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INTRODUCTION.[1]

I

The records calendared in the following pages relate to the affairs of the English on the Coromandel and Orissa Coasts in the years 1740–1744. The Madras records of the period consist of the following classes:—(1) the despatches exchanged between the Madras Council and the Court of Directors; those from England are all originals or duplicates sent from the India House and bound up in Madras; those to England are copies of the rough drafts entered fair in volumes. (2) The consultations of the Council at Madras and of the subordinate Council at Fort St. David. These are original documents certified by the signatures of the councillors present at the various meetings. (3) Copy-books of letters exchanged between the Madras Council and the other settlements of the Company, both those subordinate to Madras, Anjengo and Tellicherry on the Malabar Coast subordinate to Bombay, and the presidencies of Calcutta and Bombay. (4) Correspondence between the Governor of Madras and the country powers, translations of which were entered fair in copy-books. Unfortunately only one volume of the last has survived for the period now dealt with. In addition to these records preserved at Madras, transcripts have also been made of papers missing here but preserved at the India Office. These papers are distinguished as 'I.O. Transcripts.' Papers as far as possible are arranged in their order of receipt at Madras, so as to show clearly the information on which the Council adopted its resolutions.

II

At this period the out-settlements under the control of the Madras Council, exclusive of those on the West Coast

[1] Page-references not specially attributed to other works are to the following Calendar. References to the Pondichery Records are marked as '*P.R.*'

of Sumatra which region is reserved for separate treatment, consisted of Fort St. David and Cuddalore to the south, and Ingeram, Madapollam and Vizagapatam to the north. Garrisons were maintained at Madras, Fort St. David and Vizagapatam, which were all fortified. Cuddalore also, lying just south of the river on which Fort St. David stood, had walls, though low and feeble. Ingeram and Madapollam were mere factory-houses, with neither troops nor guns. Madras was a flourishing sea-port in spite of the surf which rolls ceaselessly upon its inhospitable beach. But here as elsewhere the sole purpose was trade. In the year 1740 no one dreamt that the next twenty years would make the English masters of the Carnatic and of Bengal, and force sovereign powers into the Company's unwilling hands.

In spite of Nadir Shah's invasion and plunder of Delhi, the fabric of the Moghal organisation still seemed solid and imposing. Nizam-ul-mulk was subahdar of the Deccan. Under his auspices, nawabs ruled the Orissa Coast from Chicacole and the northern part of the Coromandel Coast from Rajahmundry. The southern part of that Coast was ruled from Arcot by Dhost Ali Khan, vaguely subordinate to the subahdar ; but his tribute and obedience alike depended on the latter's power to enforce his will. For the last thirty years the Carnatic had been governed by Dhost Ali and his father ; and visions of establishing a hereditary rule were cherished at Arcot. Mysore still remained under Hindu government ; but the province of Trichinopoly had lately been conquered by the Muhammadans under Chunda Sahib, the Nawab's son-in-law. They had moreover expelled one king of Tanjore, and set up another, Pratab Singh, in his stead, and were busily engaged in over-running the countries of Madura and Tinnevelly. An observer of 1740 might have confidently predicted the consolidation of all Southern India under the rule of Dhost Ali Khan and his descendants.

In that year however came the event which was abruptly to display the essential feebleness of the Muhammadan

said to have risen subsequently to 12 lakhs.[1] In the middle of March, 1741, he was forced to surrender, after the failure of his brother, moving up with forces from the south, to relieve the city. After three weeks spent in endeavouring to arrange terms of ransom, he was hurried off under escort of a large body of horse by way of Mysore[2] to Satara. It has been often stated that this attack on Chunda Sahib and his subsequent captivity were largely due to the intrigues of Safdar Ali and his minister, Mir Asad. This was at least very widely believed at the time. The Madras Council informed the Company that Safdar Ali promised a monthly subsidy until Trichinopoly should be taken, and asserted that the Muhammadans supplied the Marathas with provisions[3].

Shortly before the siege of Trichinopoly was formed, a fresh body of Marathas appeared in the Carnatic under the famous free-booter Morari Rao. In November he plundered Conjeeveram ; on December 14/25 he plundered Porto Novo ; next day parties entered the bounds of the English at Fort St. David, but were driven off[4]. A month later they again visited Fort St. David[5] and Pondichery. The alarm in both places was great. The Nawab's women-folk and many Muhammadan nobles and Hindu merchants, who had sought refuge at Pondichery, withdrew elsewhither, and the French landed part of the crew of a Europe ship then in the roads in order to strengthen their garrison.[6] About this time a Maratha messenger appeared from the camp before Trichinopoly with letters for both the English and the French. The former was not particularly threatening in tone[7]; but the latter peremptorily demanded the surrender of Chunda Sahib's wife and treasure[8]. To this the French Governor returned an uncompromising refusal. Further correspondence followed, from both the French and the English, which ended tamely in the despatch by each nation of a

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[1] p. 140. [2] p. 159. [3] p. 202. pp 118 and 119.
[5] p. 134. [6] P.R. No. 28, ff. 819, etc. [7] p. 132.
[8] The correspondence is printed in *Lettres et Conventions*, pp. 154, etc.

messenger with small presents, on which the French expended 2,400 [1], and the English about 3,000 pagodas [2].

When the Marathas left the Carnatic, it was in a state of the utmost disorganisation. It is vigorously described in a despatch addressed by the Pondichery Council to the French Company [3]. 'The province,' they say, 'continues still in the greatest disorder. The Nawab, Safdar Ali Khan, has neither money nor troops nor authority to make himself respected and obeyed; each Muhammadan noble acts as his own master and assumes sovereign powers in his forts and territories; we foresee no end to these disorders. . . . unless the Moghal sends a nawab with troops to establish a new government.' The English speak in a very similar strain. They note the general disobedience to Safdar Ali's orders [4], the uncertainty of his position, and the rumours that the Marathas and Nizam-ul-mulk will combine to make Chunda Sahib Nawab of the province [5]. This situation produced its natural consequences. Among the nobles of the Carnatic was Murtaza Ali Khan, the killadar of Vellore. He is represented as a man in the last degree timid, cunning and avaricious. A relative of Safdar Ali, he had afforded him a refuge within his strong walls of Vellore and his crocodile-filled moat, when the Marathas came sweeping south in 1740; and he is said to have expected that this hospitality would be allowed to stand instead of the due payment of his tribute. Safdar Ali thought otherwise, and insisted on his demand. Just at the time when the Nawab had come to an agreement with Nizam-ul-mulk as to the terms on which he was to be confirmed [6], Murtaza Ali resolved to make an end at once of him and his claims. Safdar Ali was murdered at Vellore on October 2/13, 1742 [7], and Murtaza Ali attempted at once to fill the vacancy which he had thus created. He proceeded to Arcot, where he proclaimed himself Nawab. For the time he was generally recognised [8]; but Safdar Ali's son,

[1] *Corres. avec Bengale*, ii, 168.
[2] p. 203.
[3] Dated Oct. 1, 1741 (*P.R.* No. 6).
[4] p. 82.
[5] pp. 203 and 240.
[6] p. 333.
[7] p. 321.
[8] p. 322.

5 years old, was safe in Madras with his mother, and served as a rallying point for further revolutions[1]. On November 11/22 Murtaza Ali abandoned Arcot; the troops proclaimed Safdar Ali's son Nawab, and on December2 3/January 3 he was seated on the masnad at the Governor's Garden-house at Madras[2]. As a mark of gratitude for the protection of the English, his relatives made a grant of five villages with the privilege of a mint at Chintadripet, just outside the city [3].

The Marathas had retained possession of Trichinopoly, leaving it under the command of Morari Rao. In 1743 Nizam-ul-mulk, having returned from Delhi, came south to settle the troubled affairs of the Carnatic. In January he was at Cuddapah; and moving rapidly southward sat down in March before Trichinopoly, which surrendered in August after a five months' blockade[4]. He remained there til. October[5], and then moved slowly northward. In March 1744, when on the point of leaving the province, he confirmed as Nawab Abd-ullah Khan who had been acting in that capacity ever since Nizam-ul-mulk's arrival. The new Nawab died the night of his confirmation; and Anwar-ud-din, who had long been Nawab of Chicacole, was appointed in his stead[6]. His eldest son, Mahfuz Khan, was appointed his Naib, and his second son, Muhammad Ali, Viceroy of Trichinopoly[7]. The English and French took the opportunity of the Nizam's long halt before Trichinopoly, to send him embassies with presents; to both he accorded a favourable reception; but nothing more. In April, 1744, Anwar-ud-din reached Arcot, accompanied by Safdar Ali's young son, whom the Nizam had committed to his guardianship. In the following June the lad was murdered by a band of Pathan soldiers; a number of his relatives were also slain, and it was asserted that Anwar-ud-din escaped the same fate only by the accident of his being engaged in examining a

[1] p. 333. [2] pp. 345 and 358, also *Orme Mss.*, *Various*, No. 25, p. 10.
[3] p. 355. [4] p. 389. [5] p. 415.
[6] p. 442. [7] *Orme Mss.*, *Various*, No. 15, p. 46.

present sent to him by the English [1]. The cause of this event was and remains a mystery. Public opinion accused both Murtaza Ali Khan and Anwar-ud-din—the former on account of his character, the latter on account of his interest. The reality of Anwar-ud-din's danger is at least open to question. The story as related in the English records is just as likely to have been put about to screen his guilt as to have been a faithful relation of the truth. In net result it only added another bloody incident to the history of the times, and, while establishing a new family in the rule of the Carnatic, left numerous relatives of the old in the command of forts and the enjoyment of jaghirs, ready to welcome any claimant of the old stock that might arise.

In all these events the European nations settled on the coast had no share beyond affording a shelter to refugees, behind the walls of Madras and Pondichery. They had neither will nor power to interfere. Their walls secured them from enemies wholly unskilled in the art of siege-warfare; but their commerce rendered them exceedingly desirous of avoiding hostilities. The sea secured to them a regular supply of provisions should a country enemy attempt to blockade them; but the cotton-cloth, which formed the staple alike of the Companies' trade to Europe and of the private trade to the other ports of the Indian seas was almost all made at a distance from the European settlements, sometimes so far inland as Salem. Efforts had been made to modify this state of things by inducing weavers to settle within the European bounds; but alike at Pondichery, Cuddalore, and Madras, the efforts failed, because the cost of grain was normally higher in the large coast towns than it was inland. The trade of the Europeans therefore remained wholly at the mercy of the country powers. Nor did their forces permit a policy of enterprise. Their garrisons were weak in numbers and poor in quality. At Fort St. George there were but 480 men and officers, of whom

[1] pp. 468 and 486.

only 200 were Europeans, the rest being Topasses—half-breed Portuguese, 'little better than our common coolies'; and about 50 artillery-men[1]. The garrison was subsequently ordered to be raised to 600, but a sufficient number of recruits was not sent[2]. At Fort St. David there were two companies of foot, say 300 bayonets, among whom there were not 100 efficient Europeans[3]. The garrison at Pondichery seems to have been rather under that at Madras, apart from a temporary reinforcement received from the Isles[4]; while the French had at Karikal about 200 men[5].

With such scanty powers of injury, there could be no question of anything but defensive measures against the country powers; it was not however quite the same between the French and English. In the early years of the 18th century, there had been great amity between Madras and Pondichery, of which the deliberations of the Councils bear constant evidence. Thus in 1707, in spite of war raging in Europe, the French Council dwells on the importance of maintaining a good understanding with Madras, and forbids country ships to attack the English[6]. The English Governor, Pitt, in 1709, offers to fetch French pepper from Calicut round to the Coromandel Coast[7]. In 1712, when a French squadron was preying on English ships in the Bay of Bengal, we find the amazing fact, that the proceeds of prize-ships taken from the English were remitted to Chandernagore by an English vessel[8]. Pondichery was revictualled by the help of a loan raised at Madras[9]. The French Governor acted as mediator between the English and Serap Singh, the Governor of Gingee,[10] and a French ship sought shelter from the Dutch under the English guns of Fort St. David[11].

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[1] pp. 13, 18, 92 and 45. [2] pp. 283 and 307. [3] pp. 72 and 131.

[4] The statements at pp. 175 and 182 are probably exaggerated; in a despatch of Jan. 15, 1741, the Pondichery Council reports about 300 efficient men in garrison; but this may not include Topasses.

[5] Letter to Karikal of Sept. 12, 1739 (*P.R. No.* 13).

[6] *Del. du Cons. Sup.*, vol. i, p. 34.

[7] *Ibid.*, p. 73. [8] *Ibid.*, p. 106. [9] *Ibid.*, p. 107.

[10] Wheeler's *Madras in the Olden Time*, p. 316. [11] *Del. du Cons. Sup.*, p. 109.

But this was when the French were weak and poor. Matters changed rapidly when the *Compagnie des Indes Oientales* was reorganised after the downfall of Law's system. So early as 1721 we read of jealousy over the Manilla trade[1]. Violent disputes arose on the Malabar Coast over their respective shares in the pepper-trade[2]. In 1737 the directors of the English Company were demanding 'the most particular intelligence concerning these powerful competitors the French and their commerce[3]. The documents now calendared bear the most significant evidence of this commercial rivalry. All the tin at Madras is to be bought up to hinder the French from sending a ship to China[4]. We read of complaints that the French have put up their prices for cloth or are accepting cloth of less than the standard measurements[5]. And although this may be in part only excuses for bad buying, there can be no doubt that the two nations did mutually incommode each other. When the French were seeking a grant of Divi Island, which had formerly been granted to the English but never occupied, it was resolved to inform the native authorities of the previous grant in order to embarrass the French.[6]

When the two nations were thus in a state of watchful enmity, war broke out between Spain and England. The news reached Madras in June, 1740[7]. In the following year, it became likely that France also would be involved[8]. It was then that an expedition under La Bourdonnais arrived in the East, which had been destined to attack the English, but which, after alarming them by its appearance on the Coromandel Coast[9], effected nothing but the relief of Mahé from the attacks of native princes. In the following year La Bourdonnais was ordered to send his ships back to Europe,

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[1] *Del. du Cons Sup.*, pp. 290–291.

[2] See M. Martineau's articles on the early history of Mahé, in the *Revue de l'Histoire des Colonies Françaises* 1915.

[3] Des. from England to Madras, December 30, 1737.

[4] p. 37.

[5] pp. 58, 69, 152, 169, 216 and 293.

[6] p. 142.

[7] pp. 50–51.

[8] p. 183.

[9] p. 204.

and the tension slackened[1]; but on September 5/16, 1744, a despatch announcing the declaration of war with France reached Madras[2]. This news was conveyed to Pondichery by the Roman Catholic priest who served the church in Fort St. George[3]; but official information did not reach Dupleix until November 17/28[4].

On receipt of this news, Dupleix sought to secure the French (and incidentally his own) trade by a treaty of neutrality. He had at one time favoured a more vigorous policy, and had even sent the engineer, Paradis, to visit Madras and form a plan of attack[5], but he had changed his views, probably on the recall of La Bourdonnais' squadron, while with great, and indeed obvious, prudence continuing to complete the fortifications of Pondichery[6], he wrote to the Council at Mahé on September 11/22, directing them to arrange with the English at the neighbouring factory of Tellicherry to carry into effect a treaty which had been made in 1728 in consequence of the ceaseless bickering that had prevailed. The English agreed to this[7] and Dupleix thereon, while still without orders from France, wrote to the English at Madras, on November 6/17, proposing that the treaty should be ratified by them[8]. Tellicherry was subordinate, not to Madras, but to Bombay; moreover nothing was known of the local conditions which might have made such an agreement desirable; so the Madras Council returned an evasive answer which would at all events gain time until Bombay should decide what to do.

Shortly after this Dupleix received the Company's despatch announcing the war, directing him to make no attack upon the English unless they were the first aggressors, but adding that the chiefs of the English factories would not be

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[1] p. 275. [2] p. 484.

[3] Letter to Mahé of September 11/22, 1744 (*P.R.* No. 60, p. 625).

[4] *Cons. Sup. à la Campgnie*, December 2, 1744 (*P.R.* No. 7).

[5] Cultru's *Dupleix*, pp. 199, etc.

[6] Not at his own expense, as Malleson tells the story, but out of the Company's funds.

[7] p. 507. [8] p. 506.

able to impose neutrality upon the Europe ships[1]. He then again addressed the Madras Council, and also those at Calcutta and Bombay, desiring that orders might be given corresponding to his own, to make no unprovoked attacks[2]. The English found themselves in somewhat of a quandary. They had received no news except that war had broken out; but they probably knew that in 1742 proposals had come from Paris for a formal treaty of neutrality between the Companies in the event of war between the crowns, and that they had been rejected by the London directors[3]. Accordingly they answered that they lacked power to enter into any agreement[4].

The policy underlying these proposals has been frequently debated. Malleson discusses it without his usual clearness and with more than his usual inaccuracy[5]. The facts are as follows:—So early as 1740 Dupleix had been an advocate of neutrality east of the Cape of Good Hope, and had sent representations on the subject to the Company[6] at the very time when La Bourdonnais was urging the despatch under his command of a strong squadron of ships. Dumas himself, on his return to Europe, entered the French directorate and advocated the same policy. The truth was that the situation of the French isles was in this respect very different from that of the French Settlements on the mainland. At Bourbon and Mauritius there were to be found harbours, crews, all the means of equipment and repair. The colonists of the isles could therefore hope to make money by privateering. But at Pondichery there was neither harbour nor crews. Lascars would serve very well to navigate country ships on peaceful commerce; but fighting crews could not be provided. To the inhabitants of Pondichery privateering promised nothing but losses[7]. This was fully recognised at Paris, and so, in spite

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[1] Cultru's *Dupleix*, p. 190. [2] p. 508. [3] See below.
[4] p. 509. [5] Malleson's *French in India*, pp. 117 and 142.
[6] Cultru, *op. cit.*, p. 189.
[7] Despatch of February 11, 1745. (*P.R.*, No. 7):—'Les négotiants de l'Inde . . . étant hors d'état d'armer en course faute d'équipage, ils ne peuvent se recuperer des prises que l'on fait sur eux; ils n'auront point de part à celles que les vaisseaux de la nation qui viendront pourront faire; ils ne peuvent donc que perdre à la guerre . . .

of La Bourdonnais' success in persuading the ministry to give him a squadron when war seemed specially threatening, the Company succeeded in securing the Royal approval of a draft treaty which had been drawn up by Dumas and a retired Company's servant, Henry Lowther, resident in Paris. This was transmitted to London, and there rejected by the English directors [1]. The policy was thus shared by the Company and Dupleix ; not imposed by the former on the latter.

For the moment Dupleix believed that, although no treaty had been formed, the English would undertake no hostilities in the Indian seas. It was generally understood that the country shipping of the respective nations would be ordered not to attack each other ; and even in February 1745, when Dupleix was aware of the presence of a British squadron, he ordered the Mahé Council to avoid all subjects of dispute with the English [2]. He seems to have reported to La Bourdonnais that the neutrality matter had been satisfactorily arranged ; and it was only later, when the English squadron became inconveniently active, that he applied to him for help [3].

Meanwhile the English Company, consistently with its rejection of the neutrality treaty, applied to the ministry for naval protection as soon as war was declared, with the result that Curtis Barnett was promptly despatched with four men-of-war to cruise upon the French shipping in the East. Such was the inception of a war between the two nations which was to continue in the Carnatic, with two insignificant intervals, for the next sixteen years. Meanwhile on May 31, 1744, there anchored in the Madras roads the East Indiaman *Winchester*[4]. She had sailed from London no

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[1] See Lowther to Hardwicke of May 25, 1747, with its enclosures, *B. M. Add MSS*, No. 35906, ff. 178, etc. See also the *Letter to a proprietor of East-India Stock* [by William Monson] and the letter by *Philalethes* in the *Journal of the voyage of the Boscawen*.

[2] Letter to Mahé, February 2, 1745 (*P.R.* No. 61, p. 215).

[3] La Bourdonna is to the Company, March 10, 1746 (La Bourdonnais' *Pièces justificatives*, No. 12).

[4] p. 410.

less than eighteen months earlier, but, running aground off the Brazilian coast, had been compelled to refit at Rio di Janeiro. Among her passengers was a young writer, Robert Clive.

III

He found a small fortified city, full of tall, flat-roofed dazzlingly-white houses, with a citadel or inner fort containing the Company's offices and the Governor's residence. Here dwelt all the Company's European servants, along with a number of Armenians and so-called Portuguese. Just to the northward was the Indian city—the Black Town, where were the taverns and other places of amusement. This also was defended by a wall. Out on the plain beyond were a few villas or garden-houses.

Mixed blood was common, especially among the ladies of the settlement. The one occupation of the place was trade. Priest, doctor and soldier might be distinguished by their garb, but hardly by their conversation. All sought in trade a compensation for their scanty pay, just as did the covenanted servants of the Company, to whom trade was their profession. Amusements were few, and scarcely extended beyond hawking or shooting on the Choultry Plain, a week-end visit to St. Thomas' Mount, a nautch or a gaming party of an evening. There was a considerable library under the Governor's charge [1], but, while exceedingly rich in theology, it was very poor in other directions—especially in lighter literature; and probably had changed very little when Clive sought in it relief from the tedium of leisure hours.

The principal feature was probably a uniformity of type. There were no experts. Everybody believed himself competent to do everything. The merchant was as ready to expound a point of doctrine, administer a dose of medicine, or command a company of militia as the cleric, the doctor, or the officer to buy a parcel of olibanum or a bale of chintz.

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[1] A catalogue drawn up in 1729 is preserved at the India Office (*Home Misc.* No. 260).

The other feature was a degree of luxury impossible in the corresponding ranks of society in Europe. The private soldier of the garrison had his servant; the writer had his palankin and roundel-boy; the merchant was resplendent in silk and velvet, while his wife covered herself with diamonds. One may without injustice suppose the tiny social world of Madras at that time to have been dull and somewhat vulgar; but it should be added that it was on the eve of improvement, brought about by the wider outlook consequent upon the handling of momentous affairs, and the increased numbers which resulted from the transformation of the British position in the East.

IV

As already indicated, Madras was at this time nothing but a place of trade. In that respect it was exceedingly prosperous, all things considered, though perhaps less so than it had been in the preceding decade. The Company's year ran from May 1 to April 30, and the papers here calendared contain statements of the "variable revenues" and the expenditure at Madras for the six years 1737–38 to 1742–43. These "variable revenues" consisted of the Mint dues, the Sea-customs, and the Land-customs. In the six years these produced only 8,000 pagodas less than the total expenditure at Madras for that period. Besides the "variable revenues" there were also the "fixed revenues." These brought in 20,000 pagodas a year more, and consisted of the Betel and Tobacco monopoly, which was sold for 10,000 pagodas a year, and various other items of small importance, all of which were similarly farmed out. Madras itself, altogether apart from the Company's investment, produced therefore a handsome surplus which almost covered the heavy deficit at Fort St. David where the revenues amounted to less than a third of the expenditure. There were certain revenues at Vizagapatam, but their produce is nowhere stated. If a small allowance is made for them, the three northern factories of Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam cost the Company

about 10,000 pagodas a year, while the net deficit on Madras and Fort St. David amounted to 4,000 pagodas a year more. It should be remembered that these calculations include the exceptionally unfavourable years 1740 and 1741.

The Company's Europe investment consisted almost wholly of coarse and medium cloths provided at Fort St. David and the northern settlements, and fine cloths provided at Madras and Madapollam. The documents abstracted in the following pages fail to give a complete conspectus of the investment as a whole, for both the Company and its servants indulged freely in general statements in their despatches, further particularisation being needless in view of the invoices and other commercial papers which accompanied them. But William Monson, a member of Council about this time, tells us in a pamphlet published anonymously [1] that the total Coromandel investment amounted to about 5,000 bales a year, and represented an expenditure of about 500,000 pagodas, in the years 1744 and 1745. He adds that the investment increased about this time because the French were unable to complete for lack of funds [2]. The tonnage would amount to about 1,250, at the usual rate of about 4 bales to the ton.

In 1734 an attempt had been made to increase the investment provided at Madras itself by establishing a weaving-village called Chintadripet on the outskirts of the city [3]. This experiment, however, proved a failure, just as a similar attempt did at Pondichery, probably because the increased cost of living exceeded the cost and risk of transport from inland districts. In former times Madras had been well-known for the chintz made there; that art still continued; and the Company regularly ordered a certain quantity of Bengal cloth to be sent down to be 'painted.' Besides this, the Madras districts supplied fine longcloth and salempores [4] but the weaving industry was decaying [5] the Madras merchants sent

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[1] *Letter to a proprietor of India Stock*, pp. 56, etc.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 70.
[3] Love's *Vestiges*, Vol. II, p. 258.
[4] Half-pieces of longcloth.
[5] p. 201

as far afield as Salem and Udaiyarpalaiyam, and the investment at the presidency headquarters relatively declined.

The Fort St. David investment was at this time the most considerable. It varied between 1740 and 1744 from 1,500 to 2,000 bales, drawn part from Salem and part from the weaving districts to the southward such as Chennappanayakanpalaiyam. The northern settlements were expected to supply a thousand bales or so; but they were frequently harassed by the demands of the local governors, who did not hesitate to stop their trade upon trifling pretexts. Masulipatam, in the previous century so great a commercial centre, had lamentably declined; and though both French and Dutch still maintained factories there, that of the English had long been closed, and the other nations do not seem to have enjoyed any great prosperity there. How far this decline was due to physical changes, how far to bad government and heavy impositions, does not appear; but it should be noted that when Imam Sahib, who was well known to the English, was appointed faujdar, trade thither was at once contemplated.

Except at the northern settlements, the Company's investment was provided by merchants who had formerly entered into contracts to provide cloth at stipulated prices. But shortly before 1740, another method was adopted at Fort St. David. The merchants bought on commission for the Company, and, at first at all events, the method seemed so successful that it was adopted at Madras as well. At the northern settlements the chiefs provided the cloth at their own risk, and had to dispose on their own account of cloth not accepted at Madras. An illustration of this is afforded by the account given of the affair in which Sanderson, Chief of Vizagapatam, attempted to bribe (or give a customary douceur to) Benyon when the latter became Governor. After offering Benyon a bag of pagodas, Sanderson is said to have proposed selling him his "turned-out cloth" for 2,000 pagodas under cost price.[1] It is evident that this opened a

[1] p. 6.

way to favouritism, if not to worse practices ; and it appears that, although this system was of long standing, it was unknown to the Company, who forbade it when they heard of it.

In 1741 the English succeeded in effecting a considerable currency reform. The specie actually used in the ordinary transactions of daily life was the fanam—a silver coin of which 36—42 went to the pagoda at Madras, a debased gold coin of which 24 went to the pagoda at Fort St. David. In 1740 however the Madras silver fanam was made current at the latter place[1]. Wholesale transactions were settled by bags of pagodas. This was a gold coin valued at about 8*s* and different varieties of it were coined at many places in Southern India. All the European nations settled on the Coast enjoyed the privilege of minting it ; and it had commonly circulated in bags of 1,000, sealed by the shroff who made them up. This system was deranged by the great and progressive debasement of the pagoda in the country mints between 1720 and 1740. In 1720 the pagoda circulating in the Carnatic had been $8\frac{5}{8}$ matt, i.e., of 10 parts $8\frac{5}{8}$ were fine gold. In 1731 they had fallen to $8\frac{3}{8}$, in 1736 to $8\frac{1}{16}$[2] After this, the decline accelerated, and pagodas of 7 matt were common, and those even of 5 to be met with. In fact all regulation had vanished ; the mints coined pagodas of whatever touch the proprietor of the gold desired. In 1730 George Morton Pitt when Governor had introduced a new pagoda called the "MM" from its having those letters stamped upon it. This was abandoned in 1736 because it did not circulate in the country. In order to counteract the progressive debasement of the coin, the Madras shroffs were ordered to seal up no pagodas of a lower touch than $8\frac{1}{40}$. At the same time the general distrust of the pagoda was so great that small sums, even so low as 5 pagodas, were sealed up in bags. The shroffs however betrayed their trust and

[1] p. 35.

[2] *Réponse en apostille* of October 13, 1740, to the Company's letter of August 21, 1739. (*P.R.* No. 28, ff. 622–623.)

took to sealing up pagodas of inferior value. After a while this was discovered. Matters were at such a pass that the bankers agreed to co-operate with the Council in establishing a new coin, of exactly 8 matt, distinguished by a star on the granulated surface of the reverse. This was the famous star pagoda, which quickly became the standard coin of the South.

Another aspect of the currency question is frequently referred to in the following pages, and cannot be passed over without mention. All the silver sent to Bengal passed by way of Madras, where such proportion as the Council of Fort William desired was coined into Arcot and Madras rupees, the rest being forwarded in the form of bullion. When the Marathas were infesting Bengal, it was peculiarly necessary to coin a large part, if not the whole, of what was sent, as the Bengal mints were closed and the sale of bullion became a matter of difficulty.

At this time almost the whole of the bullion sent from England whether for Madras or for Bengal, was silver; and this was depreciating in value while gold was appreciating, a movement obscured by the progressive debasement of the pagoda. This was accentuated by a temporary movement of gold from Madras to Bengal, and this left the south so bare of pagodas that even large banking-houses like Bukanji's could not make payments in gold.[1] This was but partially compensated by small supplies of gold from China and the usual driblets of gold-dust from the islands of the Malay Archipelago.

[1] p. 471.

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THE CALENDAR OF THE MADRAS RECORDS FOR 1740.

No. 1. DIARY OF MADRAS SHIPPING, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70.]

JAN. 2. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal; the *Augusta* from Malacca. 3. a. the *Richard* from Vizagapatam. 5. a. the *George* from Ingeram. 6. a. the *Triton* brigantine from Madapollam. 7. a. the *Margaret* brigantine from Bengal. s. the *Shaftesbury* for Fort St. David. 10. a. the *Triplicane* grab, the *Rockingham* and the *San Caetano* from Bengal; the *Syrian Factory* and the *Hartford* from Pegu. s. the *Mercury* for Fort St. David. 14. a. the *Jenny* brigantine from Vizagapatam. 15. a. the *Devonshire* from Bengal. s. the *Rockingham* for Fort St. David. 16. s. the *Jenny* brigantine for Fort St. David. 17. a. the *Rahman Bakhsh* from Pegu. 18. s. the *Normanton* for England; the *Venkata Lakshmi* for Vizagapatam. 19. s. the *Galatea* for the Malabar Coast and the Persian Gulf. 20. s. the *Devonshire* for Fort St. David. 22. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal. 23. a. the *Duke of Lorraine* from China. 24. s. the *Augusta* for Surat. 28. s. the *Triplicane* grab for Bengal; the *Richard* for Vizagapatam; the *Margaret* brigantine for Fort St. David; and the *George* for Sumatra. 30. a. the *Enterprize* brigantine from Fort St. David. 31. a. the *Mary* brigantine, the *Nancy* sloop and the *Experience* sloop from Fort St. David. FEB. 1. a. the *Mercury* and the *Rebecca* brigantine from Fort St. David. 2. s. the *Triton* brigantine for the Malabar Coast. 3. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. a. the *Pearl* from Bengal, the *Nancy* and the *Nellipalle* brigantine from Fort St. David. 5. s. the *Nancy* for Bengal; the *Rebecca* brigantine and the *Experience* sloop for Madapollam; and the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. 6. s. the *Princess Augusta* for Bengal. 7. s. the *Syrian Factory* for Pegu. a. the *Pembroke* from Fort St. David. 8. s. the *Nabi Madad* brigantine for Nagore; the *Nancy* sloop and the *Pembroke* for Bengal. 9. a. the *Jenny* brigantine from Fort St. David. 10. a. the *Sarum* from Fort St. David. 15. s. the *Sarum* for Bengal. 17. a. the *Endeavour*

brigantine from Bengal. 18. a. the *Annapurna* from Vizagapatam. 19. a. the *Dolphin* sloop from Bengal. 20. s. the *Duke of Lorraine* for England; and the *Jenny* brigantine for Vizagapatam. a. the *Margaret* brigantine from Fort St. David. 21. a. the *Fort St. George* sloop from Bengal. s. the *Nellipalle* brigantine for Pondichery; the *Pearl* for Quedda. 22. a. the *Princess Louisa* sloop from Bengal. s. the *Enterprize* brigantine for Nagore, and the *Margaret* for Bengal. 23. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. a. the *Rockingham* from Fort St. David. 26. s. the *Fort St. George* sloop for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 28. a. the *Fame* brigantine from Bengal. 29. s. the *Princess Louisa* sloop for Vizagapatam and Bengal. a. the *Calcutta* sloop from Bengal. MARCH 7. [a. a country vessel from Ingeram.] 10. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. 11. a. the *Venkata Lakshmi* from 'Pondre Maudacah' (Pondemarka?). 14. s. the *Calcutta* sloop for Ingeram and Bengal. 15. s. the *Dolphin* sloop for Bengal. 17. a. the *Nabi Madad* brigantine from Nagore. 18. s. the *Endeavour* brigantine for the eastward. 20. s. the *Annapurna* for Vizagapatam. 26. a. the *Kent* from Pegu. 28. a. the *Devonshire* from Negapatam. s. the *St. Thomas* for Manilla. 29. s. the *Venkata Lakshmi* for Vizagapatam. 30. a. the *Faiz-rasan* brigantine from Quedda. APR. 2. s. the *Devonshire* for Bengal. 3. a. the *Royal Guardian* from England. 4. a. the *William* brigantine from the Maldives. 5. a. the *Fattah-Rahmani* from Tenasserim. 8. s. the *William* brigantine for Bengal. 9. a. the *Richard* from Negapatam. 11. s. the *Fame* brigantine for Quedda. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from St. Thomé. 14. a. the *Samsunderset* from Manilla; the *Devanampattanam* brigantine from Fort St. David. 22. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal; the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal; the *Prince Frederick* from the Malabar Coast; and the *Khuda Bakhsh* brigantine from Arakan. 23. a. the *William* brigantine from Bengal. 24. a. the *Lakshman Prasad* from Tenasserim; the *Chintadri Telisinga* from Arakan; the *Kachchali* from Junk Ceylon; and the *Jenny* brigantine from Fort St. David. 26. a. the *Syrian Factory* from Pegu. s. the *Richard* for Vizagapatam. 28. a. the *Kent* from Achin and the *Enterprize* brigantine from Tranquebar. MAY 2. a. the *Rebecca* brigantine from Pondichery. 3. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Pegu. s. the *Jenny* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 4. a. the *Pembroke* from Bengal. 6. a. the *Sumatra* brigantine from Sumatra; and the *Mary Good Success* sloop from Negapatam. 11. a. the *Ceres* from Surat and the *Bermudas* from Tellicherry. 12. a. the *Triton* brigantine from the Malabar Coast. 13. s. the *Mercury*, the

Samsunderset and the *Prince Frederick* for Bengal. 15. s. the *Princess Augusta* and the *Bermudas* sloop for Bengal. 17. a. the *Pulteney* from Bombay. 20. s. the *William* brigantine for Bengal. 21. s. the *Kent* for Bengal. a. the *Prince William* from Bombay and Tellicherry. 25. s. the *Mary Good Success* sloop for Bengal. 26. s. the *Pembroke* galley for Nagore. 27. a. the *Ali Bakhsh* from Negapatam. 28. s. the *Ceres* for Bengal. JUNE. [?] s. the *Rebecca* brigantine for Madapollam and Vizagapatam. [?] a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. 4. a. the *Augusta* from Surat. 7. a. the *Diligence* from Pondichery. s. the *Ali Bakhsh* for Balasore. 8. a. the *Kirtichand* from Pondichery. 10. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. 11. s. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* for Bengal. 12. a. the *Princess of Wales* from England. 14. s. the *Prince William* for Bengal. 15. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. a. the *Wilmington* from England. 17. s. the *Diligence* and the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Bengal. 18. a. the *Speedwell* for Pegu. 19. s. the *Kirtichand* for Bengal. 25. s. the *Pulteney* for Bengal. 28. s. the *Kent* for Bengal. JULY 1. s. the *Princess of Wales* for Bengal. 4. [s. the *Venkatesa* for Vizagapatam.] 7. a. the *Arunachalam* from Tranquebar. 8. s. the *Augusta* for China. 10. a. the *La Rosse* from Pondichery; the *Benyon* from Fort St. David. 12. s. the *La Rosse* for Bengal. 13. s. the *Triton* brigantine for Malacca. 16. a. the *George* from Fort Marlborough; and the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Tranquebar. 17. a. the *Bon Voyage* from Pondichery. s. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* for Achin. 20. a. the *Masulipatam* sloop from Pondichery; the *Jenny* from Jedda and Mocha. 21. s. the *Masulipatam* sloop for Bengal; returned the *Augusta* having sprung a leak. 27. s. the *Bon Voyage* for Pegu. 29. s. the *Rahman Bakhsh* for Bengal; came on shore the *Muhammad Bakhsh* to be broken up. 31. s. the *George* for Fort St. David. AUG. 1. a. the *Betty* brigantine from Negapatam. 4. s. the *Jenny* for Bengal. 9. s. the *Khuda Bakhsh* brigantine for Nagore and Achin. 10. a. the *Union* from Pondichery. 12. a. the *Princess Louisa* from England. 13. a. the *George* from Fort St. David. s. the *Betty* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 14. a. the *Pembroke* from the southward; and *Cheval Marin* brigantine from Pondichery. 15. a. the *Heathcote* from England. 17. s. the *Union* for Bengal. 18. a. the *Colchester* from England. 19. s. the *Cheval Marin* brigantine for Ingeram. 20. a. the *Fanny* from Basra; the *Hardwicke* from England. 23. s. the *Princess Louisa* for Bengal. 26. a. the *Esperance* from the Maldives. 27. s. the *Kachchali* for Junk Ceylon; the *Pembroke* for Bengal. 29. s. the *Benyon*, the *Augusta* and the *Hardwicke*

for Bengal. 30. s. the *George* for Vizagapatam. 31. s. the *Sumatra* brigantine for Vizagapatam; and the *Faiz-rasan* for Quedda. a. the *Pearl* brigantine from Gombroon. SEPT. 2. a. the *William and Mary* brigantine from Bengal. 4. s. the *Syrian Factory* for Pegu. 6. s. the *Wilmington* for England. a. the *Concorde* from Pondichery. 8. s. the *Pearl* brigantine for Bengal. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal. 9. a. the *Galatea* from Basra. s. the *Concorde* for Bengal. 11. a. the *Mercury* and the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Bengal. s. the *Lakshman Prasad* for Tenasserim; the *Heathcote* and the *Fanny* for Bengal. 12. a. the *Grandison* from Bengal. s. the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Fort St. David. 13. s. the *Padu Elihu* for Tenasserim. 14. a. the *George* sloop from Bengal. 16. a. the *Kent* from Bengal. s. the *William and Mary* brigantine for Bengal. 17. a. the *Richard* from Vizagapatam and the *Enterprize* brigantine from Ingeram. 20. a. the *Mouro* from Ingeram. 21. s. the *Royal Guardian* for the Malabar Coast. 22. s. the *Venkatesa* for Arakan and the *Mercury* for Bengal. a. the *Carolina* from Sumatra. 23. a. the *Ranganatha* from Porto Novo. s. the *George* sloop for Bengal. 24. a. the *Durrington* from England. 26. s. the *Galatea* for Bengal. 27. s. the *Kent* for Malacca. 28. a. the *Narcissus* from Bombay. OCT. 1. s. the *Grandison* for Bengal, and the *Chintadri Telisinga* for Tenasserim. 5. s. the *Carolina* for Fort St. David. 7. s. the *Durrington* for Bengal, and the *Princess Augusta* for Sumatra. 8. s. the *Fort St. George* brigantine for the Malabar Coast. 13. s. the *Colchester* for England. 16. s. the *Richard* for the Maldives. 20. s. the *Narcissus* for the Maldives. 22. Drove ashore the *Raganatha* and *Nabi Madad* brigantine. DEC. 18. a. the *Venkata Lakshmi* from Vizagapatam. 22. a. the *Prince William* from Bengal. 26. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal. 27. a. the *Hardwicke* from Bengal.

No. 2. DIARY OF FORT ST. DAVID SHIPPING, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12.]

JAN. 2. s. the *Sarum* for the southward. 3. a. the *Devanampattanam* brigantine from Bengal. 9. a. the *Shaftesbury* from Madras. 20. s. the same for England. 23. a. the *Devonshire* from Madras. 25. s. the same for the southward. 26. s. the *Devanampattanam* for Bengal. 27. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Madras. 29. s. the *Mercury* for Madras. FEB. 16. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Madras. MARCH 19. a. the *Devonshire* from Negapatam. 20. a. the [?] from Quedda. 24. s. the *Devonshire* for Covelong. 30. p. by the *St. Gerant* from France for Pondi-

chery. a. the *Kent* from Achin. 31. p. by the *Nonarsat* from Manilla for Pondichery. a. the *Devanampattanam* from Bengal. APR. 21. a. the *Prince Frederick* from Malabar. s. the same for Madras. p. by the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal for Madras. 27. s. the *Enterprize* brigantine for Madras. MAY 11. p. by the *Triton* galley from Malabar. 14. p. by the *Pondichery* from Mahé for Pondichery. a. the *Pulteney* from Surat. 15. p. by the *Aventurier* from Mahé for Pondichery. 16. s. the *Pulteney* for Madras. p. by the *St. Joseph* and *Maure pas* from Mahé for Pondichery. 27. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Nagore. 31. s. the *Mary* for Madras. JUNE 1. a. the *Speedwell* from Negapatam and Nagore. p. by the *Pembroke* for Tranquebar. 4. s. the *Speedwell* for Madras. 8. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. s. the same for Madras. JULY 19. p. by the *Nossa Senhora de Conceicao* from Lisbon for Bengal. AUG. 3. a. the *George* from Madras. 9. p. by the *Pondichery* from Karikal for Pondichery. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Bengal. 11. a. the *Pembroke* from Negapatam. 12. s. the *George* for Madras. 13. s. the *Pembroke* for Madras. 17. p. by the *Colchester* for Madras. 19. p. by the *Compte de Tholouse* from Pondichery for Madras. p. by the *Hardwicke* from England for Madras. 23. p. by the *Princess Louisa* from Basra for Pondichery. p. by the *Fidele* from Mocha for Pondichery. SEPT. 14. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Bengal. 24 p. by the *Narcissus* from Bombay for Madras. 25. s. the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Bengal. OCT. 8. a. the *Carolina* sloop from Madras. 10. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Bengal.

No. 3. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON TO THE COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 3, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 8–17 (9½).]

John Sanderson sueing writer's dubash Narayanan regarding 2,000 Pags. alleged to have been given the dubash for Benyon on March 2, 1738, Benyon declares he never heard a word about the matter till Sanderson asked for its return, on Nov. 13, 1739. In Jan. 1736 Sanderson (Chief at Vizagapatam) sent by his dubash 1,000 Pags. as 'a compliment' to Benyon on his assuming the Governorship. Benyon received the money, fearing, if he returned it to the dubash, it would not be believed that he had done so; but in Feb. he wrote desiring Sanderson to send an order to Morse to receive the money, which might be done without Morse's knowing the occasion. Sanderson desired him to send the money by some vessel as 'less public.' This was done, and then Sanderson wrote that he

had sent a sealed bag of new Madras Pags. but had only received back the value of 1,000 current Pags. Benyon declined to be answerable for the difference. In Jan. 1738 Sanderson came to Madras about the Vizagapatam investment, the Council resolving not to pay the prices of the year before. It was informally settled that he should return to Vizagapatam to try another season, and in partnership with Benyon he bought a French ship to be used in the Madras–Vizagapatam trade; she sailed for Vizagapatam Feb. 27, four days before the present of 2,000 Pags. is alleged to have been made. About the same time Sanderson offered Benyon his 'turned-out cloth' for 2,000 Pags. less than cost price, and, when that was refused, drew a cash account giving Benyon credit for 2,000 Pags. more than was due. Benyon then said plainly that he had not refused the 1,000 Pags. offered before because it was too little. Moreover when Benyon examined his dubash Narayanan on Nov. 13, 1739, about this alleged present, Narayanan denied all knowledge of it, while Sanderson varied his story, and admitted he had never mentioned the matter to Benyon though the present was delivered on March 2, 1738, and he did not leave Madras till Apr. 1.

No. 4. CONSULTATION. JAN. 3, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 1–17 (17).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of Dec. 20, about Simpson's sureties. Ordered the Vizagapatam bales to be landed. William Boothby granted a passage on the *Shaftesbury*. Accounts read, etc. Cash balance, 71,597 Pags. Lading of the *Shaftesbury* and the *Normanton*. 20 wooden horses to be made for use in the gunpowder magazine. 1,029 Pags. paid in for fanams sold. Signed bills on the Company at 90 days' sight and at 7 s. 6 d. per pagoda in return for coral for 17,976 Pags. Benyon swears that he never received or heard of the 2,000 Pags. alleged by John Sanderson to have been given his dubash Narayanan.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for Dec. 1739; (2) letter from William Boothby, dated Jan. 3, 1740, applying for a passage on the *Shaftesbury*; and (3) letter from Richard Benyon, dated Jan. 3, 1740 [No. 3].

No. 5. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 1 (½).]

Will send 20,000 Pags. overland and stores by the *Shaftesbury*.

No. 6. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT CUDDAPAH. RECD. JAN. 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 1 (½). *Beginning lost. Printed copy, p.* 1.]

The Marathas have come to terms [with ?] and are now marching towards Sirpi. They mean first to crush the allies of Arcot and then to attack [?] again. Baji Rao is expected to assist them, and many Poligars, etc., secretly favour them.

No. 7. LETTER FROM GHULAM MUHI-UD-DIN, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. JAN. 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 1 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 1.]

Several thousand Marathas under Sambaji and Chunda Singh plundered 'Dakoony Petta, Sheerally Banda, etc.' near Golconda. Nizam-ul-mulk's wife has summoned the Nawab of Arcot, etc., to her assistance. Ahmad Tahir Khan's son has married with much pomp the daughter of Saadatmund Khan, Killedar of Kaveripakkam. As soon as the ceremonies are over, Safdar Ali Khan will go to Trichinopoly; the Nawab to Balaghat; and Imam Sahib to Alambarai.

No. 8. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 5, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 1 (½).]

Sends 20,000 Pags. with the usual number of peons.

No. 9. LETTER FROM GHULAM MUHI-UD-DIN, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. JAN. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 2 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 2.]

In a dispute between some Pathans and the Nawab's son-in-law about their pay, some people were killed and wounded on both sides. Safdar Ali Khan has sent on his tents, etc., to Conjeveram, intending to go to Wandiwash with his family to see his mother, and from thence to Trichinopoly to take it from Chunda Sahib. Hirasat Khan (Nawab of Satghur), Haidar Yar Khan, Haidar Dil Khan, Safdar Husain Khan and others are preparing for an expedition. Khan Bahadur Ghulam Rasul Khan and Ghulam Nabi Khan are collecting stores and enlisting men. Tiruviti Balu Chetti, Sunku Muttu Rama and Lakshmana Rao are going to Madras shortly.

No. 10. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ALAMBARAI. RECD. JAN. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 2 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 2.]

Recommends Muli Khan who is going to Madras.

No. 11. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 7, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 1 (½).]

Read letters from Madras of Jan. 4 and 5 [Nos. 5 & 8]. The 20,000 Pags. from Madras arrived safely.

No. 12. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 2 (1).]

Are sending wares and packing stuff by the *Shaftesbury*, which needs about 89½ tons to fill her. Refer to instructions of Jan. 8, 1739, regarding the survey of warlike stores, and requiring a manifest of private trade, etc. The bales that remain over after lading the *Shaftesbury* are to be sent to Madras. Will forward the despatches as soon as the probable date of readiness to sail is reported.

No. 13. LETTER TO CAPT. MATTHEW BOOKEY OF THE SHAFTESBURY. JAN. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 3 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David.

No. 14. LETTER FROM JOHN SANDERSON. JAN. 8, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 30–31 (1½).]

Declares that he did send 2,000 Pags. to be paid to Benyon, though with no design of wronging the Company. Benyon's former refusals only proved that he disliked the 'manner' and not the 'matter.' Since he has not now received it, Sanderson can only sue his dubash for its recovery.

No. 15. ACCOUNT OF TOWN CONICOPOLY DUTY AT MADRAS, 1739. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 25 (1).]

Collected, Jan.—Dec. 1739, at the Sea-gate 183 Pags., and at the Choultry 34 Pags.

No. 16. STATEMENT OF CUSTOMS. FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 26 (1).]

	Goods.	Grain.	Anchorage.
	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.
Sea-customs, Jan.—Dec. 1738, produced ...	27,176	12,489	629
Do. do. 1739, do. ...	29,912	6,567	757
Land-customs, Jan.—Dec. 1738, do. ...	5,173	...	...
Do. do. 1739, do. ...	5,868	...	...

No. 17. LETTER FROM RANDALL FOWKE, ACCOUNTANT, AT FORT ST. GEORGE. DEC. 28, 1739. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 27–29 (3).]

Furnishes statements of revenues and expenditure for 1737–38 and 1738–39 (May 1—Apr. 30).

	Revenues (Variable.)		Expenditure.	
	1737–38.	1738–39.	1737–38.	1738–39.
	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.
Fort St. George ...	59,443	41,761	39,654	38,728
Fort St. David ...	10,224	11,098	24,489	25,129
Ingeram	...	...	1,876	1,895
Total ...	69,667	52,859	66,019	65,752

No. 18. CONSULTATION. JAN. 8, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 18–24 (7).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 1 and 4, regarding Mr. Caesar's estate, the increase of their expenses, and desiring a supply of cash; from Vizagapatam of Dec. 24, announcing the despatch of the *George;* from Ingeram and Madapollam both of Dec. 24, announcing the despatch of bales; from Bombay of Dec. 4 desiring a supply of men; and from Tellicherry of Dec. 13, with shipping news, saying the Portuguese are hard-pressed by the Marathas and that Angria has taken the Bombay grab *Ann.* Agreed, that the garrison is too weak to spare men for Bombay. Accounts read. Price current to be forwarded to England. Read statement of revenues and expenses [No. 17]. Decrease in sea customs due to fall in price of grain which was only two-fifths in 1739 of what it was in 1738. 500 candies of lead to be sold. Joseph Wheeler, a time-expired soldier, discharged. John Sanderson takes oath that he sent 2,000 Pags. to Narayanan who afterwards (when conversing in the General Table Room Hall) admitted receiving them. Signed bills on England in return for coral for 29,543 Pags.; on account of covenanted servants for 9,065 Pags.; on account of free merchants, etc., for 3,679 Pags. Paddy to be delivered the soldiers at 18 merkals per pagoda.

No. 19. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 8, 1740. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 9 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Forward general books and annual papers. The year's investment has been provided by Nalla Tambi and Segappu Tambi, but on account of increased troubles in the country they have been allowed brokerage at 1 Pag. instead of ½ a Pag. per corge on the 8 and 9 *kals* cloth. The Salem and ordinary cloth prove no dearer than last year and the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth ⅜ of a Pag. per corge cheaper; Salem cloth however has risen latterly owing to the rise in the value of fanams at Salem. The merchants have already brought in 1,023 bales, and 300 ox-loads are on their way from Salem and Udaiyarpalaiyam. The year's investment will amount to 1,500 bales. The Salem investment was obstructed by difficulties with Nanjan Chetti, who has been granted a monopoly of coining fanams and making cloth at Salem. He is compelling everybody to take his fanams at 23½ per Pag. and will probably insist on a cloth commission presently. Could only get 3 bales of soot romals in entire pieces of 15 handkerchiefs. The rest was in pieces of 12 or 14 with extra handkerchiefs stitched on, and it was thought this would not do for England. Have provided 15 bales of the fine cloth of 12 *kals* and 6 bales of the 10 *kals* cloth. The brokerage allowed is 1¾ Pag. per corge for the fine cloth of 12 and 15 *kals* and 1 Pag. for that of 10 *kals.* No fine cloth at 75 Pags. per corge or middling at 45 was taken; the looms had to be set specially (as no one else buys these sorts) and the quality was poor. The customs have fallen by 622 Pags. on account of the decreased demand for blue cloth and paintings at Mocha and Manilla, and no sandal-wood having been provided for China. The charges for the year amount to 25,129 Pags., an increase of 639 Pags. Have finished repairs to the gateway of the Main Guard and the Ensigns' lodgings. Building the Powder Magazine was postponed to permit making the Fort defensible against the Marathas. No new debts were contracted or old ones paid off. The covenanted servants are the same as last year, except that Michell went up to Madras on May 12, and that Thomas Cooke Junior was appointed monthly writer on 10 Pags. a month. Forward the rolls of the military, etc. Are very short of Europeans of whom a large number would be required in case of the Maratha troubles. 30 additional topasses and 70 peons have been entertained. The French have 2 ships intended for France but not yet laded.

