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Town of Madraspatnam

At a general Quarter Sessions of the Peace Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery of our Sovereign Lord the King holden for the Town of Madraspatnam at the Town Hall the said Town on Wednesday the 6th day of October in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth and in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three Before Alexander Wynch John Smith John Whitehill and others their Sociates Justices of Our Sovereign Lord the King and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the said Town and the Districts thereof on which day the said Sessions was adjourned by the said Justices until Wednesday the 12th Day of January next ensuing to be held at the Town Hall of the said Town at eight Oclock in the forenoon of the same day to do further as the Court shall then and there consider of

Wednesday the 12th Day of January 1774

Justices Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Chairman
George Dawson
Henry Brooke
Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone

The Court being opened and the Sheriff having Delivered his Precept the Grand Jury Sworn

or

on both Commissions Viz.

George Savage Esqr Foreman
Mr Edward Monckton Mr C. B. Dent
Mr Edward Frowd Mr Willm Hamilton
Mr James Call Mr Eyles Irwin
Mr Wm Hart Torrians Mr Andrew Major
Mr Edw. Holland Mr George Pryor
Mr Willm Turing Mr Thomas Johns
Mr Thomas Ogilvie Mr Charles Darke

A Bailiff being Sworn to attend them they Withdrew

The Coroner Delivers in three Inquests taken by him Viz.t

One on the Body of Cundapah taken at Chepauk the 8th December 1773	Verdict Natural Death
One on the Body of Paupah taken at Trevelocane the 13th November	Accidental Death
One on the Body of Richard Moody Money taken at the Black town 24th Dec.r 1773	Felode Se
One on the Body of Veetna taken at Trevolcane the 20 December 1773	Accidental Death
One on the Body of Cundamah taken at Mootal Pettah in the Black Town 4th November 1773	Accidental Death

The Clerk of the Peace Delivers into the Grand Jury three Bills of Indictment Viz.t

One against Chittapah for Felony
One against Souzia Do
One against James Jenkins Do

The Witnesses to the above mentioned Indictments were then called on their Several Recognizances

An Interpreter being Sworn to Interpret these Sessions to the Court, Grand Jury, Prisoners &c.

The following Witnesses were Sworn Viz.t

Lieut. James Mills on a Bill of Indictment against James Jenkins for Felony

Rudy Narrain Chitty, Chinglaiah, Mirtungee, Yaagapah, Abbour Bowker, and Connery, Sworn on a Bill of Indictment against Chittapah for felony

Wootcotah, Colandiche, Moodu Heidnah, Rufsun Saibanaig, Moodu Heidnen Headildar, on a Bill of Indictment against Souzia for Felony

The Court then Adjourned untill the Next Morning at 9 Oclock for Continuing the Sessions

Thursday the 13th January 1774

Justices Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Chairman
George Dawson
Henry Brooke
Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Gracey
} Esqrs

The Court being Opened the Grand Jury come in and Answering to their Names Deliver a Bill of Indictment against James Jenkins Indorsed Billa Vera.

The Prisoner was then put to the Bar and arraigned as follows

Clerk of the Peace } James Jenkins hold up your hand — You Stand Ind
by the Name of James Jenkins a Soldier in the Service
the Honble United East India Company for that on
fryday the first Day of October in the fourteen Year of t
Reign of our Sovereign Lord George now King of Gre
Britain &c. by force and Arms &c. at Cuddalore
within the Jurisdiction of Madraspatnam One Silv
Cup of the Value of twenty Shillings and one half
the Value of twelve Shillings numbered of the Goods
and Chattels of one Samuel Mills then and there
found in the Dwelling House of the said Samuel
Mills feloniously did steal take and bear
away against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the K
his Crown and Dignity How Say you James Je
Jenkins are you Guilty of the Felony
Indicted or not Guilty

Prisoner — Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace } How will you be tried

Prisoner — By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace } God send you a Good Deliverance

You the Prisoner at the Bar these good men
whom you shall hear called and personally Ap
appear are to pass between Our Sovereign Lord the K
and you upon your trial of your life and Death if yo
will Challenge them or any of them your time is to sp
unto them as they come to the Book to be Sworn and
before they are Sworn

The pannell of the Jury was then calle
over Mr William Harrison and Mr Thomas Ro
=bam being absent and having sent no Excuses ar

Ordered to be fined —

The following Jury was then Sworn the Prisone
Declaring he had no Objection to them

Mr Andrew Ross Mr John Jackson
Mr Daniel Shaw Mr Henry Dupuy
Mr Thomas Pelling Mr Christ Maclin
Mr Robert Williamson Mr Thomas Rathbone
Mr James Stringer Mr fredrick Frank
Mr Edward Rylance Mr Robert Morrison

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and hearkin
unto his Cause you shall know that he Stands indicted
by the Name of James Jenkins here the indictment was
read over again as in the Arraignment for this Indict
ment he has been arraigned and thereunto has pleaded
not Guilty and for his trial has put himself upon God and
his Country which Country you are your Charge
is to Enquire whether he is guilty of the Felony where of
he stands indicted or not Guilty if you find him Guilty
you are to enquire what Goods and Chattels Lands or
Tenements he had at the time of the Felony so Committed
or at any time since If you find him not Guilty you
are to enquire whether he fled for it, if you find that he fled
for it you are to enquire of his Goods and Chattels Lands
Tenements the same as if you had found him Guilty
If you find that he is not Guilty and Did not fly for it
you are to Say so and no more and hear your Evidence

Lieut Samuel Mills was then Called and being
first Duely Sworn Deposed as follows — I know
the Prisoner and have known him since the first of
October Or the first of October last I arrived at Cuddalore

L

I called for a Drink of water and a Boy brought me some
in a Silver Cup I put the cup when I had Drank in the
Table and went to Supper at Capt Davis's returned bet
10 and 11 at my return I saw the Boys rummaging th
House I asked what they were looking for they said th
could not find the Silver Cup I told them to leave off s
possibly they might find it in the Morning in the m
they looked again but could not find it at Breakfa
I told Captain Davis, he told his Dubash to go and
enquire after it in the Bazar and if any thing of it
here should be Offer'd to Sale to bring it to him Capt
Davis / about 2 that same afternoon Capt Davis's Du
asked me if I had any particular marks on the cup
or if I should know it when I saw it I told him it was
flowered round the upper edge he then went and soon
returned with the Cup he asked me if it was my Cup
I replyed it was / The Cup being shown this witness
Declares it to be the same / Capt Davis asked the Du
where he found the Cup he replied in the hands of the
Shroff he then Ordered the Shroff to be brought to him
They said they had the Cup from one Curtis but
was asked where he got it he said from / Jenkins / the
Prisoner who gave it him either to sell or pawn Capt
Davis asked the Prisoner where he got the Cup he s
from a Black Grenadier Captain Davis asked wh
he gave the Black Grenadier for it he said Noting
but that the Black Grenadier gave him two Potts of
Toddy to take it and the Lace of a Hatt Mr Wood hous
being present said to me perhaps that is yours like
wise I thereupon went to my room to look and foun

the Hatt was Gone which I did not miss before Mr Woodhouse
then said "Jenkins you want leave off your Old Tricks
"if you are tried by the Civil Law you stand a great Chance of being
"hanged" The Prisoner replyed "when the worst comes to
"the worst it is only Dancing upon nothing"

Question from the Petit Jury } What hour did you call for water

Deponant About 5 in the Evening and left the House immediately after

Question Was it a House or Tent

Deponant A House I left the Cup on a Table in the bed room
where the Hatt being — the Cup has been in my posession
since Captain Davis's Dubash gave it me and was brought
in the prisicnt / "beaten" / Condition

Question And are you sure it is your Cup

Deponant To the best of my knowledge it is

The Prisoner having no Question was put on his
Defence — On the first day of October being
Liquor I fell asleep against the Factory Wall a Seapoy
asked me and said the rounds were going I went down
to a Toddy Shop and got two Drinks and in my way
to the House Curtis and a Seapoy came in, the Seapoy
calling me aside pulled out a linnen Cloth and a
Silver Cup and a Lace in it which he said he brought
from Seapoy Curtis took the Cup out of my hands and
went away with it The Seapoy said he came in to the
Garrison with the Sick the Factory challenging the
Rounds I went away and found the Seapoy follow-
ing me — I went then to the Barracks In the Morning
Curtis brought the Cup to me I told him I would
not have any thing to Do with it at last I took it

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as he was going on business to the Bazar I Set the bup
the Table burtes came in from the Bazar took the bup
another Room and beat it I told him he was a fool f
beating it that it was worth more whole he carried it t
Bazar Phipps and Greaves and Irent after him
saw him Setting with the Shroff the rest and bou
some Tobacco and Sent a man to look for burtis
said he was with the Shroffs and a Serjeant with h
we went to them, and all five had a Dram a peice bu
said he had Sold the bup for 2½ pagodas but sai
had not sold all and that he had the best half and
me 30 or forty fanams they all went away at night
Serjeant came and told burtis the Captain wante
him he went and when he returned he told me it wa
about the bup I asked him if they enquired after me
he said they Did I went but the Captain was not at
home the Serjeant Major went with me to Mr Mill
at Roll calling who asked me how I got the bup I
replied from a Grenadier Seapoy lately come from
Tanjore and that burtis took it Mr Mills said he w
that I was then ordered me to be
carried Prisoner to the Main Guar
I staid there 5 Days and was Carried to a Committee of
Enquiry the Gentlemen said I was sent for to be asked about
the bup I asked them if they had it to my charge they
It was I Step'd in then I dont chuse to say any thing
was sent back to Prison and carried in them the next
Day and was asked the Same Questions I told them
they would let me get to the Company I would produce
the Seapoy. The name of burtis &c. I, some time after
carried by Mr Dawson who asked me if we would be tw

By Civel or Military Law, burtis Chose a Court Martial
I said if they would give me Justice I Cared not how I was tried
I was called afterwards in to the Court Martial and the Charge
exhibited Against me I said I would not be tried if they would
not let me find the man the President said no it would be a
Grand Scandal to the Companys Seapoys I said you will
right a black fellow before a European and that I would be
tried by Civil Law he had no Witness to Support this
Defence but called on ——————

Thomas Phillips a Seaman belonging to his —
Majesty's Ship Protector who was Sworn
I have known the Prisoner 8 Years the 15th April he Served
5 years a Company's Soldier at Bombay and I never heard
any bad Character of the Prisoner —

The Evidence was then Summed up there being no
more witness on either Side to Examine the Jury thereupon
with an Officer being sworn to Attend them — Some time
after they come in and Answering to their Names.

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen are you agreed on any Verdict
Jury Yes
Clerk of the Peace Who Shall say for you
Jury Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace James Jenkins hold up your hand, How Say you is the
Prisoner Guilty of the Robbery where of he stands Indicted
or not Guilty
Jury Not Guilty
Clerk of the Peace Did he fly for it
Jury No
Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen of the Jury hear how ye have recorded your Verdict as the
you say that James Jenkins is not

not Guilty of the Robbery whereof he stands Indicted and that he Did not fly forst and So you Say All

Jury — Yes,

The Grand Jury then Come into Court and Answering to their names present two Bills of Indictment One against Souzia for Felony Indorsed Bills Vera and one against Chittapah for Felony indorsed Ignorance on a presentment which was publickly read in Court as follows

Madraspatnam ss

We the Grand Jury of the Town of Madraspatnam Sworn to enquire for our Sovereign Lord the King for the Body of the said Town being duly & truely sensible of the many advantages accruing to this place by the gracious Dispensation of his Majesty Royal Charter as it has Conveyed with it the Laws of England and preserved the Proper methods of putting those Laws Laws into Execution

Do Present unto this Honble Court that Veerapperumal of the Town of Madraspatnam Inhabitant did sometime in the Month of October last by force and arms &c within the bounds of the said Town feloniously steal take and beat away four Silver Cups two Silver Plates two Silver Spoons for the Sum of one Pagoda Weight of Gold one Blanket five Old Pails one Sheet

Sheet two Womens Cloths and one piece of Bread Cloth about two yards and half long Value altogether about twenty three Pounds and eighteen Shillings the Property of one Acudy Narrain Chitty

And this Jury do further Present that one Chittea=pah Brother and Neko Chitty father of the aforesaid Veera=perumal together with one Abboo Bauher a Taylor appear to them accessaries to the said Robbery by concealing and assisting in Disposing of the Abovementioned Goods knowing them at the same time to have been Stolen

All which matters and things are contrary to the Law and against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

Town Hall
23 January 1752

Geo Savage foreman
Edward Monckton
C. B. Bent
Edward Trowd
Willm Hamilton
Jas Call
Eyles Irwin
W H Torriano
Andrew Majendie
Edward Wm Holland
George proctor
Willm Fleming
Thos Johnson
Thos Ogilvie
Chas Darke

The Jury are informed that Veraperumal who immediately Committed this Robbery was not to be found and it appeared that the Nabobs people had let him loose it was therefore the Opinion of the Justices that Chittapah Appeared Sufficient=ly Guilty to be Committed and that he was indicted as a principal for that while the Chief and apparent principal absent

absent the Accessaries cannot be indicted that they shall be
into Confinement / Viz.t Chitteapah and Abbe Baubert to
next Sessions and in the Mean time the Justice shall
ordered to make all Diligent inquiries when should no
appear against them they must be Discharged accordin
to Law. they then Withdrew ——— Souzia was then cal
to the Bar and arraigned as follows

Clerk of the Peace } Hold up your Hand ——— you stand indicted by
Name of Souzia of Madraspatnam Inhabitant for
on Saturday the eighteenth Day of December in the fo
=teenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George
King of Great Britain &c. by force and arms &c. within
the Town aforesaid one bundle of Linnen Value eight
=lings or there about numbered of the Goods and Chattels
Mr. Francis Carvalho then and there being found in the
of the said Mr. Francis Carvalho feloniously you did
take and bear away against the Peace of our Sovereign
the King his Crown and Dignity ——— how Say you
=zia are you guilty of the felony where of you Stand Indic
or not Guilty

Prisoner. Not Guilty

Clerks of the Peace } How will you be tried.

Prisoner. By God and my Country

Clerks of the Peace } God send you a Good Deliverance ——— you the
Prisoner at the Bar — these good men which you shall hear
called and personally Do appear are to pass between our
Sovereign Lord the King and you upon your trial If you
will Challenge them or any one of them your time is to Spe
as they come to the Book to be Sworn and before they are
Sworn

The following Jury was then impanelled the Prisoner
Declaring he had no Objection to them

Mr. Andrew Ross Foreman
Messrs. Daniel Shaw Henry Dupuy
Thomas Pelling Christopher Machlin
Robert Williamson Thomas Rathbone
James Stringer Frederick Frank
Edward Rylance David Young
Robert Morrison

Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and hearken
unto his cause you shall know that he stands indicted by
the name of Souzia of Madraspatnam Inhabitant &c. / here
the Indictment was read over again as in the Arraignment
upon this Indictment he has been arraigned and thereunto
has pleaded not guilty and for his trial has put himself
upon his country which country you are your charge
therefore is to enquire whether he is guilty of the Felony where
if he stand indicted or not Guilty if you find him guilty
you are to enquire what Goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements
he had at the time of the Felony so committed or at any
time since If you find him not Guilty you are to enquire
if he fled for it if you find that he fled for it you are to enquire
of his goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements the same
as if you had found him Guilty if you find him not Guilty
and that he Did not fly for it you are to Say so and no
more so hear your Evidence Mootiatah a Parriarman
was then called and Sworn after the Manner of his Cast

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar?

Deponant Yes

Clerk of the Peace How long have you known him?

