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To Mr William Martin Goodlad
Secretary Sir

I Herewith send You by Order of the Mayor's Court the
Sum of Pagoda 43^{rs} 16^s 60 the Amount of Fines levied by the Clerk of the
Market, which is to be paid into the Honble the Company's Cash.

Fort St George
20th December 1768

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
J. M. Stone
Aug^r

To the Honble Charles Bouchier Esq^r
President & Governour & Council
at Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Mayor's Court having in their Letter
of the 21st February 1768 requested that the Honble the Court of Directors would
be pleased to Obtain the Opinion and Advice of Council on the following
Queries.

1st Whether or no the Mayor's Court as a Kings Ordinary
have a Right Ex Officio to demand an Inventory of the Estate of a deceased
Person from an Executor or Administrator, who hath neglected to deliver in
such Inventory within the time prescribed by his Oath? Or whether it
only be done at the Instance or Suit of some Person interested in the Estate.

2^d What Method ~~xxx~~ the Ordinary can pursue to
oblige Executors to deliver in their Inventories, as it hath not been usual

for the Ordinary to Oblige an Executor to give a Penalty Bond with proper Security, that he will faithfully Administer the Estate of the deceased, and will bring into the Ordinary an Inventory, and Account, of such Estate within the time limited by the Ordinary.

3^d Whether the Mayor as the Head of the Things Ordinary, and to whom all Administrators give a Penalty Bond for the faithful Administration of Estates, may not sue for the Penalty, if the same shall become due, by the Non Performance of any of the Conditions of the said Bond, in the Honble the Mayor's Court of this place, as His Majesty's Court of Record? Or what Method must be taken to recover the same?

4th What Method can the Ordinary pursue to Oblige a Party Cited to appear, in Case he should refuse to do so? or to Oblige a Party to perform an Order or Decree of the Ordinary, in case he should refuse to do it.

To which Quories the Honble the Court of Directors in the 70th Paragraph of their Letter of 27th January 1762 were pleased to return for Answer, that the said Quories were of a very nice Nature, and they could not at that time give so Accurate and Definitive an Answer to them, as they could wish, that therefore the Mayor's Court must be told to Act Cautionly, in these Matters till they had their further Instructions.

I am therefore directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to request that Your Honor &c will be pleased to apply again to the Honble the Court of Directors to obtain the Opinion of Council on the above mentioned Points, that the Court may know in what manner to Act when Cases of the like Nature Occur.

Town Hall
13th June 1769.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
J. M. Stone

To Mr. Alexander Davidson.

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to inform You, that You are by the President and Council appointed an Alderman, and Judge of the said Court, and that when it is agreeable, I will Accompany You to the President to see the Necessary Oaths Administered to You.

Town Hall
9th August 1769.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient
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J. M. Stone
Per

To Mr. Henry Crawford.

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Mayor's Court to Acquaint You, that they have Accepted of Your Resignation as Examiner of the said Court, and have appointed Mr. William Chambers in Your stead, to whom You are to deliver over all Depositions & Papers relative to that Employ.

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To the Honble Edward Munton Esq^r.

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to
acquaint you that the President and Council have intimated to
them that you are Elected Sheriff of Madraspatnam and the
Districts thereof for the ensuing Year.

Port St. George
12th Decemb^r 1769.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant,

James Saylor
Deputy Reg^r.