Esqr
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Sir

We request you will fill up a Policy for P 10000 on Treasure & Goods on the Despatch Capt Browne in the terms of our application by over leaf of this Date against all risks at a prem of 14 K.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Robt Alexander Esqr
Sub Secry to Government

Fort St George 16 May 1800

Sir

We have the honor to inclose Eight Bills of Lading of Salt Shipped on account of our Contract amounting to 30852 Bengal Maunds which at 19 Pags per 100 Maunds make Pags 5861: 39: 48 One third of which is Pags 1953: 43: 16 for which we shall be extremely obliged to you if you will favor us with a Bill on A Brandill or W Balmain as a remittance on account of our Disbursements for the Contract.

We have the honor to be, &c

Signed Roebuck, Abbott & Co
Salt Contractors

Madras 16th May 1800

William Petrie Esqr
President & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In consequence of a Government Advertisement dated the 3d Instant we take the liberty of requesting that you will be pleased to order a Piece of Ground to be allotted for us to the North of the Custom House in order to enable us to remove the Bankshalls we at present hold N 18, on the first line, measuring 15,616 sq Superficial feet.

We have the honor to be with respect
Gentlemen
your most Obdt humble
Servants
(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Geo. Abbott Esqr.

Madras 19th May 1800

Dear Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date containing four Promissory Notes. Vizt.

Rs. P. 5668 — at 1 Months date
" 5668 — at 2 — D°
" 5668 — at 3 — D°
" 5668 — at 4 — D°

Dated the 15th May 1800 by Waddell Rainnie & Gibson.

which we shall receive and pass to your credit at maturity.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbotts.

Mr Richard Alexander

Madras May 20th 1800

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 14th Inst we have to say that we will receive any Quantity of Salt in Bengal at the rate of Fifty six Sicca rupees pr Bengal Maunds. — If you think proper to ship Salt for us to be delivered upon these terms it will be necessary for you to take out a Certificate for each Cargo from the Collector certifying that it is on account of our Contract, & the Bills of Lading must specify the same. You will have the goodness to forward one of the Bills of Lading to our Agents Messrs Hy Lt Abbott of Calcutta & the other two to us. —

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Woodd & Co

P.S. The payments will be made by our Agents in Calcutta after delivery; or, if you should prefer it, they may be made here, at the Exchange of the day. —

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Madras 20th May 1800

Captn James Smith
Commanding the Ship Prize

Dear Sir

In the event of the Ships under your command being rejected by Government we request you will proceed with her, whenever a favorable opportunity of getting out of the River offers, to Prince of Wales Island, & there wait our instructions. We wish you to be there by the 1st August, but to be guided by the weather with respect to your leaving the River.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Seanguebar.

Hermanson Esqr

Madras 25th May 1800

Sir

We duly received your favor of the 13th Instant & in consideration of the Assurances you make us that the Ship Albion is now in much better condition in her Hull & Rigging than when she was taken, we are induced to offer you 13,000 Star Pags for her and her Cargo of Salt Delivered at Madras. The payments to be at two, four, & Six Months from the Date of the Bill of Sale, in equal Sums & bearing Interest at the rate of ten pr Cent pr Annum.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Ingram
Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Madras May 21st 1800.

Gentlemen We have the pleasure to inclose the first of a Government Bill dated the 20th Inst at 1 upon George Balmain Esqr. for the sum of Madras Pags 1406. 24. 12 at 10 days sight. You will observe that we have paid more than the Current Exchange for this Bill, & accordingly we hope it will be punctually taken up. —

We remain &c
(Signed) R & Co

Madras May 21st 1800

George Abbott Esqr

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date inclosing two Promissary Notes as follows:

for St Pags 6232 dated 6th May at 2 Months date.

" 6232 " " at 4 "

12,464 — by Hope Reynolds & Griffiths to your Order which we shall receive Credit to your Credit at Maturity.

We remain &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras May 22d 1800

R. H. Maitland Esqre

Secretary

Sir

We have to inform you that by Letters received this day from Penang under date the 25th ult we learn that the Ship Despatch has not sailed on the 9th ult as we informed you we expected she would, but that she has been unavoidably detained until the aforegoing date the 25 Ulto & it was feared would be still detained about four days longer. This however we presume can make no difference to Government, as their Rice being on board would not commence until it was shipped, after which the Vessel would of course immediately take her departure.

We are &c (Signed) R A & Co

John D'Monte Esqr

Secry &c

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We have to inform you that by Letters received this day from Penang under date the 25th Ult we learn that the Ship Despatch had not sailed on the 9th Ult as we informed you we expected she would, but that she has been unavoidably detained until the aforegoing date, the 25th Ultimo & it was feared would still be detained about four days longer. This delay we presume can make no difference to you as the rice is safe at Penang.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras 24th May 1800

A. Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We duly received your favors of the 7th & 10th by Tappall & of the 8th by the Lady Clive which arrived here on the 20th Inst. We have likewise the Bills for the repairs & Stores of this Ship & your account respecting her which shall be examined, & will no doubt be found correct. We return you our sincere thanks for the friendly aid you have given us in this business, & your favorable intentions with respect to the mode of reimbursing yourself your advances to us.

We believe we have done much better in sending Mr Farquhar's Ship to Pegue. She will earn handsomely in the mean time, & will return to the Cape earlier with her Cargo of Timber than she could from your coast, & it will be laid in at much less expence.

We shall credit you Rs 20. for the Postage of the letter to Messrs Webster & Middleburne.

The Centurion arrived in our Roads the day before yesterday, & yesterday we paid to Mr Wm Taylor agreeably to your desire Rs 180. as p inclosed Receipt.

We are anxious to have the Certificate of the Master Builders respecting the Ship Helen's goods, & thank you sincerely for obtaining it for us.

We bought Europe made Copper nails last January for our Ship the Apollo at Pags 8 p the madras maund of 25 lb.

Dear Sir

Your Obd Servants

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

24th May 1800

Charles Witherell Esqre

Dear Sir

I shall be obliged to you to pay on my Account to the Bearer John Mahomed one Hundred and twenty Star Pagodas and take his receipt for the same and be so good as to transmit it to me and draw on me for the amount.

Yours very Obediently

(Signed) B. Roebuck

John Mahomed Kittnagherry

I have received your letter with the Grain and I find the Price to be more than what it Can be purchased for at Madras. I send you a letter for 170 Star Pagodas and desire you will buy the 50 Bullocks thereabouts one Garce of Grain & load them with it and send them to Madras on the other side I have ordered the Contents to be explained in Malabaar to you which you I will understand better. — (Signed) B Roebuck

Madras 24th May

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Ingram

Gentlemen

This will be delivered to you by Cottanagah Immaboo, his agent have offered to us here to supply you with Salt at a quarter Pagoda less than others, if you should require any, & that it will not interfere with Contracts you might have already made & desire to request you will buy from this man on the same terms as others but with the Idemnification in the price.

We are Gentlemen Your Obed Servts

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St Geo: 26th May 1800

Wm Jones Esqr
Sub Treasurer

Sir

We have the honor to send herewith Fourteen Company's Certificates amounting to Pr 17364: 35: 14 as p subjoined list & request you will be pleased to issue an order for the Certificate on the Board's Govt in our name. —

We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

List of Certificates

Nos 143	for Pr	617 - 17
299		617 - 17
600		706 1.10
166		336:10:4
288		2461.17.78
256		913 - 27
309		1483.29.27
272		913 - 27
376		2053:23.32
160		194:21:31
393		577.25.32
335		828:14.65
334		3316: 3.76
112		1853: 12: 55.
Bengal Certificate No 5. for Dated 26 May 1800	Pr	17364. 35. 14 Sent to Bengal

Fort St Geo: 26 May 1800

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We have the honor to send herewith Fifteen Company's Certificates amounting to Pr 2661: 45: 44. as p subjoined list & request you will be pleased to issue an order for the Certificate on the Govt in our name.

We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

List of Certificates

Nos 274	for Pr	187. 33. 3
164		44. 13. 27
191		44. 13. 27
13		38. 25. 75
37		306. 22. 11
13		112. 3. 32
42		306. 22. 11
185		112. 3. 32
213		36. 25. 75
353		44. 13. 27
15		187. 33. 3
49		306. 22. 11
191		112. 3. 32
235		76. 25. 75
387		44. 13. 27
		187. 33. 3
Bengal Certificate No 2 dated 26 May 1800	Pr	2661. 45. 44

George Taswell Esqre
Master Attendant

Fort St Geo: 26th May 1800.

Sir

We beg leave to hand you a copy of a letter of the 11th Inst. from Capt. James Smith Commanding the Ship Prize to the Secretary of the Board of Trade in Calcutta, and an Extract of a letter from the same to us, by which you will see that the Ship was at that date in perfect condition to receive any Cargo. —

We beg leave at the same time to remark that when we offer'd our Ship the Lady Clive as a substitute for the Ship Prize it was upon the information you furnished us that the Ship Prize was at that time actually Condemned at Diamond Harbour & dismyted from the Service of Government, in which case she would have been immediately dispatch'd to us & we should have employ'd her in the Service for which we originally intended her; but as the Ship was after many days delay order'd up to Calcutta, & into Dock to undergo another examination, and has actually undergone all the Repairs necessary to remove every possible objection & more especially as the Right Honorable the Governor General had not at so late a period as the 18th Instant decided respecting her, the Case is very much altered & we request you will have the goodness to submit these circumstances to the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. — We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras May 24th 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqre
Secretary to the Exchange
& Insurance Company

Sir

We beg to know if your Office will renew their Insurance on the General Freight for One month longer. We have received letters from Capt. Henderson dated Saigon River Feby 15th in which he advises that he expected to get up to Town the following day. We do not know when he was to leave it on his return, but he was not arrived at Penang on the 25th ult.

We are &c (signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

The same to the following
Mr. Chase Sewell & Chinnery
John D'Monte Esqre
G. Sys Esqre

Madras 28th May 1800

H Harmanson Esqr

Sir

We are favord with your letter of the 24th Instant & must beg leave to decline purchasing the Ship Albion upon the terms you propose

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 29th may 1800

Messrs. Harrington Watts & Co

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to send you by the Bearer the amount of One years Interest due on our 2 Bonds to Capt Thomas Wood. We cannot help at the same time expressing our Surprize that we should be called upon for Compound Interest, as the Interest would have been paid when due, if called for. Nevertheless we send that amount likewise.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 30th May 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Sir

We beg to know what premium your Committee will require to insure 12000 Pagodas on the Ships Anna Maria mentioned in the accompanying letter.

The same to John D Monte Esqr Secretary & Mess. Chase & Co 31st May 1800

I your Obdt Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

A Adamson Esqr

Madras 31st May 1800

Dear Sir

Since our last respects to you Capt John How has handed us your letter of credit dated the 6th Inst in his favor for the amount of two or three hundred Pagodas, and on the 26th Instant we paid two orders of his in consequence of it, one in favor of Mr Andrew How dated the 25 Instant for Three hundred Arcot Rupees, & the other in favor of Mr E. Brightman for the same amount which two sums we have passed to your debit.

We take the liberty of inclosing two letters for our friends in London, one for Mess. C. W. & P. Lee & the other for Richard Lee Esqr which we request the favor of you to forward by the first overland Dispatch.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

P.S. Since writing the above your favor of the 27th May is come to hand & we have accepted your draft in

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Madras 31st May 1800

John D. Monte Esqr

Secretary

Sir

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Anna Maria for 12,000 Pags agreably to our application of yesterday, & Capt Sands letter & your reply of this date.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 3d June 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Sir

Sir

We forgot to desire the Insurance to be renewed on the Apollo for one month from the 3d Inst to this date agreeably to the conditions of the Policy. We however now beg to know if you will renew the Insurance on the Apollo for two months from the 3d Inst at a Premium Privato. The Apollo was at Malacca all well on the 24th March & was to sail that Day in continuation of her Voyage. She had been six Weeks detained at Princes Wales's Island During all which time she was coverd by the Policy we hold from your Office.

We are
Sir
your &c Servants
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

The Same to Mr J. D. Monte. Secy.

Madras 3 May 1800

Thos Graham Esqr

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to forward you a Letter from our friend Gnl Ross he tells me he has wrote to you respecting a Passage for him in the Ostd Ships At present we cannot know whether the Ships of the outward bound fleet will be sent direct from this or not nor can any conjecture be formd until the Arrival of the first fleet when any thing is decided here I will communicate with you as Gnl Ross has requested.

I am &c
(Signed) R. Roebuck

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R. A. Maitland Esq.

Madras 3d. June 1800

Sir

We find we have made a mistake respecting the renewal of the Insurance on the Apollo. It has been renewed, agreeably to the terms of the Policy to the 4th. Instant. We have therefore only to request the Insurance to be renewed for one month from the 4th. Instant to the 4th July if your Office will do it prorata. We send the Policy herewith.

We are &c
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

The same to Mr. D Monte Esq.

Madras 4th June 1800

Hermanson Esq.

Sir

We are favord with your letter of the 1st Instant accepting our offer of Thirteen Thousand Star Pagodas for the Ship Albion & her Cargo of Salt, but upon the other conditions as stipulated in your letter of the 24th May respecting the Exchange between Rupees & Pagodas, & the Delivery of the Ship at Tranquebar, to which conditions we on our part agree upon the Assurance you give us of the good condition of the Ship. We request therefore you will deliver over the Ship with her Cargo of Salt & all her Stores agreably to the list furnished us by you to Captn. Wallace the Bearer of the present. You will have the goodness to execute the Bill of Sale in our name, & to deliver it to Captn. Wallace, & upon your furnishing us his receipt for the Ship we will pass our Bonds for the amount to such person as you shall direct. We must request the favor of you to use your influence to keep the Crew on board to navigate the Ship to this Port, & such Lascars as will not impress here we will engage to send back to Tranquebar at our own expence. We likewise request the favor of you to furnish Captn. Wallace what money he may require to disburse on the Ship.

We duly received your letter of the 2d. Inst. inclosing one from Captn. Sands, to whom we shall be happy to render any service in our power. We have at his desire got insurance effected on the Anna Maria from Tranquebar to Calcutta with liberty to load Salt at Coringa against all Risks at a Premium of 5 p Cent the lowest that has been offered. As soon as we receive the Policy we shall advise Captn. Sands particularly of it. We do not conceive that any other papers are necessary untill the Ship arrives at Calcutta, when she will of course obtain an English Register.

We have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

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Madras June 4th. 1800.

Captn. Alexr. Wallace.

Sir Having agreed with Mr. Hermanson of Tranquebar for the purchase of the Ship Johanna, late the Albion, we request the favor of you to proceed with all possible dispatch to Tranquebar to take charge of the same. We inclose a letter for Mr. Hermanson, & a list of the Stores of the Ship as furnished us by him agreably to which you will receive them.- Mr. Hermanson assures us that the Ship is in perfect good Condition, & fit for Sea immediately; you will therefore be pleased to examine her & see that she answers this description. Her Cargo of Salt is to be delivered with her. Upon being put in entire possession of the Ship, you will pass your receipt to Mr. Hermanson for the same, & you will forward to us by Tappall the Bill of Sale which he will execute of the Ship in our name.- As it is of the utmost importance to us to have the Ship here with the least possible delay we beg you will use every exertion to get the Crew now on board to navigate her up, & we have engaged to return such Lascars as will not impress here to Tranquebar at our own expence.- We likewise inclose a letter to General Anker which we beg you will deliver to him in person, & you will at the same time solicit his aid if necessary to influence the Lascars to proceed with the Ship. As your run from Tranquebar will be very short, you will not require a full complement of Officers, & we should not wish you to impress any unless they are such as you would wish to continue with the Ship.- We have requested Mr. Hermanson to supply you with whatever Cash you may require for the use of the Ship.-

We shall expect to see you in Madras with the Ship Albion under your Command in eight or nine days at furthest. In the meantime We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

To Tranquebar
John Sands Esqr

Madras June 4th 1800

Sir We duly received your letter of the 27th ult. & immediately applied to the different Insurance offices for Insurance on your Ship the Anna Maria. The proposal made by the Madras Commercial Insurance Company to do it at five (5) p Cent was the most advantageous one we received. We have accordingly insured at that office Twelve Thousand Star Pagodas on the Stock & Block of the Ship Anna Maria from Tranquebar to Coringa to take in a Cargo of Salt & from thence to Calcutta against all risks at a premium of 5 p Cent. The Insurance is made in our name but for your account. We have to debit you for this Insurance as follows.

Premium of Insurance on Pags 12,000 @ 5 p Ct	P.	600 : —
Policy		21 : —
Commission on effecting Insurance on P. 12,000 @ ½ p Cent		60 : —
	P.	660 : 21 : —

We shall be happy to hear that you approve of this Insurance, & that we can be serviceable to you upon any other occasion. We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott &c

P.S. We handed your letter to the Officers & as they did not object to her sailing with the Papers you therein mention we do not conceive that more are necessary; certainly not in as much as it regards the Insurance. But we suppose that upon the Ships arrival at Calcutta Regular Papers will be obtained for her. —

Fort St. George June 5th 1800.

George Tasnell Esqr
Master attendant.

Sir We beg leave to forward to you for the inspection of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Copy of a declaration made by the Master Builders in the Honorable Company's Dockyard in Bombay respecting the thorough repair given to the Ship Prize formerly the Helsingoer in the year 1797, which declaration completely does away the

information contained in the Report of the Survey held at Calcutta and dated the 30th April, & flatly contradicts the Report which seems to have influenced the opinions of the Marine Board, namely, that the Ship in question had not had any repairs during Seven Years that she has been in India. —

We beg likewise to call your attention to our letter of the 26th ultimo & request you will be pleased to submit to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council our peculiar situation. We must take the liberty of repeating that we offered the Lady Clive as a substitute to the Prize only upon the positive information furnished us that the latter was actually dismissed from the service of the Honorable Company at Diamond Harbour upon the report of the first Survey held the 2nd April, whereas we now know that the Right Honorable the Governor General had not determined respecting the Ship so late as the 22nd May; and in this uncertainty our Ship the Lady Clive has been detained here upwards of a Fortnight, unemployed, at a great expence; & from this uncertainty she may be deprived of an Europe Voyage for which she was originally intended, & tendered. We trust therefore upon Consideration of these circumstances, & as the Prize is now in every respect unexceptionable, that the Ship Lady Clive may be released from her conditional engagement. But as from your application to us for Shipping Government may most probably want her Services, We are willing to forego our own convenience & to let our Goods remain in our Godowns, & charter the Ships to Government on the same terms as the Manningham being of the same Burthen or thereabouts, the Ships to be discharged from the Service at this Port. In reply to your letter of this days date respecting the Albion We have given orders for her to proceed hither directly. We agree to accept of 6000 Rupees p Month, for six months certain, the Ship to be discharged at this Port, the War Risk to be at the Expence of the Honble Company.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Capt Alex Wallace

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to enclose a letter for his Excellency Governor Anker, & a Register for the Ship Albion. We request you will use every exertion in your power to get away from Tranquebar. We of the utmost importance to us that the Ship be here in seven days if possible, & we beg you will prepare her to undergo a survey here, which will in all probability be ordered upon her. We are &c
(Signed) R A & Co

Capt. J. D. Morgan.

Madras 6th June 1800

Dear Sir

We duly received your favors of the 24th & 26th ult. & have enquired into the subject of them. We understand that some trifles were saved from the Dowy & carried to Major Rob. Turing, who sent them to Dr. Underwood. With respect to the Syang as your man had no written engagement with him, however culpable his conduct may be in loitering so long on his Voyage, you cannot obtain any redress from him for the loss you sustained in consequence of such delay; & even if the Law would adjudge you any redress, the Syang who has most probably lost his all cannot have the means of indemnifying you your loss. And with regard to your mans Montao, he has furnished us an Account Current, but as we have no documents from you whereby to check it we can do no more than forward it to you.

We duly received your Letter of the 26th April & you are credited in our Books Pr. 149. 16. 10 the amount of the Bill of Exchange inclosed therein.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 10th June 1800

Alex. Adamson Esq.

Dear Sir

Let us request the favor of you to forward the inclosed Letter for Mssrs. R. W. & Co. Lee by the first Overland Packet & to advise us when such opportunity presents itself.

We remain &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 10th June 1800

Alexander Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We beg leave to recommend the inclosed letter for Mssrs. R. W. & C. Lee to your particular care, & as it contains Bills to a large amount, we beg you not to let any opportunity escape you of forwarding it overland. you will Oblige us by acquainting us when it is dispatched.

We remain &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Fort St. George June 10th 1800

Capt. John Maclean.
Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir

In Consequence of the Advertisement by the Military

Board under date the 23d ultimo inviting tenders for supplying the Honorable Company with Military Stores for the use of the Arsenal, I beg leave to propose furnishing the several Articles stated in the list published therein at the prices affixed to the same as per inclosed list for the term of three years, subject to all the Conditions specified in the advertisement. The payments to be made at the exchange of forty five Fanams p Pagoda. and I propose the the Honble Basil Cochrane and Mr. William Abbott as Securities for the performance of my Contract. I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) R. T. Maitland

Madras 11th June 1800

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson.

Gentlemen.

We are favored with your letter of the 4th Instant & are happy to learn that you have settled with the Native Ship Owners, & that you expect to ship this year upon Native Vessels from 3 a 900 Candies of Salt. We cannot but express our satisfaction at the rate of freight, at the same time that we express our hope you will procure the freight at a still lower rate next year, & we shall request your early information on this subject as a guidance to us.

We are sorry to learn that you have failed in your endeavours to procure Cash from the Collectors against your Bills upon us, & we shall in consequence immediately apply for Bills upon them, & we request that you will in the mean time procure money from them or from any other quarter that you can to supply our immediate wants, for which loans we shall be willing to allow Interest at the rate of One p Cent p month. We suggest this mode of supply to you because we fear we may not procure remittances so readily as your present estimate for making such large & early remittances, & depending in some measure upon the hopes you expressed of being able to procure money from the Collectors against your Bills upon us. We think however that with a little address you will get it supplied until our remittances reach you. In your account you state the sum of Pags. 8710 advanced for making up of Chintzes. We will thank you to advise us particularly what goods you have made this advance for whether for Chintzes alone, or for Chintzes, Conboys, & Marchays agreeably to our instructions. We likewise beg to know when we may expect them to be delivered to you without fail at Cuiapa, in order that we may make our arrangement accordingly.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.
Madras 11th June 1800

Messrs. Alex. Balbain & Co.

Sirs

We are duly favord with your letter of the 22d March & have lately received the 20 Bags of Gum by the Dowy. We shall thank you to collect as much of this Gum as you can at the same price, & to send it to us as opportunities offer, packed in Mat Bags in preference to Gunny Bags.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 11th June 1800

Capt.n A Wallace

Dear Sir

By Desire of Mr. Farwell we request you will bring the Ship Albion to an anchor in the South Roads. We were sorry to learn from Mr Thomason that the Albion had only Batta Lascars on board. As it is of the utmost importance, as well to our individual interest, as to Government, that you be here immidiately, we confidently hope that you will have made such Zealous exertions as to have procured hands sufficient to enable you to Depart from Tanjore without further Delay.

We are &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

W. H. Gordon Esqre

Seringapatam

Madras 12th June 1800

Dear Gordon

I again enclose you Brown & Ashton Draft due by you to them what must be paid their affairs are in Trust & the same assigned to me prior to the Trust Myself and Bodie are Trustees I must request you will send me by return of Tappall the Amount.

Yours truly.

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Memo: Bill drawn by Brown Ashton & Co. on W. H. Gordon dated Madras 12th Nov.r 1799. favour of B. Roebuck Esqre for Star Ps 153. 43. —

Ingeram.

Madras 14th June 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen We have the pleasure to acquaint you that three Bills of Exchange upon Mr Read, Mr Balmain, & Mr Bramfill for 3000 Madras Pagodas each are ordered at the Treasury for us. We shall probably get them on the 16th or 17th Instant & shall immidiately forward them to you

We remain &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 14th June 1800

Capt.n A. Wallace

Dear Sir

We are favor'd with your letter of the 10th Instant & well pleased with the contents of it. We must however suggest to you the necessity of extreme caution as to the Lascarries or other persons you take on board, lest they should take advantage of your being alone on board & excite a Mutiny & carry off the Ship. We believe they are in general but so bad sort that sail out of Tanjore, & we must particularly caution you against Manilla Lascarries Europeans calling themselves Italians, Portugese &c. which are often Frenchmen from the Isle of France. We should recommend to you to ship an Officer, if you could get any decent person for the station. But at all events we must enjoin to you the utmost caution & circumspection.

We are &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Ordinary.

Madras 16th June 1800

William Roebuck Esqr. D.

Dear Sir

The accompanying is duplicate of our letter of the 13th Inst. since when your favors of the 17th & 25th April & of the 15th May are come to hand.

We are prevented by great hurry of business from replying fully to your several letters, & must confine ourselves to one or two Subjects of Importance.

We some little time since purchased a Ship of 800 Tons, formerly the Helsingoer & now called the Prize, with the intention of employing her in the Cochin China & China Trade. But now apprehending from the long detention of the Generous Friends at Cochin China, & the account you have heard of the Place, that it may not be necessary or adviseable to employ so large a Ship or Ship as the Prize in that trade, we have turned our thoughts to the China Trade from Penang as a good, regular & lucrative employment for her, but previously to our coming to any resolution on this head, we require some information from you on it, & accordingly request you to favor us as speedily as possible with very particular replies to the following Queries.

1st What Quantity of White Betle Nutt shall you be able to collect annually at Penang to be ready to ship by the 15th July.

2d What is the best mode of procuring a large annual Cargo of nuts.

3d What price shall you be obliged to pay for it, if you pay the whole amount in Dollars, And what if you pay half in Cash & half in goods.

4th If you propose procuring the Nuts by Contract, when you should be obliged to make your payts. And if advances are necessary, at what times & in what proportions must you make them.

5th Can you make Contracts with Persons to deliver you nuts, & receive payment in part Goods & part Cash.

6th If so. What proportion of Goods will they receive & at what rates.

You will oblige us by a specific answer to each Query. The Quantity of nuts that we should wish to ship annually is 12,000 ~~Pagodas~~ ecuts. —

We are aware that you will obtain the nut more easily, & at much cheaper rates by paying for it in Cash, but it may not be convenient for us to remit you all the money requisite, & we imagine that if we send you Goods at Different times, & to the amount of 20,000 Pagodas well Assorted and agreeably to such Indents as you shall regularly furnish us, you will be able to dispose of them with a moderate profit. We therefore request you will furnish us an Indent of such Goods as you think you can sell in the course of the year, including Piece Goods from Bengal & the Coast

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Coast, Naval Stores, Iron & Steel; & we will, if we determine upon the abovementioned Plan, send you those Goods whenever eligible opportunities occur.

In reply to what you suggest respecting the building of a Ship of 3000 Bags at Pegu, we have to remark that we mean to dispose of our small Ships as fast as possible, but this need not prevent you from executing your design if, as you inform us, you will be able to sell the Ship with a Profit of 50 ℘ Cent.

We have the pleasure to inform you that our Ship the Despatch arrived yesterday from Bengal with a full Cargo of Pepper having sold her goods to advantage; but we are sorry to add that Capt.n Brown is arrived in a Dying state, tho' we are not without hopes that he may recover.

We beg leave to call your attention to our request of information on the Subject of the Attack made upon our friend Mr. Adamson's Ship the Devonport by the Armed Snow the Experiment on the Coast of Pedir.

We shall soon have an opportunity again when we shall have the pleasure of addressing you more fully.

In the mean time We remain &c.
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Ingeram

Madras 16th June 1800

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson D.

Gent.

We have the pleasure to inclose the lists of the following Government & Bills &c.

N.o 1 Dated 12th June ℘ 10 days on Benj.n Bramfill Coll.r in the S. Division for m.o Pd. 3000 at C.P. 3420 - - -
2 D.o - - D.o D.o ℘ 10 D.o on Geo. Balmain Coll.r in the 1.st D.o for m.o Pd. 3000 at " 3420 -
10 D.o - - - D.o D.o ℘ 10 D.o on John Reid Coll.r in the 4 D.o - - for m.o - 3000 at " 3450 -

all which being in our favor and by us indorsed to you which we request you will receive at Maturity and Credit us with their amount. We beg leave to observe to you the high rate of exchange we paid for these Bills & as the amount will be paid to you in Gold we hope some benefit will accrue to us from it to indemnify us for the high Exchange.

We remain &c
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Captain minot Tranquebar

Madras 17th June 1800

Sir

We request the favor of you to inform us by return of Tappall what is the lowest price you will take for the Ship Anna Maria, securing to us the Services of her Crew for the time they are imployed, & the purchase Money payable by three equal instalments at two, four, & six months with Interest at the rate of ten ℘ Cent ℘ Annum, the Ship deliverable to us at Madras.

In the event of your selling the Ship, by notifying in time to the Insurance office that is before the Ship Sails from Tranquebar, you will be entitled to a return of Premium 1½ ℘ Cent, which trifle together with our Commission we will stand the loss of.

We are &c.a Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 17th June 1800

Mr Hermanson

Sir

We have received your favor of the 13th Instant & have settled every thing with Messrs. J. Lautaur & Co. as they, no doubt, have advised you.

We beg leave to recommend the Inclosed letter for Capt.n minot to your care. We send it open & request the favor of your answer to it in Capt.n Minots absence.

We remain &c
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

George Lyt Esqr

Madras June 13th 1800

Sir

We beg to propose to you to renew the Insurance upon the Generous Friend for One Mo. from the 17th Inst.o to the 17 July. —
The same to J. D'Monte Esqr and Armitland. —

We are &c.a (signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 18th June 1800

P. Hermanson Esqr. Tranquebar.

Sir

We are favd with your letter of the 14th Instant & return you thanks for the Offer of the Cargo mentioned therein. The late very unfavorable accounts of the markets in Europe, & particularly the great fall in the article of Coffee in consequence of the late vast importations of it into all the Ports of Europe, rather Discourage us from venturing upon it. Nevertheless we will make an offer for the whole Cargo which we think the Owners must approve of.

Supposing that the Articles are all good & merchantable, & the different qualities of Silk in the proportions that they are always sold in, we offer for them as follows Viz.t —

Eight P.N. Pagodas ℘ Bale of Coffee of 100 French Pounds.
Twenty Five P.N. Pagodas ℘ madras Maund of Raw Silk
Two P.N. Pagodas ℘ Gallon of Brandy.

The whole deliverable to us at Madras, & at the usual Credit of Two Months. The Exchange between P.N. Pagodas & Star Pagodas to be fixed at 20 ℘ Cent. And as it appears to be the wish of the Owners to receive Bills of Exchange upon Bengal in payment, we will upon the delivery of the Goods give them an

our Bills for the amount at Ddt 360 ℔100 Star Pagodas / the Exchange of the Day / & at three months sight; which will be equivolent to giving our Bills at the usual sight at the end of Two Months For which we are to have credit; tho it will be more convenient to the Owners.

We remain ℔ Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. Notwithstanding the Goods may be delivered here, we expect that you will charge your commission on the Purchase.

Madras June 18. 1800

Lieut. Col. Geo. Saxon

Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. delivered to us by Mr. Roffy & are sorry the Act alluded to therein has not yet appeared; which if duly Stamped & drawn by a person properly authorized we shall duly honour it, nor should suppose the Act must either come to you or Mr. King. —

We remain

℔ Ad & Co.

William Roebuck Esq. of Mary Madras 19th June 1800

Dear Sir

Capt. Parramore being detained, tho' contrary to our expectations, to this moment, gives us an opportunity of advising you that we have resolved upon sending the Dispatch back to Surat with orders for her to carry round her Cargo of Pepper to Prince of Wales's Island there to be sold to the Chinese Ships or disposed of as we shall hereafter advise you by the Dispatch herself. And we request you will immediately lay in a Cargo of Mat & Chicheny to Ship on the Dispatch upon her return to this Port.

The Ships will sail from thence certainly by the 1st July, & from the experience we now have of Surat we may venture to say she will sail from thence with a Cargo of Pepper by the 20 July, so that you may expect her by the 25th at farthest. The Cargo of Pepper will realize you 22,000 Dollars & as quick despatch is very thing to us, we request you will not mind a little sacrifice in the price of the Mat & Chicheny in order to obtain it quickly. We beg leave to recommend to you to use the utmost diligence in this commission as we shall have occasion for the Dispatch for some good employment upon her return.

We remain &c

Signed / R. A. & Co.

Madras 19 June 1800

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Annexed is an Extract of a letter from Messrs. Wm. & R. Abbott tendering us 25,000 Maunds of Salt on the part of Madanabdy Raddy. If our engaging to take this Salt will not interfere with you in the engaging of Tonnage, as we hope it will not for we presume you have concluded your engagements for the quantity specified in your last to us, we authorize you to call upon Madanabdy's Brother & signify to him our acquiescence in Madanabdy's Proposal. In this case you will have the goodness to procure the necessary Certificates, & to forward us the Bills of Lading.

We are &c

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras June 20th 1800

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We beg leave to remind you that it is of very great importance to us to have our Saltpetre, Cambays & Marchangs as early in next Mo. as possible, & you will of course take the first good opportunity of forwarding them to us. —

We beg you will have the goodness to inform us how long a Ship of about 200 Tons would be in Coffering & Sheathing at your Port, & whether Sheathing Boards are now to be had there, & at what Price. —

We are Gentlemen

&c. Abbd Sons

(Signed) Rbts & Co.

Madras 20th June 1800

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Sec.y to Government

Sir

We understand there are in the Arsenal six unserviceable 6 ℔ Brass Guns which have been condemned, and tho' unfit for Field Service will answer very well on board Ships, We request to be permitted to purchase them for the defence of the Ship Lady Clive in Government Service, and we are willing to pay the price we have heretofore paid for the same Articles there are also Two 12 ℔ Carronades which we had formerly permission to take from the Arsenal, and which we request may be now given to us for the above Ship on the usual Terms.

We are &c

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 25th June 1800

Alex.r Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We are favored with your letter of the 7th Instant inclosing our A/C. to the 30th April which shall be examined, & will no doubt be found correct.

We have accepted your Bill for ℔ 3500 at 30 Days sight favor of Messrs. Hunter & Hay & note that you credit us for the same ℔ 18,975 being at the Exchange of ℔ 345 ℔ 100 Star Pagodas.

You will Oblige us much by forwarding the three inclosed Letters for Lieut. Dickenson of the 8th Regiment whenever an opportunity offers. We remain &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

comes out from England & the appropriation of the Nett Proceeds is ascertained we shall account to you as Executor to the late Capt.n John . Mercer for such part of the same as may be allotted to him.

We are &c
Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

J. Hermanson Esq.r

Madras 24th June 1800

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant offering to sell us the Anna Maria for 13,000 Star Pagodas in Gold. The price exceeds what we thought of giving, but as the Ship will in all probability have left Trincomalee before any letter could reach that place, it is not necessary for us to say any thing respecting the Price. We understand that several ships have arrived from the Islands at your Port for Sale & that more are expected.

We remain &c
Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. We beg leave to return your letter to Capt.n Monat.

Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to Government

Madras 25th June 1800.

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor for to draw the undermentioned Military Stores from the Arsenal for the use of the Ships Lady Clive, Earl of Mornington, Albion and Despatch; We paying for the same.

We have the honor to be &c
Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

For the Ship Lady Clive

1000 Musket Cartridges in a Box
200 Pistol — Do.
3 Barrels of Powder
½ Do. Priming Do.
200 Musket Flints
200 Pistols — Do.
1 Musket Scouring rod & Screw
12 Cutlasses
1 Pistol Scouring rod & Screw
24 Boarding Pikes
60 Rounds Grape 6 Pdr.
6 Pistol Cartouch Boxes

For the Ship Earl of Mornington

200 Musquet Flints
200 Pistol — Do.
24 Boarding Pikes
2 Powder Horns & Priming Wires.

For the Ship Albion

12 Cartouch Boxes
300 Rounds of Ball Musquet Cartridge
200 Musquet Flints
72 Rounds Pistol Cartridge
200 Pistol Flints
12 Cutlasses
24 Boarding Pikes
100 Rounds round shot 6 Pdr.
100 Do. Do. Grape 6 Pdr.

For the Ship Despatch

4 Barrels of Powder
100 — 6 Pdr. Flannel Cartridge
200 Musket Flints
50 Pistol — Do.
1 Musket Scouring rod & Screw
4 — 6 Pdr. Sponge Worms
2 — 4 Pdr. — Do.

Madras 25th June 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen.

We are favord with your letter of the 18th Instant & provided the Bills you draw on Calcutta are at the usual sight of 30 days we are willing that you should draw on Messrs Wm & Rt Abbott to the extent of the nett supply you require at the Exchange of S.Rs. 980 ₱ ₱ Madras Pagodas, giving us timely notice of your intentions in order that we may prepare Messrs Wm & Rt Abbott for the Bills.

We certainly will not consent to give Mr Yeats one fanam more for his tonnage than the price agreed upon with the Black Diners. Neither will we consent to pay him more for his Salt in Calcutta than the Permit Price S.Rs. 5½ ₱ ₱ Maunds.

We are very much disappointed at hearing that Mr Yeats's 800 Gauze of Tonnage was included in your last Estimate. We did not doubt that the quantity specified by you was actually engaged or at least promised.

We are likewise disappointed that we are not to have the Comboys & Marchays. We understood from your letter of the 16th April that the difficulty would only be temporary, & not that you had relinquished every hope of executing our Commission. If you cannot now get these Goods manufactured we will thank you to return us their Muster as we may perhaps succeed better to the Southward.

We note the Bill you have drawn upon us in favor of B. Bamfill Esq.r for Mr Dick & shall shew due honor to it.

We are &c
Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Amboyna.

Lt Thomas Pollock

In favor of Col Burr.

Madras 26th June 1800

Dear Sir

The above is duplicate of our respects under date the 25th March & we have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3d January & the 4th May, the latter of them this instant handed to us by Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery & we have the pleasure to add that in consequence of the instructions contained therein we have paid into the hands of Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery the balance of your account with us being Star Pags. 1700 . 28 . 5 .

We remain &c
(Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

comes out from England & the appropriation of the Neat Proceeds is ascertained we shall account to you as Executor to the late Capt.n John . Mercer for such part of the same as may be allotted to him.

We are &c Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

J. Hermanson Esq.r

Madras 24th June 1800

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant offering to sell us the Anna Maria for 19000 Star Pagodas in Gold. This price exceeds what we thought of giving, but as the Ship will in all probability have left Tryncam before any letter could reach that place, it is not necessary for us to say any thing respecting the Price. We understand that several ships have arrived from the Islands at your Port for Sale & that more are expected.

We remain &c Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. We beg leave to return your letter to Capt.n Menet.

Josiah Webbe Esq.re

Madras 25th June 1800.

Secretary to Government.

Sir We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor for to draw the undermentioned Military Stores from the Arsenal for the use of the Ships Lady Clive, Earl of Mornington, Albion and Despatch; We praying for the same.

We have the honor to be &c

Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

For the Ship Lady Clive

1000 Musket Cartridges in a Box
200 Pistol — Do.
3 Barrels of Powder
½ Do. Priming Do.
200 Musket Flints
200 Pistols — Do.
1 Musket Scouring rod & Screw
12 Cutlasses
1 Pistol Scouring rod & Screw
24 Boarding Pikes
50 Rounds Grape 6 Pdr
6 Pistol Cartouch Boxes

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200 Pistol Flints
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100 Rounds round shot 6 Pdr
100 Do. Do. Grape 6 Pdr

For the Ships Despatch

4 Barrels of Powder
100 — 6 Pdr Flannel Cartridge
200 Musket Flints
50 Pistol — Do
1 Musket Scouring rod & Screw
4 — 6 Pdr Case Worms
2 — 4 Do. — Do.

Madras 25th June 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen.

We are favord with your letter of the 18th Instant & provided the Bills you draw on Calcutta are at the usual sight of 30 days we are willing that you should draw on Messrs Hy & Rt Abbott to the extent of the neat supply you require at the Exchange of Sa Rs. 980 ₹ p. Madras Pagodas, giving us timely notice of your intentions in order that we may prepare Messrs Hy & Rt Abbott for the Bills.

We certainly will not consent to give Mr Yeats one fanam more for his tonnage than the price agreed upon with the Black Owners. Neither will we consent to pay him more for his Salt in Calcutta than the Permit Price Sa Rs. 5½ ₹ p. maunds.

We are very much disappointed at hearing that Mr Yeats 900 Gauze of Tonnage was included in your last Estimate. We did not doubt that the quantity specified by you was actually engaged or at least promised.

We are likewise disappointed that we are not to have the Lemboys & Marchays. We understood from your letter of the 16th April that the difficulty would only be temporary, & not that you had relinquished every hope of executing our Commission. If you cannot now get these Goods manufactured we will thank you to return us their Musters as we may perhaps succeed better to the Southward.

We note the Bill you have drawn upon us in favor of B. Bransfill Esq.re for Rs. 463 & shall shew due honor to it.

We are &c Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Amboyna. Off Point of Galle. Madras 26th June 1800

Lt Thomas Pollock

Dear Sir

The above is duplicate of our respects under date the 25th March & we have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3d January & the 1st May, the latter this instant handed to us by Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery & we have the pleasure to add that in consequence of the instructions contained therein we have paid into the hands of Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery the balance of your account with us being Star Pags. 1700. 28. 5.

We remain &c

(Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery. Madras 26th June 1800

Gentlemen.

We are favored with your letter of this date intimating to us that Lieut. Thomas Pollock has directed you to apply to us for a statement of his Account with us & for the balance due thereon.

In consequence whereof we have the pleasure to hand you our Account Current with Lieut. Thomas Pollock balancing in his favor Star Pags 1700-28-5 which Sum the Bearer will pay you. We request you will have the goodness to send us a receipt for the same.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Chase & Co.
Sub to the new madras Insurance Company

Madras 27th June 1800

Gentlemen.

We beg leave to offer you 2½ p Cent p Month to extend the Insurance on the Success to the 17th July. We consider this as a great premium for we are informed that her being out so long has been owing to her detention in Cochin China for a Cargo.

Your Hble Servt
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Major Robert Turing
Military Secretary to Government.

Madras 28th June 1800

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain permission of Government for us to ship on the Ship Dispatch 200 Muzquets & 135 Wall Pieces, the same being part of the Fire Arms we purchased from the Honble Company's Stores last year by permission of Government under the usual conditions of expending them to the Eastward.

We are &c
yours &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Tranquebar.
Capt. J. Sandes.

Madras June 28th 1800.

Sir

We are favord with your letter of the 26th Inst. & should be happy to lend our aid in getting your Ships chartered to Government were they in want. Of more tonnage. They have agreed with Capt. Mackenzies for the Ark in case she

arrived by the 28th Inst. and the arrived in these Roads last night. But were she not arrived we should not succeed in getting a Ship taken up for you, for the Success Galby arrived here three days ago and she would certainly be taken up in preference as the Ships suits probably sail in four or five days at farthest.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Prince of Wales's Island. Madras June 28th 1800.
Wm Roebuck Esqr
Dear Sir

The present will be delivered to you by Capt. Phillips of the Dispatch, in the event of his performing his Voyage in safety, in which case he will likewise deliver to you a barge of Pepper which we request you will keep until you hear from us by the Indiaman, as it is our intention to sell it to them, if proper, if not to engage freight upon them to carry it on to Canton.

We request you will dispatch the Ship back to us with a Cargo of Sugar & Chuckery which we hope you will have prepared agreeably to our instructions of the 19th Inst. We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Chicacole
Lieut. W. Durand

Madras 30th June 1800

Sir

We beg leave to inclose Copy of a Bill we have received this Day from Messrs Howell & Co drawn by them at 3 days sight on you for Sicca Rupees 1101-15-- in our favor and request to know to whom we must apply for the payment of the Same. We likewise inclose a Letter from the above Gentlemen.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 1st July 1800

Alexr Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of enclosing two letters one for Messrs R. W. & E. Lee & the other for Edward [illegible] Esqr the latter of which we request the favor of you to forward by the Overland Dispatch [illegible] months, & the former likewise provided a letter to the same address

which

which we forwarded to you on the 10th Ult. is or shall be dispatched before the Packet of the present month, for our last letter to Messrs Lee & the present contain the firsts and seconds of the same Bills. We request you therefore to be cautious to forward them in distinct Packets.

Messrs Lee advise us that in settling the freight of the Princess Royal, the Company advance a claim of Rs 4306 : 2 : 30 against the Owners for short Delivery of Rice at Bombay. To the Company upon entering into a New Charter Party with the Owners abandond all claims upon the Ship, you will have no difficulty in obtaining & you will oblige us much by forwarding to Messrs Lee by the first opportunity a Certificate to this effect.

Excuse the trouble we give you and Believe us with great Esteem &c

Signed Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Madras June 30th 1800

Capt. J. W. Phillips
Commanding the Ships Despatch

Sir

Inclosed you have an Invoice & Bill of Lading of Dollars, Gold Dust & Sundries shipped on the Ship Despatch and consigned to you for our account. We request you will with all convenient speed repair on board your Ship & proceed to Sosfoo on the West Coast of Sumatra, & there dispose of your Goods to the best possible advantage, & with the proceeds of the same together with the Dollars & Gold Dust you will purchase a Cargo of Goods, Clean, Heavy Pepper, which we hope you will be able to do at 7 Dollars & at most 8 Dollars ℔ Picul. If you fall in with any Prows laden with good pepper, & you think you can make a better bargain with them & with equal safety to the Ship we leave you the option to do so or to proceed to Sosfoo as you shall judge most advisable. We are informed by Capt. Brown that at Sosfoo they will give 3 or 4 Piculs of Pepper for each of our Sangalls or Long Wall Pieces. you must manage the Sire Arms with Address, & not let them know at once what number you have. If you cannot obtain 7 Dollars for your muskets, you will carry them round with you to Prince of Wales's Island, the same with the Guns if you cannot obtain 8 Dollars ℔ Picul for them.

Having completed your Cargo of Pepper you will proceed with the same with all possible Dispatch to Prince of Wales's Island & there deliver it to our Mr. William Roebuck, you will then put yourself & your Ship under his orders. Inclosed is a letter for Mr. W. Roebuck containing our instructions to them.

You will be well upon your guard at

that may appear. Beware to fill up regular Bills of Lading & leave one of them with an Invoice of your Cargo in a letter to us in the Charge of the Rajah to be forwarded to us in order that we may have proofs of Intrest in the event of any accident happening to you.

We are &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Madras July 3d 1800

Bunderpatam
Mr Emanuel Xavier
Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 24 Ult. we beg leave to offer you 57 Fanams Rupees for every 100 Bengal Maunds of Salt delivered at Bengal on account of our Contract or Eight Madras Pagodas ℔ Garce of 120 Maunds for freight. At this rate we have engaged all our tonnage to the Northward this Year.

We are &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras July 3d 1800

P. Hermanson Esqre

Sir We duly received your favors of the 25th & 29 Ult. the first advising us of your having drawn upon us for Pdrs 360 : 7 65 which Bill we honord & on the latter making us an offer of the Ship Nicobar of 300 Tons which we beg leave to decline, not having occasion for a Vessel of her size.

We beg to know whether the Cost & Charges of the Insurance we made on the Ship Annah Maria, at your recommendation, are to be pass'd to your account, Sirs, if we may deduct the amount from the first Payment we have to make on acct of the Ship Albion.

We remain with Esteem &c

(Signed) R & Co

Madras 4th July 1800

G. Buchan Esqr
Secr. to Government

Sir We request you will be pleased to obtain permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for the American Ship Herald Capt. Silsbee to load 2000 Bags of Salt at Madras for account of our Contract.

We have &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbotts & Co
Salt Contractors

Madras 4th July 1800

Messrs Lee Salter & De Monte
Secretaries

Gentlemen We beg leave to offer you 5 ℔ Cent to insure on the Ship Despatch against all risks for 2 months. The present Voyage is from this to Sosfoo & Penang & from thence in all probability to Madras

Your Obt Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Geo. Buchan Esq.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. Geo. July 5th 1800.

Sir,

We have the Honor to inclose Seven Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on Account of our Contract amounting to 28,975 Bengal Maunds which at 19 Pagodas per 100 Maunds make Pagodas 5505. 11. 20. and we request you will be pleased to give us an Order upon the Treasury for Pagodas 1,835. 3. 62 being one third of the amount agreeable to the Conditions of our Contract.—

We have the Honor to be &c.

(signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co
Salt Contractors

Messrs. Sys Sator & D'Monte
Agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Company

Fort Saint George 5 July 1800

Gentlemen

We have your's letter of this date agreeing to insure on the Ship Dispatch against all risks for Two months to all Ports and Places within the Company's Limits of Trade (China and Borneo Excepted) at a Premium of Five P Cent. & request in consequence that you will fill up a Policy upon these terms. for 17,000 Pagodas as follows.

On Block valued at this present Sum P 7600
on Cost and Charges of Goods Treasure & Gold Dust 10.000
as Interest may appear.
P. 17.000

P. The Policy to be dated the 3d Inst.

We are &c. (signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Capt. John D'Morgan
of the Ship Helen

Madras July 7th 1800.

Dear Sir,

Agreeable to your desire signified to us through our D. Butler we have the pleasure to inclose your Account Current up to the 31 Inst. balancing in your favor Pag. 1109. 26. 50.—

We are &c. (signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

William Roebuck Esq. of the Helen

Madras 8th July 1800.

Dear Sir

Herewith you have copies of our respects under date the 13th May 16th 20th & 28th June & we have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt

your Bill in favor of Mr. Smith has been accepted. & funds were duly remitted to Messrs. Wm & R. Abbott to cover your drafts upon them. We note that you have drawn another Bill upon them for 2723 7/100 Dollars.

We are now very uneasy about the Generous Friends. Barjesy was strongly recommended to us & we thought well of him; but we fear he has deceived us, if not in more important points, certainly with respect to his ability of dispatching the Ship, for had she sailed any time in March she would have made her Passage easily down the China Seas & through the Straits of Malacca. It now becomes expedient for us to take steps to endeavour at least to obtain information from Barjesy respecting the Ship & our concerns, & we beg to suggest to you the practicability of hiring a Prow to carry a letter to him at Saigon in Cochin China & to bring his answer to you. We are ignorant whether the prows you can procure can make the Voyage and return in September when the Monsoon slackens. If they can we beg you will hire one & by her write to Barjesy that we have as yet had no news of the Generous Friends that we are extreamely uneasy about her, & that we request he will furnish you with the most particular information respecting the Ship & Cargo. If the Prow cannot return during the Southwest Monsoon, she will no doubt be able to make her Passage in the North East Monsoon & in this case she must wait for it. Barjesy assured us in the most positive terms that the Ship would not be detained for her returning Cargo one month.

We proceed to reply briefly to such parts of your letters as we have hitherto omitted to notice to you. With your favor of the 17th Feby we received your Account Current. It will be passed prior to the closing of our Books this year, after which we will furnish you with your Account Proper. If you recollect we some time since advised you that all your Expences of House keeping, Writers, Office Servants &c. would be passed to the debit of the Concern, & any Commissions you drew to the credit of it. Consequently such part only of the 12250 Dollars as was not applied to the above charges will be passed to your Account proper, the balance will be passed to the debt of the Concern, & we will thank you to advise us what part of the above Sum of 12250 Dollars is to be passed to the one account & what to the other.

You mistook what we wrote respecting the Sheathing of the Apollo. We told you we sent Materials for Sheathing &c; & not Sheathing Boards. Capt. Porter himself chose the Tar Planks & assured us they would answer fully as well as Teak Sheathing Boards. In this matter we deferred to his judgement.

We have been endeavouring to procure Sheathing nails, but have not succeeded. Neither can we now get any Spike nails. We note what you say respecting Oil, & shall always send you a supply of it with any Ships we send to be repaired.

We had not time to settle with Wolff respecting the balance of his Account, as he was just on the point of embarking on the Active for Mocha, from whence we had letters from him yesterday. He will be back about the middle of next month.

We are endeavouring to procure Gun Metal to send you to cast Guns for us. We want them much & cannot now procure them from the Company's Stores.

The Arrangement you made with Mr Wallace at the same time that it answered our purpose turned out very beneficial to him. In consequence of the high price of Madras Pagodas he gained

upwards of 100 Pagodas by the transaction you will see him shortly the command of our Ship the Albion.

We requested you to purchase the Rattans under the persuasion that we should find it advisable to send a large Ship to Cochin China & China, but as this is now very uncertain we think you had better resell them to the Indiamen We daily expect your larger ones.

We note your advice to make the Captains of our Ships which require repairs to give in a list of what repairs they do require, & shall attend to it.

We shall be happy to hear that you recover your Quidda Debt.

If there is any room on the Dispatch we beg you to send us some Penang Plants & some Red Wood.

The Apollo is not returned but we daily expect her.

You will probably soon see, & at all events you will have heard of an Expedition fitted out from hence to the Eastward The Destination not certainly known, but some of the Ships for Amboyna. In this Expedition we have three ships in the Service of Government The Mornington & Clive at P. 2500 each p. Month, & the Albion at 6000 Rupees. And we have the Prize still lying in the Bengal River at the expence of P. 4000 p. Month to Government.

We are making up our Account Current with Mr. Farquhar of Amboyna & shall immediately pay the balance into the hands of Chase Sewell & Chauncy; and we request you will have the goodness to settle your Account with him & forward it by the Ships that will shortly pass your way. We have only introduced into our Account the Disbursements actually made by ourselves & Wm & A. Abbott, & we request that if you have passed to our account any disbursements made by you on account of Farquhar, you will repass them & reimburse yourself out of the Proceeds of the Goods you sold on his account, & either draw upon him for, or remit him the balance of your Account.

We remain &c
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. We inclose the Fresh of a Bill of Exchange dated the 2. Ulto. by Capt. Arthur M. Cally upon Lieut. Scaly for the Sum of fifty Star Pagodas payable at the Exchange of 16 3/4 Dollars p. 10 Pagt. which you will be pleased to receive & pass to our credit.

Have you heard any thing of the Consignment of Steel to Malacca, & of Rice Mats to Canton?

Madras 10th June 1800

George Taswell Esqre
Master Attendant

Sir

Understanding that a detachment of his majestys 12th Regiment of Foot is ordered to embark on board the Ship Earl of Mornington, & ignorant as we are of the destination of the Ship, & whether the same troops are to return in her, we fear that some embarrassment may arise to us from an omission of a Clause in her Charter Party respecting the Port of her Discharge. Previous to our addressing the Right Honble the Governor in Council on the Subject, we beg leave to call upon you to know whether in the conversation our R. Roebuck had with you on the Subject, in which you agreed upon the terms of Affreightment, you did not mutually understand that the Ship Earl of Mornington was to be one of the Ships to carry the Relief to Amboyna and Banda, & to bring back the Troops that were to be relieved; in consequence of which understanding, the clause stipulating her Discharge at Madras was not considered to be necessary in the Charter Party.

We are &c
Signed / R. R. & Co.

Madras 16th July 1800.

Messrs Chase Sewell & Chauncy

Gentlemen

By draft of Mr R. S. Farquhar of Amboyna we send you the Balance of his Account with us to the 1st Inst. being Sa. Rupees 27.15.35.74 for which we request you will be pleased to pass your receipt to us.

We are &c / Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Fort St. George 11th July 1800.

S. Webbe Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to submit to the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Circumstance respecting the Freightment of our Ship the Earl of Mornington, from which difficulties might arise, if not explained previous to her departure from this Port. When we agreed to Charter the Ship to the Honorable Company it was under the conviction that she was to carry Troops to the Moluccas, & to bring back the Relief from thence to Madras; & so it was understood by the Master attendant with whom the Terms were adjusted, as will appear by the inclosed Copy of Mr Taswells reply to our letter of yesterdays date on the Subject. — Under this persuasion we did not appear to us to be necessary to have it provided in the Charter Party

Party that the Ship was to be discharged at this Port.— Ignorant as we now are of the destination of the Ships under dispatch, but presuming that there may be more Transports than will be necessary to bring back the relief from the Moluccas, we fear the Ship Earl of Mornington might be discharged at Ambayna owing to this omission in the Charter Party, unless such explanation take place, and such orders be given as shall effectually prevent it.—

We trust that it will appear to the Right Honble the Governor in Council from the inclosed documents that when we let our Ship the Earl of Mornington it was the intention of the Parties that Madras should be her Port of discharge, and that his Lordship will be pleased to give such orders as will ensure the execution of this design.—

We have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott &Co.

Madras. July 12th 1800.

A. Adamson Esqr
Dear Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st Ultimo & to return you our best thanks for the care taken of our Letters from London, & for the Packet from Mocha which you had the goodness to forward to us.—

The Exchange between the Rupees current here & Star Pagodas is fixed at 350 @ 100. And we believe that was about the Exchange between Madras & Bombay at that time.—

We regret sincerely your disappointment in not receiving any news from us upon the arrival of the Providence from Canton. we have no regular Correspondents in China, but had we supposed that your Correspondents had not advised you particularly of the State of the Market we should have made a point of collecting & forwarding to you the best information we could obtain. Inclosed is a Price Current of the 2d March that we have procured in consequence of your Letter from Capt. Wallace who came passenger in the Providence from Canton an Observant & intelligent Man. In future we shall have the pleasure in forwarding to you every information we get from that Quarter.

We remain with esteem &c.
(signed) Roebuck, Abbott &Co.

Madras 14th July 1800.

Seringapatam
General Ross.

My dear General I was duly favored with your of the 31st May with the inclosure which were forwarded to Graham with a few lines from myself. Your Son is in the Walthamstow which is not yet arrived. Having parted Company two Months ago she may be hourly expected & I shall take care of him on his arrival, I shall also deliver him your Letter and shall look out for a Passage when I know the destination of the Ships for Europe. There are all China Ships.— We have not perceived any important news by this Conveyance, the best is that the Irish Union is carried by a considerable Majority.— I do not find that it is known whether Mr Yorke is to act or not again it seems doubtful in Europe. I have paid Beckey your subscriptions to his proposals.— The Nabob has not yet paid your Tuncaw, Abbott is dunning of him so soon as he pays the cash you shall hear again from me. Yours Sincerely

(Signd) B. Roebuck

Madras July 12th 1800.

Daniel Stevenson Esqr
Sir

We have the honor to inclose a letter sent open to us by Mr John Turing, & request you will have the goodness to favor us with a reply thereto as soon as you conveniently can.

We are &c. (signed) Roebuck, Abbott &Co.

Fort St. Geo: 15 July 1800.

J. Webbe Esqr
Chief Secry to the Govt

Sir We have had the honor of forwarding to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Copies of the Proceedings in Bengal relative to the Chartered Ships Prices down to the 11th May through the Master attendant.—

We now beg leave to lay before you the Sequel of the Proceedings on the same subjects, and take the liberty of requesting your particular attention to the Certificate of the Master Builders in Bombay which we forwarded to the Master attendant on the 5th ultimo & to the report of the Builders in Bengal as containing in their Letter of the 12th & 25th Ultimo.—

We have the honor to be &c
(signed) R Abbott &Co.

Madras July 16. 1800.

Ingram
Messrs Woodcock & Davidson
Gentn

We have the pleasure to inclose our Bill of this date upon Messrs Durand for the sum of Rupees 303: 26: 28 which we request of you will receive & pass to our Credit.—

We remain &c
(signed) R Abbott &Co.

Chicacole
Lieut.t G. Durand.

Madras July 16.th 1800

Sir We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8.th Inst.t & in conformity with your desire we have this day drawn upon you in favor of Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson of Ingeram for the sum of M.P. 303: 26: 28. being the amount of Messrs. Rowell & Torckler's Bill upon you dated Calcutta June 15.th for S.Rs. 1401: 15:- at the exchange of S.Rs. 330 ℔ 100 S.Rs. P.d

We request you will be pleased to honor the same & remain Sir Your most Obed.t Servants
(Signed) R.A & Co.

Calcutta
Messrs. Campbell & Radcliffe

Madras July 17.th 1800

Gentlemen We beg leave to hand you Extract of a letter from Messrs. Barings & Co. under date the 3.d March 1800 whereby they transmit for the Bills duly accepted as mentioned therein.

We have the honor to be Gentlemen
(Signed) R.A & Co.

Ingeram
Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Madras July 17.th 1800

Gentlemen You will oblige me much by sending me with all possible expedition five pieces of the Pepper Salt Mermont Checks of the same quality with that you were so good as to get manufactured for me some months ago.-

Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co.s must your answer respecting the drawing upon Bengal.-

I remain with regard &c
(Signed) R.A Maitland Secry.