Deponant — From the Day of the Mount Feast / 18 December

Clerk of the Peace — relate to the Court what you know of a Robbery Committed by the Prisoner

Deponant — On the 18 December the Ironingman brought home the Cloths to Mr Carvalhos house in Town and having counted them over Delivered them to my Charge I tried them up and put them in a Chest in the Hall and went into the Kitchen to light a Candle my wife was in the Kitchen yard The Prisoner as the afterwards told me came near the Door of the inner yard she asked him who he was he Replied Nobody and went away she thinking he was gone Returned to the Hall She told me this I ordered her to go and see after the Cloths on the Chest in the Hall when she came there she alarmed the House crying out that the Prisoner was going away with the Cloths under his Arm Hearing this ran out from the Kitchen but could not See the Prisoner Several of the People who told me they saw a man go away with a Bundle but as it was Dark I could not find him out I went to the gates and told the Centries what had passed and In my way back I went to the main Guard and was told they had got the Thief I then went to the Gentlemans house who lives opposite to my masters who bid me to go to the Guard and see if the Bundle was my masters I was going and met two Seapoys bringing the bundle I came with them to the Gentleman Mr Barton who told me to look if the Cloths were right I did so and found them all right the Gentleman Ordered me to tye up and take care of the Bundle

Question — Did you see the Prisoner the Day the Robbery was committed

Deponant — No the third Day after at Mr Stracey's house and never before whether he was brought and confessed the fact

Question — What time was the Robbery committed

Deponant — About ½ past Six the Irong man brought the Cloths at 6 The Cloths produced Declared them to be his Masters Property

The Prisoner having no Questions

Colandichee was called and Sworn and Deposed what she knew the Prisoner and had known him Since the day of the Mount Feast

Clerk of the Peace — relate what you know of a Robbery committed by the Prisoner

Deponant — I was standing at Mr Carvalhos house in Town my Husband took care of it at 6 O'Clock in the Evening I brought my husband Victuals I left his Victuals in the Cook room and came and stood without a Woman Disguised come in to the House and thinking I was invited to speak with came once asked who was there the Prisoner said Nobody and went away his face was covered so that I could not see enough of him to know him again from what little I saw I then went to the Cook room my husband said you asked who was there I just now not what's the matter I said a man came but is gone away he said go somebody is come and take care of the Cloths I went to the Hall and as I was going somebody took away the Bundle Immediately I called out there's somebody going away with the Bundle my husband came and Striking his hand on his Breast asked what is the matter I told him he asked which way the man went I pointed which way a Gentleman Servant who lived opposite went after the Thief by his masters orders

Question — Do you know what was in the Bundle

Deponant — No I cannot

Question from the Jury } when you saw the Man carry away the Bundle which was his face returned

Deponant Turnd from me

Question from the Jury } Should you know him again

Deponant No I could not see him it was Dark

Question from the Jury } was he a Tall or Short man

Deponant A tall man like the Prisoner

The Prisoner having no Questions to Ask

Haliburtons Dubash was called and Sworn — Mr

his name is Veeda Deposed that he knew the Prisoner Sircar

Day of the Mount Feast

Clerk of the Peace Relate to the Court what you know of the Robbery where of the

Prisoner is indicted

Veadoochistnah Sworn in the Evening coming out of my master

I saw the woman who has Just Deposed standing at

his house in the Fort opposite my masters whe

a man had taken away a bundle of cloth I cried why do

you make a noise for as this Deponant means cry

thieves the said she did and followed the man but

not come up with him while I was speaking to her

Seapoy brought the Prisoner and said he had Stol

Mr Haliburtons cloth I went and saw the Seap

and the Prisoner my master told me to bring the bu

cloths the Seapoy said they were at the north Gate

I went with him and the Seapoy and another Pariah

brought the cloths to my masters house the Prisone

Staid at the Door and Right of the cloths my master

Ordered the Palanquin boy to see if they were his maste

I opened them I found them to him and he Declared

were his Masters he counted them and finding they w

right carried them to his Masters house —

Question from the Court } When you and your master had seen the cloths and see the Palanken boy went away with them what did you Do with the Prisoner

Deponant My master the Seapoys Prisoner and myself went to the main Guard where We left the Prisoner and I went to the North Gate

Question from the Jury } Did you see the Prisoner Distinctly when he was brought

Deponant I saw his face and am sure he is the same

The Prisoner had no Questions to ask this Deponant

The Grand Jury came in and answering to their names Delivered a presentment which was publickly read in Court as follows —

Madrasphatnam ss. We the Grand Jury of the Town of Madrasphatnam sworn to enquire for our Sovereign Lord the King for the Body of the said Town being justly and truly Sensible of the many advantages arising to this place by the Gracious Dispensation of his Majesty Royal Charter as it has conveyed with it the Laws of England and prescribed the proper methods for putting those laws into Execution —

Do Present that we have in a Soldier at Cuddalore whom We have reason to suspect was accessary to the Robbery for which Samuel Sanders has been indicted hath not been brought to his Trial as the Law Directs

And Do further present that it hath come to our knowledge that one Mean Pennal of the Town of Madrasphatnam and other Inhabitants have been illegally detained

Prisoners

Prisoners at Triplicane by People in the Service of his H
-liney the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn

And do further present that a Woman
Ser Lately in the Service of the Missionaries at Vepperry
being quick with Child and on the point of Marriage h
Communicated her Situation to the Man with whom
had been Connected he advised her to destroy her Off
and for that purpose did procure her a female person
gave her Medicine with that Intention the Consequenc
which was both the Woman and child of which she
by such means Delivered did Come to an untimely E

All which matters and things are Contrary
Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown D

Jonas Hall
13 January 1774

George Savage Foreman
&c. Gentlemen of the Grand

The Jury are informed that the M[illegible]tters at above
presented Shall be inquired into according Law

The Court then proceed on the Trial and
Saib a Naig is called and Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner and how long have you
him

He sworn Saib I have known him Since the Day he Committed the
Robbery

Clerk of the Peace Relates to the Court what you know of this Robbery

Deponant About a month and 10 or 15 Days ago at 12 past 6 a
man came to the Guard at the North Gate and Said
man had Stolen a bundle of Cloths and desired us to
Stop him at w we Stopd him I was sitting at the Ga

and saw a man bring a bundle the Centry said heres a man with
a Bundle I Ordered him to bring him he did I asked the
Prisoner who he was he said a Washing Man I said why
Do you carry Cloths at this time of Night he said he was carry
-ing them to Wash I Ordered him to put them down and opened
them and found Cloths folded up I said you are a Moorman
and not a Washerman and on my saying this I thought
the Prisoner seemed alarmed Ithereupon Ordered him into
Custody the Prisoner said he would shew me the house he
brought them from and the Dubash likewise I kept the
Bundle and sent a Blacken Seapoy to find the house they
went and as the Seapoy after told me he first Shewed one
House then another the Prisoner desired the Seapoy to let
him go but the Seapoy refused the Parcar man and his wife
afterwards came up and Declared the Prisoner to be the Thief
the Seapoy then carried him to the main Guard and Soon after
another Seapoy a Dubash a Serjeant and a Boy came and
demanded the Cloths We all went a House opposite the one
from whence they said the Cloths were stolen the Gentleman
of the house lighted a Candle and saw the Cloths the Parcar
man thereupon Declared they were the Cloths which were
lost I delivered them to him and afterwards in about 2 or 3 days
after saw him at the Main Guard

Jury — Do you know the Cloths

Deponant Yes they were of mens women and Childrens

Jury — What Sort of man was he

Deponant Lately I think a Taylor

Court — Can you Swear to the Prisoner

Deponant yes Sir

The Prisoner has no Questions to ask this Deponant

Moodee Hustinah havildar called and Sworn
I have known the Prisoner since the day of the Mourn
I last I was on Guard there I left the nair in the Even
and went and eat my victuals and returned at Gunfire
went to the main Guard and saw the Prisoner I asked
was the man they said yes ~

The Prisoner having no Questions to ask the

Prisoners Defence — Deponant and the Witnesses being all examine
was put on this defence and said he was in liquor.
know what he might do being asked if he has any wit
to appear on his behalf he calls on the Following who
Sworn ~

Mahamed Aûzum droga or over seer of Artificers —
on the Part — to his highness the Nabob
that he is his Servant and has served him about 10
Months and that he considers him still in his S
of the — that the Prisoner is a Coopier by trade and was — never
Prisoner — Detected in any bad thing every body says he behaved w
and that it must be Owing to liquor that he behaved ill

The Prisoner had no Questions

Videlingum a Carpenter called and Sworn
on the Part — He has known the Prisoner near 10 yrs
of the Prisoner when employed he behaved himself honestly committed
Property — The Prisoner asked this —

Callaustry an Iron Smith called and Sworn
Deposes to have known the Prisoner nea
on the Part — he found he was honest and employed
of the — he worked in the Same yard with them
Prisoner — about a Month ago and all the time

was that he used to drink The Prisoner having no Questions or
any more Witnes to call on the Petit Jury withdrew an Officer
being Sworn to attend them ~

After Some little time a Verdict being Proclaimed
the Petit Jury came into Court and answering to their Names

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen are you agreed of any Verdict
Jury — Yes
Clerk of the Peace Who shall Say for you
Jury — Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace Souzia hold up your hand — How say you is Souzia
Guilty of the felony where of he stands Indicted or not Guilty
Foreman Guilty Ten Pence — which was duly recorded
Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court
have recorded it if you say that Souzia is guilty to the Value of
ten Pence and so you Say all
Jury — yes — Then being no more busines for the
Juries they were Dismissed with thanks for their Services —

Chittiapah and Abboo Bauber mentioned in the
presentment first Delivered in are Ordered into Confinement
— Vizaranga who was confined on a presentment last Sessions
for having stole some money from Mr. Spratt is Discharged by
Proclamation the Justice who was Ordered to enquire into the
fact reporting to the Court that he committed the this many
years ago when he was quite a Child — The Prisoner Souzia
was then brought to the Bar — Richard Green who was bound
to appear at the Sessions was also Discharged by Proclamation

Clerk of the Peace Souzia hold up your hand you Stand here convicted of petty
Larceny to the value of 10 pence what say you why the Court Should
not proceed to give Judgement against you as the Law directs

The Prisoner had nothing to say — the Chairman

then

Eyles Irewen Wm Hart Torriano
Edwd John Holland George Proctor
William Chambers William Turing
Thomas Ogilvie Charles Darke
John Douglas John Ross
Nathan Barlas Duncan Andr Baine

A Bailiff being Sworn to attend them they withdrew

The Clerk of the Peace then Delivered into the Grand Jury Bills of Indictment one against Pandarum for felony One against Mootiga and Raganaigolo for burglary One against William Thomas Chard also for felony and one against Coopanah for Felony also

Mr Popham who was Ordered to be fined last Sessions has paid his fine Mr Harrison pleads much Illness and that he sent an Excuse by his brother Juror

The Coroner Delivers in five Inquests by him taken Viz:

One on the Body of a man name unknown taken on the Sea beach 15th Day of February 1774	Verdict Natural Death
One on the body of Elemah Pettah taken in Choetta 13th July 1774	Accidental Death
One on the Body of William Prichard taken in the Black Town the 14th Day of March 1774	Verdicts Natural Death
One on the Body of a Woman name unknown taken near the Sea beach the 16th Day of March 1774	Wilful Murder

One on the Body of Richard Jones taken on Hog Hill the 25th Day of March 1774 } Accidental Death

James Bateman and Lawrence Dalosta Sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury on a Bill against Pandarum for felony

An Interpreter was then Sworn to interpret to the Grand Jury

Chingleroy and Nincapah Sworn to a Bill of Indictment against Mootiga and Raganaigolo for Burglary

A short time after the Grand Jury come into Court and answering to their Names Deliver a Bill of Indictment against Pandarum for felony Indorsed Billa Vera

An Interpreter being Duely sworn to interpret to the Prisoners and such Evidences as might be call'd either for King or Defendant the Court proceed to the Trial.

Pandarum placed at the Bar

Clerk of the Peace] Pandarum hold up your hand — you stand indicted by the name of Pandarum of the town of Madraspatnam a Cooly for that on the first Day of April in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c by force and arms &c in the Town aforesaid One pair of Silver Shoe Buckles one pair of Silver knee Buckles one pair of Steel Buttons two Shirts two Waistcoats and two Pair of Breeches four pagodas in Gold and two pagodas Worth of fanams value altogether about Six Pund Six Shillings and six pence numbered of the Goods Chattels and money of one James Bateman then and there being found in the Barracks or Quarters

Quarters of the said James Bateman feloniously a you did Steal take and bear away against the Peace of our Sovreign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity — how say you Pandarum are you Guilty of the felony where of you stand indicted or not Guilty being told the Consequences of Pleading guilty as he was a Native and Ignorant of the Same he pleaded

Prisoner — Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace — How will you be tried

Prisoner — By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace — God send you a Good Deliverance

Being told that according to the Laws of Englan he might Chuse a Jury of twelve Englishman or half Eng ish and half his own Case he prefers the former And being told that he might Object to those he thought improper as they came to the Book to be Sworn a before they were Sworn he chose the following who were Sworn —

Alexr Andrew Ross	Thomas Pelling
Daniel Shaw	Thomas Johnson
Willm Carlisle	John Jackson
Chrisotpher Machlin	Thomas Popham
Alexr Bonner	Thomas Rathbone
Fredrick Frank	David young

Clerk of the Peace — Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and he hen unto his Charge you shall know that he stands ind by the name of Pandarum of the Town of Madraspatn where the Indictment was read over again as in the Arra ment upon this Indictment he has been Arraigned a thereunto pleaded not Guilty and for his trial has put himself upon God and his Countrey which Countrey you are your Charge is to enquire whether he is Guilty of the Felony where of he stands indicted or not guilty if you find him guilty you are to enquire what goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements he had at the time of the Felony so committed or at any time since if you find him not guilty you are to enquire if he fled for it if you find he fled for if you are to enquire of his goods and Chattels Lands or tenements the same as if you had found him Guilty if you find him Guilty and that he Did not fly for it you are to Say so and no more so hear your Evidence

James Bateman Called and being Duely Sworn Deposed as follows —

I know the Prisoner I took him as my Cook the first of April I came home that same night and had about 8 Oclock and paid To Pagodas and some fanams in my handker = chief which I gave to my Dubash Boy Pauiah to lock up he locked it up and I told him to put the Key under the head of my Cott — he went home I then went to Sleep and waked about four in the Morning and found my shoe Buckle taken of the table I then went to my Chest and found the key in it I opened it looked for the money and could not find it I went and looked for the Cook boy and could not find him the 2d of the Month at night a Drummer named Wheatly told me he had a little Boy who could find the Prisoner After tattoo beating I went to the Officer of the main Guard who sent two Seapoys along with me and I took eight or nine Drummers the little Boy took me to a House in Jean Parreiras Gardens where there was a Woman I took About the House but could not find the Prisoner I Ordered the Drummers to Search the Pots in the Room

House where they found a shirt a Waistcoat and a Pair of brow
a Pair of shoe buckles a pair of knee Buckles and a pair of
Sleeve Buttons I asked the woman if she knew where the Pri
=oner was she said she would Shew me and took me to a hou
near her Own where I found the Prisoner with a Shirt
pr. of Breeches and a Waistcoat on him I asked him
what he had Done with the money he said he had Spent
all but seventeen Janams which he gave me in a Purse
I brought him Prisoner to the Fort with the Seapoys and
next day or the Day after carried him to the Justice —
Produces the Shoe and knee buckles in Them which he De
=clares his Own and those which were stolen —

Jury — Did you see the Dubash boy put the money into the Trow
Deponant — yes
Court — Are you sure the Cloths found in the House were yours?
Deponant — I am sure they Were
Court — Had you any Mark to know them by
Deponant — They were made of the same Cloth with some others I had
Jury — Does any body live in the same Quarters besides you
Deponant — The fife major and I lived together
Jury — Was the Door of the House shut
Deponant — No it was left open but there were Centinels at each end
the Battery and I slept on the out side of the House on my
Court — Was your Cott placed so near the House that any body
going in could disturb you?
Deponant — No it was a hott evening and I took my Cott and bedding
out and slept on the Battery
Jury — Are you sure the Dubash put the Key under the Cott or that
put up the Money?
Deponant — I saw not but when he put the Key under my Cott but I am

sure he put the Money in as I saw him Do it —

The Prisoner having no Questions

Lawrence Da Costa being called and Sworn Deposed that he Knew the Prisoner — On the 2d day of the month after Tattoo beating on Saturday night 5 or 6 Drummers the Drum major and I went to the Black Town to the House where the Prisoner lived before for me[illegible] but he was not there the woman of the House said she did not know where he was as he had not been there for ten Days the Drum major desired two or three Drummers and I to go and search the Pots in the House we did and there found one Pr Silver Silver Shoe and knee buckles 1 Pr sleeve buttons a shirt a waistcoat and a Pr of Breeches the woman then shewed us where the Prisoner lived where he had on him one shirt a waistcoat and a Pair of Breeches and a Dubash took a purse from him with 17 little Janams. he was then brought to the main Guard and the 2 Day carried to the Justice —

Jury — Do you know if the things in the House belonged to the Drum maj.r

Deponant — I know the shoes knee Buckles he used always to wear them and the Sleeve buttons likewise

The Prisoner having no Questions to ask this Witness and there not being any more to call on was asked what he had to say for his own Defence or any witnesses to call on. but he replyed that he had No Defence to make

The Petit Jury then Withdrew an Officer being Sworn to Attend them

One of the Grand Jury come into Court to see the witness Sworn on the following Bills of Indictment

Daizwah

Paupiah
Nella Mootu
Thomas Jeffries
Chaudien
Sogul naigue
Trevengadum
Setchamadoo
Gopal
Shaick Claude Mahomed

} On a Bill against Thomas Cheed for felony

} Sworn on a Bill of Indictment against Thomas and Thomas Cheed for Felony

One of the Petty Jury desires to Come into Court which being Granted The foreman comes in and informs the Court that as there are some Offences which are Capital when to the Value of 5 shillings other when to the value of 12d and other when to the Value of 40 Shillings he would be glad to have the Opinion of the Court under which of these they thought the one Before them came they are told that the Court thinks it come under the highest he withdraws and presently after a verdict being proclaimed they come into court and Answering to their Names

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen are you agreed on your Verdict
Jury — yes
Clerk of the Peace who shall say for you
Jury — Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace Pandarum hold up your hand — Look upon the Prisoner how say you is he guilty of the Felony where of he stands indicted or not Guilty
Foreman — Guilty 39 Shillings ——— Which was recorded
Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court have recorded it you say that Pandarum is Guilty to the value