No. 20. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 9, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 2–3 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 7 [No. 12]. Secretary to deliver to Capt. Bookey a caution in writing against fire. The annual letter to Madras [No. 19] is approved; and a second set of the general books signed.

No. 21. CONSULTATION. JAN. 12, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 32–34 (3).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of Dec. 15 accompanying packets. Accounts, etc., read. John Sanderson and George Drake allowed passages to England on the *Normanton*. The *Normanton's* crew and guns to be inspected. Signed bills of exchange (at 7 s. 8 d.) in return for coral for 5,649 Pags., for Company's servants for 9,577 Pags., and (at 7s. 4d.) for free merchants, etc., for 12,736 Pags.

Appended are:—letters from George Drake, dated Jan. 10, 1740, and from John Sanderson, dated Jan. 12, 1740, desiring passages to England on the *Normanton*.

No. 22. CONSULTATION. JAN. 14, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 35–39 (4½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 10, and from Vizagapatam of Dec. 24, desiring a supply of pagodas. James Nevill granted a passage on the *Normanton*. Accounts read. Torriano to be Rental-General and Scavenger. Indents for medicines signed. Capt. Kemeys of the *Normanton* granted a certificate for 3,000 Pags. paid in. Sign bills of exchange for Company's servants and free merchants for 34,252 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1739; and (2) petition from James Nevill for a passage on the *Normanton*.

No. 23. CONSULTATION. JAN. 15, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 40 (1).]

Read annual letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 8 [No. 19]; to be sent to England; copies to be obtained from Fort St. David. Passed letters, etc., for the Company by the *Shaftesbury* and *Normanton* [Nos. 24 & 27].

No. 24. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE SHAFTESBURY. JAN. 15, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 291–298. (*I.O. trans.*).]

Shipping news. The *Duke of Lorraine* carried to China only sandal and redwood; tin was too dear. The best way of trading to China is for a ship to lade pepper, sandalwood and cotton on the Malabar Coast and call at Madras for tin, etc. This would discourage the French and Macao men. The Pegu-built sloops are costly; in future will have them built at Bombay. Off Ganjam the *Sea Horse* was nearly sinking; so she landed the 10,000 Pags. aboard her which was brought safe to Vizagapatam. Have written to Bengal for tonnage of 2,400 bales as no Sept. ship could be sent. Bought one lakh of Arcot rupees and 50,000 Pags. worth of Manilla silver for Bengal. Have sold 400 candies of lead at Pags. 11–21–30 per candy; 2 bales of culjeed flannels at 100 % advance. The Madeira sold for Pags. 61–25–70 (100 pipes a year will be enough); 400 candies of lead at Pags. 11–17–35, 150 at 12 Pags. and 100 at 11¾ Pags. per candy; and iron at 10 Pags. Indent for 1,500 candies of lead. 'French yellowes' are not liked at Arcot. Have not even 600 good arms in the garrison. Russia duck is preferred to British sail cloth though the latter is better and more substantial. Popinjay embossed cloth is better liked than the emerald green. All the broadcloth of 1738 and 200 bales of 1737 were sold to Mahalinga Krishna, etc.; the Town is barely clear of the large parcels which came out 6 years ago; want only 400 bales. Silver coined into Arcot rupees yields a profit of 1·7 % more than in Madras rupees. Merchants have lost by the calico contracts and so would not engage at the old prices. As the brokerage system at Fort St. David has increased the investment, have engaged the Madras merchants on the same system, they to run the risk of the money and goods for 1 Pag. per corge for ordinary and middling and 1¾ for fine longcloth. Have agreed with Tambi Chetti etc. to accept 5,000 Pags. a year till their debt is paid off. Have engaged for fine goods on the brokerage system also. The French regard neither lengths nor breadths. A few chay goods are contracted for; soot romals ordered to be 15 in a piece. Have agreed to pay 5 Pags. a corge more to painters for fuller chintz. Have received 400 bales from Madapollam, 409 from Ingeram, and 341 from Vizagapatam. The northern Nawabs impede the currency of Madras pagodas. Merchants urged to bring in more ordinary cloths;

only reject what is worse than a No. 4. Had nine sortments of cloths—Salem, Udaiyarpalaiyam and ordinary, with Nos. 1 to 3 in each. Now have a No. 4 in each. The Dutch at Bimlipatam have made a very large investment, while the French at Yanam have bought one lakh of Pags. worth of cloth which affects both Ingeram and Vizagapatam. Pegu saltpetre loses five-eighths. Trade so bad at Basra that no ship has been sent thither, the markets there and at Mocha being overstocked. Rice sells from 30 to 40 Pags. per garse. Trade this year consists of, 1 ship to Manilla, 1 to Malacca, 2 to Persia, and 1 to Surat; another will be sent to Manilla. Angria has taken 2 Bombay ships. Nadir Shah's invasion. Expect an invasion of the Marathas. Have carried on the walls from Queen's Point to Caldera Point, and will next proceed to that from the New Point to the Blockhouse. Gun-carriages have been made or repaired; and a number of topasses enlisted. At Fort St. David have ordered a new work between the Cuddalore North East Point and the river. Want arms. Attempts made to prevent 'the adulteration' of pagodas. Have ordered Vizagapatam to repair their fortifications and gun-carriages. The Garden-house (where great Moors and Gentues are received) bought for the Company for 500 Pags. The new Powder house is completed, and one ordered to be erected at Fort St. David. Fall in the variable revenues. Have turned out the Mint Brahmans and goldsmiths for their tricks, and engaged with Linga Chetti for one year. Simpson went as Chief to Vizagapatam on Feb. 14; Richard Prince has been sent to Ingeram Edmund Harris returned to Fort St. David; Edward Michell placed under the Export Warehousekeeper; William Gibson, Surgeon at Vizagapatam, has died. 232 Pags. paid into cash on account of Legh Denny's estate and 280 Pags. for Robert Cæsar's. The consultations have not been regularly signed by the President as he was laid up with sore-eyes for several months. Lieut. Morgan is senior to Lieut. Amyand. Need more covenanted servants. There are at present 16 at Madras, 2 at Fort St. David, and 1 at Madapollam, whereas there should be 33, of whom 2 or 3 must be good accountants. The established number (204) of Europeans in garrison is not enough. 2 Pags. allowed a month to maintain a soldier's child. The allowance to Lieut. Horne's wife was discontinued on his death. Demand from Bengal on Capt. Joyes' estate of Rs. 208. The case of John Sanderson *versus* Benyon's dubash. Desire that needy persons be not allowed to come into India from St. Helena. Sanderson and William Boothby take their passage home. Three keys are put on the treasury and

3 on the cash chest. Certificate granted for 863 Pags. on account of the estate of John Lardner and for 3,000 Pags. to Capt. Kemeys. Sumatra affairs.

Supplement: On Nov. 10 in a storm on the Malabar Coast, a galley and two grabs foundered. The Marathas have entered Cuddapah. The French have landed and settled at Karikal. Indent for 50 bales more of blue and yellow cloth. Diamonds, etc., registered by the *Shaftesbury* amount to 27,641 Pags. and by the *Normanton*, 48,883 Pags.; Capt. Kemeys' private trade, 240 Pags.

P.S. —The bills of exchange drawn on the Company amount to 1,64,177 Pags. [Augustus Burton dissents from the statements regarding the China trade, and the relative standing of Morgan and Amyand.]

No. 25. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 3 (½). *Fragmentary.*]

Have received their letter of Jan. 10 and their annual letter with enclosures of Jan. 8 [No. 19]. The enclosures are being sent to England.

No. 26. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 16, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 4 (½).]

Order survey of the *Shaftesbury*.

No. 27. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY [BY THE NORMANTON ?]. JAN. 17, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *p.* 298. (*I.O. trans.*).]

The chay goods being brown cannot be sent now. 1,700 bales will remain after the despatch of the *Normanton* and the *Shaftesbury* 44 Pags. have been received on account of the estate of Robert Cæsar. The *Normanton's* invoice amounts to 57,776 Pags.

No. 28. LETTER FROM THOMAS EYRE AND PHILIP BAKER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 19, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 8–9 (½).]

The *Shaftesbury* has 28 guns mounted and 4 ready to mount, 60 muskets, 20 pairs of pistols, 200 hand grenades, etc.

No. 29. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 19, 1740 [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 5–8 (4).]

Accounts read. Read letter from Madras of Jan. 16 [No. 25], and report on the *Shaftesbury's* men, guns, etc. [No. 28] Capt. Bookey

manifests his private trade and declares the ship to be full. Letter to the Company [No. 30] read and approved. The packet to be closed and delivered to the Captain to-morrow. Copies of papers relating to the *Shaftesbury's* despatch to be sent to Madras.

No. 30. DESPATCH FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO THE COMPANY. JAN. 20, 1740. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 9 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Have laded the *Shaftesbury* with 300 bales besides the 270 laded at Madras, amounting in all to 40,504 Pags. 349 bales now remain, besides 300 at the washers, etc., and 446 sent to Madras. A large quantity of cloth is expected from Salem and Udaiyarpalaiyam, which will make the whole investment rather more than 1,500 bales. Forward duplicates of annual papers, etc., together with lists of the French contracts for 1739, bullion imported at Pondichery, and cargoes sent to Europe, as fully as can be ascertained.

No. 31. CONSULTATION. JAN. 21, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 41–45 (4½).]

Read letter from Ingeram of Dec. 26, enclosing bill of lading for cloth; also report of the Sumatra Committee with the letters by the *Galatea* and the *George*. Approve their proposals regarding the military, Arabs, Buggesses, etc., and private trade, which must however be explained so as not to limit the freedom of Company's servants. The estates of deceased persons must not be paid away till accounts are received from other settlements. The Warehouse-keeper to send on the *George* longcloth, etc., for Sumatra together with teak 'joyces.' Accounts of Capt. Taylor of the *George*. The coffres received by the *Resolution* and the 3 prisoners in the Choultry to be sent to Sumatra. Wares and stores for Vizagapatam to be sent by the *Richard*.

Appended are Capt. Taylor's indent for naval stores and account of 4 months' imprest.

No. 32. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 21, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 9–10 (1½).]

Edward Croke and Thomas Eyre to wait upon Safdar Ali Khan at Tiruviti with present valued at 632 Pags., consisting of velvet, broadcloth, rose-water, a silver-mounted gun and pistols, etc.

No. 33. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JAN. 23, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 4 (½).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 11, and Dec. 11, 20 and 24. Enclose bills of lading for stores on the *Richard.*

No. 34. CONSULTATION. JAN. 24, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 46–48 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort William of Jan. 5, advising they can spare no men; and from Messrs. Pigou, Oliver and Hadley at Canton of Nov. 12, regarding tea sent to Madras by the *Duke of Lorraine.* Resolved to send the *Princess Augusta* to Bengal for saltpetre or rice. Agreed to send 10 chests of bullion and 10 chests of rupees to the Bay on the *Princess Augusta* and as much on the *Mercury,* together with 150 tons of tutenague. The *Duke of Lorraine's* gold weighed off and ordered to be assayed by Foxall. Thomas Saunders appointed Second at Vizagapatam; and Cornelius Goodwin, Sub-Accomptant in his place. The Secretary pays in passage money (26 Pags. each) for Sanderson, Nevill and Drake. Passed letters to Fort William and Sumatra [Nos. 36 & 41]. Having only 20 garse of paddy in stock, agreed to buy 200 garse.

No. 35. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY A FRENCH SHIP. JAN. 25, 1740. [*Madras Lrs. recd., Vol.* 1 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Write by a French ship. The *Duke of Lorraine* arrived at Madras Jan. 23, and will be despatched by Feb. 20.

No. 36. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JAN. 25, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 4–6 (2). *Damaged.*]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 6 and Jan. 5. The *Normanton* sailed for England on the 18th and the *Shaftesbury* the 21st (20?). Neither ship took in her full tonnage. Expect to send two ships home in Sept. next, and those will need 5,000 bags of saltpetre for kintledge. Will return the *Princess Augusta* shortly and desire she may be laded with saltpetre or rice. Will send 20 chests of silver by her and 20 more by the *Mercury;* will buy silver for a further remittance, but rupees and silver are scarce. Will send as desired two-thirds bullion and one-third rupees. Forward letters from Bombay and Tellicherry, where, it is feared that the *King George* galley, the *Britannia* and the *Neptune's Prize* grab were lost in the storm of Nov. 10. The *Duke of Lorraine* which arrived on the 23rd left Canton on Nov. 20. Movements of other China ships.

No. 37. LETTER FROM ABD-UL WAHHAB, AN ARAB FAUJDAR OF GANJAM. RECD. JAN. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 2–3 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 2.]

Has received a piece of scarlet cloth by Muhammad Sadiq. Has sent one of his vessels with grain to Madras. Will shortly send Muhammad Sadiq. Sends some oranges and sugarcane as a present.

No. 38. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB. RECD. JAN. 27, 1740. [*C.C. Vol.* 1, *p.* 3 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 2.]

Is grateful for the favours bestowed on Daud Beg. Hopes that Abd-ul Hamid will be made to pay his bond as soon as Nur Bhai's affair is settled.

No. 39. LETTER FROM DAUD BEG, A MOGHAL OFFICER, AT ARCOT. RECD. JAN. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 3 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 3.]

Returned to Arcot, leaving his son at Madras, but Abd-ul Hamid has not yet paid what he promised. Requests that the money may be paid to Shaikh Muhammad Amin, merchant, and that Abd-ul Hamid may be detained as there are further demands upon him. Has summoned his son to Arcot.

No. 40. CONSULTATION. JAN. 28, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 48–49 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 21 regarding the despatch of the *Shaftesbury*. The *Duke of Lorraine* to be surveyed. Her Captain to be warned (as usual) against fire, etc. Accounts read and payments received.

No. 41. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. JAN. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 6–12 (6).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 42. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE GEORGE. JAN. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 12 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort Marlborough, calling at Fort St. David on his return to take in bales for Madras.

No. 43. CONSULTATION. JAN. 31, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 50–52 (3).]

The *Duke of Lorraine* reported only to need slight repairs, which Capt. Crompton states have already been made. The Warehouse-keeper ordered to lade her. The *Duke of Lorraine's* gold averages 90 touch. The gold is to be coined into Madras pagodas. As Fort William can spare no men, resolved to inform Bombay and Tellicherry that none can be spared from Fort St. George. Sheathing boards to be put on the *Princess Augusta* so that she may be sheathed in Bengal.

Appended are:—(1) report on the condition of the *Duke of Lorraine;* and (2) Assay Master's report on 164 shoes of China gold weighing 1,936 oz.

No. 44. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JAN. 31, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 13-14 (1½). *Damaged.*]

Regarding the Bombay ships that encountered the storm of Nov. 10, have received news only of the *Rose* galley. Cannot spare any recruits as the garrison is thin, and topasses are 'little better than our common coolies.' The Marathas threaten invasion, and a large body has entered Cuddapah. Fort William also can spare no Europeans, having sent a large detachment to Bombay, and the *Richmond* needing hands.

No. 45. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. JAN. 31, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 14 (½).]

To the same effect as No. 44.

No. 46. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1740. [*F.S.D Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 11–12 (1½).]

Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance 10,994 Pags.

No. 47. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 2, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 15 (½).]

Send by the *Mercury* 20 chests—10 of rupees and 10 of bullion. The *Princess Augusta* will follow with 20 chests more. Forward Bombay and Tellicherry packets.

No. 48. LETTER TO JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. FEB. 2, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 15 (½).]

Have received his cloth by the *Triton.* Send stores on the *Rebecca* brigantine.

No. 49. LETTER FROM MUHAMMAD KHAN, FAUJDAR OF CHIDAMBARAM. RECD. FEB. 3, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 4–5 (1¼). *Printed copy, p.* 3.]

A certain man named Muhammad Khan seized the estate of Lal Khan though left by will to the writer, Lal Khan's brother; and when the Nawab of Cuddapah made the writer Faujdar of Chidambaram, Muhammad Khan carried off Lal Khan's goods to Fort St. David, and Mutyalu, the Dubash, refuses to surrender them. Desires an order for their restitution. [See No. 308].

No. 50. LETTER FROM THE SAME TO AUGUSTUS BURTON. RECD. FEB. 3, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.*, 1, *p.* 5 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 3.]

To the same effect. Desires Burton to use his influence with Benyon.

No. 51. CONSULTATION. FEB. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 53–67 (15).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 26 and 29, advising that they had made a present to Safdar Ali and must do the same to the Nawab and Husain Ali Khan. Resolved to send 3 pieces of velvet and 2 pieces of embossed cloth to 'help them out.' Accounts read. Agreed to supply the *Duke of Lorraine* 40 or 50 tons of saltpetre more than the charterparty proportion at £12–16–8 per ton freight. Naval stores to be sent aboard the *Princess Augusta.* She is to be despatched tomorrow. 8 chests of rupees and 12 of bullion to be sent to Bengal on the *Pembroke.* Cash balance, 182,420 current and 872 Madras Pags. Advances made. Resolved to continue most of the *Duke of Lorraine's* tea on her for Europe.

Appended are :— (1) indent of stores for the *Princess Augusta ;* (2) letter from Capt. Crompton of Feb. 4 asking for 40 or 50 tons of saltpetre in addition to the charterparty allowance of the *Duke of Lorraine ;* and (3) cash accounts for Jan. 1740.

No. 52. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 5, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 16 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 21, 26 and 29, and 225 bales of calicoes by the *Mary* brigantine. Will send embossed cloth and velvets for presents to Husain Ali Khan, the Nawab's youngest son, as the country about Fort St. David is under him and the Nawab's sons demand more court than the Nawab himself. Believe that the Nawab has left Alambarai for Arcot.

No. 53. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 5, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 16-17 (¼).]

Forwards 2 pieces of embossed cloth and 3 pieces of velvet.

No. 54. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 6, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 17 (¾).]

Send tutenague and treasure on the *Princess Augusta* which should be returned with saltpetre and rice. Mean to send her to Bengal again shortly to be sheathed. Send some sheathing boards.

No. 55. LETTER TO CAPT. GEORGE GORING OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. FEB. 6, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 17 (¼). *Damaged.*]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 56. LETTER TO MUHAMMAD KHAN, FAUJDAR OF CHIDAMBARAM. FEB. 6, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 5 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 4.]

Has written to Hubbard at Fort St. David for information. [See No. 49.]

No. 57. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 8, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 18 (½).]

Send by the *Pembroke* all the bullion and rupees remaining in the warehouse.

No. 58. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB. RECD. FEB. 9, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 6 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 4.]

Hears that a slave of Aga Rahim deceased has seized the latter's house, etc., at Madras. Requests the property to be restored to the heir.

No. 59. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 9, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 12-14 (2).]

Regarding the new investment, agreed to admit Irusappa Chetti as a Company's merchant. He with Nalla Tambi and Segappu Tambi propose to supply by the end of Jan. next 3,000 bales; (1,000 Salem longcloth, 1,000 Chennappanayakanpalaiyam longcloth, 1,000 other sorts) on condition that advances be made of 50,000 Pags. and that no agents of the Madras merchants be allowed to buy goods at Salem, Chennappanayakanpalaiyam and Udaiyarpalaiyam. The price of fanams at Salem is said to be established

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at 23½ per pagoda by Nanjan Chetti, instead of 245/8 to 25. Resolved to propose that English and French cease purchasing cloth at Salem for one year to bring down the price of fanams. Read letter from Madras of Feb. 5 [No. 52].

No. 60. CONSULTATION. FEB. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 68—71 (3½).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of Jan. 14, desiring cash, etc., and saying they cannot judge of the investment till the cotton crop is gathered. Agreed on reply, as in letter of Feb. 14 [No. 63]. Resolved to pay 100 Pags. to Richard Stevens for assisting the supracargoes of the *Duke of Lorraine*. The Storekeeper to entertain a monthly writer to assist him. Payments received. Bill of exchange signed for 578 Pags.

Appended is account sale, dated Jan. 18, of 500 candies of lead, fetching 5,887 Pags.

No. 61. LETTER FROM CHUNDA SAHIB AT TRICHINOPOLY. RECD. FEB. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 6–7 (1¼). *Printed copy, p.* 4.]

Venkatachari, a Brahman, carried away to Fort St. David precious stones (worth several lakhs) belonging to the King of Trichinopoly; and first Mutyalu hid him in a banyan's house; and then, when the hiding place was discovered, Chunda Sahib's people were not allowed to seize him. Chunda Sahib at first resolved to send troops to punish this affront. Unless the Brahman is at once surrendered their old friendship will cease.

No. 62. CONSULTATION. FEB. 14, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 72–73 (2).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 9, regarding the merchants' proposal to bring in 3,000 bales of cloth. Agreed on answer of Feb. 15 [No. 65]. Resolved to send 20,000 Pags. to Fort St. David. The inspection of the *Duke of Lorraine* ordered. The Warehousekeeper is directed to send on board her arrack and rice for St. Helena. The Export Warehousekeeper has bought 130 garse of paddy at 22 Pags. a garse.

No. 63. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 14, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 18–19 (1½). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge accounts and letter of [Jan.?] 14. There can be no immediate need for 20,000 Rs. as the balance of rupees by last

account was over 80,000. Will send Madras pagodas as soon as they can be [procured ?]. White cloth is too much *congeed.* Thomas Saunders, appointed Second at Vizagapatam, sails by this ship (?). The Company have ordered cash to be locked up under three keys kept by the Chief and the two next in Council, and the balance to be produced monthly. But the Chief may keep 5,000 Rs. and 2,000 Pags. All inhabitants to be allowed to trade freely, and justice must be impartial. When any person is confined or placed under peons, the cause must be reported at a consultation held within three days. Thomas Pitt may receive the same allowances for diet, etc., as servants at Ingeram.

No. 64. LETTER TO CHUNDA SAHIB. FEB. 14, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 7–9 (2¼). *Printed copy, p.* 5.]

About 20 days ago Senhora Estra, wife of Francisco Pereira, came into Devanampattanam with some people from Pondichery and the latter seized the Brahman [See No. 61] at night. A tumult arose in which the Brahman escaped. Instead of apologising, the lady abused Hubbard, and the next night sent 20 men to break open certain houses. Hubbard therefore ordered them out of the bounds, believing them to be merely Francisco Pereira's servants, as, had they been Chunda Sahib's, he believed Chunda Sahib would have written to him. Has now ordered Hubbard to deliver the Brahman to Chunda's people if he is still in the English bounds.

No. 65. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 15, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 20 (1). *Damaged.*]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 9 [See No. 59]. The merchants did so well last year that they will probably fulfil their proposals to bring in 3,000 bales of cloth by the end of Jan. next. Agree to the advance demanded of 50,000 Pags., as Irusappa Chetti is joined with the two other merchants. But only 3,000 pieces of bluecloth may be received. Regarding Salem cloth, it is disadvantageous that fanams have risen from 24⅝ or 25 to 23½ per pagoda, but this is more probably due to the debasing of the pagodas of this province than to any engrossing. Doubt whether it is worthwhile to suspend the investment as the Company is pleased with the cloth and the French merchants cannot be trusted to observe any agreement as soon as they have any money. Will endeavour to draw off the Madras merchants' agents from Salem, Chennappanayakanpalaiyam and Udaiyarpalaiyam.

No. 66. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 15, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 21 (¼).]

Sends 20,000 Pags.

No. 67. CONSULTATION. FEB. 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 74–76 (2¾).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Feb. 13 and 15, regarding bales and indents for stores. Accounts read. Bills of exchange signed for 1,719 Pags. Advances made. The shortage of the *Duke of Lorraine's* tutenague, probably due to reckoning the pecul at 132½ lbs., whereas it only averages 131½ to 132 lbs., referred to England. Certificates granted for 17,617 Pags. (Capt. Crompton's adventure) and 686 Pags. (estate of John Lardner, late Chief Mate). Crompton being too sick to write is permitted to deliver his manifest of private trade at St. Helena. The *Duke of Lorraine* is reported capable of a good resistance. Read and signed general letter to England, dated Feb. 19 [No. 69].

No. 68. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 18, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 14–16 (1½).]

Read letters from Madras of Feb. 15 [Nos. 65 & 66]. Advances made.

No. 69. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY [BY THE DUKE OF LORRAINE]. FEB. 19, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 299–300 (*I.O. trans*).]

Shipping news. The *Princess Augusta* has brought from Bengal 1,000 bags saltpetre and 414 bales for Europe; 600 more bales expected. Tin, etc., will be purchased for China this year. Have laded bales instead of 374 chests of Bohea tea, which will be shipped in Sept. Have sent to the Bay 22 chests of bullion, 28 chests rupees and 672 candies of tutenague. Have sold 500 candies of lead at Pags. 11–27–72 per candy. Coined 14,772 Pags. worth of fanams on which the Company gained 568 Pags. 130 garse of paddy bought for the garrison at 22 Pags. per garse. It is cheap at Madras though scarce to the southward. The chay goods sent are better coloured but dearer; send also one bale of fine dimities. After this ship's despatch will have 1,000 bales at Madras, 600 at Fort St. David, 374 chests of tea (equal to 550 bales) and 1,000 received or expected from Bengal; so expect to

lade two Sept. ships. The Fort St. David merchants propose to bring in 3,000 bales by Jan. The Nawab's son was given presents worth 632 Pags. at Fort St. David. Cornelius Goodwin is Sub-Accountant; and Thomas Saunders, Second at Vizagapatam. Shortage of 17 candies tutenague. Have drawn bills on the Company for 1,776 Pags. Capt. Crompton has paid in 17,617 Pags. as his adventure and 686 Pags. on account of John Lardner's estate, for which certificates have been granted. Crompton's private trade to be manifested at St. Helena. The *Duke of Lorraine's* invoice amounts to 1,25,890 Pags.; and that to St. Helena 164 Pags. Diamonds registered amount to 4,218 Pags.

No. 70. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT CUDDAPAH. RECD. FEB. 21, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* I, *pp.* 9–11 (2). *Printed copy, pp.* 5–6.]

Sahu Raja has returned to Satara from 'Merchy.' He and Baji Rao are reconciled. Baji Rao has ordered Yassaji, Kusaji, Fatteh Singh and Raghoji Bhonsla to march with 60,000 horse into the S.E. countries. They are now at Gundamettukal and Narayanapeta. Lingampalli (near Golconda) and many other towns have been plundered. Nasir Jang has therefore set out with an army from Aurangabad and intends to meet and confer with his friend Baji Rao. Baji Rao will then continue his march and Nasir Jang will proceed to Nandair [?]. Fatteh Singh, etc., are now 20 leagues from Cuddapah. Another army of 30,000 horse under Siddhoji is in movement. The Great Moghal has gone to Panipat leaving Nizam-ul-mulk at Delhi. Some time before Nadir Shah reached Delhi, Nizam-ul-mulk got permission to send Gurodars with farmans and presents to the Nawabs of the Dekhan. Owing to the troubles he did not do so, but they have since been sent to the Nawabs of Kurnool, Adoni and Cuddapah. At the last place they were handsomely received by Nalla Husain Khan, the Nawab's Deputy. The Gurodars have now gone to Tahir Khan at Sirpi. The Nawab is likely to visit Nasir Jang if the latter comes to Golconda, and recently sent a jamaidar thither.

No. 71. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT PANNA. RECD. FEB. 24, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* I, *pp.* 11–12 (1). *Printed copy, pp.* 6-7.]

The Marathas have plundered Golconda, burnt some houses and carried away many prisoners. Half the army under Fatteh Singh, etc. [See No. 70] are reported to have plundered some villages

belonging to Aurangabad. Nasir Jang is no longer going to Golconda. Siddhoji has left his son with Sahu Raja, and received a command of 40,000 horse under Fatteh Singh. The armies of Raghoji Bhonsla are certainly going to visit the Carnatic. The Nawab of Arcot has posted guards at all the passes to intercept letters. So the writer has left Cuddapah.

No. 72. CONSULTATION. FEB. 25, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp. 77–83* (5½).]

Read letters from Bengal of Jan. 21 and 28, accompanying bales and desiring 6 small seals with the Company's arms. The Mint-master pays in 18,102½ Pags. as produce of the *Duke of Lorraine's* gold, etc. Accounts read. 350 Pags. advanced out of the Town duty for mending the streets 'in town' and repairing roads and bridges of the Island. Payments received. The *Fort St. George* sloop to return to the Bay with 25 tons of tutenague, calling at Vizagapatam to deliver 7,000 Pags. The *Princess Louisa* sloop to carry a similar cargo. John Hallyburton to act in the Export Warehouse for Michell who is sick. 6 seals to be made for Bengal. Advances made. The shroffs desiring, on account of the debasement of the country mints, to coin mohurs of 95 touch in the Madras Mint, the Assay Master proves from the Mint books that they were coined in 1703 and 1704, and the Brahman produces the farman authorizing this granted by Asad Khan in 1692. Ordered accordingly.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1740; and (2) list of chay goods to be provided to the northward.

No. 73. LETTER FROM GUNUPUDI TAMAYYA, MERCHANT AT BIMLIPATAM. RECD. FEB. 25, 1740. [*C.C., Vol. 1, pp. 12–13* (⅔). *Printed copy, p. 7.*]

'We suffered greatly last year' and trade is no better now. Sending vessels to Madras. Desires assistance in recovering a debt from Ajamat Khan.

No. 74. LETTER FROM ABD-UL WAHHAB, AN ARAB FAUJDAR OF GANJAM. RECD. FEB. 25, 1740. [*C.C., Vol. 1, p. 13* (½). *Printed copy, p. 7.*]

Requests that none may hinder his men from taking with them a great gun that he wants.

No. 75. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 26, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 21 (½).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 21 and 28 [See No. 72]. Return the *Fort St. George* sloop with about 25 tons of tutenague. Will despatch the *Princess Louisa* in a day or two. Have ordered the seals to be made.

No. 76. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 26, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 22 (½).]

Send 7,000 Madras Pags. by the *Fort St. George* sloop. Will send an equal number by the *Princess Louisa* sloop. The Madras pagodas should be brought to account at 10% batta.

No. 77. LETTER TO WILLIAM HILLMAN, MASTER OF THE FORT ST. GEORGE SLOOP. FEB. [26?], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 22 (½).]

Sailing orders for Vizagapatam and Bengal.

No. 78. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 23 (½).]

Return the *Princess Louisa* sloop with 25 tons of tutenague.

No. 79. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 23 (½).]

Send 7,000 Madras Pags. by the *Princess Louisa* sloop.

No. 80. LETTER TO JONATHAN RANSOM, MASTER OF THE PRINCESS LOUISA SLOOP. FEB. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 24 (½).]

Sailing orders for Vizagapatam and Bengal.

No. 81. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 29, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 17–20 (4).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance 11,223 Pags. The cloth warehouse to be repaired. A large stock of powder being now kept in the magazine, a small quantity for current use to be kept in an arched godown under the South curtain, so that the magazine need not be constantly opened.

No. 82. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB TO COJA PETRUS. RECD. MARCH 3, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 13–14 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 7.]

The Nawab complains that gold mohurs are being coined in Madras contrary to custom. Desires to be informed about it.

No. 83. LETTER FROM COJA PETRUS TO IMAM SAHIB. MARCH 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 14–15 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 8.]

The European Companies always forbid their servants to act without authority. The English have always had liberty to coin gold rupees at Madras; but owing to the dearness of gold, they have not coined mohurs for some time, and never do so unless they can get a profit by it; they have recently coined some for Bengal.

No. 84. CONSULTATION. MARCH 6, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 84–93 (9½).]

Read letters from Bombay of Dec. 22, asking for supplies of men, guns and canvas on account of their loss of ships; from Bengal of Feb. 4, regarding bales sent by the *Calcutta;* from Ingeram of Jan. 29, reporting that troubles still continue and that the French are trying to procure the currency of their pagodas; from Fort St. David of March 3, regarding their investment, and Zachariah Foxall's desire to come up to Madras. Merchants allowed a week to consider their ceasing to provide cloth at Salem, Udaiyarpalaiyam, etc. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance on Feb. 29, 183,699 current Pags. Payments received. Vyasam Papa Brahman, Company's dubash, being dead, his brother, Venkatachala Papa (the Translator) is appointed. The *Calcutta* sloop to call at Ingeram as there is no other conveyance for Prince. The Paymaster is ordered to measure the waste land lying between the Town wall and Burton and Saunders' houses and to draw out bills of sale for them; he is further ordered to measure the ground lying between the Town wall and the river reclaimed by Samuel Harrison, Christopher Craddock, William Percival, Nazar Jacob Jan and Francisco Carvalho, inhabitants of the west side of Charles Street, and to prepare grants for them.

Appended are:—(1) list of fine and painted goods to be provided by T. Kumarappa amounting to 29,250 Pags.; (2) letter from Augustus Burton and John Saunders, dated March 6, applying for grants of ground; (3) petition from Samuel Harrison, etc., applying for the same; and (4) cash account for Feb. 1740.

No. 85. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. [MARCH 6 ?], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 24 (½). *Damaged.*]

Will send to-morrow 20,000 Pags. by peons.

No. 86. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 25 (½).]

Sends 20,000 Pags. under the charge of 30 peons. Foxall is allowed to visit Madras.

No. 87. LETTER TO NAWAB ANWAR-UD-DIN KHAN. MARCH 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 15 (⅔). *Printed copy, p.* 8.]

Desires a strict order for Madras pagodas to circulate without obstruction at Ingeram and Vizagapatam, as their weight and fineness are the same as they have been these hundred years.

No. 88. CONSULTATION. MARCH 10, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 94–100 (7).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Feb. 13, reporting that the troubles prevent any judgment of the bales likely to be obtained; and from Ingeram of Feb. 18 and 20, regarding the troubles and the French pagodas. The Accountant reports on the extraordinary expenses at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam. Packing stuff to be purchased as that received from Bengal is insufficient. The faults of izarees, fine longcloth and salempores explained to Prince; and he is desired to procure 1,000 pieces of the first and as much as he can of the rest, taking care the Company have no further cause for complaint. The President to write to Anwar-ud-din Khan, Nawab of Rajahmundry, about the discount on the Madras pagodas Agreed on answer to Fort St. David regarding the investment [No. 95]. Advances made. Pandaram, etc., managers of Chintadripet, to deliver a list of goods they can supply.

Appended is a list of extraordinary expenses at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam (Sept.-Dec. 1739).

No. 89. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB AT ARCOT. MARCH 10, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 15–16 (½). *Printed copy, pp.* 8–9.]

Requests him to procure payment of 510 Pags. by Alaf Khan to Muttukumara Pillai for 2 Arab horses.

No. 90. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 25 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 4. Return the *Calcutta* sloop with the remaining tutenague and 13,076½ Rs.

No. 91. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, RESIDENT AT INGERAM. MARCH 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 26–27 (2). *Damaged.*]

Instructions regarding Ingeram cloth. The longcloth should be 72 covids long and 2 and 6 inches broad; salempores 32 long and 2¼ broad. 'O chop' cloth (the measurement of which is specified in the invoices) may be received; but complaints regarding standard sorts must be avoided. If possible he should get 1,000 pieces of the izarees, fine longcloth and salempores, musters of which he takes with him. Brown cloth may be sent in Aug. but the Dec. cloth must be cured. When writing he should specify how much of each sort is embaled, at the washers and brown. He is not to detain the *Calcutta* sloop which will take him to Ingeram. Andrews writes that he has procured a letter from Nizam-ul-mulk's Diwan to Anwar-ud-din Khan saying that no batta will be taken at Golconda on the Company's pagodas and that none should be taken in Rajahmundry and Chicacole. Prince carries a letter to Anwar-ud-din from Benyon to the same effect.

No. 92. LETTER TO PHILIP PARSONS, MASTER OF THE CALCUTTA SLOOP. MARCH 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 28(½).]

Sailing orders for Ingeram and Bengal.

No. 93. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 21 (½).]

Read letters from Madras of March 6 [?] and 7 [Nos. 85 & 86].

No. 94. CONSULTATION. MARCH 17, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 101–102 (1½).]

Pandaram etc., managers of Chintadripet, are prepared to furnish 105 bales of cloth estimated at 16,000 Pags. 6,000 Pags. advanced them.

Appended is list of calicoes consisting of longcloth, salempores, blue romals, ginghams (striped, checked and white), beteellas, dimities and moorees (for chintz).

No. 95. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 17, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 28–30 (2). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 13 and 15, and March 3, also 229 bales of calico by the *Mary* brigantine. Have no cartridge paper in store but will purchase some. Have discussed the proposal of the Fort St. David merchants that no agents from Madras should be employed at Chennappanayakanpalaiyam, Udaiyarpalaiyam, etc. The Dutch, Danes and people from Porto-Novo provide cloth there as well as the English and the French. So the weavers are sure of employment. Believe the pagodas this year are worse than they were last year. 'Our sealed bags' are kept as near as possible to 80 touch, but these bags carry 1½ to 2½ % batta. Believe a large quantity of poor pagodas have been lately coined. Besides, the merchants say that if they cannot get cloth in Salem, they do not know where to make an investment, for cloth from the other places is much worse. Believe that to be true, and advantage should be taken of the French lacking money. [*Page torn.*] Doubt whether the Madras merchants really interfere with the Fort St. David merchants' purchases.

No. 96. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB TO COJA PETRUS. RECD. MARCH 19, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 16 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 9.]

Nizam-ul-mulk and Kamr-ud-din Khan are said to have left Delhi without the Moghal's permission and to be at Agra. Nasir Jang has won a great victory over Baji Rao. Sends Nadir Shaw's picture as a present for Benyon. The Moghal has sent Nizam-ul-mulk and Kamr-ud-din Khan a Koran and *saropa* each. Nasir Jang's victory is said to be greater than any ever won by his father.

No. 97. LETTER FROM GHULAM MUHI-UD-DIN, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. MARCH 19, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 16–17 (⅔). *Printed copy, p.* 9.]

Nasir Jang has defeated Baji Rao. Nizam-ul-mulk will soon reach Aurangabad. The Moghal is at Delhi with Jey Singh, etc. Dost Ali Khan is going to Golconda, Husain Ali Khan is at Bhuvanagiri, Safdar Ali at Valikondapuram, and Chunda Sahib between Trichinopoly and Tanjore. Owing to Chunda Sahib's constant attacks the King of Tanjore is likely to fly the country. Safdar Ali and Chunda Sahib are likely to go to Arcot to celebrate the marriages of their relations. The picture of Nadir Shah is one of several made 'at Industan.'

No. 98. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB. MARCH 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 17 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 9.]

Thanks him for securing Burton who owes many debts and desires him to be sent to Madras.

No. 99. CONSULTATION. MARCH 26, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons.*) *Vol.* 70, *pp.* 102–109 (7).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of March 3, reporting Thomas Saunders' arrival, etc., and from Madapollam of March 8. Accounts read and advances made. The Paymaster reports the measurements of the lands of which the grants were applied for. Payments received.

Appended are:—(1) statement of salaries due to Company's servants for 6 months; (2) list of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1740; and (3) the measurement of ground reclaimed, etc.

No. 100. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ARCOT. RECD. MARCH 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 17–18 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 10.]

The Englishman who came to Arcot and was secured by Dr. Gordon at his house has escaped and cannot be found. Dr. Gordon, who was surety for him, should be arrested if he comes to Madras. Benyon should have written to Nawab Ali Dost Khan about this affair. Imam Sahib's people who were sent in search of this man report that he escaped by boat to Pondichery and went thence to Fort St. David. Nothing is known about the other deserter. Has ordered Alaf Khan to pay his debt to Muttukumara Pillai. The Madras merchants should have no dealings with Pathan merchants, who are bankrupt and dishonest.

No. 101. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 28, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 22–28 (7).]

Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance 13,489 Pags. Read letter from Madras of March 17 [No. 95]. The merchants are informed that the Madras gumastas will not be withdrawn from Salem, etc., but promise to bring all the cloth they can though it cannot be near so much as otherwise. Husain Ali Khan, the Nawab's youngest son, refused to accept a present as none was sent when he was at Tiruviti last Oct. (when Safdar Ali was expected but did not come), and because the English did not deliver to him a Trichinopoly Brahman on his demand. Resolved to refer this to Madras. The merchants report that 10,000 Pags. for Salem

have been stopped at Ulundur because cloth is being sent by another juncan place. Agreed to report this to Madras.

Appended is salary account for half-year ending March 1740.

No. 102. LETTER FROM ALI MIYA, VIZIR OF THE KING OF QUEDDA. RECD. APR. 2, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 18–19 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 10.]

Hopes that the elephants sent last year have now been sold by his son Saraf-ud-din, and sends 11 more.

No. 103. CONSULTATION. APR. 5, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 110–115 (6).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Apr. 1, and from Capt. Henry Hoadley of Apr. 5. Resolved to open his packets as there are probably letters for Fort St. George. Advances made and accounts read. Cash balance on March 31, 132, 514 current and 99 Madras Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letters from Savage of Apr. 4, 1740, to Capt. Henry Hoadley demanding his reasons for putting in here; (2) reply from Capt. Henry Hoadley of Apr. 5, 1740, stating that he made Ceylon on March 27, that he had lost 4 men, 46 were useless, and the 40 soldiers in a miserable state, and that he sailed for Madras instead of Bombay on account of the weakness of his crew and the strength of the winds and currents; (3) letter from John Savage to the same of Apr. 5, 1740, ordering him to bring packets ashore; and (4) cash account for March 1740.

No. 104. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE ROYAL GUARDIAN. AUG. 3, 1739. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *p.* 3 (1).]

War probable with Spain. An embargo on ships; hot press for men for the three squadrons fitted out. Fear France may join Spain. Precautions must be taken and homeward ships must keep company.

No. 105. EXTRACT OF THE COMPANY'S DESPATCH TO BOMBAY BY THE ROYAL GUARDIAN. AUG. 2, 1739. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng. Vol.* 44, *pp.* 68–69 (1).]

Regarding ships' arrivals and departures.

No. 106. CONSULTATION. APR. 7, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 116–117, (1½).]

Capt. Hoadley's packet for Anjengo opened and found to contain packets for Madras and Bengal. Read letter from the Company, dated Aug. 3, 1739 [No. 104]. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Apr. 8 [No. 109].

No. 107. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 30 (½).]

Sent by the *William* brigantine a Bengal packet received by the *Royal Guardian.*

No. 108. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 31 (¼).]

Sends 1,000 Pags. worth of fanams by 9 peons.

No. 109. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 8, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 31–32 (1½).]

Believe Husain Ali Khan will not venture on actual hostilities; though he may bluster, he is sure to consult the Nawab who will write first to Fort St. George. Chunda Sahib seems to have a prior demand on the Trichinopoly Brahman; so the latter cannot be delivered to Husain Ali Khan till Chunda Sahib has withdrawn his claim; but it is not clear whether he should be delivered to either. Fort St. David should be on the alert, but should not appear to be. If Husain Ali Khan really begins any attacks, will get the affair stopped by the Nawab. Are anxious to know about the 10,000 Pags. stopped at Ulundur.

No. 110. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB TO COJA PETRUS. RECD. APR. 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 19 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 10.]

Has already written about the Marathas. Now hears that Raghoji Bhonsla, etc., with 50,000 horse are plundering near Rajapur and Kurnool. Muhi-ud-din Khan has taken refuge at Adoni, Abdul Nabi Khan at Gandikota and Bahadur Khan at Kamanagar. The English should look to their defence. No piece goods should be sent till notice is given.

No. 111. CONSULTATION. APR. 9, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 117–119 (2¼).]

Agreed to send pattamars to Bombay, Surat, Tellicherry and Anjengo regarding the *Royal Guardian.* John Hope and William Hatton, covenanted servants, and William Lane, an officer for Bombay, are allowed—the first two 8 Pags. each and the third 10 Pags. a month, as subsistence allowance. Advances made. Resolved to disire Capt. Hoadley to land his 30 chests of treasure, on account of the season and the possibility of war with France.

Appended is letter from John Savage to Capt. Hoadley of Apr. 9 in accordance with the above.

No. 112. CONSULTATION. APR. 10, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp* 120–122 (3).]

Read Capt. Hoadley's letter of Apr. 9. Resolved that no order can be given him, as by order of the Company (in despatch of Oct. 27, 1714) the Council is only empowered to offer advice to Captains of ships not consigned to their settlements.

Appended are letters:—(1) from Capt. Hoadley, desiring an order of Council to land the silver as some might be lost in bringing it ashore; and (2) from John Savage to Capt. Hoadley, of Apr. 10, 1740, stating that the risk of loss in landing is negligible, that the Council's advice would in any case cover his responsibility, but that the Council is not authorized to give orders.

No. 113. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 10, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 33–35 (3).]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 22. There is still no news about Rigby and the 3 vessels under him. Understand that 70 or 80 Europeans were sent to Bombay from Bengal. Mention arrival of the *Royal Guardian*. Enclose a list of ships arrived in England to July 12, 1739. War with Spain in which it is feared France will join. But Dumas has written Benyon that when the *St. Gérant* left France on Oct. 19/30, there was still peace. Capt. Hoadley will remain at Madras till the end of Sept., when iron ordnance and Holland duck will be sent, provided any is received from England. Passengers and military for Bombay by the *Royal Guardian*.

No. 114. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. APR. 10, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 36–37 (1¾).]

To the same effect as No. 113.

No. 115. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. APR. 10, 1740. [*Lrs. from. F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 37–39 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 5. Have agreed with the shroffs to deliver this in 30 days. The peons will be returned in a few days with a duplicate of this. Desire the Bombay packet to be forwarded without delay. The rest as in No. 113.

No. 116. LETTER TO CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. APR. 10, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 39–41. (1¾).]

To the same effect as No. 115.

No. 117. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB. APR. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 19–20 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 11.]

The 'manager' of Ulundur exacting a larger duty on cloth than usual, Tambi Chetti sent it by another road; now the Manager has stopped 10,000 Pags. sent to Salem by the Fort St. David merchants. Desires strict orders that only the customary duties should be collected.

No. 118. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 29–30 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of Apr. 8 [No. 109]. Agreed to answer that the 10,000 Pags. are still detained at Ulundur and that Husain Ali Khan left Tiruviti for Arcot on the 10th, leaving the country to Kodandarama. Read letter from Madras of Apr. 7 [No 108].

No. 119. LETTER TO HIRASAT KHAN, NAWAB OF SATGHUR. APR. 17, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 20 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 11.]

Complimentary. Sends a present of Manilla oranges.

No. 120. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 17, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 31 (1).]

Gold fanams being scarce and the price of gold high, ordered that Madras fanams be current at Fort St. David at 36 a pagoda. Notices to be set up at the Choultries of Devanampattanam and Cuddalore.

No. 121. CONSULTATION. APR. 19, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 123–125 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Apr. 12, regarding the despatch of bales and the detention of 10,000 Pags. at Ulundur. A piece of cloth and 6 bags of gram seized at the Choultry ordered to be sold and half of the proceeds paid into the Company's cash. Scavenger's account read for 1738. Condemned stores to be sold. Advances made.

Appended is account of the quit-rent and Scavenger's payments for 1738.

No. 122. LETTER TO HIRASAT KHAN, NAWAB OF SATGHUR. APR. 19, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 20 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 11.]

Sends 200 more oranges.

No. 123. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 23, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 32–33 (2).]

The Left-hand caste complain that on Apr. 20, dubash Venkatachalam of the Right-hand caste broke up a wedding at the house of Irusappa Chetti of the Left-hand. Venkatachalam left the bounds with several others. One Pedda Nayak was sent to settle the matter, but he was seized and carried off. The heads of both castes are ordered to draw up petitions stating their cases. A proclamation issued prohibiting any of the Right-hand caste from joining Venkatachalam on pain of forfeiture, and offering pardon to all returning within three days.

No. 124. PETITION OF THE LEFT-HAND CASTES TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 24, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 35–36 (1⅔).]

The castes were separated and their procession-bounds marked out when Sher Khan 'repeopled' Cuddalore. In Hastings' time a Right-hand marriage passed along a Left-hand street near the Brahman Gate, and it was then ordered that both parties might pass along an alley near the Brahman Gate as far as the Chidambaram Gate. Five years ago people of the Left-hand caste sold Arunachala Chetti (of the Right-hand caste) a house in the said Left-hand street; and contrary to custom Arunachala Chetti erected a pandal there; the Left-hand caste remonstrated, but in vain; and so the Left-hand marriage procession passed through it on their way along the street; on this the Right-hand castes stopped the marriage.

No. 125. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 24, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 34 (1).]

The Left-hand caste present their petition [No. 124]; but the Right-hand declare they must consult those now outside the bounds, and are given one more day. They agree that if the matter is not made up Irusappa Chetti may finish the wedding.

No. 126. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 26, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 36–38 (2½).]

The Right-hand castes attend and state that they cannot come to an agreement unless Venkatachalam is pardoned, and that the dispute was due to Irusappa Chetti's using a palankin 'with a white covering to the pingaree and white cloth cullices' and his procession passing through a Right-hand pandal. Irusappa Chetti, etc., on the other hand admit that they should not have used the palankin, but

it was borrowed from Ranga Pillai of Pondichery. They are ready to make reasonable concessions; but protest that the Right-hand pandal should never have been put up. Agreed that the Deputy Governor may settle the matter if possible; but that Venkatachalam should only be pardoned in case the Right-hand castes should be likely to leave the town, which would stop all business.

No. 127. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 41 (½).]

Will send 20,000 Pags. tomorrow by peons.

No. 128. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 29, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 42 (½).]

Send 18,000 Pags. and 2,000 Pags. worth of fanams by peons. Will send more fanams in a few days.

No. 129. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 29, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 39–42 (4).]

Accounts read and advances made.

No. 130. CONSULTATION. APR. 30, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 126–135 (9¼).]

Read letters from Bengal of March 3 and 10, regarding shipping news etc.; from Fort St. David of Apr. 3, desiring a supply of money; from Vizagapatam of March 26, reporting the present made to their new Nawab; from Ingeram of Apr. 6, stating it is not expected the Nawab will remove the batta on Madras pagodas, that Prince hopes to supply most of the fine goods, and that the French are making a large investment; and from Madapollam of Apr. 10, forwarding accounts. Accounts read. 30 wooden horses to be made for bales in the warehouse. Payments received and advances made. Silver to be bought for 3,000 Pags. to coin fanams. Sale of lead ordered. The *Princess Augusta* to be sent to the Bay with redwood, 12 bales green broadcloth etc. Benyon has heard from Imam Sahib that the Marathas are expected. As there are not forces enough in the province to repel them, the repairs, etc., ordered on Aug. 14, 1739 are to be pressed on especially the wall from the New Point to the Block-house and a palisade of redwood thence to the sea, else it will be easy for an enemy to enter the Black Town. Resolved to buy up the tin in Madras and St. Thomé, lately arrived from Junk Ceylon at 39 Pags. a candy for the China ship. This will help to prevent the French from sending a ship

from Pondichery this season. Last year tin fetched 13 tael a pecul in China. Also agreed to buy 200–300 bales of Surat cotton at 24 Pags. a Madras candy, as this is a profitable article in China. The purchase of sandalwood is deferred till the arrival of ships from the Malabar Coast.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1740; (2) account sale of condemned stores—paper, lanterns, cordage, etc., realising 735 Pags.; and (3) account of sundries worn out and written off, valued at 135 Pags.

No. 131. PETITION FROM VENKATACHALAM, ETC., TO THE SECOND, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. [28?], 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 48–50 (2).]

Have done the Company no wrong; left their families in Cuddalore, and only withdrew because Mutyalu, who had promised to examine into the matter, said Irusappa Chetti should first have his procession. The stories of their violence are false. If two or three gentlemen would come out to them, would be able to explain their grievance.

No. 132. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 43–48 (5¼).]

Accounts read and payments received. 4 candies of copper coined into cash produce 619,020 at 80 cash a fanam and 18 fanams a pagoda. Cash balance 15,545 Pags. The Deputy Governor reports he agreed to pardon Venkatachalam; but he then demanded to be allowed to enter the bounds on horse-back with tom-toms beating and colours flying; but this was not allowed. Read petition [No. 131] addressed to the Second and Council. Mutyalu [dubash] was then examined, and declares he advised Venkatachalam to submit the matter to the Deputy Governor, etc.

No. 133. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. MAY 4, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 20–24 (2¾). *Printed copy, pp.* 11–13.]