Pulicat
Mr. C. Latouche

Madras July 18.th 1800

Sir We have received your letter of the 8.th Instant with its inclosure and are sorry it is not in our power to satisfy your Claim on Capt.n Southall as we only chartered the Ship Harriett for to carry Salt; We have however applied to the Agent here who says that he has not any Effects belonging to the Owners of the Ship or the Commander that could enable him to pay your Bill, which with the Certificate we are sorry to return to you. We are.

(Signed) R.A & Co.

Hydrabad.
Capt.n W. Dowse

Madras July 13.th 1800.

Dear Sir I take the liberty of inclosing a Bill on Capt.n Prune dated this day at 15 ds in your favor for Eight Hundred Rupees which I will be obliged to you to receive the amount of and transmit me a Bill on the Pay Masters General for the same. Excuse the trouble. I remain &c
(Signed) B. Roebuck.-

Madras July 13.th 1800

Capt.n James Smith of the Ships Herald

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Engagement to Bengal to have 12000 Bags of Rice shipped on the Pulicat Company's account & to leave her dispatching with the same to Madras on their account & to leave her dispatching with the same to Madras We Request therefore that if this should meet you going to Penang in Ballast, you will return to Diamond Harbour, & acquaint Messrs. Abbott & Co of which that you are to wait there for their Instructions. But if this should meet you laden with 12000 Bags of Rice on whose acco.t it may be we request you will proceed to this Port with all Convenient Speed.-

We entirely approve of the whole of your Conduct but have Instructions for some writing on the Subject until the whole should be settled

We remain &c
(Signed) R.A & Co.

Ingeram
Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Madras July 19.th 1800

Gentlemen We are favord with your letter of the 11.th Instant and take due notice of the contents of the same.-

Mr. Yeats has advertised 40,000 Maunds of Salt & Sawage to be disposed of. This we take to be a Bulky to us. As no one will buy them, we hope you may still arrange something advantageously with him.-

We inclose a translation of a letter received from Coperauzi Trenalram, & request your attention to the Contents & if As we could not get our Cawboys down at the end

ns of four or five months it will be unnecessary to make the
advances immediately, but we beg you to send us an account
of the Prices of them - You have as yet only furnished us each an
account of the Chintzes. Let us know likewise if you can get us
the Mercheys made up according to Muster & what their price
will be - Jam Bill in favor of Mr Bramfill for Rs 330 -
shall be duly honored -

We are disappointed at your not replying to that
part of your Letter respecting your Affts on Bengal, as we
are now uncertain whether we are to make your remittance
from hence - We are Dear
(Signed) R H & Co

Madras July 25 1800

Captn Wm Davison

Dear Sir We have to inform you that we have received from
Messrs Ransom Moylans & Co four notes of Hand for £ 30 each bearing
Interest at five pr Ct pr annum passed by you to them under date 1st May
1793 with instructions to receive payment of the same from you & to remit
the amount to them. We beg you will advise us to whom we
may apply at Madras for the adjustment of this debt

We are Dear Sir Signed R H & Co

Madras July 25 1800

Columbo
Joseph Grenhill Esq

Dear Grenhill

Your Letter of the 4th Instant, & am sorry to find misfortune had been the cause of
your long silence, however as you were on the recovery I hope this will
find you as usual, for few people can at any time boast of being perfectly
well in this Country - The latter part of your letter, which mentions the
probability of your taking a trip to Europe in January, has suggested
to me that if an arrangement could be brought about between you &
a Brother of Rachuetts, who is just arrived from England with letters
for, & great expectations from Mr North, it might be convenient to
you both, under this Conviction I have spoken to him on the subject
& he has authorized me to say that he shall be happy to accomodate

to such an arrangement & as he intends leaving this in the course
of a few days for Columbo, he will have an opportunity of com-
municating with You personally on the Subject, in the due course of
things, and I shall be happy to hear that the result will be to your
mutual advantage; As the practicability of the arrangements may
in a great measure depend on your keeping on your own Credit, it
may be prudent neither to mention your intention of going to Europe
nor of Mr Rachuetts expectations from Mr North. I trust my
Friendship, and attribute it to my Friendship for you both -

I am very sensible that under your management every
possible attention is paid to our Interest, in the Arrangements you
have made for procuring us Coffee, & tho. this article has of late
fallen very much in Europe, yet by your Exertions I am persuaded
it will stand us at a rate Able to answer, particularly, if we are
allow'd to send home our own Ships -

Your reason for not procuring the Coffee till January is a most
excellent one, but if you could do an allowance made for the proba-
ble decreasing by drying between September & January it would
be much more convenient to us to have it sent to us in September
for as much as it would afford us the Chance of sending it home in
Oct or January whereas if you receive it in January the Season will
not admit of our getting it round till the latter end of March or the
beginning of April, & we may then find difficulty in getting a Conveyance
for it for some Months after; but as we leave it entirely to your
management, being persuaded that after perusing the above Sug-
gestions, you will determine on the plan which you may conceive
to be most advantageous for our Interest. I will thank you
to say in your next what Quantity you think you will have
to send us for your expected Crop; I need not say your Bills on
arrival of advance will be duly honord -

Yours Signed W. Abbott

Madras. July 21. 1800

Wm Roebuck Esq.

Dear Sir

The accompanying is duplicate of our respects of the 8th Inst. & a letter for your address delivered to us by your Brother Mr. Roebuck. Having just heard of the intended departure of the Snow Fannite, we avail ourselves of this advice to inform you particularly that Capt. Money of the Walthamstow has requested us to get a quantity of Betelle Nut collected for him at Penang for which he is to pay us here two thirds in advance. We accordingly request you will purchase for this account 1000 Peculs of Nut & that you will draw for the amount either on Bengal or upon us at Madras. If on the former, endeavour to suit at 2 or 3 Months sight in order that we may have ample time to make our remittances from hence. We request you will likewise procure for him as many Rattans as you can. 1000 Peculs of Sirr if to be had reasonable. As Captain Money will have to pay you for one Third of the Nut, all the Sirr & Rattans at Penang you will endeavour to raise the funds requisite for them payable at Penang. I only draw for the balance. You must however understand that we have not contracted to deliver these Goods at Penang, & only to procure them if possible. You will accordingly do the Nut & Sirr upon Commission, & you will sell him the Rattans at the Market Price. If you cannot get the Quantity of Nut at Penang, we beg you will endeavour to procure the deficiency at Malacca, by sending on a

know how you can furnish the funds requisite at Malacca, or you will do your best for him. With respect to the Pepper, Capt. Money will either purchase it or take it on freight. He requests you will likewise thank him for it if possible.

We are &c

Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Fort St George July 22d 1800

M. Frederick Hunt

Sir

We duly received your letter of the 17 Inst. & in consideration of the circumstances therein mentioned have already advanced you nearly double the amount for which your father has given you a credit upon us, & the full amount which you acquainted us you should require. We are extremely sorry therefore to be under the necessity of acquainting you that we do not feel ourselves authorized to advance you any more Money on account of your father.

We are &c

Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Madras July 23 1800

D. R. Maitland Esq

Sir,

Our Insurance on the Apollo Sowing expires on the 4th Inst. we beg to know if it will be agreable to your Office to renew the same for one Month Premo.

We are &c

Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Madras 23d July 1800

Masulipatam

Solon Read Esq

Sir

We have received your favor of the 5th Inst. inclosing our Account Current balancing in your favor Mpa 161.2.4 for which sum we shall honor your Bill whenever it appears. We beg leave to return you our best thanks for the trouble you took in the Shipment of Salt for us. & Remain

Sir

your most Obt. Servants

(Signed) Roebuck Abbotts & Co

Madras 28th July 1800

Capt.n Jno. Wedgbrough

late Commander of the Ship

Princess Royal

Sir,

We enclose an account of Damage & deficiencies in the Cargo of the Princess Royal in her Voyage from Bombay to London in the Year 1797 for which the East India Company have charged us on the Settlement of the Freight of that Ship, & request you will be pleased to inform us if upon the delivery of the Cargo such damage & deficiency did exist, & if they did, how they happened We request you will at the same time furnish us every other information you possess relative to the Voyage & Cargo of that Ship from her Departure at Bombay to her discharge at London.

We are Sir &c

(Signed) R&Co.

Messrs Lys Salvat & D'Monte

Madras 28th July 1800

Gentlemen

We request to know what Premium you require to insure on the Ship Prize Capt.n Jones now at & from Calcutta to all Ports and places within the Companys limits of Trade for a period of three months against Sea risk only. The Ship was docked in Calcutta & we send you with a Copy of a letter from Hudson Bacon & Co respecting her condition.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

The same to the following Gentlemen Viz.t

Messrs Swaine and Chinnery &c.a to the new marine Ins.ce Co.y

R. A. Maitland Esq.r Sec.y

Madras July 29th 1800

R.t A. Maitland Esq.r

Sec.y &c.a

Sir We beg to know if your Committee will extend the insurance on the Ship Sincere Friends for one month longer at a prorata premium.

We are &c

(Signed) R&Co.

Madras 29th July 1800

Messrs Lys Salvat & D'Monte

Gentlemen

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Ship Prize valued at Ps 18,000 Sea Pagodas in terms of your letter of this date. The Insurance to commence the 12th Inst.t & for the Sum of 12,000 Pagodas.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 29th July 1800

Alex.r Adamson Esq.r

Dear Sir The inclosed letter is of some importance and I shall be much obliged to you to have it carefully transmitted by the first mail.

Jamaica &c (Signed) R. Roebuck

Memo: Letter to John Turing Esq.r

Sloane Street London

Fort St. George July 29. 1800

Webbe Edge

Chief Secretary to Govern.t

Sir We request you will be pleased to obtain permission from the Right Honble the Governor in Council for Bills of Exchange on the amo.t of Ten thousand Madras Pagodas upon the Collectors in the Masulipatam District to be issued to us on account of our Salt Contract.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) R&Co

Madras July 29. 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Dawson

Gentlemen We are favored with your letter of the 24th Instant & in consequence have applied for Government Bills for Rs.8 10000 which we shall have, shall forward to you without a Moments delay

We are &c

R&Co

Fort St George August 1st 1800

Messrs Lys Salen & L'Monte
Agents to the Madras Insurance Comp.y

Gentlemen

We beg to know if your Committee will make us a loan of 70000 Pagodas upon Respondentia on Cargo on the Ship Prize Capt.n James Smith from Calcutta to Canton, & from Calcutta to Canton & back from Canton to Madras, & upon what terms. - vide Lancelot you the other day the letter of the Ship Builders respecting the present State of the Ship Prize.

We are &c.a (Signed) R. A.d & Co.

Madras 1st Aug.t 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that Gov.t have opened Bills for 10000 Pag.s to be made out for us upon Mr Balmain who has sufficient Cash in his Treasury to answer them immediately. You may therefore expect them in a day or two after the receipt of the present

We are &c.a
(Signed) R. A.d & Co.

Madrasapatam
Capt.n John D'Morgan.

Madras 1st Aug.t 1800

My Dear Mr Morgan

Your Affairs were left by Mr Saunders in the hands of Cranfill who declined giving them over to us as the joint Attorneys But delivered them to his Attorneys Daly & Cockburn I enclose you Copy of his Acc.t with the Receipt Annexed to it & also your Account Current by which you will see what property the hold of yours as delivered to us by the Agents for your Guardians & will of course be able to grant us Receipt :-

I have before me yours to Maitland of the 27th July No good can be got by prosecuting the Black Raxal. but you may throw good Money after Bad with respect to the Bills it will be impossible to find them out unless you can specify the mark with which they were drawn there date & Number - Nor could I with any propriety ask Mr Innes to order his people to look for them amidst the numerous Payments at the Treasury it would be like looking for a Needle in a Bottle of Hay unless your had some clue. Pray give my Compliments to Mr De Morgan.

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) B Roebuck

Madras 2d August 1800

Alex.r Adamson Esq.r

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of enclosing the following letters for this Bankers Dis.a patches which we request the favor of you to forward for us &c.a

3 to Richard Lee Esq.r
1 — Miss.s R. Wm.s & E. Lee
2 — Edward Rawes Esq.r
1 — Mr.s Baines
1 — Hon.ble Mr.s Boscawen
1 — John Jackson Esq.r
1 — Robert Bruff Esq.r

They are all Original & we request therefore they may be put into the same Packet

We beg you to forgive us this trouble & to believe us - With Esteem

Dear Sir Yr.s

(Signed) R. A.d & Co.s

D.o Madras August 4.th 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen We have now the pleasure to inclose the first of a Bill of Exchange dated 1st inst. upon Mr George Balmain for 10,000 Madras Pagodas for which we have paid at the Exchange of 13 Fs. & we hope you will send us in return some Bills of Lading of Salt to a Considerable amount. You will oblige us by furnishing us with the information respecting the Quantity & Price of Cotton to be procured at Engeram which you promised us some time since - We request you will likewise inform us of the Yellow or Nankeen Coloured Cotton is to be procured & in what Quantity & at what Price. -

We are &c.a

(Signed) R. A.d & Co.

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Madras 5 August 1800

Alexander Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure of inclosing two letters received from Mocha by your Ships that arrived the 3d Instant & we subjoin a copy of a Bill drawn upon us in favor of Veyje Sivaram and Damodr Vencata for B.R. 3765 which they desire us to remit to you when due which we shall accordingly do.

We remain &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Ingeram
Mess. Woodcock & Davidson

Madras August 6. 1800

Gentlemen We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. and to express ourselves entirely satisfied with your Conduct towards Copelauxe Ipemalrow.—

We observe what a very unreasonable price Mr Yeats demands for his Salt & Tunnage.— Our contract Price at the present exchange is only 64 Sicca Rupees, that which Mr Yeats demands with the Commission at Ingeram & Bengal will amount to 63, leaving us little or no Profit. Never the less we should be content to pay this Price upon a small quantity of Salt in order to secure the fulfilling of our Contract did we not fear it would have a bad effect upon the Native Owners, & induce them to raise their price upon a future occasion.— We request therefore you will offer 58½ & no more, unless you have reason to apprehend that no other Owners are finally completed, so that this arrangement with Mr Yeats shall not affect them, we will Consent to pay his price of 60 Sa Rupees P. 20 Maunds. But we beg you to understand that it is only in the last necessity that we should wish you to agree to this price.—

Respecting the Cartage & Marekars, we will write you hereafter. It is needless for us to Commission them now, as we could not use them in December if we had them.—

We approve of the Bills you have drawn upon Messrs Abbott of Calcutta.—

We are glad to hear that you have concluded an Agreement with C. Narsiah & B. Vencataromiah for the delivery of 60000 Maunds of Salt at Calcutta at 58 Rupees P 100 Candy that we wish you had informed us whether this agreement is

independent of the Calculation you made in your favor of the 4 June or whether it Constitutes part of it. We will thank you to inform us this by return of Pappah.—

We cannot promise to send any Europe Ships to load at your Port, tho' you may be perswaded we should be happy to do it.— We shall however in all probability send our Ship the Prize to load there, at least if she can arrive there in time to load 200 Jarse and sail before the Bad Weather sets in.— We will thank you to inform us in how many days you could load the above quantity towards the end of September.— We have the two Bills of lading for 6600 Maunds of Salt, and we hope we shall shortly receive a Considerably larger amount.— Subjoined is duplicate of our letter of the 4th Inst. and inclosed is the Second of the Bill inland thereon.

We remain &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

P.S. We will thank you to inform us if Captain Durand's Bill is paid.—

Madras August 6th 1800.

E. W. Tallofield Esqre
President & Members of the
Board of Trade

Gent. Understanding that the Honble Company have some Stores to send to Bengal We beg leave to tender for that purpose our Ship Aglaia about 300 Tons Burthen (or Pags 1500— payable on signing the Bills of Lading, but should you be pleased to order heavy Guns & Anchors to be loaded on her We trust you will deem it reasonable to allow us 500 Pags more in Consideration of the Injury a Ship receives by taking in such heavy Articles.—

We have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 8th Augt 1800

Messrs Lys Salter & De Monte
Agents to the Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen We beg to know what Premium you require to insure on the Triton Capt Dunlop at from Madras to London with liberty to touch & trade at all intermediate ports & Places against all Risks Return you will make for Convoy from the Cape or St Helena or if News of a Peace should reach before her departure from either of those Places. We understand the Triton had a thorough repair in London.

We remain &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lyt. Sadler, & Desmonds Madras August 8th 1800

Gentlemen

In our application of this date for Insurance on the Triton we omitted to mention that the Prem. is to be paid by Bills of Exchange upon London.

We are Yrs

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

E. W. Tallofield Esq.

Madras August 9th 1800.

President & Members of the Board of Trade

Gentlemen

In Consequence of the advertisement published in Calcutta bearing date the 18th Inst. and a subsequent one Dated the 10th Inst following. We beg leave to tender the undermentioned Ship & subjoin the several particulars respecting them.

Ships Name	Measurement & Tonnage	Sole Owners	Commander	Freight required & Tons
Apollo	150 Tons	D. Roebuck, Wm. Abbott, Wm. Roebuck & A. Maitland	Duncan Brown	£ St. 22 - 10 -

We agree to abide by all the Conditions contained in the Advertisement and in the Draft of the Charter Party.

We beg leave to Tender the undermentioned Persons as Security for the performance of our Engagements, whose Assent is hereunder subjoined.

William Lee Esqr

John Hodgbrough Esqr

We have the honor to be Yrs &

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

We agree to become Securities

(Signed) Wm Lee

D° John Hodgbrough

Original to Lady Clive

Madras August 8th 1800.

Wm Roebuck Esq.

Dear Sir Herewith you have Copies of our respects from the 13th May to the 21st ultimo inclusive, all which are

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beg leave to confirm, together with the Account of Capt. McCarthy's Bill for 50 Pagodas.—

Our Ship the Prize Capt. James Smith having been suffered to proceed for Penang contrary to our wishes, and owing to the total disregard of our Instructions by our Agents Messrs Hy & W. Abbott, we beg leave to furnish you with the following instructions respecting her, to which we request your particular attention, in the event of her arrival at your Port.—

1st If you think you shall be able, by means of the Sale of the Despatch's Cargo of Piece Goods, & of the other Goods you have on hand by Bills of Exchange upon us, By Respondentia on China, or by loan to raise Funds to invest a Cargo of at least ten thousand Picul's of Pepper before the 25 September so that the Ship may sail from Malacca by the 1st October, which we imagine to be the latest period at which she ought to sail in order to make the direct passage to China, We beg you will detain her until you shall have procured such Cargo, to which you will add all the Pepper the Despatch may bring you, all that you may have of your own, and as many Rattans as you can procure, and with this Cargo we beg you will dispatch her to Canton Consigned to Messrs Baring & Co. Money on our account & instruction Sought they can collect for Calcutta; and with the Real Proceeds the Cargo to purchase Company's Transfer and to pay the same into the Company's Treasury for Bills on the Court of Directors at Twelve Months sight; or if the purchase of the Swedish Company's Bills should render a remittance of Five or Six Pount better to take them in preference to the English Bills. Instruct them likewise to let the Bills be in Sums not exceeding £2000 - each and to be forwarded to us by the earliest opportunities. - If this plan is practicable, we beg you will collect a number of Spars of Sizes, a quantity of Penang Planks, & some Redwood which you will Ship on the Prize on her return from China, and you will dispatch her ~~back~~ with them to Calcutta, Ship & Cargo Consigned to Capt. James Smith who will find our instructions waiting for him.—

2dly If you think you shall not be able to raise the necessary Sum in the manner before described, or that you shall not be

be

be able to invest the Cargo within the time limited, you will then consider whether the Ship will be able to reach Goreega by the 25th September at Farthest. If you & Capt. Smith determine that they can do it, you will dispatch her there without loss of time addressed to Macdaid & Davidson, with instructions to sell her with Salt an account of our Contract as dear as Capt. Smith shall judge to be safe and to send her to Bengal; the Cargo Consigned to Messrs. Rd & Wm Abbott, & the Ship to Capt. James Smith.

3rdly If you and Capt. Smith determine that She cannot make her passage to Goreega by the 25th September we then desire you will detain her at Penang until the 1st October, and in the mean time lay in an assortment of Spars, a quantity of Penang Planks and Red wood, and dispatch the Ship with them to Calcutta direct Consigned to Capt. James Smith.

If the Ship does not go to China we beg you will offer the Dispatches Pepper and all your own to Captain Money of the Walthamstow upon Respondentia. If he refuses it; try the other Captains of the Indiamen. Failing of all, send it on Freight to the Walthamstow. Instruct Barclay and Money to invest the Neat Proceeds of the Respondentia Bonds or of the Pepper as before described. The Premium of Respondentia from hence to China is reckoned fifteen Pcct. from Penang we should suppose it would be Ten.

We beg leave to recommend Capt. & Mrs Money and their two Brothers to your particular attention during their stay at Penang, as they are intimate friends of ours & our Connections.

We are extremely sorry to inform you that Messrs. Rd & Wm Abbotts Conduct respecting the Ship Rose has been so glaringly & wantonly neglectful & has caused us in Consequence such considerable loss, and will probably involve us in such difficulties with Government, that we have resolved upon breaking off all Communication with them. The Circumstances relative to the business are these. When our Ship was found fault with in Bengal

Bengal we conceived that if she was dismissed from the Service there, our Government would not take upon itself to employ her any longer; and as we then expected that we should require a large Ship for the Cochin China and China Adventure, we instructed them in the event of her being dismissed by their Government to send her to Penang, meaning to send her to Cochin China by that Government to send her to Penang and thereby save much time and a heating Cargo from thence to Penang and thereby save much time and a heating passage. The Bengal Government delayed their decision respecting this Ship, and in the mean time we received your accounts respecting Cochin China, from which and the non-arrival of the Spreant Friends we judged it inexpedient to send the Prize there. We accordingly wrote on the 1st July that Circumstances had changed since we ordered the Ship to Penang, and therefore desired her to be sent to us, if dismissed by Government, with 12000 Bags of Rice which is now very scarce & dear. In the mean time she was dismissed, & agreeably to our first instructions they dispatched her in Ballast from Penang. The Ship was lying ahead of Calcutta and only began to drop down on the 11th ultimo. Our letter of the 1st must have reached them on the morning of the 16th and by a subsequent letter of theirs we have learnt that the Ship only passed Diamond Harbour on the 17th so that it is clear that if they had immediately sent an express after her by land and by sea, it must have overtaken her at Diamond Harbour. Instead of which they did not take a single step, or shew the least desire or wish to stop her, but wrote to us with all the indifference imaginable that our letter arrived too late to make the alteration we wished in the voyage of the Prize. Their disbursements on the Ship were 36000 Rupees; They dispatched her to Penang by which voyage the Ship was not to earn a Single Rupee for us, & yet they would not incur the additional expence of a few Rupees to take the chance of executing our orders in a matter of so much importance. They farther write to us that the Ship will make a good passage to Penang; that we may order her from Penang to Madras; that she shall not Rose must time, and that all the inconvenience we shall suffer, will be from the loss of the Freight of 12,000 Bags of Rice, as

as if this were a matter of little importance after laying out 36000 Rs on the Ship. or indeed at any time. Whether it is from design or not, this has very much the appearance of Insult added to Injury — But this is not all the loss we shall sustain. The Evil that may arise from their very unfriendly and Culpable neglect of our Interest is at present incalculable, for besides the total derangement of our plans, we are involved by it with our Government which, Considering the Cause of the Rejection of our Ship in Bengal as frivolous, had resolved to Contemn the Charter Party, and had actually written to Bengal to have her laden with 12000 Bags of Rice on their account. — Now the Ships being ordered away from Bengal by the Agents before the expiration of the Charter Party, may be Considered as a Breach of it, and may they want as a plea for refusing us that justice which they were before well inclined to do us. In Consequence of this Conduct added to the many Causes of dissatisfaction they have given us, we have resolved upon closing our accounts with them as soon as possible, & accordingly request you will not value upon them any more on our account. —

We remain with regard &c

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott & Co.

Capt. A. Wallace

Commanding the

Ship Albion

Madras 11th August 1800

Sir

Having furnished you with a Copy of our Charter Party with Government by which you perceive that the Ship under your Command is to be discharged at this Port we have only to recommend your due attention to the same to the orders you may receive from such as are authorized by Government to give you any to the good order and safety of the Ship and to the strictest economy in the Consumption of her Stores —

We request you to write to us by every opportunity and with good wishes for your Health & Prosperity.

We are &c

To Capt. J. Wedgborough

Capt. Geo Rorow

Commanding the Ship

Earl of Mornington

Madras 11th August 1800

Dear Sir

Having furnished you with a Copy of your Charter Party with Govt. and an extract from their Consultation dated the 11th Inst. by which you will observe that the Ship under your Command is to be discharged at this Port. We have only to recommend your due attention to the same to the orders you may receive from such as are authorized by Government to give you any to the good order and safety of the Ship and to the strictest economy in the Consumption of her Stores —

We request you to write to us by every opportunity and with good wishes for your Health and Prosperity.

We remain &c

Reg.d J. Walkenshaw

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs Baring & Money

Canton.

Madras 10th August 1800

Gentlemen

Mr William Roebuck of Prince of Wales's Island having shipped on the Mary Capt.n William Parramore Sundry Goods amounting as p.d inclosed account to Dollars 37,342. — Consigned to Capt.n Parramore at Canton on our account. We have to request you will by virtue of the inclosed order call upon Capt.n Parramore for the Neat Proceeds of the same, and we request the favor of you to invest them as follows

Sunnirch	500	Pearls
Rhubarb	200	D.o
Camphire	200	D.o not exceeding 25 Dollars p.r Pearl —
Cassia Lignea	100	D.o
Cassia Buds	30	D.o
Gamboge	6	D.o
Ginger	200	D.o

100 Pices Putsteing of different Colors —

We request that you will have the goodness to pay attention that the Chests are new Sound and free from Worms, and that they are strongly and sufficiently packed to be Shipped for England. — Should the Ship Prize Capt.n Jonas Smith should go to Canton we beg you will ship the above Goods on her, but we should not wish her to be detained for them. If your Ships does not go to Canton this Season, we beg you will procure freight for them Goods as early as possible and on the best terms that you can procure it, duly advising us of the same that we may make the necessary insurances. With the balance of the funds we request you will buy Company's Transfer of at as Discount, and pay the same into the Treasury for Bills on the Court of Directors for £2000. each at 12 Months sight. Bill of the Swedish Company's

Bills should render a remittance of 5 or 6 ℘ Cent better than the English Bills with the Discount of the Exchange, we beg you will give the preference to them. If the Exchange should be at Par you will invest the money direct either in English or Swedish Bills as shall be most beneficial to us. We presume that the latter must always render a proportionably higher remittance than the former.

We beg leave to apprize you that upon a Consignment we made two Years ago to Capt. Carruthers he charged us a Commission of 5 ℘ Cent. The amount was not great and we did not object to it, but as the present Consignment is much more Considerable the difference of Commission becomes an object to us, and we request that in settling accounts with him you will only allow him to charge on the Sales the established Commission of Canton.

As we may be tempted in future to make large consignments to Canton, we shall be obliged to you if you will send us regularly by every opportunity a Price Current of your Market together with your own remarks upon the variations it may be likely to experience.

We are &c
(Signed) R. & Co.

P.S. We request the favor of you to add to your remarks on your Market particular information of the quantity of Betle Nuts imported and the annual Consumption of it. We take this request kind that you have now ordered &c. —

Madras August 11th 1800

R. I. Sargukar Esqr

Dear Sir,

We duly receive your letter of the 5th April 1799 & were much concerned to find by it how much you have misconstrued the meaning of ours of the 25th August 1798 & we hope that you are sensible of your mistake for not replying to it. —

By the inclosed copies of letters from Messrs Hy Fitch & Co 4660 ℔ you will see what remittances were made to us from China on account of the Sales of the Goods by the Surprize. You have likewise your Account Current made up to the 1st Ult. the balance in Dollars P. 2715 35 7/8 we have paid agreably to your desire to Messrs Chase Smith & Chinnery. We trust you will find your account right. —

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Wm Roebuck Esqr

Madras August 11th 1800

Dear Sir, We have this day taken the liberty of drawing upon you a Bill at sight favor of P. Bose or order for One hundred and fifty Spanish Dollars, which we request the favor of you to Shew due honor. — We are with Esteem &c

Capt. Alex. Wallace
Commanding the Ship Albion

Dear Sir,

This serves to cover Invoice & Bill of Lading of 6 Pipes of Madeira Wine shipped on Board your Ship for our account, & consigned to you to be disposed of at Amboyna or Banda to the best advantage for our Interest. We have no doubt you will get 400 Dollars ℘ Pipe for them, however that may be, you will be pleased to pay the proceeds into the Company's Treasury there for Bills on this Place in our favor at the most favorable Exchange & right you can obtain. We have shipped 6 Pipes of the same Wine on the Earl of Mornington consigned to Capt. Arrow & have to request you will communicate with each other in the Disposal of them for the benefit of our Interest. —

Should you be sent to Banda we have to request you will procure as much of the best Brimstone, which that Island produces, as you can conveniently have to take in for the homeward with the provisions for burning Betle Nuts the Lady Clive be sent to that place. We request you will furnish Capt. Macgregor with a Copy of this Paragraph over being him also in Readiness, to observe the Request contained therein. We are &c
A Letter to the same purport to Capt. Arrow Sign'd R & Co

Madras August 11th 1800

William Roebuck Esqr

Dear Sir,

Since closing our respects of the 8th Inst. the Ship Astell Capt. Porter arrived with your favor of the 23d Ult. but as the Ship sail this Evening & we are much occupied we must reply to it in haste. —

We thank you for the information respecting the Supply of Betle Nuts, & that which you promise further. you say that Tennick will contract for the delivery of 3000 Pounds, but not before the 20th August & you recommend sending a small Ship of our own on the Coast of Pedier about the beginning of July. B.

Query. Could you not procure 3000 Pounds of Nuts by the 15 March if you had 75 Dollars & 2/3 Bro

& Brown Esqrs & from to pay the amount —

Query. Could you not Depatch as early as March or April to the Coast of Pedier so as

to make three Trips in the season, & Collect a Cargo of 8 or 9000 Peuls of Rice for one of our large Ships.

The first we might require for a large ship to fill up afterwards at Tacloe, for Capt.n Porter assures us that it will be necessary to be there by the middle of May to secure a large quantity of Rice. The latter for the Mornington or Clive, if they are not better employed.

It was our wish to make the consignment of our Goods by the Apollo to Messrs Binny & Money, & if any accident should have detained the Mary at Penang until you receive this, & you should not be under any positive engagement to Capt.n Parramore, we request you will ship the goods on the Waltham now Capt.n Money, who will no doubt take them as low a freight as Capt.n Parramore, & consign them to Binny & Money, to whom we have already sent an order upon Capt.n Parramore for the Nett Proceeds & our instructions respecting the disposal of them.—

Capt.n Osborne is this day arrived in the French Privateer L'Unie and the intelligence of the Capture of the Helen off this Port on the 8.th ult.o The Helen was one of the Ships fitted by Gregory Baboom for the performance of his extensive engagements with our Government, with the Merchants of Penang & Bantam, & was carrying over Goods & Money to enable him to do it. If this Capture should prevent him from taking up the Nutt prepared for him at Penang, it may open the way to you to do something of the Pirate towards the execution of the first of our plans for her as explained in our letter of the 3.d Inst.t but, observe, we do not wish her to go to China unless she can be ready to go the direct passage.—

Since closing our letter of the 8.th Inst. we have had some particular Conversation with Mr. Money respecting the China Trade which has induced us to alter our instructions respecting the Cargo of Pepper & Dispatch, that is, if the Price should not give to China, and if the Captains of Indiamen will not buy their Copper on Respondentia, we should wish you to ship it on the Price for Bengal Consigned to Capt.n James Smith subject to orders which he will receive there.— But if the Price should not arrive at Penang we then request you will send it on to Canton on Freight as before directed.— We should not wish the Pepper to be sold for less than 14 Dollars the Picul besides the Premium on Respondentia.—

Respecting the Cargo of Piece Goods that was destined for the Lady Clive; If the Despatch should arrive safe with you, you will be very particular in your Letters to us, that we may replace what you have sold in order that you will not sell no more of the Piece Goods and that you will advise us particularly what you have sold in order that we may replace them; If she should not have arrived by the time this reaches you, you may sell every thing except the Red Handkerchiefs, which you must keep until further orders.—

Capt.n Porter tells us that the Long Wall Piece will sell for ready money at Tacloe, we request therefore you will keep all that the Despatch may deliver to you & any that you may now have.—

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Arethusa arrived a few days ago from Mocha with a very valuable Cargo of Coffee, Gums & Drugs, and we intend to send it home on the Apollo if we obtain permission for the purpose. In this case Browne will Command her, & Porter will remain to follow the Tacloe trade.—

We fear it will not be in our power to send Wolff to you again, as the Trade is of such importance to us in the Arethusa, & as he has acquired some knowledge of it, it will be for his interest as well as our own to continue him in it.—

If you think the little Vessel which Porter has taken will answer for the Trade on the Pedier Coast, we recommend your buying it in on our account.— In which case let us know and we will send you Copper & whatever else you may require. We are of opinion however that the Vessel for the purpose of collecting the Quantity of Rice we shall require annually ought to be at least 3000 Bags burthen. If you purchase her you must keep her entirely under your own management, & sail her as oeconomically as possible. Lieut.t Moore has given us a very favorable account of the Ship you are building.—

We send you a parcel of Newspapers.—

We beg leave to recommend to your protection Captains Bridgman, Larrow & Wallace, Commanders of our Ships Lady Clive, Earl of Mornington & Albion.—

We are &c

(signed) R.A.C.P.C.

P.S. We approve by all means of your collecting a number of Madang Planks, and sending them when opportunities offer on our empty Ships either to Calcutta or Madras.

Madras August 11th 1800.

Messrs Baring & Money.

Gentlemen We request the favor of you to execute a small Commission for our Mr. B. Roebuck for which we must apologize in troubling you, it is to procure him the following:

A Long set of Stone China with Cypher B. R.

and a set of Tea & Coffee China all executed in the best manner. The cost of which you will be pleased to debit us.

We remain &c

/Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Mess.rs Baring & Money's Letter Dated 10th Aug.t 1800 —

Mr. To accommodate two Gentlemen and by permission of your Mr. Money we have drawn upon you two sets of Bills of Exchange at 30 days sight; one Bill dated 11th August favor of Mr E. Gascoyne for Spanish Dollars — — — — — 3365.80

One Do — — Do favor of Mr John Huxley for Sp: Dollrs — — 1101.54

4467.34

which two Bills we request the favor of you to honor at Maturity & to reimburse yourselves the Amount and Charges out of the Proceeds of the Consignment p Mary, & in the event of her non arrival by your redrafts upon us for which we believe you will have no difficulty in procuring Cash.

Madras 12th August 1800

Messrs Lyall Sutor & D. Monte

Agents to the Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen We beg to know what additional premium you require to insure the War Risk on our Policy No. 1993 on the Ship Price —

We are &c

Fort St. George 13th August 1800.

Walter Balfour Esqr

Coll.r of Govt.t Customs.

Sir We request you will grant a permit to ship on the Ship Apollo 1 Dubbar of Oil, 4 Callys Dammer & some Chandlery for the ships use.

Sam & Co. /Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort Saint George 12 August 1800

Capt.n William Cavanore.

Commanding the Ship Mary Canton

Sir Having appointed Messrs Baring & Money our Agents at Canton, we request you will deliver over to them the Account Sales of the Goods consigned to you by Mr William Roebuck and pay into their hands the Neat Proceeds of the same.

We are &c /Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 13th August 1800

George Buchan Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir We have the honor to send you herewith Thirty two Bills of Lading of Salt Supplied by our Contract amounting to Pags 1500 Bengal Maunds which at 19 Pags p 100 Maunds make Pags 13600 - 8 - 32, & we request you will be pleased to give us an Order upon the Treasury for Pags 4533 - 16 - 64 being one third of the amount, agreeable to the Conditions of our Contract.

We are &c

/Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Salt Contractors —

Messrs Lyall Sutor & D. Monte

Agents to the Madras Insurance Company —

Madras 13 August 1800

Gentlemen We beg to know what Premium you require to insure on the Mary Capt.n W Cavanore at & from Penang to Canton against all risks.

We are &c /Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 13 aug 1800

R. de Maillard Esq

Sir We beg to know what Prem.m you require to insure on the Ship Price Capt.n Daniel Smith for 3 Mos from the 15 inst. against War Risk only. The Ship was at that time leaving the Bengal River for Penang —

We are &c

R. de M.

Madras August 14th 1800

To the Lys Satur Dellonte

Gentlemen We request you will fill up a Policy in our name for Pr 25000 on Goods as Interest may appear on the Ship Capt Parramore in the terms of our application and your reply of this date against all risks at the rem. of 5 P Cent with liberty to touch at all the intermediate ports — Weare &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbot & Co

Madras 14th Augt 1800

Capt W. Dowse

Hydrabad

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant with the Bill for Rar Pags 219.7.38 for which I am much obliged to you —

Sam & Co (Signd) B Roebuck

Madras 14th Augt 1800.

J. Sutton Esqr

Dear Sir I forgot to say that you May Have House and Stable at 30 Pags a month commencing from the 15th that is tomorrow —

Yours truly Signd B Roebuck

Madras 15 Augt 1800

To A. Maitland Esqr

Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure Pags 1000 on the Hope Capt Ross at & from Rangoon to Madras against all Risks The Hope is a well known fast Sailer — Weare &c Signd R. A & Co

The same to Messrs Lys Satur & Dellonte

Do Messrs Chase Swell & Chinery —

Rangoon Augt 15. 1800

J. Ackaumson Esqr

Dr Sir

We request the favor of you to get insurance effected for us on the Ship Mary Capt W Parramore at & from Penang & Canton against all Risks Thirteen Thousand (13000) Prs on Cargo as Interest may appear, together with Prem of Insurce & all Charges The Penang men at Penang, all risk on the

26 ditto & was to sail in a few days. We have insured 12000 Pr on her at 5 pC & should do the remainder here but the Offices are all full. We subjoin copies of two letters from the Co Madras Council by which you see that they have taken 12000 Pr at 5 pC & their for not taking a larger sum. We trust you will be able to effect our insurance upon at least as favorable terms. —

Weare &c Signd Abbot

Madras Augt 1800

To The Right Honble

Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

After our letter of the 6th March last addressed to the Board of Revenue, we should not have presumed to trouble your Lordship again on the subject of the Bond we have given as Securities to Appah Sawmy for the Balance due by him; Were it not for some information we have lately & unexpectedly been furnished with, & which is contained in the accompanying Arzee from Paloya Ammundaroo to Mr Bramfill, by which your Lordship will be pleased to observe that Ammundaroo has proposed to rent the Districts formerly held by Appah Sawmy & bond himself to Collect & pay the Balances due in those Districts to Appah Sawmy, which was the cause of that man falling short in his payments to the Company & thereby involving us, his Securities by Bond to Government. And as Ammundaroo offers to give ample Security as well for the payment of the Company's Rents as for the Collection of the Balances due to Appah Sawmy, We are emboldened to submit the matter to your Lordships Justice trusting that we shall thereby be relieved from the payment of our Bond; At the same time that we are sensible of the

the Indulgence we have already received from your Lordship.
We take leave to submit the peculiar Hardship of our
Case, & trust that it will not be considered unreasonable
to solicit the favor of your Lordship to grant that Aimundson's
proposal may be accepted, provided he can give ample Security
for the performance of the engagement in the Manner proposed
by him in his Argee to Mr. Branfill, & this act of Justice
we humbly submit that the Company can be no sufferers, whilst
the Balances due to Appa Saumy, which have hitherto been
neglected to be collected by Mr. Branfill, will in due time be
realized. —

We have the honor to be &c

(Sgd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

of William
Capt Cooper.

Madras August 18th 1800

Wm Roebuck Esq.

Dear Sir We take the shame of the William Capt Cooper
bound to Canton to acquaint you that the Prize Capt Smith
had been driven back by bad Weather, & that consequently her
voyage is attended with much delay. We request therefore that
if you have not disposed of the Despatches Pepper upon
the receipt of this, & shall not be able to sell it upon Re-
=mittable terms payable in China, that you will send it over to us
if you can procure moderate freight for it so as for it
to be here upon the Monsoon; if you think you cannot
get the freight in time, you must then send it on the Indiaman
as before; If the Indiamen should be gone, perhaps you
may be able to do something with the next fleet of
Indiamen, & ultimately you may obtain freight for it
on the returning Ships from China in December next. —
In a word you may reckon that we can get 35 Star
Pags. ready for it here, & if you can do any better
with it for us you will act accordingly. — Wait in
haste. —

We are Sir
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

of William

Madras August 18th 1800.

Messrs Baring & Money

Gentlemen Referring you to our respects of the 10th Inst. the
present is to advise you that we shall not have any Ships in China this year.
& consequently to request you to ship the Goods we have herein Commissioned
upon the first Ships for Madras, excepting the Laterstrings which you
will be pleased to Consign to Mr. William Roebuck at Penang
instructing him to keep them until he receives instructions from
us on the subject. — We remain with Esteem &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Aug. 18th 1800

Jno Buchan Esq.
Secretary to Govt

Sir, We have the honor to send you herewith Twenty One
Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on acct of our Contract amo to 44870
Bengal Maunds which at 19 P. ℔ Bd makes P. 8487 13. 50
& we request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury
for P. 2829 4 85 being one third of the amt agreeable to the Condition
of our Contract. — &c P. R. & Co

Madras 18th August 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen We are favord with your letter of the 9th Instant inclosing only 21 Bills of
Lading of Salt instead of 22 as marked therein The Bill of Lading of 15 Cases on the Brig Capt Bann
=ister is wanting.

You will have heard that the Privateer to the northward is taken. We request that you will send over
Invoices by the first opportunity delivering us duly there of that we may make the necessary insurances —

We are &c (Signed) R. A. & Co

Messrs Lyall Sater & D'Monte Madras Aug. 18th 1800.

Gentlemen We request you will fill up a Policy on the Ship
Triton Capt Dunlop for £ 11,760 being the amount of 2352 Cwt of Copper
valued at £ 5 P Cwt in terms of your reply to our application of
the 8th Inst. — We are &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Tanquebar.

Madras August 18th 1800

P. Hermanson Esq.

Sir We duly perused your letter of the 6th Inst. and have made particular enquiries after a Vessel of the description you require but have not succeeded in finding one. There was a small Brig here a few days ago called the Burdenlad, of about 90 Tons but as she is gone to Tranquebar you will be able to examine her yourself. If we hear of any Vessel that we think will answer your purpose we shall not fail to advise you of it.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Postscript of Woodcock & Davidsons Letter of this date—

Yours of the 14th is just come to hand & we have spoke to the Secretary on the subject of it, & he has written to the Collectors in the Neighbouring districts to afford every Assistance to Mr Balmain that he may be able to do honor to the Govt Bill on him.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Salva & D. Monte

Madras 19th August 1800

Gentlemen

We are sorry to advise you that the Ship Prize insured at your Office met with very severe weather just as she was on the point of leaving the Pilot & was obliged to put back to Hedgeree with the loss of some Anchors & Cables as soon as we receive the Protest we shall hand it to you.

We are &c

(Signed) R. A & Co

Capt. E. Hutchinson

Madras August 20th 1800

Commanding the Ship Active —

Sir

The Ship under your Command being Freighted to Government you will of Course proceed to Bengal in obedience to their orders. Upon your arrival at Bengal you will put yourself under the orders of Messrs Abbott to whom the Ship goes consigned. We request you will concert with them the means of speedily obtaining a good Ships Company & of giving to the Ship such Repairs as expeditiously as possible such trifling repairs as it may require,

require, and the New Masts she wants — Unless there should be an absolute and indispensable necessity for it, we should not wish her to be detained to be entirely new Coppered this time. As you are of opinion that it will be better to haul the Ship into Dock at once to examine her Bottom, we request you will do it, but we beg and expect of you to pay daily & strict attention to the work that is doing to her, so that justice may be done her by the Ship Builders, but nothing superfluous. We trust you will attend to our Interest and see that every thing is done as economically as possible. — We beg you likewise to pay attention to the obtaining of the Ships Company.

We shall expect to see you early in October when we shall consign a Considerable adventure to you & Mr Wolff jointly.

We send by you two Musters of Gunny which we beg you will deliver to Messrs Abbott.

Wishing you a pleasant & prosperous Voyage

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Salva & D. Monte

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Fort St George 28th Augt 1800

Gentlemen

We beg to know what premium you require to insure upon the Ship Apollo Capt B. Browne at & from Madras to London with liberty to touch at all intermediate Ports against all risks at what amount you will take on her & And what return you will make for Convoy from the Cape or St Helena & safe arrival or for intelligence of Peace being received at either of those places prior to her arrival thereat. The Policy in case of loss payable in London & the Premium payable by Bills of Exchange upon London —

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

P.S.

We omitted to mention above that it is very generally known that the Apollo is a remarkably fast Sailer & a good Vessel —

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James Taylor Esq.

Fort St. Geo. Augt. 19th 1800

Secry to the Board of Trade.

Sir

We beg leave to acquaint you we shall require Tonnage on the Ship Apollo for the shipment of the following Goods for England.—

Description of Goods	Quantities	Tons according to the Company's Computation of Tonnage.	Will be ready for Shipping.
Gallingal	140 Bags	5 3/16	20th Instant
China Root	21 Do.	3 10/16	
Cassia	60 Chests	10 10/16	
Gamboge	22 Packages	1	
Nux Vomica	63 Bags	3 14/16	
Raw Silk	4 Bales	3/16	
Indigo	20 Boxes	3	
Senna	14 Bales	2	
Gum Myrrh	11 Do.	2/16	
Dragons Blood	2 Do.	1/16	
Aloes	1 Do.	1/16	
Wormwood	1 Do.	1/16	
Mocha Coffee	404 Bales	82	
Gum	80 Boxes	14	
Mother of Pearl	In Bulk	20	
Java Coffee	185 Bags	25	
		Total Tons 150	

We beg leave to subjoin the Assent of Wm Lee Esq and Capt. B. Browne our Securitys for the payment of the Freight in England.—

We have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

We agree to become securitys

" Wm Lee.

Signed

" Benjn Browne

Madras 21 Augt 1800

James Taylor Esqr

Secretary to the

Board of Trade

Sir

We beg leave to acquaint you we shall require Tonnage on the Ships Triton to ship the undermentioned Articles for England.

Description of Goods	Quantities	Tons according to the Company's Computation of Tonnage	Will be ready for Shipping
Coffee	983 Bales	133	22d Instant
China Root	25 Bags	3 1/2	
Nux Vomica	63 do	3 1/4	
		Total Tons 140 1/4	

We beg leave to subjoin the Assent of William Lee Esqr & Captn Benjamin Browne our Securitys for the payment of the Freight in England.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

We agree to become Securitys

(Signed) Wm Lee

Do Benjn Browne

Madras augt 22d 1800

Messrs Lys Sulivan & D'Monte

Agents to the Old Madras Ins Comy

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter asking 12 p Ct to return 4 upon the Apollo, we beg leave to observe, that the Apollo is a better risk than the Triton, in as much as the former is a remarkable fast Sailer, and will have from 12 to 15 English Seamen, & from 6 to 8 Lascarines. We trust that upon this Consideration you will accept 10 p Ct to return & which we beg leave to offer.

We &c

D. Abbott

Madras Aug.t 22.d 1800

Messrs Howell & Forckler

Gentlemen

We duly receive your letter of the 15 June with its enclosures, & wrote to Col.l Durand to know to whom we should present the Bill for payment, & he desired us to send it up to him, & we in consequence drew upon him in favor of our Correspondents Messrs Woodcock & Davidson of Ingeram. We have not since heard any thing of the Bill but shall write by this Dispatch to know if it has been paid, & advise you accordingly. —

We are &c

(Signed) R W & Co.

Madras Aug.t 22.d 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Messrs Howell & Forckler having written to us respecting their Bill on Col.l Durand on which account we drew upon them in your favor, we will thank you to inform us if it has been paid. As we may be inclined to give in proposals for the Tinnevelly Contract, we will thank you to inform us candidly how far it will be necessary to have a good understanding with the Resident in order to execute the Contract with ease. We will thank you to inform us particularly in what manner he can serve the Contractors if upon good terms with them, & how he can impede them & throw obstacles in their way if the Contrary

We are &c

R W & Co.

Madras Aug.t 22.d 1800

R Williams Esq.r

Honble Company's Attorney

Sir, We are favored with your letter under date the 18 Inst.t demanding payment of a Bond to the Board of Revenue for the Sum of Star Pag.s 5244.12.65. In reply to which we beg leave to observe that we have addressed a letter to the Right Honble the Governor in Council on this Subject & as soon as we are favored with their reply we shall be enabled to give you a decided answer on the Subject, meanwhile we presume the delay of a few days cannot be of any consequence. —

We are &c

(Signed) R W & Co.

Attorneys for Applicants

Madras Aug.t 23.d 1800

Messrs Lyle Salter & Monke

Gentlemen.

We accept your offer to insure on the Apollo at 10 p.r Ct as specified in your letter of this date & we beg leave to propose to you to take as far as £ 15000. on her, which as she is an excellent Risk we trust you will accede to. In the mean time we beg you to take up a Policy for the £ 1000 upon 100,000 lbs of Mocha Coffee valued at 2 1/2 p.r lb including freight Prem.m of Insurance, Commission & all other Charges whatsoever. We are &c

Lyle Salter & Monke

Madras Aug.t 25. 1800

Geo.e Buchanan Esq.r & Partners

Sir, We have the honor to send you herewith Twenty Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on account of our

our Contract amounting to 61896 Bengal Maunds which at 12 Pagodas pr. Maund makes 11760 10 16 & we request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury for P 3920. 3. 28 being one third of the amount, agreeable to the Conditions of our Contract -

We have the honour to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Sall Contractors

Madras Aug. 25 1800

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We are favored with your letter of the 14 Inst. & hope that ere this time you have received payment of the Govt. Bill upon Mr Balmain through the Assistance of the Neighbouring Collectors in consequence of the orders dispatched from hence for that purpose.

We observe what you say on the subject of Mr Gratt's Invoice & entirely approve of your resolutions respecting the same. By your Statement of Tonnage from the Northward we believe we have a right to suppose you will not object to our completing our Contract without the aid of Mr Gratt. -

In our respects of the 13 Inst. we remarked to You that the Bill of Lading of that Brig Capt. Burnside for 18 Garce was wanting in your letter of the 9 Inst. since have seen to observe a much greater Error in your Account of the Amount of Salt Shipped by your 19 Bills of Lading. Their Amt. is only 898 Garce or 53880 Maunds, whereas they are stated in yours to amt. to 918 Garce or 55080 Maunds. We beg you to make the necessary ~~deductions~~ corrections in your Account. We wish much to have our Links down

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Aug 25 1800

Messrs Faulke Gilmore & Co

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2 Inst. inclosing your Bill upon Dawes Scott & Lewis & Co in favor of Mr Mary Young & 9 Mos Sight for £ 517 11 0 16 being the fourth Qrs Int. due on your Bond of the 1 August

1796. for 6 pr. 11070. - which we shall upon receiving

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras August 26th 1800

Masulipatam

Messrs. Alexander Britain & Co

Gentlemen We were duly favored with your letter of the 15th Inst. giving Cover to three Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on the Shrewsbury Capt. Campbell on acct. of our Contract. As you have not advised us of your draft for the amount, we presume you are to receive payments for the same at Calcutta. - We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co -

Madras August 26th 1800

Bombay.

Alexander Adamson Esq

Dear Sir We have the pleasure to inclose a letter received this day from our friend M. D'Oliveira by the Cornwallis Capt. Romaine. Our Advices say "We can say but little new on the subject of battons. They are rather better, & good Bengals are worth at least 140 Rupees. Of Political News, the principal is the Capture of Genoa by the Austrians with very considerable loss to the French We have not yet seen the particulars. In haste &c

We are with Esteem &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras August 26th 1800

Ingeram &c

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen Upon referring to our Registry of Shipments & Deliveries of Salt we were sorry to see again great deficiencies from some of the Vessels from your Port. For instance the Shop Three Lakshmi Narainoa shipped 3570 Maunds & delivered 3328. — The Ship Anna Maria shipped 9600 Maunds & delivered only 7723, a deficiency of near 20 p Cent upon the Cargo. We must thank you to inquire into the cause of the latter deficiency particularly. - We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. The Minerva Capt. King shipped 12,930 Maunds & delivered only 11200. —

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Madras 27th August 1800.

Robert Irving

Military Secretary to Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to procure a Letter of Marque and a Register for the Honble Company's Chartered Ship Apollo Captn Benjamin Brown on a Voyage to London, We beg leave to subjoin the particulars -

Ship Apollo - Mounting 8 Guns 200 Tons a thereabouts - British Built.

Benjamin Browne Commander -
John Bersay - - 1st Officer
Nicholas Merry - - 2d - Do -
Robert Scawen
John Nimmo } Seamen -

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

James Taylor Esqr

Madras 30th August 1800

Secretary to the Board of Trade

Sir

We request you will grant a permit to Ship on the Honble Company's Chartered Ship Apollo the Articles we applied for in our letter under date the 19th Inst except the 200 Bales of Merchandize for which we have already your permission -

We are &c (Signed) R A & Co

Alexr Adamson Esqr

Madras 30th Augt 1800

Dear Sir

You will Oblige us much by forwarding the inclosed Letter for Mssrs W & E Lee by the Overland Dispatch.

We are sorry to say we were premature in our intelligence of the fall of Genoa. We cannot have the report to any authority that will justify our giving credit to it.

We are &c (Signed) R A & Co

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Madras 30th Augt 1800

Major Robert Irving

Mil. Secretary to the Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for to draw the undermentioned Military Stores from the Arsenal for the defence of the Honble Company's Chartered Ship Apollo -

50 Round Shot 6 Pdr
50 Grape - D° - - D°
½ Barrel Powder
20 Pistol Flints
2 Cartouch Boxes
Cartridge Paper -

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 1st September 1800

(O/C Apollo)

Alexander Sanguhar Esqr

Sir

Herewith we have the honor to send you duplicate of our respects under date the 15th Ult

We are much concerned to observe that notwithstanding three opportunities have occured since the Hope left the Cape we have not been favord with a single line from you on the subject of our concerns. The opportunities we allude to are the American Ships John, the Triton Captn Dunlop & the Ceres Captn Lowe, and as you gave us reason to expect from your Letters of the 6th December & 26th January last that all our Goods would be sold long ere the departure of the first of the before mentioned Ships your silence is equally unpleasant & unaccountable to us -

As our particular friend Mr William Lee a partner in the House of Messrs R. Wm & E.d Lee is on his return to England & may perhaps touch at the Cape, we have taken the liberty of giving him a letter of introduction to you & have requested him to apply to you for an explanation on the different heads on which we are sorry to observe we have had so much cause to complain -

We are &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Sys, Satier & De Monte
Agents &c

1st Sept 1800

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Apollo in terms of our application of the 23d ultimo as follows -

On 23525 lbs of Coffee valued at 2 d pd lb including Freight & Prim of Insurance		£ 2352: 10: —
and all Charges	@ 6 p Ct	1092: 3 —
3640 lbs of Indigo	@ 3 p Ct	280: —
83 Cwt of Nux Vomica	@ 5 p Ct	150: —
25 Cwt of Cabingal	@ 12 p Ct	384: —
6400 lbs of Raw Silk		£ 4268: 13: —

We are your ob Servts

Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 8th Sept. 1800

George Buchan Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

We have the honor to send you herewith Sixty one Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on account of our Contract amounting to 126,140 Bengal maunds which at 19 Pags ₹ ℔ M^d makes Pags 23,966.27 and we request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury for Pags 7,988.39 being one third of the amount payable to the conditions of our Contract

We have &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Alex. Farquhar Esqr on board the Apollo

Madras 2nd Sept. 1800

Sir

We had the pleasure of addressing you on the Subject of your Ship Hope on the 31st March by the Panther duplicate of which was forwarded to you by the Asia, and we have now to inclose Copy of the account Sales of Wines and Fruits amounting to Pags 24876.11.69

Capt. Ross arrived here on his return from Pegue on the 24th Ult. he was twice chased by Privateers, and his Voyage to and from was so much longer than he reckond upon; that his return to the Cape will be retarded beyond the Period you Expected her at. We have therefore Subjoined you to an additional Insurance of 7 ℔ Ct upon the amount Freight and Cargo, the former Insurance being limited to four Months, in which time Capt. Ross never doubted he would be able to make the Voyage, and that period being Expired, & having had certain intelligence of many Privateers in the Bay, we were obliged for your Security to make a New Insurance; which we were happy to Effect @ 7 ℔ Ct.

Capt. Ross proposes returning to Pegue for a Cargo of Timber on your Account this Article being so much in demand and proceeding with it to Bengal, and there take in Rice and such Articles as you have directed him to take, return again to Pegue and there take in a Cargo of Timber calculated for the Cape, which he omitted to leave orders for when there, but which he will do upon the next Occasion. He informed us that you insured the Block of the Ship in London, you will therefore be pleased to take the necessary Steps for Continuing the Insurance

We inclose extract of a letter from Mr Adamson of Bombay, dated 5th May from which you will observe that he declined giving any directions respecting the Ship Hope and that a Cargo of Timber could not be collected on the Malabar Coast till the Month of October, and as we know that it must be much dearer there than at Pegue we trust you will be satisfied that your Ship has been employed in the Way most likely to accomplish your Ultimate Object in this Voyage, and in

the most beneficial Manner possible in the Meantime.

When Capt. Ross shall have finished all that he has to do in this Country, we shall hand you an Account of our Disbursements and the General Account Current of the Ship.

We are
Sir
Your most Obed. Hble
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Sept. 3d 1800

Alex. Farquhar Esq on board the Apollo

Sir

Since closing our Letter of yesterdays date Per. have adventured for Freight to Masulipatam which Capt. Ross thinks it will be advisable to give us proposals for. It cannot be determined before the departure of the Apollo but we would recommend to you to make Insurance on the Ship as general as possible By the Triton under dispatch we shall have an opportunity of advising You what we shall have done

We are
Sir
Your most Obed. Hble
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St. Geo: 1st Septmr 1800

James Taylor Esq
Secry to the Board of Trade

Sir

We beg leave to acquaint you that the Honble Company's Chartered Ship the Apollo has only loaded 112 Tons according to the Company's Computation as inclosed list, owing to the bulkiness of the Packages of which we were not aware when we tendered her for 180 Tons. We believe nevertheless that she has that amount of Tonnage according to measurement. If so we are not the Considered of any Consequence.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

P. S. Apollo

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Fort St. George 2d. September 1800.

Capt. Benj. Browne
Commanding the Ship Apollo.

Dear Sir. Having Chartered our Ship the Apollo to Government for a Voyage to London and laden her entirely on our own account We desire you will proceed with the same to the Port of London where you will address yourself to Messrs. Rd. Wm. & Jas. Lee No. 33 Old Broad Street to whom we Consign the Ship and Cargo. And in the meantime and at all times during the voyage you are to Consider yourself under the orders of Mr. Wm. Lee a Partner in that House and who proceeds on board the Ship to London.

You have herewith the Charter Party with Government, and we beg and enjoin you to read it often and with Care, and that you most scrupulously attend and adhere to all the Conditions and regulations prescribed therein as the smallest deviation from them may involve us not only in heavy penalties to Government, but may likewise occasion our Insurances upon the Ship and Cargo to be vitiated, & forfeited.

From this Port you will proceed to the Cape of Good Hope where you must immediately renew your Pratique and whatever Provisions you may require and prepare for leaving the Port again at a moments warning. We have obtained, & herewith give you, a letter from his Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier to his Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Roger Curtis at the Cape for the purpose of procuring his protection to the Ship, and of preventing through his means any detention other.

You will therefore wait upon his Excellency upon your arrival in Company with Mr. Lee, & if any Embargo should be attempted to be laid upon the Ship, or if any other Men should be prest or any impediment should be thrown in the way of your Progress from whatever Cause, you will wait upon Sir Roger Curtis & solicit his assistance on the occasion. — From the Cape of Good Hope you will proceed direct to the Port of London. We shall not presume to give you any directions respecting the Navigating of the Ship, and the Course you are to steer, but we request you will consider the matter well, that you will consult the best

Journals and advise with the most experienced Persons in the Voyage to & from India, as well to make the most expeditious passage as to avoid as much as is practicable the Track of the Enemy's Cruizers, and we take the liberty of giving you herewith a few hints on this subject furnished us by a particular friend of ours who has had many years experience in this Navigation.