Value of thirty nine Shillings and so you say all

The Court then Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 Oclock precisely for continuing the Sessions

Thursday 1st April 1774

Justices Present as yesterday

The Court being Duely Opened the Court proceed to the Trial of Mootiga and Raganaigoloo who were placed at the Bar

The Bailiff who attended the Grand Jury being Suddenly taken ill another was Sworn in his Stead

Comara Swamy was sworn to interpret to the Prisoner the Court and the Several Witnesses

Clerk of the Peace Mootiga and Raganaigoloo hold up your hands you stand indicted by the Names of Mootiga of the Town of Madraspatnam a Pean and Raganaigoloo of the Town of Madraspatnam a Calico Painter for that on the first Day of march in the fourteenth year of the reign of Our Sovreign Lord George now king of Great Britain &c. by force and arms &c. between the hours of 10 and Eleven Oclock in the night of the same Day within the Town aforesaid the Godown or Warehouse of Mr. Antoney Desouze feloniously and burglariously you break and enter with intent him the said Antoney Desouza of his Goods in the same Godown or warehouse then being feloniously and burglariously to steal take and carry away against the Peace of our Sovreign Lord the King his crown and Dignity How say you Mootiga are Guilty of the burglary where of you stand indicted or not Guilty

Mootiga — Not Guilty
Clerk of the Peace How will you be tried
Mootiga — By god and my country
Clerk of the Peace

Clerk of the Peace Raganaigoloo how say you are you guilty of the Burglary
where of you stand indicted or not guilty

Raganaigoloo - Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace How will by you be tried

Raganaigoloo By God and my Country

The Prisoners being informed that according to the Laws of England they might chuse a Jury of twelve Englishmen or half English and half of their Own last they chuse twelve Europeans —

Clerk of the Peace you the Prisoners at the Bar these good men whom you shall hear called and Personally Do appear are to pass betwee our Sovreign Lord the King and you upon the trial of your lives and Deaths if you will challenge them or any of them your time is to speak unto them as they come to the Book to be Sworn and before they are Sworn ——— The following Jury was then — Sworn the Prisoner Declaring he had no Objection to them —

Mess[r] Andrew Ross	Thomas Pelling
Daniel Sham	Thomas Johnson
William Carlisle	John Jackson
Christopher Macklin	Thomas Topham
Thomas Rathbone	Fredrick Frank
William Harrison	and David young

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners and hearken to their cause you shall know that they Stand indicted by the Name of Mooliga and Raganaigoloo their Indictment was read over again as in the Arraignment upon this Indictment they have been Arraigned and there unto have pleaded not Guilty and for their Several trials have put themselves upon God and their Country which Country you are your Office

is to enquire whether they are guilty of the Burglary where of they stand indicted or not Guilty if you find them guilty you are to enquire what Goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements they had at the time of the Burglary so Committed or at any time since if you find them not Guilty you are to enquire if they fled for it if you find they fled for it if you find they fled for it you are to enquire of their Goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements the same as if you had found them guilty if you find them not Guilty and that they did not fly or if you are to say so and no more so hear your Evidence — Chinglerey being called and Sworn Deposes as follows I saw the Prisoners the night they were taken which was some time in last month My master Mr De Souza told me some things were stolen from the Godown in Macan street and bid me go and watch there were some Peons employed before but they could not find any body Nineapah my Masters Comicoply Ordered me to watch there I watched one Day but saw nobody the 2d day at night about 10 Oclock I went and watched I went a little way from the Godown and state myself down there were some Sugar chests in the Godown which were bound round with Battans and hearing a noise in the Godown like the cutting of them I went nearer and heard the same I went up to the Godown before it was locked with a padlock but the padlock then hung on the Door and the Door was put too I am sure the Godown was locked before when I came to the Door I fastened it with a Battan and held it I then heard the Door shaking within and somebody knocked against it I called out to the Peons in the Verandah of the Hut by the house over head the Seapoy guard coming by I called to them they came and I asked them if I might open the Godown they said yes. where upon I did and two men came out whom the Seapoys took

Hold

holds of and carried to the Sea Gate the Jemadar said he had no Orders to keep them so I carried them to the Main Guard the Officer took them into Custody and Ordered us to go away the next Day I told Ninicapah and went to the main Guard and brought the Prisoners when any masters came the Conicoply asked them what they had stole they said Sugar and Cloth

Jury —— Are you sure the Prisoners are the same men —

Deponant I am sure they are.

Court —— Was there light enough to see them

Deponant Yes they are the Same men

Jury —— Are you very certain the Godown was locked when you came to Watch.

Deponant I examined it when I came to watch and found it locked

Jury —— Who locked it

Deponant The Conicoply

Jury —— If you heard a noise in the Godown why did you not hear the Breaking of the Locks

Deponant I was at some Distance and sate three Doors off

Jury —— at what time was it Ninicapah Ordered you to watch

Deponant Between 8 and 9 Oclock he was in the House the Godown was before when I left him I went to Supper and returned at 9 when I looked at the Padlock and seeing it was fast went away a little Distance two or three Days before Vellden locked it the Day after he found it unlocked and locked it again the Keys were kept in Mr Dewouzas Compting house

Question Did you loose any thing from the Godown

Deponant I looked in the Godown found it was full and that nothing was lost and the Prisoners were searched to see if they had any thing about them to pick the lock but I could not find any thing neither Did I see any thing of that kind in the Godown

Jury —— Did you sleep any time

Deponant I slept a little

Jury —— could you see the Godown from the place where you sate Down.

Deponant As it was a little Darke I could not see it

Jury —— why did you sleep when you was Ordered to watch the Godown

Deponant As it was the time that People were passing I did not think any thieves would come till past twelve

Court —— Had they nothing about them when they came out of the Godown

Deponant No they had not

The Day before this happened I was In the Godown it was full of Sugar which was piled up.

Court —— When you went away with the Seapoys how Did you fasten the Door

Deponant I shut it too and Desired two Peons who were watching Cotton to look after it

Jury —— Did you see any marks of violence on the Chests next Day

Deponant all but one were in Good condition the rattans of which was little cut

Jury —— Was there any Windows in the Godown

Deponant None

The Prisoner having no Questions

Ninicapah was then called and being first Duely sworn Deposes as follows

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner

Deponant yes about a fortnight ago a Peon brought them to my masters house One morning a Peon came to my house and said the thieves are found who have stole the Sugar I told them to carry them to any masters house I went then and saw them I asked moodeliar why he stole the Sugar he said he was Starving I asked him what he Did with it he said he carried it to St Thome to Sell I asked him

how they Opened the Godown he said with a false Key. I said who are the Keys he replied that he had thrown them among the Sugar Chests ——— This being a Deposition foreign to the Indictment and the Deponant having been told the same is asked what he knows of the Crime they are accused of replies I know nothing of the Godown what was broke open but I had charge of a Godown with sugar in it under Mr. machays house

Jury — Do you know whether the Godown was locked the Day the Prisoners were taken

Deponant — The Godown was locked three Days before and was unlocked before the Robbery the Keys were kept in my Office and Nobody would open the Godown without my leave —

Jury — who used to open the Godown

Deponant — Villaiden he is Conicesply to Mr. Desouza and I think he would not Open it at any time without my leave

Jury — Do you know if the Chests were Damaged

Deponant — The night after the Robbery was committed I examined them one of the Rattans of Chest was cut the Chests were up and the Rattans of the upper Chest was cut

The Prisoners having no Questions are Separately on their Defence

Mootiga — I know nothing about it I was Drunk

Raganaigolo I was Drunk Mootiga gave me liquor

The Prisoners being asked if they had any more to call on to prove they were not at the Godown on the day they were accused of in the Indictment or to give them a Character the following are called on the Part of Mootiga

Cundapah Peon to the Mayors Court being Sworn on the Part of Mootiga Deposes that he knows the Prisoner but Does not know his name that two years ago when he fell sick he put this man to Serve for him at that time he Appeared to be an honest man for which reason he recommended him to Mr. Cuthbert —

The Prisoner asked him no Questions but called on Moodoosheitnah head Peon to the Mayors Court who being Duely Sworn Deposed that ——— he Served 15 Days for Cundapah when Mr. Stracey was mayor but knows nothing of his Character — The Prisoner having no Questions to ask this Deponant and no more witnesses to call upon —

Raganaigolo Calls on the following.

Verapah a Calico painter being Sworn on the Part of raganaigolo Deposes that the Prisoner worked in his house and that his Name as Raganaigolo he has known him 10 years and has employed him all that time as he worked in his house he did not think him a Thief that the Prisoner was a little out of his Senses and was always Obliged to be forced to his Work he worked till he was taken up in the Black town came in the morning and went away in the Evening but he always thought the Prisoner out of his Senses —

The Prisoner asked him no Questions

Streenavausoloo was then called on and being Duely Sworn Deposed as follows That the Prisoners name was Raganaigoloo and that he lived in the same Street he the Deponant Did and had known him ever since he was born he knows him to be an honest man but easy to be Lead away —

The Prisoner having no Questions and no more Witnesses to call on the Jury withdrew an Officer being Sworn to attend them

The Grand Jury then came into Court and answering to their Names present the Bill of Indictment

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One Against William Thomas and Thomas Cheid and one against Thomas Cherd Separately both indorsed Bills Vera.

A verdict being proclaimed the Petty Jury came into Court and Answering to their Names

Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen are you agreed on your Verdict
Jury — Yes
Clerk of the Peace } who shall say for you
Jury — Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace } Look upon the Prisoners how say you are they Guilty of the Burglary where of they stand indicted or not Guilty—

The foreman then Delivers a Special Verdict to Clerk of the Peace as follows. The Jury find that the Prisoners Mootiga a Native and Raganaigoloo a Native were found in the Godown or Warehouse mentioned in the Indictment and that he did Endeavour to Open the Door of the same godown in the night with an Intent as they believe to make his escape therefrom—that the Prisoner Raganaigoloo Not Guilty. The Judges think that sufficient Enquiry had not been made according to the Evidence and that the Verdict Did not at all relate to the tenor of the Indictment having searched the Law books particulary wherein it is clearly laid Down what and how far Special Verdict may be received by the Court upon mature consideration recommend it to the Jury to withdraw and reconsider their Verdict. They Do and on of the Petit Jury Receiving Leave to come into Court desire to know from the Court if they should acquit mootiga could he be indicted on a less Crime such as a Trespass misdemeanor and being answered in the affirmative he withdrawn

Some little time after the Jury come into Court and Answering to their Names—

Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen are you agreed on any Verdict
Jury — yes
Clerk of the Peace who shall say for you
Jury — Our foreman
Clerk of the Peace Mootiga hold up your Hand — How say you is mootiga Guilty of the Burglary where of he stands indicted or not Guilty—
Foreman not Guilty — which was recorded as also the Verdict on Raganaigoloo as above presented
Clerk of the Peace Gentleman of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court have recorded it you say that Mootiga and Raganaigoloo are not Guilty of the Felony where of they stand indicted and so you say all.
Jury — yes — Raganaigoloo was Discharged and mootiga Ordered into confinement — The Court then proceeded to the Trial of William Thomas and Thomas Cherd who were put to the Bar and arraigned as follows—
Clerk of the Peace William Thomas hold up your hand Thomas Cherd hold up your hand you stand indicted by the name of William Thomas and you of Thomas Cherd of the Town of Madraspat man in the Military Service of the Honble East India Company for that on the first day of March in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George now king of Great Britain &c by force and arms &c in the Town aforesaid One piece of blue broadcloth one serge and half cotton Stockings One serge and half of cotton Gloves One pair cotton petticoat two long Drawers three remnants of Gingam five handkerchiefs 3 pair of Breeches one waistcoat one

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Turband one Shift Six Sheets 3 Old Doutees 2 Towels two pair of Silk Stockings one Coarse Cloth Two Stone Snuff Silver Rings and some Coral Breads one Stone Gallon Jar with Arrach and one Copper funniel Value altogether about twelve pounds Sterling numbered of the Goods and Chattels of one Chadien Arrach Godown keeper in the and Shop or Godown of the said Chadien then and there being found privately and feloniously you did steal take and Case away Against the Peace of our Sovreign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

Clerks of the Peace How say you William Thomas are you guilty of the Felony where of you stand indicted or not guilty

Wm Thomas Not guilty

Clerks of the Peace How will you be tried

Will.m Thomas By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace God send you a Good Deliverance

to Tho.s Chard How say you Thomas Chard are you Guilty of the Felony where of you stand indicted or not Guilty

Thomas as Chard Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace How will you be tried.

Thomas Chard By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace God Send you a Good Deliverance

You the Prisoners at the Bar these good men whom you shall hear called and personally do appear are to pass between our Sovereign Lord the King and you upon your Several Trials for your life and Death if you will challenge them or any of them your time is to speak them as they come to the Book to be Sworn and before they are Sworn The following Jury were then Sworn

Messrs Andrew Ross Thomas Pelling
Daniel Shaw Thomas Johnson
William Carlisle John Jackson
Chris.r Machlin Thomas Popham
Fredrick Franks Thomas Rathbone
Will.m Harrison & David young.

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners and hearken unto their Cause — you shall know that they stand Indicted by the Names of / here the Indictment was read over again as in the Arraignment / upon this Indictment — they have been arraigned and thereunto have pleaded not Guilty and for their trial have put themselves upon god and their Country which Country you are your Charge is to enquire whether they are Guilty of the Felony where of they stand indicted or not Guilty If you find them guilty you are to enquire what Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements they had at the time of the Felony so committed or at any time since If you find them not Guilty you are to enquire if they fled for it if you find they fled for it you are to enquire of their Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements the Same as if you had found them Guilty if you find them not Guilty and that they Did not fly for it you are to Say so and no more so hear your Evidence

Chadien Arrach Godown keeper

being then called Deposed as follows

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners

Deponant No I dont know them Never saw them

Clerk of the Peace Relate to the Court what you know of the Robbery they are accused of

Deponant I last some things about 14 Days ago at 10 Oclock at night

Sentry came and reported to me when I was in the Jaggry Godown that there were Thomas Cherd and another (Europ
setting on the Terench without and that they had a Bun
of Cloths and were Drinking I told him to go and look
out he went and returned soon after telling the Europe
are walking to the sea Side if any complaints come in
the morning they will all fall upon you at 4 Oclock I
relieved Guard and sent two Seapoys out to see what they
were about and went after my self and enquired of the
Seapoys who and what they were the Seapoys replied they
have Got some arrack and Linnen that seems to belong t
some Gentlemen I went up to T Cherd and asked him w
Gentlees what they were Doing there and while I was
Speaking the other man went away with the Bundle
it and returned the two Seapoys went with the Europ
and brought it back we stood there about an hour wh
I brought them in to the Guard and left them they De
us to let them go saying if we Did not let them go before
Gunfire they Should be flogged I said I would carry
them into the Fort when the Gates were Opened I went
on one side to make water when the Prisoner Cherd ra
away with the Bundle the Prisoner Thomas I left
with the Seapoys and a Seapoy and I ran after Cherd he ha
over the new and coming by the Tirewood near the Arrack
-on some seapoys took him and carried him to the Main Gu
the other man whom I left at the Battery beat the Seapoy
broke his firelock and ran away I went after him and not
finding him reported it at the Main Guard

Questions from the Prisoners } Did you come yourself to take us

Deponant Yes I did

Irevengadum a Seapoy called and Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar

Deponant I know Thomas Cherd only since the Day he was taken about a month ago when I stood Centry at 4 Oclock in the morning on the Jaggry Godown Battery about 4 I reported to the naig that I saw 2 Europeans without he Ordered me to see what they were about I said I could not go without my firelock he ordered me take it another Seapoy and I went when they saw us they left the Bundle and coming up to us We said where Did you get that Bundle they replied in Malabars that it was their Own we went to the Battery and they followed of their own accord we then carried them back again and found 2 Bundles and a Jar which we brought back to the Guard the Europeans desired us to let them go we said after day break you shall go. Cherd then ran away a Seapoy and the naig followed the other man ran away he was a Corperal and I know him by his knott I heard they were carried to the main Guard

Clerk of the Peace How do you know that to be the man who had a knott

Deponant Because he was short

Jury — Did you never see the Prisoners before

Deponant Never

Jury — Was there any light by which you Distinguish Objects

Deponant It was Moon light

Prisoner ask Did you find the Cloths on Cherd or on the Ground

Depinnant On the Ground but they were Opened

Prisoner Where Did you find the Stone Bottle

I put all my Goods into two Chests and Locked them up there was some Stockings Breeches Gloves and some Arrack and two or Three Silver rings two or 5 handkerchiefs 2 or 3 Dooties Two Turbans and two or three small towels I Locked up the Godown and went home About 6 Oclock in the Morning when I Returned I found the Staple of the Door broke and the Padlock missing the Door only put to I missed the two Boxes which were there I went to look for them and found the two Chests but they were broke open and nothing in them I brought them back and a Boy who lights the lamps of the Garrison told me he saw a Bundle of Cloths and a Jar with some Arrack in it at the Main Guard I then went to the main Guard but saw them the Officer Looked at all the things and I told him they were my property The Officer told me if I had a List to bring it I went home and brought the List and sent it Serjeant Major Carey the things to the Justice I followed him thither the Officer also went to the Justice Opened the things and looked at them asking me how I got them I said that I kept an Arrack Shop and people who passed and repassed left them under my care —

Question Court — What were the things you saw at the Main Guard.