On Apr. 24, Venkaji Pant (Baji Rao's vakil) told the Nawab that Fatteh Singh and Raghoji had robbed Baji Rao of the honour of collecting the Carnatic tribute. The current news is as follows:—Fatteh Singh and Raghoji have exacted from the Nawab of Kandanur 60,000 Rs. and 2 elephants, but not being satisfied have taken much plunder; Morari Ghorpadê has plundered many villages near Raichur; Vela Kondama Nayak has seized and plundered several Sarkar villages. Cuddapah is deserted. The

Marathas have plundered Nandyal, but 7 elephants belonging to Imam Sahib were hidden in the Srisailam forest. The Marathas are likely to quarter during the rains at Seringapatam or Polevar. On Apr. 27, the Nawab ordered his baggage and artillery to march out of Arcot. Sometime since he wrote to Safdar Ali Khan for help; but the latter replied that his troops were too few to oppose the Marathas and that as the Marathas had already plundered Cuddapah they were not likely to enter Arcot. Mir Asad is about to march for the Damalcheruvu Pass, and the Nawab will follow. Rumoured defeat of Nadir Shah near Attock. The Marathas demand 14 lakhs of rupees, and say that Safdar Ali asked their help to destroy Chunda Sahib. They also require that Tanjore should be restored to its lawful King. Nasir Jang has arrived with 50,000 men at Kalburga and will stay there 4 months. The Nawab has sent Ajit Singh with 700 horse to Damalcheruvu. The Marathas will shortly go to Tanjore. Abd-ul Nabi Khan has sent his family to Gandikota and Siddhout, he himself remaining at Cuddapah. When the Marathas demanded tribute he replied they might take it on the battlefield, on which they plundered the villages around Gandikota fort, Tadpatri and Yadiki. All the inhabitants are leaving Arcot. On Apr. 29, the kettle drums beat to announce the Nawab's intention to take the field. Johar Khan has sent his family to Alambarai. Vela Kondama Nayak is plundering people going to the Conjeveram festival.

No. 134. CONSULTATION. MAY 5, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 136–141 (4½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 30, regarding the caste disturbances. Accounts read. Cash balance 96,697 current and 181 Madras Pags. Advances made. 1,200 Pags. interest paid to Padre Thomas, Attorney for the Jesuit Missionaries in China.

Appended are (1) cash account for Apr. 1740; and (2) list of useless stores, stationery, cordage, etc., dated Apr. 19, 1740.

No. 135. CONSULTATION MAY 12, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 141–144 (3¼).]

Benyon reports the deaths of Nawab Dost Ali Khan, his son Husain Ali and other persons in the engagement with the Marathas at the 'pass of the hills' between Arcot and Cuddapah on May 9. Safdar Ali Khan with 3,000 horse is believed to be taking refuge at Vellore. As the garrison is too small to defend the out-choultries built to protect the suburbs, the guns in them are to be nailed

up so as not to alarm the inhabitants by bringing them in. All Europeans and topasses obtainable to be enlisted. As there are 200 guns mounted on the walls and the gunner's crew being only 100, 200 lascars to be raised and 100 peons. The Poligar is to raise 200 additional taliaries. Read letter from Tellicherry of Apr. 28, regarding freight on the *Bermudas* sloop. Ordered that anchors, etc., needed by her be furnished. Agreed to send the *Princess Augusta* and the *Bermudas* sloop to the Bay for saltpetre or rice, and to send stores on the *Enterprize* to Vizagapatam. Owing to the general panic resolved to postpone the sale of lead. Ordered that the Pedda Nayak's cowle granted in 1706 be recopied on parchment and given to him. Benyon will employ as many harkaras as are needed to obtain news of the Marathas' movements.

No. 136. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. MAY 13, 1740. [*C.C. Vol.* 1, *pp.* 24–25 (1½). *Printed copy, p.* 13.]

On May 6, Safdar Ali Khan arrived at Lalapettai with 3,000 horse and 1,000 Kallars, having detached 2,000 horse under Ghulam Husain Khan to seize the Salem passes. Chunda Sahib is said to have reached Mannurpetta with 5,000 horse, and to be marching north. Abd-ul Nabi Khan has made peace with the Marathas for 2 lakhs of rupees and 2 elephants. Bangaru Yachama Nayak, Mir Asad, etc., have breached the 'Pelie tank' to distress the Marathas for water. Some of the latter are advancing by the Guvalacheruvu pass which Abd-ul Nabi has opened; others are at Chengamore, Nellore and Tadpatri; but their Commander-in-chief lies with 15,000 horse at Hussanapuram. They are 50,000 strong. Nasir Jang is believed to have proposed their inroad; and Shahji is in their camp. Nasir Jang is coming hither to demand 6 years' tribute amounting to 60 lakhs of rupees.

No. 137. LETTER FROM GHULAM MUHAMMAD, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. MAY 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 25–26 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 14.]

Nasir Jang is said to have reached the Kistna with 20,000 horse, and in secret encourages the Gunyms, being displeased at the retention of the produce of his jaghirs and at the seizure of Trichinopoly and the revolution in Tanjore. Safdar Ali was marching to join his father with 5,000 horse, but at Bakarapet hearing of the battle fled to Vellore. Mir Asad, Husain Ali Khan and the Nawab are reported slain, and Johar Khan wounded. Arcot is deserted by all including the new vakil.

No. 138. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 14, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 42–43 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of March 10, regarding deficiency of 4 oz. 10 dwt. in the *Princess Augusta's* bullion. The Bengal detachment only reached Tellicherry, and will be sent on to Bombay after the rains. The *Bermudas* sloop (from Tellicherry with 20 candies of coir for Madras) is now sent on to Calcutta with the *Princess Augusta.* Send 12 bales of ordinary popinjay green broadcloth and some redwood, also more sheathing boards. Desire her return in July or Aug. with saltpetre or rice.

No. 139. LETTER TO GEORGE GORING OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. MAY 14, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 43 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 140. LETTER TO JOAKIM HUMFREYS, MASTER OF THE BERMUDAS. SLOOP. MAY 14, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 44 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 141. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 14, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 44 (½).]

Sends stores by the *Enterprize* brigantine.

No. 142. CONSULTATION. MAY 15, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 145 (¾).]

Benyon reports that 15 or 20 thousand Marathas are plundering Lalapettai, Arcot, etc. As there is little Europe powder and only 500 good muskets, agreed to land 10 barrels of gunpowder and the 8 chests of firearms from the *Royal Guardian.* Grant commissions to William Monson as Captain, John Stratton as Lieutenant, and John Hallyburton as Ensign, as the European inhabitants will have to be put under arms.

Appended is letter to Captain Hoadley of May 17, ordering him to land gunpowder and firearms.

No. 143. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 50–52 (2).]

Read letter from Madras of Apr. 28 [No. 127]. Have received the 20,000 Pags. Read letter from Madras of May 1, desiring Croke to visit Madras as soon as possible. Edward Harris and

Robert Allen deliver in a report on useless and missing stores. Permission to be asked of Madras to write them off. The Fort ditch ruinous and to be surveyed. Plan to be prepared for building a bastion near the factory and the centre of the river-side of Cuddalore where there is no wall. Agreed to complete parapets on the east and south sides of the Fort with foot banks to enable the soldiers to fire their small arms over it.

Appended is the letter from Edward Harris and Robert Allen, dated May 15, 1740, regarding stores.

No. 144. CONSULTATION. MAY 19, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 146–147 (1½).]

Read letter from Bombay of Apr. 20, stating that as they do not expect a ship now in time for despatch to China, they send putchuk and olibanam. More guns to be mounted on the walls and carriages from the saluting battery to be used till new carriages ready. Beef and pork to be salted; sheep to be bought and biscuit made; salt-fish obtained from Pulicat; and Pegu jars for keeping water. Commissions signed. 3,000 Pags. worth of silver to be bought and coined into fanams. The *chevaux de frise* to be repaired.

No. 145. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT 'COADACANTO' NEAR ARCOT. DATED, MAY 18. RECD. MAY 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 26–29 (2½). *Printed copy, pp.* 14-15.]

In the battle at the Damalcheruvu Pass, one division of the Nawab's troops and his artillery were posted in the Pass and the rest were in reserve. The Marathas attacked the Pass with 10,000 and sent another 10,000 along a difficult and thorny passage to the eastward under the guidance of Chicka Rayalu, Raja of Punganur. So they attacked the Nawab's advanced body in front and his reserves in flank. They are said to have 4,000 musketeers who fire after the European manner. Killed—Nawab Dost Ali Khan, Husain Ali Khan, Johar Khan, etc.; wounded—Mir Asad, Taqi Sahib, etc.; prisoners—Hirasat Khan, Bangaru Yachama Nayak. The Marathas then plundered the Moghal camp, and Bhaskara Rao, etc., pursued Safdar Ali Khan to Vellore. Bhaskara Rao is now at Ranipet with 4,000 horse. The Marathas are said to be awaiting orders from Nasir Jang who is on this side of the Kistna. It is reported that Baji Rao's mother and wife have come to Tirupati. 300 or 400 Maratha horse in the Moghal service mutinied and plundered Conjeveram, Sriperumbudur and other places as far as Tirupati, robbing and beating the inhabitants and travellers. For safety's sake the

writer only travels by jungle paths and is disguised as a fakir. Reports of guns have been heard from Arcot. Will go thither and report what happens there.

No. 146. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB TO COJA PETRUS. DATED MAY 19. RECD. MAY 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 29 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 15.]

It is reported that the Marathas are going to withdraw and that Nasir Jang is hourly expected at Arcot. The Marathas are carrying off Muhammad Taqi.

No. 147. CONSULTATION. MAY 22, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 148–151 (3¾).]

Read letters from Bombay of Apr. 28, regarding the *Prince William*; and from Tellicherry of May 2 and 6, regarding the *Royal Guardian* and the *Prince William*. Capt. Langworth of the *Prince William* was ordered yesterday to land his goods. Redwood to be sent on board for the Bay. Accounts read. Difficult to get information of the Marathas, but they have plundered Conjeveram and villages between Arcot and Madras. They are believed to have sent 20 spies to the sea-coast to learn what fresh water there is in the rivers and tanks. People are coming in from Trivellore where a party of Maratha horse is plundering. Capt. Langworth ordered to send ashore 18 men returning from Bombay to Bengal and 20 of his crew. They will receive a dram of arrack morning and evening when on duty. Pistol powder to be bought of Capt. Langworth. Straw huts within 14 feet of the Black Town walls on the north to be removed, after being valued by the Chief Bricklayer and Carpenter. Agreed on letter to Fort William of May 24 [No. 149]. The Paymaster is ordered to look out for a Serjeant and 20 Arabs for Sumatra.

Appended are letters from John Savage to Capt. Thomas Langworth, dated May 22, 1740, ordering him to land the Bengal soldiers and 20 of his crew.

No. 148. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ALAMBARAI. RECD. MAY 22, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 29–30 (⅔). *Printed copy, pp.* 15–16.]

Has ordered the delivery of 10,000 Pags. detained at Ulundur. Wrote formerly that the Marathas were coming and that forces could not be raised to oppose them. Now Nasir Jang is expected hourly, and the Marathas intend returning to their country Will visit Nasir Jang on his arrival. Compliments.

No. 149. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC, AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 24, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 45–46 (1¼).]

The Maratha invasion. Death of Dost Ali Khan and his youngest son. Safdar Ali, who was advancing with 3,000 horse escaped into Vellore. The plunder of Arcot. The Marathas are now treating with Safdar Ali Khan, but their demands are high. Plundering parties have appeared within a day's march of Madras and are likely to visit the seaports. Have therefore landed 14 men returning from Bombay to Calcutta and 20 from the crew of the *Prince William*. Hope to despatch her in 15 days. She has 2 lakhs of rupees on board for Bengal.

No. 150. CONSULTATION. MAY 27, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 152–157 (5¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of May 21, stating they hear the Marathas will settle at Gingee, and asking if in that case a present should be sent to their chief man. Accounts read and payments received. The estimated cost of removing the houses lying under the North wall of the Black Town is 150 Pags. Ordered to make wells of brick and chunam on the curtains, etc., for water to cool the guns, and to make foot-banks so that the men can fire over the parapet. There is news that a treaty is being arranged between the Nawab and the Marathas, but that the latter's demands are great; and meanwhile they are plundering everywhere. The peons and poligars to guard the mettahs and out-villages. 2,453 Pags. advanced to buy silver for fanams.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1740; and (2) list of houses to be removed.

No. 151. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB. MAY 29, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 30 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 16.]

Letter of condolence on the death of his wife.

No. 152. CONSULTATION. MAY 30, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 158–164 (7).]

3,000 Pags. paid in for fanams sold. 1,000 Pags. advanced for the painters. Agreed on letters to Vizagapatam and Madapollam of May 30 [Nos. 153 & 154]. The White Town lying open from Charles' Point to the cloth godowns next the river, materials for a wall to be collected and a plan drawn out. The ditch from Queen's Point round the Black Town to the sea-side to be re-dug. Resolved to increase the gunner's crew, and disabled men in the

gunroom put on half pay. The Rental-General delivers the rent-roll for the years ending Aug. 1739, amounting to 2,365 Pags. for quit-rent and 1,019 Pags. for Scavenger's duty.

Appended are :—(1) new establishment for the gunroom crew—1 gunner, 4 mates, 10 quarter gunners, 35 Europeans, 100 topasses, 38 lascars, etc.; (2) list of 8 disabled men in the gunroom crew; (3) list of 239 guns, of which 31 are mounted in the Half-moon for salutes and 15 nailed up at the out-batteries.

No. 153. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 30, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 46 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 13, and March 5 and 26. George Jones, one of the late Gibson's creditors, will take out letters of administration for the estate. A present to 'your Nabob' on his accession is justifiable; but hope he will not expect more than his father.

No. 154. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. MAY, 30, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 47 (½).]

Acknowledges letters of March 8 and Apr. 10. The cash account should accompany the 'journal parcels'.

No. 155. LETTER FROM NAWAB ANWAR-UD-DIN KHAN AT CHICACOLE. RECD. MAY 31, 1740. [*C.C. Vol.* 1, *p.* 30 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 16.]

The shroffs charge batta on defective pagodas only.

No. 156. LETTER FROM LIEUTS. JOHN DE MORGAN AND EDWARD AMYAND TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 55–56 (½).]

Represent the urgent necessity for increasing the 'inferior officers' up to the 13 corporals in each company as it was before the 'reducement'; also desire a Sergeant extraordinary.

No. 157. LETTER FROM THOMAS EYRE AND PHILIP BAKER TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 56–58 (2½).]

Report that the fausse bray walls especially on the north have yielded outwards, owing to insufficient foundations; recommend laying outer foundations of brick and chunam, to hinder further damage, especially to the Fort walls themselves (of which the West curtain is much sunk), and raising the fausse bray 3 feet

higher. Enclose estimate for facing the moat, laying a new foundation, building a parapet on the west and north sides, and moating the east side of the Fort—in all 4,226 Pags.

No. 158. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31. 1740, [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 53–58 (6).]

Resolved to ask Madras for 4,000 or 5,000 Pags. worth of fanams, or for permission to coin silver fanams, as silver can be got from Pondichery. Gunners, lascars, topasses and peons to be raised as the Marathas are near. The Poligar's fees being insufficient to pay the taliaris, the deficiency may be met from the Devanampattanam customs. Advances made. The money stopped at Ulundur is now paid in. Cash balance, 26,645 Pags. Lieuts. Morgan and Amyand apply for more corporals and sergeants. Permission to be asked of Madras. The Storekeeper submits an indent for guns, gunpowder, etc. Madras to be requested to send what they can now and the remainder on the arrival of the Europe ships. An estimate [See No. 157] for repairing the Fort ditches, etc., to be sent to Madras. The guardrooms to be rebuilt upon certain 'points' at Cuddalore.

No. 159. CONSULTATION. JUNE 3, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 165–169 (5).]

Read letters from Ingeram of May 13, reporting that the French had got a farman for their pagodas, but that the shroffs would not take them without a discount; and from Fort St. David of May 31, forwarding bales. 21,693 Pags. advanced for tin, and 5,400 Pags. for cotton for the China ship. Resolved to send two masulas to Motupalli to bring down the chay goods as there are poligars' troubles there. Agreed to return the 20 men of the *Prince William's* crew with a gratuity of Rs. 2 each. Ninah Chand, a prisoner in the Choultry since 1736, to be transferred to the custody of the Poligar as he has consented to settle his debts. Accounts read. Cash balance, 95,212 current and 208 Madras Pags.

Appended is cash account for May 1740.

No. 160. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ALAMBARAI. RECD. JUNE 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 31 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 16.]

Acknowledges letter of May 29 [No. 151]. The Marathas have gone to Balaghat; Nasir Jang is at Cuddapah and will be at Arcot in 10 days.

No. 161. CONSULTATION. JUNE 7, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp.* 170–172 (2½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 3 [See No. 158]. Agreed on answer of June 7 [No. 162]. As much as possible of the stores wanted at Fort St. David to be sent. 2,453 Pags. paid in for fanams sold. 4,000 Pags. worth of silver to be bought to coin fanams.

No. 162. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD., ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 47–49 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 30, May 21 and 31 and June 3. Arrival of the *Mary* brigantine with bales on the 3rd. The fanams coined for Fort St. David will be sent on the *Mary* as the roads are infested by Moors' horse and parties of poligars; can furnish neither men for the defence of the place nor stores till Europe ships arrive; as many 'useful' men as possible may be taken. Regret that so needful a work as the ditch round Fort St. David remains to be executed. The Marathas, though they are said to have come to terms, are likely to reappear; therefore the ditch may be set about at once. One serjeant and three corporals may be added to each company.

No. 163. LETTER FROM MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR-UD-DIN KHAN (BROTHER OF ANWAR-UD-DIN KHAN) AT CHICACOLE. RECD. JUNE 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 31 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 17. *Another copy in Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 24, p.* 63.]

Has erected a new port called Hayatpatnam near Ganjam and invites the English to settle a factory there.

No. 164. LETTER FROM SULTAN ALA-UD-DIN JAHAN SHAH, KING OF ACHIN. RECD. JUNE 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 31–33 (1¾). *Printed copy, p.* 17.]

Returns thanks for Benyon's present. Is sending a sloop and a ship to the Coast and requests assistance. Shaikh Muhammad, indebted to Benyon, has been delivered with his effects to Capt. Man. The money due to the Malay Prince will be collected. Sends 'a weapon called cabajey sagasien made of several metals.' Has taken an English pilot from Capt. Man. Asks for 40 muskets and 4 pair of pistols.

No. 165. LETTER TO NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. JUNE 10, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 33–34 (1). *Printed copy, pp.* 17–18.]

Letter of condolence on the death of Dost Ali Khan and of compliment on Safdar Ali's succession.

No. 166. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 10, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 59–60 (1½).]

Scarcity of fanams in spite of quantity received from Madras. Persons are suspected of 'keeping them up' so as to exchange them at fewer than 36 a pagoda. A notice to be put up forbidding this under a penalty of 20 Pags.

Appended is copy of the notice.

No. 167. CONSULTATION. JUNE 12, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 173–177 (5).]

Read letter from Anjengo of May 20. The Accountant submits an account of extraordinary expenses at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam. The *Princess of Wales* having no packet for Madras, Capt. Hoxton is to explain why he has put in here. Resolved to send 20 peons from Madras to be assisted by another 20 men from Fort St. David to escort 250 ox-loads of cloth from Salem to Cuddalore, and to send by these peons 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams to Fort St. David. Redwood on the *Princess Augusta* was invoiced by error at 2 instead of 2¼ Pags. per candy.

Appended are statements of extraordinary expenses at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam, Jan.-March 1740.

No. 168. CONSULTATION. JUNE 13, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 178–179 (2).]

Read letter from Capt. Walter Hoxton of the *Princess of Wales*, dated June 13, explaining that he put in at Madras because 40 of his crew had scurvy. Agreed to return to Bengal all but one of the Bombay military, they being 'uneasy and troublesome.' Signed letter to Bengal of June 13 [No. 171].

Appended is the letter from Capt. Hoxton, as above.

No. 169. LETTER FROM COJA BURHAN KHAN AT KURNOOL TO DR. JOSEPH AT MADRAS. RECD. JUNE 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 34–36 (2). *Printed copy, pp.* 18–19.]

Fatteh Singh with 50,000 horse came to these parts, and was given 30,000 Rs., 2 elephants and 4 horses. At Cuddapah Abd-ul Nabi Khan's sons resisted them, and one of their wives showed

remarkable courage; but they were obliged at last to make a handsome present. The Marathas then marched to Arcot and plundered it. Nasir Jang is marching southward to punish the Marathas, and has reached Cuddapah with 125,000 horse, 10,000 of which he has sent to seize the Mysore passes to prevent the Marathas' escape. The Nawab desires Joseph to return to Kurnool.

No. 170. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 50 (1).]

The Madras Chettis report that 250 ox-loads of cloth are ready to be sent to Cuddalore from Salem. Send 20 peons (to be joined by 20 more at Fort St. David) to protect the cloth from poligars on the way from Salem. Send 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams with the 20 peons above-mentioned and 20 more, who will also be joined by 20 peons belonging to the Poligar of 'Weallwood.' 400 pieces of soot romals (as per muster) to be procured.

No. 171. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 51–53 (2½).]

Send redwood by the *Prince William*. The redwood by the *Princess Augusta* should have been charged at 2¼ Pags. per candy. The Marathas have departed for the present, though Safdar Ali does not know how to raise the whole amount he has promised them. Various rumours—that they will go home when the Kistna falls, or that they will besiege Trichinopoly. Safdar Ali remains in Vellore, and the poligars are plundering the Sarkar villages. There is no one strong enough to establish order, unless Nasir Jang should do so. He has ordered two mansubdars into the Carnatic with a large body of horse. Have returned the 20 sailors of the *Prince William*. On the 12th the *Princess of Wales* arrived, her crew weak with scurvy. Shipping news. Ships may be delayed as the river was frozen in Jan. Declaration of war with Spain. Have resolved to send the military taken out of the *Prince William*.

No. 172. LETTER TO CAPT. THOMAS LANGWORTH OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM. JUNE 13, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 53 (¼).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 173. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 14, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 60–62 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of June 7 [No. 162]. The Paymaster is to begin work on the ditch and Floyer is to keep an eye on the work as he lives constantly in the Fort. The Storekeeper is to sell the condemned stores.

No. 174. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE WILMINGTON. JAN. 2, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 5–11 (6).]

Shipping news. 18 ships arrived in England, and 16 have been taken up this season, of which 6 are to call at Madras. As to bales alleged to be damaged by being kept all day in boats at the ship's side, the Commanders should be asked how many bales can be laded in a day; and if in fault, should be protested against. Nothing has ever appeared on consultation, nor were the packings stained or damaged. The ship owners complain of having damaged Madras piece goods returned upon them. In future only bales with damaged wrappings will be returned on the ship-owners; and Council must be answerable for the rest. The *Godolphin* carried to Madras from Canton only 398 tons of goods instead of 480. The supracargoes should have sent more tutenague and must pay the difference between the gold of 93 touch (as invoiced) and 89 touch (as it turned out). They received 2,000 taels as commission and doubtless profited by the vacant tonnage. Approve landing the *Lyall's* cargo at Madras since she lost her passage to Bombay. Bengal will continue to supply saltpetre. Desire to know why country ships make much shorter passages to Sumatra than the Company's Europe ships. Enclose copy of declaration of war with Spain. Seamen's wages have risen and owners demand more. So no ship is to be sent from Madras to China. The Secret Committee. Approve of ships not being detained for a few bales. 200 tons of redwood to be sent to Bengal, Sumatra and Bombay. Send 50 chests of treasure, broadcloth, etc., by this ship. As desired will send more iron, but Madras must not compete with Bombay. Though Sir William Rous has lost money by Francis Rous, he will send out 'something for the children's subsistence'; so the allowances are to cease. Will send recruits by every ship for the garrison; Von Franken, formerly Ensign at Bombay, comes on this ship and may be employed in that rank. Capt. Maddox has borrowed from the Court £2,500 at respondentia, and has assigned his effects to the

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Company. The Revd. Mr. Wynch may be transferred to Bengal on the first vacancy there. The *Beaufort* arrived too late for the March sale. Trust that everything necessary has been done to secure continuance of the Company's grants in spite of Nadir Shah's 'conquest of the Mogul Empire.'

No. 175. INVOICES. JAN. 5, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 142–150 (9).]

Abstract of invoices for Madras, Bengal, Sumatra and Madagascar by the *Princess of Wales*, *Wilmington*, *Heathcote*, *Colchester*, *Durrington*, *Princess Louisa*, *Hardwicke*, *Edgbaston* and *Bedford*. The consignments to Madras total £143,820, and include silver £115,559; broadcloth, etc. £12,698; iron £4,062; lead £2,422; military stores £2,960. The consignments to Madagascar amount to £700.

No. 176. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBOROUGH, BY THE BEDFORD. JAN. 2, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from. Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 43–57 (16).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 177. ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE WILMINGTON [No. 174]. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *p.* 88 (1).]

List of 26 soldiers on the *Wilmington*, dated Jan. 4.

No. 178. CONSULTATION. JUNE 15, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 180–181 (1½).]

Read despatch from the Company of Jan. 2, by the *Wilmington* [No. 174]. Agreed to forward the Bengal packet and private letters by the *Faiz-i-Salam*. The *Wilmington* is to land her military, treasure etc. for Madras. Two of Council and Capt. Maddox to check the treasure. Half of it to be coined into rupees for the Bay. As no Coast ship is to go to China, the goods provided to be sold at cost price to those who will 'come into a subscription' for a private voyage to China.

No. 179. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 54 (1).]

Shipping news. Forward a packet from the Company by the *Wilmington*.

No. 180. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 55 (½).]

Sends wares and stores by the *Mary* brigantine.

No. 181. LETTER FROM NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. RECD. JUNE 17, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 36 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 19.]

Acknowledges with compliments Benyon's letter of condolence.

No. 182. CONSULTATION. JUNE 19, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 182–183 (1).]

Accounts read. 3,000 Pags. advanced the Chintadripet managers. Other advances. The Anjengo packet to be sent by peons to Bombay with letter from Madras of June 20 [No. 183]. Resolved to despatch the *Wilmington* for England in Sept. The *Wilmington's* treasure is correct.

No. 183. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JUNE 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 55–60 (5).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 20 and 28. Arrival at Tellicherry of the *Bermudas* sloop and the grab with the Bengal detachment. Their detention till the rains were over. Have received olibanam and putchuk for the China market. Movements of the *Prince William*. James Flint will be sent to Canton by a country ship. Shipping news. War with Spain. Invasion of the Marathas. As Dost Ali only took 10,000 foot and 2,000 horse to the Damalcheruvu Pass, it is thought that he meant to compound with them. His death etc. Safdar Ali at Vellore with 3,000 horse, having dismissed the rest who have been plundering the country, has patched up peace by the mediation of his brother-in-law and others, but the terms are unknown. Disorganisation of the province. Forward a packet from Anjengo.

No. 184. LETTER TO MUHAMMAD MUNAWAR-UD-DIN KHAN AT CHICACOLE. JUNE 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 36–37 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 19.]

Will write again regarding the proposed factory at Hayatpatnam [No. 163], when enquiries [See No. 189] have been made as to the goods that can be bought and sold there.

No. 185. LETTER FROM CAPT. WALTER HOXTON OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES AT FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JUNE 20, 1740. [*Madras Lrs. Recd., Vol.* 1 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Has put in at Madras as 40 of his men had scurvy. He sailed from the Isle of Wight, Jan. 24. He and the other Captains debated whether to put in at St. Jago to water and refresh the crews, but in spite of his arguments, it was decided not to do so; and as he had been ordered to keep company, he could not go by himself. On Apr. 23, however, on a dark rainy night he lost company with the other three ships. On Apr. 28 made the Cape, but did not put in as it was late in the season and his people seemed well. But within a week his crew began to go down with scurvy and when he was off Ceylon 40 were sick. A consultation of the officers was held, and it was unanimously resolved to put in at Madras. The 11 recruits on board have been landed. Expects to be able to sail for Bengal in a week. The recruits suffered less from scurvy than the sailors. The Maratha invasion and death of Dost Ali Khan.

No. 186. CONSULTATION. JUNE 23, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 184–188 (4½).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of May 28, with a packet for Bombay. Capt. Maddox of the *Wilmington* reports his cut-water is damaged. Capts. Hoadley and Hoxton with their carpenters to survey her. Agreed to send 200 'bayonet pieces' to Fort St. David and to return the 8 chests of Bombay firearms taken from the *Royal Guardian*, as the *Wilmington* has brought a supply. The Chintadripet Managers agree to supply more ginghams; and Mattur Chittiram and Koparti Periya Lingam, more Pulicat handkerchiefs, according to the Company's requirements. Extra soot romals to be provided at Fort St. David. Holmes (of the *Pulteney*) is paid for gunpowder supplied to Fort St. David. Read letter from Munawar-ud-din [No. 163]; agreed to request Vizagapatam to report on the proposed port [No. 189]. The inhabitants having subscribed 42,000 Pags. for a China voyage on the *Augusta*, the goods to be delivered them. Flint to be sent to Canton on her as a passenger.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Leonard Maddox, dated June 20, mentioned above; (2) letter from John Savage to Capts. Henry Hoadley and Walter Hoxton, dated June 23, directing them to survey the *Wilmington*; and (3) from the same to Capt. Henry Hoadley, dated June 23, regarding the return of firearms.

No. 187. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 24, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, (*p.* 60½).]

400 pieces of soot romals are to be furnished for the Company.

No. 188. CONSULTATION. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 188–192 (4⅓).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of May 30, reporting they have re-let their farms for 2 years at the old rates and forwarding accounts, etc. Agreed on answer of June 27 [No. 189]. The Secretary to return the Ingeram and Madapollam peons. The pattamars from Tellicherry and Anjengo to be returned with letters of June 27 [Nos. 192 & 193]. Head-money on 24 soldiers granted to the *Wilmington's* Surgeon. Accounts read. Fine longcloth and salempores brought in to be washed so as better to judge the quality. 11 soldiers for Bengal to be detained. Gopal Chetti, a Company's merchant, being very ill, and owing the Company 5,000 Pags., a Warehouse conicopoly was sent, who locked up and sealed one of the Chetti's rooms containing 14,000 Rs. and about 1,000 Pags. He is now dead. The room to be sealed with the Company's seal till his father Kasturi Chetti arrives to settle his son's accounts [See No. 238].

Appended is a petition from John Page, Surgeon of the *Wilmington,* for head-money.

No. 189. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 61–64 (3¾).]

Acknowledge letter of May 30. As no one has taken out letters of administration to Gibson's effects, they may be received and disposed of for his creditors. Narayana Patnaik is likely to be troublesome on account of Gibson's debt to him. In future no European at Vizagapatam shall become indebted to the Nawab or any of the Rajas or renters under pain of suspension. Will send Madras Pags. Aug. bales may be sent by the *Richard.* Will furnish wares and stores desired.

P.S.—Regarding Munawar-ud-din's proposal [No. 163] for an English factory at Hayatpatnam. Some one to be sent to enquire what cloth is made there, what is the depth of the river, etc. As soon as enough of Gibson's effects have been realised, Narayana Patnaik's debt should be paid.

Appended are copies of Munawar-ud-din's letter and Benyon's answer [Nos. 163 & 184].

No. 190. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 64 (¼).]

Returns his peons. There is nothing material to write.

No. 191. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 65 (¼).]

To the same effect.

No. 192. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 65–67 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 28, May 2, 6 and 28. When the freight for coir by the *Bermudas* is settled, Wake will pay the amount. Shipping news. War with Spain. The peons with the Tellicherry letter of May 28 [See No. 186] were robbed of all their money, and the cover of the letter was torn off. Will forward the packet for Bombay.

No. 193. LETTER TO CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JUNE 27, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 67–69 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of May 20. Their packet has been forwarded to Bombay. The shroffs desire that packets may in future be divided into two or three for ease and safety. Shipping news. The French expect 300 recruits this year, but are disputing with Tanjore about Karikal. The Dutch at Negapatam are likely to foment it. Will report at once any preparations made for the Malabar Coast.

No. 194. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ALAMBARAI. RECD. JUNE 28, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 37 (¾). *Printed copy, pp.* 19–20.]

As Nawab Safdar Ali, a 'politick and ill-inclined master,' has summoned him to Arcot with threats, has resolved to visit Nasir Jang, leaving as his Deputy Siddi Abd-ul Ghafur at Alambarai with the requisite warlike stores. Desires Benyon to help his Deputy in case of danger, and to protect the writer's daughter at St. Thomé.

No. 195. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT ALAMBARAI. RECD. JUNE 29, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 38–39 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 20.]

Safdar Ali Khan has requested the writer to procure from Nasir Jang a sanad appointing him Nawab of the province. He has sent for the expense of this commission bills for 10 lakhs of rupees, and has reinstated all the writer's deputies in their governments. Will shortly embark for Masulipatam and thence go to Golconda.

No. 196. CONSULTATION. JUNE 30, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 193–199 (7).]

The *Wilmington* reported fit to take in her cargo for Europe. The Surgeon of the *Princess of Wales* granted head-money for the 11 Bengal recruits. Accounts read. 4,000 Pags. paid in for fanams sold. 2 chests of silver to be coined into fanams. 200 candies of lead to be sold. 400 Pags. paid to Linga Chetti, being a balance due for Madras pagodas supplied last year. John Henry Anthony Von Franken granted an Ensign's commission. Payments received. 3 seals made for Bengal delivered to Capt. Hoxton. Rev. Mr. Howard is permitted to go on the *Augusta* to China for his health and to sail for England on a Company's ship if necessary.

Appended are:—(1) report on the *Wilmington;* (2) petition of Thomas Jackson, Surgeon of the *Princess of Wales*, for head-money; (3) statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1740; (4) letter from the Rev. Eden Howard, dated June 30, 1740, desiring to visit China as he has felt the hot weather very severely and, in case his health does not improve, leave to go home on a Company's ship.

No. 197. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 30, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 69–70 (1).]

Have detained the 11 recruits for Bengal on the *Princess of Wales* on account of the Maratha troubles. Send 3 of the seals asked for. P.S. 'Two hampers of water' are sent as they are thought to be for somebody in Bengal.

No. 198. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 63–67 (5).]

Read letters from Madras of June 13 and 16 [Nos. 170 & 180]. The Deputy Governor has sent 20 peons to join the Madras peons and bring the cloth in from Salem. The merchants are given sample

of soot romals and ordered to get 400 pieces. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance 24,226 Pags.

Appended is account sale of condemned stores.

No. 199. LETTER FROM CAPT. WALTER HOXTON OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES AT MADRAS TO THE COMPANY. JUNE 30, 1740. [*Madras Lrs. Recd., Vol.* 1 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Will sail for Bengal tomorrow. The 11 recruits have been kept at Madras.

No. 200. LETTER FROM ABD-ULLA SAHIB AT VELLORE. RECD. JULY 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 39(⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 20.]

Desires 46½ candies of tin from [Junk?] Ceylon landed at Madras (as Telisinga Chetti's ship could not make Porto Novo) to be sent to Alambarai.

No. 201. CONSULTATION. JULY 2, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 200–206 (6½).]

Read letters from Bombay of May 23, desiring copies of the *Royal Guardian's* Bombay packet, fearing the supply of pepper at Tellicherry will be insufficient, and advising the landing of the *Royal Guardian's* treasure; and from Surat of June 2 forwarding the Bombay packet. Capt. Hoadley to send the Bombay packet ashore, but landing of the treasure deferred till the Marathas are farther off. Accounts read. Cash balance, 64,721 current Pags. Advances made. A draft letter to Canton approved, dated July 7 [No. 207] to accompany the *Augusta*. Bags of saltpetre for the *Wilmington* to be weighed 4 at a draught as usual though Capt. Maddox desires each bag to weigh 2 Bengal maunds. As he is ready to take his cargo, he is cautioned against fire, etc. Madras pagodas needed for the Northern Settlements; Linga Chetti's proposal to recoin current Pags. and deliver them at 11% batta, referred to the Assay Master.

Appended are:—(1) order to Capt. Henry Hoadley to land the Bombay packet; (2) cash account for June 1740; (3) letter from Capt. Leonard Maddox, dated July 1, 1740, desiring that each bag of saltpetre may weigh just 2 Bengal maunds; and (4) letter from John Savage to the same, dated July 2, 1740, refusing.

No. 202. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JULY 2, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 70 (½).]

Forward a packet from Tellicherry.

No. 203. LETTER TO ABD-ULLA SAHIB. JULY 2, 1740. [*C.C. Vol.* 1, *p.* 40 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 21.]

The tin has already been sent to Pondichery on a French sloop.

No. 204. CONSULTATION. JULY 3, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 207–209 (2½).]

Read letter from Ingeram of June 14, reporting that the French have raised their price for ordinary cloth 1 Pag. per corge and desiring permission to do the same; and from Madapollam of June 14, regarding accounts. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. The Bombay packet opened in the presence of Capt. Hoadley who is informed that the treasure will be landed later. Ordered 2 copies of Bombay and 4 of Tellicherry letters to be made, and all private letters to be delivered to the Captain. Stores sent to Vizagapatam on the country ship *Venkatesa.*

No. 205. LETTER TO SULTAN ALA-UD-DIN JOHAN SHAH, KING OF ACHIN. JULY 4, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 39-40 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 21.]

Thanks him for his present and promises to recover what is owed by the Malay Prince [See No. 164]. Will see that his ships are returned to Achin with all speed. Will send muskets and pistols by the first English ship going to Achin. Sends 2 pieces of atlasses as a present.

No. 206. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JULY 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 71 (½).]

Sends wares by the *Venkatesa* brigantine.

No. 207. LETTER TO THE SUPRACARGOES AT CANTON. JULY 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 71–73 (2¼).]

Shipping news. James Flint sails for Canton on the *Augusta.* The Rev. Eden Howard also sails for China and may be granted a passage home if he desires it.

Appended is an extract of letter from Bombay, of Apr. 4, and 23rd para. of Bombay's letter to the Company of Feb. 13, regarding James Flint, a young lad left in China to learn the language but brought to Bombay by the *Harrington.*

No. 208. CONSULTATION. JULY 9, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 209–211 (2).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of July 1, reporting arrival of 2 ships at Pondichery, the cleaning of the Fort ditch, etc.; and

from Anjengo of June 10, forwarding a packet for Bombay. Agreed to despatch the Anjengo packet and the *Royal Guardian's* packet to Bombay. The Export Warehousekeeper pays in 34,285 Pags. for China goods sold. 1,000 Pags. advanced for the painters. The Assay-master [See No. 201] considers it an equal chance whether Linga Chetti would gain or lose. Agreed to pay him now 22,200 current Pags. for 20,000 Madras Pags. to be delivered within 35 days.

No. 209. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JULY 9, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 74–77 (4).]

Acknowledge letter of May 23. Forward important papers in the *Royal Guardian's* packet. As war has not arisen between England and France and as the Marathas are threatening, it was decided not to land the *Royal Guardian's* treasure. The Marathas have been joined by 20,000 more under Siddhoji, and are now in Mysore raising contributions and likely to march southward. There is still no government. The late Nawab and his sons were greatly indebted to their soldiers who refuse to serve without their arrears. The Company's shroffs have received a letter from Delhi (in 35 days) stating that Sivaji Singh is marching with a large army to besiege Nizam-ul-mulk in Agra. Nasir Jang who was south of the Kistna has repassed it and marched to Hyderabad. Rumoured troubles at Murshidabad. Forward a packet from Anjengo.

Appended is a list of the packet from Madras.

No. 210. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JULY 9, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 78 (¾)]

Received letter of June 2 on July 2 and paid the kasids 10 Rs. Send packets for Bombay and letters for Surat from the *Royal Guardian's* packet.

No. 211. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 12, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 78–79 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letters of July 1 and 8. 5,000 pieces of soot romals must be provided besides the 400 pieces specially ordered. Will supply ordnance desired instead of 12 old guns sent to Madras. Complain of omission to state the number of pieces of cloth embaled, etc. The information is needed to estimate the tonnage that must be reserved for the Dec. ships from Bengal. But the present state of affairs must make any estimate unreliable.

No. 212. CONSULTATION. JULY 15, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 212–214 (3).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of July 8, forwarding 12 old guns; and from Vizagapatam of June 15, with an estimate of repairs. Ordered plant and timber to be sent to Vizagapatam. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. Read the sale account of 200 candies of lead producing 2,484 Pags. Two choultries to be built at the washing places. Accounts read. Agreed to return the Ingeram peons by a country ship with a letter of July 15 [No. 213].

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Savage to Capt. Walter Hoxton, dated June 27, 1740, directing him to send ashore the chests etc., of 11 recruits for Bengal; and (2) account sale of lead.

No. 213. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JULY 15, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 80 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of June 14. He may receive short cloth provided the fabric be good and the length specified in the invoice.

No. 214. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 68 (½).]

Advances made.

No. 215. LETTER TO COJA ABD-UL RAHMAN KHAN, FAUJDAR OF MASULIPATAM. JULY 16, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 40–41 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 21.]

Goddard at Madapollam complains that several merchants have left him without settling their accounts. Desires the Faujdar to deliver up all persons indebted to the Company within his jurisdiction. Unless this old custom is observed, the English will abandon their trade in those parts.

No. 216. LETTER FROM NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. RECD. [JULY] 17, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 41 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 22.]

Desires payment of 1,200 Pags. (with the customary present) due annually for Madras.

No. 217. LETTER FROM LE BLANC AT PONDICHERY TO [RICHARD BENYON?]. JULY 6/17, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 218–221 (3⅔).]

Monger sold the *Nancy* to M. Pathelin and partners, but the Captain and the ship's officers refused to allow the French to take

possession (though the latter offered security to pay all wages due) till they had received two months' 'conduct money', a thing unknown in the Indies. Monger requesting Dumas to give him assistance, 14 soldiers and a serjeant were sent; but the Captain's threats prevented the boatmen from rowing them on board. The *Nancy* was finally boarded by boats from the Europe ships just as her crew were preparing to set sail. Capt. Coxson and Heath (the Second mate) are now in the 'Black Hole.' Holmes is dangerously wounded. The Europe ship's boat was fired on by the *Nancy's* crew.

No. 218. LETTER FROM BENOÎT DUMAS AT PONDICHERY TO RICHARD BENYON. JULY 15/26, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 221–223 (1⅔).]

To the same effect. However only 6 soldiers were sent, not 14; and Holmes was slightly, not seriously, wounded. Believes that these 'impertinences' were due to liquor. Is prepared to deliver them to the English if they will punish them.

No. 219. CONSULTATION. JULY 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 215–217 (3).]

Read letters from Capt. Taylor of the *George* at Fort St. David, advising that he left Sumatra June 11 and reached Fort St. David July 13; from Fort St. David of July 14, forwarding bales by the *George*; and from Sumatra of June 9. The *George's* treasure to be examined in the Captain's presence. Agreed to fetch the remaining bales from Fort St. David by the *George*. Her lead to continue on board till she returns. Capt. Taylor and Dutton required to deliver their journals. Paid 1,200 Pags. to Nawab Safdar Ali Khan as the town rent. Resolved to indent on Bengal for stores needed in Sumatra. Read letters from Le Blanc at Pondichery of July 6/17, 1740 [No. 217] and from Dumas to Benyon of July 15/26, 1740 [No. 218]. Resolved on answer of July 18 [No. 220]. Pavement in the street where the sorting godown stands, to be repaired and the sinks, being offensive, to be remedied if possible.

No. 220. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON TO BENOÎT DUMAS. JULY 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 223–224 (1).]

Requests that the officers of the *Nancy* may be suitably punished (saving life and limb) and that then they be handed over to be sent to Europe.

No. 221. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 19, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 81 (1½).]

The *George* will sail for Fort St. David in a few days. So all cloth on hand must be sorted and baled for shipment.

No. 222. LETTER TO NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. JULY 19, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 41 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 22.]

Has paid the sum [No. 216], and delivered the customary present to Shaikh Abd-ul Latif.

No. 223. CONSULTATION. JULY 21, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 224–229 (4½).]

Read letter from Waters at Mocha of June 20, advising that he had assembled a cargo for Europe, but as no ship had appeared he was obliged to give a bond to Craddock (supracargo of the *Narcissus* and passenger to Madras by the *Jenny*) for 32,000 Spanish dollars. Ordered to discharge the bond. Taylor's and Dutton's journals and the Fort Marlborough books, etc., delivered to the Sumatra Committee for examination. Balances due from John Sanderson as Rental-General, etc., paid in by Torriano. A 11-inch cable supplied to the *George*. Bills for wages, etc., of the *Carolina's* crew to be paid. Accounts read. The *George's* treasure reported correct. The *Royal Guardian's* packet resealed and returned. The copies taken to be forwarded to Bombay. As the Europe ships are likely to be late, agreed to send Bengal 20 chests of treasure (Rs. 1,60,000) on the *Jenny*.

Appended is the *Carolina* sloop's wages account.

No. 224. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JULY 21, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 81–82 (1½).]

Will send 20 chests of rupees on the *Jenny*. Desire Bengal to send 3,000 gunny bags, 40 pieces of taffaties, 100 pieces of Patna chintz (small flowers), 1,000 gallons of mustard oil and 3 chests of Patna opium to Madras for despatch to Sumatra.

No. 225. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 22, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 69–70 (2).]

Read letters from Madras of July 12 and 19 [Nos. 211 & 221]. Agreed to answer that 800 bales (including those sent to Madras) have been brought in; but do not know how much will be brought

in before Dec. as much Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth has had to be turned out. The brokers who received money for providing fine cloth have returned it being unwilling to invest money at this dangerous time. Expect only 50 or 60 bales from Salem, and not more than 500 or 600 between now and Dec. The washers and beaters ordered to hasten their work.

No. 226. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JULY 23, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 83–85 (2½).]

Forward a packet from Tellicherry. Shipping news from Sumatra. The *Somerset* had to be sent from Fort Marlborough to Batavia for repairs. Alleged difficulty of procuring pepper at Benjar. Waters at Mocha has had to borrow 32,000$ from Craddock which has been repaid by Madras. Waters means to freight the *Narcissus* to Bombay with coffee as the Europe ship *(Montague)* has not appeared.

No. 227. CONSULTATION. JULY 25, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 230–231 (2).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of June 25, with packets for Bombay, Bengal and Pondichery, the last concerning a dispute with the French about a pass into the country from which they had driven the French. Accounts read. 30 new tarpaulins to be made. The Master of the *George* to be paid for dieting 36 slaves (at 4 fns. a day) carried by him to Sumatra, and for ¼ cask of arrack issued to them. Advances made. Some bales to be opened before being sent on board the *Wilmington* to see if there are any damaged.

Appended is Capt. Taylor's bill for dieting slaves.

No. 228. LETTER FROM BENOÎT DUMAS AT PONDICHERY TO RICHARD BENYON AT MADRAS. JULY 24/AUG. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 237(½).]

Will pardon the two Englishmen [See No. 220] and deliver them whenever they are sent for.

No. 229. CONSULTATION. JULY 28, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 232–236 (5).]

Read letters from Bengal of March 17, Apr. 24 and May 9, regarding shipping news, the shortage of tutenague sent and the revolution in Bengal; from Fort St. David of July 27 [See No. 225]; and from Vizagapatam of June 28, desiring a supply of pagodas. Accounts read. 2,000 Pags. paid in for fanams sold. Other

payments received. Read letter from Pondichery of July 24/Aug. 4 [No. 228]. Agreed to send peons to fetch Coxson, etc., that they may be sent to England on the *Wilmington*. The *George* to go to Fort St. David with stores, etc., under Thomas Clarke, Chief Mate. Passed letters to Bengal and Capt. Baillie of Aug. 2 [Nos. 234 & 235].

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1740.

No. 230. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 29, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 85 (½).]

Despatch the *George* for all cloth that is ready. Send iron, fire-arms and medicines.

No. 231. LETTER TO THOMAS CLARKE, CHIEF MATE OF THE GEORGE. JULY 29, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 86 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David. Capt. Taylor has been allowed to remain ashore to recover his health.

No. 232. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 86 (½).]

The *George* was delayed by head winds. Sends gunnys and 2,000 Pags. worth of fanams.

No. 233. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1740. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 71–74 (4).]

Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 4,130 Pags. The Paymaster reports that he has had to send for shells (to make chunam) to Marakkanam and elsewhere, the expense of which prevents his supplying it at a lower price than one parrah per fanam. Agreed to allow that rate.

No. 234. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 2, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 87–89 (3).]

Send 20 chests of rupees by the *Jenny*. Acknowledge letters of March 17, Apr. 24 and May 9. Have 10 four-pounder guns ready to send Bombay, but must wait for Europe ships to send the 100 bolts of Europe duck wanted there. Deficiency of tutenague on the *Princess Augusta*. The troubles between the Nawabs of Murshida-

bad and Patna. Shipping at Sumatra. Desire 4,000 quires of Bengal paper.

No. 235. LETTER TO CAPT. ROBERT BAILLIE OF THE JENNY. AUG. 2, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 90 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 236. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT MASULIPATAM (ON HIS WAY TO GOLCONDA). RECD. AUG. 2, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 41 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 22.]

Has already informed Coja Petrus of his arrival at Masulipatam. Nasir Jang has sent him a guard of 200 horse and 500 foot, with a letter [No. 237]. The Faujdars and Killedars at Golconda have likewise sent guards. Offers his services with Nasir Jang.

No. 237. LETTER FROM NASIR JANG TO IMAM SAHIB. READ. AUG. 2, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 41–42 (⅔). *Printed copy, p.* 22.]

Has received Imam Sahib's letter announcing his arrival at Masulipatam on June 26 and desiring an escort. Sends one accordingly and desires him to hasten to Golconda. [With an autograph addition in verse to the same effect.]

No. 238. CONSULTATION. AUG. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 238–241 (4).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of July 31, desiring a supply of fanams, and asking whether a present should be made to Safdar Ali and Chunda Sahib should they come near. Agreed on answer of Aug. 5 [No. 243]. 10,000 Pags. to be sent overland and 10,000 more when the peons have returned. Accounts read. Cash balance, 70,378 current and 264 Madras Pags. Advances made. The Secretary to sell a box of wigs consigned to the late Surgeon at Vizagapatam, William Gibson. Kasturi Chetti promises to pay 3,000 Pags. on account of his son's balance [See No. 188] and to supply cloth for the remainder; the seals to be taken off.

Appended is the cash account for July 1740.

No. 239. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 90 (½).]

Will send 10,000 Pags. tomorrow by 40 peons

No. 240. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB. AUG. 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1 *pp.* 42–43 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 23.]

Rejoices at his good reception by Nasir Jang. Hopes that he will return with increased powers and greatness. Will protect his family and people as far as possible.

No. 241. LETTER FROM GHULAM RAZA ALI KHAN, AT VELLORE. RECD. AUG. 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 43 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 23.]

Desires assistance for Mir Yader Ali in buying guns at Madras.

No. 242. LETTER TO GHULAM RAZA ALI KHAN AT VELLORE. AUG. 5, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 43 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 23.]

Has helped Mir Yader Ali to buy guns.

No. 243. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 5, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 91 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of July 14, 22 and 31. Send 10,000 Pags. When the peons return, will send more. Shall not send presents [See No. 238] to Safdar Ali Khan or Chunda Sahib in this unsettled state of affairs.

No. 244. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, REGISTRAR, MAYOR'S COURT. AUG. 5, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 244 (½).]

Grain lodged in the banksal house is frequently damaged by rain, as the roof is bad and the floor 2 feet below the level of the street.

No. 245. CONSULTATION. AUG. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 242–243 *and* 245 (2½).]

Read letter from the Mayor's Court of Aug. 5 [No. 244]. Agreed on answer of Aug. 11 [No. 246]. 1,000 Pags. advanced the painters. 13 Pags. 15 fns. paid in as the proceeds of the box of wigs [No. 238]. Kasturi Chetti pays 3,170 Pags. on the balance due from his son Gopal Chetti [No. 238]. 205 Pags. paid in on the butica rent, etc.

Appended is account sale of 2 single drop wigs, 1 double drop and 1 ramillie.

No. 246. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO THE MAYOR'S COURT, MADRASPATNAM. AUG. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 244–245 (½).]

The Council consider that the cost of repairs to the banksal should be met from the banksal duty, which the Company does not receive.

No. 247. LETTER (IN FRENCH WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION) FROM BENOÎT DUMAS, ETC., AT PONDICHERY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 11/23, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 13–14. *Incomplete.*]

The deserters were pursued by none. Next morning an old man was found stabbed outside the walls. He was a chouliar, who used to go from house to house with artificial flowers, silk fringes, etc., etc. Deserters should not be allowed to escape because they have added murder to desertion.

No. 248. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 12, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 75–76 (2).]

[Present also Messrs. Dulaurens and Moreau]. Read letter from Pondichery of Aug. 11/23 [No. 247] requesting the delivery of 4 deserters suspected of murder on promise of pardon, if they are not guilty of the murder. Dulaurens and Moreau urge it would be better to have no agreement for the surrender of deserters if deserters can escape by adding crime to desertion. Resolved to answer that the men are probably guilty and that the matter will be reported to Fort St. George.

No. 249. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID TO BENOÎT DUMAS, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. AUG 12, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25. *Torn.*]

Agree that the deserters probably committed the murder to prevent their being sent back. Will advise the Council at Madras and suggest an agreement such as exists between Mahé and Tellicherry.