As the multiplied and more important Concerns of our Agents in London will not admit of their immediately attending to these points themselves, We have been at some pains to Collect information from Persons most experienced in the India trade respecting the management of a Ship upon her arrival in the Thames from India, and the Conduct necessary to be observed by the Captain and Officers in the delivery of the Cargo and the Outfit of the Ship for her return. And we do strictly enjoin and positively order you to attend most scrupulously and unremittingly to our following hints and instructions. — On entering the River Thames too much attention Cannot be paid to prevent pilfering of all kinds. It is the constant practice for People to come on board the first night a Ship arrives at her Moorings and steal what they Can lay their hands on when the Officers are fatigued or inattentive, and the People Drunk or perhaps have left the Ship. You will of Course guard against this. — If the Ship reaches her Moorings in the day time, as much of the running rigging as possible should be unrove and tallied, as also every thing low, below before night. We do strictly order that no Officer be permitted to leave the Ship until this be done and that they all sleep on board during the delivery. This is strongly enforced at this time in the India Service, and much benefit has arisen from it: Proper attention in these points will save us much money both in the delivery and in the outfit of the Ship for her return.

We should before have desired that the Ship's Company be employed in the passage home in making Points, Gaskets &c &c &c for the outward bound Voyage. Several good things will accrue from this plan. In the first place it will save

save the expence of buying those things in England; and Secondly it will keep the people from hatching mischief which they certainly will do, if they are allowed to be idle. We have known of Ships suffering more in the first fortnight after leaving England for want of a few stores of this kind, than during all the rest of the Voyage. The Ships Company you get in England will probably be occupied in lading the Ship, added to which the Men are so dissipated from the high Wages they receive that it is with Difficulty you can get them to do the Common work unless you have twice the number requisite. The Indiamen are fitted out by Riggers and Lumpers; a most expensive plan which nothing but necessity and the peculiar situation of those Ships can justify and which will not exist in the case of your Ship. We trust that you will on no account subject us to such idle and useless expence.

The Security of the Hatches and Bulkheads &c. where the Ships Stores are stowed, should be particularly attended to, and the Keys kept out of the reach of the Inferior people of the Ship who are often in league with the Watermen and the old Junk Ship. In general the Padlocks are so bad that almost any Key will open them; and we are told that the Companys Locks, though very good, are not to be trusted, as they have false Keys, & especially on board the Hoy. Every Hoy should be narrowly inspected before she is loaded, to see that they have no false Key or Sliding Bulkheads. The Officers of Indiamen always receive a particular order to that effect as soon as they arrive in the River. When loaded your own Padlock as well as the Companys should be put on the Hatches, and a trusty person be put in her to the Buoy with orders not to quit her till she is unloaded, and to take an account of the Weights Marks and Condition of what is delivered. A strict attention to this point will be essentially necessary, and the expence incurred by it will be fully compensated to us by the saving in the Cargo. The People of the Hoy

Boy will probably endeavour to persuade you that it is unnecessary to be so strict, but you must not suffer yourself to be imposed upon by their representation. They are all Rogues & what is worse very dexterous ones. We repeat that a strict attention to this point is essentially and indispensably necessary. It will be necessary for you likewise to go often to the Wharf and Warehouses where the Goods are landed & housed, to Compare notes with the Warehousemen and the Officers on board. This must be done with good humour and address, and a small fee now and then with a little drink may save us many Pounds, and you much vexation & delay.

In the delivery of the Cargo there are two things more that we must recommend to you as very important to attend to, & which do not incur any expence, the first is, to deliver the Cargo at one Batchway at a time, the other being closed, & in a small Ship like the Apollo there can be no inconvenience in it; the other is to use the precaution, (if there should be an absolute necessity of employing any) of always searching the Lumpers when they come up from the Hold, and not allowing them either to work in Jackets or Trowsers. But we trust that there will be no necessity for employing Lumpers at all and that the whole Cargo will be discharged by the Ships Company alone.

With respect to the refitting of the Ship we shall request Mess.rs R.d Wm.s & Lee to advance you what money you will require for this purpose, and we request and enjoin you to attend to this most scrupulously yourself. We cannot give you any directions as to the mode of laying in the necessary stores. We know that they are to be procured at much lower prices than what the Ship Brokers charge them at; but much will depend upon your own information, judgment zeal and industry. To follow the plan of the large Indiamen would be highly injudicious in the present instance; may it would be ridiculous and absurd, and to adopt it

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parsimonious Conduct of the Owners of the Small Craft who are indifferent as to their arrival would be equally wrong. You must exercise your own judgment in steering clear of both extremes. We know that in Calcutt London Second Hand Stores that would answer your purpose very well are to be had much under their real value but this will depend greatly upon your own Industry & Exertions. We can say no more on this subject but to recommend to you a regard for our Interest by a strict observance of oeconomy in all your disbursements, and as the Ship is now fitted out with every thing that you say she wants, we trust she will require little or nothing in London barring particular accidents.—

If you should require aid in providing the Stores wanted for the Ship, we can recommend you to Mr. Pace, who was formerly in the India Service, lives, we believe, at Retreff, and is every day to be met with or heard of at the Jerusalem Coffee House. He is well known to Mr. E. Roebuck likewise formerly of the India Service, who recommends him as an industrious active Man and very moderate in his Charges. If you find it necessary to give her a New upper Deck, as you have suggested the possibility of, we request you will not put her into a Ship Builders hands to be made a Job of; but that you will get it done in the ~~best~~ best, most expeditious and Cheapest manner.—

We must now apprise you that it will be necessary for you to be prepared to leave England again shortly after your arrival there, for our Agents have instructions not to detain the Ship a single day longer than will be absolutely necessary to discharge her Cargo take in a fresh one.—

Wishing you a safe speedy & prosperous voyage We remain &c &c &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 4th September 1800.

Capt. John Macleane.

Sir

Secretary to the Military Board

In Consequence of the advertisement by order of the Military Board inviting Tenders of Tonnage to convey Military Stores to Masulipatam, We beg leave to Tender the Ship Hope Capt. Thos. Ross to carry all the Stores you may have to transport to Masulipatam at the rate of Three Pagodas and a Half per Ton.— The Hope is a prime Sailer, well armed and ready to receive Cargo immediately.—

We are Sir Your obed. hble Servants

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 4th Septr 1800.

James Taylor Esq.

Secry to the Board of Trade

Sir

In Consequence of an intimation received from the Board of Trade under date the 23d ult. that Permission would be granted us to load on the Honble Company's Charter Ship Triton Capt. Dunlop for Europe the Quantity of Goods contained in our application of the 21st ult. upon our transmitting to the Office of Superintendant of the Export Department an acknowledgment of two Securities signifying their Assent to become responsible for the due performance of Engagements in our behalf, We beg leave to enclose the Assent of the Honble Basil Cochrane & Vardarajah Modelliar to become our Securities accordingly.—

We are &c &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 4th Septr 1800.

Geo. Buchan Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir

We have the honor to send you herewith Thirty one Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on account of our Contract amounting to 88,611 Bengal maunds which at 19 Pags per Candy make Pagodas 16,936 — and we request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury for Pags 5612 — 1 — 22 being one third of the amount agreable to the Conditions of our Contract.—

We have &c

(Sigd) R A & Co.

Walter Balfour Esqr
Collector of Government Customs

Sir,

We request you will be pleased to grant us two Separate Certificates of Twenty Seven Chests of Cheroot being imported per the Venus Captain Farren and the Curwen Capt Towse from London —

One for 8 Chests Marked R A No. Nos 1 @ 8 per Venus for our Account
One for 19 Chests marked { 10 Chests marked BR Nos 1 @ 10 per Curwen per Acct of B. Roebuck
9 do — do WD Nos 1 @ 9 do — do for our Account

In order that they may be forwarded to London to Cancel the Excise bonds entered into by our Agents there —

Madras 4th Sept 1800

We are Sir &c &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Sept 6th 1800

Messrs Woodcock and Davidson

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th 22d & 26th ulto with the Bills of Lading Sale inclosed therein and we beg leave to refer you to our respects of the 18th & 25th ulto in the subject of the Bill of Lading different in the former and the error in the latter

On reference to your favor of the 1st May it occurs to us that we did not advise you the Exchange at which we paid your draft for Mp 1000 in favor of Muntrepregada Venkataramadoo. it was 12½ & you will of course credit debit Venkataramadoo with the difference and oblige us with the same — We have been thinking of getting a quantity of Cotton Yarn spun & collected for exportation to England and we conceive you may get it in as large quantities and at cheaper rates than it is procured in Bengal, We therefore beg to call your particular to the subject and request you to procure and furnish us the fullest information you can upon it. It may turn out an object well worth your attention. For this purpose we inclose three Hunters of Cotton yarn No 1 2 & 3 and we request you will ascertain particularly and inform us in what quantities you can collect of each annually, and at what prices, likewise the mode of obtaining it and of payment, We must apprize you that it must be rolled & spun into English Hanks of 840 Yards each Hank We cannot at present tell you particularly the diameter of the English Hank we believe it is three Feet however we shall ascertain it and let you know, You must observe, that it is of great consequence, nay it is absolutely necessary that the

Thread should be rolled off in Hanks of a particular size, the Country could Reels we know are much longer but no doubt smaller ones may be made and the people brought to use them

We shall be obliged to you likewise if you will inform us what finer threades could be procured by you, if you will send us Musters of them all, the prices and quantities procureable —

We remain with esteem
Gentlemen
Your most obt Servts
(Sign) R A & Co

Madras 6th Sept. 1800

P.S.
We have now received from your Bills of Lading 87508 lb Maunds of Salt shipped on Domes we hope you will send us 125000

Alexander Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

By the 6 ult we advised you that we had received from Virjee Sevaram & Damaji Mitta, Broker at Madras, a Bill of Exchange for Rs 10,000 drawn by E. Nundee & C. H. Wolff upon ourselves dated 5 July & payable at 30 days Sight the amount of which Bill Virjee Sevaram & Damaji Mitta desired us to pay to you — As we cannot immediately obtain a Bill upon your place, we request you will have the goodness to debit us for the amount under date the 4th Inst & to draw upon us for the same whenever convenient to you to do so —

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 10th September 1800

Messrs Lyall Sutton & D'Monte

Gentlemen,

We beg to know if you will extend the Insurance on the Dispatch for one or two Months by our last Letter from Penang of the 29th July She was not then Insured there

We are &c &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co —

Fort St. George 10th September 1800.

Captain Johan Macleane
Secretary to the
Military Board.

Sir,

In Consequence of the advertisement of the 29th Ultimo by order of the Military Board, inviting tenders for the execution of certain repaires requisite for the General Hospital at the Presidency and the Surgeons Quarters belonging thereto, I beg leave to propose to execute all such work, as is mentioned in the annexed Schedule and may be required thereto at the Prices affixed to them.—

I engage to compleat the work required in Three Months and I propose to receive One Third of the whole Amount of the work required upon Signing the Contract, One Third when half shall be finished, and the remaining One Third when it shall be compleated.

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Yours &c &c

Signed R. J. Maitland.

	P.	F.	C.	Rat.	£
Brick Work in Chunam	"	2	40		
Water Brick on Edge in Chunam	2	25	"	3/4	2 17 1/2
Plastering with one Coating Chunam	1	15	60	do	do
do do do Two do	2	25	"	do	do
do do do Three do	3	"	"	do	do
New 8 Square Paving Bricks in	2	"	"	do	do
Taking off old Paving and relaying with half do and Half New Bricks	1	25	"	do	do
Brick work to Terrace with one Course flat Tiles and 3 Coats fine Chunam	5	"	"	do	do
Window frames with Hooks	"	8	"	3/4	1 5
do Shuttles with Hinges	"	8	40	do	do
Door frame with Hooks	"	10	"	do	do
Batten doors with Hinges	"	10	"	do	do
New Batten Shutters	"	4	"	do	do
Old matten to be repaired	"	2	40	do	do
White washing the walls	"	3	"	3/4	2 5
Shifting Tiles	"	8	"	do	do
New Chunam borders	1	10	40	do	do
do Pantiling	1	25	"	do	do
New Gate door with Hooks and Hinges					

Fort St. Geo. 10th September 1800.

Chas. Westhall Esqr.
Paymaster
Baramahl.

Dear Sir,

I trouble you as before to pay to the bearer Pago 250. on my account, but so good as to take his receipt for it, and transmit it to me; and draw on me for the Amount.—

Yours truely
Signed B. Roebuck.

Fort St. George 10th September 1800.

James Taylor Esqre
Sir

We beg leave to acquaint you that we shall require Tonnage on the Ship Queen for the Shipment of the following Goods for England.—

Discriptions of Goods.	Quantities.	Tons according to the Company's Computation of Tonnage.	Will be ready for Shipping—
Gillingal	90 Bags	3 3/16	
China Roots	21 do	3 9/16	
Cassia	60 Chests	10 10/16	
Gamboge	22 Packages	1	
Indigo	10 Chests	1 8/16	
Carpets	6 Bales	4/16	
Madeira Wine	8 Pipes	4	
		Tons. 24 3/16	

We beg leave to Subjoin the assent of the Honble Basil Cochrane and Vordanawjah Moodelliar our Securities for the payment of the freight in England.

We have the Honor to be
Sirs &c &c &c

We agree to become Securities.

Signed Basil Cochrane
Signed Wm. Vordanawjah.

Signed Roebuck Abbot Wise & Co.

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Fort St. George 13th Sept. 1800

Captain J. Munro
Deputy Secretary to the Military Board

Sir

We are favored with your letter of yesterday's date, and agree to take Three Pagodas Freight for the Stores, but on Barrels of Gun Powder and Musquet Ammunition we trust the Board will pay the usual Freight.

We have the honor to be
Sir Your most obt hum Servt
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co
Agents for the Ship Hope.

Fort St. Geo 13th Septr 1800

Messrs Lys Sater & De Monte
Agents for the Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We request to know at what Premium you Committe will Insure Pagodas 3000 on the Brig Mayflower at & from Coringa to Madras with liberty to touch at the intermediate Ports against all risks.

We are Gentlemen
your most obt Servants
Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson.

Madras 13th Sept 1800

Gentlemen

We are this instant only favored with your letter, & advertising particularly to that paragraph in it respecting the mistakes in the transmission of the Bills of Lading of Salt to us, we are sorry to observe that there is a much more considerable mistake in the present Invoice, as you have omitted the Bills of Ladings from Vizagapatam Nos 7. 8. 9. 10. & 11 amounting together to 160 ¾ Bengal Maunds.

We hope that you have ere this discovered the omission, & that the Bills of Lading are on there way to us in company with others. Capt Bernardes Bill of Lading has never come to hand.

We pay attention to the other parts of your letter & shall on due time reply to them.

We remain Sir
Signed / R. A & Co

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Madras 13th Sept 1800

Jno Buchan Esq
Secy to Govt

Sir

We have the honor to send you herewith Fourteen Bills of Lading of Salt shipped on account of our Contract amo to P. 47100 Bengal Maunds which at 19 P.ct Mad Measr P 8949.-- & we request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury for P. 2983. being one third of the amo agreeable to the Conditions of our Contract.

We have the honor to be &
Sir
Roebuck Abbott & Co
Salt Contractors

Sept 15th 1800

Messrs Lys, Sater & De Monte
Agents to the Ins Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen,

We request you will fill up a Policy for P. 3000 including Premium of Insurance and all Charges on Goods as Interest may appear on the Brig Mayflower in the terms of your application of the 13th Inst and your reply of the same date against all Risks at the prim: of 15 p Cent to return 5 p.ct on safe arrival —

We are Sirs Your most Obt Servt
(Signed) R. A & Co

Madras 15th Sept 1800

Richard A. Maitland Esq
Sir

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure on the Paze Capt James Smith from Kedgeree to Madras against all risks — and you & War Risk only —

We are Sir
(Signed) R A & Co

The same to Messrs Lys Sater & De Monte

Do to Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinery —

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Madras 17th Sept. 1800

George Buchan Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

We have the honor to send you herewith Seventeen Bills
of Lading of Salt shipped on account of our Contract amounting
to Bengal Maunds 62902. which at 19 Pags-p Maund, makes
P. Rs 19,951: 17. 8 and we request you will be pleased to give
us an order upon the Treasury for Pags- 3983: 35: 66 being
one third of the amount agreeable to the conditions of our Contract.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Salt Contractors.

Sept. 17th 1800

Messrs Lys Satur & De Monte
Gentlemen Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

In reply to your letter of this date agreeing to Insure
all risks on the Price @ 10 p Cent we beg you will fill up a Policy as follows
On Goods as Interest may appear, including Premium of Insurance, and
covering all deductions from the Policy in case of Loss — P. 4000. —
On Freight to be earned from the Company in case of
Safe arrival — P. 4000 — —
Deductions from Policy in case of Loss 6 M Interest
and 2 p Cent Brokerage say 8 p Cent on
P. 4,200 — — — 336. —
Premium of Insurance on P 4800 @ 10 p Cent 480. —
P. 4864.
This last interest to be insured in the sum of Pags 4800 the Policy to be
proof of Interest in case of Loss. —
The whole Insurance P 9800

We are your Obt Servants
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Address to the above
Messrs
Gentlemen,

Sept 17th 1800

We beg leave to call upon you for a return of Prem:
on the accompanying policy, on the Brig Mayflower of Pags 150
she having arrived safe.

We are Gents Your Obt Servs

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Madras 18th September 1800 —

Messrs Chalmers & Anstruther

Sirs

In reply to your letter of this date we have only to say
that when we declined acting any longer as Agents for the Captors of the
Ship Solimany, Capt Reay, under whose authority we had acted, we notified
to us that he had appointed Messrs Chase, Sewell & Chase his Agents,
and instructed us to pay into their hands the balance of Cash we held
on account of the Captors of the said Ship, which we accordingly did
and for which we got their discharge. We now refer you to them
for any information you require on the subject of the said Ship

We are Sirs your most obedt Hble Servts
Lys Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Sept 19th 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Having communicated with your Mr Woodcock
to whom We beg leave to refer you on the subject of a supply of
Teak Timbers to be sent to us as soon after the monsoon as possible
we have to request you will send us any quantity of Timbers you
can ship in the month of December so as to arrive here in all the
month, and at any rate we request you will send us for our own
particular use one Cargo (say a Dowy of 100 Sarees) of Timbers of as
large dimensions as you can procure as early as possible. —

We are Gents your most obedt servants
Lys Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Satur & De Monte
Agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Co.

Gentlemen

We beg to know what sum you require to insure P 7500 on
the Ship Active Capt Hutchinson at & from Calcutta to all Ports & Places
within the Company's limits of Trade for a period of three months with
liberty to remain for one month Prorata against all risks. The Insurance
to commence on the 25 Inst. on which day the Active is expected to drop
down from Calcutta, so that we may expect her to leave the Pilot about the
5th October. The Pomone is said to be cruizing to the Northward the Bom
bay Frigate is going there, & as Govt. & the Admiral are aware of the
necessity of protecting the Mouth of the Bengal river it is presumed that Com
modore Stirling will be cruizing off the Sand Heads before the Active gets out
of the River. Ships will be cruizing off the Sand Heads before the Active gets out

Madras September 21st 1800

Major D. F. Griffin

Sir

As the Ship now under dispatch will shortly sail for England We beg leave to remind you of the payment of your Promissary Note for £45 2. and a bill for Sundries £13. 10 due to Mr Richard Otley of New Bond Street; as it will be necessary for us to advise our Constituents on the subject.

We are Sir your most Obdt Servts

(Sigd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Septr 23d 1800

A. Adamson Esqre

Dear Sir

We are favord with yours of the 6th Inst, you will have seen ere the receipt of this that we have taken the liberty of drawing upon you for the amount of the Mocha Bill in full.—

We return you many thanks for the pains you took to get our Insurance on the Mary, Paramore effected on the lowest terms, and observe that you failed in consequence of our minding to decorde the Ship to you— We find now that we were ourselves mistaken with respect to her, We thought that she had been docked this year at Bombay & since yours only recollected it was the Peria a ship belonging to the same house (Chase Sweetly) and commanded so lately as last January by the same Capta Paramore, The Mary however is an unexceptionable Ship was formerly called the Boddam and we believe was sold at Bombay to some Arab Merchants, we are ignorant whether she is Bombay built.—

In a letter of the 29th July (recvd within these few days via Bengal, Mr William Roebuck writes as follows. —"I shall get Capta Fenwicks affadavit respecting the Attack made on the Dewaynes— he is the only person that saw any thing of the business" as soon as we hear any thing from him on that subject we shall forward it to you.——

We Credit your Bombay Account Rs. 3429. 2. and beg to assure you that your Draffts upon us will always meet due honr— If you wish us to remburse you in any other way be pleased to advise us.

We are with esteem

Dear Sir

your faithful and Obed Servants

(Sigd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 23rd September 1800

Messrs Chalmers & Anstruther

Sirs,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date and in reply we refer you to the annexed Copy of our letter to Messrs Chase Sweetly & Chase, under date the 12th October 1799.

We are Sirs &c &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Harrington, Watts & Co

Gents.

Madras 25th Sept 1800

We have the pleasure to enclose a set of our Bills at 9 days sight upon Messrs R. Wm & Co Lee in favor of Colonel William Gent for the sum of £268 " " being for 670 Star Pagodas, the amount of one half years Interest due upon our Bonds to him dated January 25th 1800 for £6 P 13,400 @ 10 p Cent p annum, request you will have the goodness to give us a receipt for the same.

We are Gentlemen

your most Obd Servants

Sigd Roebuck Abbott & Co

J. Hermanson Esqre

Madras 25th Sept 1800

Sir

We beg leave to enclose a Bond of the Governor in Council at Tranquebar dated the 25th Octr 1799 in favor of Mr Lancy Loyd for the sum of Three Thousand Portonovo Pagodas (PP 3000) bearing Interest @ 10 p Cent p annum payable in the 25th Octr next, together with a Bill of Exchange upon the Governor in Council under this date by Mr Lancy Loyd for Three Thousand one hundred and fifty Portonovo Pagodas 3150 for the amount principal & Interest of the above Bond in our favor, which we request you will be pleased receive on our account As we have a payment to make you on the 12th of next Month which would be convenient for us if you could allow the above amount to go in part of the same as we will settle with your Agent here on answer your drafts for the difference of Exchange as heretofore.—

We request you will have the goodness to advise us of the acceptance of the inclosed Bill of Exchange.—

We are with respect

Sir your most obedient

humble Servants.—

Sigd Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras Sept. 24th 1800

Messrs Alexander Britain Esqrs

Gentlemen

Capt. Ross of the Ship Hope, Bearer of this Letter will load about 50 Madras Garce of Salt on account of our Contract at your Port We request you will have the goodness to ship on the Hope as much Salt as he shall require, furnishing him with as many Mats for Dunnage as he may wish. Capt. Ross has agreed to pay for all Mats over and above the usual number supplied by the Contractors. The Freight will be paid in Calcutta and we request you will draw upon us for the Cost and the Charges. You will oblige us much by giving him quick dispatch.

P.S. You will send us one of the Bills of Lading and Brothers to Calcutta.

Gentlemen
your most Obt Servants
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Madras 24th Sept. 1800

Capt. Thomas Ross
Commanding the Ship Hope

Sir

Having taken on board all the Company's Freight you will put yourself under their orders until the discharge of the same at Masulipatnam, where you will take in as much Salt as you shall think proper on account of our Contract and proceed the same to Bengal. Our Agents Messrs Hogg & Co & R. Abbott will pay you Freight at the rate of Thirty three Rupees for 120 Bengal Maunds of Salt actually delivered. At Calcutta you will receive our Instructions as to your further destination and a Letter of Credit for such Sums as may be necessary to lay in a Cargo at Rangoon.

We are Sir your most Obt Servants
Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co
Madras 24th Septr 1800.

Messrs Lys Salter & D'Monte
agents to the Old Madras Comp.

Sirs We beg to know what premium you require to insure the Sea risk only on the Earl of Mornington Capt. Gray, valued at 18,000 Star Pagodas, for Six Months from the 12th inst. — The Mornington sails in Company, the Captain is a skilful Navigator, the usual Premium on such risks is 5 p.c. at which rate we have no doubt you will deal. —

We are &c
(signed) R. A. & Co.

The same to
Messrs Shaw & Co & R. A. Maitland

Madras Septmr 25th 1800

Messrs Lys Salter & D'Monte

Gentlemen Not having yet heard any news of the General Friendly we wish to continue the Insurance on her, altho' in ignorance whether she still exists or not. As you have insured her down to the 17th ulto it must of course be to your interest to continue it. We request therefore you will extend the Insurance on the three Policies done at your late Offices for two months from the expiration of the last Insurance, prorata. Your Obt Servts (signed) R. A. & Co.

The same to Lys Salter & D'Monte & R. Maitland

Fort St. George September 29th 1800.

William Petrie Esqr
President & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen We have the Honor to send herewith the Sub Treasurers receipt for P. 5543. 30. 77 being the amount of Principal & Interest due upon our Bond dated Febry 6th 1799 on account of the balance due by Myla Appah Sawmoy, and as you are acquainted with the particular causes of the failure of Appah Sawmoy, and that there are recoverable balances ascertained to be due to him on the Country to the amount of P. Pags 5153. 6. 6 We discharge this Bond out of our own pockets in full reliance on your justice and liberality to see us reimbursed through the means of the Collector.

We have the Honor to be with great respect &c &c
(signed) Roebuck & Abbott &c.

Mssrs Woodcock & Davidson.

Madras 29th September 1800.

Gentlemen,

Your Mr Woodcock having shown us Musters of Salempore, or half pieces of Cloth, manufactured, and dyed blue, at your place, & he having assured us that the Manufacture may and in all probability will be improved, we are induced to make a trial of it, we have at the same time to give your orders for Sundry pieces Goods to a pretty considerable amount, in which if you give us Satisfaction as we have no doubt you will, we may in future increase our Orders to a very considerable extent. —

We are happy to have had it in our powers to furnish Mr Woodcock with 26 Musters of English Chintz and we have picked out 10 Musters from the Chintzes Made up by you and we request that you will on the receipt of this take proper measures to get 50 Corges made up as follows with all Convenient dispatch. —

Of Musters No.	1	10	Pieces of Punjum Cloth of 8 Cubits in length and of the same
"	2	10	quality with that invoiced at 20 M. Pags. P. Corge in our favour
"	3	10	of 100 Corges P. ship Mayflower. —
"	4	10	
"	5	40	
"	6	20	
"	7	10	
"	8	100, on fine	Patchum Cloth.
"	9	20	Punjum do.
"	10	40	Patchum do.
"	11	20	Punjum do.
"	12	10	Patchum do.
"	13	10	Punjum
"	14	10	"
"	15	30	"
"	16	20	"
"	17	40	"
"	18	10	"
"	19	20	"
"	20	20	"
"	21	20	"
"	22	20	"
"	23	20	"
"	24	30	"
"	25	30	"
"	26	20	" Patchum.
"	27	50	" Punjum
"	28	50	"
"	29	50	"
"	30	50	"
"	31	25.	"

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Brought forward Pieces

Musters No.	32	25	Pieces Punjum
"	33	25	"
"	34	25	"
"	35	25	"
"	36	25	"

1000 Pieces or 50 Corges. of Chintz.

We request that the Numbers may be affixed to every piece of Chintz respectively & that you will have the Goodness to preserve the Musters. —

We next require 100 Pieces of plain and flowered Callicoes, Agreeable to the Musters & delivered to your Mr Woodcock and in equal proportions.

Thirdly 100 Pieces of Coarse Chiracole Muslins, two thirds plain & one third intermixed with flowers of different Colours except black and blue. —

Forthly 100 Pieces of 7 Pags. Shirt Cloth of 64 Cubits each Cut in two and dyed of a very dull blue. — Fifthly 200 Pieces of very fine Red Striped Ginghams, as fine as can be procured under 30 M. Pags. P. Corge

Sixthly 20 Carpets of different patterns 18 feet by 16 or thereabouth

Seventhly 30 Corges of Soosoos, according to Musters delivered to Mr Woodcock,

Eighthly 30 Corges of Charlas as described to Mr Woodcock

Ninthly 200 Corges of 12 Punjum Salempore Blue Cloths of 36 Cubits each piece

Tenthly 100 Corges of 12 Punjum Salampores White Cloth of the same length. —

We beg that the Chintzes on the Patchum Cloth may be all of twelve Cubits & very fine —

Respecting the funds necessary for the Execution of these Orders, you have in Hand according to Mr Woodcock's account, about 3000 M. Pags. of ours which you will of Course apply to this purpose and before you may find it necessary to make a further advance to the Weavers, paint and dyers you may perhaps find an Opportunity of Valuing your Bills upon us at a reasonable Exchange or upon Messrs Hy & Wm Abbott of Calcutta on our Account, or we may procure Bills from Government upon some of your Neighbouring Collectors, whatever Money of your own you may at any time advance on our Account you will of Course charge Interest on, at the rate of twelve P. Ct. You will keep us regularly advised of the State of your Funds, and of your expectations so that we may prepare against every Event; but as it is of the Utmost Consequence for us to have these Goods, as well as the Timbers we wrote about on the 19th Inst. as soon after the Monsoon as possible set, dispatch in all we rely upon your regard for our Interest to make every Exertion, not to allow a failure, if any should happen, in our remittances to put a Stop to the Execution of our Commissions —

We remain

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obt. Servants. —

Signed Pechell Abbott Obt.

Madras 2d December 1800

Captain T. Hayes

Sir

Understanding that you have engaged to procure for Pegue, we beg leave to apprize you that in consequence of your letter under date the 27th Ultimo engaging to take in a Cargo of Salt at Cuncor on freight on your Ship the Ann and Elizabeth on account of ours Contract, we have made an advance of 500 Pagodas for a quantity of Salt to be ready on the Beach, the laden bottom and which is actually brought we shall therefore hold you responsible for the consequences.

We are Sir Your obd Servants

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 3d Octr 1800

Messrs Lys Latour & La Monte
Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen We are sorry to announce to you the Capture of the Ships Paze Capt. James Smith by the French Privateer Conpance Capt. Sarcos on the 19th Ult. and to request you will note the Policy № 2933 for Pags 8800 as payable from this Date.

The Interest we had therein we hereby abandon to the Underwriters.

We are &c Signed R. A & Co

J. Webbe Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government

Madras 3d Octr 1800

Sir

We regret much to be obliged to forward to you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council Copy of a Letter We have this day received from Capt. Smith Commanding the Honble Companys Chartered Ship Paze notifying the Capture of that Ship by the Conpance Privateer on the 19th ultimo

Also Extracts of a Letter from Capt. Smith to our Agents in Bengal dated the 1st ~~Octr~~ instant with which we do not think it necessary before to trouble Government.

We are &c Signed R. A & Co

P. Hermanson Esqre

Madras 3rd Octr 1800

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 27th Ult. acknowledging the receipt of Mr. M. Lancy Lloyds order on the Governor in Council of Tanquebar for P.S. Pags 3150 and of the Same being accepted & payable on the 25th Inst.

Our friend Mr. J. Strathern of this place having requested of us a Letter of Credit on Tanquebar for 600 P.S. Pags we take the Liberty of requesting that you will have the Goodness to furnish him with that Sum taking his agents Bills on him in our favor for the whole or Such part as you may pay to them and transmit the Same to us.

We are &c Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P. Hermanson Esqre

Madras 3d Octr 1800.

Dear Sir

Mr. Dassier who we believe is known to you, has requested of us to entreat you to become Security to the Government of Tranquebar for the amount of Three Thousand Dollars for the Papers of a Vessel a Captn Johnston has purchased; We beg you will have the goodness to do the needful in this business, and if necessary as we are Mr. Dassiers agents here we will indemnify you. —

We remain Dear Sir

Signd Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Thomas D Souza Esqr

Madras 4th October 1800.

Dear Sir

Inclosed is the Bill for Salt prepared on the Beach at Cuncore which is intended for the Ann & Elizabeth by the Mess with whom we had made the Contract, the fairest way of Settling it will be for Capt. Hays people to receive the Salt and pay the amount to the Contractor. —

Yours truly
(Signed) Wm. Abbott & Co.

Captain James Smith

Madras 4th October 1800

Dear Sir

We have received your letter under date the 25th ultimo announcing to us the disagreeable Intelligence of the Capture of the Paze by the L'Conpance. We are sorry to observe it did not occur to you to come in the middle of the Bay by which in all probability you would have got off clear, as Privateers might have expecting to meet with Prizes by coming along shore. However it cannot now be helped. We request you and Mr. Makepeace will on the receipt of this proceed to Madras, and consider Yourselves in our Service. —

We remain &c &c

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Madras 1st October 1800

Josiah Webb Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying Bills for the Hulk & Freight of the Ship Prisa & Mawn his Lordships order for the payment.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Madras 6th October 1800.

Gentlemen,

Our Mutual friend Mr Cockrane having informed us that you has offered to provide or procure him at Tranquebar Batavia or Arrack at 30 Porto Nove Pagodas Pr Leaguer. We are indesired to request you will lay in for us from 40 to 50 Leaguers of that Liquor at the abovementioned price, and Keep the Same at our disposal at a Moments Notice, we request your reply by return of Dispatch, and the Moment we receive it we Shall transmit you a Bill for the amount.

We remain with Esteem.

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedt Servts
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 7th Oct 1800

Walter Balfour Esqr
Coll of Government Customs

Sir

We do hereby hold ourselves answerable for any demand you may have against us for duties due by us on the goods shipped on the Ship Queen & Sutton.

We are Sir Your Obt Servts
Signed R A & Co

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Madras 7th Octr 1800

Alex Adamson

Dear Sir

You will oblige much by forwarding the enclosed letter for Mssrs R
Wm & Ed Lee by the first Overland Packet.

We remain Dr Sir Your Obt Servts R A & Co

Forwarded
Sd

Fort St George October 8th 1800.

Penang

Wm Roebuck Esqr

My Dear William

The Botany Bay Ship has arrived in Bengal from Canary she brings us as published in the News Papers the agreeable account of the safe arrival of the Despatch at Canary, but to our Surprise and Mortification not a Single line from you either arrival or when She is to be with us the Mondaan is now fast approaching this is very negligent when you know how necessary it is to be informed of every particular and by every route and I must request your pointed attention on this subject. The Prisa loaded by Government was taken by the Confiance on the 19th ultimo off Ganjam they say the Block as she was at their mast, thus we are cut up, the Nonsuch & Bombay Frigate are now cruizing to the Northward for the Privateers as we trust you have taken some measures to send to Cochin we shall shortly look for accounts from you from that quarter and we trust the first China Ships by the way of Bengal will certainly bring them. We find we could always dispose of a quantity of Spars well here and at Coringa & we wish you would keep ready Spars for Masts & yards for Vessels of 2000 to 5000 Bags of Rice to be sent over to us by any of our Vessels which may offer but the same time always send Plank what they have room to take it on.

Yours &c
(Signed) B. Roebuck

Letter

John Balfour Esq.

Madras 8th Sept. 1800

My dear Sir,

You will see from the enclosed letter that the Payments made to the Legatees at home on Capt. Mein's Estate were made by Mr. W. Balfour – he possessed the whole of the Property & if you will be so good as to examine his books up to the Year 1789 I make no doubt but you will see a clear Statement of the Accts I had some Conversation with him on the Subject in the Year 1790 & he told me he either had or would remit home immediately the Balance due he has not done as would appear by the Accompanying letter Will you be so good as to look at his Books & let me know what answer I shall write.

Yours truly

D. Roebuck

Madras October 10th 1800

Calcutta

Capt. Thomas Ross.

Sir

As you are of opinion that a Credit upon Bengal and Madras will enable you more effectually to lay in your Cargoes of Timber at Rangoon, we have lodged a Credit with Messrs. Wyllie Robertson Abbott of Calcutta for 7000 Sicca Rupees in your favor, and we will honor any Drafts you may draw upon us here to the same amount. Inclosed we send you an account of the Sums paid on your account since you left Madras which if you find Correct we will thank you to sign and return to us.

As you are Master of Mr. Farquhar's Instructions and Orders respecting your returning Cargo of Timber, we have no particular instructions to give you on that head, but only to recommend to you dispatch in collecting your Cargo, & preparing for your return to the Cape of Good Hope.

Wishing you a safe, speedy & prosperous Voyage

We remain &c.

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. We beg leave to remind you of the Instructions you were to send us respecting some Cloths belonging to Mr. Farquhar at Ingram.

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Madras October 11th 1800

Mr N. Lanoy.

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant and very sincerely condole with you on the death of your Son – Agreeably to your desire we enclose our draft upon Mr. P. Hermanson of Tranquebar for the Sum of 150 Pagodas at seven days sight in favor of Mrs Lanoy Lloyd which we have no doubt will be duly honored.

We are with respect

Sir your most obedt Servt

Signed Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

11th Octr 1800

P. Hermanson Esqr

Sir, We have this day taken the liberty of drawing upon you a Sole Bill of Exchange for One hundred and fifty Pondo Nova Pagodas in favor of Mrs Lanby Lloyd at seven days sight which we request the favor of you to honor, and to place the amount to our debt.

We have the honor to be

Sir your most obt. Hble Servts

Signed Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras 13th October 1800

Messrs. Harrop & Ruxton –

Gentlemen

We are favored with your letter of the 9th Instant advising us that you have only 20 Leagues of Batavia Arrack for Sale at your place, & at the advanced price of 50 Pags. P Leaguer. Notwithstanding we consider this a very high price we request you will secure for us those 20 Leagues of Batavia Arrack & as far as 10 Leagues more if you should be able to procure them. We shall send down our Ship the Belasarius Capt. Wilson for the same, & she will probably be with you before this letter reaches you – As soon as we receive Capt. Wilsons receipt for the Arrack & your Bill for the Cost and Charges, we shall have the pleasure of remitting you the amount. If this should reach you before the Ships, we request you will have the goodness to have the Arrack ready for Gauging & Shipping, so that there may be as little detention as possible –

We remain with Esteem &c.

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 13th October 1800

P. Hermanson Esqr.

Sir

Out of the amount of the Bond we sometime since sent you, we desire you will have the goodness to furnish Mr Charles Dafsier any money that he may require to the extent of 1000 or 1100 P.N. Pagodas against his receipts which you will be pleased to transmit to us.

We have the honor to be &c.

Signed / Roebuck. Abbott. & Co.

Madras Oct. 14th 1800

M.B. Sys Sater & De Monde
Agents to the Old Madras Ins. Co

Gentlemen

We beg to know at what Prem you will insure on the Ship Active against all risks at & from Calcutta to all Ports & Places within the Company's limits of Trade for a Period of three Months from the 27 Inst. on which day she was to drop down. The Insured standing the Sea risk on the Coast so long as the Ship shall lye in those Ports after the 15 Inst. without any prejudice however to the Policy as the Pursuer & the Elvira have both arrived here safe from Calcutta & the Active in the same manner at Vizagapatam it is to be presumed that the Privateers have changed their Station. —

We are &c.

Signed / Roebuck. Abbott & Co.

The above letter complied delivered to Messrs Chas & Co
& Mr R. Maitland Esq. Secretary &c. —

Madras 14th Oct. 1800

Capt. P. Wilson
Commanding the Ship Belisarius

Sir,

Having appointed Mr J. T. Sykes Supracargo of the Ship Belisarius I now desire you will consider yourself under his orders & accordingly conform to such instructions as he may give you from time to time.

We are &c.

Signed / Abbott & Co.

Madras 14th Oct. 1800

Coll. Burro. Amboyna —

My Dear Burro

This will be delivered to you by Mr Sykes the person whom we informed you we intended sending to settle at Amboyna as our Agent under your protection; — He now proceeds on our Ship Belisarius Capt. Wilson with a Valuable Cargo fit for your market, the particular of which he will shew you on his Arrival, and will proceed in the disposal of it conformably to your kind advice, and as Mr Sykes is not a Stranger at Amboyna, I hope you will not have much trouble in putting him into the right way but he will always stand much in need of your kind protection, which I am persuaded you will readily grant him, and at all times keep a proper eye over him; I believe he is a very well disposed young man, and is at the same time clever, he may perhaps be useful to you, in which Case your employing him will be an advantage to us, as he will be more immediately under your Eye, and he at the same time in an agreeable situation, apparently in your Service, — We will shew you his engagements with us, which are liberal towards him, & if we carry on the business to the extent we expect by your kind Assistance, we may find our Accounts in his Services, — However I expect you will write fully to us on this subject by the return of our Ships, by which time, I hope you will be able to make up your mind on the subject already proposed to you, If Farquhar could be prevailed on to Join us, it would be a benefit to himself as well as to all parties but I need not say further on this, or any other subject, for you are acquainted with our sentiments fully and in every thing and we trust implicitly to your friendship and honor. — I shall be happy to hear you have arrived safe after a pleasant Voyage. — Roebuck and Maitland desire to be kindly remembered to you and Irmani — &c.

Signed / W. Abbott —

Madras 14th Oct. 1800

Philip Graham Esq.

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter & to acquaint you that in August last we remitted to Mr Bruff the sum of 8750 Pagodas; that there will still be a balance of a few hundred Pagodas due upon our Account Current as soon as we can settle with De Bruy & Co. for the balance due upon Monnereau Bill, or when we receive the Account Sales of some Bourbon Cotton that we consigned to London on their Account. When we can close the Account we shall have the pleasure of remitting to Mr Bruff the balance. —

The present will be delivered to you by Mr Sykes who is going Supracargo on our Ship & will be Agent to Amboyna. He has orders to remain no longer at your port than will be necessary to fill up his Water, during which time we beg leave to recommend him to your friendly protection.

We remain &c.

Signed / Abbott & Co —

Edward Coles Esqr

Madras 14th Octr 1800

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of recommending to your friendly protection the Bearer of the present Mr J. J. Sykes who is going our Agent to Amboyna, & will touch for a day or two at your place.

We were very happy to hear from Capt.n Brown & Captain Mercer that you had been so successful in your mercantile concerns that you intended to discharge your Bond to us the latter end of the present year. We sincerely congratulate you upon it, & assure you that in this time of Scarcity particularly the amount of your Bond will be very acceptable to us.

I am Dear Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) R. A. & Co

Mr J. J. Sykes

Madras 14th Octr 1800

Sir

Herewith you have three Invoices of sundry Goods shipped on the Belisarius for the particular instructions respecting which we refer you to our letter of this date. The Invoice No 2 Contains sundry Articles that are not perhaps particularly adapted to the Market of Amboyna. but we request you will do the best you can with them by Retail & Sell them for what they will bring. We beg leave to remind you of the necessity of Leaving Bills of Lading in your Hands duly Signed & Indicate, so that we may never have any difficulty in proving our Interest in case of loss.

In the Invoice No 1 We have discovered a mistake in the Price of the Piece Goods which are marked 42 Pagodas instead of 32.

We remain Sir Your most obedt Servts
(Signed) R. A. & Co

Bencoolen

Walter Ewer Esqr Governor &c &c &c

Madras 15th Octr 1800

Dear Sir

As we understand the Trade to the West Coast is now free, we have again ventured to send a Vessel on a trading Voyage; but formerly there were such impediments as totally obstructed all our Trade.

Your Agents have applied to us for Cargo for your Ships for your private use, and we have much pleasure in being able to Ship them for you — I hope no doubt but your Residency at Bencoolen will be productive of the most beneficial advantages to the Commercial World your knowledge of Commerce must point out to you the Objects and Remedies of the late System — We have Consigned our Cargo to Mr Sykes our Supercargo

I am Dear Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) R. A. & Co

P. Hermanson Esqr

Madras 14th Octr 1800

Sir

We beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance Mr Daniel Sykes the bearer of this letter & to request the favor of you to furnish him with any money he may require to the extent of 30 to 40 Pags against his drafts upon us —

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) R. A. & Co

Madras October 14th 1800

Mr D. Sykes

Sir

As we have settled the terms on which you are to serve & act as our Agent at Amboyna, & having prepared Capt Wilson of our Ship the Belisarius to receive you & your family on board, & satisfied him for the expence & trouble of your Table, we have now to request you will repair on board the Belisarius & desire Capt Wilson to proceed to Tranquebar with all possible dispatch where M.r B. Hanop & Hermanson will deliver to you Twenty Leagers of Batavia Arrack. You will be pleased to prove the Arrack & see that it is of the usual proof of from 36 to 40 & you will likewise gauge it & see that you receive 3000 Gallons. We inclose You a letter for Mr B. Hanop & Hermanson to whom you will pass your Receipt for the Arrack shipped —

From Tranquebar you will direct Capt.n Wilson to proceed & Passing on the West Coast of Sumatra where you may Dispose of a part of your Cargo — We are informed that Piece Cloths will

as the Piece that at 70 à 80 Dollars p Corge. Pulicat Palempores & Turcahs should bring 60 Dollars & the Romm Palempores at least 35 Dollars. Bandanna, Nee Handkerchiefs will bring 40 Dollars. Ivory Dollars the Pound & your Macao Wire 350 Dollars the Picul. It is not our wish that you should be induced to stay at Padang, but on seeing the Market so very indifferent as you represent it to us in your Letter by the Pearl & Hope, we should recommend your proceeding to Bencoolen for Gold Dust, which you may purchase at 8 Dollars & certainly at 9 Dollars the Ounce at the Greatest. We are informed that Mr. Griffiths at Padang will be happy to take from you 150 Corges of Blue Cloth at 80 Dollars p Corge. This will be a good Price, but you must be cautious not to dispose of the Blue Cloth above for as it is the staple article at all the Places to which you are bound you will not be able to dispose of your other Goods without a due proportion of your Blue Cloth. You must therefore keep this Object in view on all your Dealings. If you can dispose of a

proportionate quantity of your other Goods with 150 Corges of Blue Cloths at Padang at a reasonable price we should recommend your doing it, but on leaving Padang you must manage so as to obtain payment on Bills of Exchange that Sir you must manage so as to obtain payment on Bills of Exchange upon Bengal, or on Spanish Dollars which you may pay into the Treasury at Bencoolen for Bills upon Bengal, or in Gold Dust which you may pay in like manner into the Treasury and upon paying a certain premium. For a Word of caution we wish to make some Remarks to you respecting the means to obtain Bills in order to prevent the necessity of resorting to the Gold Dust, of which we may not receive advices in time to make the Insurances, for which at any rate the premium of Insurance may cost much more than the Sacrifice to be made in procuring Bills. If you can dispose of this quantity of Goods at Padang, you will then consider at Bencoolen what quantity of Goods you will be able to dispose of there, whether you will be able to dispose of such a quantity as to render it necessary & eligible to proceed to Amboyna. For as no longer to render it necessary & eligible to proceed to Amboyna. For we must calculate that it will take up the Ship four Months to proceed from Bencoolen to Amboyna & return to Bencoolen, that the Expence of these four Months will be at least 2000 Pagodas & if the quantity of Goods left unsold at Bencoolen will not pay the above freight to Amboyna, of course it will not be worth while proceeding there. In this Case it will be better for you either to sell off these Goods at a reduced price, or to lay them up on shore at Bencoolen & to proceed yourself to Sooloo with the value of 20000 Dollars as before described & you may take White & Brown & Blue Cloth, a few Bandanoes, Handkerchiefs, 100 Piculs of Iron, & few small Palempores, & few Corges of Common Chintz so as to make up the Sum of about 2000 Dollars at Sooloo in part of the value of 20000 Dollars which you will require to lay on your Cargo of Benjamin & Pepper. For your Guidance you may expect at Sooloo, for Blue Cloth 70 Dollars p Corge white Cloth 60 Dollars. Brown Cloth 55

Your loving

Windsor Cam Handkerchiefs 46 Dollars Common Chintes 50 Dollars at 60
Days D.D. 10 Dollars p Prod.—

If you do not dispose of such part of your Goods at Pasang
& Bencoolen as to render dispensent to accept the above plan you
will proceed to Amboyna with the Remainder of your Goods & there
establish yourself & dispose of them by whole sale or Retail as you
shall judge to be most for our Interest.

Upon your arrival at Bencoolen you must give out that
your Cargo is consigned to Amboyna, & you will only be compelled to
sell for ready Money — You must scrupulously fail to sell the greatest part
of your Madeira at Pasang & Bencoolen for 350 Dollars p Pipe, but
if you can sell the whole or the greater part of it (say 40 Pipes) so
as to average 300 Dollars p Pipe we shall be better satisfied with
this moderate profit & quick Returns than take the chance of greater
profits at Amboyna. — We sold Arrack last year at Bencoolen
at 145 Spanish Dollars p Leaguer, if you can get the same price
or more 100 Pipes has been sold — If you are to proceed to Amboyna
you must continue to preserve 100 Coyes of Blue Cloth, & the 13
Bales of Cloths marked $\frac{RA}{A}$. As these were handed purposely for Amboy-
na after Mr Lees return there. We presume you have no chance
of selling your Jamaica Rum at Bencoolen, but you may perhaps
dispose of your Gun Flints at Pasang to advantage. From your
knowledge of the demand for this Article at Amboyna You will
judge & resolve whether you are to sell it or no. The twelve Chests
of Painted Beads are for Amboyna. —

We trust you will get at least 100 Dollars p Coyo
(if not more) for the 13 Bales of Cloths $\frac{RA}{A}$. Upon your arrival
you will be well to offer your Cargo to the Resident, calculating
the value of it not by the Invoice but the selling price there.
If he should purchase it you will send us the Returns in his
Bills upon Mess Cohaans & Co. If not you will land your Goods &

dispose of them as fast as you can with advantage. You will likewise offer the Ships to bring back a Cargo
of Spices at a reasonable freight. Say from 2 to 4000 Pagodas, according to the quantity required. You will
always keep in mind the great importance of making us remittances by every & the speediest opportunity.
You must also bear in mind how much the success of our Trade to Amboyna will depend upon the regular
& exact information you furnish us respecting the Markets & the particular Goods most in demand; &
accordingly we request you will accompany every account Sale with your remarks on the Goods contained &
& with Musters of such other Goods as are in demand & we shall not have sent you.

If you cannot obtain a freight at Amboyna for this place, we request you will send an Assortment
of your Piece Goods, with five Pipes of Madeira five Leaguers of Arrack, 15 Cases of Gun, ten Chests of Rum
& 6 Chests of Painted Beads upon the Belisarius to Banda consigned to some trust worthy person there
only 7 Days & in that time to ship as much Barrastone as they can collect. If the Goods are not disposed
of in those seven Days they must be carried back to you. The proceeds of these Goods you will forward to us
likewise in Government Bills. The Ship must at all events return from Banda to Amboyna in order
to bring us your final dispatches & all the remittances you shall be able to collect for us. But you must
observe that this last measure of sending the Ships to Banda must be subject to this condition, namely
that she be in time to take her ultimate departure from Amboyna to this Port by the 1st March, inter-
you will positively dispatch Capt Wilson to us without orders to come direct to Madras by the Southern Passage.

We request that you will wait upon Coll Barry immediately upon your arrival with the en-
closed Letter & that you will advise with him as our particular friends upon every occasion.

We request you will likewise wait upon Mr Farquhar & cultivate him all in your power & endeav-
your to engage his friendly disposition towards you.

Recommending you to pay the strictest attention to every thing that regards our Interest
& wishing a safe prosperous Voyage & success in your undertakings. We are &c

Signed Roebuck Webb & Co

Ship Lyd Sabon of Monte Madras ad 15 1809

Agents to the Asiatic
Ins Company

Gentlemen

We beg to know what premium you require to insure on the
Belisarius Capt Nelson to the Liberty to touch & trade at any Port in India & take in a few Leaguers
of Arrack at Tranquebar which will not deduct her many hours & to touch
at Banda at all intermediate Ports & Places against all risks. The Seaworth
on this Coast to be borne by the Insured, without prejudice to their
Policy or other respects. — As from the last information from the
West Coast of Sumatra, Vessels see from Bencoolen, we trust Cap
will do this Ins upon Moderate Terms.

Madras 15th October 1800

George Buchan Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir We have the honor to send you herewith nine Bills of Lading of Salt Shipped on account of our Contract amog to 18791 Bengal Maunds which at 19 P. ffo. Mds make P. 3570. 18. 4. We request you will be pleased to give us an order upon the Treasury for P. 1190. 4. 8 being one third of the amount agreable to the Conditions of our Contract.

We have the honor to be &c

(Sgd) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Salt Contractors

Mr. J. F. Sykes

Sir We omitted yesterday to desire you will have the goodness to make every particular enquiry at Passang & Bencoolen respecting the Ship or Vessell called the Sangam Packet commanded by Captain Mabon that was on the West Coast of Sumatra some time in the months of April, May & June last, and arrived there in a crippled condition, she is said to have sailed thence the beginning of last to the Coast of Siam but has not been heard of since, it has likewise been said that she was Condemned and broke up somewhere on the West Coast of Sumatra, We have very particular interest in this Ship and consequently request you take very particular in your enquiries the result of which you will have the goodness to send to our R. A Mallabad. We cannot inform you that the Bengal Retaliation is insured for 3 Months it will therefore be of importance for you to compleat your voyage to Amboyna within that time.

We now request you will use the Option to get under way as soon as the Wind serves and to proceed agreable to your instructions of the 8th Inst

We are
Sir
Your Most Obt Servts
Roebuck Abbott & Co

Ingram
Woodcock Davidson

Madras October 15th 1800

Gentlemen We have to acquaint you that our Ship the Despatch will sail in a day or two for your Port to be Heathed and Copper'd under the Superintendance of Mr Cobell the Commander of her. We request the favor of you to get as many Workpeople as will be necessary for this purpose, and to furnish Mr Cobell with the Materials and Money that he may require, and to give him every assistance in your Power to accelerate her Repairs and dispatch back to us for which we shall be truly thankful to you. - If the Docks will stand this weather Mr Cobell will proper hauling her into one, if not he will be obliged to leave her down, for which, we beg you will make the necessary preparations. - She will Carry about Sixty Candies of Bale Dammer, and the same quantity of the proper Chunam. Bill of which we hope will make you a good remittance. We shall write farther by her and in the meantime -

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th October 1800

William Roebuck Esq.

Dear Sir I beg leave to introduce to your friendly attention Mr Le Seton and De Mante of this place and to request the favor of you to afford them any Service in your power, We believe it is their intention to request of you to recommend to them an Agent at Malacca and if you can meet their wishes we shall feel ourselves particularly obliged to you. - We are &

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Hydrabad.

Madras 16th October 1800

J. A. Kirkpatrick Esq.

Dear Sir We duly received your favor of the 4th Inst and should have immediately furnished you the information you required but that we were entirely occupied by our Europe dispatches and Accounts which we were obliged to prepare for the Ships under dispatch. — For your more Complete information on the Subjects you write upon, we beg leave to enclose Copies of our Accounts Current annually rendered your Father from the 1st August 1796 to the 31st July last brought down to this period in which you will see that we have in the above period remitted to your Father from the Cash received by us the Sum of P. 8729. 9. -

that we have a balance in hand of Pag.s 1039. 36. 26.—

By the arrangment made with the Company in 1796 we passed on account of your fathers Certificates to the amount of Pag.s 15071. 27. 6 payable by four installments in Bills upon the Court of Directors through Bengal which rendered a remittance of about 7/8ths Pagoda.—At the foot of the enclosed account you will see a Statment of these remittances amounting to £6532. 6. 5 or Pag.s 17,418.—

There remains due upon the Consolidated Bond Pag.s 11,466. 5. 62 which will be discharged in full on the 15th May 1804.—

Any farther particulars that you may require respecting your Fathers Concerns we shall be very happy to furnish you.—

Respecting Mr. Rose's Estate; we have about 3000 Pagodas standing to its Credit.—We have resisted hitherto letting the houses as the rent of them exceeds the Interest of the Mortgage Bonds upon them; but the Mortgage is now pressing for the sale of the houses, and if we are Compelled to Sell, they will not produce sufficient to discharge the Bonds; we shall therefore still resist it as long as we can.—When the accounts are closed we shall remit the balance to your father. In the mean time it is at Interest.— Remain with Esteem Yours

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.s

Madras 16th October 1804

Messrs. Chase, Sewell & Chinnery

Sentrys to the New Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen We Old Madras Insurance Company having insured P 12000 on the Belisarius Capt. William to all Ports and Places for 3 Months @ 3½ P.ct to return ½ P.ct Cash upon such part of the Cargo as shall be landed at any Port on the West Coast of Sumatra; We beg to offer you the same Premium and request to know how much you will take?—

We are Gentlemen

your obed.t Servants

Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co.s

The same addressed to
R. S. Hurstand Esq.r
Lee with the Co.s Mr. &c

Madras October 16th 1804

Messrs. Chase & Co.s
Sewell & Co.s

Gentlemen: We beg to know at what rate you will insure on the Triton Captain Dunlop P.s 1250 from Madras to London with liberty to touch at all the intermediate ports and places against all risks and what return will be made in the event of her sailing under Convoy from the Cape or St Helena or if intelligence of Peace reach those places before her sailing. We are Gentlemen your obed.t Servants

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.s

Madras 16th October 1804

Captain William Colvell
Commanding the Ship Despatch

Dear Sir

We enclose you a Register of the Ship under your command & your Port Clearance & request you will put to Sea with all convenient speed & make the best of your way to Colinga. Being arrived there we request you will immediately take steps to get the Ship new Sheathed & refitted & to give her such Repairs as you shall judge her worthy of. You will likewise make such alterations in her Masts as you shall think necessary. You will use the utmost economy in the execution of these repairs, & upon your zeal & activity for getting them executed with all possible dispatch. We write to our Agents Mess.rs Woodcock & Davidson to afford you every assistance, & furnish you all the Money & Materials that you may require.

We beg you will discharge your Ships Company as soon as you shall have no further use of them & that you will Impress a new one for the Voyage out from Colinga. Be pleased to do this in time, so that there may be no detention to the Ship on their account.

Remain &c.a

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.s

Madras 16th October 1804

Capt.n Ann Porter

Dear Sir,

We wish you have made a sale of Losing of 1016 Bags of Co.s Mocha Red shipped on the Dony Factory, Cocker Commander from Judda consigned to you. We request you will dispose of the same at the best Price you can & have remitted the price of the Adults at Bengal Rs 16 & 17 P.r Pr Candy. We shall write you further in a day or two.—

We are your

(Signd) Roebuck & Co.s

Madras 17th Octr 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen.

Referring you to our respects of the 15th Instant which we beg leave to confirm, we now hand you an Invoice & Bill of Lading of 271 Bags of Chetney & 350 Bags of Dammer shipped on the Dispatch to your address. We request you will dispose of the same to the best possible advantage, & pass the Neat proceeds to our credit.

We are &c

Signed R. A. & Co

Madras 17th Octr 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqr
Sir

We beg you will fill up two Policies of Insurance on the Belisarius in terms of your letter of this date Viz. 10 P Cent to return 4 P 7000. on the Ship valued at that Sum with the Premium of Insurance & P 8000 on Cargo as Interest may appear.

Your Obt Servts

Signed R. A. & Co

Penang

Madras Octr 17th 1800

William Roebuck Esqr

Dear Sir. We have the pleasure to inform you that the Despatch arrived here on the 16th Inst. we were long expecting her and were a little uneasy about her. We received all your letters and accounts by her but from the hurry in which we are to get the Ship to Sea again this evening and from the immediate departure of the Peggy we have not time to particularly to examine the Letters nor reply to the former, We must however take the liberty of remarking that upon a cursory comparison your Account Sales with your Invoices it does not appear to us why you should have found it necessary to draw upon Bengal, a sum of for Sicca Rs 5400 Dollars.

We are concerned to acquaint you that the Prize is taken and that the Active is in great danger, the Despatch we are obliged to send to Curinga to get new Backstays and Coppers and the repairs done to her, after which we shall send her again to the West Coast of Sumatra for a Cargo of Benjamin & Pepper.

We confirm what your Brother has wrote to you respecting the Possession of a number of Spars, they will suit now well every order &c in assortment of about 200 Pieces for Masts of from 2000 to 5000 Bags will make a very excellent remittance for us to Curinga which is an object of consequence at present.

The Wine you bought of Capt Young we like but believe you will do well if you can dispose of it. We will thank you to inform us what you can dispose of the Pepper at Madras. Were you can dispose of the

We request you will likewise inform us what quantity of narrow Flat Bar Iron you could dispose of the year this would likewise be an object to us as it would earn some freight for our returning Ships from England.

We recommend your disposing of all the Piece Goods we sent you by the Despatch in February last except the Red Handkerchiefs and investing the proceeds in clean Heavy Pepper to send us immediately after the Monsoon upon Low freight upon the returning Ships from China.