Deponant — Most part of what I left in the Chests the night before

Court — Did you ever see the Prisoners before

Deponant — Never

Jury — Howes the Godown built

Deponant — It is built in the Country manner Joins to a wall of another house and the entrance is from the Street

Jury — Do you Live the Shop or is it your own

Deponant — I rent it of a widow called Joanna the Owner of the House it Joins

Jury — Does any one Sleep in it

Deponant — No it was only a Shop and I sold Arrack in it

Court — Who Did the things belong to

Deponant — They belonged to other People

Court — Did not you give Arrack for them

Deponant — No

Jury — Were not the things pawned

Deponant — They were left in the Godown for Security some had been about 15 Days others were Stockings which were brought and kept there when they could not be Sold as the Owners lived far off.

Jury — Did you receive nothing for your trouble

Deponant — No

Jury — Who then Did the Theft belong to

Deponant — A Boy made it for a Portuguese woman

Jury — What things were your own

Deponant — My own things were a Jar a funnel 2 or 3 Dooties 2 Old Turbans some Old rags and 2 or 3 handkerchiefs —

The things Produced The Jar the funnel the Turbans his own to the best of his Belief the Chests he has in his Shop

The Prisoners having no Questions —

Jogul Naigue was then called and being first — Duely Sworn Deposed as follows

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners

Deponant — I know one only Thomas Lloyd

Clerk of the Peace How long have you known him

Deponant — Since he was taken up some time last month

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Crime they are indicted off

Deponant — Some time in last month being on guard on the Jaggry — Godown Battery with three other Seapoys Lethimadoo the Sentry

Depenant — On the Ground near the Bundle
Prisoner — Did not you drink at it
Deponant — They asked me and I refused as I never Drink Arrack

Letchmadoo a Seapoy Called and Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar.
Deponant — I only know the tallest — Thomas Cherd and that only since the day he was taken
Clerk of the Peace — relate to the Court what you know of the Crime the stand Indicted of —
Deponant — About a Month ago I was Centry on the Jaggry Godown Battery from two Oclock till three in the Morning near three Oclock I saw two Europeans without I challenged them and they gave no Answer I challenged a Second time and alarmed the Guard and a Seapoy came I called out to them in Gentoo asking why they were there at that time of night they Answered in a Different language that they would return to the Fort at Gunfire when I called out one of the men came up to the Battery and when I had asked him the above Questions and he had replied he went away and opened the Bundle and walked about — I reported to the naig that two Europeans were there and Opened a Bundle he told me to look out is may be they had women at this time three Oclock Struck and the Europeans walked about Drinking liquor at 6 I was relieved when I told the naig all that had happened while I was Centry and said if any thing happens the Offices will say its your fault he then Sent me and Trevenga (a Seapoy) to see what they were about when we went the Europeans got up and while we were talking to them one went away with the Bundle told Trevengadum to go

after him he went and the European returned without the Bundle the naig then came up we went were the Bundle was we got it and came to the Battery with the Europeans at this time the Clock Struck five and they sate still with the Bundle as soon as the Gun fired one man took the Bundle and ran away I ran after him he jumped over the walls of the new works and I ran after him and alarmed the Seapoys there who took him with the Bundle near the fire wood Stack and carried him to the Main Guard —
Clerk of the Peace — What became of the other man
Deponant — I left him at the Guard and Dont know what became of him but when I returned they told me he had became a Seapoy broke his Firelock and ran away —
Prisoner asks — Did not you take up the Jar and Drink the Arrack
Deponant — No I did not I never Drink
Jury — Why Do you know one man and not the other
Deponant — I know there were two but one ran away and as I followed I know him

The Prisoners had no further Questions and Gopal a Seapoy being called was Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar
Deponant — I know the tallest of Thomas Cherd but not certain I know the other
Clerk of the Peace — How long have you known him
Deponant — Since the last pay day of last month Letchmadoo stood Centry on the Jaggry Godown Battery at 6 I relieved him when I relieved him he told the naig that there were two Europeans without who had some things with them who he thought were thieves the naig thereupon Ordered two Seapoys to go after them they brought one Europeans to him and said the other tall one had taken the Bundle and hid it under the Sand This only heard att

Matter was over but I saw the Europeans brought into the Battery with the Bundles The Seapoy and naig inquired who they were and where they came from the tall one said he wanted to go the Naig said he should go at Gunfire one of the men took the Bundle and ran away I went after him and told him I would Stab him he threw Down the Bundle and ran away the naig and Seapoy ran after him and I returned to my post where the other man was left who at that time was crying but he got up and knocked me Down broke my firelock and ran away I went after him a little way and returned again to my Post — The Prisoners having no Questions to ask this Deponant —

Ghaiah Claude Mahomed Samatdar being Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar —

Deponant I know the little man (William Thomas) he is a Corporal the other man I know to be a Soldier

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Felony they stand indicted

Deponant The first of the month or there abouts the Corporal and I were on Duety at the Seagate about 6 in the Evening the Corporal went away and returned with a Soldier whom he said the Town Major had Ordered him to go out of the Fort with. the Sentry not permitting him to go out Ordered him to come to me when he told me the Above I said you are on Duety here if you make use of the Town Majors name you may go he said I am going on the Town Majors busines here is a fanam to buy some Tobacco I took it gave it to a Seapoy to buy Tobacco for the Corporal who went and bought it I waited till 12 at night and nobody Returned at 6 in the morning he came when I gave him the Tobacco as the Guards were relieved when the Corporal went away

When he came I said you promised to come at night why Did you not he replied he had business ——— The Prisoners being asked if they had any Questions to ask this Deponant —

Willm Thomas Did I appear to be in liquor when I returned

Deponant No

There being no more Witnesses to examine the Prisoners were put on their Defence —

William Thomas's Defence

On the first of the Month Cherd and I were Drinking at the Arrack Godown about 8 at night afterwards we both went out together when we came to the north Glacis we were so Drunk that we could go no further so we went to sleep In the Morning Cherd waking me I asked whats O'clock he said he would ask the Seapoy who told him it was past four while he was gone I went to make water and as I returned from making water he came and three Seapoys we all went together and the Seapoys took up a Stone Bottle and drank Arrack out of it after they had Drank they went about 50 yards and saw some black fellows they took up their firelocks and were going to knock one of them Down the Seapoys took a bundle from the black fellows and some thing else I did not see the Seapoys never said an Angry word to us but took the bundle from the Black fellows went to their Guard room and We followed I laid down to sleep there and Cherd walked up and down at the Door ——— Being asked if he had any witnesses to call on to Support the above otherwise — John Solay is called on and being Duely Sworn on the part of the Prisoner Thomas Deposed That he has known the Prisoner upwards of five years that he always was a good Duety man and bore the Character of an honest man the

he had been in the same Company with him near two years and
half and never knew either any harm of him or of his being
Guilty that Deserved Punishment ——— Thomas had
no Questions ——— Captain Phillips being also called
on by the Prisoner Thomas being Sworn Deposed That he
thinks he has known the Prisoner about a year and that During
that time he was looked upon as a very good man ——— The Prisoner
had no Questions or more witness to call on Thomas Cherd
the other Prisoner was on his Defence ——

The Prisoner Cherds Defence — I was walking by the firewood at the west Front and some Seapoys coming along with a Bundle took me Prisoner. There are many men in the Regiment but are now gone away who could prove I was in the Barrahs all that night he called on the following Witnesses John Lorrimore being Duely Sworn Deposed That he had known the Prisoner upwards of two years that he always behaved well was clean Sober and Deligent and did his duty properly and that he never heard he was accounted Dishonest ——— Cherd asked Samuel Pippet duely Sworn Deposed ——

That he had known the Prisoner almost two years and never heard any thing laid to his charge he always went clean he haved well and he never heard his name Called in Questions The Prisoner asked no Questions ———

Lieutenant Thomas Prendergast Duely Sworn Deposed that He known the Prisoner that he came out in the same Ship from England with him in 1775 on the Ancient that he was then quite a Boy and bore a good Character as a Soldier in the Garrison he has known him to be a very Sober quiet Lad and had always Done his Duty well ———

The Prisoner Cherd asked this Deponant no Questions and the

the Witnesses on both the Part of the Crown and the Prisoners having been Examined the Jury withdrew an Officer being Sworn to attend them — In a very short time the Jury came into Court and answering to their Names —

Clerk of the Peace } Gentlemen are you agreed on your Verdict —
Jury — yes
Clerk of the Peace } Who shall say for you
Jury — Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace } William Thomas and Thomas Cherd hold up your
to the Prisoners } Hands
to the Jury Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners — How say you are they guilty of the Felony where of they Stand Indicted or not Guilty
Foreman not Guilty
Foreman's No ——— which being Duely recorded —
Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court have recorded it you say that William Thomas and Thomas Cherd are not guilty of the Felony where of they stand indicted and so you say all —
Jury — yes

William Thomas was then Discharged and Thomas Cherd against whom there was another Bill presented by the Jury was Ordered by the Court into Confinement till his Trial came on ———

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented a Bill against Corporal for Felony indorsed Ignoran ces likewise a presentment which was publichly read in Court as follows ———

Town of Madraspatnam ss

We the Grand Jury of the Town of Madraspatnam Sworn to enquire for our Sovreign Lord the King for the Body of the said Town being Justly and truly sensible of the many advantages arrising to this Place by the gracious Dispensation of his Majesty Royal Charter as it has conveyed with it the Laws of England and perscribed the proper method of putting those laws into Execution

Do Present that it appears to them by the Confession of Mootiga indicted this Session for Burglary &c to Ninepah a Canicoply that he sold to Narrain Chitty and Gnad 9 Pieces of moreas for 16 P. Pagodas and 2 Pieces of long Cloth for 2 Pagodas also to the said Narrain Chitty 9 maunds of Sugar for 16 16 fanams that he sold to one Lable residing at St. Thome

9 P.s Long Cloth for 27 Rupees & P. D.s while for 16 Pagodas 4 P.s Muslin for 16 Pagodas and 7 maunds of Sugar for 132 fan.s that these Prices appear to us so inferior to their known Value that We think there is great reason to suppose that the said Narrain Chitty Gnuah and one Lable the purchasers of the said goods Did believe them to be stolen at the time of buying them

And Do further Present that it hath come to our knowledge that in or about the Month of Febry last one Southwell an Invalid Master was sent to Vepery in Order to take Charge of a Gun that was placed upon the Church there that he the said Southwell Did felonie-ously steal and take away Several Books belonging to Mr. Lionel Joriano four of which are now Delivered into Court and other things the Property of Different People to a consi-derable amount out of a room that was given him to live in and that the said Southwell at present in the Hospitals and hath not to their knowledge been brought to his Tryal all which matters and things are contrary to the Peace of our Sovreign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

Town Hall
1st april 1774

Signed by George Savage
Jr. Grand Jury

In answer to the aforegoing the Court will cause the Enquiry to be made of the Sale of things mentioned in Said Presentment and the Court Observe that the Circum-stance of the Robbery said to have been committed by South-well never came to the Knowledge of the Court or of any member thereof no complaint having been made to them or any of them had it been brought before them they would Have shewn their Willingness to bring every Offender to Justice

The Court then adjourned till fryday at 8 Oclock in the forenoon for continueing the Sessions Fryday 15th April

Justices Present as yesterday

The Court being Opened Thomas Cherd was put to the Bar and arraigned as follows

Clerk of the Peace Thomas Cherd hold up your hand —— you stand indicted by the name of Thomas Cherd of the Town of Madraspatnam a Soldier in the Service of the East India Company for that

that some time in the Month of February last in the fourteenth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c. by force and arms &c. in the Town afore said Six pieces of Moores value about two pounds eight Shillings Numbered of the Goods and Chattels of one Shamier Sultan and one Punical or Carpet Value about eight Shillings Numbered of the goods and chattels of one Venecatahistnah Pillah in the Chopping Godown or Land Customers warehouse of the Honble East India Company then and there being found Privately and feloniously you did Steal take and bear away against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity — How say you Thomas Lloyd are you guilty of the Felony where of you stand indicted or not Guilty

Prisoner — Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace How will you be tried

Prisoner — By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace God send you a Good Deliverance

——— You the Prisoner at the Bar these Good men whom you shall hear called and personally do appear are to pass between Our Sovereign Lord the King and you upon the Trial of your Life and Death if you will Challenge them or any of them your time is to Speak as they come to the book to be Sworn and before they are Sworn —

The following Jury were then Sworn the Prisoner Declaring he had no Objection to any of them

Mr. Andrew Ross
Messrs. Thomas Pelling
Thomas Johnson
John Jackson
Thomas Popham
Fredrick Frank
Daniel Shaw
William Carlisle
Christopher Mackliss
Thomas Rathbone
William Harrison

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and hearken unto his Cause you Shall know that he stands indicted by the name of Thos. Lloyd Indictment was read Over again as in the Arraignment upon this Indictment he has been Arraigned and thereunto pleaded not guilty and for his trial has put himself upon god and his country — which Country you are your charge is to enquire whether he is guilty of the Felony where of he stands indicted or not guilty if you find him guilty you are to enquire what goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements he had at the time of the Felony so Committed or at any time since if you find him not guilty you are to enquire if he fled for it if you find he fled for it you are to enquire of his goods and Chattels Lands or tenements the same as if you had found him Guilty if you find him guilty and that he Did not fly for it you are to say so and no more so hear your Evidence Paupiah keeper of the Land Customers Godown being Called and first Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant — No I know nothing of him

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the felony he is indicted of —

Deponant I have lost some things from the Godown Viz. Twelve pieces of Moores a puneal or Carpet and nothing else which were lost in the month of February — The twenty fifth of February being Chopping Day In the Morning at 7 O Clock I came to the Godown under the Chowtry Gate and Opened the Door the two Windows of the Godown which when they were shut it was always Dark were Opened and as I saw a light I was surprised I went and Shut them I had left two Bundles of Moores close to

the Window the Evening before I saw that one pc was Drawn from the rest and as the Window was Opened I thought some body had broke the Godown I looked at the Window and saw it was not fastened and that one of the Bars were taken away and kept on one Side and the Chunam of the Window broke I then shut up the Window and Godown and immediately went to Vencatahistnah Pillah and told him what had happened I am certain I shut the Godown Window the night before because I always Did when I returned Vencatahistnah Pilla was at the Godown he Ordered me to open it and take an account of the things I did and found in One which Should contain thirty only 18 and the other eight Vencatahistnah Pilla told Mr Stracey who came to the Godown and saw what Condition it was in and likewise the Lock on Europeans under it and went away

Jury — Where was the Carpet kept

Deponant — When Vencatahistnah pillah went home his Palanqueen Boys used to kept it on the bundles

Jury — Do you remember if the Carpet was in the Godown the night before the Robbery

Deponant — I know it was there when I went home to Dinner but not certain when I locked the Godown at night

Being asked if he should know the things he says they were brown Moores had Shamier Sultans mark on them were 18 covids long had been Chopped and measured had the Campanys and Shamiers Chop together with the passing Chop to be carried to the Chintz Painters and that they were torn in the Middle

Things Produced and Answers Discriptions Described the Same by the Deponant —

The Prisoner having no Questions

Nella Vootie a Servant to Coja Shamier Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant — I know nothing of him

Clerk of the Peace — Relate what you know of the Robbery committed in the Sand Customers Godown

Deponant — Fryday the 25th February being Chopping day I went to the Godown for two bundles of Moores belonging to Coja Shamier Sultan which had been carried there by Coolies Two Days before Paupah Cojah Shamier Sultans Brammeny told me he had Sent them and Ordered me to go with them I arrived at the Godown half an hour after them when I arrived I opened them one Bundle contained 30 the other 35 which I counted as it was not Chopping Day and left them on the fryday as above related they were Chopped each pc 18 covids long they were torn in the middle and had the Painters Chop on them I tied them up in two bundles the Peon came and counted them there was 30 pcs in one and 35 in the other the peon reported this to the Banicoply telling him they were Coja Shamiers Moores and were to be painted I asked for an Order to pass it to the Linettes Verdapilla gave the Order but as Monigar Did not sign if the People would not pass it I therefore Delivered them to Paupahs Charge and went home the next day I came to home some Ginguns Chopped and on my way heard Some of the Cloth was stolen I asked Paupah for the Bundles of Cloth he brought out the Cloth and counted one bundle contained 35 Pieces the other 18 Pieces I asked for the other twelve Pieces he said he did not know where they were but the Soldiers had

stole

Stolen them and he had Complained to Mr Stracey Ireport all this to my Master Cojah Shamier

Jury — Should you know the Cloths Describe them.