No. 250. CONSULTATION. AUG. 13, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 246 (⅔).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Aug. 11, forwarding bales. The *Princess Louisa* having no packet for Madras, Capt. Pinson to explain why he has put in. The 25 chests of silver now remaining to be coined into rupees, as the other Europe ships are expected shortly.

No. 251. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, VAKIL AT GINGEE. RECD. AUG. 14, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 43–46 (2½). *Printed copy, pp.* 23–24.]

Taqi Sahib has arrived from Wandiwash. Chunda Sahib went out to meet him while Safdar Ali Khan received him at fort-gate. They have visited Raja Gada, a fort near Gingee. The Nawab has lately restored the villages taken from Krishnaji Pant. Imam Sahib has written to the Nawab and Murtaza Ali about his reception by Nasir Jang. Mir Husain (Mir Asad's brother-in-law) has arrived. Many houses and bazaars near Gingee fort have been demolished; 'Idleado' and tamarind trees are being cut down for gunpowder. Taqi Sahib has visited the fort named Madde Gada. 3,000 picked peons have been raised to garrison the forts. Rahmat Khan is appointed Collector of the Nellore country. Subba Rao, a Maratha vakil, has arrived. He has visited Taqi Sahib and Chunda Sahib and he is said to be going to Tanjore. The Nawab has not yet paid the Marathas what he promised them. It is said that the Marathas have left 'Choollakerrat' (Sulikerai?) and will invade the country again. If so, it may be imputed to the Nawab's covetousness. The Pathan troopers declare that they will not fight for him; and the 'Governours' can come to no fixed resolutions. Nasir Jang is likely to come hither from Golconda. The Nawab is likely to go to Pondichery soon. Nasir Jang has promised Imam Sahib the command of 5,000 horse and a jaghir.

No. 252. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT GINGEE. RECD. AUG. 14, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 46. *Printed copy, p.* 24.]

'The same as the foregoing.'

No. 253. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE HEATHCOTE. MARCH 21, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 13–26 (13).]

Shipping news. Send treasure etc. Council must obtain precise information from Bengal as to the form in which silver should be sent them. The mint Brahmans may receive new mill'd Mexico dollars as 3 dwt. worse than standard. Since two years' cloth remained in the warehouse, it was right to indent only for a year's consumption. Complain of the merchants' demanding a reduction on the 33% on the invoice they offered for the 1737 cloth. Are convinced that sale by outcry is the best method. No broadcloth is to be issued without payment; it is enough accommodation that the cloth lies in the warehouse till the merchants

desire it. 100 pipes of Madeira sent by the *Durrington*, and the ship's officers may bring 20 pipes. Will send 400 tons of iron, as 10 Pags. a candy is a good price. There was no need to keep 30 chests of treasure. When the *Godolphin* sailed from Madras, they had in cash 226,472 Pags.; the merchants owed for advances 127,000 Pags.; Europe goods amounted to 125,000 Pags.; and there was 37,500 Pags. at the subordinate factories; 516,000 Pags. in all, while the cargoes of the year were only 261,000 Pags. Complain of the heavy drafts on the Company (for G. M. Pitt's benefit) by which this balance was produced. Council must make good the loss sustained on account of these bills. Will send arms etc. Lead is selling well at 12 Pags. a candy. Tin cannot lose 5% of its weight except by embezzlement. Will consider the matter with the ship's owners. Rupees and bullion must be sent early to the Bay.

Judging by the small profit made on Indian cloth, consider that the French are likely soon to lower the prices they give; and then, as the Dutch and Danish investments are very small, times may mend. The more merchants employed, the better; but statements must be prepared to show how far each fulfils his contract. Complain of the largeness of the merchants' balances; which may mean bad debts or still worse, providing funds for competitors. Complain of receiving only 8,400 pieces of middling cloth instead of 15,300. More profit is made on middling and fine cloth than on coarse. Very small profits made on ordinary Salem and Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth. Permit introduction of a 4th quality in each kind of cloth provided the merchants allow reasonable abatement. Salem cloth provided at Madras is dearer than that provided at Fort St. David; but the latter's Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth costs as much as Salem and sells worse. The Madapollam cloth sold much better than the Ingeram. Vizagapatam provided 30 bales only. This will not defray a factor's charge. Matters must improve or the factory be closed. 'Our servants should be ashamed of eating our bread unless they work in the vineyard.' Are concerned there should be only 2 Companys' merchants at Fort St. David. Merchants might be encouraged to settle there by granting caste privileges. A trial of cultivating indigo to be made there. Andiyappa should be employed in our service, should he return to Porto Novo, to prevent his supplying interlopers. Cloth must be strictly sorted.

The English cannot be too watchful of French measures on the Coast. *Desire particular account of their inward and outward*

cargoes. Complain that China silk was sold at a fixed price instead of outcry. Rejoice at the active trade of Madras indicated by 120 ships calling in a year. Trust that the famine is completely over.

Approve of the new powder-house. Repairs must be strong and lasting. Are satisfied with the flourishing revenues and moderate expenses. Silver does not produce quite so much in the Madras as in the Bombay mint.

Approve of Charles Simpson's being called to Council *vice* Rous, and of 50 Pags. being allowed 'to new Rigg' Robert Goodere, as he lost his all on the *Formosa* sloop. Have allowed Smart's wife and two daughters to go out. William Belsches, ship's Surgeon, who lost his leg at Canton and cannot serve on ship-board, may succeed after Munro, or fill the first vacancy at Bengal. Have appointed William Holt and Samuel Greenhaugh, factors; John Legg, William Mackett, Grantham Mead, Arthur Rider, Borlace Stacey, Foss Westcott, Alexander Wynch, Thomas Cooke, John Smith and John Churchey, writers; Greenhaugh, Wynch and Cooke are already on the Coast. Monthly writers must be discharged and all unlicensed persons (except sea-faring men) must be sent home. Money may be taken into cash from Commanders of ships for their loans from the Company. Lieut. William Henry Southby, who has served under Count Munich, is to have the first vacant company. Send as many recruits as can be got. Silver may be bought at or under 14 $ per 10 Pags. (=5s. 8⅛ d. per oz.). When there is more money than is needed for the investment certificates only must be granted for the money received on account of deceased persons' estates instead of bills of exchange; and executors, etc., must pay net estates into the Company's treasury as early as possible. One copy of the bill of lading must be given gratis to the Commanders of homeward ships. Jonathan Smart permitted to reside at Pegu as a free merchant.

No. 254. ENCLOSURES TO DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE HEATHCOTE [No. 253]. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 70–72 (2).]

(1) Extract of the Company's despatch to Bengal by the *Princess Louisa*, etc., relating to the Coast and Bay tonnage.

(2) Extract of the Company's despatch to Bengal sent by the *Princess of Wales*, etc.

No. 255. INVESTMENT. MARCH 21, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 44, *pp.* 74–77 (4).]

List of goods to be provided on the Coast for the outward ships of 1739–40:—

Allejas, 400 pieces; beteellas, 2,000; ditto, oringal, 500; ditto Pulicat, 400; chintz, 3,000; callawapores, 400; dimities, 400; ginghams, 1,000; ginghams (striped), 2,000; izarees, 500; longcloth, 133,400; moorees, 5,500; romals, sootie, 5,900; sastracundees, 400; salempores, 83,000; redwood; saltpetre. No cloth should be refused, but they must be taken at less value, so that the French and other nations may not have them. Some Bengal sannoes and jagdea baftas will be sent for printing, but not in the expensive manner of Madras chintz.

No. 256. ENCLOSURES TO DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE HEATHCOTE [No. 253]. MARCH 21, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 44.]

(1) Accountant's remarks on the pagodas and rupees received from Madras for assays, March 13 (p. 80); (2) Accountant's remarks on rupees received from Bombay (p. 82); (3) list of 19 soldiers on the *Heathcote*, March 21 (p. 90); (4) list of 18 soldiers on the *Colchester*, March 21 (p. 92); and (5) list of 21 soldiers on the *Durrington*, March 21 (p. 94.)

No. 257. CONSULTATION. AUG. 15, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons.*, *Vol.* 70, *pp.* 247–248 (1¾)].

Read letter from the Company of March 21 by the *Heathcote* [No. 253]. Capt. Cope to send ashore the military, etc., consigned to Madras. Her treasure to be examined. Read letters from Fort St. David of Aug. 12, acknowledging the receipt of treasure; and from Capt. Pinson.

Appended is the letter from Capt. John Pinson of the *Princess Louisa*, dated Aug. 14, stating that he put in, as 20 of his crew were down with scurvy.

No. 258. LETTER FROM AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOMÉ. RECD. AUG. 15, 1740. [*C.C.*, *Vol.* 1, *p.* 46 (½). *Printed copy*, *p.* 25.]

Some of the Company's peons stopped Amin Beg's men bringing to St. Thomé mint clay plates used for melting gold and silver, and whipped the man who gave them the plates. Desires that the peons may be punished.

No. 259. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 77–78 (2).]

Read letters from Madras of July 29 and 31, and Aug. 4 and 5. [No. 230, 232, 239 and 243]. Stationery needed. Having only 73 Europeans in garrison of whom 28 are old, agreed to ask for as many as can be spared from Madras.

No. 260. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 13, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 7–9 (2½)].

On Aug. 9 four deserters came in from Pondichery. M. Dumas claimed their return, but they declared they had killed a man in escaping, and demanded pardon for the murder as well as for their desertion. Dumas, etc., (in letter of Aug. 12/23 [No. 247] brought by Dulaurens and Moreau) allege that the man was old and unarmed, and that he must have been killed to secure the deserters from being surrendered. Recommend an agreement with the French to except such crimes from pardon.

No. 261. CONSULTATION. AUG. 16, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70. *pp.* 249–251 (2⅔).]

Read letters from Pondichery of Aug. 13/24, requesting the surrender of the 4 deserters and proposing a treaty for the surrender of all criminals, such as the French have with the Dutch and Danes; and from Fort St. David of Aug. 13 [No. 260]. Agreed to give up the French deserters, upon promise of pardon if they are not guilty of murder, but to decline any agreement regarding criminals in general. The *Heathcote's* treasure found correct, to be coined for the Bay. Payments received. Read letter from Capt. Maddox of the *Wilmington* requesting that he may be supplied with as many bales as he can take over the charterparty limit at half-freight; ordered accordingly.

Appended is letter from Capt. Leonard Maddox of Aug. 16, 1740, as above.

No. 262. LETTER TO BENOÎT DUMAS, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. AUG. 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 92 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 13/24 [See No. 261]. The 4 deserters at Fort St. David accused of murder will be delivered up provided they shall be pardoned for their desertion if they are acquitted of the murder.

No. 263. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 93 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 13 [No. 260]. Enclose copy of their letter to Dumas [No. 262]. Prefer not to enter into any definite agreement [for the surrender of deserters?]

No. 264. LETTER TO AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOMÉ. AUG. 16, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 46–47 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 25.]

The clay plates [See No. 258] had been stolen from the Company's mint, and the thief was punished. The Faujdar should not allow his inhabitants to purchase stolen goods.

No. 265. CONSULTATION. AUG. 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 252 (1).]

The Company's letter by the *Colchester* is but a duplicate of that by the *Heathcote* [No. 253]. Capt. Micklefield to land military, etc. consigned to Madras. Her treasure to be examined. William Henry Southby, passenger by the *Colchester*, to be Lieutenant. Agreed to send 10,000 Pags. to Fort St. David. Passed letter to Fort St. David of Aug. 19 [No. 267].

No. 266. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 18, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 94 (½).]

Will send overland tomorrow 10,000 Pags.

No. 267. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 19, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 94 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. Salary and allowances of Thomas Cooke Junior, entertained as a writer, begin from Aug. 15.

No. 268. PETITION FROM THOMAS HOLMES AND ROBERT HEATH, MATES OF THE NANCY. AUG. 20, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 255–259 (3½).]

Monger, the supracargo of the *Nancy*, sold her to Pathelin at Pondichery, but neither would promise to pay the wages due to officers and crew; so Capt. Coxson said he would go ashore and see Dumas in the morning. But Monger, etc., accused them to Dumas of meaning to run off with the ship (although they had struck the yards and topmasts). So soldiers were sent to seize them. Two 'chellingays' accordingly came alongside at dusk

but went off on being hailed. Then about 9 or 10 p.m., 3 or 4 boats came up and fired on the petitioners who had neither flints, cartridges nor balls on board. Holmes was carried to the Europe ship to have his wounds dressed; and Heath and Coxson were imprisoned ashore, not being allowed pen or paper lest they should represent the facts of the case to Dumas. Request the Board to make them an allowance.

No. 269. CONSULTATION. AUG. 20, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 253–254 (2).]

Read letter from Whitewell, etc., at Gombroon of July 12, desiring Madras to collect the customs on the *Galatea's* sales at Bushire and to encourage Armenian freight on English ships as the Company enjoys one-third of the duties at Gombroon. The *Colchester's* treasure exceeds the invoice by 9 lb. 8 oz. Accounts read. The *Colchester* to be the second Sept. ship for England. 'The old cast guns' from Fort St. David to be sent to England by her. Capt. Hoadley to be asked to take on board 10 four-pounders and 100 bolts of sail cloth for Bombay. Southby's commission as Lieutenant signed. Thomas Holmes and Robert Heath, the Mates of the *Nancy*, granted a subsistence allowance while at Madras.

Appended is letter from John Savage to Capt. Henry Hoadley of the *Royal Guardian* of Aug. 20, regarding the guns and sail cloth, as above.

No. 270. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT GINGEE. RECD. AUG. 21, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 47 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 25.]

The Marathas have threatened to take Trichinopoly 'in one day' unless Chunda Sahib makes them a handsome present. They are said to be encamped near 'Sannangy Baugoor.' Morari Ghorpade has joined them with 10,000 horse and is urging them to go to Seringapatam. The Poligars have given large presents to the Marathas, but Himmat Tahir Khan is likely to resist them. The Nawab has paid a lakh of rupees as part of his tribute, and has received from Nasir Jang a *saropa* and letter of condolence.

No. 271. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL [AT GINGEE]. RECD. AUG. 21, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 47. *Printed copy, p.* 25.]

'The same as the foregoing.'

No. 272. LETTER FROM JOHN GOODWIN, ETC., AT ST. HELENA. MAY 23, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 15 (1).]

For next year request their one % in rice, arrack and sugar Shipping news.

No. 273. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID, AUG. 19 (?), 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 16–17. *Incomplete.*]

Ask for guns and flints. The former are needed at Cuddalore to replace 40 and 50 pounders, which would be dangerous to the Fort if Cuddalore fell into an enemy's hands. The whole east side of Cuddalore a mile long towards the river is open. In the two companies there are only 78 Europeans of whom 28 are old and infirm. Have had no recruits for the last two years. Enclose indent for paper, etc.

No. 274. CONSULTATION. AUG. 22, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 259–264 (5½).]

Read letters from St. Helena of May 23 [No. 272] and Fort St. David of Aug. 19 [No. 273]. The 1 % tonnage for St. Helena on the *Wilmington* to be only in rice and arrack as sugar is very dear. Read letters from Capt. Hallett and Capt. Hoadley. Agreed to send to Bengal 80,000 Rs. and 30 tons of redwood on the *Princess Louisa* and the same on the *Hardwicke*. Agreed on letter to Bengal of Aug. 22 [No. 276]. Accounts read. Agreed to send the *George* to Vizagapatam with 20,000 Pags. to bring back their cloth. 350 Pags. paid in on the town brokerage.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Hallett, Commander of the *Hardwicke*, dated Aug. 22, 1740, stating that he put into Madras because many of his men had scurvy; (2) letter from Henry Hoadley, Commander of the *Royal Guardian,* dated Aug. 22, 1740, stating that he will take on board anything he is ordered to; (3) letter from John Savage to the same, dated Aug. 22, 1740, stating that the Council cannot order him to take in the guns and sail-cloth for Bombay; and (4) indent for gunny, rope and twine to be provided in Bengal.

No. 275. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT GINGEE. RECD. AUG. 22, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 48 (¾) *Printed copy, p.* 26.]

Devaji Pant, the Nawab's Steward, has died; his son Triyambaka Rao has succeeded him. Bade Sahib has taken a fort near Tinnevelly and secured Periya Madura Nambi, Chokkalinga

Mudaliyar, etc., belonging to the Queen of Trichinopoly. 4 guns from Arcot have been mounted at Valudavur fort. The Nawab has granted the French Tirukkanji, Udiyampattu and Kotakuppam, but the latter are asking for Kommaiyapakkam, Alisapakkam and Singarikoyil as well.

No. 276. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 22, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 95–99 (4½).]

Arrival of the Europe shipping. 2 Bengal ships put in because of scurvy. Goods for Madras on ships which have not called had best be sold at Calcutta. But garrison stores should be forwarded, especially gun flints. Regarding the despatch of ships from Bengal to Sumatra. Expect to have in Dec. next more than 400 tons or 2,200 bales of cloth, but no saltpetre; so all kintledge must be taken in at Bengal. Desire as much saltpetre as can be spared, also packing stuff. Shipping news from St. Helena. Send 80,000 Rs. and some redwood. Have coined into Madras rupees 80 chests of bullion which will be about a third of what is consigned to Bengal. Have coined no Arcot rupees 'as we did not think it prudent to trust it in the country mints.' Desire Madeira wine and 10 or more chaldrons of coal to be forwarded to Madras, also the recruits for Madras by the *Durrington* and *Cæsar*, as Europeans are much needed, together with 'as many as will list, provided they be such as . . . will not be so uneasy here as those which were sent to Bombay.'

No. 277. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. AUG. 6, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 18 (1).]

Will make up packets as desired. Shipping news. Trust that the French are too involved at Mahé to undertake anything near Anjengo. The King of Travancore seems resolved not to resist his enemies unless he can get European assistance.

No. 278. CONSULTATION. AUG. 25, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 265–270 (5¾).]

Read letter from Anjengo of Aug. 6 [No. 277]. Accounts read. Headmoney for 17 recruits granted to the *Colchester's* Surgeon. A chest of treasure on the *Hardwicke* consigned to Roger Drake in Bengal to be landed. Read letter from Capt. Hoadley. Agreed to send the guns and duck on the *Royal Guardian*. Passed letter to Bengal of Aug. 25 [No. 279]. Boards and nails to be laded on the

George for her repair at Vizagapatam as it is 4 years since she was sheathed. Payments received.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1740; (2) petition from James Baxter, Surgeon of the *Colchester*, dated Aug. 25, 1740, applying for headmoney on 17 soldiers; (3) letter from Capt. Henry Hoadley of the *Royal Guardian* dated Aug. 28, 1740, stating that he is ready to take the guns and sail-cloth on board but requesting that the matter may be represented to the Company so that his owners may not lose whatever may be due to them thereby.

No. 279. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 25, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 99 (½).]

Send 70 candies of redwood by the *Augusta*.

No. 280. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA TO COJA PETRUS. RECD. AUG. 26, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 48–51 (2½). *Printed copy, pp.* 26–27.]

Arrived at Golconda Aug. 3. Was met at Saida Bhag, 2 miles outside the city, by Abd-ul Husain Khan (the Diwan) and Coja Abd-ul-lah Khan with 1,000 horse, and honoured by taking a dish of coffee with Nasir Jang. On the 10th he was invited to attend the 'Divaun Aum' where the writer with certain others was permitted to sit behind Nasir Jang. Some 400 great men were present. Was presented with a *saropa* and *serpanch* set with precious stones. Afterwards with Coja Abd-ul-lah and Anwar-ud-din Khan was taken to the Council Chamber, and finally had a private audience in the wardrobe, where the writer produced his presents. Nasir Jang has ordered him ever to be addressed as Ghulam Imam Husain Khan. Has obtained a *saropa* and a letter of condolence for Safdar Ali Khan. Desires Benyon and Hart to send China oranges and curios by way of Masulipatam.

No. 281. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT PONDICHERY. RECD. AUG. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 51–52 (1¼). *Printed copy, pp.* 27–28.]

The Nawab, Chunda Sahib, Husain Khan Tahir, Muhammad Ali Khan, etc., set out Aug. 20 with 2,500 horse and 5,000 foot whom they left at Valudavur, and then entered Pondichery with 100 horse, 40 or 50 palankins and 150 soldiers. They were received by the Second and Kanakaraya Mudali (Chief Dubash) with

music, etc., at Reddipalaiyam, 3 miles west of the town. Dumas and Council met the Nawab at the Valudavur gate. The latter at once visited his mother at the Governor's garden; Chunda Sahib visited his family at the old Beating Godown; and others went to their people in the Chief Dubash's street. Next day the Nawab sent word that he wanted 4 great guns for Valudavur, and they were immediately sent. Sunku Muttu Rama is here with his nephew Sunku Seshachalam, his partner Lakshmi and others.

No. 282. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT PONDICHERY. RECD. AUG. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 52. *Printed copy, p.* 28.]

'The same as the foregoing.'

No. 283. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 28, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 100 (1).]

Send 10 chests of rupees and 30 tons of redwood; also the other 3 seals commissioned to be made. A chest of treasure containing 730 oz. consigned to Roger Drake has been landed from the *Colchester*; desire orders about it.

No. 284. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 29, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 79–83 (5).]

Read letters from Madras of Aug. 16, 18 and 19 [Nos. 263, 266 & 267]. The Deputy Governor delivers reports of what he has done about the Right and Left-hand castes. Resolved to submit the matters to Fort St. George. Ayyamperumal, a Palli, is charged to avoid all breach of custom at the wedding about to be celebrated. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 10,284 Pags.

No. 285. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JULY 22, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 19 (½).]

Acknowledge a packet for Bombay [See No. 115].

No. 286. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 1, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 19–20 (1).]

Enclose accounts. The price of cotton is so high that merchants can provide cloth only at a loss. Have received only 120 bales but hope the later rains will improve matters.

No. 287. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. AUG. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 20–21 (1¼).]

The cloth will be sent on the *Enterprize* brigantine. The French have received money and are taking in cloth formerly rejected. Expects to get little cloth before Christmas. The Nawab is at Golconda, but will return shortly. Has 226 bales on hand.

No. 288. CONSULTATION. AUG. 30, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 271–275 (4).]

Read letters from Surat of July 22 [No. 285], from Vizagapatam of Aug. 1 [No. 286] and from Ingeram of Aug. 7 [No. 287]. Signed bills on the Company for 7,388 Pags. Guns, etc., of the *Wilmington* to be surveyed. Deficiency of cordage on the *Wilmington* to be referred to the Company. 4 time-expired soldiers discharged. Capt. Maddox to receive Thomas Holmes and Robert Heath (mates of the *Nancy*) as charterparty passengers for England.

Appended is letter from George Torriano, Storekeeper, dated Aug. 30, 1740, reporting that he has received only 26 coils of cordage from the *Wilmington* instead of 120.

No. 289. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 30, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 101–102 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of June 15 and 28 [See Nos. 212 & 229]. Repairs may be executed as proposed. Desire dimensions of the timber needed. Cannot make carriages till the size of guns is known. Are the 54 iron and 9 brass guns at Vizagapatam mounted? Send 20,000 Madras Pags. by the *George* which is to pass the monsoon in the Vizagapatam river, and be returned with what cloth is ready. Boards, etc., for sheathing the *George* are sent in case they should be needed. It is 4 years since she was sheathed.

No. 290. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE GEORGE. AUG. 30, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 103 (1).]

Sailing orders for Vizagapatam.

No. 291. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD TO THE COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 84–106 (23).]

Venkatachalam, etc., who left the bounds on Apr. 30 refused to come in though offered a pardon, unless a 'cowle' was sent and

he was met by a Councillor and a Captain. Hubbard succeeded in getting Pedda Chetti, the head of the Right-hand castes, to come in; but Venkatachalam wrote to several inhabitants threatening to kill them and burn their houses if they did not join him. 'There were also several frogs killed and rice, turmeric and chunam mixed together, resembling blood, put into their bellies, and these left at the doors of several at Cuddalore.' On May 11, the Right-hand caste headmen promised to settle the dispute, if Venkatachalam would not come in on receiving a written cowle. On its receipt the latter at once set out, but there arose a disturbance because the Paraiyas insisted on carrying a flag contrary to the stipulation, and all departed again. In the middle of May at Cuddalore some brass-smiths of the Left-hand caste raised a riot by entering a Right-hand caste pandal of one Arunachalam; and the latter's wife was killed. After some difficulties statements were obtained and sent to Benyon for his advice. On May 23 a meeting of the heads of the castes was held at the gardens, with Sadasiva Rao and Sadasiva Rao Reddi as mediators. They decided that there were no grounds for the former quarrel, but that the brass-smiths' rioting should be punished by fine and the murder examined into. The delayed marriages were then completed without disturbance, Capt. Amyand being ordered to seize any rioters; but on June 2 some Paraiyas with clubs entered Cuddalore and made a riot at Irusappa Chetti's pandal. Venkatachalam with the Paraiyas was wandering about, carrying in procession an ass with a turmeric cloth round its neck, saying he would sacrifice the ass, and then kill Irusappa Chetti and his son-in-law, who were much alarmed. As all but the Paraiyas had now come in, peons were sent out at night (in the middle of June) and caught about 70, who were made to give bail. Though Venkatachalam escaped with 20 or 30, things were quiet till, about a month ago, Timma Chetti from Conjeveram joined Venkatachalam, wrote to Hubbard on July 25 complaining that he favoured the Left-hand castes, and urged the washers, painters, etc., to come out and join him. None have gone, but they have collected some country people, and are abusing, beating and robbing our inhabitants whenever they catch them outside the bounds. An ass with a turmeric cloth on its neck has been killed in Cuddalore to oblige the Right-hand castes to leave the place, but they are all quiet.

Appended are:—(1) translation of a cadjan letter to Muttarasa Pillai of May 8. threatening to kill him like an ass unless he joins; (2) letter from the heads of the Right-hand castes of May

11, promising to bring Venkatachalam within the bounds or settle the dispute; (3) letter of Timmappa Chetti (received July 25) complaining of the Deputy Governor's partiality for the Left-hand castes; (4) Deputy Governor's reply of July 26, stating that he favours neither side, but those who trouble the Company must expect to suffer; (5) statement of Venkatesa and Unni Chetti, merchants of Cuddalore, Aug. 8, regarding their having been robbed by Venkatachalam; (6) statement of Rama, a powderman, Aug. 18, regarding his ill-treatment by Venkatachalam; (7 to 12 and 14 to 16) depositions dated July 17, 1740, of Vaidyalinga (of Cuddalore), Arunachalam (husband), John De Fonsakers (a topaz of the Guard), Serjeant Shawllum of 'Brahminy Gate' Guard, Kichchi, (a Company's peon), Chidambaram, (a brick-maker), Siddha (a goldsmith), Pantulu (a black doctor and Kartan), about the murder of Arunachalam's wife; and (13) examination of five brassmen.

No. 292. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 276–277 (1½).]

Payments received. Robert Heath permitted to remain till the *Colchester* departs as he expects money from Pondichery to pay his debts. Thomas Holmes to be supplied with clothing to the value of 30 Pags. Capt. Maddox manifests his private trade. The *Wilmington* reported capable of a good resistance. Letter to England by the *Wilmington* [No. 293] read and signed. Thomas Shepherd pays 26 Pags. for his passage to England. Advances made.

No. 293. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE WILMINGTON, SEPT. 5, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 320–325, (*I.O. trans.*)]

Cite their last despatch of Feb. 19 [No. 69] by the *Duke of Lorraine*. Shipping news. Ordered ashore 18 soldiers and 20 seamen from the *Prince William* for some time. Each seaman was given 2 Rs. gratuity. Sent to Bengal in Feb. 2,38,919 Rs. and 74,073 oz. bullion, and 12 bales ordinary popinjay cloth. Sent by the *Jenny* 1,60,000 Rs. The *George* brought 10 chests of silver from Bencoolen. There being many bad pagodas about, coined a good many fanams, as the poor people prefer to be paid in that coin. Have trusted no money in the Arcot mint. Coined 80 chests of bullion. Sold 200 candies of lead at Pags. 12–15–15 a candy. The merchants have paid in 12,550 Pags. for broadcloth, but have sold none of it yet,

owing to the troubles; have still 900 bales in warehouse, and so cannot indent for more for 1742. Have written to Bengal to sell the lead, iron and broadcloth by the *Durrington* and *Cæsar*. Expect a shortness in cash; little likely to be offered for bills as the troubles have affected the coral sales and the returns will be made in diamonds if procurable. The projected China voyage of the *Augusta* a great loss to the inhabitants. Received from Bengal 881 bales and 5,480 bags of salt petre which with the tea enabled them to despatch the *Wilmington* and the *Colchester*. No merchant will contract for anything certain. Only 1,400 bales will be ready at Fort St. David by Dec. The French came off with little loss, and recovered by force 10,000 Pags. of theirs stopped at Ulundur. The Maratha invasion and Dost Ali's defeat and death. Safdar Ali agreed to pay them 38 lakhs of rupees. The Marathas removed westwards as soon as 12 lakhs had been paid; and 16 lakhs have been paid since. Madras and Pondichery were full of refugees. Imam Sahib's wife was burnt accidentally and died as she would not permit the French doctors to come near her. Nāsir Jang is encamped at Golconda. Imam Sahib put aboard 2 ships 'the large treasures of a former Nabob' lying at Alambarai and sailed for Masulipatam. He has since been warmly welcomed at Golconda. Safdar Ali gives orders but few obey them. There has been no vent for goods upcountry since Apr. There has been a short revolt of the Rajas about Vizagapatam and Ingeram. War in Bengal. Caste disputes at Cuddalore [Nos. 291]. Only 3 good bastions at Fort St. George. A wall is very necessary from Caldera Point to Charles Point. The Black Town Wall to Caldera Point measuring 310 ft. has been finished, and a wall built from Fishing Point to the Blockhouse with 4 guns mounted on it. Need more men to defend the extensive works. Will discharge the extra peons when the province is settled. Fort St. David has only 73 Europeans. Refused a grant of ground reclaimed from the river by building a wharf, as it may be required to build a wall on. Ordered repairs to the moat at Fort St. David, and at Vizagapatam. Arrival of covenanted servants. Have now only one monthly writer. Commissions to Lieut. Southby and Ensign Von Franken. A debt due from Dr. Gibson to a troublesome country renter ordered to be paid off. Allowed Lieut. Lane 10 Pags. a month. James Flint sent to China; Capt. Coxson and his two mates sent to England. The *Duke of Lorrine's* invoice was added up 5,000 Pags. too much. Sumatra affairs. Have enlisted 20 Arabs and 1 sergeant for Fort Marlborough. 5 Europe ships have arrived at Pondichery

and 3 more expected. It is said that 3 will be kept in India for lack of cargoes. Each ship has brought 100 soldiers and 90 to 100 chests of silver. Tempest Milner has reached Porto Novo in a Lisbon ship and sailed for Bengal.

Supplement:—Shipping news. The *Wilmington's* invoice is 165,346 Pags.; diamonds registered 32, 184 Pags. Bills drawn on the Company for 7,388 Pags.

No. 294 LETTER FROM GHULAM MUHI-UD-DIN, AMILDAR OF PONNERI, PULICAT, ETC. RECD. SEPT. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 52–53 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 28.]

Chandrappa Reddi, Poligar of Chikatikota, has stolen 500 Pags. worth of chayroot and sent it to Madras on Aug. 28 without paying custom. Desires the chayroot may be delivered to the Company's [Sarkar's ?] officers.

No. 295. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 1, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 22–59 (38).]

Have received 10,000 Pags. Forward accounts. Enclose papers relating to the Right and Left-hand caste disturbances at Cuddalore. Desire orders regarding the murder of a Right-hand caste woman. They propose to stop Venkatachalam's outrages by force. [Appended papers as in No. 291.]

No. 296. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 55–59 (4½).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 7, May 14, 24 and June 13, 16 and 30. [Nos. 107, 138, 149, 171, 179, and 197]. Shipping news. Do not doubt that Nasir Jang will re-establish quiet in the Carnatic. Have received no claim for the two hampers of water sent by the *Wilmington*. Walter Hoxton died on July 30 and Thomas Harry, Chief mate, has been appointed Commander. Have sheathed the *Princess Augusta* as well as possible. Now send 2,500 bags of saltpetre, 7 bales brown sannoes, 5 bales brown baftas, rope, twine and gunnies, valued at Rs. 27,427. Have recovered from Capt. Goring Rs. 710 for the shortage of tutenague. Bengal is now quiet under Alivirdi Khan. Enclose a packet for the Company.

No. 297. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 8, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp. 278–287 (10).*]

Accounts read. Cash balance, 61,222 current and 334 Madras Pags. Advances made and payments received. Head money for 19 soldiers granted to the *Heathcote's* Surgeon. Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 1. [No. 295; also 291] and Fort William of Aug. 4 [No. 296]. The *Princess Augusta* to be unladed and reladed for Sumatra. 43 chests of rupees to be sent on the *Heathcote* to Bengal with a copy of the para. of the Company's letter [No. 253] relating to William Belsches who is proceeding thither. Agreed on letter to Bengal of Sept. 11 [No. 303]. The Assaymaster to submit his observations on Hort's remarks on the gold and silver coinage at Fort St. George [No. 256]. Bade Sahib applying both through Coja Petrus and Linga Chetti for 700 candies of lead, agreed to sell at 13 Pags. a candy. The Betel and Tobacco cowle expiring on Sept. 5, Benyon has taken steps to find new renters as the old one had lost considerably for the last 5 years owing to scarcity of tobacco and famines; agreed to grant the farms to Seshachalam Chetti, Mupar Chetti Ayyanna, Vellore Kama Chetti and Subramanya Chetti, at the old rate of 10,000 Pags. a year. Agreed also that Benyon may arrange for the same persons to take the Town brokerage and Measuring duty.

Appended are:—(1) petition from James Irving, Surgeon of the *Heathcote* for headmoney on 19 recruits; (2) the Company's cash account for Aug. 1740.

No. 298. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT PONDICHERY. RECD. SEPT. 9, 1740. [*C.C., Vol. 1, p. 53 (½). Printed copy, p. 28.*]

There is news that Safdar Husain Khan, Killedar of Kalavai, has raised 2,000 horse and 4,000 foot. Hirasat Khan, since his release by the Marathas, has raised forces and is building a 'platform' before Arcot fort. Chunda Sahib has been recalled from his march to Trichinopoly and it is said that he and the Nawab will leave for Arcot on the 7th. Hirasat Khan is said to have been authorised by the Moghal to seize all the jaghirs in the province.

No. 299. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, SPY AT PONDICHERY. RECD. SEPT. 9, 1740. [*C.C., Vol. 1, p. 53. Printed copy, p. 28.*]

'The same as the foregoing.'

No. 300. LETTER FROM SIDNEY FOXALL. SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 291–292 (2).]

In the Madras pagodas there may be a difference of ¼ of a grain due to 'allowing the turn of the scale in favour of the buyer.' Current pagodas vary much; some from the southward are only 50 touch. The rupees may vary by half a grain or a grain, but if the minters were more exact it would be a tedious business (each coin being separately weighed) and the ships would be delayed for Bengal. Has never passed any musters of rupees less than 14½ dwts. better than standard. The Bombay minters can only allow more rupees to the new Mexico dollar by working cheaper than is possible at Madras.

No. 301. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 288–290 *and* 293 (4).]

Agreed to send the Company extracts regarding French shipping by two French ships ready to sail for France. Read and signed letter to Fort William of Sept. 11 [No. 303]. Read Foxall's observations [No. 300] on Hort's remarks [No. 256] regarding the coinage. Agreed to enter John Shaw who came out for Bombay in the gunroom crew; Samuel Greenhaugh to be in the export-warehouse; John Churchey under the Accountant; William Holt, John Smith and Arthur Rider under the Secretary; and Borlace Stacey and Joseph Fowke at Fort St. David. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Sept. 12 [No. 306]. One of the *Heathcote's* cables is reported to have been damaged by mischievous persons as it lay on the beach.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Savage to Henry Hoadley, Commander of the *Royal Guardian*, of Sept. 11, 1740, regarding the detention of John Shaw; (2) letter from Morse and Torriano, of Sept. 11, 1740, regarding the *Heathcote's* cable.

No. 302. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY (VIA FRANCE) SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *p.* 319 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Shipping news. Capt. Walter Hoxton died July 29. The *Somerset* has had to be refitted at Batavia.

No. 303. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 104–106 (3).]

Send by the *Heathcote* 43 chests of rupees and some redwood. Acknowledge letter of Aug. 4 by the *Princess Augusta* with saltpetre, etc. Shipping news. William Belsches sails for Bengal on the

Heathcote. Nasir Jang encourages Safdar Ali Khan, but has not promised him the Nawabship; and money is still due to the Marathas. Desire packing stuff. If not available, will buy it out of private ships. The guns wanted by Bombay are not in store; but will send the canvass by the *Royal Guardian.* The Dec. ships should arrive at Madras by Dec. 15, and have their full crews, for they will get no men at Madras.

No. 304. LETTER TO CAPT. JONATHAN COPE OF THE HEATHCOTE. SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 107 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 305. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 11, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 107 (½).]

Desires account of cost of cloth sent from Fort St. David.

No. 306. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 12, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 108–109 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 19 and Sept. 1 [Nos. 273 & 295]. Have no ships that can hoist guns in; have received no flints from Europe this year. Will send as many soldiers as can be spared. A fine of 500 Pags. is to be levied on the Left-hand caste as a penalty for killing a woman of the Right-hand caste. Consider the Left-hand people the aggressors. Regarding Venkatachalam's robberies, complaint must be made to the havildars of the districts, and then, if nothing is done, the Deputy Governor is at liberty to take his own measures.

No. 307. LETTER FROM ABD-UL NABI KHAN, NAWAB OF CUDDAPAH. RECD. SEPT. 12, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 53 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 29.]

The money deposited by Muhammad Khan, late Amildar of Chidambaram, belongs to the Sarkar and is to be delivered to Muhammad Khan.

No. 308. LETTER FROM MUHAMMAD KHAN, FAUJDAR OF CHIDAMBARAM. RECD. SEPT. 12, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 54–55 (1¾). *Printed copy, p.* 29.]

Mutyalu has not yet paid the money [see No. 49] in spite of Benyon's orders; so the Nawab has written to Benyon, Hubbard and Croke about it. Requests that the money may be paid.

Deserters from the Nawab's court, like Muhammad Khan, are not to be trusted. Mutyalu Nayak and Shamsher Khan (son of Muhammad Khan) threaten to destroy the Chidambaram country. Released some money belonging to Mutyalu, on Hubbard's promise to get the Sarkar's money returned; but it has not been done.

No. 309. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 107–108 (2).]

Read letters from Madras of Sept. 11 and 12 [Nos. 305 & 306]. Resolved to apply for 2 or 3 writers and 3 or 4 barrels of good Europe powder for small arms. The heads of the Left-hand castes are called in and ordered to pay 500 Pags. by the end of Oct.

No. 310. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 15, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 59 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of July 21 [No. 224]. Have had no time to procure goods for Sumatra to be sent by the *Kent*. As no Europe ships have arrived but the *Princess of Wales*, the treasure by the *Jenny* will be very acceptable.

No. 311. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 16, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 294–296 (2⅓).]

Read letter from Bengal of Aug. 15 [No. 310]. Goods for Sumatra to be bought in Madras. Accounts read. Capt. Milne of the *Galatea* to report his sales at Bushire. The *Colchester* to be surveyed. Saltpetre to be sent aboard her as soon as the Capt. desires. Payments received. Report of the Madras merchants on the cost of Salem cloth shows it as dearer than last year's and even than that received this year from Fort St. David. When questioned the merchants say the difference must be due to the greater distance, etc. Resolved to compare the Madras and Fort St. David cloth from Salem as soon as the list of expenses is received.

No. 312. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 15, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 60–61 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 11 and 12 [Nos. 305 & 306]. Enclose statement of cost of cloth sent up this year. Gunnies, rope and twine have been very dear. Need 3 or 4 barrels of good Europe powder for small arms. The fine of 500 Pags. will be levied on the Left-hand caste, but some will have to be 'hardly used' before they will pay it. Will use no force against Venkatachalam till the havildars have been applied to. Have 555 bales on hand.

No. 313. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 61–63 (1½).]

Send 136 bales valued at 9,011 Pags. on the *Richard*. The quality is very good though the quantity is small. Cotton has never been so scarce here. Think the 'gentoo' vessel on which 2 peons were embarked two months ago must have been lost. Anwar-ud-din Khan is not yet returned from Golconda. It is said that one of Nizam-ul-mulk's sons will be given Ellore and Rajahmundry, and that one of Shamat Khān's sons will get Chicacole. Enclose accounts.

No. 314. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 9, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 63 (⅔).]

Sends 240 bales on the *Enterprize* brigantine. Has 13 bales on hand.

No. 315. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 297–303 (6½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 15 [No. 312]; from Vizagapatam of Sept. 4 [No. 313]; and from Ingeram of Sept. 9 [No. 314]. The *Colchester* reported fit for despatch to England. Ordered to be laded etc. Stores to be sent for St. Helena as on the *Wilmington* [See No. 274]. The *Royal Guardian* being nearly ready to sail, agreed on letter to Bombay of Sept. 20 [No. 317]. Capt. Milne of the *Galatea* stating the goods sold at Bushire at 2705 tomans, the ship's owners to pay the 2 % customs at 5 mamudis a Bombay rupee and 313 Bombay rupees per 100 Pags. The account of Salem cloth being received from Fort St. David, quality and prices are compared. The Fort St. George cloth is better but 2½ Pags. the corge dearer. The Madras merchants declare their accounts are true. Resolved to defer the consideration for the present. As the moorees and other fine cloths do not come up to the musters, they are to be sorted.

Appended are:—(1) letter from George Goring and Walter Hooke, dated Sept. 18, 1740, regarding the condition of the *Colchester*; (2) account of sugar, tin, spices, etc., by the *Galatea* sold at Bushire.

No. 316. LETTER FROM CHUNDA SAHIB AT ARCOT. RECD. SEPT. 18, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 55–58 (2½). *Printed copy, pp.* 30–31.]

When preparing to attend a wedding to be celebrated by Dost Ali Khan, heard that he had set out for Cuddapah to oppose the

Marathas, on which the writer marched at once to join him, but, hearing by the way that he and many others had been killed, returned to Trichinopoly to collect his forces to punish the enemy. Meanwhile he heard that Safdar Ali Khan had made peace with the Marathas, and so visited him at Arcot and accompanied him to Gingee, Pondichery and back again to Arcot, where they have just crushed an incipient rebellion. Now his brother (Bade Sahib) has completely conquered Madura, but this has exhausted his warlike stores. As the Marathas are likely to attack Trichinopoly, he requests 100 candies of lead and 100 candies of gunpowder to be sent to Porto Novo. If that is impossible, will send cattle to Madras.

No. 317. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY BY THE ROYAL GUARDIAN. SEPT. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 110–111 (1½).]

When the Marathas were at Arcot, landed out of the *Royal Guardian* 8 chests of fire-arms and 10 barrels of Europe powder. But these have now been shipped again except 14 carbines of a better make kept for the officers. Send 100 bolts of duck. Have desired Bengal to send the guns. Lieut. Lane and Messrs. Hope and Hatton are passengers for Bombay. They were given diet money during their stay and advances are made to the military and 'galleymen.' John Shaw is being kept as gunner's mate.

No. 318. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 21, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 111 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 15. Shipping news.

No. 319. LETTER FROM ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. AUG. 11, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 64–88 (25).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 320. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 23, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 304–307 (3½).]

Read letter from Sumatra of Aug. 11. [No. 319.] Agreed to send thither 20 topasses and the Arabs on the *Princess Augusta*. The *Princess Augusta* to be furnished with stores. The *Carolina* sloop to be sent for repairs to Fort St. David. 20,000 Pags. to be sent thither overland. Accounts read. Bills of exchange signed for 1,165 Pags.

Appended is indent for naval stores for the *Princess Augusta*.

No. 321. LETTER FROM RIDER, CHAMBERS AND BAKER, AT MADEIRA. MAY 19, 1740. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *p.* 219 (1).]

Send by the *Durrington* 100 pipes of wine.

No. 322. LISTS. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44.]

(1) List of ships arrived in 1739, Apr. 4, (p. 78). (2) List of precedence of Commanders, Apr. 4, (p. 84). (3) List of persons permitted to go to Madras and Bengal, Apr. 2, (including Johannes Zacharias Kiernander, Johannes Philippus Fabricius, Daniel Zeglin and Elizabeth Mansell), (p. 86). (4) List of 4 soldiers on board the *Caesar*, Apr. 5, (p. 96).

No. 323. LISTS OF PACKETS. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 201–212 (12).]

Lists of the Company's packets to Madras by the *Royal Guardian*, *Wilmington*, *Heathcote*, *Colchester*, *Durrington* and *Caesar*, sent out in 1740.

No. 324. COPY OF THE COLCHESTER'S CHARTER PARTY. DEC. 12, 1739. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 187–200 (13).]

No. 325. RESPONDENTIA. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 138–140 (2).]

Accounts of money borrowed of the Company by 9 Commanders at respondentia, amounting to £24,500.

No. 326. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE SILVER. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 116–128 (13).]

On the *Wilmington*, Dec. 27, 1739; *Heathcote*, March 17, 1740; *Colchester*, March 3; *Durrington*, March 18; and *Caesar*, Apr. 2; amounting to 20,441 oz.

No. 327. MANIFESTS OF GOODS, ETC., LICENSED ON SHIPS. [*Pub. Desp. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 98–115 (15½).]

On the *Wilmington*, Jan. 1; *Heathcote*, March 21; *Colchester*, March 21; *Durrington*, March 21; and *Caesar*, Apr. 5, 1740—including coral (£30,707), marine stores, wine, beer and brandy, tar, red lead, cochineal, glassware, stationery, cutlery, apparel, clocks, books, millinery, gold lace and thread, cheese in lead, 'waters,' marble squares, a harpsichord, a chaise and furniture.

No. 328. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 25, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 308–314 (6½).]

Packet from England by the *Durrington* found to contain only duplicates. Read letter from Madeira of May 19. [No. 321.] The stowage and condition of the wine to be examined. The military and treasure to be landed and the latter examined. The last half-year's salary of the Company's covenanted servants to be paid. Read Capt. Crabb's letter of Sept. 25. Agreed on letter to Bengal of Sept. 25. [No. 329.] The *Durrington's* treasure to be detained, as little money is likely to be tendered for bills. The Warehousekeeper to look out for articles suitable for presents. 3,500 Pags. paid in for fanams sold.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. Richard Crabb of the *Durrington*, dated Sept. 25, 1740, stating that when he sighted Ceylon more than 40 of the crew and 9 soldiers were sick with scurvy, and that it was resolved at a consultation of officers to put in at a port on this Coast for assistance; encloses copy of the consultation and the Surgeon's report, both dated Sept. 16, 1740; and (2) account salary of the Company's servants at Madras for the six months ending Sept. 25, 1740.

No. 329. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 25, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 112 (1).]

The *Durrington* put into Madras yesterday evening as 60 men had scurvy. The Captain proposes to hire 30 lascars and will sail in a few days. Her lading for Bengal.

No. 330. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. SEPT. 3, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 88–96 (7½). *Damaged.*]

Acknowledge letters of June 20, July 2 and 9. [No. 183, 202 & 209.] Shipping news. Urge the need of landing the treasure of the *Royal Guardian*. Desire 8 chests of the treasure to be retained as equivalent for the payment at Madras of Waters' bond of 32,000 Spanish dollars, unless this should involve a charge for demurrage, as making Madras her destined port instead of Bombay. Regret the condition of the Carnatic. 'The whole Mogolistan seems rent asunder . . . through the indolence . . . of the Moors.' Bombay is threatened by Sambaji Angria, but he is more likely to attack Kolaba again. Shipping news.

Enclosed are:—

(1) Letter from Capt. Henry Hoadley of the *Royal Guardian* at Fort St. George to Stephen Law etc., at Bombay, dated July 9, 1740.—

Would have landed the *Royal Guardian's* treasure for safe custody, but the Madras Council would not give an indemnification in case of any accident in landing etc. Is not authorized to give up any advantages that might arise to his owners by landing any of the ship's cargo at Madras; but is sure they will not be unreasonable.

(2) Letter from Stephen Law etc., at Bombay to Capt. Henry Hoadley at Fort St. George, dated Sept. 3, 1740.

Consider the Madras Council authorized to give the indemnification desired, and, providing no claim for demurrage is involved, desire that a portion of the treasure may be delivered Madras.

No. 331. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 29, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 315–319 (4⅔).]

Read letter from Bombay of Sept. 3 [No. 330]. 5 time-expired soldiers discharged. Accounts read. The *Durrington's* treasure reported correct and her Madeira wine in good condition. Redwood to be sent on board as soon as her wine is landed. Henry Powney, recently come from Fort St. David, appointed Translator. Payments received. The garrison consisting of 480 men and officers, to be divided into three companies of 160 men each; Lieut. Southby to command the new company.

Appended are:—(1) report on the *Durrington's* Madeira; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1740.

No. 332. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 30, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 320–323 (4).]

Head money on 16 soldiers granted to the Surgeon of the *Durrington*. Accounts read. Stores to be supplied to the *Carolina* sloop; her crew to receive a month's wages and all her lascars to be discharged, one European and 10 lascars being sent aboard from the gunroom crew to be returned overland from Fort St. David. Medicines etc., to be sent thither. Payments received. 2 extra peons allowed the Rental-general as coins are so bad that every pagoda received has to be carried to the shroffs. The Secretary pays in the 2% customs on the *Galatea's* sales at Bushire. 35 Pags. paid to the Nawab for kanungo duty. The *Durrington's* Madeira to be sold at outcry.

Appended are:—(1) petition from John Galbraith, Surgeon of the *Durrington*, for head money on 16 soldiers; and (2) indent for stores for and bill of wages due to the crew of the *Carolina* sloop.

No. 333. PETITION FROM 'WORRIAPA' TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 114-115 (1).]

Has served as Brahman or Translator of Marathi and 'Gentue' for about 50 years. Feeling his age, he has trained Venkataranga, his son, in Marathi, Gentue, Malabar and Persian. Prays, therefore, for increase of pay, especially as he gets so much less than the 'Madras Braminy.'

No. 334. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 109–114 (5¾).]

Accounts read. 10 candies, 14 maunds of wax bought for 645 Pags. for wax-cloth. 50 garse of rice to be bought for which 3,000 Pags. are advanced. Other advances made. Cash balance, 994 Pags. Read petition [No. 333] from 'Worriapa,' a Maratha Brahman. Resolved that he could not have translated the country letters of late without his son's assistance and that his pay be raised from 3½ to 5 Pags. monthly.

Appended is the account salary of the covenanted servants for the six months ending Sept. 1740.

No. 335. LETTER FROM SETU RAO NARSING RAO AT ARCOT. RECD. OCT. 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 58 (¼) *Printed copy, p.* 31.]

Desires payment of 35 Pags. as kanungo duty.

No. 336. LETTER FROM RAVINUTALA ADIYAPPA, VAKIL AT ARCOT. SEPT. 27. RECD. OCT. 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 58–61 (3). *Printed copy, pp.* 31–32.]

On Sept. 20, the Nawab received a *saropa* with a farman conferring on him the title of Saadat-ullah Khan. On the 21st, Chunda Sahib went to Vellore to pray for the deceased Nawab, and will depart thence for Trichinopoly; but has not yet paid for the goods he received of the French. Dumas writes often and receives news thrice a week. Sama Rao (who sends news to the French as well as the English) was recently ordered by Dumas to procure a large tiger's skin. On the 24th, the Nawab received a parwana from Nasir Jang ordering him to grant as a jaghir to Imam Sahib villages producing a lakh of rupees per annum. The Maratha vakils are pressing for payment, and the Nawab has ordered 50,000 to be paid at Tirupati and promises 50,000 more. Of this 20,000 Rs. will be distributed in charity at Tirupati. The Marathas have come to terms with the Mysoreans and will march on Trichinopoly.

Chunda Sahib went to Vellore to settle the dispute between the brothers Raza Ali Khan and Murtaza Ali Khan. The former has been given a jaghir and the latter put in possession of the fort. A wall is being built round Arcot. Imam Sahib's jaghir consists of part of Tahir Khan's jaghir, Santi Das's jaghir, Karungulipalaiyam, Musaravakkam, and Panamalai. The forts of Gurramkonda and Tiagar have been given to his son.

No. 337. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. OCT. 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 61. *Printed copy, p.* 32.]

'The same as the foregoing.'

No. 338. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 96 (½).]

Forward accounts. Ulagappa Chetti has offered to take the Weighing and Measuring farm for the old rent for one year only. Have 628 bales on hand.