Capt. Philips Landed in a very weak state but we have the pleasure to add that he is already much recovered.

When you can pick up any Elephants Teeth at Current Prices we will thank you to send it us. We do not find the Cut and White Pint answer well here there is but little demand for it here and we have not yet sold what came over in the Apollo.

Capt. Money has written in very grateful terms of the attention you shewed him and his Family and of the Assistance you afforded him in the Mercantile concern. Instead of having any doubt about charging him a Commission of 2½ P Cent on your purchases for him you should have charged him 5 P Cent, as you have no other advantage, unless indeed your established rates of Commission prevented it.

We remain &c

Roebuck Wood & Co

P.S. The Peggy is found not Sea Worthy

Bengal

Madras Octr 18th 1800

Messrs Charles Sewell & Chinnery

Gentlemen

We request you will inform us at what rate your Office will insure on the Despatch from hence to Curinga, she sails in the Coudon of the night, & with the prevailing winds, it is fair to presume that she may not be above two days getting up.

We are &c

Signed R. A. & Co

The same to Rt Maitland Esqr

Capt Salmon Do

Madras October 18th 1800.

Tranquebar.

C. Hermanson Esqr

Sir In the event of the non-arrival of the Belisarius on which Capt. Borden is gone to Tranquebar, we shall esteem it as a particular favor if you will take charge of 1019 Bags of Cutch Butchers Shipped on the Doney Lachmi Cochin Ramola Pundit and dispose of the same to the best possible advantage. We understand the price of this article is from 16 to 17 Rds Cwt

of Candy of 500 lb.; which has induced us to send it down to your Place for Sale. We will thank you to advise us on the subject

& We remain &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Octr. 18th 1800

Alexr Adamson Esq

Dear Sir,

We shall be very much obliged to you if you will forward the two inclosed letters for Sir John Call in the same Packet to London being both originals —

We request you will have the Goodness to effect Insce for us upon the Ship Belisarius, formerly the Manas, a Fast sailing built Vessel, of about 200 Tons, that was completely repaired, new sheathed & Coppered fifteen Months ago; from Madras to Bencoolen with liberty to touch at Trangabar & Padang against all risks, @ 12 to Prot on Cargo as Interest may appear. She Sailed from these Roads on the 16th Instt & is commanded by Capt Philip Wilson

We have insured on her here 8000 Rupees for 3 Mos to all Ports & Places at 9 p Ct to return 4 p Ct upon so much of her Cargo as she shall land at Padang & Bencoolen & 15000 Rupees at 10 p Ct to return 4 at Padang & Bencoolen. We should prefer this additional insurance to be likewise made for 3 Mos if your Office will agree to it. Her destination from Bencoolen is to Amboyna, & if your Office should prefer it you may make the Insurance at once to Amboyna procuring a certain return upon such part of the Cargo as may be landed at Padang & Bencoolen.

We remain with Esteem &c

R. & Co

Madras Octr. 20th 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Secty to the Equit. Insurance Company

Please Sir to cause to insure 15000 Rupees on the Albion Capt Wallace against Sea Risk for six Months from 1st Novr about & at which time she sails from Penang all with the convoy for Amboyna

We are Sir

your Most Obedt Servts

pro. R. Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 20th October 1800

Messrs Heycroft & Thomson

Gentlemen

We are favored with your letter of the 16th Instant & are sorry to not occur to us that you might be able to procure Columbo Arrack, altho' you could not procure more than 20 Leagues of Batavia Arrack. If however this letter should find the Belisarius at Trangabar, & the Captain thinks he can take on an additional Twenty Leagues, we request you will ship 20 Leagues of Columbo Arrack for us in addition to the Batavia Arrack.

It is needless for us to suggest to you the necessity of expedition. The Critical season of the year no

We remain &c (signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

point it out to you.

Oct. 20th —

John Chinnery Esq

Dear Chinnery

I subjoin an Extract of your letter on the subject of the Exchange to which nothing can be added. —

In the interim to you 26 Pagodas per Corge, as I heard from Mr. D'Monte & even this price you know to be a high one for Batavia Arrack I have bought them from Native Merchants @ 24. —

Yours truly (Signed) R. A. Maitland

Extract of a letter from J. Chinnery Esq. dated Sept 17.

"As to not mean that the Exchange should be understood @ 225 "RS pCt for the rate of your payments. All the Salem Accounts are "made in Pondicherry Rupees

25th October 1800.

Messrs Lyon, Saturin & D'Monte

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen. We request to know the premium you will require to insure the Ship Albion Capt Wallace for six Months against the Sea Risk only, from the 1st Instant about which time she is to sail with Convoy from Penang to Amboyna. We are &c (Signed) Lyon Roebuck Abbott & Co

Thomas Thackery Esq.

Sir The bearer hereof is John Peterson who is afflicted with a sore on one of his feet, he wishes to enter the Hospital to be Cured, We therefore recommend him to you & must be answerable for the months expences attending his Cure. — We are &c

(Signed) R A & Co

Madras 21st October 1800.

J. Webbe Esq
Chief Secretary to Government

Messrs Hawell & Forbes

Gentlemen We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 15th Sept. and 3d Inst. — upon the receipt of your favor of the 7th Aug. we wrote to Messrs Woodcock and Davidson Cot Ingeram on the subject of your draft on Lieut Colo. Durand to which we received an answer as yesterday extract of their letter dated the 2d Inst. since that date they have received no further advice on the subject. It is possible they might not themselves have been advised by their Correspondent at Chicacole, or from the multiplicity and magnitude of your concerns in their hand it may have escaped them to write to us on the subject. Since however it appears that the Draft is paid although Messrs Woodcock & Davidson's letter of the 2d Inst. does not advise us that it was paid six weeks prior to the 23d September we will remit you the amount as soon as we can procure a Bill for it, for it is not convenient to us to draw at present until this day we never saw the Contents of your letter of the 15th June ordering the purchase of an Asylum Lottery Ticket. it is on the reverse of the page which concludes your letter without any mark to draw our attention to it we therefore beg your pardon for this omission. There is another Lottery advertised and we will if you please send you a Ticket in it. — We are Gentlemen

Your very obt Servts

Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Octr 21st 1800

Cananore

Capt. Alexr Craigie

Sir Mr A. Westland has handed us your letter of the 11th Instant addressed to him intimating to him that you were on the eve of quitting the Country. & desiring further time to discharge the draft you have contracted with our house. It is uncertain whether this letter will find you at Cananore; we nevertheless risk it to inform you candidly that we do not think we have cause to be satisfied with your conduct respecting the debt in question. It is trifling it is true; & for that reason it should have been the more easy for you to discharge it as the payment of four years Bar half.

We are Sir

Yr obt Servts

Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co

If as you desire us to do Sent the debt home we shall draw upon you for the amount, & are sure you will honor our Draft.

P.S.

Madras 21st Octr 1800

J. Webbe Esq
Chief Secretary to Government —

Sir We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant intimating to us "that under the circumstances which have attended the Survey of the Ship in Bengal, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not consider himself at liberty to comply with our demand for the value of the Block of that Ship until he shall have received the instructions of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council relative to the sufficiency of that Vessel to perform her engagements at the time she was freighted to the Company."

In reply to which we beg leave to observe that a survey was held on her by order of the Governor General, & that the Report must have been satisfactory, as in consequence of it the Company's Cargo was shipped upon her, & with respect to the sufficiency of the Vessel to perform her engagements at the time she was freighted to the Company, we had flattered ourselves that his Lordship in Council had ample documents before him to satisfy his mind as to that point.

Since however it has been thought expedient to refer the matter to Bengal, whatever uneasiness we may sustain from the delay, we must patiently wait the result of the reference.

We have the honor to be Sir

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras October 23d 1800.

Messrs Chase & Co
Secretaries &c

Gentlemen We request you will fill up a Policy in our name for account of Mr Pitkin Esq for P. 1250 on Goods at interest to appear on the Triton Capt. Dunlop in the terms of our application of the 16th & your reply of 17 Instant. —

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Orig. & Copy

Wm Roebuck Esq. D. via Bengal

Madras October 23d 1800.

Dear Sir The above is Copy of our respects of the 17 Instant to which we have at present but little to add. — If you should find it easier to procure Cheekery in barter for your Piece Goods than Pepper, we beg you will send us some of it, but White & not Black Pepper; we beg your will send us some of it, but White & not Black Pepper; we beg your will send us some of it, but White & not Black Pepper; we beg your

Mayflower, the Sanjam, the Union, the Hannah & two American ships have all been taken the last month.—

We beg leave to remark to you that in your general Acc.t Current you have brought to our debt a Bill of Exchange dated July 12.th 1798 by Lieut.t Thomas Prendergast upon Drury Gordon & Connell in your favor. We could not trace this Bill in any of our Books, and accordingly applied to Mr.s Connell to know if his late house had paid it, and you see by the inclosed that they never paid such Bill for Lieut.t Prendergast. Will you have the goodness to examine your Papers & Send us the Second or the Third of the Bill if you have them by you. You have likewise debited us for E.I.C.s Bills Note of Hand for 100 Dollars, which in Consequence of your letter of the 10.th Sept.r 1798 we never presented for payment. We had never seen Captain Bell prior to the receipt of this letter, & in it you advised us "Should you however have received payment from his Agents of his Note of Hand for 100 Dollars which I forwarded to you some time since, you will please to repay him the amount as I have settled with him here, and repass the amount to my debit." We have his Note still in our possession; in case you should not have settled with him as above advised we must call upon his Executors for payment.—

We have received an Extract of Smith's Journal, from which we find that he was still at Diamond Harbour on the 20.th July at 3 PM and our letter of the 1.st July, ordering her to be sent to Madras, reached Calcutta on the evening of the 15.th or the morning of the 16.th so that our Friends had good four days and a half to send an Express a distance that is at the worst times done in 24 hours. What Loss, trouble and inconvenience would they have saved us, had they barely done their duty, and certainly something more than that might reasonably have been expected by us from them.—

We have given in charge to Capt.n Hay of the Garrick the Board & Snuff which should have been sent to you long since, and for the neglect of which we beg your pardon. We likewise send you a few News papers.—

We will thank you to collect an Assortment of Spars, and a number of Planks and send them to us on the Clive, Normington & Albion on their return from Embargo.—

We beg you to sell the Bandages delivered to you by Capt.n Phillips upon the best terms you can, and to let us know how many of the same you can dispose of in the Course of 3, 6, or 12 Months, and in what manner. We beg you will keep the Long Wall Pieces. Capt.n Porter informs us they will sell extremely well at Sooloo. We do not apprehend that any thing will result from the enquiry at that place to prevent us from continuing our trade to it. At any rate we shall know what has passed before it will be necessary to send a Ship there.—

We will thank you to send us a Master of the Dragon's Blood that is brought to your place and to acquaint us the quantity that may be annually collected, and at what price. The Actives brought us about 15 ℔ of this article from Mocha. It was very fine, but cost a Mocha Dollar ℔ ℔.— Your Correspondent from Surat seems to think it is an article that would answer from Surat to Canton. We therefore wish to have some information on the subject.—

If you can send us 200 Peuls of Boiled Dammer on the returning Ships from Amboyna, we will thank you to do it.— There is a high scented wood very much prized by the Turks, and which sells among them at an enormous price. They use it in smoking, and when lighted, it emits a very fine flavor. We are told it comes from some parts to the Eastward. If you know it from this description and can procure us any of it, we will thank you for it; & if you can only procure a muster of it, we will thank you to send us that.— We remain with regard Gentlemen Your Loving Friends & Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Woodhouse

Madras October 24.th 1800.

Messrs. Dyt Sather & Delmonte
Agents &c
Canton

Accompanying we beg leave to hand you an Account of Short Interest and on Invoice of the Cargo of the Ship Despatch for the two last months insured at your Office on Policy N.o 1960— for the Sum of Pags new 36 40 43 according to Invoice or return of Prime Cost.

Messrs Lys . Latour & D. Monte

Madras 25th October 1800

Gentlemen.

If convenient to your Company, we should be glad to receive now the amount of our Policy on the Paige, less the usual deduction. We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Alexander Adamson Esqr

Madras 25th October 1800

Dear Sir

Referring you to our respects of the 18th Instant we have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Balsarais is safe arrived at Tranquebar & was to sail again from thence on the 23d Instant. If the Insurance upon her should, by any chance, not be made before the receipt of this, this information will no doubt facilitate it. We remain &c (Signed) R. A. & Co

Madras 25th Oct. 1800

J Greenhill Esqre

Columbo

Dear Greenhill

I have been favored with your letter of the 6th and by it I am happy to find you had perfectly recovered your Health, and that it is doubtful if you should go Home in January, if I were permitted to advise, it would be, not to leave the Country (unless your Health requires it) untill you can do so without the necessity of returning, which I suppose you will soon be able to accomplish —

I need not again assure you that your Bills will be duly honord but I am sorry to find by your letter that you are not likely to provide us with so much Coffee this Season as you did the last, owing to Mr North's having ordered you to procure 550 Candies of that Article for the Bengal Government Though I know it is not in your power to help complying with this order, nevertheless it is a very unjust one — It was after the Government had given up all idea of collecting Coffee at Ceylon that we embarked in the business, by giving every Encouragement, by advances and engagements for the Cultivation of that Article, and now that it has been put into some train, the Government step in & Reap our Harvest. The quantity you have been ordered to collect for the Government is so considerable an object to us that we are of opinion a proper address from us on that subject to Mr North might induce him to relinquish his Claim, I believe he is a reasonable Man and not an unjust one, however we shall not take any step

but let me hear from you therefore as soon as possible on the Subject

If the Coffee cannot be got round here sooner than we got it the last Season it cannot be helped. The reason you give for it is perfectly sufficient; however do not fail to send us what may be ready as soon as possible by Dooties through the Gulph of Manaar in the manner you did last Season —

Mrs Abbott joins me in returning you many thanks for your kind congratulations, Roebuck & Maitland desire to be kindly remembered to you and I remain most Sincerely Yours

(Signd) W. Abbott

William Roebuck Esq late of Patna Bengal

Madras 25th October 1802

Dear Sir

It occurs to us that we have frequent use for Rattans, and that you might send us some by our Ships Coming from your place. We shall want them particularly for dunnaging our Ships on their Voyage to Europe; which we are told are particularly well. We request therefore you will have the goodness to send us some by every opportunity to the extent of 10,000 Bundles annually. —

We take with regard &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 27th October 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We are favored with your letter of the 15th Instt with enclosures to which we shall reply more fully to morrow. The present is chiefly to remark upon four Articles in your Estimate of the Commission we gave you on the 19th ultimo. You have stated the Chunders, to average 22 Pagodas although there is but a small proportion of them to be of Patchum Cloth, & those only are to be of 12 Cubits, the remainder is to be on Cuttum Cloth & only 8 Cubits; we conceive therefore the Averages of the Chunders should not be more that 15 & 16. —

The Carpets are charged at a price so far beyond any thing we had a conception of that we request you will countermand them. They will not bring us one Dollar at the Market they are destined for, for a Madras Pagoda that they will cost originally. If it be necessary you must make some Sacrifice to annul this order, but we must put up with the first loss. Bone Sacrifice to annul this order, but we must put up with the first loss. Bone Sacrifice to annul this order, but we must put up with the first loss. Bone

the Soosoos at 13 p 14 Star Pagodas p Corge, & the Charlas 14 p 15 - a little more or less. But the things we wish to have -

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck & Woodcock

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Madras October 28th 1800

Gentlemen Referring you to our respects of yesterday's date which we beg leave to confirm, we proceed to reply further to your favor of the 18th Inst. We are glad to hear that you can get our Chintzes done early in January which will answer very well for us — We shall be content to have no other colours in the Checarah Muslins than Red & White. We observe the steps you have taken to procure the Red Striped Ginghams, the Soosoos & Charlas. We hope the White & Blue Salempores will be ready by the second week in January at furthest. Respecting the Carpets we have already wrote you. With respect to the funds necessary for executing our Commissions we shall state to you very plainly how we are situated. Government cannot draw upon us, Bills to the Northward (for a single Pagoda. We have no hopes from them. Madras Pagodas are now at 20 p Cent Batta, which the Board will not indemnify us for. If we cannot make up funds but by making remittances at this rate, we must abandon the Speculation. We should have sent you Silver by the Despatch but that the Bay was at the time swarming with Privateers, and that we should have been obliged to pay 20 p Cent Premium of Insurance to receive back 85 upon safe arrival. to cover which completely we must have insured 125 for every 100, which upon safe arrival would make the Premium amount to 6¼ which added to 4½ loss upon the Silver, would make the Madras Pagodas cost us at Ingram upwards of 20 p Cent. This mode is on another account more objectionable than the Remittance by Madras Pagodas, because in the event of a loss we should be kept out of our money a considerable time & besides be exposed to dispute with the Underwriters. Under these Circumstances we can only say that we will seize every opportunity of remitting you money, & that as soon as the Season opens again we will certainly remit you Silver by Sea provided there is not the same cause of fear that there has been lately. In the mean while you will profit of every opportunity that offers of raising money either by Bills upon us or upon Calcutta at a reasonable exchange, & lastly you must execute our Commissions to the best of your abilities; and if you cannot obtain funds to execute the whole, you must execute as much of it as you can; and lest you should be compelled to reduce our order which however we should regret exceedingly, we must point out to you in this order the articles we should wish to be left out. They are as follows and accompanied with their prices which are to be deducted from your Estimate. —

20 Ellore Carpets	——	Pd. 600 —
30 Corges of Soosoos	——	360 —
30 Do Charlas	——	450 —
100 Pieces Checarah Muslins	——	300 —
100 Corges of Salempores	——	1828 —
Dying of 50 Corges	——	250 —
		3788 —
Difference of Price upon 41 Corges of Chintz at 7 P Corge		287 —
		4075 —

which Sum deducted from your Estimate of Pd. 10,372-14 — leaves 6297 to be provided which may be done as follows.

Balance of Cash in hand deducting 500.		
advanced for Timber	——	1280 —
Cash advanced by you	——	2500 —
By Bill on Bengal	——	1300 —
Balance of Produce of Despatch Cargo		1300 —
		6380 —

On the subject of Timber we request some information from you. You calculate that each Tindao will cost 2 Pd Pagodas, and you inform us that you shall dispatch by the latter end of December two Cargoes on Black Wheels of 100 Garces each. Coringa Garce we suppose. Now we calculate that 100 Coringa Garce is equal to 5000 Cubic Feet, & the Tindoos are, as Mr Woodcock informed us, 24 Feet long

long by 13 Inches & ½ Square, each Tindos will measure 28 Cubic Feet, at which rate there will be about 150 Tindoos to one Hundred Coringa Yards, allowing the breakage in Stowage to amount to about 25 P Cent. The two Cargoes then should consist of 300 Tindoos at 2 P.N. Pags each Tindos ——— P.N. Pags 600

what Freight you are to pay we are ignorant, but supposing it to be at the usual rate, the Sum of money which you calculate you shall require ought to play in a very considerable quantity of Timbers. We shall thank you for every particular on this head. We have also to suggest whether the Tindoos could not be Sawed at Coringa into Planks of 5 Inches thick at a moderate expence, and whether indeed they could not be Sawed into Sheathing Boards. — If they could we would wish an Assortment to be made of whole Tindoos, Planks & Sheathing Boards, & it would very considerably enhance the value of the Timber to us, besides that they would stow much better. —

We enclose a list of the articles Shipped on the Despatch for the purpose of her Repairs. If any Stands be left we presume you will be able to sell them to advantage.

We have already written that she will require a new Impress in obtaining which we request you will assist Capt.n Colvil. And in order to save your funds as much as possible we wish you to settle with Capt.n Colvil & the Officers to receive their pay at Madras, to which we have no doubt they will consent as the run will be so short to Madras, & if any accident should happen to them we engage it shall not prejudice their claim upon us for their Wages. It is our intention to put in 20 Tons of Huntledge upon her at Madras. you must therefore instruct Capt.n Colvil to ballast her with that amount short which we suppose he may do without endangering the safety of the Ship between Ingeram and this Port. Let him hoist the Ships Private Signal upon coming in sight of the Roads, & the Huntledge & Cargo will be ready to send off to him as soon as he comes to an Anchor. We hope this letter will find the Ship far advanced in her Repairs. Recommending our Interest to your friendly care.

We remain &c

(Signed) R & Co

Madras 29th Oct.r 1800

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Gentlemen.

We are favord with your letter of the 24th Instant inclosing Mr Sykes receipt for Nine Whole & Twenty Half Lagoes of Batavia Arrack, & your Invoice of the same amounting to P.N. Pags 1034 - 2 - 8. As we have had money lying at Tranquebar for the purpose of remitting you the Cost & Charges of this Arrack, we request you will not draw upon us, & we indose our draft upon Mr P. Hermanson for P.N. Pags 1034 - 2 - 8. We return you many thanks for the trouble you have taken with this little Commission, & remain with return &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 29th Oct.r 1800

P. Hermanson Esqr

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22 Inst.

& beg you to accept our thanks for your ready attention to our little commissions.

We have this day taken the liberty of drawing upon you for P.N. Pags 1034 - 2 - 8 in favor of Messrs Harrop & Stevenson, which Bill we request you will honor.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Dep. Sec.y 29th 1801.

Fort St. George 29th October 1800.

Benjamin Brandrith Esqr

Collector in the 3d Division

of the Masulipatam District

Sir

We take the liberty of inclosing a Copy of a letter under date the 2d Instant from the Secretary of the Board of Revenue on the subject of the Balances due by the Inhabitants of the Village of Naolakes to Myla Appah Saivoy the late Renter thereof, for whom we, as his Securities, have paid all the demands that Government had upon him for Rent; and in Consequence of the intimation contained therein we have authorized our Agents, Messrs Woodcock & Davidson of Ingeram, to receive from you on our account such Kind of money as you have recovered, or shall hereafter recover on account of the said balances, & we request accordingly that you will be pleased to pay to them all such Sums of money, taking their receipts for the same. — We have the honor to be &

(Signed) R & Co

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Madras 29th Octr 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Since our respects of yesterday it has occurred to us that we have a considera-
-ble Sum of money (Mpts 5153-6-6) due to us from the Nellapilly Mootahs which Mr Bransfill is positive-
-ly enjoined to collect for us, under pain of being himself made answerable for the amount. It is possible
he has already recovered part of it, for he had the orders of Government long since on the subject. Herewith
you have an obligable letter from Roebuck & Abbott Securities for the late Renter of these Mootahs authorizing
you to call upon Mr Bransfill for the sums of money recovered from the Balances due & to grant your
receipts for the same on our account. We request that you will from time to time call upon him & we
hope you will receive from him what will be of great assistance to you in securing our commissions. Upon
further consideration we believe it will be better to send our letter direct to Mr Bransfill, but we inclose you
a Copy of it & of the letter from the Board of Revenue to us, which we likewise forward to Mr Bransfill.
This for your guidance. The letter from the Board to us does not express much, but we have private infor-
-mation that they have by orders of Government declared to Mr Bransfill that they shall hold him
responsible for the amount of the balances in question. It is scarcely necessary, but however you will
forgive us for observing to you how cautious you must be in your applications to Mr Bransfill on your
account not to give him personally any offence, nor to do any thing that may be construed by Govt
into disrespect. It must be obvious to you how necessary it is for your Interest as well as ours, to keep
well with the Servants of Government.

Referring you to what we wrote yesterday on the subject of Timber we beg leave to alter our instruc-
-tions respecting the thickness of the Planks into which we wish the Tindoor to be sawed. Instead of sawing
them into 5 Inch Planks, we request they may be sawed into three Planks whatever may be their
thickness. The order however must be understood to be founded on your Mr Woodcock's information
that the Tindoor run about 13 Inches square. If any should be so small as 10 or 11 Inches square, it
would not answer to saw them into three Planks. It would be better to send them whole.

We request you will send us by the Dispatches 5 or 10 Corges of unbleached twelve Penguin
Cloth. It is immaterial what length the Cloth is of provided the price is proportionate.

We must repeat our earnest request that you will use your utmost exertions to get the Dispatch
ready for Sea.

We remain &c

(Signed) R. A. & Co

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Madras 29th Octr 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Mr Bransfill the Collector in the 3d Division of the Masulipatam
District having received instructions from Government to recover for our account the balances due by
the Inhabitants of the Nellapilly Mootahs to the late Renter thereof, amounting to Mpts 5153-6-6
and to hold the same at our disposal, and as we have reason to think from the communications we
have had with the Board of Revenue that these Balances will be speedily recovered, we have requ-
-ested the favor of him to pay all the money he has recovered and shall hereafter recover on the above acct
to you, and to take your receipts for the same. We accordingly beg you will call upon Mr Bransfill
from time to time, and receive from him such sums of money as he shall have to pay you on our
account.

We are &c (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 29th October 1800

Edward Greenway Esqre
Collector of the Jaghire

Sir

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Letter under date the 20th inst. and in Reply thereto have to request you
will be pleased to send the Pooly and Velangadawarkum Cummums in
order that the Accounts may be examined, and whatever amount may
appear to have been received by us from the Inhabitants on Account of
the Circar share will be paid according to your request.

We have the Honor to be
Sir Your most obed. Servants
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Madras 29th Octr 1800

Major General Thomas Geils

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to inclose your annual Account Current dated
31 July & balancing in your favor Mpts 329-16-48 which we hope you will find Correct.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 31st October 1800.

Capt.n D. Porteus

Dear Sir

We are favord with your Letter of the 27th Inst.o and as we have had strong Southerly Winds for some days, we are not surprized at the Pilots not having [illegible] this yr. We Observed all that you have said on the Subject of the Ship Trangueber, but the circumstances. We know the Ship well & know that she will scarcely carry 7000 Bags. She was Never reckond to carry more. She was burnt about two years ago in Coaburtter Bagge purchased the Wreck and built upon it. If She was rebuilt from the Hull, She may answer, but if She was only rebuilt from the Lines we would not purchase her at any price. She was an English Built Ship. & having been some time in India, and pretty old. Her bottom cannot be good for much. We request you will procure very exact information on this Head, & Especially respecting this & If you are Satisfied that She was rebuilt from the Keel & is a good Strong Ship and well founded in all her heavy & Material Parts, so as not to require any great expence at fitting her out, you may enter into Agreement as per Gracedy, and we would agree to give 15 or 16000 Pagodas for Her, if delivered Low on or before the 15th January with her compliment of Guns. Say at least Ten, you must use your address on this occasion & Negociate as for yourself, and if you come to an Agreement upon every other point you must determine the Mode of payment, which must be by three Equal Installments of 2, 4 & 6 Months from the delivery of the Ship, first the Notes or Bonds bearing Interest at the rate of Ten pr Cent pr annum. We purchased the Last of Mornington formerly the Yarmouth, of Mr Hutton & Mr Wicke for 50000 Arcot Rupees, & She carries 7000 Bags. We purchased the Lady Clive, formerly the Fredericksburg at Tranquebar for 1500 Pagodas. She was docked at Bombay, compleatly repaired, & Coppered, & did not cost us 15000 Pag.s She carries about 7000 Bags. and as there will certainly be many Fine Ships coming from the Islands, that will Sell very cheap, we think the former we mentioned Say 15000 Pag.s is a very ample one for the Trangueber. It will be necessary for you to be very Cautious & Guarded in your dealings & Whatever agreement you make, must be in writing and properly Witnessed. and in this agreement must be entered all the Stipulations & Warranties on the one Side & the other, and particularly the Warranties of the Sellers respecting the State of the Ship's Bottom, Her Masts, Yards, Stores, Guns, &c.

We beg to hear from you on this Subject & remain &c.

P.S. We wish to have some information from you on the Subject of Sandal Wood at Canton. We observe that your Sandal Wood pr Fine Fortunate Friends Sold, Some of it at 29 dollars pr Pecul & Some at 10. We beg to know what occasions this wide difference in the Price, is it the Size of the Pieces, or the quality of the wood? —

The China Price Current States as the highest priced Sandal Wood, that there Weighs Thirteen Pieces to the Pecul. Can you inform us what difference it would make in the Price, if the Wood should run 10: 8. or 6 pieces to the Pecul. —

Is the Malabar, or Timor Sandal Wood most esteemed? —

Do you know what quantity the China Market can take annually?

Is it an article that fluctuates much?

We will thank you to reply to these questions as correctly as you can. —

Signed/ W. A. & Co. —

Madras 31st Oct.r 1800

Lt Col.o James Innes

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to inclose your Account Current dated the 31st July & balancing in your favor Pag.s 3287. 25-20 which we trust you will find correct.

We have inclose our account of your 3 Tickets in the last Asylum Lottery, which are regret were all drawn Blanks.

We remain &c. Signed/ Pollock Abbott & Co

Madras Nov.r 1 1800

Wm Terry Hough

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 27 September some time since, I now inclose a Bill of Exchange for £40 - for your Signature, after which you will be so good as to return them to me. On the 13 Inst.o I gave your Cash an Order of Mr Gill for Sixty Pagodas, & you may draw for the remainder when you please.

I am &c. Signed/ W. Hough

Ganjam. Lt & A. Makepeace

Dear Sir

Madras November 1st 1800.

Last night only we received your letter of the 16th Inst. You may draw upon us for such sums of money as you shall require for your necessary expences & we will punctually honor your drafts. We hope you will soon have an opportunity of coming down to Madras; altho' we are sorry to add that the late hurricane drove the

Madras 1st Nov 1800

Capt Dl Porter

Dear Sir

Since closing our letter yesterday, we received the intelligence of the Kent Indiaman being taken off the Sand heads by the Confiance Capt Surcouff. She is a Ships of 800 Tons. There is also serious apprehension entertained for the fate of the Matilda, a new Bengal Ship of 10000 Rupees that was bound to this port.

You may make use of this intelligence in your negotiation for the Tranquebar, & threw out that there will be many Ships to be sold cheap, & that we shall probably be looking out for the Kent or Matilda to replace the Prize. We have learnt to day from an Officer that was taken & on board the Privateer when she examined the Tranquebar, that she had only four Guns, & that Surcouff took the rest to arm them before she left her. You must therefore take into your calculation that her want of Guns reduces her value as much as it will cost to furnish her with them. In other respects we have a very good character of her, & if you are satisfied from your enquiries, & from the Warranties that the Owners will make concerning her that she is worth 15,000 Pagodas, we shall be satisfied to give that Sum for her.

We will thank you to look out & see if there are any good Light Guns for Sale at Tranquebar, likewise if there are any Naval Stores. Let us know what there are, and at what prices you can buy them.

If you should be perfectly satisfied with the Tranquebar & her List of Stores, & are persuaded that she will be a good serviceable Ship for us, & will not require much to be laid out upon her, a thousand Pagodas more or less in the price will not signify much.

Let us know likewise if there are any Spars to be had at Tranquebar & at what prices.

We remain &c
Signed R A & Co

Madras 1st Nov 1800

J. Webbe Esq
Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

We have the honor to enclose our bill for nine months freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

We have the honor to be &c

Signed Colebrook Abbott & Co

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Madras 5th Nov 1800

Messrs Lys Salva & D. Monte
Agents to the Old
Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We beg leave to offer you 9 ⅌ Cent to insure on the Ship Active at & from Calcutta to all Ports & Places within the Company's limits of Trade for 3 Months against all risks. The Risk to commence on the 20th Inst. on which day we believe she was to drop down from Calcutta.

Your Obd Servants
Signed Colebrook Abbott & Co

Madras 5th November 1800.

Sir,

Understanding from the Peculiar Situation of Mr Stephens affairs that it is possible you may want an Agent for the transacting of your business in case Mr Stephens should not carry on his business as usual I take the Liberty of offering my House to you for the purpose of transacting your business, and at the same time beg leave to inclose you four Letters from Mr Prevosts what came to hand as desired.

It is but lately that I knew you had been in this Settlement or I should have had much pleasure in shewing you those attentions which my Friend Mr Prevost recommended.

I have the Honor to be
Dear Sir,
Your Obd Servt
Signed
B. Roebuck

Don Celedonio de Latrista
Vizagapatam.

P.S.

It may perhaps be unnecessary for me to say that my House has for many Years carried on very extensive Mercantile Transactions, having always employed many Ships and that we kept a large Ship employed in the Manilla Trade until the unfortunate War between Spain and England put an End to direct Commercial intercourse.

I have &c
Signed BR.

Wm. Thomas Thomas — Madras 7th Nov. 1800

Sir

We have the pleasure to bring to your address a Bill of Exchange drawn upon us by William Roebuck of Penang. He instructs us to receive from you Six Hundred Pagodas on account of disbursements made, & to be made, by him for account of Mr. Graham & Co. of Natal, for which sum we shall duly pass our receipt to you.

We are &c.
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

J. Webbe Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government

Madras 7th Nov. 1800

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain for us the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council to be furnished from the Honorable Company's Stores with 20 Tons of Shot of any Calibre that may not be wanted by Government for the purpose of Ballastage for our Ships for which we engage to pay the usual price.

We have the honor to be &c.
Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Madras 8th Nov. 1800

Gentlemen

We are favord with your letters of the 22d & 26th ult. giving us the agreeable intelligence of the arrival of the Dispatch. We have every reliance upon your regard for our Interest for the speedy execution of her repairs.

We beg leave to remind you of our want of 10 Corges of 12 Punjum Unbleached Cloth.

We have accepted your draft in favor of Mr. Balmain, but we request that you will not value upon us any more at present unless you can fix the Exchange & we should not wish it to exceed 14 p Cent. We repeat that it cannot answer to make up goods if our remittances are to cost us 10 p Cent above the ordinary Exchange. This together with the Interest of money will make our goods amount to much more than the Market Price.

As we have now great difficulty in making remittances to Bengal & Money is uncommonly scarce there, we request that you will not on any account value any more upon Mr. Wm. Watts, at least until farther instructions from us to that effect. In the month of January we shall have it in our power to remit to you.

We remain &c.
/ Signed / R. A. & Co.

Tranquebar.

Madras November 10th 1800.

Capt. D. Porter

Dear Sir We have been favored with your letters of the 4th & 5th instant and return you many thanks for your remarks on the Subject of Sandal Wood. There is not one word of truth in what Mr. Ketson told you respecting the Tranquebar having sailed from Colombo for the West Coast of Sumatra. Messrs. Baalth & Co. wrote to the Insurance Office here that the Tranquebar sailed or was to sail from Tranquebar on the 24th ult. for Colombo. That being the case, she could not have reached Colombo with the Winds she must have had at the time he spoke to you. We do not think it probable that she has reached Colombo now, so that Mr. Ketson is practising a little address to make you more eager and thereby raise the price upon you. Depend upon it the Ship will not unload her Cargo of Rice at Colombo under 20 days, and that she will not sail from thence before the 1st December at soonest. You had better therefore hold off and appear indifferent about it, for we have no doubt but he will make you some proposal yet, and tend to order the Ship round here. You may hint to him that Blocks will be cheap enough next February, until when you can very well wait.

We have had accounts within these two days from Tranquebar, & the Pub was selling at 8 P. N. Pds the Ammaunum, which comes to rather more than 16 the Candy. The price therefore which they offer you is very much below its value & suggested only to the Native Merchants by their idea of your being a Stranger, and perhaps only a Passenger and prepared to sell. Shew them the contrary, and we have no doubt but you will get at least 15 or 16 P. N. Pds p Candy, at which price you may sell. You may Consult Mr. Bermanson with respect to the remittance of the Proceeds to Madras. You may find good and responsible Persons that will give you Bills on Madras for your money, and in this case if you pay their Gold, you must make your agreement for the Bills being paid here, either in Gold, or in Rupees at the Bazar Exchange between Gold & Silver, which we have experienced ourselves at the practice at Tranquebar. Let us hear from you often &

Colombo

Joseph Greenhill Esq.

Madras 11th Mar. 1802

Dear Greenhill,

I replied to your letter some days ago, & this is to trouble you to settle our accounts with Mr Gibson of Point de Galle, which have been long depending; but which we have been prevented closing from his not having rendered us account Sales of the whole of the Cargo we consigned to him on the Freemasons, notwithstanding we have repeatedly written to him on the Subject without effect, for he has studiously declined answering our letters. Copies of our three last Letters I now take the liberty of enclosing, with our Account Current with him made up to the 6th Instant, at the foot of which you will find stated the Articles for which he has not yet accounted to us. Though we have reason to believe that he realizes them shortly after he rendered us Accounts of the other Articles to the considerable advantage. Permit me to request of you therefore to bring him to a Settlement with Interest, & receive the same.

You will see from one of our Letters that he ought to make us a suitable allowance for the Arrack & Oil, in Consequence of his having furnished them in Bad Casks, which was fully proved at the Cape. He, as usual returned no answer from him to the Demand we made of him on this Score, but I trust you will be able to prevail on him to do us but common Justice, however should he deny this, & you require further powers to Compel him by Law, we will be to furnish you with what may be necessary. —

You no doubt will hear ere this reaches you of the Capture of the Kent by the Confiance, the former must have had 350 Men on Board, while the latter could not have had half the Number, a bad business. — Yrs truly (signed) W. Abbott

P.S. Excuse my giving you this trouble, but I know not another person in Your quarter that I could have taken the like liberty with. —

N.B. Enclosures in the above Letter. Triplicate of a letter to Mr Gibson of the 11th May & Copy Duplicate of 9th Jany & 20th June 1798. with his Acct Current to 4 Nov. 1800

Madras 15th November 1802

Rear Admiral John Blankett

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Ult. handed to us yesterday by Mr Braunckes, from whom we have likewise received on your account the sum of five hundred & twenty four Pagodas, thirty five fanams & fifty two Cash (Rs. 524 . 35 . 52) for Government 8 p Cent Bond for One Thousand Pagodas. We beg leave to enclose a copy of Mr Braunckes letter to us on the subject of the Bond, & of the particulars of the purchase of it by Messrs Chase Swell & Chase: for farther particulars we beg leave to refer you to Mr Braunckes who proposes writing to you by this Post.

The Cash that we have received we shall remit to Mr Dundas agreeably to your desire, as soon as we can obtain a Bill for the amount, & we are now looking out for one, and as to the Bond we shall wait your instructions respecting the disposal of it. For your guidance on this head, We have the honor to acquaint you that these Bonds are payable in One, or Two Years, at the option of the Company, but that, from the state of their finances, we fear they will not be able to pay them even at the expiration of the latter term. If however you should wish to have this Bond realized you may do it with advantage now, as the Discount upon this Paper is only 3 p Cent, & we perceive that your Bond was purchased at a discount of 7 3/4.

We believe that the letter you have done us the honor to address us will be sufficient authority for us to receive small sums of money on your account; but if these should be sums of any magnitude to receive, or business of any importance to transact, a more regular Power might be required. We shall be happy if your services can be useful to you.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck. Abbott & Co.

Capt. J. A. Kirkpatrick

Madras Nov. 12. 1800

Sir,

We are favord with your letter of the 21st ult. to which we shall with much pleasure transmit to you the Copies of our annual Account Current with your father which you desire.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott &c

Madras. Nov. 12. 1800.

Ganjam

Capt. Dalby

Sir. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter requesting to insure in your Schooner the Hope, I applied to all the Insurance Offices & they demand a premium of Six p Cent to insure her for 3 Months from the 15 Dec against the War risk only, which if agreable to you I accepted the moment I receive yr reply.

James Taylor Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Trade

Madras 18th November 1800

Sir

We beg you will be pleased to represent to the President & Members of the Board of Trade that the Board of Trade in Calcutta have refused to pay our Agents the freight of the Ship Active upon the presumption that we have received the freight here agreeably to the terms of the Charter Party as appears by a letter from Mr. H. R. R. Elliott dated the 25th Ulto of which we annex an Extract upon the subject. We therefore request you will be pleased to obtain from the Board a Certificate that the freight has not been paid to them. & referring you to our letter of the 6th August making the tender of the Ship. We request you will be pleased to insert in the Certificate that although the Charter Party does not expressly set out in so many words with our verbal agreement with the Board, we are entitled to the sum of One Thousand five hundred Pagodas, even if the Tonnage ascertained to be shipped should not amount to that sum, in consideration of the Ship taking the heavy Stores which the Owners of the other 2 much larger Ships had refused. And to leave to your Board that this sum will be a very inadequate indemnification for the Stores occasioned to the Ship by those Stores. We are &c

Oct. 6th &c.

We have the honor to be &c

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Woodcock & Davidson

Madras 18th Nov. 1800

Gentlemen

If this Letter should reach you before the Dispatch sails from your Port which however we hope may not be the case, we request you will ship upon her on the charge of Capt. Colvil any Parcel or Package that may be recommended to you for Mr. J. Bewley of this Place. We likewise request you will send us down on her a Bolt of Canga, as near as it is commonly called, Mr. Oldham Canvas, with every information respecting it. If we find it answer we may give you orders for that article to the extent of 500 Bolts annually. Mr. Bewley informs us that when he was President he made up a good deal of it, and that it was preferred by many Captains of Ships to Bengal or Chittagong Canvas. He also informs us that he had a very considerable Consumption of Bed Ticks, so much so that he has at times been Compelled to Convey from Bengal at very high prices. We shall be very much obliged to you for every particular on this head, as well as respecting the Consumption of Coirs, Tanners, Oakum, Canvas &c

your Imports. We should wish to supply you with every thing that find sale at your place for the purpose of making your remittances — We remain &c

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 18th November 1800

James Taylor Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Trade

Sir

In consequence of your letter of the 20th August intimating to us that the Board of Trade had found it expedient to leave the final adjustment of the Freight of the Ship Active to the Decision of the Government General we expected that upon the delivery of the Company's Cargo at Calcutta our Agents there would receive the freight. But it appears by a letter from them of the 26th Ulto of which we annex an Extract that the Board of Trade had refused payment of the freight upon the supposition that we had received it here as it was due to us by the conditions of our Charter Party upon the signing of the Bills of Lading. We trust therefore that the Board of Trade will think it reasonable that we should be allowed Interest upon the amount of Freight from the date of the Signing the Bills of Lading. We remain &c

Signed / Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 18th November 1800

Don Celedonio de Latreyte

Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive your favr of the 10th Instant. I believe the tenor of my Letter was only an application to you in case Mr. Stephens did not settle his Affairs I agree with you that it will be best for himself and his Creditors that his Business should proceed and I shall be happy to see him successful. I have given him every assistance in my power to settle his affairs and I hope from what passed at a Meeting of his Creditors yesterday that they will be settled.

I am much Obliged by your kind remembrances & am &c

Signed / Roebuck

Madras Decr 15th 1800

Messrs Woodcock & Dawkinson

Gentlemen

The Ceringa Jolpatt of the 2d Inst is come in, but we have not received any of your favors, since that of the 26th ultimo the feel much disappointed at it, for we expected by this time some information respecting the Repairs of our Ships which might enable us to form some judgement of the probable time of her departure from your Port, at this Period so critical as well from the Season as the number of Privateers swarming about it is highly important to us to be kept regularly regarded with the Progress of any Commission you have in hand from us. Indeed it will at all times be satisfactory to us to hear from you often, & the information you may occasionally give us may lead to undertakings mutually advantageous.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras Nov 17th 1800.

Capt D. Porter

Dear Sir

We are favored with your letter of the 13th Inst and think you are wrong in not making Mr Hilton an offer, as it is not reasonable to suppose he will alter the destination of his Ship upon an uncertainty. We think you had better make an offer of 13000 Pagodas and see what he says to it. With respect to the Rice, you must resolve soon upon selling it or it will be better to take 13 & 14 then wait much longer.

We are Dear Sir your &c

(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras November 17th 1800

Capt Thomas Thomas
Commanding the Ship
Cecilia.

Sir

Not finding it expedient to land any part of the Cargo of Madeira Wine Consigned by Mr Dominick D'Oliveira to his Order Messrs W. Z. & R. Abbott of Calcutta, we beg leave to return the Dispatches addressed to us jointly, and request you will proceed to Bengal with all convenient dispatch, and there deliver your Cargo to the above mentioned Gentlemen

November 1800.

Messrs Lyall & Co

Agents to the ship Madras

Gentlemen We beg to know if you will now insure at & from Calcutta to all Ports & Places within the limits of Trade for a period of 3 Months from the 2d Inst. W. Z. & R. Abbott. say the Pilot was expected to take charge of her all in to take

Your &c

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Nov. 18th 1800.

Messrs Lyall & Co

Gentlemen We presume you can have no objection to continue the Risk on the Generalus Funds for 2 Months from the 17th inst. at a Premium prorata.

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

The same to the following Ships

Rose & Co & Rob. Maitland

Madras 18th Nov. 1800

R. A. Maitland Esq

Sir

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure on the Dispatch from Ceringa to Madras. The Dispatch has been now Sheathed & Coppered. all Risk saving the Risk of the Coast.

Your Obt Servant

(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras 19th Nov. 1800

Capt Thomas Thomas
Commanding the Ship Cecilia.

Sir

As we may now find it necessary to land part of the Madeira Wine consigned to us by Mr D. D'Oliveira the Charterer of your Ship, we beg leave to recall the instructions which we gave you on the 17th Inst to proceed to Calcutta & to request you will wait here until you hear further from us on the subject.

We beg the favor of you to send us the Packet we gave you for Messrs W. Z. & R. Abbott.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

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Madras November 19th 1800

Messrs Satur & D'Monte

Agents &c.

Gentlemen

We request you will fill up a Policy of Insurance on Fine Long Cloths on the Ship Despatch at & from Curinga to be in our name but on account of Alexander Sargeant Esqr Warranted to Cape of Good Hope P2500 - including the Premium of Insurance & each charges -

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Hall & Grant

Madras Novr 20th 1800

Gentlemen

What Prem do you require to insure on the Ship Active for 3 Months from the 4th Inst to all Ports & places within the Company's limits of Trade against all risks - The Active was at Pardon Roads on the 3d Inst

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Hall & Grant

Gentlemen

Having received a Consignment of Madeira Wine by the Ship Cecelia Capt Thomas from Madeira and having Insured it to proceed to order the Wine on to Bengal, We have in consequence been served with a Protest by Captain Thomas which Protest together with the Charter Party we hand you, and request your opinion on the subject how the Owners of the Ship and the Consignor may be affected by your act of landing the Wine, or any part of it here, or of allowing the whole to proceed to Bengal.

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

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Madras 22d November 1800.

Capt Thomas Thomas
Commanding the Ship Cecelia

Sir

Referring you to our letter of the 17th instant we beg leave to Confirm the Contents of the same. —

We send you a Packet for Messrs Wm & H. Abbott of Calcutta which we request the favor of you to take Charge of. — Wishing you a safe & prosperous voyage. —

We are Sir
Your Obedt Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 22d November 1800.

Bombay

Philip Dundas Esqr

Sir

We have an account of Rear Admiral Blanketts the Sum of S. Pags 524. 35. 52 which he has instructed us to remit to you. we have accordingly been endeavouring to obtain a Bill for the same upon your place, but cannot do it at a better Exchange than By Rs 325 P Pags We are therefore of opinion that you should draw upon us as we understand you may do it at Calcutta 340 P Pa which together with the Interest for 30 days with them sent about 5 P Cent better than drafts from our this place. Any Bills you may draw upon us to the above amount on account of Admiral Blanketts shall be duly honord. —

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 24th November 1800. —

G. Buchan Esqre
Secretary to Government. —

Sir

We request you will be pleased to grant a Register for our Ship the Active Built at Damaun, burthen 230 tons, Commanded by Captain James Smith and bound to the Eastward with a Cargo of Sundries. —

We have the Honor to be
Sir
your Most Obedt Humble Servants
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

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Madras 25th November 1800.

Messrs Shaddock & Davidson

Gentlemen

From Mr Malkpeace arrived this Morning from Coringa we learn that the Repairs of the Dispatch go on very Slowly, & that She is not likely to come out of Dock these three weeks this being the Case we beg you will procure for her the best & most valuable freight you can for this place. The President will in all probability give you a freight of Company's Bales. at any rate you cannot fail of filling her, & this freight will furnish you some funds. If Mr Bransfill should pay you any Money on our Account, or you should procure cash against your Bills upon us at a reasonable Exchange, we beg you will increase the Calls Blue Cottumpoes to the Greatest possible extent, & Send them down to us as fast as Opportunities offer. Besides the Twelve Punjum Brown Cloth we have already ordered, we request you will Send us by the Dispatch five Corges of Eighteen Punjum Brown Cloth. It is immaterial whether it is Company's or Private Cloth. We beg you will likewise Send us a Musters of your Dungaree with the particulars of the Price &c.

We remain Gentlemen &c &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 26th November 1800.

Capt. James Smith

Dear Sir

We will thank you to make very particular enquiry at Padang, & at any other Port you may chance to touch at, respecting the Ship or Vessel called the Ganjam Packet Commanded by Capt. Malin, that was on the West Coast of Sumatra Some time in the Months of April May and June last, & Arrived there in a crippled Condition. Ship is said to have sailed thence the beginning of June last for this Coast, and has not been heard of Since. It has likewise been said that She was condemned & broke up somewhere on the West Coast of Sumatra. We have very particular interest in this Ship, & consequently request you to be very particular in your enquiries, the result of which you will have the goodness to Send to us or R. S. Maitland.

We will likewise thank you to make particular enquiries after the Belisarius Capt. Wilson, & whether there are any Letters for us from Mr Sykes.

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November 26th 1800.

Messrs Lyall Sahrie & D'Monte

Agents &c

Gentlemen We beg to know what Premium you require to insure the Ship Active to all Ports & Places within the Company's limits of Trade for 3 Months with liberty to renew for 2 Months Pro rata, against all risks.

your Obedt Servts

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Madras 26th November 1800.

Capt. D. Porter

Dear Sir

We have received your Letter of the 19th Inst. & Would now recommend you to resolve upon getting the best information you can & Selling off the Bottle at once upon that information. We think you had better not Say any thing more to Mr Wilson but come away as Soon as you shall have Settled your Nut. If you can procure undeniable good Bills of Exchange you may remit the Money by them providing for them to be paid in Gold, or in Rupees at the Exchange of the day. If not bring that Pagodas with you.

We are Dear Sir &c &c

Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 26th November 1800.

Capt. James Smith

Commanding the Ship Active

Dear Sir You have inclosed an Invoice & Bill of Lading of Sundries amounting to Pgs. 15,623. 12. 15. Shipped on the Active & Consigned to you for our account. We request you will proceed with the same to Padang on the West Coast of Sumatra where we hope you will sell your Salt for at least 60 Dollars the Quoin, and from that to 110 at which price Salt has been there sold on our account. Payment will be offered for your Salt in Benjamin, which you may accept. But we do not wish you to take any Pepper in Barter for your Salt as you will have to lay in your Pepper at Tualabon at a very low Price. You will likewise Sell the whole or as much as you can of your Blue Cloth, White & Brown Cloth, & Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs: For your guidance, the Common prices of these articles are as follows.

Blue from 75 @ 82. according to quality and the demand.
White about 62.
Brown 60.
Vantapollam Handkerchiefs 40 @ 50.
The Gold Thread you will reserve for Analaboo.

If you can sell the whole of your Goods at Padang at any thing like the above prices payable in Gold Dust or Spanish Dollars we desire you will do it; and we beg you will use every endeavour to get payment made in Spanish Dollars in whole or in part as they will procure you a Cargo of Pepper at much cheaper rates than either Gold Dust or Piece Goods, besides quickening very much your dispatch. We consider this so material a thing that we recommend you to sell your Goods at 2 or 3 Dollars p Corge less in order to obtain Dollars, if they are not procureable upon other or better terms. Or if you should sell your Goods for Gold Dust, and any other Person should have Spanish Dollars to sell worth which paying him a Premium to get an Exchange. But on no account are you to Consent to take Pepper in Barter for your Goods. Rather declare your resolution of going to another market. If you can only sell two thirds or even one half of your Piece Goods for Gold Dust or Dollars, you may be able to proceed with the remainder to Sinkell and Analaboo, and with the assistance of your Gold & Dollars lay in your Cargo with advantage.—

The Prices of Piece Goods beforementioned are such as have obtained for many years at Padang during the Monopoly of the Company's Servants, but as we are informed that Monopoly is now abolished by the Superintendant of Bencoolen, we may hope you will obtain better Prices. We however only give you this as information we have had here, It will be your duty upon your arrival at Padang to ascertain the State of the market and fix your prices accordingly. Salt is at all times an article much in demand and sometimes so much wanted, that

that alone will be the means of selling a whole Cargo of Piece Goods at advantageous Prices. You will therefore inform yourself on this head, and act accordingly. If it is much wanted, you will of course take advantage of it & sell your Piece Goods upon the terms you wish, And as your whole Cargo of Salt is but trifling we expect you will get a good price for it.—

We are much in want of about 600 Gallons of good Fresh Cocoa Nut oil. We believe it is to be bought cheap at Padang. If so we request you will bring us the above quantity. But even if it should rise as high as 60 Dollars the 100 Gallons we beg you will bring us 400 Gallons in Good, & Clean procurable Small Casks.—

Your course from Padang must depend upon the dispatch you have here, and here we must notice to you that for many strong reasons it is of the utmost importance to us that you return quickly to this Port. If you should finish your business speedily at Padang, we beg you will touch at Sinkel in your way to Analaboo; at the former place you will purchase Benjamin from 7 @ 11 Dollars p Picul. We are told that the People of Padang do not pay more than 7 @ 8 Dollars p Picul for it; and if you should have Sold all your Piece Goods at Padang, we have no doubt but you will procure the Benjamin very Cheap paying for it.

We wish you to take as far as 500 Piculs of it. We request you will likewise buy any quantity of the Best of Camphire which you can procure at Sinkel @ 40 Dr. the Catty.—

From Sinkel you will proceed to Analaboo where you may purchase Clean Heavy Pepper at Eight Dollars p Picul paying first 2/3 Piece Goods & 1/3 Gold or Dollars. Mr William Roebuck writes us under date the 17th September that it was selling at Analaboo at Six Dollars the Picul, & Mr Philips acquaints us that there was an inconceivable quantity of Pepper there when he was there. It is not at all improbable therefore but you may get your Pepper at this price if you have Gold Dust & Dollars to pay for it.—

There is another great advantage attending your having Gold Dust & Dollars, that is the Malays will deliver their Pepper to you & weigh it on board. A trifling present of Cloth to the Person employed will very much accelerate your dispatch, & help to obtain you full justice in the weighing.—

You must be careful however not to receive new Green Pepper, nor Pepper with Much Dust as it is constantly attended with great loss.—

We shall not pretend to advise you what precautions you should take against any Surprize by the Malays or French Privateers. We rely upon your judgement Vigilance for the Security of our Property.—

From Analaboo you will make the best of your way over home, & we hope that if you have any luck at all we shall see you before the 1st February. —

We must conclude by observing to you that the Instructions contained in this Letter must be considered by you only as General Instructions, & that you must use your own discretion in deviating from them where you shall judge it to be very necessary to do so, keeping in mind always two principal Objects, namely a Cargo of Pepper laid in at Analaboo at low prices, & a Speedy return to this Port. And as your Run from Analaboo will be very Short, you need not scarce filling every part of the Ship with Pepper so as to do the Owners all possible justice. Whatever balance you may have after having laid in a full Cargo of the aforementioned Articles, you will bring over to us in Gold Dust. —

If from your own Knowledge, or from information that you think may be depended upon, you are of Opinion that Pulo Sineo affords a good Market you may touch there first of all. — As quick despatch is at all times a most desirable Object, we beg you will endeavour to make engagements for the delivery of Piece Goods say in all the Months of March and April at Pulo Sineo & Padang, & at Natal if you meet any one there that is authorized to engage with you. In this case a lower price for your Goods will be compensated by the dispatch & Certainty. —

We have forgot to mention above one circumstance, that is the duties at Padang which are 6 P.Cent. You must take these into your contemplation when you make your Bargain. They are sometimes paid by the Purchasers, & sometimes equally divided between the Purchaser & Seller. —

Wishing you a safe Speedy & Prosperous Voyage. —

We remain

Dear Sirs &c &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 28th November 1800

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir. We beg leave to hand you a Statement of a General Average loss on the Ship Active incurred by damage sustained in a Gale of Wind on the 6th Ultimo on her passage from Calcutta to Madras which obliged the Captain for the general Safety of the Ship and Cargo to put back to Calcutta and repair as will appear by the accompanying Protest your proportion of the same being Pgs. 387.31.40 — we beg leave to call upon you for the same. — We hand you herewith copies of the Bills for Repairs &c.

We likewise call upon you for a return of Premium of 3½ P Cent upon 15000 Pagodas insured on the Ship Active for safe arrival being Pagodas 5280 — also a return of Premium of 15 P Cent upon Pagodas 8750 on the Block of the Ship Despatch and P. 3178 on the Cargo for said arrival at Coringa, being P. 1738: 31: 10. The aggregate is P. 7612: 9.

We are Sir

Your very Obd Servants

Signd Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras 29th November 1800. —

A. Adamson Esq.

Dear Sirs

We have to acknowledge the receipt of yours favors of the 15th & the 5th & 12th Inst. & return you many thanks for the trouble you have taken to obtain for us the Certificate from your Government respecting the Princess Royal. We are persuaded of your friendly attention to our request in this point as well as to the many others we have troubled you with. —

We are satisfied with the Insurance you have effected for us on the Bebsarries & Credit your account for the same Rs. 4444. —

We have accepted your Bill dated the 15th 2m/s favor of Hunter & Hay for P. 3487.10.75. — We are much obliged to you for the Contents of your Last & beg to believe that we have not made an improper use of them. —

We beg to trouble you with the Inclosed Letter for Messrs Rs. Wm. Hall Esq. & remain

Very Sincerely

Dear Sirs

your faithful Hble &c &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co. —

P.S. We are expecting the Affidavit of Capt. Tenwick from Bengal as he promised us by Mr. Wm. Rodwell

Negapatam

J. Lennon Esq.

Madras 29th November 1800.

Dear Sir, I have to apologize for not replying sooner to your favor of the 13th instant proposing a traffic in Porto Nove Pagodas between this and your place, — which I am afraid would not turn out so advantageous as you seem to expect owing to the scarcity of Gold here, and the consequent enormous exchange between Pagodas and Rupees which is I believe at present not less than 5 P Cent under these circumstances a business of the kind would not be an object worth your attending to. — I feel nevertheless much obliged to you for the communication and remain — Your obedient servant J. Wm. Abbott.

William Roebuck Esq. Ouria Bengal

Madras November 29th 1800.

Dear Sir, The above is duplicate of our postscript of the 25th Ulto which since we have to confirm. — On the subject of Rattans, we have to add that we have immediate occasion for a few hundreds bundles of them, and will thank you to send them to us by the first Ship coming this way.

We have received the following from Mr Adamson of Bombay and shall be particularly obliged to you by your attention to the subject of it. —

"Much am I obliged by your most kind attention to my wishes "respecting proof of the piratical attack a year ago on the Dragons "Capt. Cope and most thankful am I to Mr William Roebuck "for the obliging interest which he is about to take on the occasion. "Capt. Fenwick's Testimonial of the attack would be a grand point.

The Active has at length arrived safe this year under the command of Capt. Smith from the West Coast of Sumatra. —

We beg leave to remind you of the Spars & Planks ordered as we expect none of our Ships to come your way until the month of February or March, unless it should be the Speedy Friends, we request you will send us the Pepper & Cheekney you have now collected on Freight provided you get it Reasonable. We have not heard any thing of the Speedy Friends — We remain &c &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Calcutta

Capt. A. Sinclair

Madras November 29th 1800.

Sir We have to apologize to you for having neglected to reply to your letter of the 12th August. It entirely escaped us until we received yours of the 8th Inst. The Ten Casks of

Ref. your allude to mere trifle
Arrack as one Hundred and Fo
We must therefore request you to
of this account. He is now gone to England but we
in the Comte of next year.
Mercer remains at Bencoolen.

We are Dr Sir
(Signed) Roebuck
Madras Novr 29

Messrs Lys Latour & Dillonte.

Agents to the Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen. We beg you will effect up a Policy upon C. Hay as Interest may appear including Premium of Insurance and charges on the Ship Active at 12 P Cent for 4 Months with to permit for one or two months at a Premium Pro rata to the Sum expressed in your letter of the 27th Instant to the Policy for P. 7500 upon the Block valued at that Sum upon not same Terms. —

We are Dr
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Madras 1st December 1800.