Deponant There was the Painting Shop the Companys and Cojah Shamiers Shop

The things produced to the best of his belief thinks them the things Stolen

The Prisoner having no Questions to ask Thomas Jeffries duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner

Deponant I have known him near two Years but was never very intimate with him

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Robbery he is indicted of

Deponant On the 2d of March I was Sergeant of the Main Guard where Chard and Thomas were confined about 4 in the afternoon Thomas sent for me into the Guard room and told me Chard had acquainted him that morning that he had Six pieces of Cloth and an old Carpet under his Coll in a Box some of which he said was buried under Ground sometime and would be glad if I would go to the Barracks as it might be in his (Thomas's) behalf at his Tryal he further told me that Chard had Desired him to make away with it as he was afraid Something worse would come of it I went and acquainted the Officer of the Guard and immediately after went to the Barracks where I found four pieces in a Barr Barhet under the Prisoners Coll I carried the 4 Pcs to the main Guard and the Officer Ordered me to go for the other Pieces I went again to the Barracks and found a Small trunck and on it a Lock like that of a Dogs collar as the Lock was small and the Box large I easily opened

the trunk and found two pieces which seemed very much Damaged and appeared to have been buryed I took them to the main Guard but found no Carpet about half an hour after Serjeant Solay brought the Carpet to the main Guard and Delivered it to the main Guard

Clerk of the Peace How Do you know it was Chards Coll

Deponant As I layed very near him and his Birth was open

Jury — Was he confined at the Main Guard for this Crime

Deponant I dont know

Clerk of the Peace Describe the Cloth

Deponant It was unbleached had a blueish hue was rather fine and had the Companys Mark I only saw this on one piece as I did not examine the whole The Carpet was blue and white and rather old the things Answer Description

The Prisoner having no Questions

John Solay a Serjeant was called and duely sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner

Deponant Yes he belongs to my Company and I have known him about 15 Months

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the felony he is indicted of

Deponant The 2 march I mounted Guard at the Barracks about 4 in the Evening Serjeant Jeffries came and told me he was sent by the Officer of the Main Guard for 4 Pieces of Cloth and a gone Carpet as Thomas had told him and he had acquainted the Officer of the Main Guard who had sent him to look after it in Chards birth as Thomas had told him I went with him when he came to the Coll he took from under it a bambre basket which had no lock and Key to it he opened it and took therefrom four Pieces of Cloth which he carried to the Main Guard and returned again and took from

from under the Cott a Leather box which had a lock on it like a Dogs Collar lock the hasp was large and as he took it up the Box Opened he found two Pieces of Cloth therein which were very much Damaged he told me there was a Carpet which he Desired me to look for in Chords Birth on morning Chords Cott I found it it was blue and white and wrapped in a linnen Cloth I took it and Delivered it to the Officer of the Main Guard —

The things Produced — he believes the Cloth the Same and things the Carpet the same also there being no Questions to ask this Deponant either by the Jury or the Prisoner or any Witnesses to examine the Prisoner was put on this Defence

Prisoner. I know nothing of the Matter neither the Basket or the Box belonged to me — the Basket and things belonged to Six men who went to Camp and laid about the Barra-cks above a fortnight The Cotts are taken out of the Barra-cks every week and seldom put into the same place again — being asked if he had any Witnesses to support his Evidence and replying in the negative the Surgeon desired to withdrew an Officer being Sworn to attend them —

A short time after the Jury came into Court and answering to their Names —

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen are you agreed on any Verdict

Jury — Yes

Clerk of the Peace Who shall Say for you

Jury — Our foreman

Clerk of the Peace Look up the Prisoner at the Bar Guilty of the Felony whereof he Stands indicted or not Guilty

Foreman Guilty 1£ Shillings and 10d which was Duely Gentlemen —

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court have recorded it you say that Thomas Chord is Guilty to the Value of 1£ Shillings and 10 D and so you say all

Jury — Yes

The Grand Jury reporting no further business they and the Petit Jury are Dismissed with thanks for their Services.

Coopanah Chitteapah and abboo Barber who were confined on a Presentment delivered last Sessions as being accessaries to a Robbery committed in the House of Audy Narrain Chitty were Discharged by Proclamation —

The Court then proceed to pass Judgement on the Prisoners Pandarum being put to the Bar

Clerk of the Peace Hold up your Hands You Stand indicted here of Felony to the Value of 1£ Shillings what say you why the Court Should not proceed to give Judgement against you as the Law Directs

Prisoner. I know nothing about it

The Chairman then addresses him as follows — You Pandarum shall be flogged at the Carts Tail from the north to the South Gate of the White Town and I hope this Punish-ment will Deter you from committing the like in future he was then Taken away and Thomas Chord Put to the Bar

Clerk of the Peace Hold up your hand you stand here indicted of Felony to the Value of 1£ Shillings and 10 pence what say you why the Court should not pass Judgement on you as your Crime Deserves —

Prisoner. The things Did never belong to me

The Chairman then passed Sentence as follows — You Thomas Chord shall be whipped at the Carts Tail from

from the north to the South Gate of the white Town and should you commit the like again you may perhaps Suffer a worse punishment he was then taken from the Bar

The Court then adjourned till Wednesday the 13th Day of July next ensuing for holding another Sessions

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Town of Madraspatnam ss

At a general Quarter Sessions of the Peace Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery of Our Sovereign Lord the King holden for the Town of Madraspatnam at the Town Hall of the Said Town on Wednesday the 13th Day of April in the fourteenth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and so fourth and in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four Before Alexander Wynch George Dawson Henry Brooke Esqrs and others their Sociates Justices of our Sovereign Lord the King and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Said Town and Districts thereof on which Day the said Sessions was adjourned over by the Said Justices to Wednesday the 13th Day of April next ensuing to be held at the Town Hall of the said Town at eight Oclock in the forenoon of the same Day to do further as the Court shall then and there Consider of

Wednesday the 13th Day of July 1774

Justices Present

Alexander Wynch Esq. Chairman

George Dawson
Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson
John Macwell Stone
Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan
} Esqrs

The Court being Opened and the Sheriff having Delivered his Precepts the Grand Jury Sworn on both Commissions

Were

George Savage Esqr Foreman

Messrs James Hodges — William Hamilton
James Call — Eyles Irwin
Willm Hara Torriano — George Proctor
William Chambers — William Turing
Thomas Ogilvie — Charles Darke
Nathaniel Barlow — Duncan and Baine
David Haliburton — Alexander Brodie
Edward John Holland — John Henworthey

A Bailiff being Sworn to attend them they withdrew —

The Clerk of the Peace Delivers in four Bills of Indictment one against Mootu alias Pandarum for Felony One against William Seymour for an assault & Robbery on the Highway One against Mootu for attempting to Break the House of John Sykes and one against Wm Aitchinson and Monday for highway Robbery

One of the Grand Jury come in to Court to see Messrs Benton and Capper Sworn on a Bill of Indictment against Mootoo alias Pandarum —

The Coroner Delivers into Court three Inquests by him taken Vizt.

One taken on the Body of Appiah near the bridge leading to Hog hill the 18 April 1774 — } accidental Death

On Aiunto Narrain taken at the Town Goal the 13 may 1774 — } Natural Death

One on the Body of a Blackman Name unknown taken on the Island near the buying Ground the 2 June 1774 } Do

The Grand Jury having retired some time come into Court and answering to their names Deliver a Bill of Indictment against Mootu alias Pandarum indorsed Billa Vera

An Interpreter being Duely sworn to interpret to the Prisoner and such evidences as might be called for either King or Defendant the Court proceed to the Trial.

Pandarum placed at the Bar

Clerk of the Peace Pandarum hold up your Hand — You stand Indicted by the Name of Mootu alias Pandarum of the Town of Madraspatnam for that on thursday the 16th June in the fourteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c. by force and Arms &c. between the Hours of four and four in the Morning with in the town aforesaid the House of Mr Fitz William Barrington Did enter and one Gold Watch one p Silver Buckles 42 Pagodas one Stone two Silver Spoons three Stone Buckles a Silver Punch Strainer four Shirts two White Waistcoat four Pair Long Drawers three Coats, one half Piece of Blue Silk Sulatring value alto gether about thirty four Pounds twelve Shillings numbered of the Goods and Chattel and Monies of him the said Mr Fitz William Barrington and one Sword Numbered of the Goods and Chattels of one Mr Mitchell and one Palampore or Quilt numbered of the Goods and Chattel of one Mr as their Slaves in the said House of the aforesaid Mr Fitz William Barrington then and there being in the Custody and under the care of Mr Fitz William Barrington as aforesaid he did take with intent them the aforesaid Mr Fitz William Barrington Mr Mitchell and Mr as their Slaves feloniously to Spoil and rob and the Same Goods feloniously to steal take and carry away against the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

How Say you Moota alias Pandarum are you Guilty of the Felony where of you Stand Indicted or not Guilty —

Prisoner — Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace How will you be tried

Prisoner By God and my Country

Clerk of the Peace God send you a Good Deliverance.

Being told that according to the Laws of England he might Chuse a Jury of C of his Own Country and C English-men or a Jury of Twelve English Men he Chose the latter and being told likewise he might Object to any of these twelve Englishmen so Chosen for his Jury as they came to the Book to be Sworn and before they were Sworn — The following Jury was impannelled —

Mr Sr Andrew Ross	Thomas Pilling
Willm Carlisle	Daniel Shaw
Thomas Johnson	Christopher Machlin
David Young	Robert Williamson
John Jackson	James Stringer
Alexander Bonnicy	Frederick Frank

Mr George Moubray Keistnamah and Arnachellum Sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury on a Bill of Indictment against William Segnmin for an Assault and Robbery on the Highway one of their Body being Present

The Court then go on with the Trial

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and hearken unto his Cause you shall know that he Stands Indicted by the Name of Moota alias Pandarum Shire the Indictment was read over again as in the Arraignment upon the Indictment he has been arraigned and thereunto has pleaded not Guilty and for his Trial has put himself upon God and his Country

which Country you are Your Charge therefore is to enquire whether he is Guilty of the Felony where of he Stands Indicted or not Guilty if you find him Guilty you are to enquire what Goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements he had at the time of the felony to Committed or at any time Since if you find him not Guilty you are to enquire whether he fled for it if you find he fled for it you are to enquire of his Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements the Same as if you had found him Guilty if you find him not Guilty and that he Did not fly for it you are to Say to and more So hear your Evidence —

Mr Fitz William Barrington duely Sworn on the Holy Evangelist

Clerk of the Peace Do You know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant Yes I know him a little before the 16 June

Clerk of the Peace Relate to the Court what you know of the Felony he is Indicted of

Deponant On Thursday the 16 June between the Houses of three and four in the Morning I was awake by the barking of my Dog and immediately got up I then Saw Mr Capper Mr Benton and Mr Prevell in the other room who asked me if I had seen any thing of the Thieves or Thieves who had robbing me I said no On which looking under my pillow for my watch and Keys perceived they were missing I got up and we them Searched both the Rooms but without Mes as we were going from the on their room our of the Gentlemen perceiving him under the Couch cried out there he is upon which he was taken out and then was found on him my Gold watch which Mr Capper took from him Mr Bentons Servant found on him also a pair of Silver Buckles and Mr Prevell found a pair of Silver Table Spoons behind the Chair where he had Secreted himself a Punch Strainer three Knee Buckles an Eleven Case and the Keys of my Chest Drawers and Breast were found on him likewise 12 Pagodas were taken from him which were Lyed

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in my Perre and inclosed in his A Silver Gilted Sword belonging to Mr. Michell was found under the windows of my room likewise a Quilted palampore belonging to Mr. Strehies Stanhope which was in the inner room before there was also found under the window belonging to me A piece of blue Silk wanting four Yards three Coats and a pair of Breeches which were in the bottom Drawer of my Beaureau four Shirts and three pair of Long Drawers from the other Drawers and many Dirty Clothes from under my bed I also found a Shade taken from the place it was in when I went to bed -

Jury - - - Was the Door of the inner room opened

Deponant - Yes

Jury - - - Was there any light in either of the Rooms

Deponant - None

Jury - - - How did you see all these thing which you say were found

Deponant - The Gentlemen brought a light when they came into the room

Two Spoons an Etwie a Punch Strainer three Buckles and a watch being Produced to this Deponant he Declares them to be his property and what were Stolen from him by the Prisoner as above related -

The Prisoner being asked what Questions he had to put to this Deponant replied that he had none -

Mr. John Renton was then called and Duely Sworn on the Holy Evangelist

Clerk of the Peace - Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant - I only know him by having seen him the 16 June

Clerk of the Peace - Relate what you know of the Felony he is indicted of

Deponant - On the 16 June between three and four in the Morning Mr. Capper Came to me and said there were thieves in Mr. Barringtons Room upon which I immediately got up and

went to Mr. Barringtons room and saw several Seapoys Surrounding the Door and windows and under one of the Windows I saw some shirts a Sword a Piece of Silk and Some long Drawers upon this Mr. Capper or my boy I am not certain which went for a light when it came we went into the room and woke Mr. Barrington told him thieves were in His house he thereupon looked under his pillow and told us he missed his Watch and Keys he got up and we Searched the Rooms and in the outer room we found the Prisoner carcated under the Couch we brought him Out and found on him a Gold watch a purse of Mr. Barringtons - enclosed in his which contained 42 Pagodas we also found under the Couch a Silver punch Strainer an Etwie Some Keys some Shoes and three buckles the Sum of forty two Pagodas were counted out and I Desired Mr. Barrington to write it Down likewise what was Stole together with the Day and from -

The Paper Shewn him Declares it the Same the purport of which was an Account of what was Stolen and the persons who Discovered the Several things the Day of the month and hour which was Signed by Mr. James Capper Mr. John Renton and Mr. Joseph Revell

The Jury or Prisoner had no Questions to ask this Deponant

Mr. James Capper was then Duely Sworn -

Clerk of the Peace - Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant - I recollect him

Clerk of the Peace - How long

Deponant - Since Thursday the 16th June

Clerk of the Peace - Relate what you know of the felony he Stands indicted of

Deponant - Being Disturbed between the hours of two and three in the Morning of thursday by a Noise which I imagined under my window I got up intending to Call Mr and a heard a Guard round Mr Barringtons apartment next Door to mine from whence I Signs and further Observing

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a Sword under the Window I concluded some thief was within and to the Discovery awake Mr Renton and Revell and from Mr Rentons apartments I called him and informed him of my Suspicions he immediately missed his Keys and we proceeded to the Examination of his Apartments for the Person who must have taken them not finding any one concealed I was near returning to my own room when Somebody call'd out here he is on my return I discealed under a Couch and a Chair I saw the Prisoner who Shewing some reluctance to come out I put my hands under wash him and pulled out a Gold watch & Proceeds he Declares it the Same / on his removal under neath him I observed a Punch Strainer some Silver spoons and a pair of Buckles and on Mr Barrington. Observing his Money was missing. I directed one of the Seapoys to Search his Cloat concealed in which I observed a Small purse which on Delivery to Mr Barrington was opened and Contained forty two Pagodas—

Jury — From what Do you imagine the Seapoys could know any thing was stole from Mr Barringtons room or that any body was in it that they Should Surround

Deponant — I understood afterwards that the Parias Boy belonging to Mr Barrington alarmed them—

The Prisoner having No Questions—

Mootee Mr Barringtons Parrar boy was then Duely Sworn After the Manner of the Pariar Cast

Clerk of the Peace — Relate what you know of the Crime the Prisoner stands indicted of

Deponant — I was going to Sleep at the Bakers godown but finding too much Smoke returned and came to Sleep by the Seapoy at the Treasury that Day master was all close to the window of his room I saw something white and thinking my master had come out to make water and had Dropt some of his Cloaths I went near to look and saw there were some fine Cloaths and silk Breeches which my master had

Were two or three Days before after I saw this Linent and told the Seapoy I did not know whether there was not a thief in my Master Room or whether he was a lunatick and had thrown there things out of the Window himself at that time the Grand Came to relieve the Seapoy I was Speaking to and at that time I saw a Sword and some other things thrown out of the Window I thinking it must be thieves Desired the Seapoys to go and look and take care of the House when they made a Noise Mr Capper the Gentleman who lived next Door woke Mr Renton and Mr Revell Mr Renton told Mr Capper to Draw the Sword and Guard the Door they went in and found my master asleep and awoke him I had locked the Door over night and found the Staple was Drawn after the Gentlemen and my master searched Several places and found the Drawers were pulled out I asked my master if he had seen the thieves he said no and they searched the room and could not find him my master and all the Gentlemen went out to look at the Cloaths and Mr Rentons Boy and saw the Prisoner under the Couch—

Court — Is that the Same man

Deponant — Yes I am sure it was him I fastened his hands with his turbands and Mr Revell brought a Lanthorn Rope and tied him likewise — A Watch Shoe buckles two Silver Spoons and a punch Strainer were put in his Drawers and tied round his neck and the Pagodas were conceald in his own Purse

Jury — How long ago was it since this happened

Deponant — About a month

The Prisoner had no Questions

The Court thinking the matter of Fact the Prisoner stands accused of Sufficiently proved inform the Jury of the Same, telling them at the Same time there are many more witnesses if they Chuse to call on them but they reply they are Satisfied with those already examined—

The Prisoner was then Put on His Defence
He Says he was in liquor and Does not know what he did —

Being asked if he had any witnesses to call on and
Replying in the Negative the Jury withdraw an Officer being Sworn to
attend them

A very short time after they Come into Court and answer
-ing to their Names

Clerk of the Peace — Gentlemen are you agreed of any Verdict
Jury — Yes —
Clerk of the Peace — Who shall say for you
Jury — Our Foreman
Clerk of the Peace — Look up the Prisoner
to the Prisoner — Mootu alias Pandarum hold up your Hand
to the Foreman — How say you is he Guilty of the felony where of he Stands indicted or not
Guilty
Foreman — Guilty

Which was Duely recorded

Clerk of the Peace — Gentleman of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court have
Recorded it you Say that Mootu alias Pandarum is guilty of
the felony where of he Stands indicted and so you Say all

He was then taken from the Bar.