No. 339. CONSULTATION. OCT. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 324–331 (8).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 30 [No. 338]. Agreed on answer of Oct. 4. [No. 340.] Read letter from Capt. Crabb of the *Durrington*, asking for 15 of the gunroom lascars as he cannot get enough in town for hire; agreed to do so. Read letter from Capt. Micklefield of the *Colchester* offering to take in additional bales at half-freight; ordered accordingly. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. A shortage of 1 candy 22 lb. reported on the lead from Sumatra. Agreed that the Arabs for Sumatra may take their wives with them, and that they and the topasses be advanced two months' pay. Cash balance, 60,571 current and 347 Madras Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. Richard Crabb of the *Durrington*, dated Oct. 4, 1740, as above; (2) letter from Capt. Richard Micklefield of the *Colchester*, dated Oct. 4, 1740, as above; and (3) cash account for Sept. 1740.

No. 340. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 113 (1).]

Send stores by the *Carolina* sloop which is to be carried into the river and repaired. Send on her Borlace Stacey, writer; and will send another, Joseph Fowke. Will send money when the waters have fallen. The European and 9 lascars of the gunroom on board the sloop must be returned overland.

No. 341. LETTER TO CAPT. HENRY HARRIS OF THE CAROLINA SLOOP. OCT. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 114 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David.

No. 342. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 4, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 114 (½).]

Will send 20,000 Pags. overland tomorrow.

No. 343. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 5, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 115 (½).]

Send 20,000 Pags. with 30 peons. The Weighing and Measuring farm may be let on the terms proposed [See No. 338].

No. 344. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 13, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 97 (¾).]

Imam Sahib is said to be appointed Nawab of Rajahmundry and Masulipatam; but many rumours have been current since Anwar-ud-din's departure.

No. 345. CONSULTATION. OCT. 6, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 332–333 (1).]

Read letter from Ingeram of Sept. 13 [No. 344]. Draft of letter to England by the *Colchester* [No. 356] approved, and letters to Bengal and Sumatra signed, dated 7th [Nos. 348 & 350]. Signed bills on the Company for 370 Pags. in return for coral.

No. 346. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. RECD. OCT. 6, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 61–63 (1½). *Printed copy, pp.* 32–33.]

Compliments. Sends a *saropa* and parwana from Nasir Jang. The writer's cordial welcome at Hyderabad. Has now received the command of 2,000 horse, a flag and nagara; and a jaghir producing 50,000 Rs. year. Is grateful for Benyon's care of his daughter.

No. 347. LETTER FROM PUSAPATI VIJAYARAM RAZ, RAJA OF VIJAYANAGARAM. RECD. OCT. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 63 (⅔). *Printed copy, p.* 33.]

Desires (as was formerly done) to correspond with the Governor through the Chief of Vizagapatam. Has always helped the English at Vizagapatam and Ingeram. Has ordered Kasi Chetti Adiyappa to communicate 'some business' to Benyon.

No. 348. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 115–117 (1¾).]

Despatch the *Durrington* with 50 tons of redwood. Have lent Capt. Crabb some of the gunroom lascars. Forward a packet from the Company. Regret the indent for goods for Sumatra was received too late. Have procured opium here which will be sent thither by the *George* along with any stores that may be sent from Bengal.

P.S.—As Capt. Crabb has got all the lascars he wanted, no gunroom lascars are sent. The redwood must be weighed before delivery as there is a discrepancy between the Conicopoly's account and the Mate's receipt.

Appended is a list of the packet.

No. 349. LETTER TO CAPT. RICHARD CRABB OF THE DURRINGTON. OCT. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 117 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 350. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. OCT. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 118–123 (6).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 351. LETTER TO CAPT. GEORGE GORING OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. OCT. 7, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 124 (½).]

Sailing orders for Sumatra.

No. 352. CONSULTATION. OCT. 10, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 334–335 (2).]

Signed bills on the Company for 2,780 Pags. in return for coral. Capt. Micklefield manifests his homeward adventure at 5,845 Pags. The *Colchester's* crew, guns, etc., to be examined. Daniel Coxson not to be sent home till the next shipping; but Robert Heath to sail on the *Colchester* as a charterparty passenger. Advances made. 2 chests of silver to be coined into fanams. 50 pipes of Madeira sold at 51¾ Pags. per pipe; the sale of the rest put off 'till the town is fuller of people'; meanwhile it may be issued at 55 Pags.

No. 353. CONSULTATION. OCT. 11, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 336 (1).]

The *Colchester* reported capable of a good defence. Letter to England [No. 356] is signed and delivered with his despatch etc. (dated tomorrow) to the Captain.

No. 354. LETTER FROM SAFDAR ALI KHAN, AT ARCOT. RECD. OCT. 11, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 63 (¼), *Printed copy, p.* 33.]

Desires the jewels and money stolen from Alaf Khan at Madras, to be restored by the 'watchmen.'

No. 355. LETTER FROM HUSAIN KHAN TAHIR, FAUJDAR OF VALIKONDAPURAM AND RANJANGUDI, AT ARCOT. RECD. OCT. 11, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 63–64 (⅓). *Printed copy, pp.* 33–34.]

To the same effect.

No. 356. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE COLCHESTER. OCT. 12, 1740. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 326–330 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Cite despatch of Sept. 5 [No. 293]. Shipping news. Angria preparing to attack the Siddir or to reduce Kolaba. Purchase of 4,000 bales of coffee at Mocha at under 70$. Cannot account for the reported damage of Coast goods. The Captains say that inner pieces were damaged while outer ones were uninjured. The bales on being sent on board are covered with tarpaulins, and the washers are directed to use good water. The tea brought by the *Godolphin* calculated according to charterparty amounts to 480 tons. Her gold was expected to fall short in the touch. No ship has arrived this year from Macao. Sent 3,28,000 Rs. to Bengal on the *Heathcote*. Desire to know whether the Company's estate must be risked only upon their own ships. Will dispose of the iron; the Danes sold 100 tons at 9 Pags. a candy. Issued the broadcloth of 1737 to the merchants at 3% less, as it was invoiced higher than usual. The musters are much better than the pieces. In future broadcloth will be issued for cash only. Had only 7,000 Pags. in cash when bills were granted to Pitt on the Company. 700 candies of lead sold to Linga Chetti at 13 Pags. a candy. Received from Sumatra 114 candies, 10 mds. and 11 lb. lead. On account of the Maratha troubles the merchants take but little money from the

French, and send none as far south as Salem. Fear it will be long before prices fall again, especially if the French do any business. 4,000 bales said to have been shipped to Batavia. 'Merchants to change places and alter orders every month' [?]. 'Different hands interfere too much with one another. Pride, envy, malice and revenge are prevalent among the merchants.' The merchants lost by the fine and middling cloths supplied. The quantity depends on the amount of fine thread imported, which never equals the demand. Most cloth is brought in in Dec. and Jan. Vizagapatam and Ingeram clot his improved. Andiyappa may agree to supply the Company, but will not forego supplying others as well. It would be dangerous to grant merchants at Fort St. David caste privileges. Before the new charter, Company's merchants were exempted from the ordinary courts of justice; this protection might induce the richest men to engage in the Company's service. Will send indigo for trial. Pegu involved in war. Coja Simone will press the saltpetre affair. Imam Sahib was received graciously by Nasir Jang at Golconda. The French and Tanjoreans have quarrelled about Karikal; believe Dumas is sorry he ever undertook it; the French are preparing a force for the Malabar Coast. Cannot get information from Pondichery, having no allowance for secret service, and have nothing like the Popish Church at Madras which serves as a channel for intelligence. Have received at Madras 345 Pags. for duties on the *Galatea's* goods sold at Bushire. Duties there are only 1% as against 8 at Gombroon. Few goods of value are sold at outcry. If the present system were abolished, bad men at the head of affairs would be able to buy bargains. The hot sun and heavy rains affect buildings much. William Belches has gone to Bengal. Henry Powney is Translator. Have formed a third company under the command of Lieut. Southby. Desire orders regarding Captains who borrow money and die. Hope 7s. 8d. a pagoda will be allowed to the deceased servants. Doubt whether certificates will be deemed a sufficient acquittance. Fear inconveniences for want of directions as to intestates. Have sent to Sumatra on the *Augusta* some topasses and Arabs. Expect the Tobacco farm to sell at the usual rate. Robert Heath, a mate of the *Nancy*, sent to England. The Marathas are encamped near Seringapatam; believe they intend to march on Trichinopoly and Tanjore unless Chunda Sahib satisfies them with a present. They are reported to have sent 18 lakhs of rupees and 45 elephants to Nasir Jang. Have sold 50 pipes of Madeira at Pags. 51–32–60 a pipe. The ship's invoice amounts to 143,467 Pags.; to

St. Helena 163 Pags.; diamonds, etc., registered, 38,259 Pags.; Capt. Mickelfield's private trade 5,845 Pags.; cash balance, 29,722 Pags.; bills drawn on the Company, 4,316 Pags.

No. 357. LETTER TO THE KING OF THE MALDIVES. OCT. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 64 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 34.]

The *Richard* (Capt. Northleigh) is sailing for the Maldives for trade. Desires the necessary assistance. Sends a present—kincob, a golden turband, a sash, a fine shawl, beteellas and rosewater.

No. 358. LETTER TO THE KING OF THE MALDIVES. OCT. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, p. 65 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 34.]

To the same effect regarding the ship *Narcissus* (Capt. Maul). The present—a golden jamawar, superfine scarlet, a shawl, sash, turband, beteellas and rosewater.

No. 359. LETTER TO NACODA MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM TAKURFAIM AT THE MALDIVES. OCT. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 65–66 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 35.]

Desires him to write by every opportunity. Is sending the *Richard* and the *Narcissus* with presents for the King. Requests his good offices. Sends a present.

No. 360. LETTER TO NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. OCT. 14, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 66 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 35.]

Regarding the theft from Alaf Khan near Triplicane [No. 354]. As the Poligars of Madras and Triplicane cannot find the thieves, the Poligar of Triplicane has been imprisoned.

No. 361. LETTER TO HUSAIN KHAN TAHIR AT ARCOT. OCT. 14, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 66 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 35.]

To the same effect with additional compliments.

No. 362. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 116–117 (1).]

Read letters from Madras of Oct. 4 and 5 [Nos. 340, 342 & 343]. Borlace Stacey to work under the Warehousekeeper and Accountant. The cowle for the Measuring and Weighing duty signed for one year at 200 Pags.

No. 363. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 16, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 124–126 (2½).]

The Directors have ordered annual statements to be sent them showing the quantity and value of cloth contracted for, the advances and the quality and value of cloth brought in; and complain that Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth costs the same as Salem, but sells for 2s. a piece less. As there are only two Company's merchants at Fort St. David, Directors suggest that merchants might be attracted by caste privileges; and that indigo might be cultivated there. The Madras Council suspect caste privileges would only breed disputes. Desire a candy of three or four sorts of indigo to be purchased. Desire details of the cost, brokerage, etc., on the Fort St. David merchants' Salem cloth, as there is a dispute with the Madras merchants. Borlace Stacey arrived on Aug. 18 by the *Colchester*. Henry Powney has been allowed to remain at Madras.

No. 364. CONSULTATION. OCT. 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 337–341 (4½).]

Having communicated to Fort St. David paras. 25 and 31 of the Company's despatch of the 21st March, in letter of Oct. 16 [No. 363], agreed to order Vizagapatam and other northern settlements to send their reports on the investment in time to be sent to England by the Jan. ships. Passed letters to the northern settlements [Nos. 366 to 368] about sending their cloths to Madras; and agreed on letters to Bengal and Bombay [Nos. 365 & 374]. The provisions laid in May last to be delivered to the military. Contract for 2,000 candies of redwood at 2¼ Pags. per candy.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr., May and June at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam.

No. 365. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 18, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 127 (1).]

Shipping news.

No. 366. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. 18, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 128–130 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 4 [No. 313] and 136 bales. Directors complain [No. 253] that the Vizagapatam investment of

1738 was too small to pay the cost of a single factor. It is still very small and the cloth dearer than in the south. Arrangements for bringing up the Dec. cloth. Send a packet for Fort William. Require a statement of cloth contracted for and received.

No. 367. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. OCT. [18], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 130 (½).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 7 and Sept. 9 and 13 [Nos. 287, 314 & 344] and 240 bales. Arrangements for sending up the Dec. bales. Require a statement of cloth contracted for and received.

No. 368. LETTER TO JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 18, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 131 (1).]

As no bales were sent in Sept., a considerable number is expected in Dec. Arrangements for sending them up by a vessel of Goddard's or otherwise. Require an annual statement of cloth contracted for and received.

No. 369. LETTER FROM SHAIKH ABU BAKR (NACODA OF THE MALACCA SHIP) AT VIZAGAPATAM. RECD. OCT. 19, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 67 (⅔). *Printed copy, pp.* 35–36.]

His ship laden with sugar and sugarcandy from Malacca and destined for Madras has been driven by storms and currents to Vizagapatam. Simpson (the Chief) has made him some small advances, but the writer desires 600 or 700 Rs. to enable him to sail for Madras.

No. 370. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 14, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 97–98 (1).]

Acknowledge letter from Madras of Oct. 4 [No. 342] and the medicines, etc., by the *Carolina* sloop. Borlace Stacey is put under the Accountant. The *Carolina* grounded on the north side of the Cuddalore bar as they tried to bring her in on the last day of the spring tides; but hope to get her safely in at the full moon, especially as the rains will deepen the bar. Have paid the merchants 12,000 out of 20,000 Pags. received from Madras. Desire a further supply before the monsoon sets in.

No. 371. CONSULTATION. OCT. 20, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 342–343 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 14 [No. 370]. Agreed to send 20,000 Pags. thither overland, and to enquire [No. 375] why

the *Carolina* was so long in getting there. Tambi Chetti, etc., pay in a balance of 5,400 Pags. due last Apr. alleging the troubles as their excuse. Agreed to sell 10 chests of silver as the cash balance has fallen to about 10,000 Pags., 3,000 of which are in fanams.

No. 372. LETTER FROM AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOME. RECD. OCT. 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 67–68 (1½). *Printed copy, p.* 36.]

A year ago the Left-hand castes deserted St. Thomé and they cannot be induced to come back, though they have been promised 2 flags and allowed to pass by a particular alley and the privilege of a flag has been taken from the Right-hand castes. They now demand a tom-tom which cannot be granted. They are being supplied with money by some rich people at Madras, though they have lately given a penalty bond for 12,000 Pags. The bazaars are closed; jewels cannot be made for Imam Sahib's family; and the mint is stopped. Requests Benyon to send in at least the 'ironsmiths, goldsmiths and carpenters.'

No. 373. LETTER TO PUSAPATI VIJAYARAM RAZ, RAJA OF VIJIANAGARAM. OCT. 20, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 68–69 (¾). *Printed copy, pp.* 36–37.]

Compliments. Will assist any of the Raja's ships that come to Madras.

No. 374. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. OCT. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 132–133 (1⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 3 [No. 330]. Have debited Bombay with 22,020 Pags. for 28,368 oz. of dollar silver paid to Craddock, and credited 39,575 Rs. being the cost of the *Princess Augusta*. Shipping news. The Marathas are encamped about Trichinopoly, but no hostilities have yet been committed. A treaty is said to be likely.

No. 375. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 133–134 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 14 [No. 370]. The *Carolina* sloop which left Madras on Oct. 5, should have reached Fort St. David next morning. Desire to learn the reason for the delay. She may be carried into the Porto Novo river if more convenient. Will send

20,000 Pags. tomorrow. The Fort St. David merchants must take care how they send money about the country. Joseph Fowke, writer, leaves for Fort St. David tomorrow.

No. 376. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 21, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 134 (⅓).]

Sends 20,000 Pags. by 40 peons.

No. 377. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 21, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 135 (1).]

Sends 30 Europeans for the garrison. The 2 sergeants in charge are to be returned.

No. 378. LETTER TO AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOMÉ. OCT. 26, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 69 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 37.]

It is not usual to deliver up the people [See No. 372]. However has announced that the refugees must settle with Amin Beg within 10 days, or be expelled the bounds.

No. 379. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 24, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 99–101 (3).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 30 [No. 289]. Have very good carpenters, but need planks. The *George* shall be brought into the river as soon as the wind and rain cease, and the bar is less dangerous. Cotton is excessive dear. Cannot hope for more than 140 bales by Dec. The Nawab's people are ever starting new demands in order to increase the annual present for Uppada, and if refused, hinder the merchants from bringing in cloth. Ask for timbers.

Appended is a list of guns:—53 iron, 7 brass, 1 mortar and 8 cohorns, mounted round the Fort, at the Fort gates, at the Sea-side battery, thence to Capt. Martin's battery, on Capt. Martin's battery, at the Metta gate (7), on the Riverside battery (3), and on the Black Rock (2).

No. 380. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. OCT. 6, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 102 (1).]

Does not expect to procure more than 150 bales by the end of Nov. The merchants complain that they are losing 9 fanams a corge on ordinary cloth and refuse to deliver their short cloth at a

proportionate abatement. Either their profits must be very small or the French must be paying much more. Has received 46 bales since Sept. 9.

No. 381. CONSULTATION. OCT. 27, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 344–349 (5).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Sept. 24 [No. 379] and from Ingeram of Oct. 6 [No. 380]. Timber and plank for Vizagapatam to be bought. Agreed to send broadcloth to Vizagapatam to replace what was lost on the country ship. Accounts read and payments received. The shroffs will not offer more than 10 Pags. for 14⅝$ weight of standard silver with 2 months' credit.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept., 1740.

No. 382. LETTER FROM AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOMÉ. RECD. OCT. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 70 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 37.]

Complimentary.

No. 383. LETTER TO AMIN BEG. OCT. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 70 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 37.]

Desires the redwood driven by the wind to St. Thomé, to be returned by masula boats.

No. 384. PETITION OF NAMASIVAYAN TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC. AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 23, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 126–127 (1).]

Petitioner's father was 'physician' in the Company's service, paid at the rate of 2 Pags. a month, and served the Company 50 years both at Kunimedu and Fort St. David. Petitioner has served 30 years as physician and needs an assistant. Requests his son may be appointed on 1 Pag. a month.

No. 385. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 118–125 (8).]

Read letters from Madras of Oct. 16, 20 and 21 [Nos. 363, 375, 376 & 377]. Agreed to answer as in letter from Fort St. David, dated Oct. 24 [No. 386]. The merchants produce an account of cost and charges of the Salem cloth to be sent to Madras. Read Capt. Harris's explanation of the delay of the *Carolina's* passage. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 24,931 Pags. 86 Pags. (the cost

of recovering the 10,000 Pags. stopped on the way to Salem) to be paid. Joseph Fowke appointed Secretary. Ordered the *Carolina* sloop to be surveyed. An allowance of one pagoda a month is granted to the 'Black doctor's' son [See No. 384], but to be stopped on the reduction of the garrison. Gunnies and rope ordered to be bought. The fine of 500 Pags. imposed on the Left-hand castes not having been paid, 4 of their heads confined till an agreement is reached.

Appended is a letter from Henry Harris, Captain of the *Carolina*, dated Oct. 23, stating that his long passage was due to calms. [*Another copy in Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 109.]

No. 386. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 24, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 103–108 (6).]

Acknowledge letters of Oct. 16 and 20 [Nos. 363 & 375]. Do not know how to prepare the return of cloth, etc. The merchants enter into no particular contract for particular quantities. They proposed at first to supply 3,000 bales, but their conditions were not accepted. Can only enter the cloth brought in, its price and the amount of the advance. The Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth was certainly inferior to the Salem cloth but not enough of the latter could be had. It is now 1¾ Pags. a corge cheaper than Salem cloth. Merchants will only settle at Fort St. David on prospect of greater profits. Believe our merchants make much less by the investment than the French merchants. Will endeavour to provide indigo. Salem longcloth costs to the weavers and brokers 40 Pags., carriage and duties 2 Pags. 29 fns. 40c. On arrival at Fort St. David the cloth is also charged with land customs, brokerage and dasturi. There is only a little more water on the Porto Novo bar than at Fort St. David; and the *Carolina* had therefore best remain at Fort St. David. Enclose explanation regarding *Carolina's* delay [See No. 385]. Have sent peons to meet those sent from Madras with cash. Joseph Fowke has not yet arrived.

No. 387. CONSULTATION. NOV. 1, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 350–357 (7½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 24 [No. 386.] Accounts read. Cash balance, 15,570 current and 347 Madras Pags. Advances made. 10 chests of silver to be sold to Linga Chetti at 14⅝ $. weight of standard silver for 10 Pags. to be paid for half in ready money and half in one month. Advances made. Agreed to

sell 600 bales of broadcloth to the merchants at 30% advance on the invoice to be paid for as issued from the warehouse.

Appended is cash account for Oct. 1740.

No. 388. CONSULTATION. NOV. 3, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 358–360 (2½).]

Reports of the Marathas' return; but Raghoji is said only to be going to the Tiruvannamalai festival with 3,000 horse. However, there is much uncertainty, and many are taking refuge in Madras. Agreed that Tiruviti Seshachalam and Subrahmanya Chetti be given the cowle for Betel and Tobacco, and Gangadharayya, Sambayya and Guruvappa for the Measuring duty and Town brokerage. The Betel and Tobacco farm must have been let for much less, if Seshachalam had not needed Benyon's interest and assistance 'in some affairs in the country.'

No. 389. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. RECD. NOV. 3, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 70 (½). *Printed copy, pp.* 37–38.]

Nasir Jang has granted him the governments of Masulipatam, Nizampatam, Narsapur, etc. Desires the English to assist his Deputies. Has directed the Deputy at Masulipatam to obey Benyon's orders.

No. 390. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 31, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 110–112 (3).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 21 [No. 376] and 20,000 Pags. 28 of the 30 recruits have arrived. Joseph Fowke appointed Secretary. The *Carolina* sloop was brought into the river on Oct. 28. Have ordered a survey of her; but will find it difficult to get her to a suitable berth. Enclose accounts. On July 1, reported [No. 208] arrival of 2 Europe ships at Pondichery; 3 have arrived there since and 3 cargoes have been despatched to Europe. Have 861 bales of cloth on hand.

No. 391. CONSULTATION. NOV. 6, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 360–362 (2⅓).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 31 [No. 390]. Advances made and payments received. New cowles for the farms signed—Betel and Tobacco farm, 10,000 Pags. per annum; Measuring duty 1,000 Pags.; Town brokerage 700 Pags. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Nov. 8 [No. 396].

No. 392. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. NOV. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 71 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 38.]

Masulipatam, Nizampatam and Narsapur, formerly places of great trade, will doubtless become so again under Imam Sahib's government. Was about to have recalled Goddard from Madapollam owing to troubles with the Faujdar, but now will keep him there, and desires that the Faujdar of Narsapur may be ordered to assist him. Also desires Imam Sahib to recommend Simpson at Vizagapatam and Prince at Ingeram to the favour of Anwar-ud-din Khan.

No. 393. LETTER FROM T. EYRE, P. BAKER AND H. HARRIS TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 7, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 129–130 (1).]

The *Carolina* has a leak making 8 inches an hour. She is at present lying in the channel leading to the bar, without enough water to float her at low tide. As she draws 6½ feet of water, she cannot pass over the shoals in the river; but she might be floated over with the help of chelingas placed under timbers rigged out at her gun-ports, so as to make her more buoyant.

No. 394. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 7, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 128–129 (1½).]

Read and approved report on the *Carolina* [No. 393]. Advances made.

No. 395. LETTER FROM JOSEPH FOWKE TO P. BAKER AND H. HARRIS AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 7, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 130 (½).]

The Fort St. David Council approve of their proposals regarding the *Carolina*, but great care must be taken not to strain her.

No. 396. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 8, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 136–137 (2).]

Ackowledge letters of Oct. 24 and 31 [Nos. 386 & 390]. Directions regarding the statement of cloth contracted for, etc. The Fort St. David merchants had 50,000 Pags. in hand when they received another 50,000 Pags.; but as they could not promise 3,000 bales, a less advance would have served. The best ways to encourage merchants are impartial justice and encouragement of trade. Refugees alarmed by the Marathas are coming in daily, but hope the Nawab will accommodate matters.

No. 397. LETTER FROM BADE SAHIB AT COVELONG. RECD. NOV. 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 72 (⅔). *Printed copy, p.* 38.]

Is about to visit the Nawab at his desire. Lately sent his brother Muhammad Abd-ullah to Madras. Believes he is with Haji Hadi. If desired will send information from Arcot.

No. 398. LETTER TO BADE SAHIB AT COVELONG. NOV. 8, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 72–73 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 39.]

Will be glad to receive news from Arcot. His brother will be as safe in Madras as 'in his own house.'

No. 399. LETTER FROM BADE SAHIB AT COVELONG TO COJA PETRUS. RECD. NOV. 9, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 73 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 39.]

His son Miah Sahib has written of Coja Petrus' kindness. Has sent the Nawab's letter of invitation to Haji Hadi to be shown to the writer's sons; on its return will start for Arcot. Will be glad to be of service regarding Fatteh Singh's and Raghoji's letter to Benyon. Sends a letter to be given to the latter.

No. 400. LETTER FROM COJA PETRUS TO BADE SAHIB. NOV. 9, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 73–74 (⅔). *Printed copy, pp.* 39–40.]

Will never deny Miah Sahib anything in his power. The English never ask favours except in a real necessity and at present there is none. Wish only for the mitigation of troubles in the province. It is very necessary to keep the Marathas out of the country for the sake of both it and Madras.

No. 401. LETTER FROM JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 113 (⅔).]

Can supply only 100 bales by the end of Dec. Desires account of cloth sent up in Sept. and Dec. 1739. Has 43 bales of cloth on hand.

No. 402. CONSULTATION. NOV. 10, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 363–364 (1¼).]

Read letter from Madapollam of Oct. 20 [No. 401]. Matthew Empson applies for a piece of land 600 feet square near the Spur Tank, lying too high for cultivation, to make a garden of. Agreed to defer consideration. [See No. 409].

Appended is Empson's petition,

No. 403. LETTER FROM NASIR JANG AT GOLCONDA. RECD. NOV. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 74 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 40.]

Sends a *saropa* on Imam Sahib's good report of the English.

No. 404. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. RECD. NOV. 13, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 74–75 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 40.]

Forwards Nasir Jang's letter and *saropa.* Will shortly send an escort to bring his family up. Desires assistance for them on their way to Masulipatam by Nellore and Sarvepalli. Coja Petrus will communicate 'some business.'

No. 405. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. RECD. NOV. 15, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 75–76 (1¼). *Printed copy, pp.* 40–41.]

Mentions the honours he has received and values the jaghir at a lakh of rupees. Desires a complaisant answer to be written to Nasir Jang's letter. Formerly refused a rich *saropa* and a golden sprig set with precious stones offered by Nizam-ul-mulk; but they have now been given him by Nasir Jang. Nasir Jang is well acquainted with Benyon's character, and the writer will serve the English in any way possible. Sends a present of cloth. Nasir Jang will shortly visit the southern parts, and Nizam-ul-mulk will reach Aurangabad from Delhi in a month.

No. 406. LETTER FROM SAFDAR ALI KHAN AT ARCOT. RECD. NOV. 16, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 76 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 41.]

Singanna, a jeweller of St. Thome, owes 536 Pags. to Sai'd Razwi Khan, but has taken refuge at Madras. Desires the debt to to be recovered or the man to be sent to Arcot.

No. 407. LETTER TO HAJI ABD-UL WAHHAB AT GANJAM. NOV. 16, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 76–77 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 41.]

Returns thanks for the sugarcanes and oranges. Has assisted Muhammad Sadiq in the English affairs. Sends a piece of embossed cloth as a present.

No. 408. LETTER FROM COJA ABD-UL RAHMAN KHAN, FAUJDAR OF MASULIPATAM. AUG. 16, 1740. RECD. NOV. 18, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 77 (½). *Printed copy, pp.* 41–42.]

Has ordered the Deputy at Narsapur to deliver to Joseph Goddard all who are indebted to the Company. Will not interfere with the trade at Madapollam. Offers to procure a cowle for the resettlement of the English factory at Masulipatam.

No. 409. CONSULTATION. NOV. 17, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp.* 364–365 (1⅓).]

Agreed to grant Empson the ground he desires [See No. 402] for 30 years, for a fine of 20 Pags. and annual rent of 1 Pag., with power of renewal for 20 years at the same rent on payment of a second fine of 20 Pags. Payment received. The Governor's palankin to be refitted; and the 'state kettesol and flags' being worn out, new ones to be made.

No. 410. LETTER FROM P. BAKER AND H. HARRIS TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 134 (1).]

Find there is only 4 feet of water over the shoals and so cannot float the *Carolina* over them. Also a new bar has opened south of the one at which she was brought in, and the old bar is almost stopped up. Recommend that she be repaired where she lies.

No. 411. PETITION FROM THE LEFT-HAND CASTES AT CUDDALORE TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. [17], 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 135 (1).]

Have allotted the 500 Pags. fine [No. 306]:—[250 Pags.] to the handicraftsmen; 100 Pags. to the Chettis of Devanampattanam; 50 Pags. to those of Tirupapuliyur; and 100 Pags. to the Chettis in general.

No. 412. PETITION FROM THE LEFT-HAND CASTE PEOPLE TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. [NOV. 17, 1740] [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 136 (1).]

Beg to be excused the fine; none such has ever been levied before; petitioners lost money by the late investment; and the individual members cannot pay their quota.

No. 413. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 131–136 (6).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 8 [No. 396]. Agreed on reply of Nov. 18 [No. 420]. Read report on the *Carolina* [No. 410]; ordered that she be repaired as well as can be managed. As the Left-hand castes at Devanampattanam and Tirupapuliyur will not consent to the division of the fine proposed by the Chettis at Cuddalore [No. 411], resolved the heads of the first two be confined at Manjakuppam as well as the Cuddalore Chettis.

No. 414. LETTER TO CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV [20], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 138 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 24 [No. 379]. Will send timbers and broadcloth etc., when the southerly monsoon sets in. The annual present for Uppada should be treated as a charge upon that investment.

No. 415. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. NOV. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 138 (¼).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 6 [No. 380]. The *George* from Vizagapatam will call for the Dec. bales of cloth.

No. 416. LETTER TO JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. NOV. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 139 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 20 [No. 401]. He should have more than 43 bales in hand. A total investment of 70 will barely pay the cost of the factory and it will have to be closed.

No. 417. LETTER TO NASIR JANG. NOV. 23, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 77–78 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 42.]

Offers thanks for the parwana and the *saropa*. [See No. 403.] Compliments.

No. 418. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB AT GOLCONDA. NOV. 23, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 78–79 (1¼). *Printed copy, p.* 42–43.]

Has received Imām Sāhib's letters [Nos. 404 & 405] and Nasir Jang's *saropa*, and sends an answer. Trusts that there may be no further troubles in the province. Is ready to serve Imam Sahib in all things, and regrets the departure of his family. Rejoices at his confirmation as Faujdar of Masulipatam. Has received presents for himself and his wife.

No. 419. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. OCT. 11, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 113–114 (⅔).]

Have forwarded the packets to Bombay. Shipping news.

No. 420. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 18, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 114–116 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 8 [No. 396]. Will send return of the investment with the annual letter etc., for the Jan. shipping. Completed the merchants' advances to 50,000 Pags. when Irusappa Chetti was taken in; but by the end of the year they will not exceed

30,000 Pags. Much cloth has been brought in, so money is needed. About 20,000 Pags. will complete the year's investment. Believe impartial justice is administered, and trade is free; but the staple exports—bluecloth and paintings for Mocha and Manilla—have fallen off in demand; so there is little hope of attracting new merchants. Have 1,058 bales of cloth on hand.

No. 421. CONSULTATION, NOV. 24, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 366–37[illegible] (3¾).]

Read letters from Surat of Oct. 11 [No. 419] and from Fort St. David of Nov. 18 [No. 420]. Accounts read and payments received. Stores to be issued to the Gunner. Empson's lease signed [See No. 409]. A copy of the 61st para. of the Company's despatch of March 21, 1740, [No. 253] to be sent to the Mayor's Court. No money to be sent to Fort St. David till the roads are free from the Marathas.

Appended are:—(1) indent for stores for the gunroom; and (2) statement of extraordinary expense for Oct. 1740.

No. 422. LETTER FROM ORAGANTI RAMA, SPY AT TIRUVANNAMALAI, ETC. RECD. NOV. 24, 1740. [*C.C., Vol., pp.* 79–80 (1¾). *Printed copy, p.* 43.]

There are no Maratha horse at Tiruvannamalai, but the festival is deserted. No one is allowed to travel westwards for fear he should be a Maratha spy; so returned to Padavedu, where the writer heard that the Marathas were at Kothakota and had sent 'their great flag' to Trichinopoly. Raghoji is resolved to go there, but Fatteh Singh opposes him. Safdar Ali Khan's harkars are refusing to go out for news, as poligars have killed some of them. Safdar Ali has revoked Santi Das's jaghir for informing the Marathas of the Nawab's weakness. Sānti Das is said to be concealed in the Maratha vakil's house. Muhammad Khan, the new Fauidar of Chidambaram, is at Arcot on his way thither. Chunda Sahib is said to have ordered Koyaji Kattigai to attack Tanjore. Morari Rao Ghorpade has plundered Ambur and Vaniyambadi, and Nasir Jang is going to Aurangabad, and Imam Sahib has left Golconda for Masulipatam. Paum Venkatapati of Madras is very intimate with the Maratha vakils.

No. 423. LETTER FROM BANGARU YACHAMA NAYAK (SON OF KUMAR YACHAMA NAYAK), AT VENKATAGIRI. RECD. NOV. 27, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 81 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 44.]

His father was taken prisoner by the Marathas, but will soon be released. Guruvappa, a servant of Tiruviti Balu Chetti

deceased, stole his master's property and has only refunded part. He is now at Madras. Desires him to be sent back.

No. 424. LETTER FROM ORAGANTI RAMA, SPY AT ARCOT RECD. NOV. 29, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 81–82 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 44.]

Three days ago Morari Rao plundered Conjeveram with 1,000 horse and even took the golden cloth of the pagoda. He then marched towards Tiruvattur. The Nawab consulted the Maratha vakils, who said that these people were only 'common robbers.' Thereupon he sent Ghulam Husain Khan with 1,000 horse and 2,000 foot to pursue them.

No. 425. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD NOV. 29, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 82–83 (¼). *Printed copy, p.* 45.]

To the same effect, adding that the Nawab could not hear earlier of the plunder of Conjeveram because the Marathas move so fast, and that Morari Rao's object was to take Nayinar, the Amildar, but he escaped.

No. 426. PETITION OF OMAR NINA MALIN TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. [NOV. 29 (?) 1740.] [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 143–144 (2).]

When the English bought Fort St. David, petitioner's father Makhdum Nina came from Madras, fortified Cuddalore, and was appointed Captain of all the Chouliars and Moor merchants there. Petitioner is now reduced from wealth to poverty and prays for a maintenance.

Appended are copies of:—(1) commission, dated July 21, 1691, from Elihu Yale, etc., to Makhdum Nina, to be Captain of the Moors in Cuddalore and lead them in time of war or trouble, in consideration of his services in fortifying and peopling Cuddalore; (2) ditto from Thomas Pitt, etc., dated Oct. 26, 1699.

No. 427. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 29, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 137–142 (5½).]

Accounts read and advances made. Customs paid in Bengal upon rice imported at Fort St. David may be deducted from the 5 % collected here. General books to Apr. 30, 1740 signed. A statement of revenues to be forwarded to Madras. Payments received. The Arrack farm to be put up to outcry as the late renter

will not take it at the former rent. A petition [No. 426] from Nina Malin, son of Makhdum Nina, formerly Captain of country militia at Cuddalore, to be recommended to Fort St. George. The heads of the Left-hand castes declare that they cannot collect the fine of 500 Pags. Agreed to report this to Madras and to confine the heads for the present. Cash balance 11,016 Pags.

No. 428. CONSULTATION. DEC. 1, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 70, pp.* 372–375 (3½).]

Accounts read. Cash balance, 46,301 current and 347 Madras Pags. 20,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David, 10,000 Pags. at a time, on account of the troubles. Five chests of silver to be sold to Linga Chetti at 14⅝ $ weight per 10 Pags. for payment in one month.

Appended is cash account for Nov. 1740.

No. 429. LETTER FROM ORAGANTI RAMA, SPY AT ARCOT. RECD. DEC. 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 83 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 45.]

Mir Ghulam Husain Khan has captured only one Maratha and reports that Morari Rao is encamped near Kothakota. The Maratha vakils have departed with bills for 1,50,000 Rs., half of which is the ransom of Bangaru Yachama Nayak. It is said that Raghoji Bhonsla and Fatteh Singh have reached Salem on their way from Kaveripatam to Trichinopoly. The Marathas have killed some of the Nawab's harkars, so the rest have returned.

No. 430. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. DEC. 1, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 83. *Printed copy, p.* 45.]

To the same effect.

No. 431. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 1, 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 140 (½).]

Will send 10,000 Pags. to-morrow overland.

No. 432. DIARY. FORT ST. GEORGE. DEC. 2, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *p.* 376. 8 *lines.*]

The Marāthas having plundered towns near Madras, the Councillors (sitting in Quarter Sessions) decide to defer sending money to Fort St. David.

No. 433. LETTER TO SAFDAR ĀLI KHAN AT ARCOT. DEC. 2, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 84 (½). *Printed copy, pp.* 45-46.]

Regarding Singanna's debt [No. 406]. Singanna is willing to submit his case to arbitration. Forwards a copy of Singanna's petition [missing].

No. 434. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. [2 ?] 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *p.* 140 (½).]

The Marathas having again entered the province, the money will not be sent for some days.

No. 435. LETTER FROM HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 1, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 117–121 (4).]

Forward general books, etc. Recommend Omar Nina Malin, son of Makhdum Nina for a pension of 3 Pags. a month. His father was given, commissions by Yale and Pitt as Captain of the 'Chouliars, Moors, etc., at Cuddalore.' The heads of the Left-hand caste refuse to pay the fine of 500 Pags., though they have been confined for a month. If possible would avoid disgracing Company's merchants, the only men of substance. The late Arrack farmer refuses to take the farm again. If much less than 800 Pags. is offered at outcry it had better be kept in the Company's hands. Hear that the Marathas have plundered Manalurpetta, etc., 50 or 60 miles off, and are threatening Pondichery. Want 30 or 40 barrels of country powder and the guns already asked for. Have 1,151 bales of cloth on hand.

Appended are Omar Nina Malin's petition and two commissions. [*Vide F.S.D. Cons. of Nov.* 29, 1740 (*No.* 426).]

No. 436. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 9, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 121–122 (1).]

The *George's* sheathing good, but her upper works need repair. She will be ready to go into the river by the next full-moon. The price of cotton grows still dearer, and thread is at 2½ seer per rupee of 19 dubbs. The Dutch at Bimlipatam are suffering equally. Have only 44 bales in hand and can get no cloth but from Uppada. Have 32,000 Rs. which are useless except for paying 'our kistee.' Propose to send 24,000 to Madras or Bengal. Enclose accounts.

No. 437. CONSULTATION. DEC. 4, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 376–382 (6½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Dec. 1 [No. 435] and from Vizagapatam of Nov. 9 [No. 436]. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Dec. 11 (?) [No. 442]. Burton and Morse to compare and report on the accounts of the cost of Salem cloth as returned by the Madras and Fort St. David merchants respectively. On account of the Maratha troubles all the military to be on duty and to receive the usual allowance of arrack. Provisions to be laid in.

Appended is an account of the cost and charges of calicoes, longcloth, etc., brought into Madras.

No. 438. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT MASULIPATAM. RECD. DEC. 7, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 84–85 (¾). *Printed copy, p.* 46.]

Proposes to appoint the English 'gomastah at Madapollam', Deputy at Narsapur. Desires the English factory at Masulipatam to be resettled. Desires Benyon to direct the English Resident to take up the management of Narsapūr.

No. 439. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. NOV. 20, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 122–123 (1¼).]

Acknowledges letter of Oct. 18 [No. 367]. The bales ready will be sent by the *George*. It is now said that Anwar-ud-din Khan is continued Nawab of Rajahmundry. Imām Sāhib is appointed Faujdar of Masulipatam. Enclose general books, etc. Has 114 bales of cloth on hand.

No. 440. CONSULTATION. DEC. 9, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 383–384 (2).]

Read letter from Ingeram of Nov. 20 [No. 439]. New carpets to be bought for the Consultation room; a new state horse to be bought; and the Company's servants' lodgings to be re-painted The wall from Charles Point to the cloth godowns has not yet been built, as the Marathas were expected to leave the country; but as they are said to be likely to visit the sea-ports, a wall 12 feet high and 2 bricks and a half thick is to be built at a cost of 400 or 500 Pags. Leave to be asked of the Company to fortify that side of the town with a curtain and proper batteries.

No. 441. LETTER TO IMAM SAHIB AT MASULIPATAM. DEC. 10, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 85 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 46.]

Will discuss the Narsapur and Masulipatam matters [See No. 438] when they meet. For the present, let the English at Madapollam be well treated. All the English merchants are proposing to trade at Masulipatam. Is anxious to see him at Madras; it will be hard to induce the writer's wife to part with Imam Sahib's daughter.

No. 442. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. [11 ?], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 141–142 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 18 and Dec. 1 [Nos. 420 & 435]. The statement of the investment. The Marathas have plundered Conjeveram. A pension of 3 Pags. a month may be granted to Omar Nina Malin for his and his father's services. The fine of 500 Pags. [See No. 435] is intended as a punishment and warning, and must be levied on Irusappa Chetti at once. A Company's merchant should not be a 'firebrand.' The Arrack farm may be let out or kept in their own hands. Will send gunpowder and iron guns.

No. 443. LETTER FROM ORAGANTI RAMA, SPY AT ARCOT. RECD. DEC. [15], 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 85–86 (1). *Printed copy, p.* 47.]

Bangaru Yachama Nayak and Mir Asad have been released and have arrived at Arcot. Mir Asad is said to have promised to rejoin Fatteh Singh and Raghoji in 10 days. Chunda Sahib has offered the Marathas 7 lakhs of rupees; but the Mysoreans have offered 50 lakhs if they will kill or imprison Chunda Sahib and restore Hindu rule at Trichinopoly. The Maravar and Tondiman are collecting 5,000 horse and 40,000 foot, and design to make the son of 'Caut Rajah' (of the Trichinopoly family) King. Mir Ghulam Husain in pursuit of Morari Rao plundered the villages that had escaped the Marathas and represented that he had taken the booty from the Marathas' camp. Gives a list of 20 places plundered by Morari Rao.

No. 444. LETTER FROM SAMA RAO, VAKIL AT ARCOT. RECD. DEC. 15, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 86. *Printed copy, p.* 47.]

To the same effect.

No. 445. LETTER FROM AMIN BEG, FAUJDAR OF ST. THOME. RECD. DEC. 15, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 87–88 (1⅓). *Printed copy, pp.* 47–48.]

When his family was returning to Madras from St. Thome after Ramzan, the people of the Betel and Tobacco farmer stopped their hackery and stole some mohurs, 100 Pags., a bag of rupees, fanams and two diamond rings, insulted his wife and whipped his people. Some peons with a box of oranges, etc., for the Governor and Coja Petrus from Imam Sahib were similarly treated. Desires the stolen articles to be restored.

No. 446. DIARY. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 15, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 144.]

Alarm of Marathas from the Tirupapuliyūr guard. The sale of the Arrack farm deferred.

No. 447. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 16, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 145–146 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of Dec. 11 [No. 442]. Answer deferred for a few days. The Maratha horse have been on the bounds and 7,000 (some say 70,000) are between Fort St. David and Tiruvannāmalai; Porto Novo has been plundered; agreed to ask Fort St. George for 3 or 4 barrels of Europe powder at once and a few men, especially gunners.

No. 448. CONSULTATION. DEC. 18, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 385–387 (2½).]

Accounts read. 5,668 Pags. paid in in fanams. Gopal Chetti's father pays in 1,803 Pags. on his son's accounts [See No. 238]. Signed bills of exchange on England favouring Dumas for 10,000 Pags. Advances made. Resolved to present atlasses, sugar, etc., valued at 153 Pags. to the children of Imam Sahib, Faujdar of Masulipatam, as he is much in favour with Nizam-ul-mulk and Nasir Jang.

Appended is a list of the present.

No. 449. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 16, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 124 (1).]

Small parties of Marathas have approached the very edge of our bounds. 7,000 of them are between Fort St. David and Tiruvannamalai. Though Raghoji Bhonsla is reported to be there with 40,000 horse, believe he cannot yet be so far south. Desire gunpowder,

more men and experienced gunners. On Dec. 14 the Marathas plundered Porto Novo, carrying off the Dutch Second and all the other Dutch men and women.

No. 450. CONSULTATION. Dec. 20, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 387–388 (2).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 16 [No. 449]. Accounts read. Sidney Foxall, Mayor, and John Graham, Sheriff, sworn in. The palisade between the block-house near New Point and the sea, having been washed down in Oct., to be repaired; and the gates of the Black Town to be palisaded inside to prevent surprize by treachery within.

No. 451. CONSULTATION [UNSIGNED]. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 20, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 146 (½).]

As in letter to Fort St. George of Dec. 20 [No. 455].

No. 452. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. DEC. 6, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 125–130 (6).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 2, 22, 25, 28, Sept. 11, 21, 25 and Oct. 7 [Nos. 234, 276, 279, 283, 303, 318, 329 and 348]; also treasure and redwood. Have sent 18 guns to Bombay. Have made Capt. Goring pay for tutenague short on the *Princess Augusta*. Ships' movements, etc. Being in want of tonnage for Bengal goods, have left room on the ships for only 1,500 bales instead of 2,000. The *Prince William* and the *Hardwicke* have received a sufficient quantity of saltpetre. Roger Drake empowers Nicholas Morse to receive the chest of treasure received per *Colchester*. Have received the 6 small seals. William Belsches is returning to Fort St. George, there being no Surgeon's vacancy. Send rope, twine and paper, but gunnies are too cumbersome. The refitting of the *Prince William* has delayed her despatch. Will send the goods (except opium) needed for Sumatra. Regret the disturbed condition of the Carnatic. In Bengal Alivirdi Khan is said to have been confirmed, but Murshid Kuli Khan of Cuttack is said to be collecting forces to attack him. Have employed in Bengal the 5 chests of silver for Sumatra on the *Hardwicke*. Forward the packets for Sumatra. Desire all the treasure that can be spared at Fort St. George. Give shipping news. Have laded the *Prince William* with goods, etc., for Europe

worth 4,20,490 Rs. besides saltpetre, rope, etc. Have supplied the ships with all the men that could be got to enter. Will forward the recruits for Madras, but can spare none of their own.

No. 453. LETTER FROM JAMES MILL AT INGELLEE. DEC. 12, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 131 (½).]

Has despatched the *Prince William*. Her draught is 17 feet 8 inches forward and 19 feet aft.

No. 454. CONSULTATION. DEC. 22, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 389–395 (6½).]

Read letters from Fort William of Dec. 6 [No. 452] and James Mill at Ingellee of Dec. 12 [No. 453]. Morse producing a power from Roger Drake, the latter's chest of treasure to be delivered him. The goods and stores on the *Prince William* to be landed. Accounts read. Regarding the Salem cloth, that delivered at Madras is 6% dearer than that sent to Fort St. David. Some reduction should be made before any new contract is arranged, but at present the country is too unsettled. The wall to be built along the river is estimated to cost 457 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Roger Drake at Fort William, dated Nov. 29, 1740, desiring his chest of silver to be delivered to Nicholas Morse; (2) letter from Augustus Burton and Nicholas Morse at Fort St. George, dated Dec. 22, 1740, reporting that 30 fns. a corge is paid at Salem for brokerage on the Madras cloth and that the charges for boat-hire, etc., from Fort St. David appear high; and (3) estimate for building a wall along the river 430 feet long.

No. 455. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 20 [?], 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 131–132 (1½).]

50,000 Marathas under Fatteh Singh and Raghoji Bhonsla are reported to be spread from Chengamma to Valikondapuram, preparing for an expedition either against Trichinopoly or some European settlement. [In Cuddalore and Fort St. David have but 100 men apiece—a mere handful.] Therefore desire as many soldiers, gunners and lascars as can be spared. Have seen no plundering parties since the 17th.

No. 456. CONSULTATION. DEC. 24, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 395–396 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 20 [No. 455]. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Dec. 26 [No. 459]. Accounts read and advances made.

No. 457. LETTER FROM ORAGANTI RAMA, AT ARCOT. RECD. DEC. 26, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *pp.* 88–90 (2). *Printed copy, pp.* 48–49.]

On Dec. 22 Safdar Ali assembled his officers, explained that he was receiving only the revenues of his jaghirs, that he could not pay Moghal, Marathas and the army, and that he should not have been 8 months in arrears with them if Dost Ali had not increased their pay; and finally offered them half their arrears in full. They refused; so he paid them in full, dismissed some, and then set out to attend a marriage at Vellore. Mir Asad will go to the southward. Nizam-ul-mulk has arrived at Burhampur, and Nasir Jang has left Aurangabad owing to his former dispute with his father. The Maratha vakils have returned to Arcot. At the request of the Nawab the Marathas at Ranipet are sending out parties to prevent robberies. The main body of the Maratha army is encamped at Valikondapuram. A small party marching towards Trichinopoly was ambushed and defeated by Sesha Rao, a General of Chunda Sāhib. Maratha spies found in Trichinopoly, were by Chunda Sahib's order shown his artillery, etc., and declared that the Fort was so strong that 100,000 horse could not take it. They were dismissed with presents. The Nawab has ordered Mir Ghulam Husain Khan to fetch his family from Pondichery as the Marathas mean to attack the seaport towns. It is said in the Maratha camp that Madras is the weakest, for the garrison is too small to defend the Black Town, surrounded by gardens, and especially weak on the north.

No. 458. LETTER FROM MUHAMMAD TAQI KHAN AT WANDIWASH. RECD. DEC. 26, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 90 (⅓). *Printed copy, p.* 49.]

Sends a *saropa* and desires a correspondence with Benyon.

No. 459. LETTER TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. [26], 1740. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 24, *pp.* 143–144 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 16 and 20 [Nos. 449 & 455]. The Marathas near Fort St. David must be Siddhoji's horse, and are not

likely to attack unless joined by others. Fatteh Sing and Raghoji Bhonsla are said to be far on their way to Trichinopoly. Will send gunpowder in a few days, but cannot spare men.

No. 460. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 26, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 147 (1).]

Agreed on reply to No. 442. Irusappa Chetti shall be fined; but regret that he should pay the whole, for he has greatly helped the investment. The two Maratha Generals are said to be at Jagadev, but many horse have gone south.

No. 461. CONSULTATION. DEC. 29, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 397–400 (3½).]

Read letters from Fort William of Dec. 10; from Michell at Ingellee of Dec. 17 advising of the stores sent; from Fort St. David of Dec. 26; from the Resident at Syrian of Dec. 11, reporting that the Peguers have attacked the Burmese; and from Madapollam of Dec. 10 [*all missing*]. The *Hardwicke's* stores to be landed. Wares and stores for Fort St. David to be prepared. Accounts read and payments received. The indent for the Import Warehouse for 1742 agreed on. Advances made. The Company's servants who have come of age since last year to sign new covenants.

Appended is statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1740.

No. 462. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 30, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 148–149 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of Dec. 26 [No. 459]. Agreed to reply that gunpowder, guns, etc., are needed; that the *Carolina* cannot get over the bar as there is only 4 feet of water on it; and that in 10 days, 850 or 900 bales will be made up. Though a drain on the garrisons, the out-points must still be manned. This is to be represented to Fort St. George. If they can spare no soldiers, perhaps they can send at least gunners and lascars.

No. 463. CONSULTATION. DEC. 31, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 401–402 (1).]

The *Prince William* to be sent to Fort St. David to fill up and be despatched thence; the *Hardwicke* to be laded here. Ammunition etc., to be sent to Fort St. David on the *Prince William*. Indigo from Fort St. David to be sent to England on the *Prince William*. Gopal Chetti's balance [See No. 238 & 448] is paid off; agreed that his advances to weavers may be received in cloth at Fort St. David, as otherwise his family may be unable to recover them.

No. 464. LETTER FROM SIDDI ABD-UL GHAFUR KHAN, DEPUTY FAUJDAR OF ALAMBARAI. RECD. DEC. 31, 1740. [*C.C., Vol.* 1, *p.* 90 (½). *Printed copy, p.* 49.]

The Great Moghal and Nasir Jang have appointed Siddi Sa'id Khan, Killedar of Alambarai. Has received a mansab of 500 horse, but to keep 200 only in pay. Both honours were granted at the recommendation of Imam Sahib.

No. 465. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 31, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *pp.* 149–152 (4).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance 8,859 Pags. The annual letter, etc., to be prepared.

No. 466. LISTS. FORT ST. GEORGE. DEC. 31, 1740. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 70, *pp.* 403–408 (6).]

(1) List of the Company's servants on the Coromandel Coast.
(2) List of persons at Madras not in the Company's service.