Hon'ble Basil Cochrane

Sir We beg leave to hand you a Statement of a General Average Loss on the Ship Ayan incurred by damage sustained in a Gale of Wind on the 4th Ultimo on her passage from Calcutta to Madras which obliged to Captain for the general safety of the Ship and Cargo to put back to Calcutta and repair as will appear by the accompanying Protest, your proportion of the same being Pagodas 913 29 we beg leave to call upon you for the same, We hand you Duplicate Copies of the Bills to Repair &c &c We are Dr Sir

Signed Roebuck, Abbott & Co

NB. Address the above to the following Parties

Messrs Binny & Donnison on acct Capt. T. Binny's proportion — P 30 34 15
Messrs Binny & Donnison on account of Hudson, Cairn & Co's ditto — P 64 11 15
Messrs Wright & Branson on account of Hudson, Cairn & Co's ditto

Madras 1st December 1800

R. A. Maitland Esq

Secretary to the Madras Insurance Company

Sir. In reply to your letter of this days date acquainting us that the Committee refuse to pay us the average upon the Active, but if we wish it, will submit the case to Arbitration we agree to arbitrate the matter, and beg leave to name Mr E. Watts as our Arbitrator — As the Sum in dispute is but trifling, we propose that we should not go to the Expence and trouble of drawing up Arbitration Bonds &c but that we should mutually engage our faith to abide by the award, without further delay or reference. If the Arbitrators cannot agree before an Award, they will call in an Umpire who shall decide between them. We beg leave to hand you a Statement of the case which we propose to Mr Watts & We believe it is again Statement

Tranquebar
Capt. Daniel Porter

Madras December 2nd 1800

Dear Sir — We are favored with yours of the 29th ult. & altho' we not any immediate occasion for you at Madras, we think this letter can do any thing more in the way of a purchase by remaining there. We therefore recommend your selling the Nut and bringing the Proceeds in the best way you can.

We are very much distressed for some Buntin, and must thank you to enquire all over Tranquebar for a few Pieces of Red, Blue & White. If it is reasonable you may buy as much of it as you can get; if dear only a few pieces of each, and send them to us immediately by Coolies. It is on account of a Contract with Government that we require this Buntin and accordingly request your utmost exertion to procure it.

We are &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs. Woodcock & Davidson

Madras Dec. 2. 1800

Gentlemen

We are favored with your letter of the 29th ult. & happy to learn that we may expect the Despatch down here so much sooner than Mr. Makepeace gave us reason to hope. We have already requested you to procure for her what freight you can, but we beg that she may not be detained for it. We wish to have her here as early as possible.

Your Mr. Davidson informed us that you had sent Musters of the Chickney to Vizagapatam. If the accounts you receive from thence do not encourage you to send it up here, we think you had better sell off as fast as you can at Negapatam, although we are much disappointed in the Price. We beg leave to confirm what your Mr. Davidson has wrote you respecting a supply of Gunny

We remain &
R. A. & Co

Madras December 4th 1800

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir — We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months Freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Govr in Council.

We &c

Brigadier General D'. Mercer

Madras 5th December 1800

Sir — Referring you to our respects of [illegible] of Nankeens for the use of your Regiment, we beg to inform you that, as we may expect the China Ships in the course of [illegible] have the honor of executing your orders.

We have the hon[illegible]

(signed) Roebu[illegible]

Penang
William Roebuck Esq.

Madras December 6th

Dear Sir — At the Insurance Office in which we are interested has a considerable Sum upon the Ship Charlotte Amelia insured February At & from Malacca, or at & from Ports or Porty in the Straits to the Westward of Malacca to Tranquebar, and as that Ship has not arrived from the last accounts from the French Islands we have reason to think she has not been taken, we shall be particularly obliged to you if you will write to your Correspondent at Malacca & make very strict enquiry after her; whether she ever arrived at Malacca, and at what time she sailed from thence and whether she has been heard of since. Mr. Cooper was the late Dutch Governor of Malacca was in her and it is reported here that she was at the Nicobars. We will thank you to procure for us every information you can on the subject.

We remain with regard Dear Sir
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Calcutta.

Madras December 8th 1800.

Jno. Forbes Esq.

Sir, We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Ultimo and have agreeably to your desire purchased for you a Ticket in the Military Male Asylum Lottery; as 1000 we do not however send it to you (because as you may perceive by the plan of the Lottery advertised) all tickets not drawn in the first Class must be renewed for the second after the drawing of the first Class we shall do the needful and acquaint you of your success, we shall at the same time make up the account of the Bill received from Colonel Durand and remit you the balance in a Government Bill. —

We are &c

Jno Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Pondicherry

Madras 8th December 1800

Messrs Lanoy Sloyd

Madam, We have many apologies to make to you for having so long neglected to send you our Bond for the amount of the one you made over to us and paid to our Agents by the Governor in Council at Tranquebar and we have no other excuse to make for this omission, but that in the hurry of a variety of business, this escaped us. however we have now the honor to inclose it to you dated the 21st October last, for the sum of Three Thousand Pardoes (Pd 3000) payable in 12 Months, with Interest at the rate of 10 Per Cent per Annum, which we trust you will find correct. We request you will have the goodness to acknowledge the receipt of this Bond.

We have the honor to be &c

Lyon Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 30th November 1800

Geo: Garrow Esq

Superintendant of the Company's Lands

Sir

In consequence of Mr Secretary Travers's Letter to us Dated the 18th Oct. in reply to ours of the 16th May last, applying for a piece of Ground to remove our Bankshall to, We take the liberty of requesting that you will be pleased to appoint for us Two Lots on the North Beach, in order to enable us to remove our Bankshalls from the first line on the South Beach, for which we shall pay the price the Board has been pleased to fix - at the same time we have to request that for we are proprietors of Bankshalls, and are by the orders of Government which compels us to remove them put to considerable inconveniences & expence, you will be pleased to allot us a favorable situation.

We have the honor to be Sir

for Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras December 12th 1800

Capt E. Dalby

Sir

I received your letter under date the 23d ultimo and have the pleasure to acquaint you that I have effected insurance at the old Madras Insurance office on Policy № 2077 on the Block Ship Hope Clear 3 Months to Commence from 1st January inst from Tanjam to Columbo with liberty to touch at all intermediate Ports on the Coast of Coromandel and the Island of Ceylon against the war risk only for Rs 4000 ~ 350 Rs % pr Pd 1142. 36. 0 66/80 . . . . . Rs 68. 24.

Policy . . . . . 21.

which I hope you will approve. I shall keep the Policy, as you request until your arrival here.

I thank you for your kind offer of bringing over any thing for me: but I have nothing to trouble you for. ——

Tam &c

(signed) B. Roebuck. jr

Madras. December 13th 1800.

Messrs Chase Sewell & Chinnery

Secretaries to the Madras Insurance Compy

Gentlemen We have the pleasure to announce to you the safe arrival of the Ship Generous Friends insured at your Office on Policy № 1485 at Canton in July last, and to call upon you for a return of Premium on short Interest upon the same as per following Statement.

From the 17th March to the 1st June there was no Interest at all at risk — 3 Months Pd 10,000 @ 3 p Cent p Month — Pd 600. —

From the 1st June to the 1st July — Cargo shipped at Cochin China for Canton Rs 24,294 @ 16 Rs p 10 Pd is Pd 18,188. 31. 40 — Rs 10000 being insured on her at your Office, the like Sum at the Cochin Insurance Company and Pd 5000 at the old Madras Insurance Company and Pd 3073. 21. and your Compts proportion of the risk is Rs 6073. 21. and your return upon Rs 3926. 21 @ 2½ p Cent — — — — — 98. 6. 6

From the 1st July to the 17th October then being no Interest at all at risk 3 Months @ 2½ p Cent per Month — — — 780. —

Pd 1478. 6. 6

We are for your most obt Servt

Signd Roebuck, Abbott & Co

Madras 13th December 1800

R. A. Maitland. Esqr

Sect to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir We have the pleasure to announce to you the safety of the Ship Generous Friends insured at your late Office on Policy № 1483, and to call upon you for a return of Premium of Pd 200 for the last period insured on the said Policy there being no Interest at risk thereon: the Ship having arrived at Cochin China in February last and there landed her Cargo.

We are for your Obt Servt

Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys. Salavi & D'Monte, Madras December 13th 1800.

Agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Company.

Gentlemen,

We have the pleasure to annouce to you the safe arrival of the Ship Generous Friends, Insured at the late Madras Commercial Society on Policy No. 854, at Canton in July last, and to Call upon you for a return of Premium on Short Interest upon the same as per following Statement.-

From the 17th March to the 17th June there was no Interest at all at risk 3 Months P. 5000 at 2 P.C. P. Month P. 300.-

From the 17th June to the 17th July Cargo Shipped at Cochin China for Canton D.s 24294 at 16 Rs. P. 10 Rs. is Rs. 15183.31.40.-
P. 5000 being Insured on her at your Office P. 10,000 at the new Madras Insurance Office and the like Sum at the Exchange Insurance Company proportion of your risk is Rs. 3020.31.60.-
and your return upon Rs. 1963.10.40 at 2 P.Cent 39.11.10.

From the 17th July to the 17th Dec. there being no Interest at all at risk 5 Months at 3/4 P.Cent P. Month 562.21.-

Pay. 901.32.10

We are &c.
for your Obed.t Servts.
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Wm. Maitland Esqr.
Secry to the Madras Insce Comp.y

Madras 13th December 1800.

Sir, We have the pleasure to announe to you the safe arrivals of the Ship Generous Friends, Insured at your Office on Policy No. 455, at Canton in July last, and to call upon you for a return of Premium on Short Interest upon the same as per following Statements.

From the 17th April to the 17th June there was no Interest at all at risk 2 Months P. 10,000 @ 2 P.C. P. Month . . . . . P. 400.-

C. O. P. 400.-

B. O. P. 400.-

From the 17th June to the 17th July - Cargo Shipped at Cochin China for Canton D.s 24,294 - at 16 Rs. P. 10 Rs. is Rs. 15183.31.40 -
P. 10,000 being Insured on her at your Office, the like Sum at the New Madras Ins.ce Company's Office P. 5000 - at the Exch.e Society's Office your proportion of the risk is P. 6073.21.-
and your return upon P. 3926.21. @ 2 P.C. ——— 78.22.20

From the 17th July to the 17th December there being no Interest at all at risk - 5 Mos. @ 2 P.C. P. Mo. ——— 1000.-.-

P. 1478.22.20

We are &c.
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Fort St George 15th December 1800

Messrs Lys. Salavi & D'Monte

Gentlemen, We have to acquaint you that the Ship Generous Friends was safe at Canton in July last but as we find the Voyage to China was not part of the Risk insured by you on the Policies No. 1795 and 852 we beg leave to call upon you for a return of Premium on the same from the 17th June to the 17th Inst being Pag.s 203 1/2 and as we paid you a very high Sea and War Premium upon three Policies from the 17th Feby to the 17th June during all which time the Ship was lying in Port we have no doubt but you will take this into consideration and we depend upon your accustomed liberality for some return, at least of the War Premium. We are &c.
for Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Madras 16th December 1800.

Hydrabad.
Capt.n J. A. Kirkpatrick

Dear Sir, Agreeably to your desire we have now the pleasure to send you a Copy of all the Accounts Current furnished your Father from the date of our taking charge of his concerns to the date of the first of the Accounts we had before the honor to send you. — We remain with Esteem &c.
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 16th Dec.r 1800

Lt. Col.o James Innes.

Dear Sir, We duly received your favor of the 28th ult.o & have the day received from the Accomplishant General a Company's Bond No. 1709 - dated 11th ult.o in your favor for Pag.s 1950 - 12 - 3 bearing Interest at the rate of Eight P.Cent P. Annum —

We remain &c.
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

William Roebuck Esq^r

Madras 19^th December 1800

Dear Sir

Referring you to our respects of the 5^th Inst^o & presuming that by the time the present reach you the opportunities of sending us Copper on freight, so that it may be here in time to be shipped for England, will be lapsed, we request you will upon the receipt of this cease to sell the Piece Goods you may have on hand, & that you will keep them, as well as any that M^r L. Reay may send you on account until Capt^n Porter arrives at your place in one of our Ships, as he will have instructions from us to ship all the Piece Goods you may have in Store, & to proceed with them on his annual Eastern voyage.

We recommend to you again particularly to reserve the Long Wall Cloth for him. We do not wish to export you will receive the Musquets which Capt^n Phillips at the same time delivered to you, unless you can sell them for seven P^r Dollars each, in which case it will be as well to dispose of them.

As you will certainly hear before this reaches you the particulars of the General Pindar's voyage we need not advise you now what little we know of it.

As the Bales you may receive by her from Bassey will have made a very long Voyage we shall thank you to open them & examine the Cloths very particularly, & throw out what are damaged of them, repack the Bales in new Gunnies, for at the place to which they are destined it is necessary to be perfectly cautious that there be not the least appearance of decay, & that the contents of the Bales should

We shall be obliged to you if you will advise us by the first opportunity & by every opportunity what goods you have remaining on Store upon the receipt of this, that we may provide accordingly.

We annex a Duplicate of our last dated the 6^th Inst^o which we beg leave to confirm.

We remain &c

/Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 19^th December 1800

L. A. Dawson Esq^r

Sir

We duly receive your favor of the 5^th Inst^o & have honored your draft for four hundred Madras Pagodas favor of Capt^n Pelton. We cannot say at what Exchange we shall procure Government Bills, but it certainly must be at a lower Exchange than the present, in consequence to the Northern mails being much circumscribed. We debit your Sundry account for the amount which is 400 Madras Pagodas.

We are looking out for the Dispatch & a little disappointed at neither seeing nor hearing of her.

We remain &c

/Signed/ R. A. & Co

P.S. We shall be happy to hear by return of Tappall what we may expect our Cloths, Wheat & Rice &c &c to sell at, that agreeable to your Instructions we may provide accordingly.

Madras 19^th Dec^r 1800

P. Hermanson Esq^r

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8^th Inst^o enclosing Capt^n Porter & M^r Dejoin's receipts for cash paid to them by you on our account, all which together with your General Account of your disbursements on our account is quite right.

We are surprized that the Merchants should not offer more than nine P.S. Pagodas the Candy for our Cut nut, for we always understood that this article sold at your place for nearly double this price, & we particularly expected it after Capt^n Porter arrived there, for he informed us that M^rs Thomson & Stevenson had sold their Chinkney at 25 1/2, their Round nut at 12 1/4, & their Cabbage at 14 1/2, & that we might expect 16 or at least 15 for ours. We have however every reliance upon your exertions & doubt not but you will sell it to the best possible advantage, which we request you will do.

We have the honor to be &c^a

/Signed/ Roebuck Abbott & Co

Columbo.

Madras. 18^th December 1800

Capt^n George Laughton

Sir

We are favored with your letter of the 8^th instant furnishing us with an Extract of M^r Gibson's letter to you, & his Account Current with us balancing in our favor Rix Dollars 3252:9:67.—

We are extremely happy to perceive at last some accounts from M^r Gibson, and as he persists in not charging us any Commission upon his Sales & Purchases for our account, we on our part abandon our claim upon him for the amount of the deficiency in the Oil and Arrack shipped on the Generous Friends notwithstanding our loss by it was very Considerable. We request therefore you will have the goodness to receive from him the aforementioned balance of Cash, and the Copper, Copper Nails and Gunnies, and that you will dispose of these Goods to the best possible advantage, and pass the Neat Proceeds to our credit.— The funds arising from this balance & your Sales, you will be pleased to appropriate to the purchase of Coffee agreeably to the instructions which M^r Grunhall has informed us he has given you on the subject.—

We

We beg leave to return you our thanks for the Service you have rendered us and that which you have undertaken for us, and we request the favor of you to advise us from time to time what progress you make in your purchases and when you are likely to send us any parcel of Coffee. —

We are &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Sator & D'Monte.
Agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Comp.y

Madras 19th December 1800.

Gentlemen We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and send you the Policy on the Generous Friends to receive the return of Premium upon short interest thereon. —

With respect to the return of Premiums on the Block we agree to accept them from the 17th July and we propose to you to submit the question, whether we are entitled to a return from the 17th June to the 17 July, to the decision of any one or two Gentlemen. Say, Mr Parry, or any other disinterested Person. —

We are &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Chase & Co
Secretaries to the New Madras Insurance Co.y

Madras December 20th 1800.

Gentlemen We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst. acquainting us that the information laid before your Committee respecting the short interest on the Generous Friends is not considered by them sufficient to warrant a Return of Premium thereon. In reply to which it becomes necessary for us to notify to you that the others Offices have considered the information sufficient & have accordingly returned the Premium and that thereby their risk on the Cargo of the said Ship ceases from the 17th July, & that Consequently if there should happen to be any Cargo on board subsequent to the 17 July it must be at the risk of your Office to the amount of your Policy. —

We are &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Sator & D'Monte
Agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Company

Madras 21st December 1800.

Gentlemen We beg to know what premium you require to insure upon the Ship Generous Friends at & from Canton to Cochin China & Madras with liberty to touch and trade at all intermediate Ports & Places, and at Penang, against all risks. In Consequence of

the death of Capt.n Henderson and his Chief Officer, our Agent was to procure a Captain and Officer for her in China, and if that could be accomplished in time she would possibly sail in all September from China to Cochin = China. — We have further to acquaint you that in Consequence of the death of the Officers before mentioned, the Ship sailed from Cochin China to China under charge of European Officers belonging to the King of Cochin = China, with a Pass from him, and we believe under his Colours. The same necessity may possibly have occurred again. We wish therefore to insure the Ship Generous Friends whether she be under English Colours or Cochin China Colours. —

Likewise what Premium you require on the above Ship under the Circumstances before described at & from Cochin China to Madras with liberty to touch and trade at all intermediate Ports & Places at Penang. We are &c

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 15 Dec.r 1800

(Omitted to be Entered under the regular date)

R. A. Maitland Esq.r
Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company.

Sir We have the pleasure to lay before you an Extract of a letter from the late Capt.n Henderson Commanding the Ship Generous Friends, announcing his safe arrival in the River Saygon on the 13th February last from which your Committee will see that their risk upon her must have ceased in a very few days after, notwithstanding we have in our Statement Contained it to the 17th March. —

Our Agent at Cochin China does not expressly say when he left that Place for China, but his letter is dated Canton River 16th June from which we send you the following Extracts. — "En arrivant "à Macao, J'ai descendu à terre chez Mons.r D'Roman, & lui ai fait "voir mes patentes, & pris des Conseils sur la maniere dont Je devois "me Conduire. Il m'a donné une lettre pour Mr. David Reid à "Canton à qui Je m'addressai. Le Riz que este entre 8 & 9 Piastres "le Pikol. J'en ai 5333 Pikol de Cargaison de Generous Friends' et "de 24294 Piastres. Je la regarde comme vendue d'après les apparences "de nôtre ancien Correspondant. Je repars au plutot pour Saygon. Je "ne peux vous donner qu'un apperçu de mes opérations par ce que "Je n'ai pas le tems et nous sommes sans voiles." —

From this Extract you will perceive that the Ship Generous

Generous Friends had arrived prior to the 16th July, and as the passage from Cochin China to China at that Season is not above a Week or four days, we may presume that the Insured had not any thing at Risk above fifteen days. —

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Addressed the same to Chase & Co
Secretaries to the New Madras Ins. Co. —

Madras 23d December 1800 —

Tho.s De Souza Esq.

Dear Sir,

Accordg to your request we now commit to Paper the terms and conditions on which we agreed with you this Morning for the purchase of the Ship Sta Cruz, lately repaired & Coppered by your House at Calcutta now on a Voyage to Colombo, in order to avoid as a Memorandum for both Parties, if therefore the Circumstances are correctly Stated herein you will oblige us by acknowledging the same by a few lines. —

We have agreed to purchase the said Ship Sta Cruz with all her Stores, Stores &c.a as Lately fitted out for Sea by your House at Calcutta (allowing for the usual Wear & Tear from that period) for the Sum of Sixteen Thousand Pagodas delivered immediately on her arrival from Colombo & to be paid for by us by three equal Payments, the first Payment on Delivery, the other two by Payments at subsequent periods which we shall have the pleasure of settling with your Executors

Colombo

We are with much Esteem &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Capt.n Geo. Laughton

Madras 23d December 1800

Dear Sir

Referring you to our respects of the 18th Inst.o which we beg leave to confirm, the present is to request the favor of you to ship upon the Santa Cruz Capt.n Cottle whatever Coffee you may have ready for us, leaving the freight to be settled here with the Owner of the Ship Mr. Thomas De Souza our very particular friend. He advises us that he has ordered the above Ship round immediately

only to add that it will be of consequence to us to have the Coffee round, that we may avail ourselves of an opportunity that will probably offer of sending it to England in February next. — We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 24th December 1800.

Messrs Chase & Co.
Secretaries to the New Madras Ins. Co

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Note of this date. In our claim for return of Premium for short interest on the Cargo of the General Smith we did not state any thing farther than what we had a right to conclude from the information received from our Agent, and of which we furnished you with a Copy. — We have no objection to receive the return of Premium you offer from the 17th July to the 17th Oct.r provided it is agreed that it shall not affect our claim for such returns of Prem.m prior to that period, as, we may hereafter be able to substantiate. —

We are &c
(Signed) R.A & Co.

Madras 27th December 1800

Messrs Jambe Gilmore & Co.

Gentlemen

Major Robt Turing Esq.r and Executor of the late Mrs. Mary Turing having desired to close the account of the Estate as speedily as possible has directed us to ask of you if it is convenient to you to discharge now your two Bonds to us as Attornies to the late Mrs. Mary Turing, one for O.P Rs 6912 — due on the 8th March next and the other for O.P Rs 11070 — due on the 1st August, if so we request you will be so pleased to pay the amount Principal with whatever Interest may be due into the Hands of Messrs H.Z. & R.s A.s & Co to whom we transmit the Bonds, with Instructions to give you a full discharge on the same.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Attornies to Major Robt Turing

Madras December 30th 1800

Messrs Lyc. Sater & De Monte
Agents to the Old Madras Ins.ce Company

Gentlemen

We request to know at what premium you will Insure on the Ship Despatch Capt.n Colville at and from Ingeram to Madras against all risks — We have you annexed Extract of a Letter which gives us also the information we have respecting the probable time of her sailing. We are Gentlemen Your &c

Bombay

Madras 30 Dec 1800

Alex^r Adamson Esq

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of troubling you with two Letters one for Wm Fra^s Lee at Smyrna & the other for Wm Rob^t Lee in London, both which we have to request you will be so kind as to forward by the first overland Despatch.

We are &c

(Sig^d) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Mess^rs Lys Salter & D'Monte

Madras 31 Dec 1800

Gentlemen

We request to know at what rate of Premium your Office will insure on the Gruniques Trades at & from Penang to this Place whether under English or Cochin China Colours as already intimated.

We are &c

(Signed) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Mess^rs Lys Salter & D'Monte

Madras January 2^d 1801

Agents to the Old Madras Ins^ce Company

Gentlemen We beg to call upon you for a return of Premium on Policy 2067 on the Ship Despatch being 500 Pagodas for safe arrival at stipulated known

Place &c

(Sig^d) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Madras January 5^th 1801.

Josiah Webbe Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Gov^t

Sir We have the honor to inclose an Bill for one Month's freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due February agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. We &c

(Sig^d) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Madras Jan^y 5^th 1801

Capt^n A. Moffatt

Sir,

In reply to your note of this date we beg leave to hand you Copy of a letter we wrote to Capt^n Sinclair on 24 Dec^r on the said subject.

We are &c

(Sig^d) Rob^t & Co

Fort S^t George January 6^th 1801.

Josiah Webbe Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir We have the honor to lay before you a Certificate from Mr John Catton Superintendent of the Salt Department of the Salt delivered by us at Calcutta amounting to Bengal Maunds 5,39,460 and an account Current balancing in our favor Star Pag^s 26,079:25:37, for the payment of which, if Correct, we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have received by us on account of our Contract is 606898 Bengal Maunds as per Bills of Lading of which 477988 Maunds were exported from the Northern Circars as stated in the inclosed Certificate. We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Salt Contractors.

Fort S^t George January 7^th 1801.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Gentlemen We beg leave to tender you Twenty Thousand Pagodas of Eight per Cent Company's Bonds at a discompt of 5 1/2 per Cent.

We are &c

(Signed) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Mess^rs Lys Salter & D'Monte

7^th January 1801.

Gentlemen We request you will fill up a Policy on the Block of the Generals Spinas Pag^s 15000 on the terms of your Note. Capt^n Pierce (late an Officer on Board the Sanjava) has been put in Command of her by our Agents in China. We could wish to have a Policy on the Cargo for Pag^s 10,000 instead of Pag^s 5000, which your office agrees to take, on the Cargo at & from Canton & Ports in Cochin China &c and as the whole will only be Pag^s 25000 — if it is much within the limits of your Office; — on the Ship as it may appear including all charges. We &c

(6247)

Madras January 7th 1801.

Mr R.t Smith

Sir In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo we have to say that it will not be in our power to dispose of any part of the funds arising from the Sale of the Captured Ship Eliza and her Cargo until they are regularly Condemned in England. Nor can we at present say in what Proportion the Proceeds must be divided. That must be settled hereafter and all the Parties Concerned will have due notice of the same. We believe the neat amount may be about 37,000 Pagodas.

We are Sir
signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 7th January 1801.

Thomas D'Mello Esqr

Sir

understanding that Mr Stephens prior to his departure from Madras left his Books in your charge we beg leave to hand you an Extract of a letter from Messrs H. & A. Abbott attornies to Mr Samuel Parker respecting a Consignment of Glass ware which Mr Parker made to the late Firm of Stephens and Cockell, & request you will be pleased to inform us whether the said Glass ware is Sold, & how the Proceeds in this Case, have been disposed of.

We are Sir
your Most Obed.t Humble Servants
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

a/cs to Rs 7,72,286.11.

Fort St George January 8th 1801

G. Strachey Esqr
Secretary to the Commissioners of the
Sinking Fund

Sir We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date accepting our tender of Company's Eight p Cent Bonds only to the extent of three thousand Pagodas at a discount of 5½ p Cent. We beg leave to observe that our tender was of the Specific sum of Rs 20,000/- not of any part of it, & Consequently we must beg leave to decline the sale of that part which you require.

We are
Sir
your Most Obed Servants
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

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Madras Jany 9th 1801

Wm Petrie Esqr

Dear Sir We have the pleasure to inclose your Account Current dated the 31 July ballancing in our favor Rs 1793. 16. 31. Which we trust you will find Correct.

We remain Dr Sir
Yours
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 10th January 1801

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Lady Clive due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We are Sir
your most Obed Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras January 10th 1801.

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Verjee Surcaram
Damak Mota

Gentlemen We had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 5th July last by the hands of Capt Hutchinson and Mr Wolff, and return you our very sincere thanks for the assistance you afforded our Agents last year at Mocha. We likewise received the Bill of Exchange drawn by Capt Hutchinson and Mr Wolff in your favor for Rs 7,00,3765, which you will have heard was paid at Maturity at Bombay without any Cost of Exchange to You, or any Commission charged by us.

We beg leave to recommend the Same Gentlemen again to your friendly protection. They are charged with a Barrel containing Piece Goods which we hope you will approve of. The amount being the Prime Cost, we request you will pay to the bearers.

We are Sir
(Signed) R. A. & Co

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Madras January 10th 1801

R. A. Maitland Esq.
Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We beg leave to lay before you Copy of a letter from Capt. Wilson of the Ship Belisarius insured at your Office on Policies No. 493 on Black and No. 494 on Cargo together with Copy of his Protest made at Prince of Wales's Island respecting the damage the Ship and Cargo received in two or three Gales of Wind she experienced in her Passage across the Bay. We likewise hand you an Extract of a Letter from Mr Sykes Supracargo of the Ship Belisarius respecting the damage the Cargo has sustained, and as soon as we receive the Account Particular of the Sales we shall lay them before you. —

We are &c
(Signed) R A & Co.

The same addressed to Mess.rs
Lys Salvr & Dellante Agents &c (Insurance Cargo Policy No. 2056 &c.)

Madras 10th January 1801

Alex.r Adamson Esq.r

Dear Sir,

We are extremely sorry to acquaint you that the Ship Belisarius has sustained so much damage by repeated Gales of Wind in her passage across the Bay that Capt.n Wilson has been compelled for the safety of the Ship & Cargo to bear away to Penang. We inclose Copies of his letter to us, and of his Protest made at Penang respecting the same, likewise an Extract of a letter from Mr J. Sykes the Supracargo of the said Ship respecting the damage the Cargo has sustained, for the information of the underwriters on her. As soon as we receive the final Amounts of the Sales of the damaged goods, and of the Repairs of the Ship &c. we shall forward them to you. You will have heard of the safe arrival of the Mary Capt.n Parramore at Canton.

In order to oblige our friend Mr Cochrane we have used the freedom of drawing upon you in his favor for Bt Rs 6700 at 30 days sight which Bills we recommend to your protection. If you find it convenient you may reimburse yourself by your Bills upon Messrs W. & R. Abbott of Calcutta who will duly honor your Bills on our Account.

In consequence of the interruption of the voyage of the Belisarius it is probable our Mr Roebuck will instruct Mr Sykes to terminate it on the West Coast of Sumatra, in which case we shall have to call upon your Insurance Office for a return of Premium of 15 p.r Cent upon such part of the Cargo as shall be saved there.

We remain with esteem &c &c

Madras 10th January 1801

Capt.n Edw.d Hutchinson
& Mr C. H. Wolff

Sirs

We request you will purchase for our private use 50 Seagles of Mocha Coffee packed in Seagle, some Jars of Ghee, Bags of Kismisses — One Dozn Bottles of Balm of Gilead, and one Good young Milch Cow.

We are &c.a
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 10th January 1801

Capt.n Edw.d Hutchinson
& Mr Charles H. Wolff

Sirs

You have herewith a Bill of Lading & Invoice of Sundries Shipped on the Despatch Capt.n Hutchinson consigned to you jointly & to be disposed of for our account at Muscat & Mocha.

In your way up the Malabar Coast you will touch at Cochin, where, if you can without detention procure Pepper at a price that will render a good Profit at Muscat & Mocha, & can sell any of your Goods to advantage so as to pay for the said Pepper we request you will purchase & ship to the extent of one hundred Candies. Of all your Goods however Sugar, Lead & Faggot Salt are the only ones you are likely to dispose of to any advantage. But observe, if this transaction should require delay we desire it may not take place. —

We request you will advise us every day of your arrival at Cochin. —

From Cochin you will make the best of your way to Muscat. We can give you no particular information respecting this place. It carries on a considerable trade & the Merchants of it bear the character of dealing freely & fairly. Their first offer for your Goods will be the best, & if it be at least equal to what, from your own experience, you may expect at Mocha, we advise you to accept of it. But we should hope from its being a place of more considerable resort than Mocha, that you will get better Prices there, particularly for your Sugar Lead & Salt, for which it will be necessary to sell at least a part as the Quantity may be too great for Mocha. If you can sell the whole Cargo at Muscat, By all means sell it. You will receive payment in Spanish Dollars.

Coffee & Gums are to be had at Muscat.

We are ignorant of the Prices of them, but if they should be any thing near the Prices of Mocha, it will be much more advantageous to take in your Cargo at Muscat. This will be a simple matter of Calculation, putting over side the advance of the Prices of the Cargo at Muscat, and on the other the saving of the Port Charges at Mocha, the saving of Insurance, & the saving of time & consequently of the Expences of the Ship. You will take these things into your calculation & determine accordingly.

As the Burthen of the Despatch is small we desire her Cargo to consist wholly of Mocha Coffee & Good Gum Arabic, & if procureable we should wish to have two thirds of the latter & one third of the former.

If you sell all your Cargo at Muscat & procure a returning Cargo there, you will of course return direct to Madras as speedily as Possible bringing the Balance of the Proceeds of your Sales in Spanish Dollars, unless a freight of Specie & Bullion should offer for Bombay to the amount of 1500 or 2000 Dollars in which case you may accept it & touch at Bombay, but your stay must not be one moment longer than to land your freight. You will write us immediately upon your arrival at Bombay.

Yours

Vessels frequently sail from Muscat to Bombay. By all these you will advise us very particularly your Operations.

If you do not dispose of the whole of your Cargo at Muscat, or cannot procure a returning Cargo there, you will with as little delay as possible proceed from thence to Mocha where you will have no difficulty, & will lose no time in laying in your Cargo. You will then offer to take freight of Specie & Bullion for Bombay, & if you get enough to pay a freight of 1500 or 2000 Dollars you may touch at Bombay, if not return direct to this Port.

It is scarcely necessary for us to urge to you the great importance of Dispatch. Your own Reason will point out to you that it is highly necessary to us upon very account.

We request you will collect very particular information of the goods in demand both at Muscat & Mocha, & of the Quantities in which they are saleable.

In your way to Mocha we should wish you to touch at the Island of Socatra if there is no objection to it, if it can be done without material loss of time & without risk. There you will lay in as far as 20 Tons of the Socatrine Aloes which will be very cheap as we understand the Price at Mocha is only 50 Spanish Dollars pr Bahar.

We should wish to have Musters of any different Guns you can procure at Muscat, particularly Gun Metal, and we should wish to have a few hundred Weights of Gum Myrrh of the same quality you brought last year.

The first Sort of Dragons Blood was very good but much too high priced. The second was good for nothing.

We must call your attention very particularly to the Stowage of the Ship. She is small & you must be to the greatest advantage & for the Benefit of your employers. You must pay particular attention to the Size & Form of the Bales, & have them made of different Sizes so as to fit the different parts of the Ship. Keep in mind the delicate nature of Coffee & keep the Aloes & every scented article as distant from it as possible.

The Average Price of Cloves is from 100 @ 110 Mocha Dollars & Frayel at Mocha, but we believe the demand for it at Muscat must be greater and Consequently the price higher.

Wishing you a safe & prosperous Voyage

We remain &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 12th January 1801

Capt.n Ed.d Hutchinson

Commanding the Ship Dispatch

Sir

We desire you will immediately repair on board your Ship and put to Sea with all possible dispatch, and Make the best of your way to Muscat & thence directly to Mocha. In a separate Packet addressed to you and Mr. Charles H. Wolff you have your instructions respecting the Disposal of your Cargo on board and your return to this Port.

Wishing you a safe & prosperous Voyage

We remain &c

Signed R A & Co

Madras 13th January 1801

Tranquebar

Thomas Stephens Esq.r

Sir

We are instructed by Messrs. Hay & Roebuck of Calcutta Attorneys to Mr. Samuel Parker of London to enquire of you respecting a Consignment of Glass Ware which Mr. Parker made to your late firm some time since. We request therefore you will have the goodness to inform us whether the whole of the said Glass Ware is sold, and if sold, how the Neat Proceeds have been disposed of. If any part of it remains unsold we request you will order it to be delivered to us in order to its being forwarded to Messrs. Hay & Roebuck agreeably to the directions of Mr. Parker.

We request the favor of an early answer to this letter & Remain &c

Signed R A & Co

Madras 15th January 1801

Messrs. Howell & Torckler

Gentlemen

We inclose your account with us balancing in your favor Sa Rs. 1090. 5. 10 for which you have our draft upon Messrs. Hay & Roebuck Abbott. We likewise inclose Mr. Torckler's Ticket in the Male Asylum Lottery.

We are &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 19th Jany 1801

Messrs. Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Your several favors of the 11th 22d 26th 29th & 30th Ult.o duely came to hand, to the contents whereof we shall reply more particularly another time — we must not however omit to notice your new Firm, to assure you of our sincerest wishes for its success, and that nothing in our power shall be wanting to the conducement of it.

The present is chiefly to advise you that we have lodged a credit with Messrs. Hay & Roebuck of Calcutta for you to the amount of 10000 Sa Rs, but we request that your Bills may be drawn at 30 days sight, and in as small sums and at as distant periods as practicable with respect to a remittance in Silver, we fear the expence of it would be too great, if we had the Silver to send. But even this Coin is growing extremely scarce, as you may suppose from the issue of Treasury Bills, we shall endeavour to procure a Government Bill for you, and we request you will avail yourself of any opportunity that offers of drawing upon us at any reasonable exchange.

We confirm our former general instructions to extend the Manufacture of Blue Cloth on our Account, & if any change should have detained our Goods till after the receipt of this, you may lay down 50 @ 100 Corge of Blue Cloth in addition, if procurable

procurable. — We are however in daily expectation of hearing that these Goods are shipped or about to be shipped —
we are disappointed of our Timber, and from our not hearing from you on the subject lately we fear we must not yet expect it
we remain with esteem
Gentlemen — your most obedient Hble Servts (Signed) Rt Hll Co.

Madras 20th January 1801.

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen Referring you to our respects of yesterday's date which we beg leave to confirm we proceed to reply more particularly to the several favors acknowledged thereon. —

We approve of your applying from time to time to Mr Branfill respecting the balances due to us by the Inhabitants of the Nellapilly Mootahs and we shall be happy to hear from you on the subject. We have had some particular conversation with your Mr Roebuck respecting the same. — We refer you to whatever he shall advise you on this subject and confirm the same. —

We received the Musters of Sacpaos & Charlas by the Despatch. — There is still something unintelligible to us in your prices of these Goods and the Vantapollam Goods. — We shewed the Musters of Sacpaos & Charlas to a Person here that deals largely in all Kinds of Rice Goods and makes up every Year a Considerable quantity of Vgm Vantapollam Goods. He offers to deliver us Sacpaos & Charlas of the same Musters at 16 & 17 Pagodas p Corge, nearly the price he before charged us. It is true we do not believe this were so good as your Musters, but the difference between them is nothing proportionate to the difference of Price. — Yours would stand us here at least 22 23 Pagodas p Corge, Cost & Charges —

We are sorry to hear you succeeded so badly with our Chuckney, and if you have not already sold pecuniments to your taste let it go off without further delay —

We have received Capt Colvils Bill in your favor for Mad Rs 309 36 — for which Mr Kinchlows for Mad Rs 190 33 — & we shall credit your Ingeram Account. —

The Goods by the Despatch, as far as we have seen them, will all answer well, & we beg leave to return you our thanks for the assistance your affected Capt Colvel in the Repairs of the Ship, the accounts of which are perfectly satisfactory to us

shall be paped in Conformity with you.

It is doubtful as yet whether there will be any Salt Contract this year, and if there should be any, it will be only for a reduced quantity, which will necessarily occasion the Tenders to be very low, as the execution of it will be so much the easier. —

We remain with Esteem &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 21st January 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

The Owner of the Vessel Three Nencataswerloo Sayang Naellor which took Seventeen Garce of Salt at Ennore last year on account of our Contract put back to your port from Rise of Weather, having satisfied our claim upon her, We request the favor of you to grant the Vessel to return to Madras by first unloading her Salt. — You will of Course advise us the quantity she may deliver to you.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 22d January 1801

Columbo.

Captain George Laughton.

Dear Sir

We are favord with your letter of the 5th Instant & observe that the Coffee will not be ready for shipping on the Santa Cruz. We shall be very much obliged to you if you will inform us what quantity you expect to collect for us this year, & when it will be ready for shipping

We beg of you likewise to inform us by return of Tappall what price Good Rice bears at Columbo & whether you could readily dispose of 2000 Bags of such Rice for us.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 23d January 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Refering you to what your Mr Roebuck has written to you respecting the balances due by the Inhabitants of the Nellapilly Mootahs to us, we inclose a letter for Mr Branfill open for your perusal, which you will deliver or keep back as you shall judge to be most expedient. In the former case you will have the goodness to seal it.

The Brig May flower arrived in these roads yesterday from your Port.

The Captain informs us that he has Bales for us, although we have none of your favors on the subject.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Fort St. Geo. 23d. January 1801

Benjamin Chamfill Esqr.
Collector in the 3d. Division
of the Masulipatam District.

Sir

We had the honor of addressing you under date the 29th. October last on the subject of the Balances to a considerable amount due by the Inhabitants of the Nellapilly Mootah to Myla Appah Saumy the late Renter thereof and as we have not been favored with any communication on the subject directly from you, nor have heard of any of part of the Balances in question being paid to our Agents, we take the liberty of addressing you again respecting the same & of requesting as a very particular favor that you will inform us the date when you will probably recover them.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

Lieut. Col. James Innes

Madras. 2d. January 1801.

Dear Sir We are favored with your letter of the 20th. instant inclosing your receipt in Triplicate for Pag. 250 — the amount of the Legacy from the late Mrs. Mary Turing; which Sum is accordingly passed to your Credit under the same date. But as the Executors in England have required of Major Turing Receipts in Triplicate for all Legacies to be sent home to them, we must request the favor of you to send us another Copy of yours to serve as a Voucher.

We have sent Mr. R. Watts draft for Pag. 83: 37: 20 to Major Turing for acceptance. — And agreeably to your request we have the pleasure to send you a Bill of our Bills upon Messrs. Rd. Wm. & Ed. Lee at Three Months Sight for £30: :— for which we debit your account 75 Pagodas.

We remain with Esteem &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Col. J. A. Kirkpatrick

Madras 26th. Jany. 1801

Dear Sir We duly received your favor of the 28th. ult. & immediately applied to Messrs. Barrington Bernaby & Lockwood for the information you required, which till after having repeatedly applied for it we could not obtain from them a reply of which the enclosed is a Copy. Upon this we applied to the Register of the Rabobs Consolidated debt & procured the enclosed Statement of the demands said upon Lady Clarke Bond, by which you will observe that the

Pr. 4241. 25. 16 of Interest pumnd by Mr. Wooley Pr. 1122. 22. 63. of Interest pumnd by Mr. Kirkaldy Executor of Mr. Wooley & Pr. 4565. 3. 33 of Principal & Pr. 14163. 13. 20 of Interest remaining in the hands of the Register. We shall have the pleasure of forwarding a Copy of this Statement to your father by the first despatch from hence.

The amount of £1220 remitted to your father from 31 Augt. 1796 to Octr. last includes the remittances made by the way of Bengal. —

We remain &

Fort St. Geo. 24th. Janry. 1801. —

Wm. Petrie Esq.

Sir

We have the honor to send you Copy of a letter recd. this day from Capt. Thos. Smith instructing us to pay into your hands for acct. of Mrs. Dorin Strange & Co. of London the balance of our Acct. with him, being Pr. 473. 10. 5. which we accordingly beg leave to tender you: We beg to know if we are to pass the same to your credit. —

We inclose Capt. Smiths Accot. Curt. made up to this day. —

We have the honor to be &

J. Robt. & Co.

Madras 27th. January 1801

Tranquebar

Thomas Stephens Esq.

Dear Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 23d. Instant & should have felt much pleasure if the meeting on the 10th. had turned out as I hoped it would have done; & of which there would not have been the smallest doubt had it not been for those very unfortunate Arrangements on the behalf of Lambert Howe. I imagine Mr. Watts must have communicated what he thought proper to be done on which I request an opinion with him & if I can be of any service to you it will make me happy.

It is unexpected that the Business of Mr. Webbers Estate should be brought to a conclusion as the Malabars are now decided in his favor & I shall be obliged by your forwarding me both the Policy & the Account Current of the Estate in order that when the Papers come out I may receive the amount & remit it home after paying you the balance which is due to you from the Estate. I request to be favored with your Answer as soon as convenient.

Yours very Obediently

Fort St Geo. 28th Jan.y 1801

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure the Ship Despatch from Madras to Muscat & Mocha with liberty to touch & trade at the intermediate Ports against all Risks & what return of Premium you will make upon such Goods as shall be landed at Muscat.

The Despatch sailed from Madras on the 12th Inst.t is now Anchored & Copying, & as is well known, a Prime Sailer.

The Same to the following Gentlemen

Messrs Chase Chinery & Mc Dowall

" Lys Satia & D'Monte.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St Geo. 28th Jan.y 1801

William Petrie Esqr

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your desire we have the pleasure to send you your Account Current made up to the 31st Inst.o & balancing in our favor Pag.a 1602. 23. 71. which we hope you will find correct.

Your Pipe of Madeira have been gauged, & there will be wanting Thirty seven Gallons to fill them up. The cubicle a Wastage of Six p.r Ct. p.r Annum.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lys Satia & D'Monte.

Madras 30th January 1801

Secy.s to the Old Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure as far as 10000 Dollars on the Ship Ichanger at & from Canton to Madras against all risks. Our Letter of the 11th instant says that it was expected the Ichanger would sail about the middle of December.

We are &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 29th January 1801.

R. A. Maitland Esq.

Secry Insc.

Sir

We apprehend you have partly misunderstood our application for Insurance on the Despatch to Muscat and Mocha. It is not a return of Premium for safe arrival at Muscat that we wish to have stipulated, but for such part of the risk as shall cease there, which we should suppose you would agree to of course. — Weare &c (signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

30th January 1801.

Do

Sir

Be pleased to fill up a Policy, Conformably to the terms mentioned in your note of this day, for Pag.a 15,000 — on the Cargo of the Despatch, including Charges & Premium of Insurance &c as Interest may appear. —

Weare &c (signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St Geo. 30th January 1801.

James Taylor Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Sir

In Consequence of the advertisement bearing date the 24th October 1800 inviting Tenders of Ships to carry Cargoes from Madras to England in the Season 1800—1, We beg leave to tender the undermentioned Ships heavily copper'd and Sub join the several particulars respecting her. —

1st

Ships Name	/ Generous Friends. /
Sole Owners	/ Roebuck Abbott & Co / Inhabitants of Madras.
Commander	/ William Colvel /
Built at	/ Calcutta /
In the Year	/ 1793 /
By	/ James Glass / Ship Builder. —
Burthen by Carpenters Measurement	/ 350 Tons or thereabouts. —
Will be ready to Commence loading by the	/ 1st March /
Will be ready to leave the Roads for the Voyage by the	/ 1st April /

2nd

We agree to abide by all the Conditions Contained in the aforesaid Advertisement as well as the

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the one bearing date the 14th November 1800 and in the Draft of the Charter Party.—

3rd ——— As Securities for the performance of our Engagements we beg leave to tender the undermentioned Persons whose Assent is hereunto annexed.—

Honble B. Cochrane.
Robert Scanlen.

We beg leave to add that we mean to avail ourselves of the permission granted by the advertisement bearing date the 24th October 1800 to load the Ship entirely on our own account. We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

We agree to become Securities

(Signed) B. Cochrane
R Scanlen

Madras 2d Jany 1801

Major Rob Ewing
Secretary to Govt
in the Military Department.—

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Albion from 26th ult to 26th Inst agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

We have the honor to be
(Signd) R A & Co

Madras 2d February 1801

Messrs Chase & Co
Secretaries to the new Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

We beg you will fill up a Policy of Insurance on the Dispatches from Madras to Muscat & Mocha with liberty to touch & trade at all intermediate Ports & Places, agreeably to our application of 3d Inst to return 3 if the Ship ceases at Muscat, & as follows Rs 7000 on the Ship valued at that Sum & Rs 3000 on Cargo as Interest may appear.

Your Obd Servants
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 2d February 1801

George Abbott Esq

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 11th ult & now inclose your Account Current balancing in your favor on the 31st ult Pags 1036. 26. 25. We shall stop the Pay of your Servant Domingo, the last that was paid was for the month of December.

We remain with sincere regard &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

2nd Febry 1801.

Messrs Lyall Satur & Demonte
agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Office

Gentlemen,

We send herewith Policy No 2065 on the Belisarius which expired the 16th ultimo and request you will renew it for 1 Month pro rata according to Agreement She was also at Penang on the 23d Dec last, but was to leave it by the latter end of that month.—

We are &c

(Sd) R. A & Co

2d February 1801.—

R. A. Maitland Esq
Secy to the E. Ins. Co Office

Sir We request to know at what rate you will insure on the Sanglier from Chuna to this place with permission to touch at all intermediate Ports—Rs 6000 on Goods as Interest may appear.—

We are &c
(Signed) R & Co

Madras 4th Febry 1801

Messrs Wright & Brandon

Gentlemen,

We wrote to you on the 1st December claiming P 64. 11. 15 for your proportion of a General Average Loss on the Ship Active as Consignees of Messrs Hudson & Co the Ships Owners to which you refused complying without a reference to Calcutta. We beg to know if you have heard from those Gentlemen on the subject.—

We are &c
(Signed) R. A. & Co

Major Robert Farring Fort St. George 4th Febry 1801.
Secretary to Government in the
Military Department

Sir

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one months freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Owners of
Ship Earl of Mornington

R. A. Maitland Esqr Madras February 4th 1801.
Secy to the Exchange Insce Compy

Sir

We beg leave to offer 7 p Cent to Insure on the Exchange from China against all risks; we consider this a fair premium as she will in all probability come in Company with the Prince

We are Sir
Your most obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Daniel Stevenson Esqre Madras 4th February 1801.

Sir

On the 12th July last we had the Honor of addressing you a few lines and forwarding to you a letter from Mr J. Farring on the subject of your debt to him, to which we have never been favored with a reply. We are sorry to have now to acquaint you that we have received instructions from Mr Farring to pursue legal measures in order to obtain from you the payment of his demand upon you. However painful it may be to us to be reduced to this necessity, we must in justice to our constituent put the business into the Hands of an Attorney at Tranquebar, if you do not settle with us without further delay. We are Sir Your most obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

R. A. Maitland Esqr Madras 5th Febry 1801.
Secretary to the Exchange Insce Compy

Sir

We request to know at what rate you will continue the Insurance on the Ship Belisarius, from the date of the expiration of your Policies on her for three Months with liberty to renew for one month pro rata. Her Letters from Penang of the 23d December mention that she was to leave it in all that month.

We are &c
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Madras 5. Feb. 1801.

Messrs Smith & Co

Gentlemen

annexed is a Copy of a Letter received this day from Monsieur Pinaud of your place advising us of three Cases being lodged with you to account of Mr Charles Stokes, which cases we shall be very much obliged to you if you will forward to us by the first good opportunity by sea

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedt Hble Servts
R. A. & Co

Madras 7th Feb. 1801.

Major D. F. Griffin

Sir

We hope you will excuse us for troubling you on the subject of two small bills drawn by you to Mr Oxley of Bond Street We have heard from Messrs Waleyn Strange & Co respecting by the ships lately arrived respecting them, & we shall be happy that you enable us to remit the amount to them by the ships under dispatch

We have the honor to be &
R. A. & Co

Fort 9th Feb 1801.

Mr Roebuck presents his Compliments to Messrs Chalmer & Boustrather & has the pleasure of sending them a Packet from Mr Stuart which the Purser of the Hawke brought out last delivered to Mr R. late on Saturday evening; The Printed Papers which Mr Stuart alludes to in his Letter have not yet come to hand but as soon as they are Mr R. will have the pleasure of forwarding them to Messrs C. & Co. without delay.

Madras Febry 9th 1801

Messrs Lys Salter & Monte
Agents to the old Madras Insce Coy

Gentlemen

We request to know at what rate you will insure the Brig Shaw for Three Months against all risks. — Annexed we beg to hand you Extract of a Letter from Messrs Roebuck Woodcocke & Davidson respecting her. — We are &c
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

The Same Addressed to
Messrs Chase & Co. & Robt Maitland Esqr
Messrs Lys & Co.

the one bearing date the 14th November 1800 and in the Draft of the Charter Party.

3rd. As Securities for the performance of our Engagements we beg leave to tender the undermentioned Persons whose Assent is hereunto annexed.

Honble B. Cochrane.
Robert Scanlen.

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(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

We agree to become Securities

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R Scanlen

Madras 2d Jany 1801

Major Rob Turing
Secretary to Govt
in the Military Department.

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Albion from 26th ulto to 26th Inst. agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signd) R & Co

Messrs Chase & Co
Secretaries to the new Madras Insurance Company

Madras 2d February 1801

Gentlemen

We beg you will fill up a Policy of Insurance on the Dispatch from Madras to Muscat & Mocha with liberty to touch & trade at all intermediate Ports & Places, agreeably to our application of 8th Inst to return 3 if the Port ceases at Muscat; & as follows - Sp. 7000 on the Ship valued at that sum. P. Sp. 3000 on Cargo as Interest may appear.

Your Obt Servants

(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 2d February 1801

George Abbott Esqr

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 31st ult. & now inclose your Account Current balancing in your favor on the 31st ult. Sp. 1038. 26. 25. We shall stop the Pay of your Servant Domingo, the last that was paid was for the month of December.

We remain with sincere regard. &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs Lyall Satur & Demanke
agents to the Old Madras
Insurance Office

2nd Febry 1801.

Gentlemen,

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We are &c

(Signed) R. A. & Co

R. A. Maitland Esqr
Secry to the Ed Ins. Office

2d February 1801.

Sir

We request to know at what rate you will insure on the Sanghire from China to this place with permission to touch at all intermediate Ports - Sp. 6000 on Goods as Interest may appear.

We are &c
(Signed) R & Co

Madras 5th Febry 1801

Messrs Wright & Branson

Gentlemen,

We wrote to you on the 1st Decbr claiming P. 64. 11. 15. for your proportion of a General Average Loss on the Ship Active as Consignees of Messrs Hudson & Co the Ships Stores to which you refused complying without a reference to Calcutta. We beg to know if you have heard from those Gentlemen on the subject.

We are &c

(Signed) R. A. & Co

Fort St Geo. 10th Febry 1807

Mayor Rob Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Sir, Military Depart.

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months Freight of the Ship Lady Lucie due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to cause to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

We have the Honor &c

(Sigd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Owners of the Lady Lucie

10th February 1807.

Thomas De Mello Esqre

Dear Sir I inclose you a letter from Mr Stuart which is only now come to hand and his Bill of Costs balance in his favor £ 75. 6. 4.

Yours truly

(Signd) B. Roebuck

February 10th 1807.

Thomas Stephens Esq &

Dear Sir On the other side is duplicate of my last to which I have not been favoured with an answer as the Ship will shortly sail it is necessary that Mr Webster should know soon how he is to respect the amount of the Balance decided in favor of his Brothers Estate I therefore request your attention to this and the favor of an answer by return of Cappall to my letter of the 27th Inst.

Sam & Co

(Signd) B Roebuck &

R. Le Maitland Esq

Secy &c Febry 10th 1807

Sir, We request you will file up a Policy on the Brig Diana in terms of our application of the 2d Inst. & again apply of this date. —

We are &c

P. R & Co

Messrs Wright Branson & Franckz. Madras 12th February 1807.

Sirs We wrote to you on the 4th Instant respecting our claim upon Messrs Hudson & Bacon for their proportion of a General Average Loss upon the Ship Active, and are surprized that you have not thought proper to give us any answer thereon. —

We are &c (Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

owners of the Ship Active. —

Dan Stevenson Esqr Madras 12 Febry 1807

Sir, We have perused the letter from your House dated the 7th Inst in reply to ours of the 4th to you respecting your debt to Mr Turing & in consideration of the circumstances therein stated & upon your promise to furnish us with a bill for half the amount of Principal & Int due upon the above debt, we could take upon ourselves to defer the execution of Mr Turing's order; & we hope that your earnest & unremitted endeavors to discharge the balance that will be still due & effect a protect us from any animadversions from Mr Turing for this acquiescence in your proposal. —

We are &c

P. R & Co

Walter Balfour Esq.

Collector of Government Customs.

Sir

We have sundry Goods brought to shore the Ship belonging from Bengal, but the Letters containing the Invoice & Bill of Lading of them have not reached us. We therefore request you will be pleased to allow all Goods manifested in our name to be received, & to stay the duties upon the Goods agreeably thereto.

P. R. & Co

Thomas D'Souza Esqre Madras 12th Febry 1807

Dear Sir We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. inclosing one from Capt. Collie acquainting you that the Ship Santa Cruz under his command was detained at Colombo by order of the Governor of Ceylon upon a demurrage of Two Hundred Rupees p day, and that it wanted for the Expedition now on foot, she would be taken up by Government upon the same terms that other Ships in the same fleet of Transports are taken up. In reply to yours we have the pleasure to say that we will still abide by our Agreement of the 23d December last for the purchase of the Ship Santa Cruz from you, and that we agree to receive her

for at Colombo in the event of Government taking her up for the Expedition
in which case he shall be at our risk from the 31st Ulto. but as we have
no one at Colombo to take charge of her, we request you will furnish us
with a Copy of the Inventory of her Stores left at Calcutta to serve us as
a check upon the person now in charge of her

We cannot but observe that Captain Callie has behaved
very improperly in submitting to the orders of Persons who have no right
to impose any upon him, and that in flat disobedience of the orders of his
Owners; and more particularly in doing so without serving the Persons
who have detained him with a regular Protest in order to hold them
responsible for the consequences of such measure.

We have only to add that if she is chartered by Government
upon terms proportionate to those of other ships she ought to have 7500 Rupees
p month at least, or the Ship Hope Captain Ross belonging to a Constituent
of ours is taken up at 5000 Rupees p month tho she scarcely carries 4000 Bags.

We remain with Regard
Dear Sir
Your most Obedient Hble Servts
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

James Taylor Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Trade

Fort St George 18th Feby 1801

Sir We beg leave to Acquaint you that we shall require Tonnage on
the Ship Thetis Captn Lindsay to ship the undermentioned Goods for England

Description of Goods	Quantities	Tons According to the Company's Computation of Tonnage	Will be ready for Shipping
China Turmerick	570 Cwt	35 1/2	To be shipped Immediately
Cassia Lignia	110 Do	13 3/4	
Cassia Buds	33 Do	2 3/4	
Cambage	6 1/2 Do	2/3	
China Ginger	73 Do	4 1/2	
Nux Vomica	100 Do	6 1/2	
Indigo	348 lbs	5/8	
Gum Arabic	30 Cwt	1 3/4	
	Total Tons	65 3/4	

We beg leave to subjoin the Assent of the
Honble Basil Cochrane and Vadapauttum Vordarajah our Securities
for the payment of the Freight in England

We agree to become Securities
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Mer Vordarajah Mudr

Sir
We have the Honor to be
Your most Obedt Hble Servts
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th Feby 1801

H Rayen Esq

Sir We beg to hand you a copy of a Bill Remitted from Mr Cochrane
and request to know when it will be convenient to you to discharge the
amount being £ 18.0.4.

We are
Sir Yr Obed Servts
(Sd) Rbk & Co

Madras 16th Feby 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We duely receives your favors of the 21st Ulto & 2d Inst
and we feel much disappointed by the contents thereof. when your late Firm
undertook our Commission for Sundry Piece Goods early in October last, they
advised us that the Goods would be ready by the first week of January. nor
did they then intimate that they should have any difficulty in furnishing
us by that stated time 200 Corges of Blue Salempores, but you now
advise us that you would have ready by the 10th Inst 40 Corges, which
added to those sent us by the Despatch & Mayflower make 64 Corges only,
nor have we any immediate prospect of receiving these. We have
also to observe that in your favor of the 18th Ulto you advised us as
follows Viz "We have this day shipped
"consigned to you as p Inclosed Invoice. We have been much disappointed
"by the interruption which the Blue Dying & Chintz Painting have had
"from the Gentoo Holidays, by which the Work has not come in as we
"expected, but in a few days more there will be another opportunity
"for shipping, when we hope to send you all the Chintzes. the Muslins
"and a great part of the Blue Cloth. Again in the same letter "we have
"engaged a new Vessel now fitting out, and to be ready in eight days
hence, for carrying a part of the Sindoor. 250 of which we took for ever
hour, and the remainder of the quantity we advised you had been procu
will we hope be here by that time

Notwithstanding this intimation it is now the
16th February and we have received no Advice of the Shipment of the
Bales, nor of the new Vessel that was to be ready by the 26th Ulto on wh
our Timber was to be shipped. we shall not make any comments on the
above, for it must be obvious to you what inconvenience we must suffer
from such disappointment. We have accepted your Bill in favor of Mr Balma
for Mp 3000 notwithstanding the tenor of it is different from wha
you gave us to expect by your letter of the 2d Inst. From it we
certainly understood that the Bill was to be drawn at the Exchange o
10 p Cent, whereas it is drawn at an indefinite Exchange, and lef
left at the discretion of the Government to demand payment at
such Exchange as they shall think proper

We remain with esteem &c

Messrs. Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson Madras 17th Feb 1801

Gentlemen

We beg pardon for having omitted to advise you in our respects of yesterday of the Insurance we have effected upon your Brig the Chance. The lowest Premium asked was 9 ℔ Ct. for the 3 Months which offer, with the sanction of your Mr Roebuck we closed with. The Policy runs "To all Ports & Places within the "the Company limits of Trade for a Period of three Months, the "risk to commence the 31st day of January last, and to terminate the "30th day of April Next, both days inclusive." This Insurance is done at the Exchange Insurance Company, and we keep the amount of the same to your Madras Account as follows Vizt

Premium on Rs 5000 @ 350 ℔Cent Pay - P. 1820. 24 - @ 9 ℔Ct. P. 320. 24

Policy - 21.