Mr William Chambers one of the Grand Jury being taken ill Mr John
Balfour is Sworn in his Stead —

One of the Grand Jury come into Court Desiring
to See the Petition Valentine and Nineteen Sworn to give Evidence
to the Grands Jury on a Bill against Mootu the two former appear
and are Sworn but the Latter being formally called on and not
appearing forfeits his Recognizance.

Some little time after the Grand Jury come into Court
and Answering to their Names present two Bills of Indictment

Indictment one against William Seymour indorsed Billa Vera and one
against Mutoo indorsed Ignoramus —

Bayan Sheridan, Daniel Benefield and James Sulivan — } Sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury on a Bill of Indictment against Wrest Atkinson and Monday —

The Grand Jury then Withdraw and the Court proceed
to the Iriel of William Seymour who is put to the Bar

Clerk of the Peace — William Seymour hold up your hand You stand indicted by the name
of William Seymour a Serjeant in the Service of the united East India
Company for that on the first Day of June in the fourteenth year of the
Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c.
by force and arms &c. at the Road commonly called the road leading to the
Governors Garden House within the Destrict of the Town aforesaid in and
upon one Hesitnamah in the Peace of God and our Sovereign Lord the King
then and there being feloniously Did make an Assault and her the said
Hesitnamah in bodily fear and Danger of her life in the road aforesaid
then and there did put and one necklace of Gold and beads of the Value of
one Pounds four Shillings of the goods and Chattels of her the said
Hesitnamah from the Person and against the Will of the said Hesitna
-mah in the Road as aforesaid then and there feloniously did steal take
and bear away against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the King his
Crown and Dignity How say you William Seymour are you guilty
of the felony when of you Stand indicted or not Guilty —

Prisoner — Not Guilty
Clerk of the Peace — How will you be tried
Prisoner — By God and the Laws of my Country
Clerk of the Peace — God Send You a Good Deliverance — you the Prisoner
at the Bar these Good Men whom you shall hear called and personally Do
appear are to pass between our Sovereign Lord the King and you upon the
Trial of your life and Death if you will Challenge them or any of them
your

your Duel is to Speak as they come to the Book to be Sworn and before they are Sworn —

The following Jury was then Sworn the Prisoner Declaring he had not any Objection to them

Mr Andrew Ross

Messrs Thomas Pelling — William Carlisle
Daniel Shaw — Thomas Johnson
Christopher Machlin — David Young
Paul Ferris — John Jackson
James Stringer — Alexander Bonner

John Willoughby

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoner and hearken unto his Cause you shall know that he stands indicted by the name of William Seymour there the Indictment was read Over again as in the Arraign-ment upon this Indictment he has been arraigned and thereunto has pleaded not Guilty and hath put himself upon God and his Country which Country you are your Charge is to enquire whether he is Guilty of the felony where of he stands indicted or not Guilty if you find him Guilty you are to enquire of what goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements he had at the time of the Felony so Committed or at any time Since if you find him not Guilty you are to enquire if he fled for it if you find he fled for it you are to enquire of his Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenement the Same as if you had found him Guilty if you have found him Guilty if you find him not Guilty and that he Did not fly for it you are to Say and no more So hear your Evidence

Histnamah a Gentoo Woman Sworn after the manner of her Cast

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar
Deponant — yes Since the Day he flogged me
Clerk of the Peace — Who are you

Deponant — my Son Maintains me
Clerk of the Peace Are you married
Deponant — No I am a Widow
Clerk of the Peace Where Do you live
Deponant — In Triviture Pettah
Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Felony where of the Prisoner Stands — Indicted
Deponant — About a Month ago I bought some Rice at Madras and was Stopped and was Stopped at the metton till the Evening there was an Order to pass no Rice I Sent to my house to call a little Girl and She came I gave her half the Rice and we passed the Metton and sate Down under the trees this was about twolight A man who lived in the Shut-I lived in came and asked me why I sate there I said I was Detained by the metton People the Prisoner came and ran against me I got up and told the man that European was coming to beat me he came close and took a Rattan I was very much afraid and Stood behind the Boys he than gave me a blow I then went a little Distance and he gave me two Different Strokes then I ran away and cried out Dont kick me and he followed and flogged me I ran a Small Distance and saw a Chaise coming I thinking he wanted the Rice went near the Chaise I dont know how it happened but I lost an Earing from ear as I received some Strokes on my Ear and head I went close to the Chaise and fell Down and he came and took away my neck lace and ran off I cried out to the Gentleman in the Chaise Sir my neck lace is taken away, the Chaise was at a Small Distance and near enough to hear me Speak I got up and went to the Chaise and Complained that a man had taken my neck lace the Gentleman asked which way he went I replied he was gone The Gentleman told the People to take the man and they did the Gentlemen pointed to the Prisoner to go and they brought him to the Fort I cried for the loss of my Ears the Gentlemen said he would

would get them and ordered me to come next morning

Jury — Are you certain the Prisoner took your necklace as you fell it might possibly have broke or come untied

Deponant — He broke the String but whether he took it or not I dont know

Jury — Did he say any thing when he Struck you

Deponant — Nothing at All

Jury — Did not you See the Neckace after you fell it taking away in his hand

Deponant — No

Jury — What Sort of a Neckace was it

Deponant — Gold and Coral Beads

Jury — Where about Did this happen

Deponant — At the Ladjan place between the two bridges where they Destribute water

Jury — As it was Dark how could you know him again when he was brought

Deponant — I knew him very well again

Jury — The Man who you said was with you before was he by when this happened

Deponant — Yes by me

Jury — Did you see him afterwards

Deponant — When this first happened he ran one way and I ran another and came back again with some people

Jury — How do you know they brought the Prisoner to the Fort

Deponant — I came with them and the Gentleman in the Chaise told me to come next morning

Prisoner — Did not you make a complaint to the man that I was coming and were there no other people passing by at that time

Deponant — There was nobody by when he Struck me the People all who were by ran away and the first I complained to was the Gentleman in the Chaise

Jury — Was there light to Discover his boat

Deponant — Yes and he had a red boat

Prisoner — Were the Lamps lighted then

Deponant — Yes

The Prisoner had no other Questions

The Grand Jury come into the Court and answering to their names present a Bill of Indictment Against Edward Wright William Aschinson and Henry Monday indorsed Bill a Vera.

Mr George Moubray was then Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner at the Bar

Deponant — Yes I have seen him about Six weeks ago

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Crime the Prisoner Stands Indicted of

Deponant — About Six Weeks ago as I was Driving my Chaise in the Road between the Governors Gardens and the Fort about half a the Seven in the Evening I saw an European and Black woman on the Ground Struggling together I passed them but hearing the woman cry out I stopped my Chaise and called to the European who hearing my Voice got up and went away I enquired of some people who were passing what was the matter they said a Soldier had beaten and robbed a Black woman I Desired them to run after him and endeavour to apprehend him and that I would assist them I got out of my Chaise and ran after the People who were gone to take the Soldier but before I reached them they had him in Custody who on my coming called for assistance but I hope in so incoherent a manner that she Seemed to be much in Liquor I Desired the people to carry him to the main Guard and that I would go with them to prevent his Escape which seemed necessary as he Struggled much to get away I followed to the main Guard and saw him put in

Jury — Do you think the Prisoner at the Bar to be the Same mentioned by you above

Deponant — I am not certain he was the man as it was Dark before I saw them and he was much Disfigured by Dirt as the People had been Dragging him about

Jurry — Were there any People passing at that time and Did they seem frightened

Deponant — All the time I saw him struggling with the woman there were people passing but they Did not seem in the least to be frightened

Court — The People who were Standing by what did they say when you asked what was the matter

Deponant — They said he had robbed her of her Jewels.

Court — How far off was he when you Ordered the People after him

Deponant — About 2 or 300 Yards

Prisoner — Was it a man Or a Woman who informed you of the circumstance

Deponant — A man

Court — Are you certain the Prisoner was the man who was carried to the main Guard

Jurry — No he was to Dirty I cant be certain

Arnachellum a Gentoo Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Where Do you Liver

Deponant — In Trevitura Pettah

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know Heistramah

Deponant — She is my neighbour

Clerk of the Peace — How long have you known her

Deponant — I knew her when this Quarrel happened that the European beat her

Clerk of the Peace — Relate what you know of the matter

Deponant — About 35 Days ago at Seven in the Evening I was going to my house I saw Heistramah setting under a Tree in the wall leading to the Governors Gardens I asked her why she Did not go home. She said the People will take the Rice and Denied me to Stay and go with her I Stayed with her A Jerjeant with two or three Rattans in his hand came by and beat her saying she was a Seapoys wife I saw away the Prisoner beat the woman and followed her I made a noise that he was beating the Woman without a cawse and the Seapoys and Horsekeepers people who were passing run after him the woman to cawse and told me the European had beat her and took away her Jewels the People asked her where the European was gone she pointed with her finger which way

People ran after him and caught him — there was a Great Croud there Mr Moubray came on the walk in his Chaise and Ordered the People to come to him. the European refused and they brought him to Mr Moubray he came Down and asked him whether he was a Serjeant or a Soldier the People said he was a Serjeant he got into the Chaise and Ordered them to carry him to the fort — They then Carryed him to the fort and Main Guard

Court — You saw the European when you say it was Dark Should you know him Again

Deponant — I did not see him when he beat the Woman but when they brought him

Jurry — Are you Sure he was the man who beat her

Deponant — I saw a European beat the Woman but Am not certain it was the Prisoner

Jurry — Did the Woman Say what Joys she was robbed of

Deponant — I was not particular to ask her

Prisoner — Did you tell the Gentleman of the Circumstance or did the Woman

Deponant — I did not — I dont know whether She did or no

Jurry — Were any People passing when this happened

Deponant — At that time there was nobody

Jury — If you ran away how could you know that there was Nobody Present

Deponant — I knew there was nobody

Jurry — Was you one of those who took hold of the Prisoner

Deponant — No I was at a Distance and afraid of being beat

There being no more witnesses to examen on the part of the Crown the Prisoner was put on His Defence. and related as follows —

On Wednesday the 1st June about three in the Afternoon I came into the Garrison in Order to get a Dram of arrack as I had been Sick for some time past thinking it might be of Service to me I took one or two and on account of my late Sickness the Liquor somewhat Operated on me I was as Sensible and Capable of Speaking as I am now I left the Garrison on a little past Seven when I came near the first Bridges entering along the Avenues I was beat by some Black people who began to abuse me and run against me with their Shoulders till they threw me on the Ground I struck against them and got up again and struck several of them who were about

About me but at that time it was so Dark I could not Distinguish a black from a European and therefore possibly might have Struck this Woman — I was going on as I Suppose half Down the Avenue when I was knocked down a Second time and they Stamped on my breast tore Two Pockets out of my Coat took a pair of Buckles out of my Shoes and a Silver band that was round my hatt hearing a Carriage Coming out and Strove to make my address to the Gentleman Supposing that Somebody might be in the Carriage but was prevented by their Stamping on my mouth which others informed the Gentlemen of what I am so falsely accused of he immediately on this Information Ordered me to the Guard and when arrived at the Guard I strove to make my address to the Officer when Supposing me to be in liquor and Seeing me in this Condition refused hearing me I then acquainted the Serjeant of the Main Guard that I had been Robbed of the aforesaid things and likewise to Several more of the Guard —

Mr. Savage Bowden adjutant to the tenth Batalion of Sepoys Duly Sworn on the Part of the Prisoner Deposes. That he has known the Prisoner then three years that the General tenor of his Conduct was that he always acted to the Satisfaction of his Officers that During the last 8 months of the three years as above that he was in the Batalion they were incamped at Vellore where he had a much better Opportunity of Seeing the Prisoners behaviour and that During this time he was remarkably temperate and attentive to his Duty and that when he went to Tanjore he left his baggage and from on the Prisoners Custody and found him particularly honest and Attentive to his Directions and found every thing on his Return in pursuance per Order

The Prisoner asked no Questions

William Torres

Depose that he has known the Prisoner near three years that he always bore a Good Character as to his Duty in the Batalion much regarded by his Comrades and respected by his Officers as a good man Commissioned Officer that when Adjutant

Adjutant Bowden went to the late Siege of Tanjore he asked this Deponent if the Prisoner was honest enough to take care of his house in his Absence that he said he thought he was. and that Thereupon he lived in the house while Mr. Bowden was absent and when Mr. Bowden returned he found every thing to his Satisfaction

Having no further Questions to ask either on the Part of the Crown or Defendant the Petit Jury withdrew an Officer being Sworn to Attend them

After waiting Sometime the Verdict was proclaimed and the Petit Jury come into Court and Answering to their names the Clerk of the Peace addresses them as follows —

Gentlemen are you agreed on your Verdict

Jury — Yes

Clerk of the Peace — who shall say for you

Jury — Our foreman

Clerk of the Peace — Look upon the Prisoner.

to the Prisoner — William Seymour hold up your hand

to the Jury — How say you is he guilty of the Assault and Robbery where of he stands indicted or not Guilty

Jury — Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peace — Did he fly for it

Jury — No

The same being Duely Recorded —

Clerk of the Peace. Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as the Court hath recorded if you say that William Seymour is not guilty of the Assault and Robbery whereof he stands indicted and to you say all

Jury — Yes

He was then taken from the Bar and turning round to the Court in an insolent manner Demanded a Copy of his trial — which was refused him by the Court

The Court then adjourned till the next morning at 8 Oclock in the forenoon for Continueing the Sessions.

Thursday the 4th July 1776

Justices Present as yesterday

The Court being Opened the Court Proceeded immediately to Business

Edward Wrist William Aichenson and Henry Monday put to the Bar —

The Clerke of the Peace addressing them Separately told them to hold up their hands which they did and proceeded as follows. You stand indicted by the Names of Edward Wrist belonging to his Majestys Ship Northumberland and William Aichinson of his Majestys Ship Sail being for that on the 29th Day of June in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third now King of Great Britain &c. by force and arms &c. in the Town aforesaid at the foot of the Glacis of Fort St George in the Highway or road there upon one Bryan Sheridan in the Military Service of the Honble East India Company then and there being in the Peace of God and of Our Sovereign Lord the King Feloniously Did make an assault and him the said Bryan Sheridan in bodily fear and Danger of his Life in the Highway or road aforesaid Did put and Seventeen Star or current Pagodas Value Six pounds Sixteen Shillings of the Monies of him the Said Bryan Sheridan from the Person and against the will of him the said Bryan Sheridan in the Highway or Road aforesaid then and there feloniously and violently they Did Steal take and carry away against the Peace of Our Soverig Lord the King his Crown and Dignity —

And the Jury aforesaid on their Oaths aforesaid Do present further that Henry Monday of his Majestys Ship Northumberland was then there present aiding assisting abetting comforting and maintaining the aforesaid Edward Wrist and William Aichinson to the aforesaid and Robbery as above mentioned to have been Done and Committed against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity —

Clerk of the Peace — How say you Edward Wrist, How say you Willm Aichinson, How say you Henry Monday } are you Guilty of the assault and Robbery of which you are indicted or not Guilty?

Edward Wrist, Willm Aichinson, Henry Monday } Not Guilty.