No. 467. LISTS. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 31, 1740. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 12, *p.* 153 (1).]

List of (10) covenanted servants at Fort St. David.



THE CALENDAR OF THE MADRAS RECORDS FOR 1741.

No. 1. DIARY OF MADRAS SHIPPING, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71.]

JAN. 5. a. the *Bon Voyage* from Pegu. 6. a. the *Kent* from Malacca. 7. s. the *Prince William* for Fort St. David. a. the *Triton* brigantine from Malacca. 9. a. the *Speedwell* from Pegu. s. the *Bon Voyage* for Pondichery and the *Venkata Lakshmi* for Kalingapatam. 13. a. the *Coventry* sloop from Pegu. 14. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. a. the *Ceres* from Bengal. 15. a. the *Lancaster* from Bengal. 16. a. the *George* sloop from Bengal. 25. a. the *Sta. Catherina* from Macao. 27. a. the *George* from Ingeram. a. the *Daadoo Elihu* from Masulipatam. 27. a. the *Augusta* from Bengal; and the *Jenny* brigantine from Vizagapatam. 30. s. the *Lancaster* for the Malabar Coast. 31. s. the *Coventry* sloop for Pegu. FEB. 2. s. the *Galatea* for Bengal and the *Ceres* for Persia. 5. s. the *Hardwicke* for Fort St. David. 7. s. the *George* for Fort St. David. a. the *Cæsar* from England. 8. s. the *Kent* for Pegu. a. the *Britannia* from Achin. 13. s. the *Jenny* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 18. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. 22. s. the *Augusta* for China. 23. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. 24. a. the *Ali Madad* from Masulipatam. 26. a. the *Syrian Factory* from Pegu. MARCH 1. a. the *Rebecca* from Madapollam; and the *Nossa Senhora de Concẽcao* from Macao. 2. a. the *Muhammad Murad* from Vizagapatam. 6. s. the *Britannia* for Bengal. 9. a. the *Diana* brigantine from Pondichery. s. the *Rebecca* brigantine for Madapollam. 10. a. the *Venkata Lakshmi* from Kalingapatam. 12. s. the *Diana* for Madapollam. 14. a. the *Jenny* brigantine from Vizagapatam. 15. a. the *Mercury* and the *Daadoo Elihu* from Bengal. 16. a. the *St. Thomas* from Manilla. 22. a. the *Thomas* from Bengal. 25. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Tenasserim. 29. a. the *Ramakrishna Sait* from Manilla. 30. a. the *Naganathan* from Tenasserim. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. APR. 1.

a. the *Princess Louisa* sloop from Bengal; and the *Nossa Senhora de Rozario* from Macao. 2. a. the *Nossa Senhora de Piedade* from Macao and the *Murad's Madad* from Tenasserim; the *Kachchale* from Ceylon; and the *Anne* sloop from Bengal. 4. a. the *Khuda Bakhsh* from Bengal. 5. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. 6. a. the *Calcutta* sloop from Bengal. 8. s. the *Triton* brigantine for Ingeram. 9. a. the *Galatea* and the *Fort St. George* sloop from Bengal. 10. a. the *Ketty* sloop from Bengal. s. the *Venkata Lakshmi* for Vizagapatam. 14. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Bengal. 18. s. the *Thomas* for Bengal. 19. a. the *Radhaballub* pinnace from Bengal. 20. a. the *Revolution* from Pegu. 22. s. the *Princess Louisa* sloop for Bengal. 23. s. the *St. Thomas* and the *Ramakrishna Sait* for Bengal; and the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. 26. s. the *Sta. Catherina* for Macao and the *Ketty* sloop for Bengal. 29. s. the *Calcutta* and the *Fort St. George* sloops for Vizagapatam. 30. a. the *Kent* from Pegu. MAY 1. s. the *Mira Madad* for Nagore, 3. s. the *St. Joseph* for Bengal. 7. s. the *Anne* sloop for Bengal. a. the *Success* from Malabar. 8. a. the *Narcissus* from the Maldives. 10. a. the *George* from Fort St. David. 11. s. the *Radhaballub* pinnace for Bengal. 13. s. the *Khuda Bakhsh* and *Muhammad Bakhsh* for St. Thomé. 14. a. the *Grandison* from Fort St. David. 16. s. the *Daadoo Elihu* for Masulipatam and the *Speedwell* for Pegu. a. the *William and Mary* brigantine from the Maldives. 19. s. the *Success* and the *Galatea* for Bengal. 20. s. the *Grandison* for Bengal. 23. s. the *Endeavour* and the *William and Mary* for Bengal. 26. s. the *Vizagapatam* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 27. a. the *Bon Voyage* from Pondichery; and the *Lancaster* from Surat. 28. a. the *Prince of Wales* from Surat. 31. a. the *Pulteney* and *Fattah Rahmani* from Surat and the *Fort St. George* from Calicut. JUNE 1. a. the *Anne* from Surat. 5. a. the *Halifax* from Bombay and Calicut. s. the *Nossa Senhora de Rozario* for Macao. 10. s. the *Bon Voyage* for Pegu. 12. s. the *Fattah Rahmani* for Bengal. 13. a. the *Nottingham* from the Malabar coast. 19. s. the *Prince of Wales* for Bengal. 20. a. the *Prince of Orange* from England. 25. s. the *Nossa Senhora de Conc̃ecao* for Macao. 26. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. 27. s. the *Anne* for Bengal. 30. s. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* for Bengal. JULY 1. a. the *London* from England. 2. s. the *Lancaster* and the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Bengal. 3. s. the *Prince of Orange* for Bengal; and the *George* for Vizagapatam. 4. s. the *Nossa Senhora de Piedade* for Macao. 6. s. the *Halifax* for Bengal. 14. s. the *London* for Bengal; and the *Lakshman Prasad* for

Tenasserim. 15. a. the *Fortune* from Pondichery. 17. a. the *Penthièvre* from Pondichery. 19. s. the *Kent* for Fort St. David; and the *Fortune* for Bengal. 27. a. the *Benyon* from Jedda; and the *Bon Success* sloop from Johannah. 30. s. the *Tyagaraya Perumal* for Achin; the *Pulteney* and the *Revolution* for Bengal. 31. s. the *Penthièvre* for Pondichery. AUG. 3. s. the *Bon Success* sloop for Bengal. 5. a. the *Kent* from Fort St. David. 6. a. the *Sarum* from Mocha. 13. s. the *Benyon* for Bengal. 14. a. the *Charles* from Pondichery; and the *Ceres* from Basra and Bushire. s. the *Kent* for Achin and Malacca. 15. s. the *Sarum* for Bengal. 19. a. the *Nancy* from Pondichery; and the *Prince of Wales* from Mocha. 20. s. the *Fort. St. George* brigantine for Madapollam; the *Nancy* for Bengal; and the *Robert* sloop for Fort St. David. 21. s. the *Daadoo Elihu* for Bengal. a. the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop from Anjengo. 23. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. s. the *Syrian factory*, the *King William* and the *Beaufort* for Bengal. 25. a. the *Jenny* from Basra; and the *Nabi Bakhsh* from St. Thomé. 30. s. the *Charles* for Bengal; and the *Naganath* and the *Nabi Bakhsh* for Tenasserim. 31. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Sumatra. SEPT. 3. a. the *Fanny* from Basra. 10. s. the *Jenny* and the *Princess Augusta* for Bengal; and the *Mary* brigantine for Fort St. David. 14. a. the *Chandernagore* from Basra. 15. a. the *Wager* from England. 18. s. the *Fanny* for Bengal. 20. s. the *Chandernagore* for Bengal. 24. a. the *Rama* sloop from Fort St. David. 26. a. the *Robert* sloop from Fort St. David. 28. s. the *Cæsar*, the *Prince of Wales* and the *Nottingham* for England; and the *Wager* for Bengal. OCT. 3. a. the *Galatea* from Bengal. 4. s. the *Robert* sloop for Fort St. David. 5. a. the *Triton* brigantine from Yanam; and the *Mercury* from Bengal. 6. a. the *Anne* from Bengal. s. the *Ceres* for Persia and the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop for Anjengo. 9. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Fort St. David. 11. s. the *Galatea* for Bengal. Returned the *Duke of Cumberland* having lost her mast. 16. s. again the *Duke of Cumberland* for Anjengo. 20. s. the *Anne* for Bengal. 24. s. the *Triton* brigantine for Malabar. 25. a. the *Annapurna* from Pondemarka. DEC. 23. a. the *Admiral Vernon* from England. 26. s. the *Annapurna* for Vizagapatam. a. the *Vernon* sloop from Bengal. 28. a. the *Bon Voyage* from Pegu. 29. s. the *Bon Voyage* for Pondichery. 30. a. the *Vizagapatam* from Vizagapatam; the *Essex* brigantine from Ingeram; and the *Neptune* from Vizagapatam.

No. 2. DIARY OF FORT ST. DAVID SHIPPING, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O.trans.*).]

JAN. 9. a. the *Prince William* from Madras. FEB. 8. a. the *Hardwicke* from Madras. 9. s. the *Prince William* and the *Hardwicke* for England. a. the *George* from Madras. 14. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Madras. 23. p. the *Syrian Factory* from Pegu for Madras. 25. a. the *Mary* brigantine from Madras. MARCH 15. p. the *Nossa Senhora de Piedade* from Macao for Madras. MAY 9. s. the *George* for Madras. 18. p. the *Pondichery* from Mahé for Pondichery. 26. p. the *Lancaster* from Surat for Madras. a. the *Pulteney* from Surat. 28. p. the *Heureux* from Surat, and the *St. Benoît* from Mauritius, for Pondichery. p. the *Prince of Wales* from Surat for Madras. 29. a. the *Anne* from Surat. 30. s. the *Pulteney* for Madras. a. the *Halifax* and the *Nottingham* from Bombay. 31. s. the *Anne* for Madras. p. the *Fortune* from Mahé for Pondichery. JUNE 2. s. the *Halifax* for Madras. 4. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. 12. s. the *Nottingham* for Madras. JULY 8. p. the *Triton* from France for Pondichery. 16. s. the *Mary* brigantine for Tranquebar. 17. p. the *Argonaut* from France for Pondichery. 29. p. the *Chauvelin* from France for Pondichery. 31. a. the *Kent* from Madras. AUG. 3. s. the *Kent* for Madras. 4. p. the *Sarum* from Mocha for Madras.

No. 3. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 1, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Advances made.

No. 4. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 30, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 1–2 (1¾).]

Most of the Marathas have moved towards Trichinopoly; but Fatteh Singh is still at Jagadev. Need guns, powder, etc. The garrison is very weak owing to the number of posts to be guarded, but if guards were withdrawn from the bounds, they would be exposed to ravage by the Marathas and even the Poligars. Desire Portuguese gunners if no English can be spared, and lascars as none can be got at Fort St. David. The *Carolina* sloop is aground and there is only 4 feet of water on the Cuddalore bar. Will have 850—900 bales ready in 10 days' time.

No. 5. LETTER FROM RANDALL FOWKE, ACCOUNTANT AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 8–10 (3).]

Report on the receipts and expenses of Fort St. George and its dependencies for the year ending Apr. 30, 1740.—

	Variable revenues.	Expenditure.
	PAGS.	PAGS.
Madras	46,865	40,839
Fort St. David ...	10,274	27,454
Ingeram	...	2,309

No. 6. CONSULTATION. JAN. 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 1–7 (6½).]

Accounts read and advances made. Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 30 [No. 4]. Agreed that as long as the Marathas hover about Fort St. David, the outguards there must be maintained; but when an organised attack is impending, they should be withdrawn and the cannon spiked. Samuel Greenhaugh, Charles Boddam, John Hallyburton, Henry Powney, George Pigot and Alexander Wynch present executed covenants, take the oaths, and nominate securities. Signed 5 bills on the Company for £1,000 and the general books, etc., for England.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for Dec. 1740, balance 347 Madras and 81,440 Current Pags. (2) See No. 5.

No. 7. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 2–3 (½).]

Send accounts. Desire 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams.

No. 8. CONSULTATION. JAN. 6, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 11–17 (6¾).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 1 [No. 7], and from Bengal of Dec. 6, 1740 [No. 452 of 1740], and accounts. 27,000 Pags. and 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams to be sent to Fort St. David on the *Prince William*. Shipping news to be sent home *viâ* Pondichery. The report of the Committee for the Sumatra affairs ordered to lie over. Grant Edward Fowke's request for leave to go to England on the *Prince William* on account of his health. Robert

Matthews, a runaway sailor of the *Durrington*, and Daniel Coxson of the *Nancy* to go to England on the *Hardwicke*. Two chests of silver to be coined into fanams. Cannot send money to Bengal, except by borrowing, which would be difficult at present. Agreed to ask Bengal to send some flints.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Edward Fowke, dated Jan. 6, 1741; and (2) report on Sumatra affairs by Nicholas Morse and George Torriano, dated Jan. 6, 1741.

No. 9. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 8, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Passed the annual letter to Madras of Jan. 8 [No. 11].

No. 10. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 10, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 7, stating that no gunners or lascars can be spared, sending 27,000 Pags. and 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams and advising them to withdraw the out-guards in case the Marathas attack with a large force. Agreed to inform Madras that the *Prince William* will soon be despatched to England. Her Captain to be cautioned against fire, etc.

No. 11. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 8, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 3–13 (10½). *Eaten in parts.*]

Send the yearly papers for England. Though the merchants hoped to provide 3,000 bales of cloth on being advanced 50,000 Pags. they have delivered only 1,675, on account of the Maratha inroads and the detention of money advanced to the Salem merchants. The merchants now owe the Company 28,397 Pags. Salem cloth is ⅝ Pag. per corge dearer than in 1739 and much worse cloth from Chennappanayakanpalaiyam is 1¼ Pags. per corge cheaper. The soot romals are somewhat better in quality and colour. Have been unable to get indigo owing to the troubles. The Weighing and Measuring farm has been relet for 200 Pags. for one year. The Arrack farm was not sold owing to the Maratha scare, but is being managed by Floyer. The customs revenue has increased by 450 Pags. The charges for 1739–1740 rose to 27,454 Pags., the increase due to expenses on the Cuddalore fortifications, etc., and presents to the Nawab's sons. Recommend that the east side of Cuddalore be walled in and that the Mud Point on

the north be remade with brick. At the Fort have completed the new fausse-braye wall opposite the west curtain and part of that opposite the north-west and south-west bastions. Propose to build a second powder magazine near the south-west bastion. Henry Powney went to Madras in Aug. Arrivals of new writers, Thomas Cooke Junior, Borlace Stacey and Joseph Fowke. When the Maratha horse came to the bounds in Dec., entertained topasses, gunners, lascars and 60 coolies. Even with the 30 recruits, have only 53 Europeans in each company. Have raised the peons to 551, but all extra persons will be discharged as soon as the Marathas withdraw. The Marathas under Fatteh Singh and Raghoji Bhonsla have moved towards Trichinopoly, though plundering parties are still on either side of the Coleroon. Sesha Rao, an officer of Chunda Sahib, sallied out of Trichinopoly with 2,000 horse and many peons, but has been driven back. As the Marathas intend to attack the sea-ports, Safdar Ali Khan and others removed their families from Pondichery 2 or 3 days ago. Report arrivals at Pondichery of 2 French ships, one of which is loading for Europe. Regarding the caste quarrel, Dubash Venkatachalam, having tried in vain to incite Chunda Sahib when at Pondichery against this place, has now gone to Trichinopoly.

No. 12. LETTER FROM JONATHAN SMART, [ ] TORNE[R]Y, MICHAEL COLLINGS, JOHAN OVERREE, ANDREW GLEN AND OTHERS AT SYRIAN. DEC. 23, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 14–15 (2).]

On conquering this province, the Pegu king, 'Seminto,' wrote to Smart promising protection to strangers. Smart replied that he and the rest were only merchants, who would obey all lawful authority. To this the King replied as in No. 13. As many aspersions have been cast upon Smart and Torne[r]y, the latter goes on the *Speedwell* to explain matters. Smart will visit the new King in about 10 days. It is hoped that customs for Europeans may be reduced to 5% and liberty secured for exporting country produce without the former exorbitant presents.

No. 13. TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM THE PEGU KING, 'SEMENTHO', TO [JONATHAN] SMART AT SYRIAN. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 15–16 (1).]

As the Burmese were oppressive, the Peguers, etc., had to take up arms and kill all 'the governing Burmars' at Syrian. Desires

Smart to settle the customs rates so as to please all foreigners and to take under his control all the Christians, Moors, Malabars, Chinese, etc. Presents Smart with a Burmese ship at Syrian.

No. 14. STATEMENT OF THE SEA CUSTOMS, ETC., AT MADRAS, JAN.-DEC., 1739 AND 1740. [JAN. 12, 1741.] [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 22–23 (2).]

Sea-customs on goods in 1740 were 27,685 Pags.; on grain 5,119 Pags.; anchorage, 689 Pags.; land-customs, 6,675 Pags.; registration of slaves, 3 Pags. 20 fns. Town conicopoly duty at the Sea gate, 227 Pags. (of which 100 was paid to the Town conicopoly and 50 to the collectors); and at the Choultry 71 Pags.

No. 15. CONSULTATION. JAN. 12, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 18–21 (3½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 8 [No. 11], and from Syrian of Dec. 23 [No. 12], and accounts relating to Sea and Land customs, and to Town conicopoly [No. 14]. The sea-customs on goods for 1740 are less owing to smaller imports of coral and no ship coming from Macao. The duties on grain are diminished because of low prices and the plenty in the country, so that little has been imported by sea. Land customs are increased because of the goods brought in from St. Thomé on account of the Marathas. Signed 13 bills on the Company for £5,693. Passed indent on England for stores for 1742. Two more chests of silver to be coined into fanams. Bengal having taken 5 chests of treasure consigned to Sumatra, the *Hardwicke's* packet is opened and invoice examined.

No. 16. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 12, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Advances made.

No. 17. TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM RAGHOJI BHONSLA TO HUBBARD. NO DATE. RECEIVED AT FORT ST. DAVID JAN. 13, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 21–22 (1). *Edges damaged. Another copy in F.S.D. Cons., Jan.* 14 (*No.* 18).]

On the Marathas' arrival, a letter or two were sent with some horse, but no answer has been made. Appaji Vitthal has since assured him of the Governor's goodwill to the Marathas. The Brahman Raghoba Narayana is sent to settle matters. He must be paid 100 Pags. for his charges.

No. 18. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 14, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Raghoji Bhonsla [No. 17]. The letter being obscure, agreed to send it to Madras for directions how to answer it.

Appended is a translation of the letter.

No. 19. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 16–17 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 7. Gunpowder and treasure by the *Prince William* have been landed.

No. 20. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. DEC. 30, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 17–18 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 18 [No. 365 of 1740]. Alivirdi Khan's agreement with Murad Khan, his confirmation as Subahdar of Bengal, and his advance against the Nawab of Cuttack. This retards business. Are despatching the *Heathcote* and the *Princess of Wales* for England.

No. 21. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. OCT. 21, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 18–19 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 27 [No. 192 of 1740]. Send a packet for Pondichery. Shipping news.

No. 22. CONSULTATION. JAN. 16, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 24–30 (6½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 10 [No. 19], from Fort William of Dec. 30 [No. 20], from Tellicherry of Oct. 21 [No. 21], and from John Hallett, applying for surplus bales at £20-10*s.* per ton freight for the *Hardwicke*. Agreed that they can only be shipped at half-freight. Accounts read. Signed 12 sets of bills on the Company for £2,564. Certificates granted for 107 Pags., being part of Capt. Mickelfield's outward bound adventure. According to the merchants' request, resolved to indent for 100 bales of ordinary red and 100 of green broadcloth to mix with the auroras still unsold.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Hallett, Commander of the *Hardwicke*, dated Jan. 16, as above; (2) reply to the same by John Savage, Secretary, dated Jan. 16, as above; and (3) list of charges extraordinary for Dec. 1740.

No. 23. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 14, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 19–21 (1⅔).]

Forward Raghoji Bhonsla's ambiguous letter [No. 17]. Hope it may not imply a demand for money. Appaji Vitthal, before going to the Maratha camp as vakil from Pondichery promised to send news by our spy at Pondichery. The enclosed is the first letter received from Raghoji, though two months ago letters were received from the Maratha vakils at Arcot. The harkaras say that they have delivered a message for Dumas to the effect that the Marathas expect to receive all the money he has been given by the Muhammadan refugees at Pondichery.

No. 24. CONSULTATION. JAN. 17, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons. Vol.* 71, *pp.* 31–33 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 14 [No. 23]; answer agreed on. Letter from John Hallett asking for surplus bales for the *Hardwicke* on the terms allowed for the Coast and Bay ships; agreed that, as the Coast and Bay freight is £24 per ton while the *Hardwicke's* freight is only £21-10*s.*, surplus bales may be laded at £12 per ton. Mint accounts. Draft despatch by the *Hardwicke* and the *Prince William* approved.

Appended is a letter from John Hallett, Commander of the *Hardwicke*, dated Jan. 17, as above.

No. 25. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 17, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 13, enquiring when the *Prince William* will be ready to sail, and desiring that the Company may be informed of the Maratha movements and of the cargoes sent home by the French. Agreed on a reply [No. 27].

No. 26. DIARY. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 18, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

This morning, 3,000 to 4,000 Marathas entered the bounds south of Cuddalore. Though fired at thence and from the outposts, they plundered Manjakuppam and the Washing Town and wounded many. Agreed to report this to Madras.

No. 27. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. [JAN. 16,] 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 22 (⅔).]

Will load on the *Prince William* 850 bales or more. Will send the Company news about the Marathas, but cannot learn the ladings of the French ships as all letters are opened and read before being sent out of Pondichery.

No. 28. CONSULTATION. JAN. 19, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 34–38 (4¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 16 [No. 27]. Signed bills on the Company for £308 and indents for stores and medicines. Surgeons' complaint to medicines received from England. Certificates granted of Capt. Hallett for 4,800 Pags. on his outward bound adventure. In view of the threatening attitude of the Marathas and the possibility of their acting in concert with the Nawab, discuss the defence of Madras. There is a general uneasiness for its safety. The Europeans complain that the Black Town walls are so beset with houses and gardens that the cannon cannot be used. The officers urge that the ground should be cleared for about 200 yds. and that defences should be erected along the sea-side from the New Point to the Fishery Point with two batteries between. If the Black Town were taken, the White Town could hardly be maintained, as the houses of the former are hardly a street's breadth from the White Town walls. Resolved to act accordingly. Even palankin boys and gardeners are to be used to hasten the demolition. Morse and Torriano appointed to award compensation for houses pulled down; the President, Paymaster and Storekeeper empowered to issue orders of urgent necessity. Agreed to detain the *Hardwicke* and call up the *Prince William* from Fort St. David as their presence will hearten the inhabitants and perhaps ward off any attack.

Appended is a letter from Nathaniel Barlow and Robert Douglas, Surgeons, dated Jan. 19, stating that the drugs supplied by the Apothecary's company and Alexander Johnston are better than those of Silvanus and Timothy Bevan.

No. 29. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 20, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Advances made.

No. 30. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 22, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)].

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 17, dictating the answer to be given to Raghoji Bhonsla, and stating that no vakil need be sent and that they believe the Maratha demands to have been suggested by Appaji Vitthal. Agreed to act accordingly. Owing to gunners' inexperience, the cannonade of the 18th had small effect on the Marathas. Agreed to write for more skilful gunners, 100 barrels of Europe powder, some flints and rice. 20 of the *Prince William's* crew to be landed for the Fort's defence. The Steward to lay in salt provisions in case of a siege. Trees about the Washing Tank and Semmandalam to be cut down. 100 Pags. to be paid for trees cut down about Devanampattanam.

No. 31. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 18, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 23–24 (1¼).]

At 7–30 A.M., some 4,000 Marathas entered the bounds south of Cuddalore; but both there, at Bandipalaiyam and Tirupapuliyur, they were driven off by artillery fire. Having plundered Manjakuppam and the Washing Town, they withdrew to Bahur. They are believed to be part of a detachment sent to Pondichery to demand Appaji Vitthal's father whom the French threatened to execute. The peons at the Points whence cannon had been withdrawn behaved well.

No. 32. CONSULTATION. JAN. 23, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 39–40 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 18 [No. 31] regarding the Marathas. Benyon reports that the Marathas have plundered Sadras but have been repulsed from the Dutch factory, and are now encamped on the [Palar]. Agreed to order ashore 30 men from the *Hardwicke*. The English, Armenians and Portuguese to be armed and drilled; two more Ensigns to be appointed—Sidney Foxall and Cornelius Goodwin. A stock of rice to be laid in. Coxson and Matthews, prisoners, sent on the *Hardwicke* for safe custody.

No. 33. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 23, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 20, ordering the *Prince William* to Madras and directing her packet to be made up. Agreed however to detain her as 5,000 Marathas have already attacked

the out-guards, 7,000 to 8,000 more are expected from the south and there is a strong northwind. Agreed to desire a supply of rice. The muster-roll of the *Prince William*'s men and the report on her military stores, to go in the packet.

No. 34. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 22, 1741: [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 24–25 (1¼).]

Cannot answer Raghoji Bhonsla's letter [No. 17] unless his *harkaras* call on their return from Madras. The gunners being inexperienced, less damage was done to the Marathas than was hoped. Beg for skilled gunners, 100 barrels of country powder, and 12 of Europe powder, flints and rice. On the Maratha approach, landed 20 of the *Prince William*'s crew.

No. 35. CONSULTATION. JAN. 26, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 41–43 (2½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 22 [No. 34]. The gunners at Madras have no experience beyond firing salutes; so there are no practised gunners; no gunpowder can be spared for Fort St. David at present, but 100 garse of paddy at 26¾ Pags. the Madras garse to be shipped. The Captain of the *Hardwicke* reports he is ready to sail. Accounts read. 300 oxen and some hogs are to be procured and part of them salted. Agreed to buy teak timbers and planks from Pegu at 8 and 3 Pags. each, respectively. Signed despatch for the Company *viâ* Malabar and Persia [No. 36]. 30 bolts of canvass issued to make shelters at Points where there is no shelter for the men at present. The men landed from the *Hardwicke* to be supplied with provisions.

No. 36. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY (SENT OVERLAND). FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 26, 1741. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *p.* 330 (*I.O. trans.*).]

On Jan. 16, received a demand from the Marathas for 300,000 Pags. besides tribute for the past 40 years. Have resolved to raise works of defence; are undecided whether to despatch the *Hardwicke* or not. The Marathas are now before Trichinopoly. The 5,000 horse ordered to Pondichery appeared on Jan. 18 before Cuddalore and plundered Tirupapuliyur. They are now encamped on the Sadras (Palar) river, having plundered Sadras.

No. 37. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 19, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 27–30 (3½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 18 [No. 366 of 1740]. Have lost all hopes of the *Venkatesa*. Cotton being very scarce, the investment has been small. The *George* has sailed to Coringa for the Ingeram bales and the *Jenny* will shortly sail with those from Vizagapatam. As soon as Gibson's effects at Vizagapatam and Masulipatam have been sold, Narayana Pothanna's debt shall be paid. Hayatpatnam, 10 miles south of Ganjam, only furnishes rice, stick-lac and iron; the bar never has above 5 feet of water, and merchants are so ill-treated there and at Ganjam that no ships put in there. Salempores which used to be made round Berhampur are now neglected for the same reason. Sitaram Raz of Komali, brother of Vijayaram Raz, died recently. Three or four servants stabbed themselves and were burnt with him. As the Nawab keeps the Uppada and Ingeram countries in his own hands, the present is now given to him instead of to the Raja who first invited our settlement. Send accounts. Enclose indents [appended] for wares and stores.

No. 38. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JAN. 15, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 31–33 (2¼).]

Acknowledges letter of Nov. 20 [No. 415 of 1740]. Sends 130 bales of calicoes by the *George*. The fine cloths have been cured in a new manner. Sends a statement of the investment. Encloses indent [appended] for broadcloth (for presents) and stores.

No. 39. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 23, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 31 (½).]

Send 60 bales by the *Jenny*. Anwar-ud-din Khan is about to instal Vijayaram Raz in the place of his dead nephew Sitaram Raz for which he is expected to pay heavily.

No. 40. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JAN. 13, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 26–27 (½).]

Are sending taffaties by the *Augusta* for Sumatra.

No. 41. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 25–26 (1).]

The *Prince William* cannot be laded before the 27th. Another body of 7,000 or 8,000 Marathas are advancing from the south. So, as the wind is northerly, propose not to despatch her to Madras till further orders. Besides, her gunners are indispensable. Are in great need of a shipload of rice.

No. 42. CONSULTATION. JAN. 27, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 44–45 (2).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 23 [No. 41]. Benyon hears from Arcot that the Marathas' thereabouts belong to Siddhoji not to the main army, that the Nawab has complained of their ravages but is helpless, and that the Maratha Generals are at least conniving at it. Agreed to allow the *Prince William* to remain at Fort St. David. Read letters from Fort William of Jan. 13 [No. 40], from Vizagapatam of Dec. 19 and 23 [Nos. 37 & 39] and from Ingeram of Jan. 15 [No. 38]. Signed bills on the Company for £50. 24 Pags. allowed the Surgeon for dieting Daniel Coxson from Aug. 12 to Jan. 23.

No. 43. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 28, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Capt. Langworth delivers in his manifest of private trade on the *Prince William*. Ordered her packet to be made up to-night. Despatch to England of Jan. 28 [No. 44] approved.

No. 44. DESPATCH FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO THE COMPANY. JAN. 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 40–41 (1½).]

Have shipped on the *Prince William* 864 bales and 3 chests of indigo of different sorts. This year's investment is 1,691 bales in all.

No. 45. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 29, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 27, approving of the detention of the *Prince William*, stating that no gunners or powder can be spared, advising of the despatch of grain, and regretting that so much ammunition has been spent to so little purpose. Agreed on letter to Madras of Jan. 29 [No. 49].

No. 46. CONSULTATION. JAN. 31, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 46–47 (1).]

Capt. Hallett of the *Hardwicke* delivers in the manifest of his private trade. Payments into cash.

No. 47. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM. FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 31, 1741. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 330–335 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Cite despatches of Oct. 12, 1740 [No. 356 of 1740] and Jan. 6, 1741 [?]. The *Prince William* sailed Jan. 7 to Fort St. David with large guns, powder, etc. Chinese insurrection at Batavia. Have sold 15 chests of silver at 14⅝ $ per 10 Pags. Cannot spare money for Bengal. Loss of a brigantine on which 930 Pags. worth of broadcloth was sent to Vizagapatam; on her the inhabitants have lost 50,000 Rs. Merchants have taken out but little of the 1739 broadcloth and have not sold that. Indent for 2,000 candies of lead, bright coloured velvets and small nails (those in store being old and rusty). Investment suffered through the Maratha troubles. Cloth is dearer than last year. Will have 800 bales after the ships are despatched; so hope to send a Sept. ship. Report on the balances due from the several merchants. Attempts to settle merchants at Fort St. David. Send samples of indigo. The country is in the utmost confusion. Last month, the Marathas passed by Arcot, plundered Conjeveram and several other towns in the south. On Dec. 14, they sacked the Dutch factory at Porto Novo. They have marched against Trichinopoly; Chunda Sahib has offered 12 lakhs, but the Marathas insist on its surrender. It is full of artillery which will fall into their hands. They are reported to intend visiting the European settlements and have already demanded 4 lakhs of Dumas and are sending letters to Benyon and Hubbard. Dumas has detained his two Europe ships. Nasir Jang has sent a *saropa* to Benyon. Imam Sahib writes from Masulipatam that either Nizam-ul-mulk or his son Nasir Jang will shortly come to Arcot to settle affairs. Revolution in Pegu. The Burmese conquered it 80 years ago; but the Peguers have now rebelled and killed 8,000 Burmese at Syrian; the new Government have recommended the care of strangers to Smart, the English Resident. There is little trade up-country. The Town is full of goods. One ship will be sent to Manilla, one to China, and one to Bushire this year. Have resolved to build a wall along the back of the Charles street houses fronting the river; that side of the Town should be

enlarged (according to plans now sent) by taking in part of the Island, so as to make it square with the west side of the Black Town. The cost would almost be met by the sale of the ground that would be enclosed. The east of the Black Town is quite exposed. Heaps of grain lying by and higher than the White Town walls have been removed. An able engineer and adequate garrison much needed. Desire that Ankanna's fine may be used to build granaries and a new Town Hall. If the Town is not protected, people will leave it and the revenues dwindle. Revenues, farms, etc. Difficulties regarding John Sanderson *vs.* Benyon's dubash before the Court of Appeals, as Benyon will not sit and Fowke urges that he is Sanderson's father-in-law. Other cases and the taking of oaths by Gentues. Have received 220 bales from the northward. The *Hardwicke's* invoice amounts to 83,045 Pags. and diamonds, etc., registered, 31,612 Pags. Diamonds registered per *Prince William*, 28,753 Pags. Cash balance, 100,126 Star an. 307 Madras Pags. Have drawn bills on the Company for 35,582 Pags. and granted certificates for 4,907 Pags.

No. 48. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans*).]

Read petition and protest from Capt. Langworth, against the detention of the *Prince William* beyond the charterparty time. Agreed to forward his protest to Madras and to inform him that the despatch for England has not yet reached them. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 31,691 Pags. Agreed to raise mud batteries and breast-works north and west of Devanampattanam and east of Cuddalore.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1740.

No. 49. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 29, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 34–35 (1½).]

Have received the paddy. The officers at the out-guards were cautioned against wasting their fire. Believe considerable execution was done against the Marathas in the second action, although Tirupapuliyur was plundered. The Maratha detachment has since joined the main army. The *Prince William* will be detained until further orders.

No. 50. CONSULTATION. FEB. 2, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 48–50 (2½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 29 [No. 49]. Though the raiders have rejoined the Maratha army before Trichinopoly, the Nawab's assurance that the Marathas have promised not to molest the seaports cannot be relied on. The Nawab himself is likely to make demands on the English and if he cannot enforce compliance will probably call in the Marathas to his aid. Private letters also urge how exposed to attack Fort St. David will be if there is no Europe ship there. 50 of the *Hardwicke's* men will be more useful than all the rest of the gunroom crew. Agreed to despatch the *Prince William* for England, but in spite of the *Hardwicke's* having a cargo of about Rs. 7 lakhs, resolved to send her to Fort St. David to be despatched in case the Council there think her retention not absolutely necessary. Agreed to send also the *George* and a country vessel, with rice and 20 lascars, who could only be hired at 2 Pags. a month, and a fanam a day batta.

No. 51. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM. FORT ST. GEORGE. FEB. 4, 1741. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *p.* 336. (*I.O. trans.*)]

Refer to correspondence with Raghoji Bhonsla, etc. The Marathas demand 300,000 Pags. Perhaps Appaji Vitthal has suggested this demand; but the Nawab probably expects Europeans to contribute towards the sum he has agreed to pay the Marathas. It is thought their expedition against Trichinopoly was instigated by Mir Asad who with Safdar Ali is a mortal enemy of Chunda Sahib. The shroffs fear the Nawab more than they do the Marathas. Have mounted 16 of the new 18-pounders in place of some of the worst guns. Desire 114 guns and 11,400 round shot. The French are trying to procure a grant of Diu Island, granted formerly to the English by Farrukh-Siyar. Have informed Imam Sahib of this in order to embarrass the French in their attempt. Refer to letters from Safdar Ali and Bade Sahib. Are at no loss to guess what business requires a vakil to be sent, and Safdar Ali will no doubt speak yet plainer. Of two evils, will rather deal with him than with the Marathas. Additional diamonds registered by the *Hardwicke*, 1,226 Pags.

No. 52. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 6, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 53. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE CÆSAR. APR. 2, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 27–42 (16).]

[Paras. 1 to 64 as in the Despatch of March 21, 1740 (No. 253 of 1740).] Ships are ordered to call at Madras only in case they can reach it by Aug. 31. Council should inform Bengal what they need out of the cargoes and what tonnage will be ready for Europe. Enclose Regulations for the Military [No. 54]. Council must require of the Company's servants and passengers how they have been treated on board. The Company have settled with G. M. Pitt regarding his bills, and there is no further demand regarding them. Bengal should send 3 tons rice extra per ship to St. Helena.

No. 54. REGULATIONS FOR THE MILITARY AT FORT ST. GEORGE. APR. 2, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 213–217 (4½).]

(1–3) The Governor is to reside at the Fort or Garden House, so that the Garrison may be under his eye. The appointment, dismissal, etc., of the Chief officer of each company rests with the Governor and Council; but other officers may be appointed, dismissed, etc., by the Governor.

(4) No man shall be discharged before his time, except by order of the Governor and Council.

(5) Officers accepting bribes for promotions to be dismissed.

(6) Officers and men only to be excused their duty by the Governor or Second.

(7) No one of the Garrison to keep a public house; but a man may be discharged if he wishes to do so on condition of taking up arms if ordered.

(8–9) None under arrest for over 6 hours to be released but by the Governor, and all such arrests to be reported. The officer on guard to report all occurrences to the Governor as soon as relieved.

(10) The Governor shall appoint an Adjutant on 15 Pags. a month to visit the hospital, out-posts, etc.

(11–12) The Governor or Second to see the military exercised, etc., at least once a month and certify the muster-rolls.

(13–15) The Military Paymaster to pay every man in person; no stoppages to be made except for diet and apparel; he is also to secure the effects of deceased soldiers; and all promotions, etc., to be reported to him by the Adjutant.

(16) A yearly list of recruits and enlistments to be sent home.

(17) The soldiers to be clothed every two years with English cloth bought out of the Company's warehouse; to be strictly disciplined but not oppressed; and Europeans only to be punished by Europeans.

No. 55. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBROUGH (BY THE HARDWICKE AND EDGBASTON). APR. 2, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 58–67 (7).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 56. COPY OF LETTER FROM THE COMPANY TO 'TAMJEED ALHA;' SULTAN OF BENJAR. MARCH 27, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 44, *pp.* 64–65 (1¼).]

Acknowledge receipt of his letter. Anxious to continue commerce and friendship. Send the *Edgbaston* for pepper. Send two 32-pounder guns (the largest procurable) with gunpowder and shot.

No. 57. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 35–36 (1½).]

Enclose protest [appended] of Jan. 31, from Thomas Langworth, Commander of the *Prince William*, against her detention in India beyond the charterparty time.

No. 58. CONSULTATION. FEB. 8, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 51–61 (10½).]

Read the Company's packet by the *Cæsar;* her treasure to remain on board for the present, but her recruits, stores, etc., to be landed. Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 2 [No. 57]. Accounts read and advances made. 200 garse of paddy at 24½ Pags. a garse to be bought for the garrison. As there is no fresh water within 2 miles of the Town, casks, jars, etc., to be bought, wooden tanks to be made, and the scavenger's carts to be fitted up to fetch water. Stands to be made for wall pieces sent out this year; and 200 wooden cartridge cases for carrying powder.

Appended is cash account for Jan. 1741; balance, 100,126 Current and 347 Madras Pags.

No. 59. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 8, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Feb. 4, directing the *Prince William* to be despatched from Fort St. David, stating that rice and 20 lascars will be sent by the *George*, and permitting the Fort St. David Board to detain the *Hardwicke* if necessary. Agreed it will not be prudent to detain the *Hardwicke* as she has a rich cargo and only 30 men could be landed from her under the charterparty.

No. 60. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 9, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5, (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Savage, of Feb. 7, stating that rice and 20 lascars are sent by the *George* and a country boat. Muster roll of the *Hardwicke's* men and a list of her military stores to be sent in the packet. Capt. Langworth granted certificates for 600 Pags.

No. 61. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 10, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Feb. 10 [No. 67].

No. 62. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 8, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 37–38 (1⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 4. The *Hardwicke* arrived on Feb. 7 (?). Will despatch her and the *Prince William* tomorrow. As the Marathas have returned to Trichinopoly, no ship need be detained. But should the Marathas return in force, Cuddalore would be in danger. Have received rice and 20 lascars by the *George*, but desire more lascars.

No. 63. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JAN. 22, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 38–39 (½).]

The *George* sailed on Jan. 16 with 130 bales of calicoes.

No. 64. CONSULTATION. FEB. 12, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 62–65 (3).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Feb. 8 [No. 62], and from Ingeram of Jan. 22 [No. 63]. Capt. Cummings to explain why he has brought the *Cæsar* into Madras instead of going to Bengal, and her passengers summoned before the Board. The new Military Regulations [No. 54] to lie over till the country is more settled. The stores wanted at Vizagapatam to be sent

thither. Approve Benyon's action in sending military stores on the *Kent* to Pegu, as the Englishmen there urgently need arms and the Pegu trade adds much to the Madras customs. Resolved not to send a Resident thither till liberty to export saltpetre is likely to be secured. James Flint to be supplied with necessaries for his voyage to China by the *Augusta*.

Appended is the list of military stores sent to Pegu, consisting of 15 iron guns, 12 muskets, powder, etc., valued at 187 Pags.

No. 65. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 12, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Feb. 12 [No. 68].

No. 66. DESPATCH FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID TO THE COMPANY. FEB. 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 41–42 (1½).]

The detention and lading of the *Prince William* and her despatch with the *Hardwicke*. The Marathas entered the bounds a second time and plundered a few houses at Tirupapuliyur. Capt. Langworth has paid in 600 Pags. for certificates.

No. 67. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.*, 26, *pp.* 39 (¾)].

The *Prince William* and the *Hardwicke* sailed for England on Feb. 9, with packets for the Company. Have sufficient rice. Need men and powder.

No. 68. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 12, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G.*, Vol. 26, *pp.* 43–45 (2½)].

Hear that 2,000 to 4,000 Maratha horse have marched to sack Chidambaram; and it is said that 10,000 are coming. If so, they are likely to attack Cuddalore which is both open and weakly held. As soon as carriages are made for the guns recently received, will replace the heavy guns there by others, as the capture of the heavy guns might be very disadvantageous. Having neither country charcoal nor sea-coal, the smiths have had to stop work. Enclose indents [appended] for coal, wares and stores.

No. 69. LETTER FROM JOSEPH GODDARD AT MADAPOLLAM. JAN. 29, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 45–46 & 48 (2).]

Sends 85 bales by the *Rebecca* brigantine. Has 26 bales of fine cloth rejected as being under 72 covids, which he desires may be measured and taken. Promises a better investment this year. Encloses accounts and indent for stores [appended].

No. 70. CONSULTATION. FEB. 16, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 65–67 (2¾)].

Read letters from Fort St. David of Feb. 10 and 12 [Nos. 67 & 68], and from Madapollam of Jan. 29 [No. 69]. Advances made. Stores to be sent to Madapollam and Fort St. David. More lascars to be entertained for the latter place. Legg, Mead, Westcoat, Clause, Bourchier and Altham, passengers on the *Cæsar*, have no complaint against the Commander. Samuel Greenhaugh permitted to go to China.

Appended is letter from Samuel Greenhaugh, dated Feb. 15, desiring leave to go to China on the *Augusta* as he had engaged himself in the voyage last year when the ship was unable to sail.

No. 71. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 18, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 72. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 19, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Feb. 16, stating that the chief danger at Cuddalore is from a surprise, permitting what may be needful to be done for its safety, stating that none of the *Cæsar's* recruits can be spared and pointing out the omission to get a bond from Capt. Langworth to take surplus tonnage at half-freight.

No. 73. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JAN. 27, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 47 (1).]

Send accounts, etc. Having but few pagodas only supplied Madapollam and Ingeram with 4,000 Pags. each. If peace continues and cotton gets cheap, investment may improve. The war between the Nawabs of Cuttack and Murshidabad.

No. 74. CONSULTATION. FEB. 23, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 69–74 (6).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of Jan. 27 [No. 73]. Accounts read and advances made. The wall on the east of the Black Town and the ditch from the Queen's Point to the New Point by the sea-side with draw-bridges, to be charged to 'Black Town wall.' Powder magazines to be made under the south bastion in the Black Town east wall. 10 wooden tanks made; but as they are expensive, a site to be found and materials collected for a masonry reservoir in the White Town. 5 barrels of gunpowder and 20 more lascars to be sent to Fort St. David. When the Marathas were at Sadras, the Company's cloth was all brought in from the Washing Town; but as no Marathas are now near, agreed to send out cloth, 100 bales at a time, to be washed. Linga Chetti agrees to provide 20,000 Madras Pags. at 11 % batta; 22,200 Current Pags. are paid him to be coined in the Mint.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1741.

No. 75. CONSULTATION. FEB. 27, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 75–77 (2⅔).]

Miss Elizabeth Mansell, passenger by the *Cæsar*, in a deposition before William Monson, accuses Capt. Cummings of the *Cæsar* of committing a rape on her. Agreed that such a crime committed on the high seas is cognisable neither by a Court of Admiralty nor by the Quarter Sessions. Resolved to enquire into it as President and Council. Elizabeth Mansell attends and confirms her statement. Capt. Cummings attends and denies it. He is committed to the custody of the Captain of the Guard.

No. 76. LETTER FROM HENRY HARRIS, MASTER OF THE CAROLINA SLOOP, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 26, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 51 (⅓).]

The bar of the Cuddalore river being so closed that the *Carolina* sloop cannot get out this year, the writer begs to be discharged.

No. 77. LETTER FROM RAGHOJI BHONSLA BEFORE TRICHINOPOLY TO JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G, Vol.* 26, *p.* 52 (1).] *An other copy in F.S.D. Cons., Feb.* 27 (No. 78).]

Has received letter, but a proper vakil must be sent. Desires Hubbard to advise Dumas to release Appaji Vitthal's family. Even if Appaji has done wrong, he is under the writer's protection. Is surprised to have received no marks of English friendship.

No. 78. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. [27], 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Savage, with flints, powder, etc., and 20 lascars. Agreed on letter to Madras of Feb. 28 [No. 80]. Hubbard reports the letter he received 3 days ago from Raghoji Bhonsla [No. 77]. The Fort St. David Brahman who carried the former letter to Raghoji and who brought back this answer declares that a vakil with a small present will make matters easy on both sides. Agreed to recommend that a vakil be sent with a small present. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 26,907 Pags.

Appended are :—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1741 ; and (2) letter from Raghoji Bhonsla [No. 77].

No. 79. CONSULTATION. FEB. 28, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 78–83 (6). *Brittle.*]

Enquiry into the rape alleged to have been committed by Capt. Cummings. Evidence of passengers and others taken, in the presence of parties. Agreed that there is not sufficient cause to lay this crime against Cummings, but he is told that his conduct will be a perpetual blot on him.

No. 80. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 48–51 (3).]

Acknowledge 10,000 flints, etc., with letters of the 16th &c. Believe Cuddalore cannot be surprised, but it cannot resist a strong enemy. The out-guards will be withdrawn as soon as Trichinopoly is taken, as otherwise the Marathas might be here before that could be done. Trust it is true that Nizam-ul-mulk is coming ; but the Arcot news is that he has left Aurangabad for Surat. Send a letter [No. 77] from Raghoji Bhonsla, answering one from Fort St. David. Raghoji was disappointed at 'an empty letter and no money' ; but the messenger says a vakil with a present of curiosities will prevent further trouble ; and this course is recommended. Are informed that Benyon's letters to Raghoji Bhonsla and Fatteh Singh were not delivered. The Marathas are said to have advanced within a few fathoms of the ditch and to be preparing to storm Trichinopoly. The caked pistol powder will be returned to be new grained. Recommend the discharge of the Master of the *Carolina* [No. 76]. Send monthly accounts.

No. 81. CONSULTATION. MARCH 4, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons.' Vol.* 71, *pp.* 84–87 (3½). *Brittle.*]

Accounts read and advances made. Stores to be sent to Madapollam. Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 28 [No. 80]. Agreed that Raghoji Bhonsla's letter to James Hubbard [No. 77] offers an opportunity for sending the Marathas a present without appearing to do so out of fear, and that a vakil be sent with presents. As the articles in the warehouse are more suitable for Moors than for Marathas, Coja Petrus is desired to procure musters of suitable things. Agreed that the out-guards at Fort St. David be withdrawn on the news of Trichinopoly being taken, and that the Master of the *Carolina* sloop may resign.

Appended is cash account for Feb., balance 64,271 Current, and 347 Madras Pags.

No. 82. CONSULTATION. MARCH 5, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 88–89 (1½).]

The drawbridge leading to the Island to be re-made. Arthur Rider placed under the Export Warehousekeeper. The S.W. monsoon approaching, the *Cæsar's* treasure to be landed. Coja Petrus attends and the present for Raghoji Bhonsla is selected. Passed letters to Raghoji Bhonsla [No. 83] and to Fort St. David [See No. 85].

Appended is a list of the present to Raghoji Bhonsla, valued at 637 Pags.

No. 83. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON TO RAGHOJI BHONSLA. MARCH 5, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 89–90 (¾).]

Complimentary. Is pleased that Raghoji has promised that the Marathas shall not again molest Fort St. David. Therefore sends a vakil with presents in token of English friendship. For the rest, refers to Hubbard's letters and the vakil.

No. 84. CONSULTATION. MARCH 9, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 90–92 (1¾).]

Read letter from Capt. Cummings apologising for his delay in reporting his reasons for calling at Madras. Payment received. Agreed to supply the merchants with ordinary red and green broadcloth to assist them to sell their auroras. Read letters to Benyon and Coja Petrus from Mir Asad, one of the Nawab's ministers.

Appended is letter from Robert Cummings to John Savage, dated March 9, as above.

No. 85. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 11, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of March 6, approving the withdrawal of the out-guards on hearing of the fall of Trichinopoly and the sending of a vakil with the present to Raghoji Bhonsla. Agreed that the omission of a present to Fatteh Singh might be considered as a slight and might break the negotiation. Agreed on letter to Madras of March 11 [No. 88].

No. 86. CONSULTATION. MARCH 12, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 92–93 (1¼).]

Officers of the *Cæsar*, complaining of ill-treatment by Capt. Robert Cummings, are desired to make specific charges. Augustus Burton requests permission not to sit when Cummings' private conduct is discussed, as Cummings' great injury to his family may make him unjust. Stores to be sent to Madapollam on a country vessel.

No. 87. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 12, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 88. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 11, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 53–54 (1⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of the 6th [See No. 85] and the present for Raghoji Bhonsla. However, as Fatteh Singh is the Commander-in-chief, he should also receive a present, else both will be incensed. Recommend that the present be divided and that a letter be written to Fatteh Singh.

No. 89. CONSULTATION. MARCH 13, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 94–95 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 11. [No. 88]. Agreed that Benyon write to Fatteh Singh and that additional presents be sent, so that a fitting present may be given to both Raghoji Bhonsla and Fatteh Singh. If more be sent than Hubbard thinks necessary, he may retain the surplus for some other occasion. Burton withdraws. The officers of the *Cæsar* deliver in their complaints against Cummings. Agreed to enter the proceedings in a 'section apart' [*missing?*]

No. 90. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE TO FATTEH SINGH. MARCH 13, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *p.* 96 (½).]

Takes the opportunity of replying to Raghoji Bhonsla's letter to assure Fatteh Singh of the English respect and friendship. Sends presents which Benyon trusts will be accepted, though unworthy.

No. 91. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 14, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 92. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 16, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of March 13, stating that more presents are sent by a masula boat to be divided between the Maratha Generals, and enclosing a translation of Benyon's letter to Fatteh Singh [No. 90].

No. 93. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. FEB. 21, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 54–55 (¾).]

Desires Madras pagodas as there are none at Vizagapatam. The cotton season has been favourable. With Imam Sahib's help, French pagodas circulate as well as the English ; but the French take cloth 4 covids shorter than the English do.

No. 94. CONSULTATION. MARCH 19, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 97–100 (3½).]

Read letters from Ingeram of Feb. 21 [No. 93], and from Capt. Cummings of the *Cæsar*, dated March 17, stating that he put into Madras because 30 of his men had scurvy. Accounts read and advances made. 3 more peons entertained to guard the grain banksalls which have been removed from under the Fort walls. Read letter from Holland Goddard, dated Patna, Jan. 20, requesting to be allowed to remain in Bengal, as he is owed 44,000 Rs. by Weston (bankrupt) and has been offered a post under Humphrey Cole till the Company can be moved to transfer him to the Bengal service. Resolved that he be struck off the list of this Presidency. Robert Allen at Fort St. David appointed Deputy Paymaster here. 30 tons of redwood to be loaded on the *Cæsar*.

Appended are :—(1) letter from Robert Cummings and (2) letter from Holland Goddard, as above.

No. 95. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 19, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of March 19 [No. 97].

No. 96. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 20, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made (*inter alia* to pay for presents brought for the Maratha Generals). Read letter from Savage of March 13, accompanying additional presents for the Marathas.

No. 97. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 55–56 (1).]