Commission 1 ℔Ct on P. 1820. 24 - 7. 6.

P. 186 "9

We remain with esteem

R A & Co

Messrs Lys Satur & D'Monte Madras 18th Febry 1801

Agents to the Old Madras

Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We beg you will fill up on our account a Policy of Insurance upon the Ship Thetis, at & from Madras to London with liberty to touch and trade at all intermediate Ports & Places, & likewise at Colombo on the event of her going there for the benefit of convoy, against all Risks upon £ 4450: 18: at 14 ℔ Cent to return 4 for Convoy from the Cape of Good Hope or St Helena, or safe Arrival. The Policy in case of loss payable in London, and the Premium by Bills of Exchange upon London.

The Insurance to be upon Goods valued as follows Vizt

570	Cwts	of China Turmerick at £2. 10 ~~Cwt~~	£ 1425	
110	Do	Cassia Lignea at £13 Cwt	1430	
33	Do	Cassia Buds at " 15 do	495	
6½	Do	Gamboge at " 15 do	97	10
73	Do	China Ginger at " 3 do	219	
100	Do	Nux Vomica at " 3. 10 do	350	
848	lb	of Indigo at " " 6 ℔ lb	254	8
30	Cwt	of Gum Arabic at " 6 - ℔ Cwt	180	
			£ 4450	18

It is to be understood that as the Thetis is Chartered by the Company

She must be subject to their orders without any prejudice to our Insurance upon her.-

We are

Gentlemen

your most Obt Servants

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Madras 18th Febry 1801.

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen.

We have the pleasure to inclose a Muster of Salempore sent to us from England, & we request you will procure for us 50 Corges of Cloth Similar to this, & send it to us as soon as you can. It must be of full dimensions. We beg you will inform us how much it will stand ℔ Corge.

Please to keep by you the Muster.

We remain

Gentlemen

your most Obt Servts

R. R. A. & Co.

18th Febry 1801.

Thomas Stephens Esq

My dear Sir Before I received your favor of the 13th Major Davidson called on me & spoke to me respecting the affair of Mr Webster's Estate he have in hand - I request to know when you filed the Inventory & account Current belonging to Mr Webster's Estate into Court & also wish to have a Copy of both which cannot be taken out of Court without Consiederable expence; having left the whole managment of the Estate to you & your Brother Call the papers being in your possession now that the Decree of the Balanjaw is come out I shall look very reasonably in the Eye of Mr Webster if I am not able to give him some account of it therefore My dear Sir let me request of you to furnish me with the Documents I have asked for if they are at Madras be so good as to order them to be delivered to me - I request an answer by return of Tappall I shall at all times be happy to render you any Service in my power - Yours very Obedy

Signed B Roebuck

Tranquebar

Madras 19th February 1801.

Messrs Boath & Co.

Gentlemen We have received your favor of the 11th Inst. and annex a copy of a letter from Mons. Le Mogeran on the subject of the Cases in question, which together with our payment of the Bill of Exchange therein mentioned on account of Capt. Stokes will, we trust, be sufficient to authorize you to give up the Cases to us. — An open letter from Lt. Mogeron to Messrs. Colvin & Baggett of Calcutta under cover to us, explained the cause of Mr. Calder not taking his passage as at first intended upon the Esther. — We immediately forwarded the letter to the above Gentlemen. — We forget the particulars of it. However we engage to hold you harmless from the Consequences of delivering up the Cases to us, and we request you will send them to us by the first Vessel from your Port to ours.

We are &c.

(Signed) R. B. & Co.

Seringapatam

Madras 20th February 1801.

Lieut. Col. Harcourt

Commanding H. M. 12 Regt.

Sir When Lt. Col. Shawe was in the Command of His Majesty's 12th Regiment, he engaged with us for the purchase of 2000 Pieces of White Nankeen for the use of the Regiment, deliverable to him upon the arrival of the Ships from China this Season at the rate of 18 Pagodas p Corge. — As the Regiment now under your Command may equally require this supply which has been contemplated purposely for them, we hope we may have the honor of sending it to you. —

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Tod & Co.

Josiah Webbe Esqre

Madras 25th February 1801.

Chief Secry to Government

Sir

We again beg leave to apply through you to the Right Honble the Governor in Council for the amount of the Ship Prize taken by the Enemy and the Freight due on her; and as it is now near four Months since, agreeably to the Charterparty, we made the demand, we trust we shall not be considered as importunate at this instant, or as trespassing too much in stating our Case and shewing the Loss we are likely to sustain by having Chartered the said Ship to Government unless they are pleased to extend their usual liberality in relieving us at least from a part of the Burthen. —

When we were first applied to for the Ship Prize to convey the most noble the Governor General's Body Guard to Bengal, we offered to do this Service for Pags. 12000 and we believe, the Officers of Government considered it a fair Freight, had that first Arrangement taken effect we should have earned a Freight from Bengal to this

Place at the rate of 2/p Sicca Rupees p Bag / the common freight then paid on at least 14000 Bags, making S.Rs. 35000 which, with the Freight for the Body Guard would have amounted to Pags. 22,666: — and would have been earned by us at farthest in 2 Months & half. we should besides have had the Ship here in the month of May or the beginning of June to proceed on her destined Voyage to the Eastward, for which purpose we had purchased her. — But as Government were pleased to prefer taking her up for 6 Months Certain, and afterwards prorata, we accepted the terms of the present Contract; — In consequence the whole of the Horse and of the Body Guard were carried to Bengal perfectly to the satisfaction of Capt. Montgomery and the Ship arrived at Diamond Harbour without meeting with the smallest damage during the Voyage. owing to the Ship being ordered up to Calcutta, her detention, her Crew deserted her; and we had a fresh Crew to impress this added to the heavy expences we were compelled to incur of Dasking in Calcutta, stood us in the sum of S.Rs 42,855 or Pags. 12,986 — — The War Risk on her was covered by Government only at Pags. 18000 / her original cost (out fit) whereas when she was Captured she stood us Pags 30,986 and we were of course uninsured Pags. 12,986 being over and above the sum covered by Government by the Charterparty — Had the Ship left the Bengal River even after she was docked, as soon as ready, she would have reached this Place most probably without encountering an Enemy, and we should at this period of Scarcity of Ships have been in possession of a Block which we cannot replace for the Sum Covered by Govt. by the Charterparty —

We hope that on a review of the foregoing Circumstances and the length of time we have waited the Right Honble the Governor in Council will be pleased to order the payment of the Bills instanced in our Letter of 4th October and make us such indemnification as our peculiar Case may appear to merit. — We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obed Ser

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Madras 23d Febry 1801

Major Thomas Paterson

Sir

Agreeable to your ordrs of the 9th January 1800 we have now the pleasure to send you a Supply of Broad White Nankeen for the use of His Majesty's Regiment under your Command.

Our Nankeen this year being shorter than usual, although of the proper breadth & quality we have made up the full quantity by increasing the number of Pieces. you will accordingly receive fifty four Corges estimated as forty at the price agreed upon between us, viz^t Pag^s 18 p^r Corge, which we trust will met your approbation.

We send three Bales of this Cloth containing forty four Corges by Coot, & two Bales containing 10 Corges by Coolies, & inclose the several receipts for the same. We have likewise the pleasure to inclose our Bill.

We have the honor to be &c^a

P. R. & Co^s

Madras 23d Febry 1801.

Major Thomas Paterson

Sir

We have the honor to send you p^r Bearer Two Bales of Nankeen as p^r inclosed receipt. We beg leave to refer you to our respects of this date by Tappall on the subject of the said Nankeens.

We have the honor to be &c^a

P. R. & Co^s

Madras 23d Febry 1801.

Major Thomas Paterson

Sir

We have the honor to send you p^r Bearer Two Bales of Nankeen as p^r inclosed receipt. We beg leave to refer you to our respects of this date by Tappall on the subject of the said Nankeens.

We have the honor to be &c^a

(Signed) P. R. & Co^s

Madras 23d Febry 1801.

J. B. Travers Esq^r

Sec^y to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Having experienced much inconvenience and incurred the expence of a considerable deal of unnecessary Coolly hire in consequence of being obliged to comply with an order of the Collector of Customs for bringing into the Custom House Goods we have duly received and regularly passed, before a Peon could be obtained to transpot them to our Bankshals, we beg leave to submit for the Consideration of the Board whether it would not equally answer the object of Government if People were allowed to transpot their Goods from the Beach to the Bankshals at once, being persuaded that the desire of Government must be to facilitate the trade of this Port, we humbly conceive that so long as Goods are Regularly passed at the Custom House and Landed within its Limits on the Beach from North to South, the duty required from the Public is complied with.

We have the honor to be &c^a

P. R. & Co^s

Madras 25th Febry 1801.

J. B. Travers Esq^r

Sec^y to the Board of Revenue

Sir

We beg leave to apologize for having so long delayed to reply to your letter dated the 18th Dec^r on the subject of a Bill drawn by Mr Lushington on the Board in favr the Rice / which doubtless has been before the board / that the Ship was to go to Paumbeem or as far South towards Paumbeem as she could with safety, our Capt^n being unacquainted with the Voyage the Engagement was made on Mr Lushington's description of the Voyage and As an additional Security for the Company's Cargo Mr Lushington sent Capt^n Kingsmill on board the Ship to Pilot her through the Gulph, consequently all responsibility rested with Capt^n Kingsmill and it was by his suggestion that Capt^n Wedgeborough put back to Nagapatam owing to the advanced Hale of the Season, hence the board will perceive that, as our Ship was not positively engaged to go to Paumbeem, and that her return to Nagapatam was at the suggestion of the Pilot Mr Lushington had put on board for the greater safety of the Company's Cargo, we are not liable for any part of the expences incurred at Nagapatam for the unloading of the Ship and the Freight of the Boats to Paumbeem.

And with respect to the 3 Expence of the Boats employ'd on the first arrival of the Ship at Nagapatam by agreement between Mr Lushington and Capt^n Wedgeborough for Lighting the Ship, in order to facilitate her passage to Paumbeem at that late season to the Board whether we ought to be charged with it under the peculiar circumstance of our engagement for the delivery of the Rice as Stipulated on the Bills of Lading, particularly as the Ship was detained here for the accommodation of the Collector near three weeks after she was ready to proceed with the Company's Cargo. The foregoing we explain to the Board our reason for not accepting and paying the Bill Mr Lushington has drawn on us and which we trust this will consider sufficient.

We have the honor to be &c^a

(Signed) P. R. & Co^s

23d Feby 1801.

Captn P Box

Dear Sir

I return you Lieut Setons Letter & account and have filled up your Note Pds 121: 36: which Sum I shall write to Lt Seton that we have Received from you on his account - I am D Sir your Obt Servt

(Signd) B Roebuck -

Madras 23d Feby 1801. -

Vellore

Lieut Thomas Seton

Dear Sir

We have to inform you that Captn Box has this day paid to us on your Account Pds 121: 36: .... which we shall pass to your Credit

We are

D Sir your Obes Servts

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Bombay

George Madegan Esqr

Madras 26th Feby 1801.

Dear Sir

We yesterday received your favor of the 11th instant together with the packet which you had the goodness to bring for us from the Cape of Good Hope. We return you many thanks for the same as well as for your friendly wishes for our health and prosperity. We sincerely rejoice to hear that your trip to England had restored your health -

The adventures we had on foot when we had the pleasure of seeing you here turned out very indifferently, & the Amboyna Market has been so much overstocked with Piece Goods that we have not until lately undertaken another adventure to that place. In october last we shipped a considerable Cargo upon a small Ship, the Belisarius, for the west Coast of Sumatra & Amboyna, but the Vessel encountered such successive Gales of wind in crossing the Bay that she was compelled to bear away to Penang in distress. The delay this occasioned may perhaps cause the return of the Vessel from the west Coast of Sumatra to Madras -

Notwithstanding the Markets of Amboyna & Banda have been so much overstocked, we are still of opinion that if a Person should remain there with a well chosen Investment after the Ships departure, & sell at his leisure, the trade would answer very well.

If you should come round to Madras we shall be happy to see you, & if you have any view towards the Molucca's we shall be glad to talk to you on the Subject - your Old Friend Mr Lines is now Sub Treasurer at

Madras - His Successor has been going on upon a great and magnificent scale, but not with success equal to his vast conceptions. Col Marneal is expected shortly we have three Ships chartered by Government upon their return with the relief from thence. -

We remain with esteem &c

(Signed) R. A. & Co.

Madras

Thomas D'Souza Esqr

Madras 24th Feby 1801.

Dear Sir

We have received your letter of yesterdays date inclosing the Correspondence between the Government of Ceylon and Captn Collie of the Ship Santa Cruz by which we observe that the Ship Santa Cruz is again detained by his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to our great loss & detriment. Nevertheless we conform our respects of the 16th Instt resolving to abide by our agreement of the 23d Decr last; and as we find that Captn Collie is entirely regardless of our Interest in his arrangements for the Ship, we think it necessary, in order to prevent him injuring us any further, to be put in immediate possession of the Ship and accordingly request that the Sale of her may date from the 20th Ultto to which of Course you can have no objection. We shall therefore send down a Person to take charge of the Ship & request the favor of you to furnish us with a perticular order to Captn Collie to deliver her over and all her Stores &c to such Person as we shall direct to take charge of her.

If the Ship should have sailed prior to his arrival, we shall never the less consider her as our Property.

As the receiving the Ship at Ceylon is a mutual convenience, we trust you will make over the Policy of Insurance your House has effected in Calcutta upon her together with the Title Deeds of the Ship, if that puts you to no additional expence. -

We remain &c &c

Signd R. A. & Co.

Fort St Geo. 25th Feby 1801.

Fifteen Thousand

Wm Jones Esq

Sub Treasurer

Sir

We herewith transmit you ~~Star Pagodas~~ part Star Pagodas on account of Mr James Stuart Hall which he Subscribes to the Loan published on the 13th Decr 1800. - The Interest to be remitted Home to him by the Accomptant General agreeably to the terms of the advertisement and the obligation to be deposited in your charge. -

We are &

Signd Roebuck Abbott & Co

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(4275)

Tranquebar
Thomas Stephens Esqr

Madras 28th Febry 1801.

Sir

We duly received your favor of the 23d Inst and we have now to inform you that we have received Mr Parkins Power of Attorney to Messrs Hall & Abbott which we can shew to any one you think proper at Madras or copy of which we can send you if you think it necessary, although we are of opinion it will be incurring more trouble & Expence than the object is worth. If you will order the Bastoas to be delivered up to us, we shall pass our receipt for the same as Attys to Messrs Abbott attorneys to Samuel Parkin, which we conceive will be quite sufficient for you.

We are &c
Signed R. A & Co

J. S. Hall Esqr.

Madras 25th Febry 1801

Sir,

In obedience to your orders of the 14th Inst we have paid into the Company's Treasury Twenty per Cent loan Fifteen Thousand Star Pags (15000) only as per enclosed Copy of our letter of this date to Mr Jones the Sub Treasurer. As soon as we receive the Certificate from him we shall have the honor of transmitting it to you. You are aware that the Bonds in this loan will not be issued until the 15th May next. We believe it will be necessary for you to leave your address with the Accomptant General in order that he may remit to you annually Bills of Exchange for the Interest that will become due.

We are &c
J. R. & Co

Madras 25th February 1801

Messrs Leys, Latta & De Monte.

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

We are sorry to be obliged to send you herewith Copy of a Protest forwarded to us from the Cape by Captain Brown of the Apollo in Consequence of the Bad weather that Ship Experienced on her Voyage from this Port. As soon as the General Average is settled among from the Goods & Guns thrown over Board, we shall take the Liberty of laying it before you.

We are Gentlemen
Your Obt Servants
(Sd) R & Co

(4276)

Madras 28 February 1801

Captain Wm Colvil

Sir,

Having purchased the Ship Santa Cruz from Mr Jno D'Souza one of the Partners in the House of Brits Bareto & Co of Calcutta we inclose his Order to Captain Wm Collis now in the Command of the Ship to deliver her over to you together with all her Stores &c— we request you will accordingly receive charge of the said Ship, taking an Inventory of her Stores, & granting your receipt to Capt Collis for the Same, & noting in it any particular damage the Ship may have sustained from the date of her departure from Calcutta.

The Ships Company, Officers & Men, you will of course continue in her, making them such allowance, or gratification, as you shall find necessary to induce them to remain in her until her return to her Port of Discharge. Having settled this point & received the demurrage due upon the Ship you will proceed to Madras with all possible expedition, unless his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon should require the Ship for the Public Service; in which Case notwithstanding we purchased her for a very different Purpose & notwithstanding we have suffered very great disappointment loss & inconvenience by the detention she has already experienced at Columbo & Point De Galle in consequence of Capt Collis disobedience of his late Owners orders, we are willing for the benefit of the Public Service to let the Ship to Government upon Liberal & equitable terms, that is upon terms proportionable to those upon which other Ships on the same Service are chartered. The Ship Hope Capt Ross, consigned to us from the Cape of Good Hope, of the Burthen of 1000 Bags, is chartered for this Service, for six Months certain at the rate of 5000 Sa Pags pr Month. Three Months paid in advance; the freight payable afterwards monthly until her return to Calcutta, which it is to be her Port of Discharge. The War risk on the Ship valued at 50000 Sa Pags as well as the risk of Gunpowder covered by the Company. At this rate the Santa Cruz measuring

7000 Rupees should be entitled to 7777 Sicca Rupees p Month, but as it does wish rather to further the Public Service than to take advantage of its Exigencies, we are willing to receive & authorize you to charter the Ship to Government for 7000 Sicca Rupees p Month payable at Madras, the port Dues & Pumpaiem to be discharged by Government upon the Ship's return to Madras; Madras to be her Port of Discharge &c other conditions the same as those of the Charter Party of the Hope as before mentioned. — If his Excellency the Governor does not accept these terms, we desire you will settle with him for the Demurrage of the Ship from the day of her detention at Point de Galle, & proceed direct to this Port. — If the Ship Santa Cruz should have left Point de Galle you will return by the first opportunity to this Port. —

We are &c

(Sd) Rebt & Co

P.S. Upon further consideration we are of opinion that if the Ship should have left Point de Galle upon the Expedition it will be proper for you to call upon the Master Attendant to know the terms of her Charter Party, & if they are not equal, or at least nearly equal to those before cited it will be necessary for you to proceed to Columbo & there represent to his Excellency the terms on which only we authorized you to let the Ship, & which we are fairly entitled to upon a comparison with those of the Charter Party of the Hope & the other Ships employed on the same Service. — Having done your utmost by representation, you will return to Madras by the very first opportunity. —

(4870)

(Private)

Madras 25 Febry 1801

Capt. Wm Colack

Sir,

If Mr Smith should not agree to the terms proposed by you, & should nevertheless man the Ship upon the Expedition you will serve him, or his representative at Point de Galle with a Protest signed in the Command of the Ship.

We remain &c

(Sd) Rebt & Co

P.S. Be pleased to make a list of the Protest you must provide —

Madras 25 Febry 1801.

Capt. G. Saughton

Sir, If the Bearer Capt. Wm Black appointed by us to the Command of our Ship the Santa Cruz should require any Money at Point de Galle & Columbo, we shall esteem it as a particular favor if you will supply him with such sums as he may require taking his receipt for the same & passing the amount to our debit

We beg leave to recommend Capt. Black to your good Services & remain &c &c (Sd) Rebt & Co —

Madras 26th Febry 1801.

Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Sir

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one months freight of the Ship Albion due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the honor &c

(Signed) R. & Co

Madras 26 Febuary 1801

James Taylor Esqr

Secretary to the

Board of Trade

Sir

I request you will grant a permit to Ship on the Honble Compys Charters Ship Thetis the following Articles being a part of the Goods shipped for on the 18 Instant viz.t

5 Chests of Cochineal
5 Do of Indigo
5 Do of Gum Arabic

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott & Co.

Madras 26th February 1801.

Messrs Raebuck Woodcock
Davidson

Gentlemen

I have taken the Liberty of sending to you in charge of Capt Walkinshaw of the Brig Godavery a parcel containing a Master of Country Leather Bayonet Belts, do Bayonet Scabbards, do Musket Slings, such as I require for my Contract with Government. I am informed that these Articles are manufactured very cheaply to the Northward particularly at Masulipatam. Although the manufacture of these articles are not in your way, yet as you must have Correspondents at the different places in your neighbourhood, I am willing to flatter myself you will procure a quantity of them to be made up for me.

I shall require annually about 5000 of each Mustry & I request the favor of you immediately to take steps to get 1250 of each made up for me & sent down by the first opportunity. — I shall likewise thank you to acquaint me as early as possible what the price of these several articles will be. —

If our Goods should not be dispatched before this reaches you, I will thank you to send me ten Corges of Twelve Cunyum Brown Cloth with them. — At any rate send me this quantity as soon as you can, together with Twenty Corges of Wax Cloth. The amount of all which Articles you will be pleased to pass to debt of Raebuck Abbott & Co.

I remain with Esteem &c.

(Signed) R. Maitland

P.S. You appear to have forgot my Commission for Tunnies. They are much wanted. You may send them down as opportunities offer to any Extent. —

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Madras Febry 27th 1801.

Thomas Stephens Esqr

Dear Sir Major Davidson tells me that the Inventory of Mr Webster's Estate & Accounts are in Court. I thought they were but I have been myself to the Prothonatory have examined all the Indexes & Papers and find no documents there except the Will, this part of your duty therefore has been neglected — I have been to Mr Counell & have intimated to him that the Policys in question belonging to the Estate of Mr Webster or as far as concerned that Estate must be delivered to me. — I am sure Mr Counell holds a Power of Attorney from Capt. Beaumont but Beaumonts share I understood was the property of Mr Webster you will see therefore the necessity of immediately furnishing me with all the documents belonging to Mr Webster's Estate. Correspondence &c & I do request in the most earnest manner that they may be immediately sent to me that I may be enabled to write to Mr Webster by the Ships of the Season. There can be no doubt but these Policys must be given up & I have also as little doubt that your Letter of assignment will be of no avail to Messrs Lambert & Rose. I hope for their own Interest, for the Interest of the Creditors at large & for your future Success in Life that the Business may be in a short period settled by a Letter of Secession. —

I am Dear Sir

(Signed) B. Roebuck.

Tranquebar

Madras 27th February 1801

Mr C. Sorely

Sir I was yesterday favored with your Letter accompanying one drawn Mr Dupuy with a Bill drawn by him on me for Rs 1000 — which, tho' perfectly unauthorised, I have, nevertheless, for the Credit of all Dupuy, accepted from yesterday & when due, shall endeavour to procure a Bill for the amount on Tranquebar in your favor. —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Wm Abbott.

D. Hermandson Esq

Madras 27th February 1801.

Sir Referring you to our respects of the 17 Dec. last on the subject of which we have not had the pleasure of hearing

From you, we request to know if you have sold the Cut Nut left in your charge by Capt. Porter. If you have not it will be necessary for us to request it may be sent up here where we shall shortly find a ready sale for it. We shall be much obliged by your answer by return of Tappal. — We have the Honor to be &c

(Signd) Roebuck & Co

Messrs. Tulloh Connell & Brodie

Fort St. George 2nd. March 1801.

Gentlemen,

Understanding that you hold three Policies on account of the Ship Wavlaugh put into your hands by Mr. Thomas Stephens it becomes a duty on me to apprize you that the Estate of the late Mr. G. Hebston whose name stands first in the Policies is principally Concerned & that I signed the Policies to be delivered over to me as one of his Executors that I may receive the amount on account of the Estate.—

I am Gentlemen

Your Most obed Servant

D. B. Roebuck

Executor

James Taylor Esqr.

Secy to the Board of Trade

Madras 2 March 1801

We request you will grant a permit to Ship on the Fleets the Articles Mentioned in our Letter of the 18th Ultimo applying for Tonnage on the said Ship

We are

Sir

Your Most Obt. Servts

(Signd) R & Co

Edward Greenway Esqr.

Madras 2 March 1801

Collector

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter

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Madras 2 March 1801

Ernst William Tulloch Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Trade

Having perused an advertisement Published by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council under date the 12 of last Month, by which an encouragement is held forth to Individuals in Order to induce them to send Rice to England Subject to certain conditions, and it appearing to us that the intention of the Honble the Court of Directors has been to procure it as Cheap as possible in India with a view to the better relief of the Mother Country we beg leave to be informed if we may avail ourselves of it in Loading our Ship the Generous Friend already bound to your Board

We have the Honor to be

Sir

(Signd) R & Co

Madras 3 March 1801

Alex.r Adamson Esqr

Dear Sir

We are favored with your Letter of the 14th ultimo & return you many thanks for the attention paid to our London letters. Accept likewise our best thanks for the trouble you have taken about the Cut Spreads concerning the Princep Royal

We are Concerned that we have not yet procured from Penang the affidavit respecting the attack upon your Ship Dwaynes. Our William Roebuck arrived on board of our Ship Generous Friends from that place on Saturday last, but we are sorry to add in so weak & debilitated a State that we have not been able to speak to him yet on any Subject of business. In a few days we shall have the pleasure of writing to you on this Subject.

We beg pardon for having omitted the Report and mentioned in Captain Wilsons Letter we now inclose a Copy of it. We have received all the accounts from Penang but have been prevented by a pressy business from adjusting them & making out our Claims upon the Several

We will thanke you to acquaint us the price of Indea Head Benjamen at present in your Market & what quantity of it might finda ready Sale.—

We remain with esteem
Dear Sir
Your Obligd & Humble Servants
(Signd) Rochuck Abbott & Co

Madras 2d March 1801

To the Proprietors of the Carnatic Bank

Gentlemen,

Wishing to insure on the 2d Life of the Madras Insurable Society the Life of Captain Patrick Reid. We herewith inclose you the necessary Surgeon's Certificate & the oath relative to his health, the Interest we have on his Life & for our profits & others his Executors as follows.

Insert Conran for which Roebuck Abbott & Co are Securities for Curt Sum of P. 2180 —
Capt Smith to Messrs Baker & Co 2d . 1830 — 3 55
Capt Montgomery for the Curt Sum of 520.
Note to Hassle & Co for the Curt Sum of 1065 24
Messrs Warrington & Co for . 2d . 685. 4 42
Messrs Hunter & Hay for . 2d 400 —
Messrs Chase & Co for 2d 186. 1 —
Hope & Card for 2d 96 33 —
Goodall for 2d 55 —
Davidson & Rankein for 2d 241 5 20
Bold & Rundon for 2d

P. 7702 10 13

Excepting Insurance

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

A. Maitland Esq
Secy to the Ex Mrs & Bd

Madras 3d March 1801

Sir

We beg leave to call upon you for a return of Premium of two p Cent on the accompanying Policy No 506 on the Exchange for safe arrival as provided for therein.

We are &c
(Signd) R A & Co

Madras 4 March 1801

A. Maitland
Secy to the Govt Marine Office

Sir

What Premium do you require to insure or Loan on the Ship Admiral Rainier 1600 Dollars, at Upon Penang to Madras against all risks. The Admiral Rainier is a new Java Built Ship about 165 Tons measurement a Prize to the Squadron lately cruizing before Batavia & very highly spoken of for her Build. We believe she is commanded by a Portuguese, an old Navigator, & was to sail on the 1st Inst or thereabouts.

Your Obed Servants
R A & Co

The Same to
Messrs Lyall & Co & Messrs Chase & Co Madras
4th March 1801

Capt Baskett.

Sir

We beg leave to remind you of our request of the 16th Ult on behalf of Sir John Call. It will do him a great Pleasure if you can contrive to take home a Pike of Madeira for him.

We are &c R A & Co

Fort St George 4th March 1801

Major Robert Ewing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

We have the Honor to inclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the Honor to be
Sir Your most Obt & Hble Servts
(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co
owners of the Earl of Mornington

P. Hermanus Esq.

Madras 5 March 1801

Sir, Understanding that the Ship formerly the Armenia is now at Tranquebar for Sale, we take the Liberty to request that you will be so obliging as to procure us the necessary information respecting her present Condition & that of her Rigging & Stores; as well as the Price the Owners, or the Agents ask for her.—

We request you will excuse the trouble & believe us
Sir &c &c
Your Obedt Servt
(Signd) R A & Co

Thomas Stephens Esq.

Madras 5th March 1801.

My Dear Sir The above is duplicate of my last to which I must request a Complete answer that I may be enabled to write by the Ships of the Season. I also have to request that you

that I may receive the amount & deliver it to him.

I am Sir
Your most / B. Roebuck

Mess.rs Lyd. Salter & D. Brooke
Agents to the Ho.ble Madras Dec.d Affrs.

Madras 6 March 1801

Gentlemen
We beg leave to inclose a Statement of Average Loss on the Cargo of the Belisarius in Consequence of the Damage the Goods sustained by bad weather as p Protest already handed to you. & to call on you at the same time for P. 1007.30.00 being the Proportion on the amt insured at your Office.

We take the liberty to forward for your information the Survey of the Damaged Bales at Penang, & the Sales of the Damaged Goods, made in Consequence of that Survey.

The Generous Friends being arrived, we have request their return of Prem. stipulated in the Policies effected at your Office. viz.t

On the Stock	P. 15000	@ 3 p Cent.	P. 450.—
On Cargo	P. 10,000	@ 2 p do	200.—
			650.—

We remain &c
(Sign.d) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Abel Adamson Esq.r
Dear Sir.

We take the Liberty of troubling you with the inclosed Letter to our friends Mess.rs Lee which we request the favor to forward by the first overland Packet. We remain &c
Roebuck &.Co

Madras 7.th March 1801

George Abbott Esq.r
Dear Sir

Referring you to a letter of this date from our William Abbott on the subject of your proceeding to Prince of Wales's Island, & there taking the charge & superintendance of all our Concerns, we beg leave to confirm the same, & to recommend to your particular attention all the instructions contained therein in the event of your accepting the Proposals made by him. And for this purpose we have the pleasure to inclose our Power of Attorney to you, & a letter to Mr.s Thomas Barnes, & Richard Snaddon, the persons desirous the charge of our affairs [illegible]

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Roebuck, in instructing them to account to you for every thing belonging to our House, & lately under the charge of our William Roebuck.

In the event of your not approving of the situation proposed to you, you will have the goodness to return us the inclosed Papers.

When we know your determination to proceed to Penang, it will be time to write to you at large on the subject of your Concerns there. In the mean time & always We remain with Esteem &c

(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

P.S. To make your Powers more complete we inclose a seperate Power of Attorney from our Br Roebuck as Attorney to William Roebuck.

Madras 7.th March 1801

Mr. Thomas Barnes
& Mr. Richard Snaddon
Sirs

As our William Roebuck's health may render it necessary for him to proceed to Europe, & will at all Events prevent him from returning to Prince of Wales's Island for some time, We have appointed Mr. George Abbott, the Bearer of this Letter, to be our Agent at Prince of Wales's Island, & to take the charge & superintendance of all the Property whatsoever left there by our Mr. Roebuck. We request you will accordingly account to him for the same; & that you will in every thing that regards our Concerns obey his instructions, the same as if they proceeded immediately from us, or from our William Roebuck.

We are &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Stephen Babcon Esq.r

Madras 9.th March 1801

Sir
Our Shroff has for some days waited upon you with our Bill for Freight on the Goods we brought you on the Generous Friends & he has this morning acquainted us that you have abused him for Demanding either the Money or an answer to satisfy us, We beg to know why our Servant is treated in this manner & why you refuse paying our Bill.

We are &c
(signed) R. Abbott

Vellore

Lieut. Thomas Seton

9th March 1801

Purser Capt. Rose called upon me and shewed me a letter of yours to him & also a note of Mr. Samuels from which it appeared that he was not to blame in your having been so long kept out of your money, I asked him to procure his Note payable in Six weeks & give you Credit for it to this I had no objections Considering all the Circumstances of the case thinking it an accommodation to both of you, but were I to accede to your request I should be in advance a further Sum which I must decline, the extreme indisposition of a part of my family prevented my answering your letter immediately - I have been obliged to decline accepting your Bill. - I am &c

[Signed] B. Roebuck

Madras 10th March 1801

The Right Honble
Lord Clive
Governor in Council
My Lord

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council two letters from the King of Cochin China, & his Son the Hereditary Prince for the Most Noble the Governor General, brought to us by our Ship The Generous

We have the honor to represent to your Lordship that His Majesty the King of Cochin China has been pleased to appoint us his Agents in India, & among other commissions has directed us to send him a supply of Saltpetre.

As this article cannot be obtained for Exportation but by Special Permission, we solicit your Lordship in Council to recommend to the Most Noble the Governor General to grant us permission to purchase from the Honorable Company's Stores, & to extend to Cochin China 2000 Bengal Maunds of it, and we will enter into any Penalty Bonds for the delivery of the said Saltpetre to the King of Cochin China, the Dangers of the Seas & Enemies excepted.

We have the honor to be &c.

R & Co

Major Robt. Ewing:

Secretary to Government in the
Military Department

Madras 10th March 1801

Sir

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months freight of

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the Ship Lady Clive due this day agreably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the honor &c.

[Signed] Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Owners of the Lady Clive.

Madras 10th March 1801.

Messrs Leys Lalor & Dl. Monte.

Agents to the Rl. Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

Accompanying I beg leave to lay before you a Protest made by Captain Dalby in Consequence of the Capture of the Sloop Hope, Insured at your Office, by the Diana French Privateer & a Certificate of her Commander, releasing the said Sloop after having plundered the Vessel of her Freight & a part of her Stores a list of which accompanies this.

I am &c

[Signed] R. Roebuck

Madras 10th March 1801.

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Secretary to the Exchange

Sir

We now beg leave to hand you an account of Repairs made to the Belisarius at Penang in Consequence of the Damage She received in the bad weather which obliged her to bear away for that Island as per Protest already served you, including the Stores & Provisions of the Crew from the day of her bearing away, until the day She was ready to proceed on her Voyage amounting to Pags 1084 17 5 - also a Statement of Average Loss sustained on the Cargo whereof your proportion on Pags 3000 - found by your Office, appear to be Pags 46 7 3 5, Consequently we have to call on you for the payment of these two Sums

We beg leave to send herewith for your Satisfaction, the Survey of the Damaged Bales, and the Sales of the damaged Goods at Penang

We are

Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Robert Wolf Esqr
Accomptant General

Madras 13th march 1801

Sir

We request the favor of you to split the accompanying Certificate N° 322 for Pond Pags 2884.13.6, into Two Certificates one in our name for P.P. 1884.13.6 and the other in the name of Manapaukum Shunmoparay Modeian for P.P. 1000. - - -

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Madras 13 March 1801

James Taylor Esqr
Sectary to the Board
of Trade

Sir,

In Consequence of the Government advertisement of the 7th Inst. inviting Persons to export Rice from India to Great Britain upon certain Conditions therein expressed, We beg leave to apply to you for Explanation of the clause respecting the Insurance namely, whether the Risk of the Cost of the Rice in India, or the guaranteed Price (37/6 Cwt) is to be borne by Government. We presume the latter, because the only encouragement to Individuals to export Rice will be the freight to be thereby earnd and to secure this freight, the 37/6 Price must be insured.

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) R&A&Co

Madras 13th March 1801

Capt: John Lambe
Dear Sir Bombay

We are favord with your letter of the 27th inclosing 12 Chirk Lottery Tickets and subjoined list, & we shall use our best endeavours to dispose of the same, & shall remit the Proceeds agreeably to your instructions to Messrs Lock-hart Hall & Co of Calcutta. We must beg leave to observe upon them what will probably occur to every one that we offer thereto, that the drawing of the Lottery was to commence on the 21st July, & that it must have finished long before the date of the last dispatch from England. From this may appear the Items Numbers of Tickets received from Capt John Lambe

21. 123	£. 373	£. 354
21. 103	£. 374	£. 355
21. 104	£. 375	
£. 372	£. 351	
	£. 352	
	£. 353	

We are &c
R&A&Co

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Madras 14th March 1801

R. A. Maitland Esq.
Secretary to the
Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We request to know at what premium your office will Insure Pags 7500 on part Cargo of the Active excluding Premium of Insurance and all Charges as Interest may appear at & from Padang to Madras with liberty to touch and trade at Porter Ports on the West Coast of Sumatra to the Northward of Padang and at all intermediate Ports. We have had no Certain accounts of the arrival of the Active at Padang, but the Captain of the Anna reported that he believed he heard of her arrival at that place before he left Tellapanooly.

We are &c
(Signd) R&A&Co

Madras 14 March 1801

The same as above to Mess Leys Salter & D'Monte

Messrs Leys Salter & D'Monte
Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We request the favour of you to inform us at what rate you will be regd to Continue the risks on the Belisarius pr Policy N° 2056 for two months longer from the 17th February with Liberty to renew for one months pr ratable

We are &c
(Signd) R Abbott & Co

Madras 17th March 1801.

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co

Gentlemen

Mr. Stuart Hall has given us the inclosed letter to forward to you. We are extremely sorry for the unfavorable issue of the Hannah's cause which it communicates to you. We now beg leave to inclose our Account Current with you balanced by our bill upon you of this date in favor of Messrs W. & R. Abbott for £ Rs. 2622. 14. - which we request you will duly honor. We inclose a Copy of Mr. Stuart the Solicitors Bill, the balance of which we remit to him by the Ships undue Despatch.

We remain &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Messrs. Joseph Barretto & Co

Madras 14th. March 1801

Gentlemen

With the concurrence of our Worthy & much esteemed friend Mr. Thomas d'Souza we take the liberty of addressing you upon a subject of some importance to us.

We have lately drawn sundry Bills upon our Agents Messrs W & R. Abbott, one of which under date the 4th Ulto. in favor of Singanak Chitty for the sum of S.Rs. 20222.1.1 we are advised is in your hands, & has been dishonored by Messrs W & R. Abbott. We have therefore reason to apprehend that our other Bills will be equally dishonored, & we have in consequence to request the favor of you to accept the said Bills, & we promise you we will punctually remit you funds in time to enable you to take them up, & in the mean time Mr. Thomas d'Souza will satisfy you that we have given you here ample security for the performance of this Engagement.

The Bills drawn upon Messrs W & R. Abbott by us & upon our account are as follows Viz.t

One Bill	14th Feb.y favor of Singanak Chitty	S.Rs.	20222.1.1
" "	21 " Jacob Arathoon		2811.2.6
" "	20 " Antonio Ribeira Correa Abboday & Co		2100.—
" "	" " "		2100.—
" 6	13. feb.y by Wm. Roebuck of Penang		720.—
" "	Mr. Epps Jackson		720.—
" "	Cockerell Smith & Co		720.—
			2160.
		Rs.	8800.— 10559.—
		S.Rs.	10269.1.7

Towards the amount of these Bills we have now the pleasure to enclose the following Government Bills.

No 315 dated 4th. Inst. favor of T. Jackson & Co endorsed by them to us & by us to you for the sum of

" 316	17th. Inst. in our favor & endorsed to you	Pags	1940	—
" 317	" " "		1940	5. 1
			2475	1. 11
		Rs	6355	—
		Pags	4105	7

We have to request the favor of you to consult those Bills & to take such of the Drafts as you shall require it & to take up the two Bills which first fall due; & if they or any of them you have taken up we hope you will punctually remit funds to the payment of the Bills that may next fall due, advising us of the same so that we may regulate our remittances to you. Although urgent necessity now compels us to address you, we can with truth say that the regard & attachment we entertain for your much respected Relation Mr. Thomas d'Souza & the friendship that has existed for a length of time between you & us

esteem we have for the open & liberal character of your relation & Partner Mr. Thomas d'Souza, together with the high reputation your House have made us often wish to be in correspondence with you, & we shall be extremely happy if you will allow us to future to address our Commissions to you; and we are persuaded that we shall derive from this connection great consolation for the unmerited treatment we have lately met with from a House that for a length of years has benefitted so largely by its

Recommending ourselves to your friendly

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen &c

R. & T. & Co

Messrs Lys Sater & Vronte

Madras 18th March 1801

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Admiral Rainier for 9000 Pags

in our Names viz.t

7000 P.s on block valued at Rs Lem

2000 P.s on Cargo as Interest may appear, the voyage described in our application

at the Premium of 3 p.ct Prst against all risks as agreed by you in your letter of yesterdays date.

Likewise a Separate Policy in our Name for account of Mr W. R. Mason for 1680 Drs on Sugar

valued at 5 Dollars 420 Decimals p.r Picul, on the same Ship

mentioned, the exchange at 15 Rs. 10 Pagodas

We are &c.

for Self & Co

(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 18th. March 1801

Messrs. Joseph Barretto & Co

Gentlemen

Referring you to our respects of yesterdays date which we beg leave to confirm, we have now the pleasure to inclose the Seconds of the Bills mentioned therein.

For your satisfaction we beg leave to annex a Sketch of our account with Messrs W. & R. Abbott as it will stand if they refuse payment of all the Bills stated in our respects of yesterdays to you.

We have the honor to be &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St Geo. 19th March 1801.

Messrs. H. Brodie
I. C. Hippesley.
Geo. Moubray.
R. J. Sullivan
John Sullivan
Oliver Colt
Esqrs.

Gentlemen.

We have been favord with your letter dated the 31st May last requesting us to comply, on the Part of Col. Kirkpatrick with the resolution of the meeting of the Consolidated Creditors held in London, by which a Certain Commission was voted to Mr. Lodyce for his services — Having already applied to Coll. Kirkpatrick for Instruction on that subject, without being favored with his answer we must beg leave, therefore, to refer you to himself.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

R. A. Maitland Esqr.
Secretary &c.

Madras 19 March 1801.

Sir

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Cargo of the Ship Active as Interest may appear for Pn. 5000 in the terms of our application of the 12th Inst. at 12 p Ct. Ent. against all Risks as agreed by you.

We are
your &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs. Lys Salter & D. Monte
Gentlemen

Madras 19 March 1801

We beg leave to inform you that a Policy (No. 827) on the Brilliant in the name of Montalon Ray dept Chay & Mahe was given by him to me with the Several Documents relative to the Claim. I herewith send you a Copy of an Account made up to the 17 Inst. & request your order Payment of the same.

I am &c.
J. B. Blanchi

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19th March 1801.

Messrs Lys Salter & De Monte
Agents &c.

Gentlemen We request you will fill up a Policy for P. 10000 on the Cargo of the Belisarius in the terms of your note of the 16th Inst. to all Ports & places within the Company's limits of Trade from the 17th ultimo.

We are &c.
(Signed) R. A. & Co. —

Madras. 19th March 1801.

Dindigul
Lt Col. James Innes

Dear Sir We have the pleasure to send you by the Bearer one large Case and two Keys received from Calcutta by the Castle Eden — There were likewise two Baskets of Potatoes but they were putried. — The Carriage is paid here. —

We are with Esteem &c.
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

The Cartman has in charge a parcel wrapped with Mat Cloth sent by Major Turing. —

Fort St George 20th March 1801

Josiah Webbe Esq

Sir

We beg leave to enclose a letter left with us by Capt. Baker of the Tellichery, from Mr. J. Shore Secretary to Marine Board at Calcutta directing him to accommodate Mr. J. White Assistant Surgeon of this Establishment with a Passage to this place — We request you will be pleased to inform us what Sum Government is pleased to allow as Passage Money on this Occasion

We have the honor to be
Sir
your &c.
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 20th March 1801.

Messrs Lys Salter & De Monte
Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company —

Gentlemen We are favord with your note of this date & request you will fill up a Policy for P. 5000 on the Block of the Admiral Barnett valued at Seven thousand Pagodas in the terms of your note of the 18th Instant —

We are &c.
(Signed) R. A. & Co.

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Daniel Mevinson Esqr. Madras 21st March 1801

Sir

We congratulate you upon the return of your ship the Christianus Septimus from Batavia, & now beg leave to call upon you for the Bills for account of our Constituent Mr. John Turing, agreably to your Promise.

We remain &c

Signed R A & Co

Alexander Adamson Esqr. Madras 21st March 1801.

Dear Sir

We now beg leave to hand you the following documents respecting the loss upon the Ship Belisarius Captn Wilson insured at your Insurance Society upon a Voyage to Amboyna;

N°1. Survey of the Goods

N° 2. Account Sales of the damaged Goods

N° 3. Additional do. do.

N° 4. Account of repairs & Disbursements of the Ship.

N° 5. Account of a Genral Average

N° 6 Account of a particular Average

All these documents have been submitted to the Old Madras Insurance & the Exchange Insurance Companies, & they have paid their respective proportions. We request you will submit the same to your Society, & receive the amount due thereon, being £ Pagd 239.34.5 on the Genral Average, & £ 71.34.28 on the Particular Average.

If you have not already drawn upon Bengal on our account, we request the favor of you to forbear doing it until you receive farther advice from us and in the mean time if you have occasion to draw we request you will have the goodness to draw upon us here.

The severe & fatal illness of our late much lamented friend & Partner Wm. Roebuck prevented us from gaining any information on the subject of the Affidavit he had promised to procure from Captn Fenwick respecting the attack made upon your Ship the Dwaynes. We shall through the means of the Person left in charge of our concerns at Penang endeavour to obtain for you the required information.

We remain &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 23d March 1801.

J. Webbe Esq

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

We have the honor to enclose our Bill for Thirty Eight days Demurrage of the Ship Santa Cruz, for the Payment of which you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. —

We have the honor to be &c

Signed R A & Co

Madras 23d March 1801

Pondicherry.

Stanislas Le Coz Esq.

French Officer

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant & have enquired particularly of the Commander of our Ship Sally returned from Cochin China upon the subject of the same. He says that he is neither charged with letter or packet for you from the Executors of the late Bishop d'Adran, nor is he at all acquainted with his affairs. — We have &c

Signed Abbott & Co.

Madras 23d March 1801

Messrs Roebuck Nossent & Davidson

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of the 6th & 13th Inst with their enclosures to which from the present being of our Birthnight we must beg leave to defer applying to for some days. We shall for the present only acquaint you that notwithstanding the extreme irregularity of the Bill

You

gain drew upon us we did not refuse to pay it but acquainted
in. Mr Jones's proposal to refer the Bills back to Ingeram
& that upon the answer coming from thence respecting it
we would it here. —

The present is principally to advise you that
we send forward this day to Alex Britton &c of Vizagapatam
a Bill of Exchange for 3000 Madras Pagodas drawn by
Gopaul Doss Byseechinds upon Gopal Doss Mooken Doss of
Masulipatam at 20 days sight in our favor Sky us endorsed
payable to you, with instructions to Mr. Alex Britton
& Co to get the said Bill endorsed & forwarded to you. When
received you will pass the amount to our Credit. — We say
we send forward the Bill, but in fact we hand the bill over to
Mr E. Roebuck she with have the goodness to send it as above.

We shall again be dispatch our Ship without the
Goods from Vizagapatam which were purposely stored for her. —

We remain &
(Sd) Ross & Co.

P.S. We are under the necessity of drawing our credit in your
favor upon Messrs Ross Abbott & request accordingly
that you will not draw upon Bengal upon our Account
for the present. — — —

Fort St George 24th March 1801

George Parry Esq.
Special Agent &c &c &c

Sir Understanding that you require Tonnage for the
Service of Government, we beg leave to tender you the Ship
Griffin, now lying in these Roads. She is a Bombay built Ship
was new Sheathed and Coppered last November, is Capable
of stowing from 8 to 9000 Bags of Rice and is now ready for
Sea. She carries Ten Six pounders and her Complement Consists of
a Captain, 3 Officers, a Gunner, Carpenter & Steward, a
Surgeon, 2 Pindals and 55 Lascars. We tender her for
Six Months certain at Pags 2500 per Month and so much

longer as you shall require her Pagodas monthly. — Four Months of the
Freight to be paid to us in advance upon Signing of the Charter Party,
Two Months more upon the expiration of the four months; and the
Freight afterwards to be paid monthly. — Government to cover the
Ship valued at Nineteen Thousand Pagodas against the risk of War &
Gunpowder. Madras to the her Port of Discharge. —

We have the honor to be &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 21st. March 1801.

Messrs. Tulloh Connell & Brodie
Secretaries to the Committee of Tontine for Children.

Gentlemen

We request the favor of you to acquaint the Committee that in com-
pliance with their desire, it is our earnest wish to discharge our Bond to them, and
that we shall use our endeavours to do it as speedily as possible, but we must at the
same time take the liberty of observing that after receiving from us the highest
current Interest for this money for a number of years, we are persuaded it cannot
be the desire of the Committee to put us to any inconvenience at a time of extraordi-
nary scarcity, by desiring us to dispose of our Consolidated Paper at an undervalue in
order to discharge our Bond. However if the Committee should wish to take our Con-
solidated Bonds at a fair & equitable price, we shall be happy to dispose of them
accordingly & take up our Bond. We beg leave to propose the sale of our Paper at
11 ℔ Cent discount which will give the Tontine upwards of 12 ℔ Cent Interest for
their money. This paper was selling three months ago at 10 ℔ Cent discount. We
ourselves sold some at this rate.

We have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) Roebuck, Abbott & Co.

Madras 24th March 1801

Messrs Baring Money & Co

Gentlemen

We have received your several much esteemed favors to which we shall reply by the direct Ships of the Season.

The present will be delivered to you by Captain Daniel Porter commanding our Ship the Generous Friends. He will deliver to you a Cargo of Eastern Goods Adopted for the China Market which you will have the goodness to dispose of at the best possible prices, & we request of you to lay in & ship upon the Generous Friends with all convenient dispatch such Investment of China Goods as Captn Porter shall direct. We beg you will pass your receipts to him for the Goods you receive from him, & that you write forward to us regular Invoices & Bills of Lading of the Goods that you ship upon the Generous Friends.

We take the liberty of recommending the Ship & her Commander to your protection while at Canton.

We shall have the pleasure of advising you hereafter respecting the disposal of the balance of the Neat Proceeds of the Goods you will receive as above.

We remain &ca

Original & Generous Friends
Duplicate
Wm Thomas Barnes
& Wm Richard Craddock

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 25th March 1801

Sirs

We send herewith Duplicate of our letter of the 1st Instant Via Bengal, and it is with extreme concern that we have now to acquaint you of the death of our much lamented friend & Partner Mr William Roebuck your late Worthy Master. He died on the 11th Instant of a violent nervous fever. His death will make no difference in your situations as we have particularly recommended you both to Mr George Abbott We request you will give him every information

to enable him to conduct our Concerns at Penang with Profit to us.

The present will be delivered to you by Captn Danl Porter commanding our Ship the Generous Friends. We request you will ship upon her all the Piece Goods whatsoever that you have now lying at Penang, Blue Cloth, White Cloth, Chintzes, Red Handkerchiefs, Red Cambays &c &c &ca & in a word every kind of Piece Goods that you have of ours, except the Lutestrings you received from Canton by the Ganges. We request you will likewise ship upon her 4 Bales of Carpets, One Box of Taffaties & One Parcel of Gold Muslins that you will have received addressed to Mr William Roebuck by the Portuguese Ship Princeza de Portugal from Calcutta, together with all the Malay Wall Pieces that were left by the Despatch, & all those which were repurchased by Mr William Roebuck. You will be pleased to make out Invoices of these Goods & send them to us with Bills of Lading in Triplicate. We particularly request you will give Captn Porter all the dispatch possible.

By the Portuguese Ship from Calcutta you will likewise receive 20 Bales containing 250 Bolts of Bengal Canvas which we request you will keep until further orders.

We are &ca

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 25th March 1801

Captain Daniel Porter
Commanding the Ship
Generous Friends

Dear Sir

You have inclosed an Invoice & Bill of Lading of Sundry Goods shipped on the Generous Friends under your Command and Consigned to you for our account.

We desire you will immediately proceed with the same to Prince of Wales's Island and there receive on board such Goods as Mr Thomas Barnes & Mr Richard

Swaddon the Writer and Godown Keeper of our late William Roebuck may ship upon you.—

If you can purchase at Penang or Malacca Five Chests of this years Opium at a reasonable price Payable by your Bills of Exchange upon us at a sight not exceed with that and the whole of the Cargo you take in here and at Penang to Sooloo shorter than thirty days, we request you will buy such quantity of Opium and pro-

As you have now had the experience of Three Voyages to Sooloo it is unnecessary for us to give you any instructions or advice respecting your Conduct there, or the Sale of your Goods,— We shall only hint what Articles you may lay in for China, and the order in which we think you should give them the preference. Viz.ª

Beetle Nut as much as you can get
Beche de Mar as far as 2000 Peculs.
Pearl Shells — dº — — dº
Ebony — — — 500 Peculs
Shark Fins — — 300 dº
Assorted Camphire — 4 dº
Tortoise Shell — — 4 dº

The Balance of the proceeds of your Outward Cargo in Birds Nests properly weighed and at such prices as will render some profit in China instead of incurring a loss as this article generally has done.— We request you will neither take Bees Wax, Pepper nor Gold Dust to China.—

At Sooloo you will acquaint the Sultaun and the People that it is your intention to return there from China, and that you will supply them with all their demands for China Goods at a much more reasonable rate than the Chinese Junks do provided they will give you encouragement to return by engaging to take a sufficient quantity of Goods at proper prices, and that they will collect certain Goods to pay you in, such as you shall point out to them.— The goods we should wish to have from Sooloo here are as follows.

Cocoa in any quantity that you can procure it, but you must take care to have it clean of the Husk &c.ª

A small quantity of Birds Nests, Beche de Mar, & Shark Fins, as much as you can sell at Malacca and Penang and no more.

If you cannot fill the Ship with Cocoa, as much Pepper as you can get at 12 Dollars P Picul, 400 Peculs of Mother of Pearl Shells and as much Tortoise Shell as you can procure.—

And you will ascertain what amount of Gold Dust you can get, and from this information you will resolve upon the quantity of China Goods you may take back there and make your engagements accordingly.— Altho' there may be some loss upon the Gold Dust, yet if they give you a handsome profit upon your China Goods you may take as large an amount of them as you can invest the proceeds of in the Goods abovementioned and Gold Dust.—

Having taken complete information upon this subject and made your arrangements accordingly, you will make the best of your way to Canton and there address yourself to Messrs. Baring Money & Coª our established Agents, and deliver over to them the whole of your Cargo taking their receipts for the same specifying each article and its neat Weight, and they will as speedily as possible lay in and ship upon you such China Goods for the Sooloo Market as you shall direct them to do, with which you will, as soon as the Season will admit of it, return to Sooloo and execute the plan above described.—

At Sooloo you will take memorandums of all the Goods they will require next Year, and assure them that you will be there early, and engage them to collect for you a well assorted Cargo of Beetle Nut Beche de Mar, Pearl Shells &c &c for a Ship half as big again as you now have.—

If your Ship should not be full of Cocoa and Pepper, we beg you will fill up with Sago at Malacca, bartering your Birds Nests, Beche de mar and Shark

And as Sago and Cocoa may be very desireable articles for us we request you will not merely trust to the chance of the Markets, but that in your way to Sooloo you will engage or Contract with some Persons at Malacca to collect a quantity of Sago

[illegible] and in like manner immediately upon your arrival at Sooloo you will engage the People there to collect a whole Cargo of Cocoa for you, and if they should succeed in filling you up with Cocoa you may promise freight upon the returning Ships from China for the Sago collected at Malacca.

In your way from Malacca, you will touch at Penang, and if you have any room in your Ship you will fill up with Pepper or any other Goods that our Agents there may have to send us, and if any Convoy is about to sail from thence you will of course take advantage of it.

We have now only to desire you will be very particular in making out your Invoices and filling up your Bills of Lading, and in leaving Tallies for us with the same and detailing all your Operations at every place you touch at from which there is a probability of their being safely conveyed to us, and that at every place at which you touch you will collect most particular information of the Articles of Trade that saleable and procureable.

You will receive a number of Malay Wall Pieces at Penang, and as your Passage through the Straits may be tedious you will have time to examine & clean them, and put them in the best possible condition.

Wishing you a safe speedy & Prosperous Voyage.

We remain &c.

[Signed] Roebuck Abbott & Co.

P.S. Referring you to our instructions respecting the Investment of Cocoa it must be understood that these instructions are given upon the presumption that the Cocoa will not cost more than what you mention, to be generally

or Dollar for Eight Gantons, or little more or less. The Sago costs we know about 3 Dollars & Real. at Malacca.

Madras 25th March 1801.

Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department.

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain permission from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for us to be furnished with the following articles from the Honble Companys Stores for the defence of our Ship the General Suinds, we paying for the same.

One Drum
One Fife
6 Drum Heads
2 Barrels of Gunpowder
100 Cartridges for 6 Pounders
100 Bumbles of Grape shot for do
6 Priming Wires

We have the honor to be &c.

O. P. C. Rec.d
Lett. via Bengal

[Signed] Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Original & Duplicate Received
Geo. Abbott Esq. Dated
Prince of Wales's Island

Madras 25 March 1801

Sir,

In the uncertainty in which we are of your determination respecting our Proposals of the 7th Inst. we cannot add much to what we have already written on the Subject of our concerns at Pinang. We have however the Satisfaction to acquaint you that from all the information we have obtained regarding the Plantations of Pepper & Nutmegs, Sugar & Clove, we are persuaded that they merit, & will ultimately repay, the most assiduous & unremitting attention. Our Pepper Plantation has about 4000 Vines, all healthy & strong; 30000 of which bear this Year. There are

are about 1040 thriving Bearing Trees: 108 Acres of Sugar Cane
We do not know the exact number of Cane Trees. There seems
to be some doubts of their thriving. We request the favor of
you to obtain for us information of every particular regarding
those plants & to make us a General Report of them carefully
We wish particularly to be informed on the following heads.
The Labour that is required for the diff.t Plantations
The Expence of the same
The Age at which each different plant bears fruit
The Quantity that each bears annually
The Number of Years that each plant will bear fruit.
The Quantity of Land belonging to us not yet cultivated
& the Expence of bringing it into Cultivation & planting it
with Pepper Vines.—

We have a Convict by that loved some Years with the
late Wm Babcock & attended to this branch of his bus.
ness. We send him to you to be employed on the Generous Friend
partment. We enquire you some information on the
Subject.

We likewise recommend to you to retain Richard
Knadson in the Service. He is a trust worthy man & let
may perhaps be necessary to give him some encouragement
to remain, because being bred a Carpenter. Perkins the
Ships Carpenter has been desirous of taking him into part-
nership with him. Thomas Barnes you may retain
if he wishes it or you find him useful.—

We send to you a Bonne Dubash named
Vestnah, that lived with Wm Babcock ever since his
arrival in the Country. He is desirous of being recommended
to you, he was an attentive & faithful Servant to his late
Master, & possibly he has some little Concerns at Penang
which make him desirous of returning there. We recommend
him to you & if after trial of him you do not like him

you may settle with him, for his return here.—

Until we hear of your being settled at Penang we
shall not write you more particularly:— In the Mean time

We remain with great Regard &c.

(Sig.d) Babcock & Abbott & Co.

Madras 26th March 1801.

E. W. Fallofield Esq.

President & Members of the

Board of Trade

Gentlemen,

We take the Liberty of representing to you the
alarming and dangerous partiality on the part of Mr. Hall in
the distribution of Boats.—

We applied Yesterday for 8 Boats for the
Generous Friends for this day, 6 only were even registered on
this plea that Country Ships could not have more allotted, not
one has been allowed us this Morning, those to the Anglesea
a Ship in which we understand Mr. Hall is interested) has
20 Boats allotted to her.—

We are anxious to get our Ship
ready to proceed to sea this Evening under Convoy of the
Centurion which is of the utmost Consequence to us & request
therefore that you will be pleased to order Mr. Hall to
furnish us with sufficient Boats to get her ready by
that time.—

We have the honor to be &c

(Sig.d) Babcock & Abbott & Co.

Madras 25th March 1801.

Josiah Webbe Esq.

~~Major~~ Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

We request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the
Right Honble the Governor in Council for a Letter of Marque for our Ships the
Generous Friends particulars of which we herewith subjoin.

Daniel Porter ___ Captain
John Collins ___ 1st. Officer
John Roberts ___ 2d. do.
Deacon ___ 3d. do.
Burthen ___ 350 Tons

~~Thomas Parsons for the Charlotte Brig~~ We beg leave to offer the Hon^ble B. Cochrane & Verdaujah Modeliar as Securities for the same.

We have the honor to be &c^a

Sign^d / Roebuck, Abbott & Co^e

Wm Thomas Barnes Trip: Madras 26th March 1804.
Sir Prince of Wales's Island

We request the favor of you to take charge of the inclosed Letter for Mr. Geo. Abbott, & in the event of his not going to Penang to keep it until you hear from us on the subject. In the mean time we request the favor of your to obtain & send us very particular information on the following heads regarding our Plantations on your Island.