Clerk of the Peace — How will you be tried

Prisoners — By god and Our Country

Clerk of the Peace — God Send you a good Deliverance

You the Prisoners at the Bar these good men whom you Shall hear called and personally Do Appear are to pass between Our Sovereign Lord the King and you upon the trial of your Several lives and Deaths if you will Challenge them or any of them Your time is to Speak unto them as they come to the Book to be Sworn and before they are Sworn

The following Jury was then Sworn the Prisoners Declareing they had not the least Objections to him

Mr Andrew Ross

Messrs Thomas Pelling, Willm Carlile, Daniel Shaw, Thomas Johnson, Christopher Machlin, David Young, John Jackson, James Stringer, Fedrick Frank, John Willoughby

Alexander Bonner

Clerk of the Peace — Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners and hearken unto their Cause you shall know that they Stand indicted by the Names of Edward Wrist William Aichinson and Henry Monday then the Indictment was read over again as in the Arraignment upon this Indictment as they have been Arraigned and thereunto have pleaded not guilty and for their Triale have put themselves upon God and their Country which Country you are Your Charge therefore is to enquire whether they are guilty of the Felony whereof they Stand Indicted or not guilty. If you find them Guilty

You

you are to enquire what goods and Chattels Lands of Tenements they had at the time of the Felony so Committed or at any time since If you find them not guilty you are to enquire if they fled for it if you find they fled for it you are to enquire of their Goods and Chattels Lands or Tenements the same as if you had found them Guilty if you find them not guilty and that they did not fly for it you are to say so and no more So hear your Evidence

Bryan Sheridan was then Called and Duely Sworn on the Holey Evangelist

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar

Deponant I know Wrist and Aichinson by sight and Monday by sight

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Felony whereof they stand indicted

Deponant On the 29th June I got my passport to go to Tonamalle to Join my regiment having sent received the Compianys Country as it was a raining morning I told my boy to go to one Sullivans house and get Dinner ready and we would walk their in the Evening the boy went and got Dinner ready after Dinner I laid Down to take rest my self in Sullivans House the Prisoner Monday and Another Person came in about 4 or 5 Oclock I got up and asked them what business they had there and gave them a Shove and had some Words and two or three blows I thought Nothing of that Monday said now you have abaund us what will you give us I said as you are boys if you were at a Publick house I would give you some Grog and we went and walked Down that is the Prisoners Aichinson and Wrist who were in the Yard and Monday and another man we walked Down the Street / I thinking to came to the Garrison and did not stop till we came to the Hedge at the foot of the Glacis when we Stopped to get a stick to walk with me were not then two minutes when Wrist and Aichinson laid hold of me Wrist when they had got me Down laid hold of my throat and I called out twice three times and he put his blue hands on my mouth and either Wrist or Aichinson said if you Speak a word more we will cut your throat Aichinson

here I have got his Money [redacted] snapped the purse from the Button hole of my breeches Where it was tied and had Seventeen Pagodas in it As Soon as he had pulled away the Purse he got up and Stayed a little on the Ground till I saw them Deside on the Plain and go towards the Black Town. I got up and chand Wrist and call'd out for the Seapoys but could see none to Assist me. I sat Down again on the Sand near three or four hours when I got up and went to Sullivans House told him what had happened next morning I went to the Kings Hospital and made my Complaint to Corporal Bateman who was on Duty there he asked me if I should know them again I said I only knew Harry meaning Monday I went in and found them out but they all Denied it the Doctor came in and when Monday heard it he came and returned me three Pagodas and said this is all I have got of your money There was also a Black boy who came and Delivered me three Pagodas more who said he received it from Some of them to keep I made my complaint to the Doctor and he gave me their names on a bit of Paper and told me to go for the law I came immediately to the Garrison to the Justice and made my Application to him who sent an Order and brought them Prisoners to your Fort

Jury — How long before had you received your Bounty

Deponant — The Day before and had Spent only Two Pagodas

Jury — what became of the rest

Deponant — I spent it in other things

Jury — Was you not Drinking before this Happened

Deponant — Yes I had Some liquor at Dinner

Jury — As they asked you for liquor Did you not Drink with them or Drink yourself

Deponant — I did not nor had I Drunk so much as to Deprive me of my Recollection and Should have gone to Tonamalle had not this Accident happened

Clerk of the Peace what became of the fourth man when this happened

Deponant — I dont know I only saw three there was a little Boy about ten years Old but I Dont know what became of him

Question — At what time Did they Stop you on the Glasses

Answer — About Six oclock near York

Question — How came You to sit there to long why Did you not get up and go to Some lodgeing

Answer — I was lamenting my Misfortune and knew I could not find them in the Black Town

Jury — How many Were there at Dinner

Deponant — Two men besides Sullivan and after Dinner they went away

Jury — Who paid for the Dinner and what Did it come to

Deponant — It came to about nine fanams besides liquor

Jury — How much liquor had you

Deponant — Three pints of Arrack between Us we Drank Some in Punch and saw raw every man Drank about a Draw and the rest in Punch

Jury — Was you well when this happened

Deponant — Yes very well

Jury — At part of the Hedge Did this happened

Deponant — Near the Bridge to the North West

Jury — was it within or without the Hedge

Deponant — Within

Jury — Did you know these People before Do you think they knew you had any money

Deponant — No I did not know them when we were in the yard I was going to lay a wager with them that they were not able to lick me and what pulling out a Pagoda when they said it

Jury — As you never said these People before how came you to offer them Drink after you had Quarrell with them

Deponant — I thought no more about it

Jury — Did you beat any them in the House

Deponant — Yes Monday and they Struck me

Jury — Where is Sullivans House

Deponant — at the back of the Hospital

Jury — Did you go to the Fort that night

Deponant — No to Sullivans

Jury — What time Did you go then

Deponant — About 8 Oclock

Jury — what Did monday do while this matter happened was he encouraging them

Deponant — No only Standing by at a little Distance

The Prisoners being asked Separately if they had any Questions to put to this Deponant — and replying in the Negative

Daniel Benfield was then Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the prisoners at the Bar

Deponant — By name

Clerk of the Peace — How long have you known them

Deponant — I have known Wrist and Henry monday since I have been in the Hospital the other man is my Shipmate

Clerk of the Peace — Relate what you know of the Crime they are accused of

Deponant — when I had been about a fortnight in the Hospital Henry monday asked me to go out and Drink Some gay with him as it was his Birth Day next Monday and I went together Aitkinson was there but I Dont remember when he joined Us We walked a little while till we came to Sullivans House and went in there when we had been there a little while I heard noise in the room and Henry Monday was wrestling with Sheridan I took hold of the Monday I took hold of Monday and said Come out Henry here is too much wrangling for us lets go home — We all came out of the House together the three Prisoners the Soldier and I — I said to Henry Monday lets go home we both thereupon went home to the Hospital but when the other two and the Soldier went I dont know I laid Down on a cradle in the Hospital and went to Sleep I laid till it was almost Dark and got up again and went over to my Own cradle which was opposite I laid there till next Morning when I got up and heard the Robbery

Had

had been Committed and that Wrist and Aichinson were put in the
Corpse house and Said there put in

Jury — Did you get any Grog when Monday carried you Out

Depenant — None

Jury — What time of the Day did you go out of the Hospital

Depenant — About 6 Oclock

Jury — How far is it from Sulivans House

Depenant — I dont know as I never was there before

Jury — Is there a yard before the House.

Depenant — Yes

Jury — When you was in the Yard Do your recollect any Wagers Was laid

Depenant — No I Dont remember there were any

Jury — At what time Did you return to the Hospital

Depenant — About a Quarter of an Hour after We left it

Jury — Is Sulivans House near the Hospital

Depenant — Yes very near

Jury — Do you recollect while the Soldier was wrestling with Monday
that he the Soldier Appeared in liquor

Depenant — The Soldier Seemed much in liquor and staffered once after Monday

Jury — Where you call'd Monday to come away where were the Other Men

Depenant — In the yard by the Door

Jury — What became of Monday when you returned to the Hospital

Depenant — I saw him go into a Ward Close to where I layed

Jury — Could you have got out of the Hospital again

Depenant — Yes I could from 6 to 8 at night

Jury — Did you see Monday after he went into the Opposite Ward

Depenant — No I did not

The Prisoners had no Questions to ask this Depenant

James Sullivan Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar

Depenant — I know Monday and Aichinson but Dont know Wrist and have
known them for some time Dont recollect how long

Clerk of the Peace — Relate what you know of the Crime they stand indicted of

Depenant — On Wednesday the 29th June about 5 in the afternoon
Monday came and pushed the Door of my house open in Company with
Wrist and Aichinson I asked Monday if he paid rent for the House
that he made so free with it presently Bryan Sheridan got up and shoved
Monday against the Door trying to push him out and asking him what
business he had there Monday returned the Blow and Benefield Did
the Same I threatened to Speak to Mr Rose of the Hospital And
Aichinson came up and said words father I did not strike him they
went out into the yard and Sheridan asked the Boys if they would resent
it these Benefield laid hold of his arm and made answer saying come along Harry
and Dont say any more Harry Monday was going out and turning
round to Sheridan asked him what he would give them to Drink he said
my Boys if you will come along with me Ill give you your Bellie
full of Grog he then replyed come along and they all went out to
gether Viz: Benefield Wrist Aichinson and Monday and as they
were going I went out to the yard to bolt the Door and saw two more
men at the Gate way and I heard Sheridan say you shall have no
more liquor because you wanted to kick me About 10 or 11 Oclock at
night Sheridan came back and knocked at the Door I asked who
was there he answering Ill let him in he immediately told me my
mate I have been robbed by these Boys and lost 17 Pagodas and
there was a man that stabbed me and I seeing some people pass call'd
out Murder and after that one of them asked for a knife and said he
would cut my throat that he shant call out Murder any more
I Desired him to go to rest he did and next Morning he got up
early and took his Bundle and said he was going Some where and
Should Return again Presently about half an hour after I was
sent for to the Hospital by Batiman who was Corporal of the
Guard at the Kings Hospital Gate I went to him and he asked
me if I knew any body that were at my house the night before that used
Sheridan ill told him I did that Harry Monday was there and
Described the other boys who were Known me and they Declared they
were all at the Old mans meaning my house Aichinson said remember

I Did not middle with him I said if you have taken any money you had better return it and that he rather than have words would say no more about it if three or four Pagodas were missing

Jury — Was Sheridan in Liquor when he was at your Houses

Depanant — Yes he was in Liquor and was so when he returned Sheridan came first to my House with his Boy and he was going to Poonamalle in the afternoon and it was a rainy Morning he gave his Boy a Pagoda to buy some Dinner and told me he had sent for three Pints of Arrack I went out soon after and left Sheridan in the House and about 2 O'Clock returned when I found him there, they said they had Dined and gave me a Leaf and some meat which they had put by for me when I had eat my Dinner I went to mend a pair of Stockings and Sheridan went to Sleep there was another man with him but he went after Dinner and while I was mending the Stockings the Boys came in

Clerk of the Peace — How long was the Other man in the House with Sheridan and he Did he Dine there

Depanant — I Dont know how long he had been there or whether he Dined with Sheridan — Before he went to Sleep I had some Discourse with him and think he appeared in Liquor not only that I understood from him that he had been Drinking some Days before and he said he wanted some rest as his time of Liberty was almost out he told me he had received the Companys bounty and had said some of it out in Buttery and other things to carry to Poonamalle to make a little money on

Jury — Did you see any of the Arrack when you returned from the Fort

Depanant — It was come before I went and I Drank a Dram but when I returned there was none left

Question — Do you know if any one knew he had money

Answer — I believe not

Question — Do you know of any wager that was laid in the yard

Answer — No I heard nothing of it there was none talkd of

Question — Do you remember if he took his Jacket out in the yard

Answer — No he Did not I was near enough to see and hear every thing that past

Question — How long Did the Prisoners stay in the House

Answer — About a Quarter of an hour

Question — How far is your house from the Hospital

Answer — Close to one of them

The Prisoners being severally asked if they had any Questions to put to this Deponant and reply in the Negative

John Bateman was called and Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace — Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar

Deponant — I know them by sight and the names of Wrist and Monday have known about three Months

I was on Duety at the Hospital Gate and saw Bryan Sheridan there he had come to make his Complaint to me that he had been robbed by some Seafaring people belonging to the Kings Hospital I asked him if he knew any of the men that if he Did to go in and look for them he went in to look for them and I shewed him a man from his Discription of having light hair but Did not rightly know him, he said he had been at Sullivans house and that Sullivan knew one of the Lads I told him to go and fetch him which he Did and I asked him if he knew any of the Lads that were at Sheridans house he said he knew Henry Monday I carried them in to the Hospital and Sullivan found Monday who Sheridan immediately accused of having robbed him Monday said he knew nothing of it but he knew the men that went from the House with him Monday went away and found the Prisoners Wrist and Aitchinson Sheridan asked him what they had Done with the Monday they had taken from him they said they had no money belonging to him Sheridan said he would acquaint Mr Rogue the Surgeon of it which he Did Mr Rouge came and when he told him of it he sent for the two Lads when Mr Rogue accused them of it and immediately Ordered them to Confinement and their beds to be Searched but nothing was found Soon after Monday brought their Star Pagodas & gave them to Sheridan saying he had received them from Edward Wrist to keep for him there was more Search made after it and soon after one Day more Delivered up three Star Pagodas in a Purse to Mr Rogue which he said he got from

from his Mismate Aichinson and that he gave it him the night before to keep for him Sheridan went to Mr Rogue who gave him their names to go to the Justice and see himself righted he Did so and brought the Warrant and the Constable and serveed it on them and carried them away to the Justice — The Prisoner having no Questions

John Davy Wood Servant to Lieut Bell is Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoners at the Bar

Deponant — yes . Aichinson is my ship mate wrist and Monday I have known ever since I came to the Hospital

Clerk of the Peace Relate what you know of the Crime the Prisoners are Indicted of

Depenant — I was setting in the Hospital yard about a fortnight ago Aichinson came to me and called me by name about mid in the Evening I answered him he gave me three Pagodas to keep for him till next Morning I took them and the next morning the Soldier came who had lost the money said he knew [illegible] money I thought that Aichinson had got it from the Soldier So I thought proper to give it to Doctor Rogue and Did so — Prisoners had no Questions — The Witnesses being All Examined on the Part of the Crown the Prisoners were put on their — Defence

Edward Wrists Defence

When I came out of the House Sheridan told me if I would follow him he would give me plenty of liquor when we came near Mr Stevens house the Sign of the Fatherned him the House and he said he Did not care to in the told us to follow him further so I followed him as we were going over the Bridge he asked if there was a Knife in company I answered No he said never mind I can break a Stick at the corner of the Hedge and break one about as thick as my Wrist I asked what he was going to Do with it he said he would have some money that night or stop his life if he would follow him into the China Ball he struck me again and knocked me Down took hold of my hands and had near Strangled me my handkerchief round my neck flew off and by that means I was and on my Own Defence and struck him again made the best of my way to the Hospital Aichinson came up to me and asked if I had lost any thing I told him my handkerchief he gave me my handkerchief and asked If I had lost any money I said no he said he believed it was the Soldiers and gave me three Pagodas as he had no place to keep it in till morning and as I had not any place I gave it to Henry Monday to take care of. in the Morning there was a noise in the Hospital that a man had been Robbed to this Boy Delivered up the Money

The Prisoner having Delivered his Defence being asked if he had any witnesses to Support it or prove him not Guilty of the Robbery he calls on the Following

Jonathan Jepson Marine belonging to the Warwick Duely Sworn

Clerk of the Peace Do you know the Prisoner Edward Wrist

Deponant — yes he is my Mismate in the Hospital

for the Prisoner Did you Hear Aichinson ask Wrist if he had lost any thing

Depenant — N. I Did not they called me out to Drink but I did not hear any thing either about the Handkerchief or Money

John Mc Intosh foremast Man of the Northumberland Sworn. Says he knows the Prisoner Wrist but knows nothing either Good or bad of his Character and as he remembers was never guilty of any bad Crime

John Henley foremast man of the Northumberland Sworn Says he knows the Prisoner Wrist and that they came out from England together and that he never heard any Harm of him

William Aichinsans Defence

On the 29th June last Henry Monday told me that If I would go along with him he would give me Something to Drink as it was his best Day I accordingly went out with him Daniel Benfield and this bad Wrist as we went along he stopped at a House and he would go in we Accordingly went in and we went with him I stopped in the yard and he went into the House a Soldier was there and

Some blows passed between him and the Man the Owner of the House said he would go and Complain to Dr Bogue I said you cannot complain of me as I have offended nobody - The Soldier and this Blaney Monday came out into the yard where they had Some blows I asked the owner of the House if the Soldier belonged to the Hospital or to the Company he said he was a man who had come in to his house in Liquor had laid Down and gone to Sleep when we Came in I told monday and the rest to come away as we were going Out of the yard Harry Monday turned Round and asked the Soldier if he would give him any thing to Drink for his Return. he said if we would go he would give us our Bellies full of Liquor we went away with him when we were a little way from that House he turned about and said he would not give them that fought him any Liquor I said we will all go houses together he turned about and calling to Wrist and I asked us what we were of said of after he had Called us two or three times we went along with him and as we came Down the Street we told him and said there is a Parish House he said he would not go in there and Ordered us to follow him a little further we went and so we came over the Bridge He said lets go to this Hedge and cut Sticks and asked if there was a Knife in Company and I went to the Hedge and broke one I told Wrist it was time for us to go as we should be at home late he said he would go immediately and went up to the Soldier and asked him what he meant by taking a Stick he told us each to Break one and follow him to the China Bazar that he was Determined to have money that night or loose his life then Wrist asked if this was the Grog he promised No and he immediately Struck this Lad Wrist I was going to run away when Wrist called me back and told me to stay and fair play he Dropt his handkerchief in Small Street and went away and I picked it up and found a purse Laying on it I immediately came home when I came into the Lower Soldier Lard hold of me and letting me go again Said I was not the man he wanted I came to the Hospital and went to the Wards the Last Night I belonged and found him and the other there at Supper I asked if he had lost any thing he replyed no

his Handkerchief I asked if he had lost any Money he said no I then told him of the money I had found and that it belonged to the Soldier and a man who was sitting by told us to take care of it till the Morning that if the Soldier had lost any money he would come to the Hospital I had three Pagodas in my hand and told him I would be obliged to him or any of them to keep them till the Morning he said he would give it to Harry Monday to take care of till Morning I came Out and as I was going to my bed the Doctor came to muster the people So I recollected I had the Purse in my pocket and as I had not the Opportunity to give it to him I gave it my mate to take care of till next Morning when the Doctor came the next morning the Soldier complained to him I told the two lads to Deliver the Money they had got and they Did as I told him