Hear that Trichinopoly has surrendered to the Marathas. Chunda Sahib is to pay 14 lakhs of rupees—half at Trichinopoly and half on arrival at Pondichery, for which his son-in-law [Khan Bahadur], Francisco Pereira, and Abid Sahib are to remain as hostages. When this is settled, the Marathas are likely to move on Gingee; so are withdrawing the out-guards and guns. Need 4,000 Pags. worth of fanams.

No. 98. CONSULTATION. MARCH 23, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 100–103 (3). *Brittle.*]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 19 [No. 97]. 4,000 Pags. worth of fanams to be sent to Fort St. David. Salary for six months ending March 25, to be paid the Company's servants. Capt. Cummings of the *Cæsar* warned to remain on board as much as possible, as there is often a rough weather at this season.

Appended are:—(1) account salary for six months due to the covenanted servants, etc., amounting to 1,660 Pags.; and (2) list of additional goods sent as presents to the Marathas, valued at 730 Pags.

No. 99. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 23, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Sorted the presents for the Maratha Generals; and approved the instructions to the vakil who starts this evening.

Appended are Kuppayya's instructions [No. 100].

No. 100. INSTRUCTIONS TO KUPPAYYA, VAKIL TO THE MARATHAS. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 60–61 (1¼). *Another copy in F.S.D., Cons., March* 23 (*No.* 99).]

To present the letters and presents as a testimony of the English friendship. In case any proposals prejudicial to the Company should be made, he is to urge the improbability that they will be complied with. Frequent reports to be sent.

No. 101. LETTER [FROM JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID] TO RAGHOJI BHONSLA. [MARCH 23, 1741.] [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 60 (⅓).]

Ten days ago sent Naganathan. Now sends a vakil with presents from Madras. Compliments on the capture of Trichinopoly.

No. 102. LETTER [FROM JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID] TO FATTEH SINGH. MARCH 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 60 (⅓).]

Encloses a list of presents, with compliments on the capture of Trichinopoly.

No. 103. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 27, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans*).]

Read letter from Savage of March 24, accompanying 4,000 Pags. worth of fanams. Agreed on letter to Madras of March 27 [No. 105].

No. 104. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 28, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans*).]

Advances made.

No. 105. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 27, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 56–57 (1⅔).]

Have received the presents and the letter for Fatteh Singh [No. 90], which were despatched on the 24th with the vakil, a former gumasta of Tambi Chetti. Extra presents are being sent to various officers, who otherwise would make trouble. The French are preparing a considerable present. Trichinopoly surrendered on the 13th. Enclose list of presents [No. 106], Hubbard's letters to the Generals [Nos. 101 & 102] and instructions to the vakil [No. 100]. The out-guards, guns, etc., have been withdrawn from

Semmandalam, Tirupapuliyur and Bandipalaiyam, but not from Paracheri Point and Devanampattanam gate. It is said that 10,000 Marathas will be sent to take Gingee. There are no fanams in the place, and they are needed to pay the garrison.

No. 106. LIST OF PRESENTS. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 58–59 (2).]

List of presents for the Maratha Generals, Fatteh Singh and Raghoji Bhonsla, and their officers and others, valued at 2,347 Pags. The presents included gold flowered 'kimtoans,' China flowered velvets, fine 'cossaes,' mulmuls, 'susanaes,' green velvet, broadcloth, embossed cloth, striped doreas, flowered lute-strings, silk carpets, Malacca beads and pearls, China glass and lacquer ware, '1 box, camere obscure,' etc.

No. 107. LETTER FROM CHARLES SIMPSON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 8, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 62–63 (2).]

The *Jenny* arrived Feb. 19. Acknowledge letter of Feb. 26. The embossed cloth sent is full of worm-holes and useless. Will send Madras rupees to the Bay, but request Arcot rupees instead. The amount of the Uppada present is 53 Pags. Said nothing but the truth about the scarcity of cotton. Ingeram is in the very centre of the cotton country and no juncans have to be paid to get cotton there. To avoid disputes, have paid the kist to the Faujdar of Kasimkotta as desired by the Chicacole Nawab; the purpose no doubt is to get a present for the Faujdar. Send indent for wares, etc.

No. 108. CONSULTATION. MARCH 30, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 103-108 (4½). *Brittle.*]

Read letters from Fort St. David of March 27 [No. 105], and from Vizagapatam of March 8 [No. 107]. Accounts read and advances made. Articles needed for the hospital to be issued.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1741; and (2) list of articles needed in the hospital, signed by Nathaniel Barlow and Robert Douglas, comprising shirts, drawers and caps, bed linen, cots, etc.

No. 109. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Read petition from the military, praying for compensation for trees in

their gardens lately cut down; agreed to pay them and others for the trees cut down up to the sum of 1,000 Pags. The cash balance, 21,055 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) petition from Thomas Ferrel, Hendrick Smith, etc., soldiers, as above; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1741; and (3) account salary of the covenanted servants for the half-year ending March 25, 1741, amounting to 383 Pags.

No. 110. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 1, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made. The Arrack farm to be put up for sale on Apr. 20.

No. 111. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 64–65 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 10 and 26. Send 800 bags saltpetre, 1,000 gunny bags for Sumatra, 50 chests gunpowder, flints and small arms. Report Alivirdi Khan's victory over the Nawab of Cuttack on Feb. 3. Can spare no men as more are needed at Kasimbazar, but are trying to raise some. Shipping news.

No. 112. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 27, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 66 (1).]

Send saltpetre, gunpowder, small arms, etc., by the *Princess Louisa* and the *Fort St. George* sloops. No recruits can be spared as none can be raised. Alivirdi Khan is in possession of Cuttack.

No. 113. CONSULTATION. APR. 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 108–111 (3¼). *Brittle and torn.*]

Read letters from Fort William of Feb. 19 and 27 [Nos. 111 & 112]. Robert Goodere ordered to Vizagapatam from Madapollam; John Churchey to go to Madapollam on the *Triton;* Thomas Pelling, monthly writer at Vizagapatam, to be discharged. Accounts read and advances made. Linga Chetti to supply Arcot rupees for 5 chests of silver at 255 [¾] per 100 ounces of sta[ndard silver] to be sent to Vizagapatam.

Appended is cash account for March, balance 74,974 Current and 347 Madras Pags.

No. 114. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM, TO JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 69 (¾).]

Send by the *Calcutta* 800 bags saltpetre, 30 chests cannon powder, 20 chests musket powder, 60 muskets with bayonets and pouches, and 10,000 flints.

No. 115. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 3, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Apr. 3 [No. 118]. Read letter from Bengal of Feb. 19 [No. 114], accompanying stores by the *Calcutta* sloop.

No. 116. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 4, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Apr. 4 [No. 119].

No. 117. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 67 (½).]

Acknowledge 4,000 Pags. worth of fanams. Send accounts.

No. 118. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 67–68 (½).]

Send 98 bales of calico on the *Mary* brigantine. The *George* is detained here lest the Marathas should come that way.

No. 119. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 4, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 68 (½).]

The *Calcutta* sloop arrived from Bengal on Apr. 1. Have retained 30 chests of cannon and 20 chests of musket powder, 2,000 flints and 60 sword belts. Return the damaged pistol powder [See No. 80].

No. 120. CONSULTATION. APR. 7, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 112–123 (11½). *Very brittle and torn.*]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Apr. 2, 3 and 4 [No. 117, 118 & 119]. Payments received and accounts read. Quitrent due from persons who occupied houses that have been pulled down written off as bad debts. Two town shroffs, Tiruvallur Adimulam and 'Copertee' Subba, convicted of having sealed bags with counterfeit seals, committed to the Choultry and their houses sealed up. The [ill] success of the M.M. pagodas coined in 1735

has hitherto hindered any method being taken to maintain the fineness of the pagoda except that the Company's Shroff has been forbidden to seal up any pagoda worse than 80¼ touch. The practice of sealing up pagodas in bags of 1,000 is ancient custom. Before the country mints debased their coins, the Shroff's seal only guaranteed the number of pagodas; but since pagodas have deteriorated, people have been unwilling to take loose money, and amounts down to 5 Pags. have usually been paid in sealed bags, smaller sums being paid in fanams. But the Company's Shroff has taken advantage of this to seal up bags of pagodas worse than 80 touch. Do not know when he began this practice. As soon as it was discovered, his seal was placed in charge of a Company's servant, and it was ordered (as a temporary measure) that no pagodas should be sealed without samples having been assayed in the Mint. This indeed checked the importation of inferior pagodas, which if loose, only fetch 31 or 32 fns., though if in sealed bags, they fetch 37 fns. in the bazaar. The sealed bags do not pass in the country for more than ordinary pagodas, so there is no danger of their being sent out; but there are not enough of them for the currency of Madras. The merchants therefore are anxious for some reform. It is impossible to prevent other shroffs from counterfeiting the seal of the Company's Shroff; it is impossible to make country pagodas current here, because the issues of the various mints vary amongst themselves and from week to week. The objections to coining a special pagoda are the uncertainty of their passing current in the country and the danger of the same inconvenience that arose in 1735. However it is believed that these difficulties were due to the M.M. pagodas, being made current only for the Company's business. Moreover it has for sometime been declared that only pagodas of 80¼–½ touch are current; and as the sealed pagodas have passed current, it is probable that a new pagoda with a special mark would pass current equally well. The principal shroffs are willing to assist. But it is resolved to defer a resolution.

Appended are the accounts (fragmentary) of the Rental-general and Scavenger.

No. 121. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 7, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 122. CONSULTATION. APR. 9, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 124–130 (7). *Extremely brittle. Most of the pages crumbled away. For portions, there is a copy made and kept in the volume.*]

Agreed to issue certain currency Regulations :—(1) only Pags. of 80 touch coined in the Company's mint and weighing [10 oz.] 19 dwts. a 100 Pags. to be current money; (2) all contracts in which the kind of pagoda is not specified to be payable in such coins; (3) to encourage merchants to bring their gold into the Company's mint for recoinage, the ½ % duty to be taken off for 6 months. The Company's Shroff who is guilty of sealing up inferior pagodas to be imprisoned in the Choultry.

Appended are Regulations, dated Apr. 9, as above.

No. 123. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 13, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 124. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 15, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Apr. 15 [No. 130].

No. 125. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 69–70 (¾).]

Desire silver to be sent ⅔ in bullion, ⅙ in Madras and ⅙ in Arcot rupees.

No. 126. LETTER (TRANSLATION) FROM KUPPAYYA, VAKIL AT TRICHINOPOLY, TO RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. APR. 8, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 133–134 (1). *Brittle.*]

The Maratha army is encamped 10 miles west of Trichinopoly. Has presented to Fatteh Singh and Raghoji Bhonsla the letters and presents which are well received. On capturing Trichinopoly, they despatched 40,000 horse into the Mysore country with [Chunda] Sahib, but still have 30,000 horse here. Trichinopoly has been given for the time being to Morari Rao, but Raghoji Bhonsla is negotiating with Ramanayya and Govindayya with a view to restore the old Hindu family.

No. 127. CONSULTATION. APR. 16, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 131–133 (2). *Brittle and torn.*]

Read letter from Fort William of March 2 [No. 125]. Burton and Monson with the Secretary, the Poligar and Town Conicopoly, to take an inventory of the effects of the Company's and the two bazaar shroffs. Notice issued that all possessing effects belonging to the shroffs or knowing thereof are to report the same. The *Princess Louisa* to be despatched direct to the Bay with 10 chests of treasure and redwood; the *Fort St. George* and the *Calcutta* sloops to call at Vizagapatam on their way, land treasure and take in Madras rupees. Accounts read and payments received. Read letter from Kuppayya of Apr. 8 [No. 126].

No. 128. LETTER FROM JONATHAN SMART [RESIDENT] AT SYRIAN. MARCH 17, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 70–74 (4).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 6. The Peguers have conquered as far as Prone, whence the Burmese and Europeans, etc., have fled towards Ava, except Golightly and a few others who have now reached Syrian. The Peguers are preparing to attack Ava. Denies that he was hasty to help the new powers. On Nov. 18, the Prince of the Peguers was murdered; on Dec. 4, the Peguers attacked Syrian; and the Burmese Prince after asking Smart (who had only 4 or 5 Europeans in the factory) to drive them away, fled. Has saved the lives of some 2,000 Burmese. Encloses Captain Glen's proposal for a voyage to Prone [No 129] to visit the King, secure trade concessions, recover the Europeans upcountry and seize the Company's debtors. Has accepted the office of *Dispatchadore* and Receiver of customs, at the Raja's request. It must be at least a year before the country is settled, but the Peguers have taken off [inland] taxes for three years and then propose to collect only half what the Burmese were taking.

No. 129. PROPOSAL OF CAPTAIN ANDREW GLEN FOR A VOYAGE TO PRONE. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 75–76 (1½).]

Will carry up and sell salt, bringing back iron; estimated profit 1,448 tikals. If Smart only countenances it, there will be no difficulty about finding the money; but Glen proposes each should take an equal share. It will also be possible to rescue the English in the hands of the Burmese.

No. 130. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 15, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 76–77 (1½).]

Have credited Madras with 2,147 Pags. for the paddy sent. The vakil has delivered the presents to the Marathas and expects to return shortly. The carpenter's yard, smithery and some godowns on the north and west of the Fort, having been pulled down, propose to rebuild them on the riverside along the south curtain. Desire 6,000 Pags. worth of fanams.

No. 131. LETTER FROM [JOSEPH GODDARD] AT MADAPOLLAM. APR. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 78 (1).]

Acknowledges letters of Feb. 18 and March 13. Has given 4 pieces of gold-flowered silk, etc., as presents to the Nawab and his Diwan. Encloses indent for the Christmas present which should be ready, else the dalayets sent for it are kept waiting on high batta and often behave insolently. Has 22 bales of embaled and turned out cloth.

No. 132. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. [APR.] 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 79 (½).]

Simpson has just died. The cash balance has been verified in Capt. John Crompton's presence.

No. 133. CONSULTATION. APR. 20, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 135–136 (1½). *Torn.*]

Read letters from the Resident at Syrian of March 17 [No. 128], from Fort St. David of Apr. 15 [No. 130], from Madapollam of Apr. 2 [No. 131] and from Vizagapatam of Apr. 3 [No. 132]. Torriano's offer to go as Chief to Vizagapatam accepted. Stores to be supplied to the sloops. Queen's Point being cracked in many places, the Paymaster and Military officers to report on it. 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams to be sent to Fort St. David, and more fanams to be coined. Building of sheds and godowns at Fort St. David approved. Accounts read.

No. 134. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 21, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 135. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 22, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed to urge [No. 140] the Presidency for a supply of fanams or liberty to coin silver fanams.

No. 136. LETTER FROM KUPPAYYA, VAKIL AT UTTATUR TO RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. APR. 16, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 140–141 (1¼). *Brittle and torn.*]

This day Fatteh Singh and Raghogi Bhonsla gave 2 horses with *saropas* for Benyon and Hubbard, and *saropas* for the Seconds, and ordered an escort for him as far as Valikondapuram, with directions to the Governors of Valikondapuram, Ariyalur and Udaiyarpalaiyam to guard him on his way. Shall reach Fort St. David in 5 or 6 days. The cowles for Madras and Fort St. David have been given solely out of friendship to the English. The Maratha army which was encamped west of Valikondapuram has marched towards Mysore. Morari Ghorpadê commands Trichinopoly; it will either be restored to the old Raja's family or be placed under a Maratha.

No. 137. LETTER FROM SESHA RAO, AT THE MARATHA CAMP, TO RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. [APR. 16], 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 139–140 (1¼). *Brittle and torn.*]

Has introduced the English vakils, Kuppayya and Adi Venkayya, to Fatteh Singh, Raghoji Bhonsla, Ramayya Pantulu and Kanthalu, to whom the various presents have been delivered. Has also procured a horse and *saropas* for Benyon and Fowke at Fort St. George, and for Hubbard and Croke at Fort St. David, as well as cowles for Madras and Fort St. David, which the Marathas seldom grant without receiving tribute.

No. 138. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON AND WILLIAM MONSON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. APR. 24, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 141–145 (4). *Brittle.*]

Have taken an inventory [See No. 127] of the effects found in the house of Viswanathan, the Company's Shroff; but almost all are claimed by persons who allege they were only deposited for safety. Possibly the Shroff's accounts may give some clue to his property; but some one else must be appointed to examine them, being in the vernacular. The other effects are of small value and may be sold. In the houses of the other shroffs, little of value has been found.

Appended are inventories which include brass vessels, paddy, clothes, 'a tick-tack with men and dice,' a few jewels, etc.

No. 139. CONSULTATION. APR. 24, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 137–138 (2). *Brittle and torn.*]

Pass letters to Bengal and Vizagapatam. Saunders to send Madras rupees to Bengal. Burton and Monson report [No. 138] that

at one of the shroffs' houses goods were found apparently deposited by other people for safety from the Marathas; but nothing of value was found at the other two. Agreed that their cadjan accounts be examined, the deposits restored to their owners, and the rest sold and credited to the Company. Medicines to be furnished to the *Calcutta* sloop. The *George* ordered up from Fort St. David. John Stratton provisionally appointed Storekeeper, Rental-general and Scavenger. Read letters from vakil Kuppayya [No. 136] and Sesha Rao, an important Maratha officer [No. 137]. 20,000 Madras Pags. delivered by Linga Chetti, and 24,000 Arcot Rs. to be sent to Vizagapatam by the sloops.

No. 140. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 22, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 79–80 (1).]

There is a great clamour for fanams. Ask permission to coin silver fanams as they used to coin gold fanams at Fort St. David.

No. 141. CONSULTATION. APR. 27, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 145–148 (3½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 22 [No. 140] replied to on Apr. 25 [See No. 143]. Accounts read and payments received. Application made by Padre Thomas for interest due to the Jesuit missionaries in China; not having enough new pagodas in cash, Benyon advances 1,200 Pags. Damaged wares and stores to be sold. 13,268 country Pags. deposited in lieu of current Pags. by Telisinga Chetti, Mahalinga Chetti and Ponnappa Chetti, to be recoined into the new money.

Appended are:—(1) letter from the Import Warehousekeeper, dated Apr. 27, 1741, reporting that 41 pieces of woolen cloth are worm-eaten, etc. and 18 pieces of velvet spotted or unsaleable; and (2) letter from the Storekeeper, dated Apr. 27, reporting that 31 coils of cordage and 16 of ratlines have laid in store for 2 years and should be sold, together with some miscellaneous articles unfit for use.

No. 142. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 27, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 143. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 28, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams from Madras by a masula boat. Read letter from Madras of Apr. 25, stating that

Fort St. David is to be debted for the stores taken out of the *Calcutta* sloop and also for the customs, etc., charges on paddy sent here, sanctioning the erection of a few sheds and godowns, promising to send more fanams, but observing that they are to be used only to pay the establishment and not to set up 'a shroffs' shop,' declining to allow fanams to be coined here, and directing the *George* to be sent to Madras with bales.

No. 144. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 29, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1741.

No. 145. CONSULTATION. APR. 30, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 149–152 (3).]

Accounts read and payments received. Benyon advances 2,000 Pags. as there are but few new pagodas in the cash.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1741.

No. 146. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 30, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read and payments received. Hubbard pays in 194 Pags., being the profit on exchanging 900 Pags. for cash.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1741.

No. 147. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 2, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of May 2 [No. 153].

No. 148. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. APR. 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 80–81 (1½). *Edge torn.*]

The cash balance is 45,000 Rs. and 475 Pags. Dr. Gibson's assets have been realised and Narayana Pothanna's dues paid. Mahfuz Khan, Nawab of Chicacole, and the 'Vezderam' Rajas are returning from Rajahmundry. Should they pass near, will decline their visit.

No. 149. TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM FATTEH SINGH TO JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 86-87 (½).]

Acknowledges the letter [No. 102] and presents. Promises protection and help. Expects compliance with orders on the Sarkar's affairs. Sends presents.

No. 150. TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM RAGHOJI BHONSLA TO JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 87–88 (¾).]

Acknowledges the letter [No. 101] and presents. Renews the friendship that began in the time of the great King [Sivaji?]. Sends a horse and 5 pieces of cloth for Hubbard and 4 pieces for Croke.

No. 151. TRANSLATIONS OF TWO COWLES FROM FATTEH SINGH AND RAGHOJI BHONSLA TO THE PEOPLE OF DEVANAMPATTANAM. APR. 15 AND 13, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 88 (¾).]

Promising protection.

No. 152. LETTER FROM FATTEH SINGH TO JAMES HUBBARD AT FORT ST. DAVID. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 89 (¾).]

The Left-hand caste, being protected by Mutyalu, have driven dubash Venkatachalam out of the Fort St. David bounds. Desires a letter signed by the Council for his return.

No. 153. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 82–86(4¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 25 [See No. 143], with fanams. Permission to coin silver fanams was asked [No. 140] merely for the Company's people who had received pagodas and could not change them, and not in order to exchange them for bad pagodas. Have not yet been able to exclude pagodas of 7 touch from circulation. Believe they were paid into cash by the Madras Shroff in Feb. The vakil returned on Apr. 27 with presents, etc., from Raghoji Bhonsla and Fatteh Singh [Nos. 149 to 152]. The presents for Benyon and Fowke will be sent on to-night by the vakil and the Maratha messenger. Desire the vakil to be rewarded. The total cost of the presents, etc., is 2,700 Pags. Enquire how Fatteh Singh's letter [No. 152] should be answered. Dubash Venkatachalam has tried to incite the Marathas against the English, but is said now to be in no credit with them. Leaving 5,000 horse at

Trichinopoly and Madura, the Marathas have moved to Jagadev. But, as they may return after the land winds are over, have dismissed only the worst gunners and peons.

No. 154. CONSULTATION, MAY 5, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 152-164 (12½).]

Accounts read and advances made. Benyon advances 2,000 more new pagodas. Read letter from Fort St. David of May 2 [No. 153]. Account sales of damaged woollen goods, stores, etc. Orders to prevent the counterfeiting of the new coin to be published. Read letters from the Nawab and Bade Sahib, stating that the Nawab desires to stay at Madras with his family for some time. As he may soon be confirmed in his government, resolved to comply and engage houses for his reception. The soldiers having suffered for want of shelter at the New Point and it being desirable that a lieutenant should sleep in the Black Town, the Paymaster is to submit plans and estimates for building barracks, 'a case of arms' and lodgings for a lieutenant and ensign.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for Apr., balance 69,925 old and 4,306 Star Pags.; (2) account sale of damaged woollen goods, dated May 1, 1741, and amounting to 1,712 Pags.; (3) account sale of miscellaneous stores and cordage, dated Apr. 30, 1741, and amounting to 1,039 Pags.; (4) orders regarding counterfeiting of the new Madras money—counterfeiting the new coins, or making or possessing dies for their manufacture is punishable at the discretion of the Council.

No. 155. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 7, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of May 6 [No. 156]. Have received 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams from Madras. 5,000 Pags. paid for cloth brought in. Agreed to recommend Serjeant William de Morgan to be Ensign *vice* Rogers deceased.

No. 156. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 6, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 89-90 (¾).]

Send 200 bales of calicoes on the *George*.

No. 157. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 90-91 (1).]

Recommend Serjeant William de Morgan as Ensign *vice* Abraham Rogers who died on the 6th.

No. 158. CONSULTATION. MAY 11, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 165–166 (1¼).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of May 6 and 9 [No. 156 & 157]. Approve appointment of Serjeant William de Morgan as Ensign at Fort St. David. Payments received. 300 candies of lead to be sold. 4,000 old and 3,000 new Pags. and 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams, to be sent to Fort St. David.

No. 159. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 16. 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of May 12 (in reply to letter of May 2. [No. 153]), regarding the proposal to coin silver fanams at Fort St. David and the badness of current pagodas, ordering Venkatachalam not to be admitted into the bounds and the fine of 500 Pags. to be recovered from Irusappa Chetti, sending the latest news about the Marathas and an Ensign's commission for William de Morgan. Agreed to defer a reply to the above, but to desire 3,000 Star Pags. or so much in fanams. Advances made.

No. 160. CONSULTATION. MAY 18, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *p.* 167 (1). *Brittle and torn.*]

John Stratton appointed Chief at Vizagapatam, *vice* George Torriano deceased; William Monson, Storekeeper; Savage, Rental-general and Scavenger; Robert Turing, Surgeon at Vizagapatam, *vice* William Gibson deceased. As voyages to Sumatra are usually tedious at this season, the *George* is to take money and stores to the northern settlements and to bring back cloth. Monson to report on the deficiency of cordage.

No. 161. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 19, 1741, [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 4,000 old and 3,000 Star Pags. and 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams from Madras. Agreed to publish an order that after May 31, 1741, payments will be made and received by the Company in Star pagodas and Madras fanams only, that Star pagodas alone will be current here, but other pagodas may be imported and used by the merchants; and that in reckoning old contracts, etc., money lent in 1741, 1740, 1739 and earlier years is to be estimated at 7, 7½, 7¾ and 8 touch, respectively.

No. 162. CONSULTATION. MAY 21, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 168–169 (1½). *Brittle and torn.*]

Accounts read. Benyon and Robert Douglas, assignees for collecting Capt. John Byers' estate, deposit the proceeds 7,097 Pags. in the Company's cash, pending settlement of dispute among his creditors. Kuppayya, vakil to the Maratha Generals at Trichinopoly, desires some regular post. The Board, being satisfied with his conduct and considering that similar services are likely to be often required, agree to pay him 5 Pags. a month. Read letter from Morari Ghorpadê at Trichinopoly to Benyon desiring ammunition; resolved neither absolutely to refuse his request nor to enter into any engagements.

No. 163. CONSULTATION. MAY 25, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 170–174 (4¾). *Brittle and torn.*]

Accounts read and payments received. 10,000 Pags. to be sent overland to Fort St. David. Account sale of lead. The 3 shroffs [See No. 127] are sentenced to stand 'on the pillory' from 9 to 10 A.M. on the 26th day of each month, till they can be sent to Sumatra. There being complaints that soldiers of the garrison and sailors of the Europe ships are decoyed into joining country ships, agreed that any guilty of this shall, for the first offence, be fined 50 Pags. per man, and for the second, be sent to England; and that public house-keepers, etc., are to report all strangers who lodge with them (agreebly to an order of President Harrison), under pain of being fined 50 Pags. Plans and estimates for building barracks, etc. at the New Point are approved. 3¼ Pags. each being offered for the cattle bought for the use of the garrison, the cattle are to be sold at that price if more cannot be got for them.

Appended are:—(1) account sale of 300 candies of lead at 14 Pags. 28 fns. per candy, dated May 19, 1741; and (2) calculate of the cost of building barracks, etc. at the New Point, amounting to 1,703 Pags.

No. 164. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY [26?], 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 91–102 (10¾).]

Acknowledge letters of May 12 [See No. 159] and 15 with 10,000 Pags. In June last [Vide letter of June 3? (Nos. 158, 161, etc., of 1740)] silver fanams were but recently introduced and the demand was uncertain. At that time it was desired to encourage

their use in the bazaars. Deny any real inconsistency between their former letter [No. 140?] and letter of May 2 [No. 153]. When fanams were sent, they were paid out till they circulated at 36 per pagoda. When they are over that, no one wants more than the odd money in fanams; but as soon as they become scarce, every one asks for their wages in fanams. This cannot be foreseen. The monthly payments vary considerably. Desire to know the weight and fineness of the Madras fanam. Two different trials give 32 oz. 16 dwt., and 33 oz. 4 dwt. as the weight of 1,000. If they are of dollar fineness there would be a small profit on coining silver when at 13⅞ $ per 10 Pags. Have done the same as the Madras Council and declared Star pagodas and Madras fanams alone to be current, but permitted merchants to use other pagodas at a discount. Country pagodas get worse and worse. Few of 7 touch are now to be seen. Propose that contracts should be paid at the rate of fineness usual when the contract was made: 7, 7½, 7¾ and 8 for 1741, 1740, 1739 and earlier years, respectively. Will keep two accounts — for Star and country pagodas. Of 4,000 Pags. recently sent from Madras, 679 were Wandiwash Pags. of 6¾ touch. Irusappa Chetti has paid the fine of 500 Pags. [See No. 159]. As the Marathas are so far away, the letter about Venkatachalam [No. 152] hardly needs answer. Have given the Ensign's commission to William de Morgan. Support Edward Harris' application for admission to the Madras Council *vice* Torriano deceased.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Edward Harris at Fort St. David to Hubbard etc., dated May 26, 1741, desiring their recommendation to Madras for his appointment to Council *vice* Torriano; (2) proclamation, dated Fort St. David, May 18, 1741, that after May 31 the Company will only receive and pay Star pagodas.

No. 165. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MAY 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 102–103 (1¼).]

Though cotton is plentiful, cannot obtain cloth owing to the short measure accepted by the French, unless the merchants should be given some other advantage. Cotton is at 26 Madras Pags. the candy at present. Has on hand only 46 bales of cloth.

No. 166. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. MAY 16, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 103–104 (1).]

Joseph Goddard, attacked with convulsions and delirium on the 11th, has died. John Churchey wrote for assistance; so the

writer was sent from Ingeram. Has received 6,000 Pags. from Vizagapatam.

No. 167. CONSULTATION. MAY 28, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 175–181 (6½). *Brittle.*]

Read letters from Fort St. David, no date [No. 164], from Ingeram of May 10 [No. 165], and from Madapollam of May 16 [No. 166]. Accounts read and payments received. Report on the Queen's Point. It is to be repaired. Guruvappa Nayakan's peons to be discharged, but the rest to be continued till more certain news about the Nawab's coming. Kodambakkam Guruvappa complains that Pentapad Narasu has run away with part of collections of the Town brokerage and Measuring farm. The latter summoned to appear within a month, or his property to be sold. The Company's merchants explain that they have lately brought in no cloth, because the Marathas were expected to overrun the Carnatic after capturing Trichinopoly; the weavers and spinners fled and have not yet returned; while little cotton and cotton yarn have been imported from other countries, as the roads were dangerous.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1741; (2) letter from Morse, Eckman, Hollond and Southby, dated May 28, 1741, stating that the Queen's Point would be brought down by the fire of its own guns and that it is of importance for the protection of the Black Town, and furnishing a plan [missing] of what they recommend to be done.

No. 168. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 28, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter to Madras of May 26? [No. 164?].

No. 169. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 170. CONSULTATION. JUNE 1, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 182–192 (10¾).]

Accounts read and advances made. Report read of deficiency of cordage. Read the Regulations for the military [No. 54]. Observe that the Governor has but little leisure for tours in the country; the Secretary to draw out new commissions for the 3 lieutenants; where soldiers are unwilling to contract for a further fixed term, it

is still advisable to keep them in pay, as this saves the cost of recruits; the 6th article can only apply to a larger garrison than is maintained at Madras; as regards the 7th, when soldiers who kept public houses were discharged the service, they were often insubordinate and troublesome, especially when the Europe ships had sailed and they had difficulty in making a living. However taverns are needed for the sailors on Europe ships, and at present soldiers are allowed to keep a certain number but remain in the service, under military control, and return to constant duty as soon as the Europe ships sail. Soldiers bred to a trade must have been either drunken or lazy ever to have enlisted, and very few have ever been able to earn their living. Consider that an adjutant is unnecessary and his hearing complaints against the other officers would tend to insubordination or mutiny, especially where the soldiers are such as to require severe discipline. Besides, abuses of the officers' powers must speedily come to the ears of the Council. Regarding drill, etc., the garrison duties as performed at present are to be entered. On arrival, the recruits receive 12 fns. each 'refreshing money.' Pay for those who are discharged or die is allowed to the end of the month in which their service terminates. The soldiers are so constantly on duty that they must be allowed new clothing every year, not every two years.

Appended are:—(1) Cash account for May 1741, balance 16,296 Star, 35 Madras and 58,925 old Pags.; (2) Duty of military officers: The Captain mounting guard to do so about 7 A.M. on week-days and 9 on Sundays, to hear all complaints that may be made by or against the soldiers, to visit the hospital once in 24 hours, and to report all deaths or desertions to the Governor; 2 ensigns are on guard at a time, one at the Main Guard and one at the Choultry; the former goes the rounds at 10 P.M. in the White Town, and the latter at the out-guards at 5 or 6 P.M.; the serjeants and corporals size and regulate the men on parade, exercise their men every morning on their guards, go the rounds every hour, reporting at the Main Guard and delivering a leaden 'chop' marked with the hour of beginning the round; one serjeant and one corporal to be orderlies each day, to receive the parole and other orders at 4 P.M. and carry them to the officers off guard, to call the roll of the soldiers sleeping in the barracks and to see that the hospital and barracks are shut at 10 P.M.; a serjeant, corporal and 12 men (half black and half white) to be on guard after gunfire at the Governor's Garden House and patrol the suburbs. Every Monday an ensign is to exercise the company that comes off guard that morning. A

company mounts guard for 24 hours in the White Town, then for 24 hours in the Black Town, and then for 24 hours is off guard, so that 2 companies are always on and one off guard; (3) Letter from William Monson, dated June 1, 1741, stating that the loss on cordage amounts to only 1 3/16 %, while cordage in private trade often loses 3 % the first year.

No. 171. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM MAY 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 104–105(¾).]

On Apr. 16, the Nawab encamped at the mango garden. Presented him with 6 yds. of broadcloth. He left on the 18th to visit the Dutch at Bimlipatam.

No. 172. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 11, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 105–106 (1½).]

Acknowledges letters of Apr. 3, 28 and May 4. The *Calcutta* sloop arrived on the 4th and sailed for Bengal on the 7th with 12,000 Madras Rs. Has sent 4,000 Madras Pags. to Ingeram and 6,000 to Madapollam. Needs pagodas. Goodere arrived on the 6th. Thomas Pelling has been discharged.

No. 173. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY, MAY 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 107–108 (2).]

Shipping news. The *Halifax* is being laded with 600 candies of pepper and will then sail for Madras and the Bay, touching at Anjengo.

No. 174. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. MAY 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 109 (¾).]

The *Nottingham* bound for Great Britain is sailing for Madras to lie there till she can pass the Cape safely.

No. 175. CONSULTATION. JUNE 4, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp,* 193–195 (2½).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of May 1 and 11 [Nos. 171 & 172], and from Tellicherry of May 2 and 10 [Nos. 173 & 174]. Advances made. As the *Fort St. George* sloop has probably passed without touching at Vizagapatam, a further supply of Madras pagodas to be sent there. Linga Chetti agrees to supply 15,130 Madras Pags. for 17,400 old Pags. of 76 to 78 touch, at the rate of 115 current for 100 Madras Pags. This is 9% cheaper than

recoining the old pagodas as the shroffs over-value the old pagodas. The Board sign the commissions for Eckman, Hollond and Southby, in lieu of the old ones signed only by the President.

No. 176. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 17, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 109–112 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 20 and Oct. 20. Have obtained guns from Bengal. Shipping news. Desire the *Nottingham* to be furnished with the latest signals for homeward ships.

No. 177. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WEST AT CALICUT. MAY 6, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 112 (⅓).]

Has laded 339 candies of pepper for the Bay on the *Halifax*.

No. 178. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. MAY 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 112–115 (3).]

Sends cash accounts. Appends an inventory of goods, furniture, etc., dated May 16, and a list of 11 merchants who owe in all 11,353 Pags. Has received 300 pieces of cloth since his arrival. The books, which are two years behind, will be brought up to date. Has sent 3,000 Pags. to Prince at Ingeram.

No. 179. CONSULTATION. JUNE 8, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 195–203 (8¼).]

Read letters from Bombay of Apr. 17 [No. 176], from Calicut of May 6 [No. 177], from Madapollam of May 23 [No. 178], and from Capt. Blake of the *Halifax*, stating his reasons for not calling at Anjengo and desiring advice whether to land the Anjengo treasure, stores and military at Madras or carry them up to the Bay. Agreed that they should be landed. The *Cæsar* to be despatched in Sept. in company with the *Nottingham* and to be surveyed. The bamboo, bag, head and black coolies having left the bounds, complaining that their wages were insufficient, their families were turned out of town, on which they sent a petition to Benyon. Morse and Monson to enquire into their grievances.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Blake, Commander of the *Halifax*, dated June 8, 1741, (as above); (2) copy of consultation held May 18, 1741, by the officers of the *Halifax*, alleging contrary winds and currents (due to the lateness of the season) for their failure to call at Anjengo; (3) list of goods aboard the *Halifax* for Anjengo; (4) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Capt. John Blake, dated June 9, 1741, directing him to land the military etc., for Anjengo; (5) letter from the same to Capt. Robert Cummings

of the *Cæsar*, dated June 9, 1741, giving notice that his ship will be despatched in Sept.; and (6) letter from the same to Capts. John Blake, John Taylor and Samuel Lutton, dated June 9, 1741, desiring them to survey the *Cæsar*.

No. 180. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 9, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of May 30, declining to permit the coining of fanams at Fort St. David, requesting musters of bad Wandiwash pagodas, and ordering the dismissal of peons, the Marathas having re-crossed the Kistna; and another of June 3, ordering the payment of 5 Pags. a month to vakil Kuppayya. Agreed on letter to Madras of June 9 [No. 185].

No. 181. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MAY 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 115–117 (1⅓).]

Acknowledges letter of Apr. 28. Hears from Madapollam that the Masulipatam Faujdar sent them a warning that the Marathas were near; but it has proved otherwise. On hearing of Goddard's illness at Madapollam, Andrews was sent as he knows the country. He took with him the doctor from Yanam. Has received 4,000 Madras Pags. from Vizagapatam.

No. 182. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MAY 25, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 117 (½.]

Andrews has been able to spare only 3,000 Pags., as his merchants have much cloth on hand.

No. 183. CONSULTATION. JUNE 11, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 204–206 (2½). *Brittle and torn.*]

Read letters from Ingeram of May 23 and 25 [Nos. 181 & 182] and from Madapollam of May 16 and 23 [Nos. 166 & 178]. Andrews and Churchey to send surplus money to Ingeram and to take charge of and sell Goddard's effects, paying the produce into cash; the cloth accounts of the northern settlements to be made up, so that Goddard's account with the Company may be stated. Discrepancy of nearly 3 Pags. in the Madapollam cash accounts. Payments received. The soldiers for Anjengo by the *Halifax* to be paid for May. Paid to Capt. Taylor of the *George* 999 Rs. being wages of the crew for 3 months, 999 Rs. being the 'impress' due for 3 months from June 1, and 226 Pags. for wages and miscellaneous expenses; also stores for the *George* to be provided. Linga

Chetti to supply 5,000 Madras for 5,500 Star Pags. Auroras received last year to be delivered to the merchants, they paying for it as issued.

No. 184. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. MAY 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 117–118 (1).]

Send a packet for Bombay. This year none of the returning ships have called. Desire that any packets for Anjengo may be forwarded. Desire early news of the possible war with France.

No. 185. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 118–122 (4).]

Acknowledge letters of May 25, 26 and 30, and 10,000 Pags. Send musters of the low-touch Wandiwash pagodas; the cash chest could not have been tampered with. Have discharged 300 peons and several lascars, and will continue to discharge the least useful; but doubt whether the garrison should be reduced to what it was two years ago. The Marathas are likely to return in a few months; and the French have 500 Europeans in garrison and will receive 600 from the Isles; so the latter too will be dangerous if war breaks out. In accounts, are using double columns, one for country and the other for Star pagodas. 990 Pags. paid as compensation to the owners of houses and gardens demolished. 1,100 Pags. will be paid to the Cuddalore people. Have made pallisades (with trees cut down in the soldiers' gardens and elsewhere), east and north of the Fort, round Paracheri Point, north and west of Dēvanāmpattanam and along the river near Cuddalore. Recommend that the 2 Brahmans sent to prepare for the reception of the present to the Marathas may be rewarded for their good service. The Arrack farm is still managed by Floyer, as only 650 Pags. per annum is offered for it.

No. 186. CONSULTATION. JUNE 15, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 206–209 (2½).]

Read letters from Anjengo of May 23 [No. 184], and from Fort St. David of June 9 [No. 185]. Agreed to reply to the latter, approving of the treatment of the Arrack farm and compensation being given to those whose houses or trees were destroyed, and permitting 50 Pags. each to be given to the 2 Brahmans who went to Trichinopoly. Pagodas received from Fort St. David given to the Assaymaster to be tested; some previously sent as under 70 touch were found to be 71½. Capt. Browne of the *Nottingham* to explain why

he put in at Madras, instead of sailing for Europe. 4 bales of auroras and 8 pigs of lead landed from the *Cæsar* to be sold unless the owner proves his claim before July 1. Anjengo peons to be returned with despatches for that place received by the *Halifax*. People whose houses were pulled down allowed to build houses in John Pereira's and Maria Pois's gardens, which will produce more by quit-rent when inhabited, than as let out for growing coconut trees.

No. 187. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 26, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 122–123 (1).]

Forwards a packet received from Balasore, which has been delayed by the troubles in the country. Andrews and Churchey are at Madapollam. The *Fort St. George* must have overshot Vizagapatam or been lost. Desires Madras pagodas and Arcot rupees.

No. 188. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 123–124 (½).]

Forwards accounts.

No. 189. CONSULTATION. JUNE 20, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 209–213 (4).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of May 26 [No. 187], and from Madapollam of June 3 [No. 188]. Medicines to be bought in Madras for Vizagapatam, there being none in store to be spared. Read letter from Capt. Browne of the *Nottingham*, explaining that being despatched late and unlikely to be able to make his passage round the Cape, he thought it wiser to make for Madras than to run the risk of wintering at Madagascar or the French Islands, in view of the likelihood of war with France. The *Cæsar* reported fit for the Europe voyage. Read letter from Capt. Cummings of the *Cæsar*, desiring 100 tons of pepper at half-freight to shoot loose among his bales. Agreed to send pepper on board, reserving the right to decide whether it shall be included in her tonnage or go at half-freight. Payments received. Capt. Hudson of the *Prince of Orange* to explain why he called at Madras as he has no packet for Madras.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Thomas Browne, dated June 17, 1741, as above; (2) letter from John Blake, John Taylor and Samuel Lutton, dated June 15, 1741, reporting on the *Cæsar* as above; (3) letter from Robert Cummings, dated June 20, 1741, as above; (4) letter to Capt. John Blake of the *Halifax*, dated June 20, 1741, directing him to send pepper on board the *Cæsar*.

No. 190. CONSULTATION. JUNE 26, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 214–217 (3½).]

Accounts read. Read letter from Capt. Hudson of the *Prince of Orange*. 18 soldiers on her who are ill with scurvy to be detained here. The Marshall's house (bought in 1729) and Gangaram's godowns, being past repair, agreed to sell them to Abraham Solomons and Coja Petrus. Burton and Morse to report their value.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1741; (2) letter from Charles Hudson, dated June 22, 1741, stating that he put into Madras on account of the prevalence of scurvy, especially among the recruits.

No. 191. CONSULTATION. JUNE 27, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 217–218 (1).]

Redwood to be laded on the *Prince of Orange* and the *Halifax* for the Bay. Linga Chetti pays in 20,130 Madras Pags.; 20,000 of them and some Arcot rupees to be sent to the northern settlements by the *George*. Accounts read. The officers of the *Cæsar* withdraw their complaints [No. 89].

No. 192. CONSULTATION. JUNE 30, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 218–221 (3⅓).]

Accounts read and payments received. Headmoney paid the Surgeon of the *Prince of Orange* for Bengal soldiers. Agreed to send stores on the *George* to replace those designed for Vizagapatam on the *Fort St. George* and to desire Bengal to send the Madras pagodas down to Vizagapatam in Dec. No more beteellas required from Ingeram unless they can be got cheaper. Agreed on letters to Vizagapatam and Bengal. The pagodas from Fort St. David reported to be 70 touch. Burton and Morse report [See No. 190] the house in York Alley to be worth 250 Pags. and the godowns 600 Pags. Agreed to sell them at those prices. A Moor boy having been stolen and sold to a ship's captain, and the Nawab's mullah interceding for his release, Benyon had some trouble to get him ashore. Here there is no agreement with the Moor government not to sell Moors as slaves, similar to the one in Bengal, probably because Hindus were lords of the south when the English first settled. A notice to be issued prohibiting the sale of Moors or other Muhammadans as slaves within the jurisdiction of Madras.

Appended are:—(1) petition of Walter Currie, Surgeon of the *Prince of Orange*, dated June 29, 1741, desiring headmoney for 18

soldiers; and (2) letter from Augustus Burton and Nicholas Morse dated June 30, 1741, as above, adding that the godowns are in Choultry Gate street.

No. 193. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 30, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Borlace Stacey to assist the Paymaster *vice* Zachariah Foxall deceased; and Thomas Cooke Junior to assist the Warehouse-keeper. Read letter from Madras of June 19, reporting that the Wandiwash pagodas were found to be of 71½ touch, ordering the discharge of most of the peons but not to reduce the military and gunners, granting compensation to garden-owners and a present of 50 Pags. to each of the other two vakils to the Maratha camp, and approving of the retention of the Arrack farm. Agreed on letter to Madras of July 6 [No. 201]. Cash balance, 15,258 old and 8,468 Star Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1741, including 33 fns. for killing mad dogs.

No. 194. CONSULTATION. JULY 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 222–229 (7).]

Accounts read and advances made. Paid Capt. Blake 132 Pags. for dieting the Anjengo soldiers on the *Halifax*. The *London* having no packet for Madras, Capt. Bootle to explain why he put in here. Richard Starke posted under the Accountant. Capt. Cummings refusing to sign a receipt for the pepper sent aboard without making some deduction 'for the turn of the scale', agreed that, as such deduction is not usual in India, he may enter the method of weighment on his bill of lading. A shroff having attempted to get 79 oz. of gold of 71¾ touch passed as 81½ by changing the assay piece, agreed that the gold be forfeited to the Company and that 100 Pags. be distributed among the 4 men who detected the fraud. The Company's merchants ordered not to provide cloth at Salem, Chennappanāyakanpālaiyam and Udaiyārpālaiyam, as the Fort St. David merchants can get cloth from thence cheaper than the Madras merchants and as the Fort St. David investment will be increased. Advance 5,000 Pags. of old money to merchants. For want of suitable thread, fine long-cloth and salempores cannot be got at present.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for June 1741, balance 10,050 Star, 41,555 old and 165 Madras Pags.; and (2) bill of John Blake for dieting soldiers at 4 fns. per man per diem.

No. 195. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 3, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made. Few Star pagodas being left, agreed to ask for a further supply.

No. 196. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 12, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, pp. 124–126 (2¾)].

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 28 and Apr. 22 and 28. Have received treasure etc. by the *Princess Louisa*, the *Fort St. George* and the *Calcutta* sloops. The *Fort St. George* failed to touch at Vizagapatam; will examine into the cause. Fear there will be some loss on selling her pagodas at Murshidabad. Shipping news. Alivirdi Khan has returned to Murshidabad.

No. 197. LETTER FROM ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. OCT. 23, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 127–128 (1¾).]

Shipping news and Sumatra affairs.

No. 198. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 15, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 128–129 (¾)

Hear that the *Fort St. George* has reached Bengal; also the *Bedford*. Shipping news. Has paid the kist to Kasimkota but declined to send an additional present.

No. 199. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 18, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 129–130 (½).]

Forwards the 1739 accounts. Has received 800 pieces of cloth, but some of the merchants are in a desperate way. The country is quiet.

No. 200. CONSULTATION. JULY 8, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 230–232 (3).]

Read letters from Fort William of May 12 [No. 196], from Fort Marlborough of Oct. 23, 1740 [No. 197], from Vizagapatam of June 15 [No. 198], from Madapollam of June 18 [No. 199] and from Capt. Bootle of the *London*. Redwood to be sent on board the *London*. Account sale of broadcloth. John Waters, though designed gunner at Anjengo, yet being desirous to remain at Madras, agreed to ask Bombay for leave to keep him here.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Matthew Bootle, Commander of the *London*, dated July 4, 1741, stating that he put in because his crew were suffering from scurvy; (2) account-sale, dated July 1, 1741, of 4 bales of auroras producing 678 Pags. and 241 lb. of lead producing 6 Pags.

No. 201. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 6, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 130 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 19 [See No. 193]. Have reduced the peons to 270, but cannot dismiss more with safety. Send accounts. Desire Star pagodas.

No. 202. CONSULTATION. JULY 10, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 233–234 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of July 6 [No. 201]. 5,000 Pags. to be sent thither. Signed bills of sale to Coja Petrus and Solomons [See Nos. 190 & 192]. Agreed on letter to Bengal desiring them to credit Madras for the *Bedford* treasure sent from Sumatra at 15 $ per 10 Pags. and to send thither 2,000 gunny bags, 2 chests of Patna opium and 50 jars of oil; and similarly to credit the treasure and stores sent by the *Fort St. George* for Vizagapatam, etc.

No. 203. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 10, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Advances made.

No. 204. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 13, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 5,000 Star Pags. from Madras. Advances made.

No. 205. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. MAY 26, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 130–133 (2½).]

News of the seizure of Leghorn by the French etc. reported by the Jesuits at Ispahan. This is likely to offend the maritime powers and cause war. Desire early intimation of any news from Europe.

Extract of a letter to the Jesuits at Ispahan:—Lambertini elected Pope; death of the Empress of Russia; death of the Emperor Charles and the succession of Maria Theresa; the Turks and the Persians preparing for war; seizure of Leghorn by 28 French men-of-war.

No. 206. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JUNE 15, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 133–134 (1).]

Desire the men etc. for Anjengo on the *Halifax* may be sent on as soon as possible. Have no gunners. The Travancore King is attacking the Dutch entrenchments at Colachel. Send a packet for Bombay. Desire Europe news.

No. 207. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 21, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 134–135 (1).]

Sends an indent [appended] for wares and stores.

No. 208. LETTER FROM [CAPTAIN] JOHN BECK OF THE CALCUTTA GRAB AT COLOMBO TO RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. MAY 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 135–136 (1½).]

The *Calcutta* grab from Tellicherry for Bengal met rough weather and could not weather Ceylon. She is now at Colombo and needs repair. Desires a letter to the Dutch Governor authorising assistance. The *Richard* (also at anchor off Colombo) went ashore and was wrecked on the 26th.

No. 209. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY BY THE GODOLPHIN. [COPY RECD. BY THE KING WILLIAM.] JULY 23, 1740. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 1–2 (2).]

Cite despatch of Apr. 2, 1740 [No. 53]. Acknowledge despatches of Aug. 2 and Sept. 20, 1739. Ships arrived and at St. Helena. Complain that, though French ships were despatched in Oct. no English ships sailed, but hope the delay will prove due to the superiority of English goods. The war with Spain continues.

No. 210. CONSULTATION. JULY 18, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 235–238 (3⅓).]

Read letters from Bombay of May 26 [No. 205], from Anjengo of June 15 [No. 206], from Vizagapatam of June 21 [No. 207], and from the Master of the *Calcutta* sloop of May 28 [No. 208]. Accounts read and payments received. The Board adjourn to 4 p.m. The *King William's* packet with despatch of July 23, 1740 [No. 209] opened. Her treasure, men and stores to be landed. Burton and Monson to examine the treasure. Shipping news etc. from Europe to be sent to Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo. 10 chests of silver to be sold; half of the rest to be coined at the Company's mint; the other half to be coined into Arcot rupees at the Covelong mint by Linga Chetti at 256½ Rs. for 100 oz. of standard silver and 1,000 Rs. to weigh 367 oz. and be 2½ dwt. better than standard.

No. 211. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS, ETC., AT MADAPOLLAM. JULY 7, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 136–137 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of June 15. The 1740 books are in hand. Have sent copies of the inventory of Goddard's estate to all the neighbouring settlements. Will report how the articles sell.

No. 212. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 22, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 137–138 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of July 10 with 5,000 new Pags. Two Europe ships reached Pondichery with 175 chests of silver. There are 1,200 Europeans at Pondichery, but only 104 at Fort St. David. Believe if war breaks out they will attack the English. At the time of the Spanish Succession war, the French were poor and anxious to keep on good terms; but they are now full of ambition. Desire more country and new pagodas. Wandiwash and Tiruvattūr pagodas do not pass here; Alambarai pagodas are the best this way.

No. 213. CONSULTATION. JULY 27, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 239–245 (6½).]

Read letters from Madapollam of July 7 [No. 211] and from Fort St. David of July 22 [No. 212]. 30 recruits and 10,000 Alambarai and Star Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Accounts read. 70 poligar peons, 22 topasses and 32 lascars out of the gunroom to be discharged. John Hallyburton to be Resident at Madapollam and to obtain only fine longcloth so as not to interfere with Ingeram. Samuel Harrison to be Upper-searcher at the Seagate *vice* Hammond, appointed Registrar of the Mayor's Court; Richard Starke to be Under-searcher; Cornelius Goodwin to be under the Paymaster; Affleck to assist the Import Warehousekeeper. For want of assistants, Robert Sloper taken as monthly writer on 10 Pags. a month and to assist the Export Warehousekeeper.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1741.