The labour that is requisite for the different Plantations of Pepper, Nutmegs, Sugar Cane & Cloves.

The Expence of the same.

The age at which each different plant bears fruit.

The quantity that each bears annually.

The number of years that each plant will bear fruit.

The quantity of Land belonging to us not yet brought into Cultivation & the Expence of doing it, & of planting it with Pepper Vines.

We are &c^a

Sign^d / Roebuck Abbott & Co^e

Madras 26th March 1804.

Charles Woodcock Esq.

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date proposing to give us your Bond as payment of your debt to us, & stating your reasons for so doing. We should be sorry to put you to any inconvenience on account of this trifle, & accordingly acquiesce in your proposal, but we cannot do this without observing that when you sold the horses for which your debt to us contracted we, as we certainly had a preferable right to the Proceeds of them over every body else.

We send you your note amounting with Interest to Pag^s 330.1.33. & a Bond for the same sum for you to execute.

We are &c^a

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co^e

Madras 27th March 1804

George Parry Esq.

Agent Ship &c^a &c^a

Sir, We beg leave to renew you for the Service of Captain the Ship Active now lying in this road. She is a Dane built Ship, is capable of stowing about 3000 Bags of Rice will be ready for Sea in a day or two she carries Ten Four Pounders & her Complement Consists of a Captain, 2 Officers a Gunner, a Sea Gunner, a Surgeon, a Serang & 25 Lascars. We tender her for Six Months certain of Pagodas 1100 p^r Month & as much longer as you shall require her Private monthly. Four Months of the freight to be paid to us in advance upon Signing of the Charter Party, Two Months upon the Expiration of the four months, & the freight afterwards to be paid Monthly. You to Insure the Ship Valued at Eight Thousand Pagodas against the risk of War & Gunpowder. Madras to be her Port of Discharge.

We have the honor to be &c^a

Sign^d / Roebuck Abbott & Co^e

D.

Madras 27th March 1801

Messrs Thomas Barnes
& Mr Richd Snaddon

Sirs

We beg leave to enclose a Bill of Lading of Chesh Coutly Five Cases Shipped upon the Ship Generous Friends Capt Baker by permission of Government & for the use of his Majesty the King of Cochin China Likewise One Box containing Nine Plants. We request you will receive the Same & take good care of them until we send a Ship to take them up. -

We are &c
D Reid & Co.

Geo: Abbott Esq
In his absence
to Mr Tho: Barnes
& Mr Richard Snaddon

Madras 28th March 1801.

Sir

We request you will furnish Capt James Burston the Bearer of this Letter, with 50 Bolts of Bengal Canvas for the Ship Princeza de Portugal; together with any Likewise Stores that he may require & that you may be able to furnish him. —

We are Sir
(Signed) R & Co.

Lieut Col Braddyll
& Gen Fds
D Actg
W. H. Nason Esq
Dep

Madras 28th March 1801

Dear Sir

On the Bills we received your favor of the 16th of the same Conformably to your desire, have effected insurance for your account as follows. —

"On the Ship Admiral Pasmer at & from Penang to Madras against all risks 1680 Spanish dollars at the Exchange of 15 Dollars P 100 Pagodas valued at a premm of 5 P Ct. the Insurance declared to be on Sugar valued at Dr 2 per Cent P Cent —

When the Ship arrives you may rely upon it we will do the best we can for your Interest but we do not expect a high

price for your Sugar. The Market is pretty full of this Article & the price of Batavia may be called 16 Pagodas P Candy.

Referring you to a letter of this date from our Mr Maitland for the cause & necessity of this epistle, we beg you to Continue the friendship you felt for our late Mr Roebuck to his Sons & the Interests of it. - We request as a particular favor of you to give every assistance to Barnes & Snaddon in the Mean time & to Mr Geo. Abbott whom we have appointed to take charge of all our Concerns at Penang, upon his arrival there; & we recommend to your friendly attention the debt from the King of Queda. In Return we shall at all times be happy to render you any Service at Madras in our power. -

We remain
Dear Sir
Your Obt Hble Servts
Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Geo: Abbott Esq
Penang
Per Lascelles
Duplicate 7.

Messrs Snaddon

You take worthy master did but a short time after a short illness immediately after his arrival as you must have been attached to such a Master as he was to you & as you & your Father have been very long attached to our family & many many Years in our Service I have no doubt but you will prove a faithful Servant in the discharge of the Trust now Committed to your care jointly with Mr Barnes the former I know little of but you & your Family I have long known. - I send our Ampat to look after the Estate as I understand that it was his Employment under my much lamented Brother I understand from every Gentleman that the Estate is in the highest order & likely to be very productive I understand that 30000 Pepper Plants are capable of bearing & that they will produce at least a good 1st Year on an average two Catty each plant. I understand the Nutmegs are in high Cultivation & growth but that the Cloves do not thrive so well I also

also understand that there are about 100 Acres of Cane Sugar Cane remarkably luxuriant & that a good Crop of Sugar is expected from them this Year perhaps the best way with the Sugar will be to contract with a China Man to take the Canes & make the Sugar agreable to Master furnishing you so much Sugar for each Acre along of Ground which you are to take from him at a fixed price per Picul &c. This cannot be done I believe you must look it I understand Utensills for the purpose have been procured from China I see by some China Letters that Messrs Barings at China had procured the Utensils.

My Brothers Furniture had better be disposed of as such his private effects but as there is no hurry I request time may be taken & that they may be disposed of to the best advantage & therefore you had better give six a months notice before they are sold. — I desire that all his favourable Letters & Papers as well as the Letters from the House about Business may be immediately sealed up & sent home by the first safe Conveyance that is by a Ship of War I understand he has left a Will at Penang I wish to have a Copy of this sent to me by the first opportunity either by way of Bengal or any other way the original to be sent to me by a Careful Person & by a Ship of War Desire that his Child may also be sent to me by the first good opportunity which occurs but for this in the mean time I have no doubt but very care will be taken of the Child From Something that my Brother said just before he was so extremely ill I imagine he has directions to Sally & Mr Mason to open his will if this is the case which you must know you will frequent them to do so since in that he will be over by the first Ship & by that time I shall write to you more particularly on every Subject & expect to hear fully from you & Mr Barnes We are daily looking for the Ramee Capt Court I now desire that none of my Brothers books be sold but that they may all be sent here by the first good Conveyance I request you will send me by any Ship of ours which comes or by any other Ship

O. E. Gun Fols.
D. of Victor

Madras 20th March 1801

G. Forbes Abbott Esq.

Dear Sir I do inclosed is a letter of introduction of yours to Mr Mason He was a great friend of our late William Roebuck & very well acquainted with his Concerns there. He has the Character of an honorable & friendly man & may be very useful to you, particularly upon your first Arrival on the Island.

We remain &c
(S.) Roebuck Abbott & Co

* as a specimen of the Wood of the diff: Trees on the Island which is durable timber fit for House Building & Ship Building send me a log of Wood each of a good size & from Twenty to thirty feet long I understand my Brother had made a Model of a Ship he intended you should build had begun preparations let me know what is done in this Business in what forwardness it is & what are your Expectations Concerning it. &c &c (S.) Roebuck

P.S. I shall write more fully on all subjects.

Madras 27th March 1801

Mons.r Banjoy

Cher Monsieur

La Presente est à vous pour vous dire que notre Vaisseau le Fame nous Friends est arrivé ici pendant assez fort & que nous sommes acceptés à prendre la Cargaison & à executer les commissions pour Sa Majesté le Roi de Cochin Chine à Cause de nos charges. Nous esperons bien de nos vaisseaux de ses bons Gouverneurs amitié chez vous vers le commencement du mois de Juin & que vous aurez préparé pour nous pour le moins dix huit mille Pikuls de Noix d'Arèque, d'une Cargaison de Sucre autre quelque Marchandises & Cardamomes.

Nous avons expedié à son Excellence le Marquis de Wellesley (le Grand Comte de Mornington) les Lettres que vous avez eu la bonté de nous ecrire. Nous avons prié en même tems de nous accorder permission de tirer des Magasins du Gouvernement une quantité de Salpêtre & de l'exporter pour le service de Sa

mais ce qui n'est pas autres, nous nous efforcerons à les pourvoir
et pensons subvenir à tous les besoins du Roi. Cependant nous
aurions beaucoup mieux reussi si vous aviez obtenu pour
nous, comme nous l'attendions, une commission ou quelque
lettre de credence de sa Majesté le Roi.

Nous avions l'honneur de vous prevenir que nous avons chargé
Monsieur Barisy de se rendre à Malacca, et de prendre charge
du Vaisseau que vous y avez envoyé avec nos lettres, et de pourvoir
suivre le projet de la traite de Borneo que vous nous avez indiqué;
comme il y avoit une telle surabondance de Poivre en Chine
l'année passée que le Prix en etoit singulierement bas, nous avons
instruit de revenir directement ici, alors nous vous le renverons
avec un assortiment d'objets dont vous avez besoin.

Nous restons avec la plus grande
consideration &c
A. & Co

Captain James Purefoy.

Madras 20th. March 1801

Sir

From the honorable testimony which Barisy has given us of your
character we are encouraged to charge you with a commission of some importance to us & accord-
ingly request you will proceed on board our Ship the Generous Friends to Penang, & there
take 50 Bolts of Canvas, of our Agents for which we inclose you an order & four Anchors of 8
& 9 Cwt, & such cordage or other Stores as you shall judge will be necessary for the Vessel
which his Majesty The King of Cochin China has given to us through the means of
our Agent Mons. Barisy & which we believe is now waiting at Malacca, & in the
charge of Monsieur Cesar to which place you will proceed on board the Generous
Friends. Being arrived there you will take charge of the said Vessel as Navigating
Captain of her, for which purpose we inclose our orders to Monsieur Cesar. But
you must understand that when in Port at Borneo it will be absolutely necessary
for you to stay quietly on Board & not to interfere in any manner with the
trade of the Vessel.

As you are acquainted with the adventure that Mons. Barisy

proceeded for this Vessel, it is needless for us to say any thing on the subject. all we
have to desire is that you will navigate the Vessel to such Port or Ports in the Island
of Borneo as Mr. Cesar shall point out to you, & that after he shall have sold all his
goods & shipped a returning Cargo you will make the best of your way to this Port
touching however at Penang & leaving in the charge of our Agents to be forwarded
upon the Indiamen to China all the Birds Nests & Beche de Mar, that you
may have. all the Pepper & Camphor that you may have you will be pleased to
bring on to us here.

We request you to obtain by the means of Mr. Cesar the best information you
can respecting the Trade of the Ports you may touch at & to make a Memorandum
of the same.

We inclose a letter for Mr. Barisy which we beg you will contrive some
means of forwarding to him.

If you should have occasion for any assistance at Malacca, we beg you will
address yourself to Mr. Rock & not to Mr. Young. We must recommend to you
to be particularly cautious not to speak or divulge any thing respecting our present
Voyage, nor of our Concerns at Cochin China.

We recommend our Interests to your care, & we assure you that a faithful &
zealous attention to them on your part will secure, as it will merit our future friendship

Madras 28th. March 1801.

Mr. Thomas Bames. Off Canton
Dup. Secretary
Fort

Sir We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 2d. Inst. just come to hand together with 2 Bills, one on Chase & Co. for D. 440
and one on the Honble D. Cochrane for £. 600. Capt. Potter of the Generous Friends
being gone on board and on the point of sailing we cannot write you much more
particularly at present. We must however notice to you what we before omitted,
namely the necessity of taking special care of the Deeds of the Estate at Penang,

and all original Papers Accounts &c.a We request they may be secured in the Cash Chest and all Mr. William Roebucks Papers sealed up until some one duly authorized shall take charge of them.

We inclose a Bill of Lading of 341 Chests of Arms shipped on the Generous Friends to your address they contain as follows.

341 Chests each	20	Musquets	6820 Musquets
25 do.	20	Carbines	500 Carbines
5 do.	50	Pairs of Pistols	250 Pairs of Pistols

We request you will take good care of these Arms until further orders respecting them & that you will deposit them in a dry Godown & where they may be free from White Ants.

We beg to remind you of the request We frequently made to Mr. Wm. Roebuck to send us over by every good opportunity a number of Penang Planks.

We remain &c.a

Signed/ Roebuck. Abbott & Co.

Madras 31st March 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Cowen

Gentlemen

Having fully discussed with your Mr Roebuck the subject of your Bill upon us we do not wish to bring it forward again this But we must remark upon the inconvenience you expose us to by pressing so earnestly for remittances from hence, Notwithstanding your Bill for Rupees 5000 had not yet appeared, & we hope Mr Roebuck may arrive in time to stop it — We are acquainted with our Sentiments & wish upon this subject, we accordingly refer you to him upon it to make up for those we have been disappointed of from you. The Chintzes & Muslins must now remain on hand till next year. We are on this subject, we beg leave to submit to you whether it will not be worth your while to keep a Small fast Sailing Vessel purposely for the Bale freight from Ingeram to Madras at the Consideration of penning their Commissions as due time might be an encouragement to give orders for Goods to be manufactured. You must observe that the derangements of once plans is not the only inconvenience resulting from those disappointments. they likewise raise the price of the Goods very considerably by the loss of Interest upon the advances. We have the pleasure to acquaint you that we have at last settled the Average Loss upon your Brig the Thames. We had same difficulty in getting the Committee to consent to pay the Impress advanced. We pass the amount to your Credit in the Sum of S.Rs. 421. 2. 30. being Mad.s 366. 12 at 15 p Cent the Exchange of the day. This Sum is of course passed to your Madras Account. We have been so much taken up with the despatch of our Ships the Generous Friends that we have not been able to examine your Accounts, which however we shall do without further delay.

We remain with regard &c.a

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 31st March 1801.

London

Messrs. Thomas Coutts & Co.

Gentlemen

By desire of Vice Admiral Blackett we have the honor to send you inclosed on his account the first of a set of Navy Bills N.o 33 dated the 30th Instt. in favor of Messrs. Hunter & Hay for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling £200-/ payable at ninety days sight, indorsed by them & by us to you. We request you will be pleased to receive payment of the same at Maturity & pass the amount to the credit of Vice Admiral John Blackett. We have the honor to be &c.as

Signed/ Roebuck. Abbott & Co.

Bombay

Philip Dundas Esq.o

Madras 31. March 1801.

Sir

The inclosed letter containing a Remittance for account of Admiral Blackett we shall esteem it as a particular favor if you will forward it by the Indiaman under dispatch from your place.

We have the honor to be &c.a

Signed/ Roebuck. Abbott & Co.

Madras 31st. March 1801

Rear Admiral John Blankett.

Sir

We had the honor of receiving your letter of the 13th. Decmbr, & agreeably to your instructions we have procured from Mr. Bramcher a Navy Bill dated the 30th Instt. for £200.– payable at 90 days sight, the first of which we forward by this days post to Bombay under cover to Messrs. Thomas Coutts & Co. for your account. This Bill will of course be in time for the Indiamen under despatch from Bombay, & the other Bills of the Set we shall forward as opportunities offer.

We debit you for this Set of Bills Pags. 450.29.50. being at the favorable exchange of 8/10½ p Pagoda.

The Discount upon Company's Paper has risen very high & very rapidly of late, in somuch that we think it will be better to keep your Bond until it shall become due, when the Company must either pay it off, or give a fresh Bond for the amount at the most favor. able rate of Interest which they allow.

We have the honor to be &c.

[Signed] Roebuck Abbott & Co

Alexr Adamson Esqr

Madras 31st March 1801.

Dear Sir

We beg leave to indose a letter to our friend R. Lee Esqr. London which we request the favor of you to put in the first overland Packet.

We remain &c.

[Signed] R. A & Co

Captn William Parsonage

Madras 2 April 1801

Dear Sir

In the hope of seeing you here & settling between ourselves only the Claim we have upon you predefined postponing to your letter of the 14th December but as we understand you are bound to England from Bengal we are under the necessity of forwarding to Messrs Joseph Barnden & Co the documents relative to our Claim upon you for 3000 Spanish Dr the amount of short Delivery of Bards Nests shipped upon your Ship & consigned to you by our late Wm Roebuck for our Account. It appears by your own letter

the 21 last. to Mr. Wm Roebuck that the deficiency, whether real or not was caused by your own Neglect, for in it you declare as follows, "I am sorry to inform you "that the Birds Nests have turned out very short in weight which I cannot by any "Means account for without some mistake took place in weighing it at Pulo Penang "as it never could have lost so much by drying up. Had it weighed before it was "put into the Boats when Conveying it to Canton & weighed it again after it was "landed there, both times it come out exactly the same in weight when I sold it "to the Hong Merchant, I found it had lost in weight 37 lbs by having in the Rains "it has dryed up so much & yet there was some of it that they Complained of as "it was very damp, however very allowance made for drying up it never could have made "that difference you will perceive by the accompanying account of it.– "I also send you Copy of my agreement with the Hong Merchant by "which you will see there is a loss of 3000 Dollars which agreement "Mr Pg Paruy saw before I closed the business, and approved of "it in my Statement.– I confess I committed a great error in not "weighing it first before I made the agreement but the weight from "the Ship being the same as the whole quantity weighed pro- "miscuously together with the weight it turned out at Canton "weighed the same way, it never struck me there could be any "deficiency, at least not so considerable a one, I had my Second Officer "and five Lascars to keep a watch, & look strictly after it coming up the "Boat from the Ship that no theft might be made, I therefore "neglected to turn the weight into Piculs & Catties as I ought to have "done" — From this Statement of your own it is evident the deficiency did not arise from any mistake in the weights at Penang, because you confess you had it weighed before it was put into the Boats when Conveying it to Canton, and weighed it again after it was landed there, both times it came out exactly the same in weight. Had the weight been short of that you received at Penang you would have remarked it then. —

The deficiency cannot have arisen from the Birds Nests drying up, for you seemd to think that a loss of 37 lbs by drought a great deal. Indeed you acknowledge that the deficiency could not arise from this cause, we need not therefore insist more upon this part of your letter. — From your own

own Statement it is very evident that the Birds' Nests were
plundered after they came under your charge, and as you are
doubly responsable to us for this head, both; first as Master
of the Ship receiving Freight for the Goods Shipped upon
you, and Secondly as Agent or Consignee drawing a Commission
on the Goods Consigned to you, we must look to you for
our indemnification, and have accordingly authorized Messrs.
Joseph Baretto & Co. to call upon you for the same.—

We have likewise to call upon you for an account of the
Sales of the Camphor and Shark Fins which you mention in
your letter to our late Wm. Raebuck but which are not noticed in
your agreement with Inenquah, the Sum of 37000 Dollars bond
for the Birds Nests only. We request you will account with
Messrs. Joseph Baretto & Co. for the Neat Proceeds of the same.—

We are sorry to conclude by observing that the Sale
of this Consignment has not been made with judgment, or
with due attention to our interest and Convenience. You
arrived in China early in September at which time from the
accounts we had from thence, Birds Nests were much higher
than when you sold yours. Instead of taking advantage
of the Market at the time, you delayed the Sale of our
Goods until the 12th November, which necessarily put off
the payment of them to so late a period that the Ships
sailed without our remittance on that account; and if
any accident should happen to the Dove the last Ship
for Bengal from China, we shall not only be deprived
of this money for near twelve months more, but being
invested in Bills of Exchange we shall likewise lose
the Interest upon it.—

We remain &c.

Calcutta.
16th Nov. Joseph Baretto & Co.

/Signd/ R. A. & Co.

Madras 2d April 1807.

Gentlemen

Consistently with our request of the 17th Nov.
that we might be permitted to address our future Commissions
to you, we now take the liberty of handing you Several
Documents relative to a claim of 3000 Dollars that we
have upon Capt. William Parramore of the Ship Mary
for deficiency of Goods received by him upon Freight to China and Consigned
to him by our late Wm. Raebuck for our account. We inclose our letter to
Capt. Parramore upon for your perusal, as it will, we trust, sufficiently
explain the nature & ground of our claim upon him; & we send in Extract
of a letter from Messrs. Baring Money & Co. upon the subject for your satisfaction
& guidance, lest Capt. Parramore should wish to construe Mr.
Baring's approbation of the deduction of 3000 dollars being made from
the account against that Hong Merchant for the deficiency that actually
appeared, into a justification of him or an acquittal to him from
all blame and responsibility on account of the said deficiency.— We
beg leave at the same time to send you a Power of attorney, and shall
esteem it as a great favor if you will act upon it in the manner
you shall deem most Conducive to our interest. We shall be
sorry to be under the necessity of adopting compulsory measures
against Capt. Parramore, but we cannot with common justice to
ourselves put up with a loss of 3000 dollars which has so evidently
been caused by his culpable neglect.— We request the favor of you
at the same time to call upon him for an account of the other
articles mentioned in the Invoice of which we send you a Copy
you will see by the Bill of Lading that Capt. Parramore signed
to actual Weight received.— If Capt. Parramore does not pay
this demand, or give Satisfactory Security for the adjustment of
it, we must request you will take legal steps to compel him.—

We have many Apologies to make to you for
asking you to undertake so unpleasant a task, but we hope
that our peculiar Situation and the approaching
departure of Capt. Parramore will plead our Excuse.—

We have the honor to be with great
esteem &c &c

P.S. Having perused the
Letter to Capt. Parramore /Signd/ R. A. & Co.
we request you will send it to him.—

Madras 3d April 1801

To the Proprietors of the Carnatic Bank

Gentlemen

We beg leave to apply on the part of Capt. P. Ross, to become a Member of the Laudable Society in the Stuard Case, and herewith you will receive the Certificate required by the Regulations We beg leave to be informed when we may send the first payment & obtain the Certificate for Capt Ross.

We are &c
(Sd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Tranquebar
Thomas Stephens Esq.

Fort St George 3d April 1801

My dear Sir In reclion your receipt for the Papers delivered to me belonging to the Estate of Mr Webster as yet we have done nothing respecting the Insurance I have wanted for the filing of the decree & Suit yesterday told that the Original Plan which you had adopted ought to be laid aside I am have no doubt had the best advice which alone could have occasioned this determination There wavering Counsels however seldom succeed either in private or Public Life. I have not been able to find Bill back it wd also appear he has been paid his amount Current also by Mr Wall the Registers Fees for filing the Papers.

I find in the List of Bonds a Respondentia Bond of Ariel Seth &c for Pags 2000 — Do the Remarks by your Brother that it is insured the Bond is for Mr Webster alone Pray where is the Policy - and where am I to look for it — Your late Servants seem very negligent there must be more Papers belonging to Mr Websters Estate but I cannot find them perhaps they may be among your late Brothers Papers as he has charge of every thing - I have got the Letter to which you alluded - I enclose you Copy of Mr Stuarts Bill for Cranburg Course and I request to know who is to pay it I understand you have assigned the Policies to the original owners of them Lushington & Hennessey I take for granted the Renewal of the Policy must pay upon the Bill & this subject I request to hear from you

as Soon as convenient and please to return the inclosed if it is not of any use to you. —

I am &c
(Signd) P Roebuck

Please to favor me with an answer as early as possible. —

Madras 4th April 1801

Messrs Harrop & Stevenson

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto. inclosing a set of your Bills dated the 23 ulto upon Messrs Dunbyat & Co Copenhagen per £800 — at Nine Months Sight on account of your Mr Stevenson's debt to Mr John Turing at London which we shall forward to Mr Turing of the first Opportunity

We remain
Gentlemen
Your most Obdt
Humble Servants
(Sd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 4th April 1801

Mr Jno Lorimer

Sir

In Reply to your letter of this date we have to inform you that the three Cases for Capt Stokes are now under our charge which we received from Tranquebar he is himself gone on the Expedition from Bengal — We are sorry for your situation Remain &c —

Sir
Your most Obdt Servants
(Sd) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Fort St George 4 April 1801

Major Robt Turing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Earl of Mornington due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council &c

We have the honor to be &c
(Sd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 4th April 1801.

George Lyd Esq
late Secry to the Old Madras Ins.ce Comp.y

Sir I request you will state to the Committee of the Old Madras Insurance Company that claim as Executor to Wm Geo. Webster Estate 1/3 of a Bond of 2000 Star Pagodas Respondentia 1/3 of Do of 2000 Star Pagodas Freight also Capt Beaumonts share for 1/3 Freight as per his Bond and assignment. —

I am &c
(signed) B. Raebuck
for & Webster —

Madras 4th April 1801.

Mess.rs Chase & Co
Secretaries &c

Sirs I request you will state to the Committee of the New Madras Insurance Company that as Executor to Wm Geo. Webster and from Assignments from Capt. Beaument I claim Pagodas 353 3/12 Principal of the Bond of the Ship Walpole. —

I am &c
(signed) B. Raebuck for
& Webster. —

Madras 4th April 1801.

Saml Ravenshaw Esq.r
Capt.n George Loughton
Bombay

Dear Sir As the Season for Vessels touching at your Port is now nearly past we are desirous of having some news respecting our Coffee. We shall be obliged to you if you will inform us what quantity you have collected for us, and when we may expect it. — We remain &c

(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 7th April 1801.

Alexander Adamson Esq
Bombay

Dear Sir We are favored with your letter of the 25th ult.o and return you many thanks for the letter from Capt.n Hutchinson which conveyed to us the agreeable intelligence of the safe arrival of our Ship the Despatch at Muscat. —

With regard to Mr. D'Chenras 1/3 Share of the Cargo of Madeira Wine & Cocoa which he desires us to keep at your disposal, we have to acquaint you that this Consignment being made jointly to Messrs. Wyatt & Scott of Madras, or at both places as Circumstances should render it advisable, we in Consequence of advices from Messrs. Wyatt & Scott of Calcutta, promised Mr better prices

than we could expect here forwarded the whole of the Wine to them. — We beg leave therefore to refer you to them respecting Mr D'Chenras 1/3 Share, in the mean time we shall forward to them Copies of your and his letters. —

We return you many thanks for your information respecting Benjamin, and shall be obliged to you when next you write to us to mention which is the best Season for Sales of this article at your Place. —

You will have seen a ridiculous account of the loss of our Ship the Belvedere on the Coast of Pedir towards the latter end of December. She sailed all well from Penang the 16 Janry

We remain with Esteem &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 8 April 1801

Thomas Stephens Esq.r

Dear Sir Since writing to you on the 3d Instant I have looked into the Letter Book of the Estate of Wm Geo. Webster and there found an Draft from your House to Mr J. Webster under date the 17th Augt 1796 by which it would appear that no Inventory has been drawn out, I must therefore request you will inform me where I can get the materials to have one made out without delay. — As it would be necessary that I should be in possession of all the Vouchers of the Payments you made on account of the Estate with the Accounts Current subsequent to the one closed in 1794 I must request you will forward them to me with as little delay as possible — In the List of Papers made out by your late Brother, I find the Respondentia Bond for Pag.s 2000 effected by Scott insured the policy I cannot find, pray be so good to inform me where this can be found that I may do away further to the Estate, on this subject I have already wrote to you. — I am &c
(signed) B. Raebuck

Madras 10th April 1801.

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen The two Boats are arrived with the Timber. — Not yet all landed, of the Timbers landed some do not measure more than 9 & 10 feet, a few, & but a few 12 feet long, many of them only 9 Inches square, some 10 by 8. They cannot be worked up to advantage. Upon the whole this trial is not encouraging to us, and I fear the arrival of the timber so late, we fear we shall not do more than get the Interest of our Money & Charges, if that.

We request therefore you will suspend all purchases of this article on our account. — J.

We have examined the two accounts Current you furnished us under date the 4th March and shall pass them as you direct, except that what you call our Ingram Account we have entered in our Books as your Madras account, being for Monies received and disbursed for you at Madras. This being done our accounts will stand as follows Viz.t

Balance due to Maddock & Davidson on their
Madras account ..... SO.Rs 1664:-:44.-
Do — Do Ingram account ..... MO.Rs 2824:15:31.—
And there will be to the credit of Roebuck Maddock & Davidson
on their Ingram account Cand.y Pinang & Moringa ..... MO.Rs 7204:43:60

To their debt Sundries sold as p their account dated
6 Lancy ..... MO.Rs 1123:35:34.
Ingram & Co.s Bill on Masulipatam ..... 3000-:-:—
Your Bill favor of Balmain ..... 5200-:-:—
Sales of Copper, Dammer & Sundries on hand / Say ..... 983:-:—
To their debt on their Madras Account Sundry Small Sums paid by order of Mr. E. Roebuck. Thus furnished with Funds of yours already, & we hope of the balances due to us in your Country, all which we shall gladly appropriate to the manufacture of Piece Goods under your management. the accordingly request you will make up for us as fast as you can Seven Kall Blue, White & Brown Salempores of full measure. 200 Corgs of Blue, 100 of Brown and 50 of White. But we must take the liberty of calling your attention to the necessity of procuring Cloths in due time for these Goods, or of apprizing us whether you can get Cloths for cartons or not, to that we may make our arrangements accordingly & not be exposed to the same inconvenience that we have already suffered by being disappointed of our Goods. — We request you will advise us particularly when we may expect these Goods, & in what proportions. If you cannot get as the full quantity of Blue, we beg you will increase the Brown & White Cloths, and in the

this proportion before mentioned. — Make you must likewise send us down by every opportunity as many Gunnies as you can, and we particularly request of you to pay attention to our R. Maitland's Commission for Leather Accoutrements, and to get them made up as fast as you can and to double the extent he has already ordered them. — We are with Esteem Sirs
(signed) Roebuck Abbot & Co.

Madras. 10th april 1801.

Major Rob.t Turing.
Secry to Government
in the Military Department

Sir We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Lady Clive due this day agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. —
We have the honor to be &c.
(signed) R.A & Co.
owners of the Lady Clive.

Madras 10th April 1801.

Re Establishment &c.
Lieut.t Dr

Sir We request to know at what premium you will insure Lieut.t Dr Cameron to Madras on Wages on the Moringa against all Risks. —
We are &c
(signed) R.A & Co.

Madras 10 April 1801

Major Robt Turing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain permission from the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be furnished with the undermentioned Articles from the Honorable Company's Stores for the defence of the Chartered Ship the Griffon we paying for the same

40 Rounds of Shot 9 Pdr
10 Do. of Grape Do. Do.
100 Rounds of Ammunition for Small Arms
12 Boarding Pikes
12 Tomahawks
6 Barrells of Gun Powder

We are Sir
Your obedient Hble Servants
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Lt. Col.t J. Munro

Madras 10.th April 1801

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date & shall furnish you with our account with Capt.n Henderson as speedily as possible

We are &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

R. A. Maitland Esq.r

Secy.

Madras 10.th April 1801

Sir

We request you will fill up a Policy for P.s 5500. on Goods & all charges including Premium of Insurance &c. on the Brig Ganga in terms of our application & your reply of this day 10 p.r Cent against all risks

We are &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

George Madegon Esq.r

Madras 11.th April 1801

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 11.th Ult.o but we cannot say any thing decided on the Subject until we Know whether our Ship the Belisarius goes on to Amboyna, or Concludes her adventure on the West Coast of Sumatra, and this will be known by the first dispatch from that quarter.

We cannot recommend to you to Send any Europe goods here, the place being so full of them that the officers of the Indiamen last arrived were Some of them glad to Sell their Investments at 12 per Cent advance on the Prime Cost.

We Shall have the pleasure of writing to you as Soon as we can resolve anything respecting our Trade to the Molaccas.

We are Sir

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 11.th April 1801

Alex.r Adamson Esq.r

Dear Sir

Our R. A. Maitland being in want of Some Bunting on account of his Contract with Government for Military Stores, we Shall esteem it as a particular favor if you can procure for us upon reasonable terms & Send by the first Vessel Coming round here twenty five Pieces of Blue twenty five of White & twenty five of Red Bunting passing the Same to our debit. We trust you'll forgive us for troubling you upon Such a trifling occasion & remain with Sincere esteem &c.

Madras 13.th April 1801

Major Rob.t Tuning

Secretary to Government

in the Military Department

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be supplied from the Military Stores the undermentioned Articles for the defence of our Ship the Griffin

90 Grape Shot for 9 Pounder
360 Round do for 9 do.
1100 Rounds Musket Charges
1260 Pistol Charges
4 Dozn Musket Flints
4 do Pistol do
2 Cwt of Matches
10 Gun Sponges for 9 Pounder
5 Worms & Ladles for do
10 Powder Horns & Pouches
10 Cartridge Boxes do
12 Cartouch do & Belts for Small arms.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Owners of the Ship Griffin

Madras 14.th April 1801

Messrs Lambert Ross & Co.

Gentlemen

Upon referring to our Books in consequence of a Note from your Mr. Ross to Mr. W.m Abbott respecting a Seemingly improper charge in our accounts, we find that the misconception arises from the charge of £ 150 remitted to London on account of the Appeal in the Cause of the Hannah not being brought to your debit in our Books under the 31.st July 1800 owing to its having been made together with other remittances in one aggregate Sum to Mr. Charles Stuart & from our Bookkeeper in making out the account last furnished you having Stated it under the date at which it was actually made Viz.t 10.th August 1799 & not under that at which it Stands in our Books the 31.st July 1800. However, upon reference to your former account dated 11.th November 1799 you must have Seen that there was no charge in it relative to the Solicitors Bills in London & if you have found that the Sums we have debited you with in the present account correspond with the amount of the Solicitors Bill of Costs which we have Sent you, you must have been Satisfied of our right to draw upon you as we have done, & under this perswasion we presume it was that you accepted our Bills.

Wm & Wm Abbott, we take the Liberty of forwarding the present Letter to you open through them.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 15th April 1801

Lieut Col C. Corner

Sir, Spcial Agent.

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Ships Earl of Mornington and Lady Anne, belonging to us & in the Service of Government are returned from Amboyna and beg leave to request that you will be pleased to acquaint us if Government intend to Continue to employ them in case that the necessary Steps may be taken to prepare them immediately for sea. We have the honor to be &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 15th April 1801

Mayor Robt. Lenny

Secry to Government

Sir in the Military Department

The Collector of Government Customs requires a Certificate previous to his passing the Fire Arms & Ammunition received from the Arsenal for the Ship Griffin. We request therefore you will be pleased to Certify the same on the accompanying List.

We have the honor to be Sir

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 15th April 1801

Mr Robert Syme

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 31st Ultimo & are truly Concerned to Confirm the melancholy news of your Brothers death on board our Ship the Generous Seacunny, who immediately drew a Knife & Stabed him we cannot at present say whether Mr Symes left any effects behind him, & we fear we may have difficulty in ascertaining it, or of recovering them if there were any, for we Suppose that Capt Henderson took charge of them, & Capt Henderson dying at Saigon in Cochin China, a woman that he had with him took possession, as we have been informed, of all his effects. I was left in China. We shall however make every enquiry we can & acquaint you with the result of them. We believe the Ship owes him nothing. We are &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 15th April 1801

George Abbott Esq.

Dear Sir

You have herewith duplicates of ~~your~~ our respects of the 25th & 28th Ultimo We have since received with very Sincere Satisfaction your friendly letter of the 20th Ultimo & we beg you to believe that we rest entirely persuaded that our Concerns in your hands will be ably & carefully managed We are sorry it is not in our power to give you the information which you so naturally ask for & expect from us. The truth is that the whole of our possessions at Penang having been brought managed & brought in to their present State of Improvement by our late Mr Roebuck we had not more than a General knowledge of them, & during the Short & melancholy period from his arrival there to his death we could not acquire more from him. But from the nature of them we have no doubt but you will be entire master of the business before this reaches you, & we shall look to you for information on the Subject.

Amiapah, who could not get ready to goby the Generous Friends as we advised you he would, informs us that the Pepper Vines will be in Blossom the beginning of June, & that the gathering may take place towards the end of September, & that large Plants will yield each at least two Cattis of Pepper & that there are of this description now 30000— of the Produce of the young Plants he cannot speak so certainly, you'll no doubt have ascertained these points yourself, but we mention them to you that you may judge whether Amiapah has been Correct in his information to us.

Besides the information we have particularly requested of you, we shall thank you to Communicate such other information as your own experience and observation shall suggest to you as useful or necessary to us. We should likewise be pleased to have particular information on the subject of the Trade of the Island and we shall thank you to send us an account of the Articles, Indian & European, that find ready sale there, the quantity of each annually, and their Sale prices, & whether in Barter for Specie. If after due enquiry & observation you can give us encouragement to do so, we shall be willing to make you Considerable Consignments annually.

The present will be delivered to you by Capt. Stewart of the Ship Active. If he should have any money at Penang to remit to Madras or Bengal, & you should want it, we

we beg Youll give the preference, drawing Your Bills upon us, but payable in Calcutta if he Should require it, & not at a Shorter Sight than two Months So that we may have time to make the necessary remittances. And Generally whatever money you may require, we request youll obtain by a your Bills upon us, & upon the Same terms & You may rely upon their meeting due honor

We Shall hope by the first arrival from Penang to hear of your being well established there In the mian time & always We remain With regard

Dear Sir

Your faithfull Servt

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th April 1801

W. H. Nason Esqr. O.f Action

Dear Sir

The above is duplicate of our respects of the 28th Ultimo to which we have nothing to add, the Rainier not being yet arrived. We hope no accident has befallen her

We remain with esteem

Dear Sir

Your most obed. Servants

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

R. A. Maitland Esqr.

Madras 16th April 1801

Secy to

Sir

We by leave to Notify to you that the Brig Courier insured by us at your Office from Coringa to Madras, having had the Misfortune to Carry away her Main top Mast in a Gale of Wind has been obliged to bear away to Vizagapatam to refit. We give you this Notice, that in the Vizagapatam may not be Construed into a deviation & thereby vitiate our Policy

We are Sir

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th April 1801

Messrs Thomas Barnes & Richard Snaddon

O.f Action

Gentn

The above are Copies of our Letters of the 25th & 27th Ultimo which we recommend to your particular attention. The admiral Rainier is not yet arrived, & we fear some accident may have happened to her

We are

Gentn

Your obedient Servants

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th April 1801

Captain John Stewart

Commanding the Ship Active

Ennore.

Dear Sir

We take the Liberty of troubling You with Letters as per Subjoined list which we request the favor of you to take particular Care of & deliver upon your arrival at Penang.

We are &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 16th April 1801

Pascoal da Silva Esqr

George Abbott Esqr

Mr Thomas Barnes & Mr Richard Snaddon

Mr Richard Snaddon

George Abbott Esqr

W. H. Nason Esqr

Madras 17th april 1801

Captn John Stewart

Dear Sir

We have been favored with Letter, and are Sorry we cannot comply with your Request for we cannot admit that you have any Claim on us for the defect you Say you have discovered in the Topmast of the Active. You Survey'd her before you purchased her, and however trifling the object may be, were we to admit of your present Claim, it might open a Door to others as little Founded.

We remain &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 18th April 1801

P. Col. James Innes

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 7th Instant including Mr J. W. Thwes Bill dated the 2d inst upon the Paymaster General for One Thousand Star Pagodas Pr 1000/ which shall be passed to your Credit at Maturity

We remain with regard &c

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co

18th April 1801.

Capt Rose

Dear Sir

I must request the favor of you to pay the amount of your note to me on account of your debt to Lieut Acton you will see by the inclosed that he still wants us to be an advance for him and it is therefore necessary you should be punctual in discharge of this note with which I accommodated you —

Capt.n W.m Colvil

Madras 18th April 1806

Dear Sir

Having observed by an advertisement in the Gazette that the Ship Denmark late the Helen Bombay built is for Sale at Tranquebar on the 23 Instant We have to request that you will proceed to that place with all possible Dispatch, Having arrived there you will take proper Means for examining her thoroughly, and having ascertained her actual State, you will proceed as follows viz

Should you find her in a State capable by recieving some Necessary temporary repairs here or even at Coringa with Safety to proceed to China & back with the favorable Monsoons, and that her outfit in Stores is not, in your opinion likely to Cost above Pags 2000/ We authorize you to bid for her as far as Pags 1800 in our Account but less in proportion to the quantity of Stores she may require In your Opinion over & above the Sum of Pags 2000

Though she should not be fit in your opinion, to proceed the Voyage above by recieving immediately, either here or at Coringa partial repairs, but you consider her, capable of being made a Good Ship by recieving thorough repairs to the Amount of from Rs 25000 to Rs 30000, In that Case we authorize you to bid as far as Pags 6 or 7000 for her for our Account - But should you after examination be of opinion that she is not worthy of repair you must at no Account bid for her.

If you find her worthy of being purchased either for present or future service as above suggested you may use your own discretion, as far as one Thousand Pagodas in either Case, over and above our limits and should you observing to get her as Cheap as possible purchase her for us you may draw upon us for the amount at 15 days sight if you Cannot contrive to prevail on the Seller to take your Bills at a longer sight you may draw upon us for any other Sums you may require

If you think her worth bidding for you must not appear Concerned for her, and take care to ascertain first the Coin it which she is to be sold, for if she is sold in Porto Novo Pagodas they are worth from 18 to 20 p.r Cent less the Star Pagodas

If should you purchase her you must get with as little delay as possible Sufficient Manners of hand to bring her to this place (which you will do either best Manner you are able, and in order that you may have every assistance you have herewith a Letter for General Ankar the Governor of Tranquebar, who

am persuaded for Experience will afford you every assistance in his power, but you need not deliver the Letter if you do not require his assistance - Write us on your Arrival, and inform us if there are other Ships besides the Helen for Sale & with purchasing with your opinion respecting them & should the other purchases to be made do not leave Tranquebar till you receive our answer

We remain &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott &c

Madras 18th April 1806

His Excellency Major Genl Ankar

Governor &c

Tranquebar

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of introducing the bearer Capt.n Colvil to your Protection, and should he require any assistance at Tranquebar, we are persuaded you will with your usual kindness afford him what may be necessary which we shall ever acknowledge being with the highest Esteem Respect

We remain &c.

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott &c

Fort St George 20th April 1806

Tranquebar

Thomas Stephens Esq.r

My Dear Sir

I have ascertained that the Policy I have been writing to you about was insured in the office of the old Madrass Insurance Company on Mr Websters name for 2000 Pagodas Rs 8226. The loss of a paper of this consequence if it is the case will appear very extraordinary able negligent to Mr Webster at home and I am cleared of it, do let me entreat you to loose no time in having it found, it must & I should suppose be kept in some safe place for this is a sum to serious to loose by such negligence - I request the favor of you to send the keys by Tappall that I may get this accounts & Inventorys which must be either among your papers or your Brothers - I hope to have an Answer by Return of Tappall -

I am Sir your very humble

(Signed) B Roebuck

Madras 20th April 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

The present is to hand you an Extract of a Letter received this day from Messrs Hall & Co Bbo^rs advising us of your having drawn upon them a Bill for Sa Rs 500 - which they suppose is on our account & have accepted. We imagine this Bill cannot be upon our account because it is dated the 27th Ultimo & on the 29th you drew upon us for Rs Pags 5000 & because in your reply to our Letter revoking the Credit we had given you on Messrs Hall & Co Bbo^rs you never made mention of such Bill to us. We request therefore that, if you shall not previously have done it, you will have the goodness upon the receipt of this to advise Messrs Hall & Co Bbo^rs on whose account the Bill is drawn.

We remain &c

(Signed) Roebuck Bbo^rs &Co

Geo Buchan Esq^r

Sir

Madras 22d April 1801

We request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for a Letter of Marque for our Ship the Griffin of 450 Tons particulars of which we herewith subjoin.

R R Makepeace Commander
Benj^n Ferguson 1st Officer
Benj^n Swan 2d do
Brethen 450 Tons

We beg leave to off the Honble Company's Cruizes & Pondicherry as Securities for the same.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Roebuck Woodcock & Co

Owners of Ship Griffin

Madras 22d April 1801

Chas Dasbier Esq

Dear Sir,

I have receive your letter of the 17 Inst^o and having in Consequence applied to your friend for the Bills of Sales of your Vessel, & the Danish Captains Declaration, He has kindly furnished me with attested Copies of them, which I have now the pleasure of enclosing. Your friends think you had better sell your Small Vessel, as in all probability you would then have a better chance of selling her than at this present Moment of Demand for Tonnage.

Notwithstanding you were not authorized to draw upon me, I have paid your Bill on me for Pa 1000 in favor of Mr Loyal, & pass the amount to your Debt. Wishing you success I remain &c

(Signed) R R & Co

Madras 22d April 1801

Mr Benjamin Swaine

On board the Griffin

Sir

You are called upon by the Brother of Mr Syme lately Chief Officer on board the Ship Generous Friends, & who was killed in his Passage to Sayzon, respecting his effects, & understanding that the same were sold on board we request the favor of you to inform us what you know regarding them in order that we may take the necessary steps for securing the amount for the benefit of those whom it may concern.

We are &c

(Signed) R R & Co

Madras 23d April 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We duly received your favor of the 6th Instant giving us the supplicant account of the Brig Courier having put into Pizagotalam by which we must again be deprived of our Goods for a considerable time, & although you assured us that your

Davidson would write to us from thence, we have not had a line from him, & that remain in ignorance when the Vessel was likely to sail again, & consequently when may look for our Goods.

We are sorry to acquaint you that the Timber is arrived so late, & is of such indifferent quality that we are not offered Prime Cost for it.

We have duly noted your Commissions for Indigo & Iron & we are to ship tommorow upon Dorsey & Thee Venkatasawaloo bound to your Port about 6000 ℔ of the former & 30 Candies the latter assorted as you have desired. We have not been able to procure the particular quantity of Indigo which you desired, but we are informed, by a Native that has been attended to the dyeing of Blue Cloth at Cuddalore that the Indigo we are sending you the same as is used for the purpose, & that the Copper Colour is given by some seeds that mise with the Indigo. We are aware that the quantity far exceeds your order, but you may be disappointed of your Supplies from Bengal it will be as well for you have the present by you. We have ordered your Bullock Bandies to be made, & by first opportunity after they are finished we shall send them to you.

We beg leave to refer you to our respects of the 10 Inst. & request the favor of a similar answer thereto.

We cannot help expressing some disappointment at not hearing from you on the ject of the balances due to us in the Country. They amount to a sum of some nitude. If you think that your prosecuting this claim for us will at all fere or clash with your Interest at Ingram, we beg you will acquaint & we shall take farther steps here to recover it.

We remain &c

(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co

Madras 27th April 1801

Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

We have the honor to enclose our Bill for one Months Freight of the Ship Albion due Yesterdays agreeably to the terms of our Charter Party, for the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co
Owners of the Albion

Madras 27th April 1801

Chas. Stokes Esq. Secy. to Govt. &c &c &c

Dear Sir

We had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 15th February but not until the 13th March, consequently the provisional commissions therein directed could not be executed. We have this day received your two favors of the 2d Instant one of them advising us of a Bill you have drawn upon us in favor of Capt. William Moffatt for three Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy Rupees 3870. 8. 10 at three days sight we shall shew due honor to this Bill, but we must remark that it is drawn at an extraordinary and unusually short Sight your other letter directs an Insurance to be made on your account upon 9000 Sa. Rs. upon the Susannah Capt. Dryes dale from Bombay to Mocha or Judda to which we shall pay due attention, & if we get the answers from the Insurance offices this day we shall advise you the same by this same opportunity, namely our Ship the Griffin Capt. A. R. Makepiace in the Service of Government. We enclose a letter received from the Isle of France & accompanying a Bill of Exchange upon us on your account for 360 Sp. Dr. although we had no advice from you respecting any authority you had given the Drawer to value upon us, we accepted & paid the Bill in honor of you. Mr. De Mougerons letter will of Course acquaint you the Particulars We have received the Three Cases of Medecinal Wine for the purchase of which the Bill appears to be drawn & we shall send them by our Three Ships the Griffin, Earl of Mornington & Lady Clive all destined we suppose by Government for the Red Sea, We shall send one Chest on each Ship. We have applied for permission to Ship some Coffee & a few Pipes of Madeira which will probably be wanted for the army. If you can assist the Commanders of our Ships in the disposal of these articles you will oblige us by &c.

We beg leave also to recommend our Interest in the Red Sea to your protection, & as we are desirous of continuing our Ships in the Service of Government as long as possible, if you may perhaps have it in your power to promote it by giving them the preference if an opportunity should offer of doing so.

We send you a letter received some time since from Mr. Doughty Writer to the Late Mr. Forguhar at the Cape of Good Hope as we heard by the same Ship of the death of Mr. Forguhar & had no Letters ourselves from Mr. Doughty our anxiety respecting our concerns which we are sorry to say have been greatly mismanaged, imboldened us to open Mr. Doughty letter to you, We trust that a consideration of these circumstances will lead you to forgive the liberty we took in breaking open the Seal of your letter.

We remain &c.

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 27th April 1801

Fredk. Mount Esqr.

Sir

We have Your favor of the 10th Inst. & we duly received the one therein referred to. Had we received any Letters for you we should agreeably to your desire have forwarded them to the Care of Messrs. Campbell & Radcliffe not having received any we did not think it necessary to Trouble you by writing to you to that effect.

When any Letters to You come addressed to our care, we shall duly forward them.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 27th April 1801

Messrs. Sys. Salter & D'Monte

Secretarys to the old Madras Insce. Company

Gentlemen

We beg to hand you a Copy of a Letter received from Mr. C. Stokes directing Insurance to be effected on 9000 Rupees on Stores shipped on the Sesarah Captain Drysdale at & from Bombay to Mocha & Jeddah & beg to know for what Premium you will do the same. The War Risk Considering the armament that is gone the same route, must be very trifling, if any, as the Vessel is small & well Navigated We trust the Premium upon the Sea Risk will likewise be very Moderate.

We are Gentlemen

Yrs. &c.

Madras 27th April 1801

Captain A R Makepeace

Commanding the Ship Griffin

Sir

Having chartered our Ship the Griffin under your Command to Government and having furnished you with a Copy of the Charter Party, we have only to recommend you due attention to the same, to the orders you may receive from Government, and from all such as may be authorized by Government to give you any; to the good order and Safety of the Ship, and to the Strictest oeconomy in the Consumption of her stores. you will see by the Charter Party that the Ship is to be discharged at this Port and you will attend particularly to this clause.—

We request you to write to us by every opportunity, and with good wishes for your Health & Prosperity.—

We remain Sir Your most obt. Hble Servts.

P.S. I dee inclose a letter of Introduction to Mr. Stokes the Company's special agent at Mocha.—

(Signd) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 27th April 1801.

R. A. Maitland Esq.

Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

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We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 27th April 1801.

Capt. A R Makepeace

Dear Sir

I am Lane herewith Invoice and Bill of Lading of 6 Pipes of Brandy Pipe & 312 Bags Rice, 50 Candies of Coffee, which you have with the Assortment of Stores shipped on board the Griffen, Consigned to Bombay

and

acquaint the Law to request that you will dispose of these Articles to the best advantage giving the preferance to this Army to which you are now carrying Supplies. We could wish the prices to be inserted in Sum Arabic of the Quality of the Muster we have delivered to you and in Spanish Mexico Dollars. The first of these Articles we have purchased at Mocha at 19 German Crowns p Bale of 320 ℔ and the latter at 63 Mocha Dollars p Bhar of 290 ℔. These prices each terms in some measure at your guide; Should you only be able to obtain payment in Bills & Rose not readily convertable by Barter into the above Articles. You will be pleased to forward them to us by safe Conveyances of September.

We are &c
J R & Co

Fort St. George April 22d. 1801

To Coll. Munro

Sir

We have been making out Capt. Henderson's account & should have had the pleasure of sending it before but that we find some difficulty in it for want of his Vouchers. as soon as we can finish it we shall have the pleasure of sending it to you.

We have honor to be &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 28th April 1801

Mr. R. Syme

Sir

Referring you to our respects of the 15th Inst. we have now the pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter from Mr. Benjamin Swain formerly Second Officer on board the Generous Friends on the Subject of the late Mr. Symes Effects. We have to add that Lt. Col. Innes Mercer of the Scotch Brigade has administred to the Estate of the late Capt. Henderson.

We are &c
(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 28th April 1801

Mr. D. Meder

Sir

We take the Liberty of inclosing a Bill of Exchange dated the 27th Ultimo. at one years date for Arc 24 16 f drawn by Mons. Gateau upon Mons. L'Estache of your place favor of Mr. Cazeneuve which we request the favor of you to get accepted & returned to us. Should Mr. L'Estache refuse to accept the Bill we request you will have the Goodness &

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

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get it duly Protested & returned to us accompanied by an account of the Expences of Protest &c.

We beg you to forgive us the Trouble we occasion you & remain with esteem &c

(Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 28th April 1801

Messrs. Lys Satur & D Monte

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

We request you will fill up a Policy on the Ship Susanah Captain Drysdale at & from Acheen for Account of Captain Charles Stokes on Stores as p the accompanying Bill of Lading valued at Nine Thousand Rupees in the terms of our application and your reply of this Date at the Premium of 6 p Cent against all risks the Exchange at 320 S. Rs. 7 p % Pay.

We are &c

We request the Bills of Lading may be returned to us. (Signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 22 April 1801

Wm. Stephens Esq.

My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant inclosing the Policy of Insurance № 226 on the Wallajah and an Agreement of the Insurance Office relative thereto. I must intreat you will make every search for the Inventory & Account Current, & furnish me with them as soon as possible.

The Underwriters on the Black refuse to pay not knowing your Brothers share of the Joint Policy as they say, tho well acquainted with it and your assignment is of no avail, because you have neither Letters of Administration or Probate for your Brothers Estate. I am sorry on your account for this latter as well as on Mr. Websters, some Steps should be immediately taken on the Subject, which no doubt you will have advice of.

I request to know if you have any Agreement with Mr. Chases House that their Office should stand by the issue of the suit on the Wallajah if you have pray send it.

I am
My Dear Sir
yours truly
Signed B Roebuck

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We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbot & Co.
Madras 28th April 1801

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Sir

We take the Liberty of inclosing a Bill of Exchange dated the 31st Ultimo at one years date for Rs 24 46 f. drawn by Mons. Gateau upon Mons. L'Estache of your place favor of Mr. Cazeneuve which we request the favor of you to get accepted & returned to us. Should Mr. L'Estache refuse to accept the Bill we request you will have the Goodness &c

get it duly Protested & returned to us accompanied by an account of the Expences of Protest &c.

We beg you to forgive us the Trouble we occasion you & remain with esteem &c

Signed Roebuck Abbot & Co.

Madras 28th April 1801

Messrs Lys Satur & D'monte
Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen

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We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbot & Co.

We request the Bills of Lading may be returned to us.

Madras 28 April 1801

Wm. Stephens Esq
My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Instant inclosing the Policy of Insurance № 826 on the Wallajah and am Agreeable to the Inventory & Account Current, & furnish me with them as soon as possible.

The Underwriters on the Black refuse to pay not knowing your Brothers share of the Joint Policy as they say, tho well acquainted with it and your assignment of no avail, because you have neither Letters of Administration or Probate for your Brothers Estate. I am sorry on your account for the latter as well as on Mr. Websters, some Steps should be immediately taken on the Subject, which no doubt you will have advice of.

I request to know if you have any Agreement with Mr. Innes House that their Office should stand by the issue of the suit on the Wallajah if you have pray send it.

I am
My Dear Sir
Yours Truly
Signed B. Roebuck

Fort St. George 29th April 1801

William Harington Esq.
Senr. Church Warden

Sir

We duly received your letter of the 9th Instant & deferred replying to it in the hope of being able to comply with the wish of the Church Wardens as therein expressed, but we are sorry to say that we have not succeeded in the arrangements we were making for the purpose & that consequently it is still inconvenient for us to discharge the Principal of our Bond. However as we pay the highest Current Interest upon it & as we have lodged Collateral Security to a much greater amount than the Bond. We trust that you cannot object to our request that the money be allowed to remain in our hands & that the Bond be renewed. The House & Godowns which are mortgaged as Security for the Principal & Interest of this Bond are let for a permanent rent of 720 Pagodas p.r Quarter, & if it is any Satisfaction to you you are at Liberty to receive these Rents as they fall due, an account of the Principal & Interest of the Bond &c.

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 29th April 1801

Ld Cal.n Memo

Sir

It appears that Capt. Henderson sold sundry articles belonging to the Ship under his Command & we are informed that Memoranda of the Articles are among the Papers that have been sent to you, we shall esteem it as a favor if you will look among those Papers & send to us such as you find concern us, when we shall be able to close his Account with our House

We are &c
(signed) Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Madras 30th April 1801

Messrs. Lys Sater & D'Monte

Gentlemen

We beg to know what Premium you require to insure the Block of the Ship Griffin Capt.n Makepeace for Six Months against the Sea Risk only, with liberty to renew for six Months more Pro rata. &c

We are &c
Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co.

Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. understand that Capt. Count will not attend to the weighing of the Goods landing from the Rainier, As they find that Capt. Count has sign'd Bills of Lading for weight, should he continue to persist in not

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not attending, the Articles will be prepared & weighed by Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co.'s people, and Captain Count will be called upon for any Deficiency that may arise — 30th April 1801. —

Madras 1st May 1801

Messrs. Lys Sater & D'Monte

Gentlemen

We beg leave to offer 5 p.C. to insure the Block of the Ship Griffin Captain Makepeace for Six Months against the Sea Risk only with Liberty to renew for Six Months more Pro rata

We are &c
(Signed) Abbott & Braitland

Madras 30 April 1801

John Abbott Esq
Secretary to the Madras Exchange Company

Sir

Having assigned over all my Interest in the Madras Exchange Comp.y to Messrs. Abbott & Maitland I request you will take the necessary Steps for a regular transfer of my Share. I must also beg leave to decline acting any longer as one of the Committee. I request that my Situation may be filled up &c

(Sd) B. Roebuck

Madras 1st May 1801

Captain William Colvil

Dear Sir

Intelligence is received this day by an Overland Packet that we are upon the Eve of a War with the Denmark & Sweden & Russia & that an Embargo is laid on all the Ships of these Nations in all English Ports Consequently all the Danish Ships must be immediately brought to Sale. If you think the Suspicious a good Ship & properly found we authorize you to offer as far as 12000 Star Pagodas for her, which if they accept the Sale must be immediately concluded & you must bring away the Ship to Negore & put her under English Colours, we Mean you Must put her under English Colours before you leave Trangubar & carry your Bill of Sale along with you. You must endeavour to settle the payment by three equal instalments

instalments at 2, 4 & 6 Months bearing Interest at 10 ℘ Cent: if you cannot do it upon these terms, say, 1, 2 & 3 Months the Bill of Sale must be made out in the Name of the New firm to which place to pay attention. Settle the payments to the longest period you can, but do not lose the Ship on this account if they will take P. 12000 for her. —

We are
Dear Sir &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 2d May 1801

Alexr Adamson Esqr.

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of inclosing a letter for the Overland Packet to the address of Mrs Barnes which we recommend to your care.

We beg leave to call your attention to our Circular of the 29th Ultimo & Recommending ourselves to your future friendship. We remain with esteem &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland
Madras 2d May 1801. —

Tranquebar.
Capt. Willm Colvel

Dear Sir We have received your favor of the 28th ultimo & have taken due notice of your account of the Ship Tranquebar; late the Auspicious, & notwithstanding the bare & bad state in which you represent her to be we have Consignee ought in your judgment & prudence, not to revoke our instructions of yesterday, but to leave it to your discretion to offer for her such Price as you shall think she is worth, keeping in view the expence we shall be at in repairing her Rigging, or rather in giving her new Rigging & Sails. With however the following Provisions to which we call your particular attention.

First that her Leaking is not occasioned by her having been aground, and that her Leaks wherever they may be are such as may be easily stopped without going into Dock. —

Secondly that the Present Owners will guarantee her sailing in safety from Tranquebar; that is that the Government shall not lay an Embargo on her, and this must be a stipulation in the Bill of Sale. —

Thirdly that you can bring her away in such time as to allow of her sailing from this Port again by the 10th June. —

If you purchase her &c we you will of Course immediately advise us. You will hoist English Colours and bring the Original Bill of Sale with you on board lest you should be visited by our Ships of War, and you must send an attested Copy of the Bill of Sale to us by Tappall. —

This being accomplished and the Sellers standing the Risk of her until she shall be safe out of the reach of Tranquebar there will be no necessity for your stopping at Nagore, but you may Come on direct to this Port. —

We entirely approve of all that you have done, & feel Confident that you will execute your Commission with judgment & ability. — We are &c (Signed) Abbott & Maitland

P.S. An Embargo is laid upon all the Danish Ships in this Port. Troops are sent on board of each of them, and there is little doubt but the next dispatch from England will advise of hostilities having taken place. The Trade of Tranquebar must be stopped, & Consequently Ships must be cheap. —

Mr. C. Lys Salter & Simonds
Secretaries to the Madras Insurance Company

Madras 4 May 1801

Gentlemen

We have your letter of this date accepting of our Offer of 5 ℘ Cent to insure the Blocks of the Griffen Lady Clive & Earl of Mornington against Pirates only for Six Months certain to the Ports & Places within the Company's Limits of Trade with liberty to renew for 6 Months at a Pro rata Rate Accordingly request you will fill up Policies on the three as follows. —

On the Griffin from the 28 ult to the Block valued by agreement at 19000 Star Pagodas.