The Prisoner having finished his Defence Calls on John Clarke Seaman on board the Intrepid who was Duely Sworn and Says — He has known the Prisoner ever since he has been in the Hospital which is a Month — Being asked by the Prisoner whether he saw him Deliver up the Money He replies that he Did not but only saw Wrist give Monday three pagodas to keep and that Monday was with him from a little after five till after Sunrise when he took his bedding from his Cradle and went to Sleep

Thomas Williams foremast Man belonging to the Salisbury Duely Sworn Depases — that he has known Richerson as a Ships mate and that During the time he had known him he was a quiet and inoffensive Lad

Henry Monday's Defence

On the 29th June being my birth Day I asked the two Prisoners and Daniel Benfield to go and get some grog with me I went out of the

Hospital

Hospital and going along went to Sullivans house and when I went in a Soldier was asleep and he got up and asked me what became so I had three and struck me two or three times and strove to push me out of the room I struck him again and he pushed me out side the Door and Daniel Benefield came and took hold of me and told me not to stay in the House there were more blows passed I asked if he would give me any Drink for his all such of me he said he would we all went out of the House together but he would not let Benefield and go with him so I turned back and went to the Hospital Benfield went to his cradle and I went to the Wards and there Stayed till Aichinson came home and gave me three Pagodas to keep — The Prisoner having nothing further to Offer call on Mr Bogue Doctor to the Honble Hospital who is Duely Sworn and Depose — That the Prisoner Henry Monday came from England with him that he never heard any thing of his D[illegible] before this Accident or any Drunkenness that to his Knowledge Liquor had been Offered him and he in General Declined it that he looked upon him to be so honest as to make him a Check upon the Black people in the Hospital and Nurse the Sick with Poison

The Prisoners Desires that Part of Clarks Deposition for Aichinson be recorded for his Defence Viz[t] John Clark being asked by Aichinson whether he saw him Deliver up the Money he replies that he Did not that he only saw Wrist give Monday three Pagodas to keep — and that Monday was with him from a little past five till after Gunfire when he took his bedding from his Cradle and went to Keep

The Depositions on both sides being finished the Chairman Observes to the Jury that it appears the Chief Evidence was very much in Liquor at the time he says the Robbery was Committed and

and that he Does not then withdraw an Officer being Sworn to attend them — and after Some time came into Court answering to their names

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen Are you agreed on your Verdict

Jury — Yes

Clerk of the Peace Who shall say for you

Jury — Our foreman

Clerk of the Peace Edward Wrist William Aichinson and Henry Monday

the Prisoner Hold up your hands

to the Jury — Gentlemen of the Jury look upon the Prisoners how say you is Edward Wrist Guilty of the Felony and Robbery where of he Stands Indicted or not Guilty

Foreman Not Guilty

And so asking as to William Aichinson and Henry Monday and the Foreman replying not Guilty he proceeded as follows

Clerk of the Peace Gentlemen of the Jury hearken unto your Verdict as to the Court have recorded it You say that Edward Wrist William Aichinson and Henry Monday are not Guilty of the Felony and Robbery where of they Stand indicted and so you say all

Jury — Yes — they were thereupon Discharged

Mootu Against whom a bill of Inductment was presented Indorsed Ignorances and Mootja who was Confined by Orders of Court at the Last Sessions were Discharged by Proclamation

The Secretary to the Honble Board Delivers into Court his Majestys most Gracious and Royal Pardon to Pitchana and Mutteroon Convicted of Felony at the Sessions of July 1774 Copies of which were Delivered to the Sheriffs when Ordered to Release them at the Same acquainting them of the Gracious Dispensation of his Majestys favor and free Pardon to them —

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(P1)

Whereas One Titchana a native of India was at Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery held in and for the Town of Madraspatnam or Madras in the East Indies in July 1771 indicted for Stealing in the District of the Town of Madraspatnam aforesaid Four half pieces of Long cloth Value of six pounds eight Shillings Sterling of the Goods and Chattels of Captain Alexander Sold then and there being in a Boat in the Road or Harbour of Madraspatnam aforesaid and received Sentence of Death for the said Crime We having thought fit upon Consideration of Some Circumstances humbly represented to us in his Behalf inducing us to Extend our Grace and Mercy unto him to grant him our free Pardon for his said Crime in Our first and next General pardon that shall come out for the poor Convicts in Newgate and for so Doing this shall be your Warrant Given at our Court at St. James's the tenth Day of September 1773 and in the fourteenth Year of our Reign

To Our Trusty and Well beloved John Eyles Esqr. Recorder of our City of London the Sheriffs of Our said City and County of Middlesex and All others whom it may Concern

By his Majesty's Command Rochford —

I do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy St. James's 15th December 1773

Jer Sneyd Deputy Clerk in the Earl of Rochfords Office —

George R.

(P2)

Whereas One Mortemar a Native of India was at a Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery held in and for the Town of Madraspatnam or Madras in the East Indies in July 1772 indicted for Stealing in the Dwelling house of one Vencatachillum in the Black Town of Madraspatnam aforesaid Sundry Goods and Effects of the Value of three hundred and fifty Pounds and upwards the property of the Said Vencatachillum and received Sentence of Death for the said Crime we have thought fit upon Consideration of Some Circumstances humbly represented unto us in his Behalf inducing us to extend our Grace and Mercy to him to Grant him our free Pardon for his said Crime our will and pleasure therefore is that the said Mortemar be inserted for his said Crime in our first and next General Pardon that shall come out for the poor Convicts in Newgate and for so Doing this shall be your Warrant Given at Our Court at St. James's the 10th Day of December 1773 in the fourteenth year of our Reign —

To our Trusty and well beloved

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John Glynn Esqr Recorder of our
City of London the Sheriffs of our County
of Middlesex and all others whom it
may Concern ——— } By his Majesty's Commission
Rochford

I do hereby certify that this is a true Copy.
St James's 18 December 1773 Jer Sneyd
Priest Clerk in the Earl of Rochfords Office

There being no further Business for the Juries
they were Dismissed with thanks for their Services.

The Court then proceed to pass Judgment on Mootu
Alias Pandarum who was put to the Bar.

Clerk of the Peace } Mootu alias Pandarum hold up your hands you stand here Con-
victed of Felony what have you now to say for your self why the Court
should not proceed to give Judgment of Death against you
Law Directs ——— which being Properly explained to him
he replyed that he had nothing to Say ——— the Chairman then pro-
ceeded as follows

Chairman. You Mootu alias Pandarum shall go to the Place from whence
you came and from thence and from thence to the Place of Execution
and there you shall be hanged by the neck untill your Body is
Dead and the Lord have mercy on your Soul

The Court then adjourned untill Wednesday
the twelfth Day of October next ensuing at eight O'Clock in
the forenoon for holding another Sessions

Town of Madraspatnam

At a general Quarter Sessions of the Peace Sessions of Oyer and
Terminer and Goal Delivery of our Sovereign Lord the King holden for the
Town of Madraspatnam at the Town hall of the said Town on Wednesday
the 13th Day of July in the fourteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign
Lord George now King of Great Britain France and Ireland
Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord One
thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four Before Alexander Wynch
George Dawson Henry Brooke Esqr and others their Associ-
ates Justices of our Sovereign Lord the King and Commissioners of
Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the said Town and
Districts thereof on which Day the said Sessions was adjourned
over by the said Justices to Wednesday the 12th Day of October next
ensuing to be held at the Town Hall of the said Town at eight o'Clock
in the forenoon of the Same Day to Do further as the Court shall then
and there consider of

Wednesday the 12th Day of October 1774

Justices Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Chairman
Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson
John Mackstone
Edward Stracey and } Esqrs
Frances Jourdan

The Court being Opened and the Sheriff having
Delivered his Precept the Grand Jury Sworn on both Commissions

George Savage Esqr Foreman
Messrs James Hodges George Bakes
George Moubray John Penton

Will^m Hamilton — James Ball
Eyles Irwin — Will^m Hart Torriano
Edward John Holland — John Mcpherson
John Douglas — Charles Mordaunt
Duncan And^r Baine — Francis Sind
David Haliburton — John Kenworthey

The Clerk of the Peace Delivers to the Grand Jury two Bills of Indictment one against Comaravale for Felony and one against Robert Stratford Richardson for an Assault And a Bailiff being Sworn to Attend them they with Drawn.

The Corner Delivers in to the Court four Inquests taken by him Viz^t

One on the Body of Vencatachillum — Verdict Felo de se
taken at the Pettah 15 August 1774

One on the Body of a man name unknown — Wilful murder by Persons unknown
taken at a well near Numblembauck the 19 July 1774

One on the Body of Mackenzie taken in Chalky Street Black Town 17th August 1774 — Natural Death

One on the Body of Tanjore Grummarty — Wilful murder by Persons unknown
taken at the Octagon near Nabobs Garden the 1st September 1774

The Grands Jury having retired Some time came into Court and answering to their Names present a Bill of Indictment against Comaravall Indorsed Bella Vera

The Clerk of the Peace informs the Court that he is informed the Principal Evidence in the Trial of Comaravall is so sick that he is unable to attend and Submits it to them whether the trial may not be put off for a Day or two that the Prisoner may have the advantage of Cross examining the Evidence and the Court be the more able to come to the

Matter of Fact — The Court willing to act with all possible Lenity towards the Prisoner order the Sheriff with a proper person to attend on the Evidence to Examine whether he is able or not to attend, or if his ill health is so great as to endanger his being brought to Court to give his Evidence and report the same to the Court tomorrow

One of the Grand Jury come into Court to see Edward Chesbyne Sworn on a Bill against Robert Stratford Richardson and being called on his Recognizance forfeits the Same John Seamen was then Sworn to give Evidence to the Grand Jury and the Prisoner being in Court Delivers in a release from the Prosecutor which is Sent into the Grand Jury

A very Short time after the Grand Jury came into Court and present a Bill of Indictment against Robert Stratford Richardson endorsed Billa Vera the Prisoner having entered into Bail to appear and being called comes forth and arraigned as follows

Clerk of the Crown — You Stand indicted by the name of Robert Stratford Richardson Cadet in the Military Service of the United East India Company for that on the ninth Day of August in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c by force and arms &c within the Town aforesaid upon one John Seamen in the Peace of God and our Sovereign Lord the King then and there being in the Execution of his Duty as an Officer of the Sheriff of this Town an Assault — Did make and him the said John Seamen then and there Did beat — Bruise wound and otherwise evil intreat — and other enormous things Did to the said John Seamen to his great Damage and against the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity: How say you are you guilty of the Assault and Battery whereof you Stand indicted or not Guilty — Produces the release and Pleads —

Mr Richardson — Guilty — he was the first three [illegible] 3 shillings and four pence

Fine and Discharged

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The Release above Mentioned being regularly Drawn out, and Signed and Sealed by the Prosecutes he was called upon to Acknowledge the Hand and Seal which he Did

There being no further Business for the Court untill they are acquainted with the Result of the Sheriffs Enquiries into the Condition of the Evidence in the Cause of Hand Comaravale adjourn till tomorrow Morning at Nine Oblock for Continuing the Sessions—

Thursday the 13th Day of October 1774

Justices Present as yesterday

The Court being Opened the Sheriff informed the Court that in pursuance of their Orders he with the Surgeon went to the House of Vencatachellum and that it was the Opinion of the Surgeon he was in a very high Fever and had many ulcers on his body and that he was unable to walk but if it was absolutely necessary he thought the bringing of him in a Palanken would not endanger his life tho it might encrease his fever but at the Same time recommended that without his immediate attendance was requisite he Should not attend the Court the Court are of Opinion that from the Sheriff report it would be cruel to make the Witness attend and therefore resolve to proceed immediately on the Trial Comaravale at the Bar

Cleark of the Peace Comaravale hold up your hand you stands indicated by the name of Comaravale a Seapoy in the Service of the united East India Company for that on the thirteenth Day of July in the fourteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George now King of Great Britain &c by force and Arms &c at St Thome in the Jurisdiction of the Town aforesaid the House of Mr Thomas Parkinson Did enter and thirteen Silver Tea Spoons one Silver Sauce pan and cover one Silver Table Spoon one Silver Sifter Tea Pot one Silver Soup Spoon one Country Sword and Some Copper Desperate Value altogether about twenty

twenty five pounds Sixteen Shillings also one Chest containing therein two thousand nine hundred and ninety one Golden Pagodas Value about one thousand one hundred and ninety Six pounds eight Shillings numbered of the Goods chattels and Monies of him the aforesaid Mr Thomas Parkinson in the Dwelling house of Mr Thomas Parkinson as aforesaid then and there being feloniously you Did steal take and bear away against the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity How say you Comaravale are you guilty of the Felony whereof you stand Indicted or not Guilty

Prisoner Not Guilty

Clerk of the Peac How will you be tried and are your Ready for your trial

Prisoner I have not got yet all my Witness for my Defence and request to put off my trial till next Sessions which was granted him and he was taken from the Bar

The Grands Jury being asked if they had any business for the Court one of their Members came in and informed the Court they were then in Business and would prepare it as Soon as possible

About two hours after the Grands Jury came into Court and answering to their Names presented two Presentments which were publickly read in Court and Ordered to be entered as follows—

Town of Madraspatnam ss

We the Grands Jury of the Town of Madraspatnam sworn as enquire for Our Sovereign Lords the King for the Body of the said Town being Justly and truely Sensible of the many Advantages arising to this Place the Gracious Dispensation of his Majesty's Royal Charter and has conveyed with it the Laws of England

and

and perscribed the Proper method of putting them Lawfully to Execution

Do present that it has come to Our knowledge that a very large Quantity of Gold in Ballion and Specie have been Sent on board his majesty Squadron to be Exported to England which will be of very bad Consequence to Trade and if Some Means are not Devised to prevent the Exportation of Gold it will be of the Worst Consequence to the Welfare of this Settlement

And We Do further Present that the Scarcity of Provisions and the encreasing Price of them are extreemly Destressing to the Inhabetants

Signed by

Edwd. Jn. Holland
John M.pherson
John Douglass
Char. Mordaunt
De. Baine
David Haliburton
John Kenworthey
Francis Laird

George Savage Foreman
James Hodges
George Baker
George Moubray
John Renton
Wm. Hamilton
James Call
Eyles Irwin
W.H. Torriano

Madraspatnam ss

We the Grand Jury of Madraspatnam Sworn to enquire for Our Sovereign Lord the King for the body of the said Town being duelly and truely sensible of the many advantages arising to this Place by the gracious Dispensation of his Majesty Royal Charter as it has conveyed with it the Laws of England and prescribed the proper Methods of putting the Same in Execution

Do Present that it has come to the knowledge of this Jury that of late Murders Divers Robberies Assault Riots and other Breaches of the Peace have been committed with in the Districts of Madraspatnam to the terrifying and alarming in an uncommon Degree the Inhabitants

And do further Present that it has come to knowledge that Messrs Tolson Blacker and Graham who on or about the Month of August last applied to George Dawson Esqr. the then acting Justice of the Peace for a Warrant to apprehend and bring to Justice Capt. George Kent commander of the Ship Mary for the unlawful Imprisonment of three Persons on board the said Ship in the Road of Madraspatnam and with in the Jurisdiction thereof was refused the said Warrant and by the said George Dawson thereby permitted to escape the Punnishment Due to the Crime and Injustice of which

All which matters and things are contrary to Law and against the Peace of Our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and Dignity

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Edward John Holland

The Court thinking it necessary to record their remarks on the above presentment [illegible] to the first that the Expectation

of Gold in Bullion from their Settlement to make a matter which the
Justices of the Peace they are authorised to take notice of and
From being unable to establish a Board of Police at
Madras it is out of their Power to reduce the Price of Provisions.
On the 2d. The Court knows of no Murder Prison Robbery
assault Riot or other Breaches of the Peace that have not come
before them therefore had the Jury pointed out where where and by
whom they were committed the Delinquents might be brought to
Justice Mr Dawson the Justice of the Peace supposing the
Warrant to apprehend the Person of Capt George Vent. was not
to Issue before he had consulted the whole Bench on the Propriety of
Granting it For by a reference to the Act of Parliament for Establishing
a Court of Admiralty and the Proceedings of that Court here in
Anno 1758. they found the Jurisdiction to extend to Robberies and
Felonies only and not a Breach of the Peace for which the Plain-
tiff Sued and were the more induced to this as the matter would
admit of a Trial in England from which the Parties by any
proceeding would not be precluded here

The Grand Jury being asked if they had any further
Business beg to withdraw and a Short time after came in to be call'd
and Answering to their Names inform the Court they have no further
Business ——— They were then Dismissed with thanks
for their Services

The Court then adjourned till Wednesday the 13th Day of
January next morning at eight of the Clock in the Forenoon for holding
another Session