On the Lady Clive Earl of Mornington from this date, each valued by agreement at 15000 Star Pagodas.

We are &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Thomas Stephens Esq^r

Madras 5 May 1801

Sir

Messrs Wm & Rt Abell have applied to us for the Invoice of the two Boxes of Lustres belonging to Mr Parker. We were not able to obtain them from your Dubash & will accordingly thank you to send it to us

We are &c &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

George Buchan Esq^r
Secretary to Governments

Madras 5 May 1801

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for a Letter of Marque for our Ship the Lady of the two particulars of which are herewith Subjoined

Wm Ramsay	Commander
Rob^t Allan	1^st Officer
Hanspagan Paterson	2 Do
Burthen	450 Tons

We beg leave to offer the Honble D Cochrane & Wm Vondaraja as Securities for the same

We have the honor to be
&^r &^c &^c

Signed Abbott & Maitland

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson
Gentlemen

Madras 5^th May 1801

We have the pleasure to inclose an Invoice & Bill of Lading of 61 Bags of Indigo & 30 Candies 22 lb of Lac assorted agreeable to your orders, shipped upon the Doney Bengalow for Tindal Pinrady Krishnamah to your address, & amounting to Sa^r Pag^s 114 f 23.40 which we pass to the debt of your Madras account. We are expecting your promised letter on the Subject of our Balance in the Nellapillee Mootahs — We remain with esteem

Signed Roebuck Abbott & Co^s
Fort St George 7 May 1801

Major Rob^t Ewing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be supplied from the Military Stores, the Articles described in the annexed List for the defence of our Ships the Earl of Mornington, Lady Clive and Rainier —

We have the honor to be &^r

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

List of Articles required from the Military Stores

50	Grape Shot for 4 Pounder	Rainier
200	Round Shot ..... Do	
250	Cartridges for Musquets charges	
1000	Rounds of Musquets charges	
500	Pistols ..... Do	
50	Musket Flints	
50	Pistol Do	
6	Powder Horns & Pouches	
10	Rammer with Sponges for 4 Pdr	
2	Ladles & Worms Do	
50	Matches —	
6	Cartridge Boxes	
6	Cartouch do with Belts for small arms	
5	Barrels of Gun powder of Cwt 100 ea	Mornington
5	Do Do Do	Lady Clive —
4	Do Do — Do	

Madras 8 May 1801

Major Rob^t Ewing
Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir

As the Collector of Government Customs will not pass the Arms and ammunition required for the defence of our Ships the Earl of Mornington Lady Clive & Rainier with an order from Government, We request the favor of you to send us the same on the accompanying letter

We have the honor to be &^c
(&^c) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 8 May 1801

Walter Balfour Esq^r
Coll^r of Gov^t Customs

Sir

We request you will grant a Permit to Ship on the Ships Earl of Mornington, Rainier and Lady Clive Surgery Arms and Ammunitions &^c for the Service of the Ships for the defence of

Yours &^c
(&^c) Abbott & Maitland

Capt.n William Colvel
Dear Sir

Madras 8.th May 1801

We have received your favors of the 4.th & 5.th Inst.t the former only Landed this day. as you have no prospect of making a purchase here at Tranquebar we should suppose that you would be on your way back to this place, but as you do not mention your intention of returning & particularly as you did not avail yourself of one of the Good opportunities that offered of Coming up, we fear you may be waiting further instructions from us which we thought were unnecessary. We request however that you will now Come up as Soon as possible. We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland
Fort St. George 8.th May 1801

George Taswell Esq.r
Master Attendant
Sir

We beg leave to represent to you that two Bills have been presented to us from your Office. One for an anchor charged at Pag.s 83/4 ₰ Cwt and the other for Stocking the Same at 13/4 ₰ Cwt. but as these prices are far above what they used to be, the anchors being formerly charged at only 7 P.s ₰ Cwt and the Stocking at one Pagoda. We request you will be pleased to take the Subject into your Consideration and recommend to the Board of Trade to authorize Such reduction in the Prices as you shall deem just and reasonable. We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Messrs. Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson Madras 8.th May 1801

Gentlemen We are sorry to inform you that the Blue Cloth you have sent us ₰ Bomaya is of so bad a quality & so inferior to the Muster you left with us last September that we shall be under the necessity of calling a Survey upon it, & selling it for your account. —

We beg leave in Consequence of this to revoke our orders for Blue Cloth and to request you will in lieu of it increase the White & Brown Salempores. We shall write you farther on this subject in the meantime

We remain with Esteem &c
Signed Abbott & Maitland.
Fort St. George 9.th May 1801

Major Grant
Town Major
Sir

We request you will order to pass the Fort Gates Sundry Arms and Ammunition for the defence of your Ships Earl of Mornington Lady Clive & Hamer as described in the accompanying Letter to the Collector of Cust.s with the permission of Fort & Place Wants
Wade &c

Madras 9.th May 1801

Messrs. Lys Satur & D.l Monte
Agents to the old E.I. Company
Gentlemen

We request to know at what rate of Premium your office will Insure on the Generous Friends from this to China, with permission to touch & trade at Prang Malacca & Port in Ports not farther east than 127 Degrees East Longitude and not further South than 3 Degrees north Latitude. As she sailed on the 29.th March last under Convoy of the Centurion bound to Amboyna, and will in all probability keep under her Convoy through the Straights and as far East as their respective Roads may render it convenient, she will incur little or no war risk We trust therefore that you will be moderate in your demands. —

We are
Gentlemen your most Obed.t Ser.ts
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 9 May 1801

Messrs. Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson
Gentlemen I am extremely sorry for the trouble I have given you respecting the Leather Accoutrements I wished to get made up to the Price you were in the belief that they would be Cheaper than those I made up here. I request you will immediately stop all orders for them as the Prime Cost of your Accoutrements are about 200 ₰ Cent higher than my Contract Price with Government. you will forgive me but I must suppose you are egregiously imposed upon however you will judge of this yourselves upon comparing your Prices with my Contract Prices upon which I make a handsome Profit here. If you should have any made up it cannot be helped I must stand the loss annexed is a List of my Contract Prices of these articles

Gentlemen
Y.rs &c.
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Bayonet Belts ₰	11 Pags	10	22	40
Pouch Do. ₰			36	—
Bayonet Scabbard ₰		5	21	60
Musket Slings ₰			22	40
Contract Prices	11	28	15	60 ₰ 100 Setts

Prime Cost of 100 Setts of the same Articles to the Northward Rd 250

Alexd Adamson Esq.

Madras 9 May 1801

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 18 Ultimo & have now the pleasure to inclose the Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Cargo of the Ship Belsarius as desired by the Committee of your Insurance Society having laid these documents before our offices here, & the General average Loss being admitted by them we did not before think it Necessary to trouble you with them. Your Committee do not seem to have paid attention to the Statement you have laid before them Which did two distinct Claims upon them viz. for their Proportion of a General average for the Repairs of damage done for the Block & for the expences of the Ship from the time that she was obliged to bear away for Penang & the other for their proportion of a Particular average for damage done to the Cargo

We remain with esteem &c.

(Sd) Abbott & Maitland

Edward Greenway Esq.

Collector of the Customs

Madras 9 May 1801

Sir

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters under date the 20th October, 13th February, 12 April and 3d inst. with their several Inclosures and have to apologize to you for having so long delayed replying to your several letters. It has been occasioned by the Circumstance of not settling the Body of Velangadavackum Moplah Accounts with the Inhabitants, and which we are sorry to say are still unsettled, we must therefore request you will be pleased to order a Dalayet Row to attend upon them for a week.—

In Compliance with the request Contained in your last letter we beg leave to transmit the amount to Pags 1349 — together with the amount of our 2d list due the 30th Ult.o being Pags 229 Conformably to your letter of the 3d Inst.o less the Sum of Pags 39. 14 being the Amount of the expence incurred in repairing the Large Tank, which we have taken the liberty of deducting —

We are much obliged by your proposing to order the Stones for defining the Boundaries to be laid, and shall with much pleasure defray the expence attending it —

We beg Leave to inclose the Muchilka with our Signatures affixed to it.—

We have the Honor to be Sir Your

Memorandum
a Triplicate Bill and 2d April 1801
A.o 2432 for Pags 1600

Madras 9th May 1801.

Capt.n W. Ramsay

Commanding the Ship Lady Clive.

Sir

Having chartered our Ship the Lady Clive under your Command to Government and having furnished you with a Copy of the Charter Party, we have only to recommend your due attention to the same, to the orders you may receive from Government, and from all such as may be authorized by Government to give you any, to the good order and safety of the Ship, and to the strictest economy in the Consumption of her Stores. You will see by the Charter Party that the Ship is to be discharged at this Port and you will attend particularly to this Clause.

We request you to write to us by every opportunity and with good wishes for your Health & Prosperity. We remain Sir &c.a

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

We inclose a Letter of Introduction to Mr. Stokes the Companys Special agent at Mocha to whom we request you will deliver the Case of Wine we have Shipped on the Lady Clive.

Madras 9th May 1801.

Capt.n W. Ramsay

Dear Sir

You have herewith Invoice & Bill of Lading of 6 Pipes of Madeira Wine, 100 Bags of Pepper and sundry other Articles which we have with the Approbation of Government Shipped on board the Lady Clive, Consigned to you for our Account. We have to request that you will dispose of these Articles to the best Advantage giving the preference to the Army, to which you are now Carrying Supplies we could wish the proceeds to be invested in Gum Arabic of the quality of the Muster we have delivered to you and in good Mocha Coffee. The first of these Articles we have purchased at Mocha at 19 German Crowns & Sale of 320 Bags the latter at 63 Mocha Dollars P Bhar of 490 lb. These lines will serve as some measure as your guide. Should you only be able to obtain payment for Bills and those not ready convertable by Barter into the above Articles you will be pleased

to forward them to us by safe and expeditious opportunities.

We are &c.
Signed Abbott & Maitland

Madras 11th May 1801.

Capt.n A. R. Makepiace

Dear Sir

On your Coming into Madras roads We request you will hoist a Chequerd Blue & White Flag with red border at the Fore top Gallant Mast head of the Griffin which you will Consider to be her Signal by which we may know her

We are &c.
Signed Abbott & Maitland

Charles Mokes Esq.

Madras 11 May 1801

Dear Sir,

The foregoing is Duplicate of our Last respects by the Griffin.

We now beg leave to refer you to our Circular for the Change in the firm of our House, and to inform you that we have effected the Insurance ordered by you on the Susanah from Bombay to Mocha & Jidda on Sp. Rs. 3000 or Pags 2812.24 making Pags 169.10.40 is passed to your Debit.

Your Billonets in favor of Capt. Moffatt has not yet made its appearance.

This will be delivered to you by Capt.n Ramsay of our Ships Lady Clive, and we take the liberty of recommending to your friendship both the Capt.n and the Ship. We have by permission Shipped on the Lady Clive a few Necessaries & Comforts for the Army such as a few Pipes of Madura Wine, some Tea & Sugar a few Bags of Pepper and a Bale Containing Linnen Cloths &c. any assistance on your Part to Mr Ramsay in Disposing of these Articles will much oblige us.

The Harrington is now Loading in all Probability and in the Course of ten days.

We remain with Esteem &c.
Signed Abbott & Maitland

Captain Ramsay Takes Charge a Case of your Medicinal Wine the remaining one will be sent by Harrington.

Ditto per Lady Clive. Madras 12th May 1801.

Capt.n Thos. Ross
Commanding the Ship Hope.

D. J. Morrieston
Trip. & Tappal. Duplicate &c.

Sir

Referring you to a circular letter from our late Firm under date the 29th Ult.o We have to acquaint you of the death of your Owner Mr. Alexander Farquhar, & to hand you an Extract of a letter from John Cooke Green Esqr. his Executor under date the 8th Nov.r 1800 instructing us to dispose of the Ship now under your command. We likewise enclose a Copy of Mr. Farquhars Will constituting Mr. Green one of his Executors. We accordingly request you will report yourself to us by every opportunity, & particularly by when you are about to be discharged by the Company which we presume must be at Calcutta, & we shall duly furnish you with our Instructions.

We remain &c.
Signed Abbott & Maitland

Madras 12th May 1801

Captain James Smith
Commanding the Ship Rainier

Sir

Having received on Board your Cargo and Dollars as p. Invoice consigned to you, amounting to Rs. 18548.38.15. we request that you will proceed on Board, Sail immediately (wind and weather permitting) and make the best of your way to Tuticoreen and there take in a Cargo of the best heavy Pepper, which with the assistance of the Dollars and some particular goods you have on Board, we know from experience you will be able to obtain at 32 Rs. pr. Candy, and perhaps for less at all events we are persuaded that you will turn your Cargo to the most advantage. Having obtained a full Cargo of Pepper, and Gold Dust, if possible, for any surplus funds you may have, we request you will proceed to Calcutta and deliver the same to Messrs. Hastie & Abbott for our account.

As it is our Intention that your should return to Tuticoreen for another Cargo, it may be necessary now to appoint you, in order that you may make your arrangements with the Rajah for a Cargo of good Pepper payable in Spanish and such Bengal Piece Goods, as you from Experience know are calculated for that Market, which, on your requisition Messrs. Hastie & Abbott will be ordered to furnish you, you will also receive from them the necessary instructions for your future operations and whether it will be most eligible to return with your Pepper purchased with the Bengal Goods to Bengal or proceed to this

this place — As Camphire is an article much in demand in this Place, we could wish you to make some arrangement for 3, 4, or 5 Piculs. of the best that can be procured at Soosoo or Sinkel, and take it up on your return from Bengal

We are particularly anxious that you should use every exertion to render your present Voyage to Soosoo and from that to Bengal as expeditious as possible, as on it will much depend, whether or not you can deliver a Second Cargo in Calcutta by the middle of August and without that can be effected it will not, in all probability, be for our Interest that you should make the second trip to Calcutta, for our present object is to supply the Ships that are expected out for Rice, which we conceive will be glad to fill up with such an article as Pepper, but we know at the same time that they are engaged to leave India on their return by the 8th Septr next —

We remain &c
(Sd) Abbott & Maitland

Having already talked over the subject of making the Rainier a Brig again, you know what will be necessary for that purpose, we request you will set about it the moment you arrive in Calcutta, and finish it with all possible expedition and Oconomy —

Madras 13th May 1801 —

Messrs Sir Peter & D'Monte
Agents &c

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Note informing us that your office require 1076 to Insure the Generous Friends as applied for by us. Considering that she will in all probability continue under Convoy through the Straights and therefore will not be liable to any War risk & that she is going to Trade at Port or Ports where Capt Peter is well acquainted, having been three or four Voyages to them, and always well treated, We cannot help thinking the Premium asked a very exorbitant one, You could not ask more on a Ship going to China without any Convoy, we are persuaded that the Rest the Generous Friends is going is not more dangerous than usual China Voyage Consequently an allowance of 4 ₰ Cent ought to be made for Convoy yet we are willing to give 3 ₰ Cent to Cover the Generous Friends as applied for.

If however your office will agree to Insure the Rainier for 3 ₰ Cent ₰ this for 3 Mos with permission to renew for 1 or 2 Mos longer prorata we will give the premium asked by you on the Generous Friend

We need not inform you that the Rainier is perhaps the finest Vessel in India, as well in point of Sailing as in every other quality; she is the Vessel that was built for a Packet of Batavia, and was preparing for her first Voyage when she was Captured by our Ships 276 ₰ pos. therefore is a ample Premium on a Vessel of her description, but Perceiving that the Monthly Prem= which were raised when a Number of Privateers were out, are not reduced, though we do not know of a single Privateer being out at present, and having remarked that Offices do not in general make a proper discrimination between Vessel & Vessel, unless particularly pointed out, We have thought it necessary to Stipulate for the Prem= on the Rainier ‖ though we think the Prem= we offer on her very ample) giving your Bonds as a Condition for our the Funds at the Premium your office has asked, which we really look upon as very high. —

We are Gentlemen &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

P.S. The Rainier sailed this Morning for the West Coast of Sumatra

Madras 15th May 1801

R. J. Maitland Esqr
Secretary to the Exchange Insurance Company

Sir

We beg to know if your Office will renew the Risk upon the Albion Capt Thos Lace against Seawater only for 3 Months from the expiration of her former Insurance with the 1st March at a Premium Pcent.

The Albion parted company with the Earl of Momington & Lady Clive on the 12 February in their passage from Bombay, & it is thought by Capt Wedgborough & Capt Hunt the Commanders of the two last mentioned Ships that Capt Wallace returned to Bombay to wait the opening of the Red Sea.

Your Obt Servants
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 15 May 1801

Messrs Joseph Barretto & Co
Gentlemen

We duly received your favor of the 1st Inst but as all the Bills which gave rise to the Subject of it have been accepted, excepting the two in favor of Mr Rebeiro for which you hold the Marine Funds, we shall say nothing upon it more than to express to you our sincere thanks for the part you were willing to act in this disagreeable business of circumstances

circumstances had rendered it necessary.

We have observed with respect & return the delicacy, liberality & benevolence of your motives for wishing to decline our Commissions, & we have in Consequence made some enquiries to Messrs. W. & R. Abbott, but if their reply should not prove satisfactory to us, we must then avail ourselves of your offer to accept our Commissions in such case. However it may turn out we beg you to believe we shall always retain a due sense of your generous proceeding upon the occasion.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 20th & 29th ult. & as Capt. Penamore is coming down here we shall not trouble you more on his subject but only request the favor of you to return us in course his original Bill of Lading which we sent you with the other documents relative to our Claim upon him.

We have the honor to be
with true return &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 16th May 1801

Mrs Lanoy Lloyd

Madam

Agreeably to your desire we have the pleasure to inclose our Sole Bill of Exchange upon Mrs. P. Hermanson for 150 P.N. Pags. payable at 5 days Sight on account of one half years Interest due upon our Bond dated 23d October 1800 for 3000 P.N. Pags. for which we request you will have the goodness to send us your receipt.

We beg you to forgive us for not having recollected when the Interest became due &

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 16th May 1801

P. Hermanson Esq

Sir

Being solicited by a Constituent for a small bill upon Tranquebar we have taken the liberty of drawing upon you a Bill of Exchange at 5 days Sight in favor of Mrs. Lanoy Lloyd for One hundred and fifty Cato Nova Pagodas which we request the favor of you to honor & we shall gladly honor any draft you may draw upon us in return for the Balance that may be due to you.

We beg leave to refer you to the inclosed Circular Letter from our late Firm &

We remain &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 19th May 1801

A Adamson Esq

Dear Sir

We take the liberty of troubling you with the enclosed Letters for Sir John Call & Messrs. Wm. & Edw. Lee which we will thank you to forward by the first overland Dispatch.

We likewise enclose a Bill of Exchange dated Penang 26th March 1801 drawn by Captain John Elliot upon Capt. Lane of the Commerce for 600 Star Pagodas in favor of our late William Rockwick & endorsed by his Brother W. Bayahnein Rockwick the Executor to his Estate in favor of our House. We request you will receive it accordingly & pass the amount to our Credit.

We remain with esteem
Yr &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Calcutta

Charles Ross Esq

May 27th 1801

My dear Sir

The inclosed came under my Cover from Mr. Ross who I am happy to find is well. I hope you like your Situation at College & that it answers your expectations. The Govt. left orders that such sums should be advanced by his Attorney as were approved of by Mr. Graham in Consequence of this Instruction I think you had better in future have your drafts countersigned by him in a few lines saying that he approves of them. — I am My dear Sir Your truly R. Rockwick

Madras 22 May 1801

Wm. Harington Esq

Senior Church warden

We request you will have the goodness to acquaint the Vestry that we shall take the earliest opportunity of discharging our Bond to them, but that it does not suit us to sell Consolidated Bonds at 12 p 6 Discount.

We are
Sir &c &c

Fort St George 22 May 1801

George Buchan Esq
Acting Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the direction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for a Letter of Marque for our Ship the Earl of Mornington, particulars of which we herewith subjoin.

Edward Hunt Commander
Thomas Atwood 1st Officer
Thos Seymour 2d Do
Burthen 450 Tons

We beg leave to offer the Honble B Cochrane & Madapatam Vandarajah as Securities for the same

We have the Honor to be
Sirs &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 26 May 1801

Messrs Lys Sater & De Monte
Agents to the Ch Madras
Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

We request to know at what premium you will Insure on the Malabar & Bridgewater at & from Madras to London with liberty to touch at the intermediate Ports against all Risks — We beg leave to send a New London price Current of the 12th Dec last by which we observe that Rice Ships are Insured in England at 15 Guineas out & home to which we beg your attention

We are
Gentlemen &c &c &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Fort St George 25th May 1801

Edward Greenway Esq
Collector of the Jaghire

Sir

We beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11 Inst together with the Treasury Bill returned herewith for P 1600

We have now the pleasure of transmitting by Cottahs in Rupees the Amount of P 1578 in Conformity to your Letter which we would long ere this have forwarded were it not for the difficulty in procuring Rupees the delay we hope will not have put you to any inconvenience —

We have the Honor to be
Sir &c

Fort St George 26 1801

Major Robt Fearing
Secretary to Government
in the Mily Department

Sir

We have the honor to enclose our Bill for one Months freight of the Ship Albion due this day agreeably to the terms of your Charter Party, for the Payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

We have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 25 May 1801

Capt. E Hunt
Commanding the Ship
Earl of Mornington

Sir

Having Chartered our Ship the Earl of Mornington and having furnished you with a Copy of the Charter Party, we have only to recommend to you due attention to the same, to the orders you may receive from Government, and from all such as may be authorized by Government to give you any, to the good order and safety of the Ship, and to the strictest economy in the Consumption of her Stores; you will see by the Charter Party that the Ship is to be discharged at this port and you will attend particularly to this Clause

We request you to write to us by every opportunity and with good Wishes for your health & Prosperity

We remain &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

We inclose a Letter of Introduction to Mr Hoskins the Company's Agent at Mocha to whom we request you will deliver the Case of Wine we have Shipped on the Earl of Mornington

Madras 25 May 1801

Capt Edward Hunt

Sir

You have herewith Invoice & Bill of Lading of 6 Pipes of Madeira Wine, 100 Bags of Pepper seven Bales of White Nankeen on your Ship & Sea Stores and which we have with the Approbation of Government shipped on board the Earl of Mornington consigned to your own Account, We have to request that you will dispose of these Articles to the best advantage giving the preference to the Army, to which you are now Convoying Supplies, we could wish the proceeds to be invested in Gum Arabic if the quantity of the Mocha we have delivered to you and in good Mocha Coffee, The first of these Articles we have

Land at Mon.s at 19 Surman Crowns ₱ Bale of 320 ℔ and the latter at 63 Madras Dollars ₱ Bharr of 420 ℔ These prices will serve in some Measure as your guide, should you only be able to obtain payment in Bills and these not ready Cashable by Bankers into the above Articles you will be pleased to forward to us by first and expectation opportunity

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 26th May 1801

Henry Hall Esqr

Ser Boat Paymaster

We have received your Note desiring to know if we will pay a Bill accompanying it, for Batta Lascars for the Generals Friends — In reply to which we have to say that when the Bill is made out Correctly we will pay it, you have more than once been apprized of this by our people We are

&c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 26th May 1801

Messrs Ly Baker & Dr Monte

Agents to the Old Madras Insurance Company

Gentlemen,

We accept your terms of insuring upon the Specified in your letter of yesterdays date, & we engage to insure upon one or both of the above Ships from £ 15 ₰ 25000, payable in case of Loss in London & the Premium payable by our Bills upon London —

As soon as we can be certain in what proportions our Goods are to be laden upon the two Ships we shall apprize you of it & desire the Policies to be filled up accordingly & we request that you will not take any insurances upon these Ships that may interfere with the above Amount without first giving us notice of it —

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 27 May 1801

R. A. Maitland Esqr

Secretary &c

Sir

We have insured 30000 Pagodas on Block and Cargo of the Ship Good Friends at the old Madras Insurance Company as per their two accompanying Policies & beg to know if you would Insure 15000 Pagodas on Cargo on similar Terms. If so please to fill up a Policy accordingly —

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

George Laughton Esqr

Madras 27 May 1801

Sir

We have received the 314 Bags of Coffee & paid the freight due thereon P.S.P 64⅜ —

As the collection of this Article for account of the Company must interfere with your collections for our account, we wish you to discontinue them accordingly request you will make no further engagements for us but that you will have the goodness to furnish us with our Account & remit us whatever balance may be due to us in Bills upon Government We are Sir

your Most Obed.t Serv.ts —

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 28 May 1801 —

George Buchan Esqr

Acting Chief Secretary to Government —

Sir

The Bond of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council No.1 346 dated the 28th May 1799 for the sum of 4000 Star Pagodas being due this day, we request you will be pleased to obtain an order from his Lordship in Council for the Principal & Interest of the same to be discharged accordingly

We have the honor to be

Sir your Most Obed.t Servants —

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland —

Madras 27 May 1801

Charles Stokes Esqr

Dep.y Paymaster Earl of Mornington

Dear Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of what we had the pleasure of sending to you by the Lady Clive

This will be delivered to you by Capt Hunt commanding our Ship the Earl of Mornington & we take the liberty of recommending both Ship and Captain to your friendship

We have with permission shipped on the Earl of Mornington four articles similar to those by the Clive and shall be obliged for any assistance you may be kind enough to give to Captain Hunt in the disposal of them Capt Hunt has in Charge your Bananary Case of Medicinal Wine, and we are with Esteem

Dear Sir

Your obed.t Servants —

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 27 May 1801

Henry Ball Esq.

Boat Paymaster.

Sir

We have received your Letter, again calling upon us for payment of a Bill for Pags 72 32 for Batta Lascars for the Generous Friends under the conviction that the Bill must be Correct, because it bears the Signature of one of our Comcopolies. In reply, we have to inform you (of what you have already been apprized) that we have a Certificate from the, then, Chief Mate of the Generous Friends stating that 1 Tindal & 19 Lascars, only, came Com on board the Ship, whereas you demand payment for 2 Tindals and 20 Lascars the difference being Pags 7. 2. is not a great object, it is true but we do not see the necessity of paying more than we ought; Had you inquired into this business when it first come into discussion, and called on the Batta Roll to produce their Certificat from the Officer on board, you would have saved yourself and us the trouble of this Correspondence. As to the Bill bearing the Signature of our Comcopoly, you ought to have known, that he Could only Certify, the Number that might have gone off, & that the Certificate of the Officer on board, ought to have been your guide in making out the Bill. We return the Bill for correction

&c.

Sir your most Obed. humble

Signed Mc Colls Callaway

Orig. & Copies Dep. Gadauery.

Madras 27th May 1801

Messrs. Redsick Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

We are provided with your letter of the 17th Inst., & we thank you may be persuaded that the Dyes of the Blue Salempore you sent us by the Coringa is nothing equal to that of the Master we before approved of, because although a Great regard for Justice towards you, or a favorable regard for your Interest might not have prevented us from being very nice & particular in the examination of your goods, a regard for our own Interest would certainly have prevented us from rejecting them unless they were inferior to the Master, for by so doing we have been put to the trouble, inconvenience & expence of purchasing others to supply their place. With regard to the quality of the Cloth itself which you think was indued in Consequence of its encreased dimensions upon Reference to your own Letters of the 15th Oct. you will see that it was not we that desired the Cloth might be of different dimensions from what we originally ordered, but that it was you who suggested our taking them of smaller dimensions not with a view of getting them, Thicker of a stronger quality, best for the purpose of obtaining them more speedily, as appears by the following Extract of your above Letter. "Had it suited your purpose to have taken them of the length usually made up, viz 33 & 34 Covids) they could have got in with ease by the Middle of December next." But here you observe was no mention of the quality being at all affected by the Dimensions.

Nothing was farther from our thoughts than to do any thing unpleasant to you in the manner we resolved upon, in order to ascertain the real value of your Blue Cloth. We resolved upon the mode of Survey & Sale as the regular Mine Barthole one. You must remember that the doubts you express respecting the justice of our conduct in rejecting your Cloth fully justify the Measures we have taken, we shall now stop it, & dispose of the Cloth as you direct. We now a part of the Cargo where nothing of the Kind had been successfully attempted before. How far this complaint is just, & how far it is consistent with the information your Mr Woodcock or Mr Davidson have forgot which you gave us sometime since, namely, "that you had tried your Blue Cloth on the West Coast of Sumatra that it had succeeded, that you had been encouraged to make further consignments of the same manufacture" We leave you to determine. But even allowing that those Goods were made up on Trial at your request, we conceive it does not at all affect our right of rejecting them if unequal to the Master. You had Months to consider the subject; to collect information upon it & to make your trials, if the result was 2 or 3 Piece brought down by you Mr Woodcock as Master of the Blue Cloth you were willing to undertake to manufacture for us: and even after this when we gave you an order for different goods, among which were 200 Corge of Blue Cloth, you again took time to consider if you could execute it as per your letter of the 15th

15th October wherein you advise us as follows "We should have acknowledged the receipt of your very obliging favor of the 19th Ult: much sooner, but it was our wish to ascertain particularly before we should write, if we could accomplish the order which you had the goodness to transmit us to its full extent & within the time limited" and in the same letter, you promised us the whole of our goods by the first or second week in January. Consequently if you have failed in your expectations as you apparently have, it is not reasonable that we should be the Sufferers by it, any more at least than we already have been by your disappointment.

You observe "we sent you our first Specimens of them (the Blue Cloths) we particularly requested your opinion of them & were encouraged by your repeating the order to hope they had been entirely approved of" We admit it & it is because the goods are entirely inferior to those Specimens that we have been under the disagreeable necessity of rejecting them. - In truth they are of that bad dye, that we would not send them to the markets in which we have been accustomed to trade, at any price. They are as far from what we have sent on the Company's Grounds without examining them, as they are from the Specimens. With regard to the Indigo we sent you, you are at liberty to return it to us. we are willing to increase the amount to your Credit; but we do assure you that Blue Cloths such as you sent us, & in such small parcels will not answer for us at all; and we proved to your Mr Roebuck when at Madras that we can purchase it Cheaper there without the trouble, expence & inconvenience of making advances, & without the risk of disappointment & loss. -

We believe we may get Twenty Eight Star Pagodas for your Blue Cloth - We beg to know by return of Dispatch if we may sell at that rate - When an opportunity offers we shall send you one piece of it from our original Masters for your Satisfaction.

We are not at present in want of Chintz, but we request you will make up Brown & White Salempores to the full extent of the Sums you proposed of viz: 1/3 Brown & 1/3 White. We request likewise 3 or 4000 Gunnies

by very opportunity -

We are happy to inform you that we have received payment of Mr Charles Woodcock's Bill upon Mr G.G. Hebbert & Mr John Abbott for Sa Rs 100 - & have posted the same to your Credit in our Books the 18th Ult: at 15 ⅌ Ct making 207 Star Pagodas -

We remain with Esteem

Sir & Sirs

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 27th May 1801

Calcutta

William Fairlie Esq

My Dear Sir

In Conformity to our friend Mr Robinson's desire I now draw on you in favor of Messrs Robt Abbott for the Sum of Sa Rs 1169 being the Amount of the Gold Chains I procured for our friend & which I request you will honor -

I am my Dear Sir

Yours truly

(Signed) D. Roebuck

Calcutta

J. Worsley Esq

Dear Sir

I inclose you a draft on Messrs Robt Abbott for the Sum of 108 Sicca Rupees Eight Annas for the Books you was so good as to procure for me & am much obliged by your Kind attention on the occasion -

I am Dear Sir

Your very Obdt

Humble Servant

(Sgd) D. Roebuck

Madras 28 May 1801 -

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D. Roebuck

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen

Herewith you will receive duplicate of our respects of yesterday's date the Master of the Blue Cloth at whereon advised under charge of Capt. Watkins's bow.

We have this day accepted your Bill of the 19 Inst. favor of G Balmain Esq for Sa Rs 1000 at the Exchange of the day.

There is very little of any Copper to be bought now at

at Madras the Company Charges 115 Pagodas p. Candy for them. We
request therefore you will not sell that which you have as yours, but keep it
for our own use. We may perhaps have some ships to Cossipore soon as Cruzes
We remain with Esteem
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& faithful Servants
(Signed) Abbott & Macthane.

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson. Madras 27 May 1801.

Gentlemen

I duly received your favor of the 18th Inst. upon the subject of the Leather Accoutrements I requested you to get made up for me, & as you seem surprized at the Cheapness of the rates at which I have contracted to furnish these Articles, I beg leave to enclose a Statement of my Contract Price, & of them I pay for them exhibiting a Neat Profit of 20 p Cent, thus, without any commission or Customs paid by me, without any advance of Money, & without any risk, for I do not pay a single Pagoda for the Articles until they are examined & passed at the Arsenal, & receive the Certificate of the Commissary of Stores that they are equal to the Musters.

If you can get them made up for me so as to stand me no more at Madras than what I now pay, and it certainly may be done for it is well known that all Leather work is Cheaper to the Northward, I should be glad to take annually some Thousands.

I remain &c.
(Signed) R. & C. Macthane &
Co.

P.S. This enclosure is for your own Satisfaction & guidance only, I do not wish it to be shown to any one else.

Madras 29 May 1801.

Capt. John Acton

George Abbott Esqr.

Dear Sir.

Accompanying is duplicate of our respect of the 20th March, since when we have received your favors of the 6th & 28th ult. With regard to Richard Maddox he was on the late Wm Roebuck's Service as Ware House Keeper & had a Salary of 30 Dollars p Month. When any of our Ships were repairing

he superintended the Work, & received some gratuity for the Job. In this Department we are not solicitous for his Services for having found these Jobs always extraordinarily tedious we do not think of sending our Vessels to Penang in future. But we are told that Maddox is a trust worthy man, & could be very proper person to superintend the Plantations, & we beg leave to suggest that the encouragement to be held out to him, in the event of his expressing any idea of quitting your Service, should be in proportion to what he now receives from our Employ, what he may expect from his connection with Rotlers & farther that the best mode of compensation or remuneration to him should be such as to act at the same time as a stimulus to his exertions for our Interest, such for instance as a Small Commission upon the annual Produce valued at the Market Price. This we leave to your own judgment & discretion which we are persuaded will always be exercised for our advantage.

In reply to your letter of the 8th ult we forwarded to Messrs Mackintosh Abbott for your account on the 21st Inst. a Bill of Exchange upon the Bengal Government for 7200 Arcot Rupees at 30 Days sight which we passed to your debt in the Sum of Star Pagodas 1972. 25. 4 being at the Exchange of Arcot 365. p % Pagodas. And by the Ships Bridgewater & Malabar under dispatch we shall instruct our mutual friends Messrs Wm. Hedges Lee to pay annually £ 85. 10 on your account to Mrs. Mackintosh Abbott of Heybury Place but as you have not mentioned when the first payment is to be made, we shall take upon ourselves to direct it to be made upon the receipt of our letter & thereafter annually, hoping this will meet with your approbation.

Referring to your letter of the 16 Inst. for our neglect of which we beg you to accept our apologies, we find that the Sums mentioned therein have been regularly entered, but omitted by mistake in the Sale Copy which was by mistake omitted in our former Letter We now beg leave to inclose you a Statement of the Accot Current furnished you by the Wm Roebuck on the 20th March last up to this day & pass to the Credit of your Account with the Interest noted, up to this day & hand you a corrected Account made up to this day, which at once to your debit on the Sums

We send herewith some information on the Cultivation & curing of Betel Nut furnished this Government by the Resident at

of the Moluccas. It does not mention the annual produce of the Trees an important point to Know. We beg leave to call your attention to it.

We shall thank you to advise us by every opportunity the State of your Market, as well as to transmit us any good information you may obtain from the West Coast of Sumatra. We are now at War with Russia, Sweden & Denmark. Tranquebar, & Serampore are taken, & all Danish, Swedish, & Russian Vessels are captured whenever they are met with. We refer you however to the accompanying News papers for Political News.

We remain with esteem

Dear Sir

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Ship Snow Active

Madras 29 May 1801

W H Nason Esq

The above is duplicate of the last respect from our late Town to you We have now the pleasure to advise you that the Rainier arrived here on the 28 Ult. & that we have agreed for the Sale of your Sugars & Pepper which adverting to the quantity of this article in the Market & the quality of yours, which we are sorry to observe is inferior to the Muster, we consider an eligible price. The Sugars is to be Weighed off in a few days, but the Credit of 2 Months to reckon from the time the sale was agreed upon as soon as we ascertain the quantity we shall make out the neat Sales & forward them to you by the first opportunity, and the Nett Proceeds we shall remit agreeably to your instructions to Messrs Calvins & Bazett

We remain with esteem

Dr Sir

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

To

The Proprietors of the Carnatic Bank

Madras 30th May 1801

Gentlemen,

We beg leave to send for your inspection the Power of Attorney from Capt. P Ross a Subscriber to the Laudable Society, in our favour & you have to inform you that we are ready to execute on behalf of Captain Ross such papers as may be necessary

We are

Gentlemen

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Ship Snow Active

Capt J Elliot

Madras 30th May 1801

Sir

Your Letter of the 21st March to our late Wilson Roebuck has been opened by her Brother Lt, the Bill upon Capt Lane forwarded to our Correspondent Mr A Adamson of Bombay for Payment.

We applied to Mr Burnaby for any money he had to pay for Col Champayne on your account, he informs us that Mr Hall has called upon him for the same & says he is impowered by you to receive it. We sent to Mr Hall respecting the Pintle of your Rudder, who no doubt will forward them to you by this opportunity. As you have not mentioned the quantity of Copper you require for your New Ship, nor the Place to which we are to go, we could not take upon ourselves to buy any for you if it were to be had, but we do not believe we could get in the whole place so much Copper as would sheath your Ship, & the little that is sold by the Company is at the enormous price of 115 Pagodas per Candy.

As soon as Mr Adamson receive the amount of your Bill upon Capt Lane we shall advise you of it, & request your instructions respecting the disposal of it. We do not send any demand for freight for China as it is probable that what these freight there will be will go on the Company's Ships as all the Governments are advertising for it. If you could acquaint us the Particulars of your ship, & the port you will sail for, we shall be able to say something on the Subject if we hear of any body in want of a Ship

We are

Dr Sir

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 1st June 1801

James Taylor Esq

Secretary to the Board of Trade

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain permission of the President & Members of the Board of Trade for four Candies of Neat Copper to be issued to us from the Honorable Company's Stock for the use of the Dock established at Coringa by Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Dawson we engaging to pay for the same.

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 1st June 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Davidson

Gentlemen,

We are favord with your letter of the 26th ulto inclosing a Bill upon Arnachellum Chetty for M. P500, which is gone for acceptance, & when paid shall be duly passd to your Credit

Our last Respects will have shewn you how Scarce an article Copper is, how ever In Consequence of this we have addressed the Board of Trade for four Candies of Sheet Copper for the use of your Docks If we obtain it we shall be obliged to pay at least 11 Pagodas for it. As soon as we receive the Answer from the Board we shall do the needful in the business. Our R. Maitland will thank you to get made up at your Leisure for her own use Six Pieces of Cloth for Shooting, very fine; & ten pieces of very fine Scarce

We Remain &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

PS The Bill is returned accepted.

We fear we may not be able to procure Copper Nails any where, should we succeed in procuring the Sheet Copper

Madras 2 June 1801

Messrs Campbell & Radcliffe

Gentlemen

By the desire of Mr John Myers of London we have shipped on board the Earl Captain Macintosh a Chest of Wine marked IP which is for the use of Capt. Partby of the Engineers, and we request you will have the goodness to forward the same to that Gentleman

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble Servts

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 2d June 1801

Calcutta

Messrs Cockrell Trail & Co

Gentlemen,

By desire of Capt. John Lambe of the Ship Admiral Cockburn we have the honor to send you a Government Bill of Exchange No 8 for SP 282 7 2d at 30 Days Sight which we request you will be pleased to receive when due & pass to the Credit of Capt Lambe accordingly

We have the honor to be

&c (Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 2 June 1801

Bombay

Capt. John Lambe

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that we have this day permitted on your Account to Messrs Cockrell Trail & Co a Government Bill of Exchange for Pags 282 7 2d at 360 Rs P Pago being for the Neat Proceeds of your Twelve Last Lottery Tickets as follows

12 Tickets Sold at P 25 each — P 300

Deduct Comm on P 300 @ 5 p Ct P 15 — —

Do — do on Remittance 1 p Ct 2 34 56 17 34 56

P 208 7 2d

We are

Dear Sir

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

G Buchan Esqr

Actng Chief Secretary

to Government

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st ulto & beg you will be pleased to represent to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that it was never our intention to ask for payment in Cash the Bond in question, but simply to apprize you that the Bond was due, a thing in course.

As it is not at present expedient for Government to discharge this Bond, we request you will obtain the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for it to be received as Cash into the 5 p Cent Loan

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock & Dawkson. Madras 4 June 1801

Gentlemen

Annexed is a Copy of the Answer from our Board of Trade to our application for four Candies of Sheet Copper for your Account & as we presume you must have the Copper, I hope you have provided for yr reimbursement for that you have to take it at this enormous rate for there is none to be had elsewhere

We are looking out for a Vessel to send up this together with your two Carts & Copper Boilers.

We remain &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Wm Hall Esq.

Madras 4 June 1801

Sir

We beg leave to present a Bill drawn on you by Mr Henry Harrison for 400 Pags and request to Know if you will accept the same

We are &c

Capt. William Farquhar Madras 5th June 1801

Sir

The inclosed came to us open under our cover from the Cape a short time since by way of Bengal

The Original containing the Papers referred to has never reached us We send herewith a copy of Mr A Farquhar's Will

We have written in consequence of Mr Cranis letter to us to Capt Ross respecting the Ship Hope under his command instructing him to bring the Ship round here as soon as she is discharged from the Government Service She is at present employed as a Transport upon the Expedition to the Red Sea

As soon as we can close our accounts with the Owners of the Hope we shall remit the balance to Mr Robert Farquhar as directed by the Executor

We have the honor to be

Sir &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 5 June 1801

Capt. D W Court

Sir

We have received your Letter, and in reply have to say, that we cannot trace any engagements that the late Mr W Roebuck had made with you further than that of a Commanders Salary in our Employ which we find, we have fully paid up to the day of your discharge

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

George Abbott Esq

Madras 5th June 1801

Dear Sir

In addition to our respects by this dispatch, we have to inform you that our Ship the Saygon, Capt. William Reid, will sail from hence for Pinang in the course of two or three days; and we request your will take the goodness to have our Chest of Arms, Plants sent by the Gracious Friends, our Ball of Canvas sent from Bengal upon the Portuguese Ship ready to sail upon her immediately upon her arrival We shall have the pleasure of addressing you by her, in the mean time

We remain &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Cuddalore

J. J. Smith Esq

Madras 6th June 1801

Dear Sir May I take the liberty of requesting you to procure and send me five Candies of Country Match which I require for account of my Contract with Government for Military Stores, you will oblige me very much by it. If you will have the goodness to draw upon Abbott & Maitland for the amount Cost & Charges, your drafts shall be regularly honored - If I can render you any service here on return I shall be happy to do it -

I am Dear Sir

(Signed) W J Maitland

Madras 8 June 1804

Henry Hall Esq

Sir

Referring you to our Letter of the 1st Instant we request to know whether you will accept Mr Harrison's draft on you or not

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras Jany 8 1804

Geo Buchan Esq

Acting Chief Secretary

to Government

Sir

We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be supplied from the Fort Military Stores the articles particularized in the annexed List for the defence of our Ship the Saygon

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

List of Stores required for the defence of the Ship Saygon

500 lbs ——— 6 Dr

12 Rammers & Sponges for 6, 4 & 3 Pdrs

2 Ladles & Worms

½ Cwt Grape Shot for 6, 4 & 3 Pdrs

4 Barrels of Gun Powder of 100 lbs each

400 Musquet Charges

50 Matches

½ Dozen Musquet Flints

4 Do Pistol Do

6 Powder Horns & Pouches

1 Axe

Madras 11 June 1804

John Hooke Greene Esq

Capt of Good Hope

Sir

It was not until about Six Weeks ago that we had the honor of receiving the Duplicate of your Letter of the 4 Novr last the original never having reached us, notwithstanding we had Letters from our friend Mr Wm Lee about three months since acquainting us with the death of Mr A Farquhar, upon which occasion we beg leave to condole with you.

We have received with your Letter the Notarial Copy of Mr Farquhar's Will, copy of which together with your Letter we have forwarded to Capt Farquhar of the Artillery now at Mallacca

We observe what you say on the subject of the Remittances made by the late Mr Farquhar on our account, but we are sorry to add that we have not heard any thing from any quarter to satisfy us on that head we have received an Abstract of our Account Current from Mr Lee, but we have not yet had any regular Account Sales of the Cargoes of the Ships Generous Friends & Despatch, which are highly necessary to us & we must accordingly request the favor of you to furnish us with the Mr Doughty's who we understand had our Goods particularly in Charge will no doubt be able to make them up

It appears by your Letter that ours to Mr Farquhar of the 31st must have miscarried, we now hand you a Copy of it which will explain to you what appeared unintelligible in our Account Sale of the Hope's Cargo. We were happy to obtain the amount of the Invoice of the Cargo, We were happy to obtain the amount of the Invoice of the Cargo & had we not been satisfied with that, we should have got much less subsequently, or perhaps not been able to sell the Wine for many Months, & thereby there would have been considerable loss & expence by Wastage & Godown Rent, for the Liquor that arrived soon after it a large quantity of it which Capt Timmins sold at one time for

for whatever she c[illegible] get. It is not customary, we believe, to name the Purchasers in an Account Sale, but if you think it will be any satisfaction to Mr Farquhar's friends to Know their Names, it was the House of Salter & D Monte, whom we have reason to think have been great losers by their bargain.

Upon reference to the Invoice you will find no less a Sum than 6033 Rix Dollars charged for Casks alone, which were not worth five 1000 Rix Dollars, and 6790 Rix Dollars for the freight of the Goods. When an Invoice is swelled up in this manner, it is not surprizing that the Goods contained in it should not bring more than the Cost & Charges.

The Hope was charter'd by Capt: Ross last November to the Bengal Government at Sa Rs. 5000 p Month, & is now we believe in the Red Sea. We have written to Capt Ross, & inclose a copy of our Letter for your Satisfaction. When the Hope returns here & is clear'd we shall close our account with the owners & remit the balance, as you direct, to Mr Robt Farquhar. If the Ship's Papers & Title Deeds are not with Capt Ross it will be necessary for you to send them to us, that we may make them over to the Purchaser.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedt Servts
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 11th June 1801

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock
& Davidson

Gentlemen.

We have the pleasure to inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading of Copper, Copper Nails, one Copper Boiler & Two Carts shipped upon the Dany Mungapathy Shee Mylapilly Gnaniah Pindal & your address. The amount, being Pags 874 = 31. 24, we pass to your Credit & await your Orders.

There is not another Copper Nail to be had on the whole Settlement.

We remain with regard
Gentlemen Your most obedt Servts
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 11th June 1801

Francis Richardson Esq[r]

Dear Sir

We hope you will excuse the liberty we take in troubling you with the two inclosed Letters for J H Grun Esq[r] at the Cape of Good Hope. You will oblige us infinitely by sending one of them by the Amboyna & the other by the Fanny which sails, we understand, are loading Rice at your Port for the Cape.

We are Dear Sir &c
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 13th June 1801

George Buchan Esq[r]
Acting Chief Secretary to Govt

Sir,

Having in our Letter of the 8 Inst: omitted several articles which are requisite for the defence of our Ship the Saigon, We take the liberty of annexing a List of them, and request You will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council to be furnished with the same.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servts
(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

List of Military Stores required for the defence of the Ship Saigon—

26 Grape Shot in proportion for 6, 4 & 3 Pdrs
1 Spring Scouring rod for the Guns
1 —— Do —— for Musquets
1 Small Keg of Musquet Powder
6 Boxing Bolts for the Guns
10 Cartridge Boxes

Madras 15th June 1801

J. Buchan Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir, : We request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for us to be supplied from the Military Stores the Articles particularized on the annexed List for the defence of our Ship the Saygon. —

We have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(signed) Abbott & Maitland

List of Mill Stores required for the defence of the Ship Saygon. —

50 Cartridges — 12 Pdr
50 Do — 6 Do
50 Grape Shot for — 6 & 3 Pdr
12 Rammers & Sponges to Do —
2 Ladles and Worms
1 Spring securing rod for the Guns.
1 Do — for Musquets.
6 Boring Bitts for the Guns
2 Barrels of Gun Powder of 100 lb each
4000 Musquet Charges
50 Matches
4 Dozen Musquet Flints
4 Do — Pistol — Do
6 Powder Horns & Pricklers
2 Axes
1 Small Keg of Musquet Powder
10 Cartridge Boxes.

Madras 15th June 1801

Lieut. Col. Innes Munro
Administrator for
Capt. R. Henderson deceased.

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant. —

In Consequence of your Communication to us that you had learnt that Mr Barry had taken the entire Charge of Capt. Henderson's Effects & had Communicated with us fully upon the Business, we have gone over all his letters particularly and have found only two passages that at all relate to Capt. Henderson's death & his Concerns, which two passages we beg leave to enclose for your satisfaction. —

The two letters mentioned by the Person calling herself Priscilla Henderson Came to hand only on the 21st ult. by the Dove. We should have sent you Copies of them, but not having received any answer to our letter of the 29th April, we Conceived that you were absent from Madras. — We now beg leave to send them for you, and we request you will return them when you shall have read them, and taken Copies of them if you think proper to do so. — You will see from Mrs Priscilla Henderson's letter, that she acknowledges having received 980 Spanish Dollars, besides Plate and Furniture belonging to the deceased, which however she accepted with reluctance Knowing the Character and Situation of the two Persons, we do not think it will be difficult to decide to which apperhaps most Credit is due, that of Mr Barry, or Mrs Priscilla Henderson. —

With regard to Capt. Henderson's having 400 Pounds of Betle Nut, his own property, on board of our Ship as asserted by Mrs Henderson from regard to the memory of the deceased, we must discredit the assertion. He had no right to have one single Pound of betle upon our Ship. — We have seen nothing to shew that he had this Property on board. — The Cargo was delivered to Messrs. Baring Money & Co of Canton, and they have only rendered us Account Sales of the quantity for which Mr Barry has debited us. But with respect to the Elephants Teeth, likewise mentioned by Mrs Henderson, we are credited by the above Gentlemen for the proceeds of a small quantity of this article, and there is no mention made of it by Mr. Barry. — We shall therefore with abantak, and if it shall appear that it was the property of Capt. Henderson we shall duly account with you for the produce of it. —

We send you likewise a Copy of a note from Mr Ferguson to our Wm Abbott on the subject of the Articles belonging to the Ship sold by Capt. Henderson. —

Why Mrs Priscilla Henderson's letter to us was not sooner handed to you, we have already explained, & although we now send you Capt. Henderson's letter for perusal, we think it singular that you should have expressed any surprize that

Geo. Bent Esq.

Sir

Not suspecting that we had no Chuprassy in our employ — unrelated, and which could only be of interesting to ourselves. —

With regard to Books of Accounts, we have none but one chiefly relative to the Ship, which was sent to us by Mr Barsey to enable us to make out the Account of Wages due to the Ship's Company. —

We shall shortly have an opportunity of writing to Mr Barsey, and shall be happy to forward to him any letters from you. —

We cannot conclude without returning you thanks for the solicitude you shew for the Credit of Sailor House by the Counsel you give us, at the same time we cannot think that it can at all be affected by any disorder and confusion there may be in the Concerns and accounts, and even any defalcation in the effects of our Captain dying at such a distance from us and in such Company. —

We have the Honor to be Sir

Bombay

George Madegan Esqr

(Signd) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 16th June 1801

Dear Sir

We have at last heard of our Ship the Belisarius at Bencoolen on her passage to Amboyna where we hope she must have arrived in all April.

By the Mungoose lately arrived from that quarter, we heard from Capt. Wallace commanding our Ship the Albion in the service of Government. We scarcely expect her back here until after the Monsoons, when intending to our present intention, we shall send her back with an assorted Cargo for the Amboyna Market. From the account we have had of the present State of that Market, we think it will not be advisable to send any adventure there sooner.

Against so distant a period, & in the present uncertain state of things, it is impossible for us to make you any specific proposals, or enter into any positive engagement with you, but if you are yourself inclined to go hither as Supercargo we will gladly consign to you all our adventures, & if you wish it you may

concern with us in them to the extent of your own property; that is to say, Shares in the Piece Goods only, for we do not suppose it would be agreeable to you to have any concern in the Ship we should employ in this trade, nor would it be convenient to us. —

As we have plenty of time before us we may correspond upon the subject. In the mean time our plan is to send from hence an assorted Cargo of Piece Goods twice a Year, say in January & July, to the extent of 20 @ 22000 Pagodas each time, varying the Investments by increasing or decreasing them as circumstances may render it advisable. We should charge upon the Goods our commission of 5 p Cent; freight as it is charged at the time hire, & all other necessary charges of course; & we should propose allowing you a Commission of 5 p Cent upon such Goods as we should send you; but as we said before we could not engage to consign any particular amount of Goods to you. As it would be our plan to send you as many goods as you could dispose of to advantage we hope you could see the propriety & reasonableness of your not acting as Agent for any other House or Individual Merchant. —

We remain

Dear Sir

Your most Obed. & Hble Servts

(Signd) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 17th June 1801

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 5th Instt inclosing a Bill of Exchange dated the fifth Instt drawn by Mr Wm Thursby on the Paymaster General for One thousand Pagodas, which shall be passed to your Credit at Maturity. —

We remain with esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Obed. & Hble Servts

(Signd) Abbott & Maitland

Madras June 17th 1801

Messrs Lys Saturzy & Monteo

Agents to the Oldest Madras Insurance Company.

Gentlemen

We beg to know what premium your require to insure the Ship Despatch Capt. Hutchinson at and from Mocha to Madras with Liberty to touch at the Island of Socotra at the entrance of the Straits of Babelmondeb, & at all intermediate Ports & Places against all risks. And as Capt. Hutchinson may be charged with Dispatches of Government, we wish permission may be inserted in the Policy for the Ship to touch at Bombay, which at this Season of the year is very little out of her way.

You know the Despatch to be a Prime Sailer, & as our Ships of War are in all probability Cruizing at the entrance of the Straits of Babelmandel to give protection to the Transports & Store Ships going to the Red Sea the War risk in that quarter cannot be great.

We are &c

Signed Abbott & Maitland

Cuddalore

Madras 17th June 1801

J. J. Smith Esqr

Dear Sir

I am favord with your letter of the 12th Instant & return you many thanks for the readiness with which you have undertaken my little Commission. I shall be glad to purchase upon the terms you mention the five Candies of Country Match, & send them up to me by the first sea conveyance.

I am Dear Sir

& &

Signed R. A. Maitland

Madras 17th June 1801

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b apt. P Ross.

Dear Sir

We duly received your favor of the 13 Ult. & the Certificate of your Share in the Second Class of the Madras Laudable Society.

We are &

& Signed Abbott & Maitland

Fort

Buchan Esqr

Acting Chief Secretary to Government

We request you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for a Letter of Marque for our Ships the Saygon particulars of which we herewith subjoin —

Wm Colvil Commander.

1st Officer

2d D.

Burthen — 600 Tons.

We beg leave to offer the Hon'ble B. Cochrane & W. Nordaraja — Middleton as Securities for the same.

We have &

Signed Abbott & Maitland

Madras 16 June 1801.

Jno. Lys Esquire

Dear Sir

I have seen the Committee Book and you may fill up two Policies on the Despatch for 8000 Pags. One on the Block for Pags 7000 & one on the Cargo for 8000 Pags. Rice & Coffee valued at fifty Pagodas p Candy Cotton Goods & Prots as Interest may appear. — Yours truly

Signed Willm Abbott.

Madras 16th June 1801

Thomas Hoseason Esqr

Naval Officer

Sir

In consequence of your advertisement of the 14th Instant we beg leave to tender you the whole of the Tonnage you require for Amboyna on the Ship Saygon at 35 Pags. P Ton, Subject to the conditions expressed therein. — The Ship Saygon is a Strong Teak Ship built at Aleppi, Burthen about Six Hundred Tons. Not Coppered, but newly Sheathed at Bo[mbay]. She is ready to receive Cargo immediately, & shall sail on or before the 1st July next direct for Amboyna. We are &c

Signed Abbott & Maitland

Messrs. Lys Saltz & Monte

Agents to the Old Madras

Insurance Company

Madras 25th June

Gentlemen

We beg to know what premium you require to insure on the Active Capt. Smith at & from Madras to London with liberty to touch &c. at all intermediate Ports & places. The Policy payable in London in case of Loss & the Premium by Bill of Exchange upon London. — The Active is considered to be an common fine &c. &c. very fast Sailer.

We hope you will do this insurance upon more moderate terms than the Malabar & Bridgewater upon which Ships we still hold good our engagement for Insurance.

We are
Gentlemen &c &c
(signed) Abbott & Maitland

Messrs Roebuck Woodcock
& Davidson

Madras 25 June 1801

Gentlemen

We request the favor of you to send us in addition to the Cloths already ordered, and by the first opportunity, ten corges of the Punjum Brown Cloth.

We remain with regard
Gentlemen &c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Capt. Jno Hedgeraugh
Master Allegrant

Madras 26 June 1801

Tranquebar

Sir,

I have engaged with Messrs. Gaudoin & Rambon to purchase a quantity of Muskat Flints (about 80,000) that a Mr. Aubert at Tranquebar has for sale; I am informed they were captured in the Kent, and imported into Tranquebar from the Isle of France, If you find this information Correct & the Flints good, and can without difficulty send them [illegible] by a safe Conveyance, I shall be obliged to you [illegible] forward them first to me, with as little delay as possible, as I

That is to carry them to Cochin China, in case [illegible]
them will be ready to sail in a few days.

I hope you found your Situation as good
your expected and Capable of being improved.

I remain with Esteem &c
(Sig.) Wm Abbott

Fort St. Geo. 26th June 1801

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Sir

We have the honor to inclose our Bill for one Months Freight of
Ship Albion Due this Day agreeably to the terms of the Charter Party,
the payment of which we request you will be pleased to obtain the Sanction
the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

We have the honor to be
&c

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

Madras 30th June 1801

John Mulford Esq. one of the Trustees in the Deed [illegible] between Jno. Su
Esq. [illegible] Chs. Jones Esq.
& [illegible]
s Taylor Esq. the Representative of George Taylor Esq. the attorney of
Taylor Esq. likewise as Trustee in the abovementioned Deed

Gentlemen

We beg leave to call upon you for a Bond given by [illegible] and
about the months of October 1780 favor of Charles Edwards Jones for
assigned over by him to Mr. John Turing. As we understand
ds are shortly to be consolidated, We request you will furnish
e may not lose any opportunity in doing the needful with it
Constituent. The Bond we understand was in the possession
who we are informed were Mrs. James Taylor and Mrs.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

Madras 1st July 1801

Messrs Sys Satur & DeMonte

agents &c

Gentlemen

We beg leave to subjoin a Statement for a returns of
Exch. by accompanying Policy No. 2232 on the Despatch
very
Amount Insured Pags. 12,000
Actual Interest
Goods p. Invoice S. Crowns 17982. 36
a Box of Treasure 3166. 57
Germans 6ros. 19,149. 336
17 German crowns @ 10 Pagodas 11264. 13
Short Interest &c. 6735. 29
at 6½ p. Cent P. 437. 33 34
& 2½ Cent on P. 11,264. 13 for not touching
at Bombay making the return Pags. 663 3 35
and accordingly call upon you for the same

We are &c

(Signed) Abbott & Ma
Forts. Geo. 2. July

Webbe Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir We request you will be pleased to obtain the favr
Right Honorable the Governor in Council for us to transhipt for
to pr arrives from Franquebar upon the Ship Despatch 23 or Rambler
& to export the same on account of the King of Cochin Cheroo that a
We have Franquebar from
Sir ion Cert. the
them
as soon as possible, as