No. 214. LETTER FROM SIR EVERARD FAWKENER AT CONSTANTINOPLE. SEPT. 15, 1740. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 139–140 (2).]

Acknowledges letter of Aug. 27, 1736, sent by Domencio Kiundell, but distrusts that person. Will endeavour to promote

the trade from India to the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, as it does not compete with the Levant Company's trade. Is making enquiries at Basra and Jedda.

No. 215. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MAY, ETC., SUPRACARGOES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AT MOCHA. JUNE 24, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 141 (½).]

Can obtain only 2,000 bales of coffee. So shall consign [the *Prince of Wales*] to Madras.

No. 216. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JULY 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 141–142 (1).]

Has 101 bales of longcloth, salempores and izarees, and will receive 50 more by Aug. 15. Would have had double, but for the French taking short measure. Unless the French investment declines, the Company's trade will be ruined.

No. 217. CONSULTATION. JULY 30, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 246–247 (1¼).]

Read letters from Constantinople of Sept. 15, 1740 [No. 214], from the supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* at Mocha of June 24 [No. 215], and from Ingeram of July 2 [No. 216]. Payments received. Paid 1,200 Pags. on account of town-rent to the Nawab.

No. 218. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, payments received and advances made. Damaged stores to be surveyed. Cash balance, 5,188 old and 10,720 Star Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1741, including 5 Pags. given to the Tirupapuliyūr feast as usual.

No. 219. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE KING WILLIAM AND BEAUFORT. FEB. 6, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 3–13 (11).]

Cite despatch of July 23, 1740 [No. 209]. Acknowledge despatches of Jan. 15, 17, and 25 and Feb. 19, 1740 [Nos. 24, 27, 35 & 69 of 1740]. Arrival of 12 ships; but no news of the *Normanton*, the *Somerset* or the *Haeslingfield*. Have taken up 17 ships for the season, of which 8 designed to visit the Coast and Bay. As demurrage is 9d. per day per ton, ships must not be kept longer than necessary. War continues with Spain and threatens with France.

Certificates to be granted to commanders paying into cash loans or money on account of their private trade. The *Nassau* takes men and stores to Bombay, and thence cotton to Bengal. Redwood to be sent to Bengal for the *London*. Usual instructions regarding surplus tonnage, packing, etc. Approve sending bales instead of a part of the tea on the *Duke of Lorraine*. Large sloops being unsuitable to collect pepper from the small rivers in Sumatra, small ones like the *Bonetta* to be provided; 3 or 4 councillors at Madras have resided at Bencoolen and should have known what was needed there. Approve of sheathing in Bengal the *Princess Augusta* of 230 tons, built at Bombay. Any necessary information to be sent the Company *viâ* Basra and Aleppo or Cairo. No Company's or country shipping to carry fire-arms for sale to the Malabar Coast. The *Prince of Wales* is to take in only 2,000 bales of coffee at Mocha, unless it may be had at 65 $ the bahar; in the former case, Madras is to complete her lading with calicoes. The *Fort St. George*, unless laded on the Malabar Coast, is to be sent to Bengal. Each homeship should have 180 to 200 tons of saltpetre.

Owing to the war, broadcloth is 5 % and perpets 10 % cheaper. Alphabetical price currents should be sent regularly. Consider the late great delays in selling broadcloth due to selling the whole to one man. In future it should be sold at outcry, 6 or 12 months being allowed to clear the goods. The Company do not want more than market price, but do desire a larger vend. Though sending Arcot rupees to Bengal may be more profitable than sending Madras rupees, the proportion must be determined by Bengal.

Send list of investment [No. 220]. Employment of merchants as brokers has increased the investment at Fort St. David. Approve the same having been done at Madras. The goods thus provided have sold well. Approve arrangement with Tambi Chetti, etc. Want more fine and middling cloth. Indian terms should be explained in consultations. Chay goods apparently include allejas, collawapores and sastracundees. Cotton romals short of full length were rightly rejected. As the northern settlements last season provided 1,100 bales, trust that the new Chiefs will succeed in reviving English trade there. In providing goods to the south, either Indian merchants or Company's servants may be employed. Since Andiyappa left off providing Porto Novo cloth, none has been sent; another merchant should have been appointed. This would hinder interlopers like Milner from getting goods there. Gratified to hear that there was a lading of bales and tea on the Coast for the Sept. ships.

Approve of not detaining a foreign ship bound to Macao. Such a course would injure the credit of Madras, drive away commerce and reduce the revenues. Care must be taken that no great loss is made on the provisions laid in against a siege. Approve precautions taken against a Maratha attack. Urge care that political revolutions do not injure the Company.

Regret that the repairs at Vizagapatam should have been delayed by the Chief being alone and sick. More than one covenanted servant should be kept there. As the garden-house used for receiving 'Moors and Gentues' was formerly bought by each incoming Chief of his predecessor, suppose some profit was made of it. Now that it is the Company's, this profit must be secured for the Company. Entry should have been made in consultation regarding the persons who had lost their titles to houses, etc. but were confirmed in possession. Approve the Mint Brahmans' dismissal for their roguery.

Security given for Simpson. Legh Denny's estate paid to his sister. Regret that Benyon was unable to sign the Consultations on account of sore eyes. Complain of the omission of 1,700 bales of calico from the estimate of quick stock. Will send more soldiers. As regards Sanderson and his dubash, Benyon has cleared himself; but his dubash may be less innocent. Great caution must be used towards such people. Pitt has this year also 'made us the like satisfaction' regarding bills in his favour. Bills on account of covenanted servants and commanders must show that the parties have been duly sworn.

No. 220. LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COROMANDEL COAST FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT IN 1740. FEB. 3, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 33–36 (4).]

Allejas of bright red, 400 pieces; beteellas, Oringal and Pulicat, 2,900; chintz, Madras, to be worked fuller, 4,000; callawapores of bright red, 400; dimities of Fort St. David, 400; ginghams, white and striped, 3,000; izarees to be made up square, 500; longcloth, ordinary, middling, fine, superfine and blue, also Porto Novo cloth, 1,33,400; moorees, ordinary, fine and superfine, 12 yds. long and 1 yd. broad, 5,500; romals, 'sootie,' red and white, Pulicat, Masulipatam and fine, 8,200; sastracundees of bright red, 400; salempores, ordinary, middling and fine, 83,000; redwood, as usual; and saltpetre. Inferior qualities to be taken at reduced prices. Bengal middling sannœs and jugdea baftas, to be painted as in the previous year.

No. 221. STATEMENT OF ERRORS IN THE INVOICES RECEIVED FROM MADRAS IN 1740. LONDON, FEB. 5, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *p.* 85 (¼).]

No. 222. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. JAN. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 19–27 (9).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 223. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. FEB. 11, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *p.* 29 (1).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 224. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE TRADE, ETC., ON THE KING WILLIAM, BEAUFORT, SCARBOROUGH AND KENT FOR MADRAS, AND ON THE ADMIRAL VERNON FOR BENGAL. THE INDIA HOUSE, FEB. 3—APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 37–51 (14½).]

Include:—Spaw waters, Bristol waters, a chaise, and a base viol. The consignments to Madras amount to £ 29,432, and this includes coral valued at £ 18,065.

No. 225. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE SILVER ON THE KING WILLIAM, SCARBOROUGH AND KENT FOR MADRAS, AND ON THE ADMIRAL VERNON FOR BENGAL. THE INDIA HOUSE, JAN. 27—APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 53–61 (8⅓).]

The consignments to Madras amount to 9,907 oz.

No. 226. LIST OF RECRUITS. THE INDIA HOUSE, FEB. 3—APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 63–71 (9).]

On the *King William*, 35; on the *Beaufort*, 34; on the *Scarborough* 34; on the *Kent*, 25, for Madras. On the *Admiral Vernon*, 15, for Bengal.

No. 227. STATEMENT OF MONEY BORROWED BY COMMANDERS OF SHIPS AT RESPONDENTIA. THE INDIA HOUSE, FEB. 9—APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 73–75 (2½).]

It amounts to £15,000.

No. 228. ABSTRACTS OF GOODS CONSIGNED TO THE COAST, BAY AND BENCOOLEN. LONDON, JAN. 29—APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 87–95 (8½).]

The consignments to Madras total £160,900; and consist of silver £129,747; broadcloth, etc., £20,256; lead, £3,515; iron, £3,029; military stores, etc., £2,135; and other items £2,218.

No. 229. LISTS OF THE COMPANY'S PACKETS TO MADRAS BY THE KING WILLIAM, BEAUFORT, SCARBOROUGH AND KENT. NO DATE. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 97–103 (7).]

No. 230. LETTER FROM RIDER, CHAMBERS AND BAKER AT MADEIRA. APR. 3, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *p.* 105 (⅔).]

Send 100 pipes of wine for Madras on the *Beaufort* and 200 pipes for Fort William. These wines are of the last vintage and of the best.

No. 231. CONSULTATION. AUG. 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 248—253 (5¾).]

Accounts read and advances made. 10,000 Star Pags. advanced for the provision of fine goods to the northward. As one of Sitaram's family at Masulipatam who provide chay goods has failed, 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Hallyburton to provide them. The Board adjourn till 4, as the *Beaufort* is coming in. The packet by her opened. Her treasure, stores and military to be landed. Burton and Monson to examine her treasure. All the saltpetre for the *Cæsar* being laded, usual cautions given regarding lading bale goods. 350 candies of lead to be sold. 10,000 old Pags. to be recoined at Alambarai. 10 chests of silver sold to Linga Chetti at 15$ weight per 10 Pags. 3,000 pieces of bluecloth, 5,000 soot romals, 400 red and white romals to be provided at Fort St. David; and the Council there is desired to report whether the Madras merchants are now sending any gumastas to the southward.

Appended is cash account for July, balance 14,133 Star, 36,555 old and 185 Madras Pags.

No. 232. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 4, 1741, [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter of Aug. 1, from Savage, advising the despatch of 10,000 Pags. Agreed on letter to Madras of Aug. 4 [No. 235].

Appended is a letter from Thomas Eyre and Robert Allen to James Hubbard, etc., dated Fort St. David, Aug. 4, 1741, reporting on decayed, etc. stores.

No. 233. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JULY 11, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 142–143 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of June 16. Beg that the men, money, etc., for Anjengo may be sent on. The Travancore King is still attacking Colachel. The Dutch at Cochin have written threatening letters, and had they succeeded in their designs at Colachel would have cut the English off from all access to the country.

No. 234. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JULY 18, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 143–144 (½).]

Acknowledges letter of June 30. Beteellas will not be provided as cotton is nearly as dear as last year, and they will not be cheaper or better. Cloth on hand will be sent on the *George*.

No. 235. LETTER FROM JAMES HUBBARD, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 4, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 144–147 (3½).]

Acknowledge Savage's letter of May 1. Enclose accounts. Another Europe ship has reached Pondichery. Have sent Borlace Stacey to Madras on the *Kent* as the doctors advise change of air. Enclose account [appended] of damaged stores to be written off, with a report on them, dated July 31 [appended], by Thomas Eyre and Robert Allen.

No. 236. CONSULTATION. AUG. 10, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 254–256 (2).]

Read letters from Anjengo of July 11 [No. 233], from Ingeram of July 18 [No. 234], and from Fort St. David of Aug. 4 [No. 235]. Stores at Fort St. David, too damaged to be sold, may be written off. The Madeira on the *Beaufort* reported to have been properly stowed, and her treasure correct.

Appended is a letter from Samuel Lutton, William Percival, and John Shaw, dated Aug. 6, 1741, regarding the *Beaufort's* Madeira, as above.

No. 237. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 10, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Convened by Edward Croke, Hubbard having died this morning. The cash chest is opened and the balance agrees with the account produced by Allen, Hubbard's trustee, save for 57 Pags.

said to have been returned to Benyon as not current here; the keys delivered to Croke, Eyre and Floyer. Agreed on letter to Madras of Aug. 10 [No. 239].

No. 238. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 12, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Allen produces letters (which Hubbard was too ill to communicate on their receipt) from Madras of Aug. 1 and 2, regarding remittance of 10,000 Pags., and another of Aug. 3, regarding provision of bluecloth and romals and enquiring if Madras gumastas are providing cloth about Cuddalore. Agreed on letter to Madras of Aug. 12 [No. 243].

No. 239. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 147–149 (2½).]

James Hubbard has died of 'a nervous disorder.' Have examined the cash balance; and the keys of the cash chest are held by Croke, Eyre and Floyer. 30 recruits have arrived.

Appended is cash account.

No. 240. CONSULTATION. AUG. 13, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 257–260 (4).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Aug. 10 [No. 239]. Fowke being unwilling to go to Fort St. David, Burton is appointed Deputy Governor. Alexander Wynch and Robert Sloper ordered to Fort St. David. George Jones appointed monthly writer. Capt. Sanders of the *King William* to be asked to discharge Charles Milne who is willing to remain here and is needed in 'our shipping business.' Passed letter to Sir Everard Fawkener, ambassador at Constantinople. The *Beaufort's* Madeira to be sold at outcry. As many of the large guns are useless, agreed to buy 4 from the ships. The Company's lead has sold at 12 Pags. 31 fns. per candy. Morse to be Export Warehousekeeper *vice* Burton.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Capt. James Sanders, dated Aug. 13, 1741, regarding Charles Milne; and (2) account sale, dated Aug. 11, of 350 candies of lead, fetching 4,503 Pags.

No. 241. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 15, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 10,000 Pags. sent from Alambarai at Benyon etc.'s orders.

No. 242. LETTER FROM THOMAS DORRILL AT BASRA. JUNE 10, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 150 (½).]

Acknowledges letter of Jan. 30. Has forwarded the packet for the Company to Aleppo, but the duplicate has been hindered by a revolt of the desert Arabs.

No. 243. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 12, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 150–153 (2¾).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 1, 2 and 3. Have 3,353 non-current Pags. to send when the Madras peons are here again. Indents [appended] for packing stuff, iron and stationery. The French ship brought 106 chests of silver with guns and ammunition.

No. 244. CONSULTATION. AUG. 17, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 261–264 (3⅔).]

Read letters from Basra of June 10 [No. 242] and from Fort St. David of Aug. 12 [No. 243]. Wares and stores to be sent thither. Burton's commission as Deputy Governor signed. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David, directing obedience to the orders of Nov. 15, 1739, regarding the cash and urging the increase of the investment. Headmoney granted for 66 recruits on the *King William* and the *Beaufort*. Accounts read. 10,000 Pags. coined at Alambarai ready to be sent to Fort St. David; letter agreed on accordingly. The military etc., for Anjengo to be sent on the *Ceres*. Stores, etc., for Vizagapatam to be sent to Madapollam with Hallyburton and forwarded thence. Agreed on letters of instructions to Hallyburton and Prince; the latter is to procure ordinary cloth only. Benyon desired to procure Hallyburton a letter of credit on the house of Bukanji Kasidas at Masulipatam for Madras pagodas. 10,000 Pags. to be coined at Alambarai for the Madras merchants. Available Arcot and Madras rupees to be sent to the Bay. The Sumatra stills and worms to be sent to Bengal for sale.

Appended are :— Petitions (no date) from George Humphreys, Surgeon on the *King William*, and from Thomas Cheape, Surgeon on the *Beaufort*, for headmoney.

No. 245. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 17, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Bales to be sent to Madras on the *Mary* brigantine. Advances made.

No. 246. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 20, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Aug. 17, stating that Augustus Burton has been appointed Deputy Governor and that he will set out shortly. Agreed on letter to Madras of Aug. 20 [No. 254].

No. 247. LETTER FROM THOMAS THOMSON, ETC., SUPRACARGOES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES, AT MOCHO. JULY 20, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 153 (½).]

Send 1816 whole and 330 half bales of coffee with 3 chests and 1 bag of silver by the *Prince of Wales*.

No. 248. LETTER FROM THOMAS THOMSON, ETC., SUPRACARGOES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AT MOCHA. JULY 20, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 153–154 (½).]

Send on the *Prince of Wales* a few dollars and weighing apparatus.

No. 249. LETTER FROM THOMAS THOMSON, ETC., SUPRACARGOES AT MOCHO TO JOHN PELLY, COMMANDER OF THE PRINCE OF WALES. JULY 20, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 154 (½).]

Sailing orders for Madras.

No. 250. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. AUG. 8, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 154–156 (2¼).]

Acknowledge letter of June 16. On July 31, the Dutch surrendered Colachel to the Travancore King. Their war was undertaken to destroy the English trade. Fear the French will now occupy Colachel, though the English have warned the King of the danger of permitting this. News from Bombay of the likelihood of war. The *Duke of Cumberland* sloop is sent to fetch men and stores.

No. 251. CONSULTATION. AUG. 21, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 265–267 (2⅓).]

Read letters from the supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* of July 26 (20 ?) [Nos. 247 & 248], from Anjengo of Aug. 8 [No. 250]. Soldiers, etc., for Anjengo to go on the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop and the *Ceres*. The *Prince of Wales*' silver reported correct. Bukanji Kasidas will supply Hallyburton at Masulipatam with money up to 10,000 Pags. in pagodas or rupees for a commission of 1½%. Account of the coinage of the 10,000 and odd Alambarai Pags. supplied by Linga Chetti and sent to Fort St. David.

Agreed to ask Bengal whether it will not be better to coin more silver into Arcot rupees. 100 tons of saltpetre to be laded on the *Prince of Wales*, as there are not bales enough to fill her.

Appended is the account coinage of 10,000 Pags., dated Aug. 18, 1741—coinage charges 72 Pags., wastage in melting 21 Pags., short weight 67 Pags. The 10,000 Pags. issued with 306 Pags. worth of alloy produced net 10,130 Alambarai Pags.

No. 252. DIARY FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 22, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5, (*I.O. trans.*)]

Augustus Burton arrives at Fort St. David. He produces a commission appointing him Deputy Governor. It is read publicly.

No. 253. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 22, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Aug. 17, regarding the appointment of Burton as Deputy Governor, directing unsaleable damaged stores to be written off, enquiring how many bales will be ready by Dec. 31, and ordering the return of 3,353 non-current Pags. [See No. 243]. The merchants to attend next consultation. Read letter from Savage of Aug. 19, accompanying wares, etc., on the *Robert* sloop.

No. 254. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 20, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 157 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 7. Wish Burton (appointed Deputy Governor) all success. Send 210 bales (70 of last year's and 140 of this year's investment) by the *Mary* brigantine. Desire wares, etc., indented for. Have 286 bales of cloth on hand.

No. 255. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 21, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 158 (½).]

Regarding bales sent by the *Mary* brigantine.

No. 256. CONSULTATION. AUG. 24, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., pp.* 268–271 (3½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Aug. 20 and 21 [Nos. 254 & 255]. Stationery (being much needed at Fort St. David) to be purchased in Town. Accounts read. 50 pipes of Madeira wine produced 44 Pags. 4 fns. the pipe; sale of the rest to be deferred till better prices can be got. 3 extra tons of rice for St. Helena to be laded on the *Cæsar* and the *Prince of Wales*.

Appended is account sale of Madeira, dated Aug. 24, 1741.

No. 257. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 24, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

The merchants attending, they promise to supply at least 400 bales by Dec. 31. On being urged to procure some Salem cloth, they reply that the troubles have made it very dangerous to send money thither but that they will do their best to get some. In answer to the Company's complaints about soot-romals, they promise these shall be of full size and brighter colours, and to provide 3,000 pieces of bluecloth. 6,000 old Pags. advanced them for Salem cloth. Keys of the cash chest delivered to Burton.

No. 258. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS, ETC., AT MADAPOLLAM. AUG. [?], 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 158 (½).]

Send accounts. Most of Goddard's goods are sold.

No. 259. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 16, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 159 (⅔).]

The redwood sent by the sloops is 15 maunds short.

No. 260. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 159–162 (2¾).]

On July 7, the *George* arrived with John Stratton, the new Chief. The season being advanced, can contract for only 200 bales of calicoes. The country is now quiet, but people say that on the death of the Nawab, who is 90 years old, the Rajas will try to become independent. The Fort and the buildings need repair; the guncarriages are falling to pieces and the muskets are too old to be relied on. Have ordered 100 lances for the peons 30,000 Pags. will be needed to provide 500 bales next year. Enclose accounts. The balance of Gibson's estate in cash is Rs. 2,200, and a demand is now made for Rs. 1,600 by the heirs of Gunupudi Ranganayakulu.

Appended are copies of two notes of hand signed by William Gibson, Oct. 16, 1738 and Jan. 7, 1739.

No. 261. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 24, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 162–163 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of AUG. 17. [See No. 253.] Burton's commission as Deputy Governor has been publicly read. 72 bales are ready in the godowns. Burton has taken charge of the Company's

cash. The merchants promise 700 more bales by Dec.; and 6,000 Pags. have been advanced them for Salem cloth. Will send up the 3,353 non-current Pags.

No. 262. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. JULY 17, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 163–164 (1¼).]

Shipping news. Send packets for England and Bengal. Overland news from Europe [See No. 205].

No. 263. LETTER FROM ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. JULY 25, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 165–187 (24).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

Appended is copy of a letter from the same to Thomas Braddyll, etc., at Fort William, dated Oct. 23, 1740.

No. 264. CONSULTATION. AUG. 31, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 272–279 (7⅓).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Aug. (?) [No. 258], from Fort William of June 16 [No. 259], from Vizagapatam of Aug. 1 [No. 260], from Fort St. David of Aug. 24 [No. 261], from Tellicherry of July 17 [No. 262] and from Fort Marlborough of July 25 [No. 263]. Certificates from Sumatra for 20,000 $, on account of the estates of Alexander Edgar, John Innes and Francis Everest, to be discharged and the fact reported to the Company. Bengal to be desired to direct the ship they send to Sumatra to touch at Moco Moco for pepper. Deficiencies of stores for Sumatra on the *Princess Augusta;* she is to be surveyed, being reported to have been much damaged by lightning. Grantham Mead allowed to resign and go home on the *Cæsar.* 10 time-expired soldiers discharged. Accounts read and payments received. Draft despatch by the *Cæsar* and *Nottingham* [No. 283] passed. Fenwicke Golightly and William Burton entertained as monthly writers. Bills for 19,000 Pags. granted Dumas who is going to France.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Grantham Mead, dated Aug. 31, 1741, desiring leave to resign; (2) account sale of cattle, 2 at 5 Pags. and 160 at 3¼ Pags.; and (3) statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1741.

No. 265. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Savage of Aug. 27, accompanying wares, etc., on the *Mary* brigantine. Accounts read, advances made and

payments received. The Gunner and his Mate to survey the *Carolina* sloop stranded in the river. Granted the request of William Macknight, Surgeon's Mate for the last four years, to be discharged so that he may go to Bengal. Agreed to grant to Capt. John de Morgan a piece of ground between the Hospital and Mrs. Saunders' house. 1,000 Pags. paid as compensation for trees cut down. Cash balance, 13,581 old and 14,054 Star Pags.

Appended are :—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1741 ; (2) account sale of damaged stores realising 10 Pags., dated Aug. 29 ; (3) petition, dated Aug. 31, from John de Morgan, as above ; and (4) another, dated Aug. 31, from William Macknight, as above.

No. 266. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 3, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 280–287 (8).]

Accounts read and advances made. Agreed to send the *Princess Augusta* to Bengal for repairs with salt, rice, etc., for Sumatra ; and to desire Bengal to send 20 military. As it is uncertain whether the *Prince of Wales* can be ready to sail in company with the *Cæsar* and the *Nottingham*, agreed to defer the consideration till next week. Tiruvottiyur, etc., villages let to Linga Chetti and Beri Timmappa, who will be more punctual in payment than the old renters. Borlace Stacey who died last night is to be buried and his effects taken charge of by the Paymaster.

Appended are :—(1) letter from John Pelly and Robert Milne, dated Sept. 2, 1741, reporting on the masts, etc., of the *Princess Augusta ;* and (2) cash account for Aug. 1741, balance 26,281 Star, 12,292 old and 78 Madras Pags.

No. 267. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 191 (1).]

Acknowledge Savage's letter of Aug. 27. Have allowed Macknight, Surgeon's Mate, to resign. The *Duc d'Orléans* brought 80 chests of silver, a few chests of small arms and 40 soldiers. The *Penthiévre* and the *Bourbon* are nearly ready for despatch. Monthly accounts.

No. 268. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 7, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 288–291 (3½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 3 [No. 267]. Shroff Rangam's confiscated gold [See No. 194] has produced net 542 Pags.

after paying the gratuities to the discoverers; to be entered as criminal forfeitures. Signed bills on the Company for 891 Pags. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. Passed letter to Bengal by the *Princess Augusta*. The usual caution regarding lading given to Capt. Pelly. The Secretary to write to Fort St. David for the account cost of cloth received by the *Mary*. The silver on hand to be coined by Linga Chetti into Arcot rupees; he is also to supply 10,000 Madras for 11,000 Star Pags. Sign certificates for the adventure of Capt. Richard Mickelfield.

Appended is the account coinage of Rangam's gold. The 79 oz. 16 dwt. 12 grs, produced 642 Pags. 35 fns. 10 c., of which 100 Pags. were distributed as a reward.

No. 269. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 10, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 292–294 (3).]

Paid Capt. Goring 235 Pags. for dieting soldiers, Arabs, slaves, etc., sent to and coffrees returned from Sumatra. Signed bills on the Company for 6,000 Pags. Certificates for 20,000 $ received in Sumatra paid at 15 $ per 10 Pags. 35 Pags. paid the Nawab for the kanungo duty for 1740-1741. Agreed to desire Bengal to send fine and superfine scarlet broadcloth and also the dyed and culjeed flannels if they will not sell for 50% [on the invoice?]. Agreed to despatch the *Cæsar*, the *Prince of Wales* and the *Nottingham*, together, about Sept. 25.

Appended are:—(1) Capt. Goring's bill for dieting, as above, dated Sept. 4, at 4 fns. per head per day; and (2) letter to Capt. Thomas Browne of the *Nottingham*, dated Sept. 10, 1741, advising him not to sail till Sept. 25, as the *Caesar* and the *Prince of Wales* will be ready by then.

No. 270. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. (11 ?), 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Savage of Sept. 7, desiring an account of the cost of 140 bales of this year's cloth sent on the *Mary*. Read letter to Madras of Sept. 9 [No. 274]. The cost of the fausse-braye work round the Fort already comes to 3,000 Pags. though only half finished, while the estimate for the whole was only 2,226 Pags. Eyre and Baker to report the reasons of the increase and the sum required to complete it.

No. 271. LETTER FROM THOMAS EYRE AND PHILIP BAKER, AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC. SEPT. 14, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 195–199 (4¼). *Copy in F.S.D. Cons., Sept.* 14. (See No. 273.)]

The original plan for the faussebraye was to lay an outer foundation and thicken the old faussebraye at the base; but sinking the new wells made the old wall sink and crack; so Hubbard ordered a new and solid wall to be built. As the bastions are to be enlarged and the ditch widened from 45 to 60 ft., the faussebraye will be much longer than at first designed. Now about 1,000 ft. of the wall has been built and the total cost is likely to be 5,700 Pags., with about 2,200 Pags. to form the counterscarp.

Appended is an estimate for completing the faussebraye (about 900 ft.) for 2,700 Pags.; building a counterscarp to the moat, for 2,200 Pags.; making a wooden draw-bridge across the ditch on brick piers, 60 ft. long and 10 ft. broad, 250 Pags. Bricks are reckoned at 50 Pags. a lakh; chunam at ¾ parah per Madras fanam; jaggery at 7 Pags. per candy.

No. 272. LETTER FROM PHILIP BAKER AND T. NEWMAN (GUNNER AND GUNNER'S MATE), AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC. SEPT. 12, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 194–195 (1¼). *Copy in F.S.D. Cons., Sept.* 14. (See No. 273.)]

Though aground, the *Carolina* with some expense may be moved to a place where she may be careened and refitted. Propose floating her with 4 large chelingas.

No. 273. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 14, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read the reports on the faussebraye and the *Carolina* sloop [Nos. 271 & 272]. Advances made.

Appended are copies of the reports.

No. 274. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 192 (½).]

Acknowledge Savage's letter of Sept. 7. Send account of 140 bales of this year's investment on the *Mary* brigantine.

No. 275. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 14, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 193–194 (1).]

Enclose a report [No. 272] on the *Carolina* sloop stranded in the Cuddalore river. Are trying to get her out. The faussebraye is but half done and has already cost 3,000 Pags. Enclose report and revised estimate [No. 271].

No. 276. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM [MASULIPATAM?]. SEPT. 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 192–193 (⅔).]

Arrived Aug. 26, and forwarded money to Madapollam. The sundries on the *Fort St. George* for that place and Vizagapatam are to be landed there. Will remain at Masulipatam a little to obtain information regarding the investment.

No. 277. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 17, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 295–298 (3⅓).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 9 and 14 [Nos. 274 & 275] and from Masulipatam of Sept. 1 [No. 276]. The Secretary to enquire why the *Wager* put in here. Accounts read. Signed bills on the Company for 13,684 Pags. Indent for Gunner's stores passed. Madeira wine to be issued at 50 Pags. per pipe. 1,485 $ (at 300 $ per 100 tons) advanced Capt. Cummings to buy provisions, etc., for the *Cæsar*. Passed despatch to England to go by the *Cæsar* etc. [No. 283].

Appended is letter from Capt. Robert Cummings of the *Cæsar*, dated Sept. 17, 1741, desiring an advance as above.

No. 278. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 19, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Sept. 14, regarding the *Carolina* sloop. The merchants being called in, attribute the rise of cloth prices (from 39 Pags. a corge in Apr. to 41 in May and June and 42½ in July and Aug.) chiefly to the debasement of the country pagoda from 75 to 62 touch (so that it exchanges for only 14½ gold fanams instead of 17½), to the dearness of cotton and to the late troubles; and they desire advances in Star pagodas only. The Board refuse this when such large balances are outstanding; and the merchants at last consent to bring in their balances in cloth at 42½ Pags. Agreed to allow the 6,000 Alambarai Pags. already advanced them, to be employed at Chennappanayakanpalaiyam and to advance 10,000 Star Pags. for Salem cloth as no other pagoda will serve there. Andiyappa is called in and persuaded to reside at Cuddalore and to provide cloth for 2,000 Pags.

No. 279. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 21, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 299–302 (4).]

Paid Bukanji Kasidas's gumasta 8,080 Madras Pags. advanced to Hallyburton at Masulipatam, with commission at 1½ % Linga Chetti delivers 10,000 Madras and 10,130 Alambarai Pags. Accounts read and payments received. Read letter from Capt. Raymond of the *Wager*, stating that he put into Madras because almost all his crew were sick with scurvy. Headmoney granted on 9 recruits for Bengal landed from the *Wager*. Signed bills on the Company for 409 Pags. The guns, etc., of the *Cæsar* and the *Prince of Wales* to be surveyed. Signed indent for Gunners' stores. Elizabeth Hubbard and Margaret Barlow granted passages on the *Nottingham*.

Appended are:—(1) letter, as above, from Charles Raymond, Captain of the *Wager*, dated Sept. 20, 1741; (2) petition of David Duncomb, Surgeon of the *Wager*, (no date) for headmoney; and (3) petitions, as above, from Elizabeth Hubbard and Margaret Barlow.

No. 280. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY (BY THE FRENCH SHIPS). FORT ST. GEORGE. SEPT. [21 ?], 1741. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 1–2 (2). *Very brittle, torn and faded.*]

Shipping news on the Coast, in the Bay and to the Eastward. Report the deaths of Company's servants: Charles Simpson, Apr. 3; George Torriano, May 16; Joseph Goddard, May 16; Edward Michell, June 6; Zachariah Foxall, June 16; James Hubbard, Aug. 10; Borlace Stacey, Sept. 2. Have appointed Augustus Burton, Deputy Governor of Fort St. David; John Stratton, Chief of Vizagapatam; and John Hallyburton, Resident at Madapollam. The Marathas departed about the end of May, having sent the English friendly letters.

No. 281. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 200–201 (2).]

The price of cloth has risen from 39 Pags. a corge last Apr. to 42½ Pags. The Company's brokers attribute this to the debasement of country pagodas (which have worsened from 75 to 62 touch), the dearness of cotton and the late troubles; they promise to complete their contract at 42½, but desire to receive only Star pagodas. The 6,000 Pags. advanced for Salem cloth must be used at Chennappa-nayakanpalaiyam, as only Star pagodas will be taken at Salem. Propose that 10,000 Star Pags. be sent to Fort St. David for Salem

where cloth may be had at 41½ Pags. per corge. Andiyappa has been persuaded to settle at Cuddalore and has accepted an advance of 2,000 Alambarai Pags.

No. 282. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 25, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 303–306 (3½).]

Signed bills on the Company for 10,000 Pags. in favour of Dumas. Read letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 19 [No. 281]. Accounts read. Miss Elizabeth Mansell granted a passage on the *Prince of Wales*. A time-expired soldier discharged. The *Cæsar* and the *Prince of Wales* reported fully manned and capable of defence. Capts. Cummings, Browne and Pelly deliver in manifests of their private trade.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1741.

No. 283. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE CÆSAR, PRINCE OF WALES AND NOTTINGHAM. FORT ST. GEORGE. SEPT. 26, 1741. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 3–70 (68). *Brittle, torn and faded.*]

Cite letters to the Company of Sept. 5, 11 and Oct. 12, 1740, Jan. 6,26, 31, Feb. 4 and Sept. 21, 1741 [Nos. 293, 302 & 356 of 1740; ?, 36, 47, 51 & 280 of 1741]. Acknowledge letters from the Company of Apr. 2, and July 3, 1740, and Feb. 6, 1741 [Nos. 53, & 219 of 1741].

Shipping news. The *Prince William* and the *Hardwicke* were despatched in Feb. The *Cæsar* arrived in Feb., but her treasure was not landed for a time lest it should attract the Marathas to Madras; at Pondichery, the landing of treasure caused letters to be written inviting the Marathas to attack. Inquiry into the rape said to have been committed by her Captain. Pepper was sent aboard the *Cæsar* to be reckoned as ordinary freight or half-freight as should prove more convenient. Anjengo has sent a sloop for the soldiers, treasure and stores. Report retention of soldiers for Bengal, despatch of rice [to St. Helena?], and ships' movements. Benyon has desired the Governor of Colombo to assist the *Calcutta* grab. Remittances to the northern settlements. The *George* sent to carry Stratton to Vizagapatam; and then intended for Sumatra. The *Carolina* cannot get out of the Fort St. David river. She was built at Pegu where only ignorant fellows are available; and they made her larger than was ordered. In future, will have sloops built at Bombay. Failure of pepper at Benjar and the troubles in the country have

made it difficult to fill the shipping. Seizure of a Manilla ship worth £15,000 by the *Duke of Dorset*. The *Princess Augusta* which has been employed in Sumatra is being sent to Bengal for repairs.

Difficulty in the sale of auroras. Lead has been sold at 12 and 14 Pags. a candy. The shroffs hoarded fanams when pagodas deteriorated; so some were coined; but when current pagodas at Madras were reformed, fanams fell to 38–38¼ per pagoda. The reform of the currency:—The French at Pondichery began by prohibiting the use of country money, but this only drained away their own pagodas which were recoined into a lower touch, and they were reduced to using rupees and dollars for their payments. The English, however, having a large up-country commerce and rich shroffs and bankers to help them (advantages which the French lacked), carried out their plan without deranging business at Madras or Cuddalore, though the mint duty was suspended for 6 months. The French soon offered to accept the English money at Pondichery, if theirs was received at Madras; but the proposal seemed unequal as the French have to sell most of their silver at Madras. The chief difficulty lay in disposing of the country pagodas in the Madras cash. 17,400 have been coined into Madras and 20,000 into Alambarai Pags. Wish the shroff's fraud could have been more severely punished. Silver is very cheap; 10 chests have been sold at 15 $ weight standard per 10 Pags. Disposal of damaged wares and stores. Sale of Madeira wine. The price of tutenague depends on the demand in Bengal. Some from Macao sold here at 23 Pags. a candy, but in Bengal it sells at 15 Rs. a maund. Have sent to Bengal 48,000 Pags. worth of silver, 12,000 Madras Rs. sent from Vizagapatam, nearly 16,000 Pags. over-carried, and 4 lakhs of rupees by 2 ships direct. Stills and worms from Sumatra are sent to Bengal for better sale.

Investment has been diminished by the Maratha troubles and by the Madras merchants being forbidden to procure cloth from Salem, etc.; but this is expected to be more than compensated by an increased investment from the Fort St. David merchants, and it will probably compel the Madras merchants to bring weavers, etc., into the districts near Madras and revive the weaving industry there. For the present, however, these causes and the French competition have hindered any considerable supply of the cloths specially made near Madras—fine longcloth and salempores. T. Kumarappa provides fine cloths in the country to the N.W. of Madras, but he too finds it impossible to maintain the quality; and except by taking in inferior cloth more could not have been obtained. The French have gumastas there also. Hope to provide

about 1,200 bales, 700 at Fort St. David, less than 50 at Vizagapatam and 150 at Ingeram, for the Jan. ships. Cloth being better and cheaper at Madapollam than at Ingeram, Hallyburton has been sent thither; he will also procure allejas and chay goods at Masulipatam. He has been furnished with 5,000 Pags. in cash and a bill for 10,000 Pags. on Masulipatam; the latter cost 1½ % for exchange and cost of remittance. The cloth formerly sent from Porto Novo was really Salem cloth. Andiyappa who used to provide it escaped (when the Marathas approached) to Cuddalore, and, it is hoped, will settle there. It has deteriorated as the Dutch send much poor cloth thence to the eastward and the French to Mocha. Both nations are said to have lost much by the plunder of Porto Novo.

The Marathas took Trichinopoly in the middle of March and withdrew in May. In the previous year, while Safdar Ali and Chunda Sahib were at Arcot in apparent friendliness, Mir Asad, who was with the Marathas in the Western Carnatic, concluded a treaty with the Marathas by which Chunda was to pay 7 lakhs of rupees as 'composition' for Trichinopoly; Chunda Sahib resented this, left Arcot, hastened to Trichinopoly and provisioned it for a siege. It is believed that this was done only to destroy Chunda Sahib, that the Marathas were promised a monthly sum till Trichinopoly was taken, and that they were furnished with provisions by the Moors. Tanjore and Hindu princes tributary to Trichinopoly assisted the Marathas, on condition that Trichinopoly should not be left in Muhammadan hands. When provisions ran short, Chunda Sahib offered the Marathas 12 lakhs. It was thought that this offer would be accepted, especially as Fatteh Singh was believed to favour Chunda; and it was said that the Marathas would support Khan Bahadur (Chunda's son-in-law) in his pretensions to the Subah of Arcot. Safdar Ali shut himself up at Gingee and reproached the Marathas for their breach of faith. The Tanjoreans, etc., brought the images out of their temples and adjured the Marathas not to expose them to Chunda's revenge. Negotiations broke off, and after Bade Sahib with 5,000 horse and 8,000 foot, had been defeated and killed in his attempt to relieve the place, Chunda Sahib surrendered it on March 13. Meanwhile great uncertainty reigned as to what the Marathas would do next. The Nawab himself distrusted them and advised the English of their movements, though the Marathas' letters of Dec. 1740 were believed to have been concerted with the Muhammadans. Further letters from the Marathas, correspondence with Dumas and the sending of the vakil to Trichinopoly. The present cost in all about

3,000 Pags., and the *saropas* received in return reassured the inhabitants of Madras. Chunda had agreed to pay a ransom of 8 lakhs of rupees, but as his wife at Pondichery insisted on his being released before any money was paid, he and his son have been carried to Satara His partisans now give out that he will be made Nawab by Nizam-ul-mulk and be assisted by the Marathas against Safdar Ali. Trichinopoly was not plundered as the Marathas knew that everything of value had been removed. They at first wanted to give it to the late queen's heir, but as he was unable to furnish security, Morari Rao was left in charge, with orders to pay the usual tribute to Arcot. The Marathas returned in two armies—40,000 horse took the western route through Mysore; the rest passed by Gingee and crossed the Kistna about the end of May. Safdar Ali has reported that he means to make the pilgrimage to Mecca but, though houses were ordered to be taken for him at Madras, it is thought to have meant nothing. Safdar Ali has moved first to Vellore and then to Arcot. Mir Asad is a bold and capable minister; but there are arrears of 4,00,000 Pags. due to the troops and more is needed to secure his confirmation as Nawab. Krishnaji Pantulu, Sambadas, and Tiruviti Seshachalam, great bankers to whom the Nawab owes large sums, were summoned to Arcot; but thanks to Haji Hadi's representations, the demand was not pressed. The revolution in Pegu is thought not likely to succeed. The country languages are so little known and interpreters are so bad that the English do not comprehend country politics; so when Morari Rao applied for ammunition, etc., it was refused. It is said that the Nawab is allying with Mysore to take Trichinopoly. The sale of Muhammadans as slaves has been forbidden in Madras, and 'the Moors' are very much gratified. The Nawab of Cuttack, having been beaten by Alivirdi Khān, arrived in March at Masulipatam and his family has taken refuge with Anwar-ud-din, Nawab of Rajahmundry. Surrender of Colachel by the Dutch to Travancore. The French send forces to Malabar, but they are said to be designed only for Mahé. Are attempting to release men of the *Josias* cast ashore in Ceylon. The Persian fleet seized by the Arabs. Bombay believed to be considering the sending of help to Persia.

The defences of the Black Town: A ditch from N.W. to N.E. point, 40 ft. broad and about 20 ft. deep, has been dug and faced with brick in clay; on the east, a wall from the N.E. point to the Fishing point has been carried up to 12 ft. high, with two bastions; and a temporary battery raised close to sea in a line with the New Point to keep off Maratha horse. Queen's Point is being rebuilt.

Cattle bought and kept on the Island have been sold off. Send some arrack to St. Helena, but understand the works at Batavia have been destroyed. Believe the Chiefs of Vizagapatam have made no profit out of the garden-house. The Madras sea-customs have been increased by Moor ships from Bengal landing goods at Madras instead of St. Thomé for fear of the Marathas.

Appointments of John Stratton as Chief of Vizagapatam, of John Hallyburton as Resident at Madapollam, and of Augustus Burton as Deputy Governor of Fort St. David. Deaths noted. Andrews' zeal, etc., at Madapollam. Holland Goddard (permitted to go to Bengal) struck off the list as unlikely to return. Greenhaugh permitted to make the voyage to China. In consequence of increased work, 4 monthly writers entertained. 4 vacancies in Council. Regarding Military Regulations, believe the troops are as well disciplined as at any of the Company's settlements; but the officers only get the same pay as years ago when provisions were not half so dear; also the decay of country trade has lessened their advantages. Fear good officers will not be obtained unless some increase is given them. Have received 84 recruits; but 10 and perhaps more of the time-expired men wish to go home; they can get 40s. a month on board ship and prefer that to the 5 Pags. gratuity for re-enlistment. Bills of exchange, etc., including bills in favour of Dumas [for 29,000 Pags.]. Sumatra has drawn bills on Madras for 20,000 $. Sending salt, rice and soldiers thither.

The French have received 5 ships from France with about 100 chests of treasure each. Return of Dumas. Dupleix, his successor, expected in Jan. Arrival of La Bourdonnais at the Islands with 8 ships. Some attack on the English is hinted at in case of war with France; but war is now said to be improbable. Their investment is made more difficult by ours. When Khan Bahadur and Francisco Pereira reached Pondichery, the French prepared presents of 10 to 15 thousand rupees, but their vakils could not overtake the Marathas.

Supplement:—Shipping news. The *Wager's* arrival with Kelsall and Nicholls, writers. Nizam-ul-mulk has sent a letter and *saropa* to the Governor. Enclose correspondence with Imam Sahib. Safdar Ali's visit to Madras. He intends to leave his family there. Mir Asad's friendship to be cultivated. La Bourdonnais' arrival at Pondichery with 3 ships and 1,200 soldiers. Their real designs are kept 'very secret.' On Sept. 21, the Nawab's mother, wife and son arrived with a large retinue. On the 22nd the Nawab came. He was conducted to the Fort and thence to the house prepared for him in the Black Town, with salutes of 61 guns from the Fort and

21 guns from each Europe ship in the roads. The next day the Governor, etc., visited him but there has been no private interview. Imam Sahib's children presented him 101 gold mohurs of which he accepted one. Various governors of towns to the north came daily to visit him. The goods laded on the *Cæsar* are invoiced at 98,109 Pags., and on the *Prince of Wales* at 40,890 Pags. The diamonds etc., registered amount to 58,673 Pags. The balance in cash is 52,607 Star, 22,422 old, and 1,880 Madras Pags.

Appended are:—(1) list of bills drawn on the Company and certificates granted, amounting to 50,559 Pags.; (2) register of diamonds, etc.; (3) agreement, dated Sept. 25, 1741, signed by Robert Cummings to take 57 tons of pepper as surplus tonnage at half-freight; (4) manifests of private trade carried by the Captains of the *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham*, rated at 14,219 Pags.; (5) list of the packets; (6) sailing orders to Robert Cummings of the *Cæsar* and John Pelly Junior of the *Prince of Wales*, dated Sept. 26, 1741; (7) list of the Madras revenues, May 1, 1740, to Apr. 30, 1741:—Farms etc., 20,756 Pags.; Customs etc., 41,825 Pags.

No. 284. LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT ST. HELENA. SEPT. 26, 1741. [*Pub. Desp. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *p.* 49 (⅓). *Torn and brittle.*]

Send rice, arrack and sugar on the *Cæsar* and the *Prince of Wales*.

No. 285. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 28, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 307–314 (8).]

10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 14 and 19 [Nos. 275 & 281]. If merchants cannot provide Salem cloth for less than 41½ Star Pags. per corge, it will be advantageous to make the whole investment at Chennappanayakanpalaiyam at 42½ Alambarai Pags. per corge (as there is 15% difference between Star and Alambarai Pags.); so no Star pagodas to be advanced the merchants unless they can reduce the price. Agreed that the *Carolina* sloop has been neglected, but she should be repaired and got out of the river. The plan for the Fort St. David ditch should not have been altered without previous consent. Fort St. David consultations should be sent up monthly. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The Scavenger's parayars refusing to work any longer for 20 fns. a month, agreed to raise the headman to 24 and the rest to 22 fns. a month. John Graham, who owes the Ingeram factory 2,359 Pags. and though often pressed has not yet paid, is called before the Board

and allowed till the next meeting to make a written statement of the case. 1,400 candies of redwood to be provided at 2¼ Pags. a candy by June 1 next. John Stratton to be sixth; Thomas Eyre, seventh; Edward Harris, eighth; and William Johnson, ninth in Council. Eyre and Harris to be called up from Fort St. David. Agreed to desire Bombay to provide 2 boats for Sumatra like the Surat boats. Letter agreed on to accompany the soldiers, etc., for Anjengo. Copies of despatch dated Sept. 21 [No. 280] and a letter to Sir Everard Fawkener at Constantinople, to be sent *via* Basra and Aleppo. Letters to Vizagapatam and Madapollam.

Appended is account salary of the Company's servants from March 25 to Sept. 25, 1741, amounting to 1,542 Pags.

No. 286. LETTER FROM PHILIP BAKER AND T. NEWMAN AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC. SEPT. 30, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 202–203 (¾). *Copy in F.S.D., Cons., Sept.* 30 (*No.* 287).]

Have got the *Carolina* afloat and propose to heave her down, as there is no place convenient for hauling her ashore.

No. 287. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read a letter from Savage of Sept. 27, accompanying 10,000 Pags. Agreed to return the 3,353 bad Pags. [See. No. 253] to Madras. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 11,581 old and 10,830 Star Pags. Agreed to send bales to Madras by the *Mary* brigantine.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1741; (2) account salary of the covenanted servants for the half-year ending Sept. 25, 1741, amounting to 375 Pags.; and (3) report from Philip Baker and T. Newman, dated Sept. 30, 1741, on the *Carolina* [No. 286.]

No. 288. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 2, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Sept. 29, expressing dissatisfaction regarding the *Carolina* sloop and the alteration in the fausse-bray without previous sanction, approving Andiyappa's re-entertainment in the Company's service, appointing Eyre and Harris to the Madras Board, and declining to send Star pagodas for the investment or to allow 41½ Pags. per corge for the Salem cloth. Agreed to defer the reply. Floyer appointed Paymaster; Fowke, Sea and Land Customer at Cuddalore; Wynch, under the Paymaster; and

Sloper under Burton. The Paymaster and the Secretary to take charge of Stacey's property. Floyer to lend 700 Pags. out of the funds of the Charity school to Nalla Tambi at 12% payable monthly. The merchants being called in, declare they cannot provide Salem cloth under 41½ Pags., brokerage included. Agreed to inform Madras accordingly.

No. 289. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 3, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on a reply of Oct. 4 [No. 295] to the last letter from Madras [See No. 288]. Advances made.

No. 290. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, VIA BASRA, ALEPPO, AND CAIRO. OCT. 5, 1741. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *p.* 71 (1). *Torn and faded.*]

On Sept. 28, the *Wager* sailed for Bengal; and the *Cæsar*, the *Prince of Wales* and the *Nottingham* for England. The *Galatea* arrived Oct. 3. Other shipping news.

No. 291. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 5, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

The merchants being called in are informed that the Presidency will not advance Star pagodas for the investment and that they must clear their balances upon the cheapest terms. They promise to get as much cloth as cheap and as good as possible.

No. 292. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 202 (¾).]

Acknowledge Savage's letters of Aug. 19 and 27 and Sept. 7 and 27. Enclose a report [No. 286] from the Gunner and his Mate on the *Carolina.*

No. 293. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 203 (½).]

Are sending 190 bales on the *Mary* brigantine. Have 252 on hand.

No. 294. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 204 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 27 and 28. Are returning the 3,353 bad Pags. [See No. 253.]

No. 295. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 4, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 204–208 (4⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 29 [See No. 288]. The Master (Henry Harris) is to be blamed, if any one, regarding the *Carolina*, for he reported her to draw but 5½ ft., whereas she draws 7 when empty. In all respects the Council took the best advice obtainable and acted on it. As regards the faussebraye, the alteration was absolutely necessary, but the Madras Council should certainly have been informed. Consider that the *Carolina* cannot be floated by chelingas over the bar, because the heavy swell would injure her; it will be best to wait till freshes deepen the bar. As regards the investment, the further debasement of the country pagodas or a revolution in the Government, appears so likely, that it is most desirable to get the merchants' balances in quickly; that was why the brokers' offers (at 42½ Pags.) were recommended for acceptance [See No. 281]. If declined now, something of the same sort will have to be done later on, perhaps on more disadvantageous terms. Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth is daily rising and is likely soon to be at 44 Pags. The Fort St. David shroffs declare Alambarai pagodas to be but 62 touch, though the Madras shroffs say 68; but the brokers declare that whatever they are, they are not accepted at Salem and that no Salem cloth can be got under 41½ [Star] Pags. Cannot increase the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam investment. Stacey's effects have been taken charge of. Wynch appointed Steward and Sloper placed under the Deputy Governor. Desire 2 writing assistants. Eyre and Harris set out for Madras this evening. Forward accounts.

No. 296. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JULY 25, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 209–212 (3½).]

Acknowledge letters of June 30, July 4 and 11. Acquiesce in the landing of pepper on the *Halifax*, but regret the detention of 18 recruits on the *Prince of Orange*. Trust that the Poligars' disorders will soon cease. Will credit Madras for 10 chests of dollars sent from Fort Marlborough at 15 $ per 10 Pags. Send extracts from the Company's letters regarding shipping. Will send gunny bags, opium and oil for Sumatra by the *London*. Are ordered to load 180 to 200 tons of saltpetre on each Europe ship. Send 12 bales of baftas and sannoes on the *Mercury*, and a packet to be forwarded to the Company.

Appended is extract from the Company's letter to Bengal, dated Feb. 6, 1740:—Disposition and lading of ships. If the Rev. Mr. Wynch goes to Bengal, he is to act jointly with Bellamy till a vacancy arises. List of baftas and sannoes to be sent to Madras.

No. 297. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 6, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 212–213 (½).]

The *London* has arrived in the river. Desire 6 small seals with the Company's arms to be cut and sent.

No. 298. CONSULTATION. OCT. 8, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 315–325 (10).]

Thomas Eyre and Edward Harris take their seats as seventh and eighth. Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 3 and 4 [Nos. 292 to 295], from Fort William of July 25 and Aug. 6 [Nos. 296 & 297]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Bought the *Dolphin* sloop (20 tons) for 300 Pags. from Hubbard's executors. Read letter from John Graham, stating that his debt [See No. 285] was incurred at Madapollam, by merchants failing to bring in goods for their advances, that he has obtained goods from them which have been sold in Pegu, that he only awaits the remittances to pay off the debt, and that he will pay 1,000 Pags. in a few days. Agreed that the Company's orders need not be literally enforced and that he execute a bond for his debt of 2,359 Pags. Eyre to be Land customer; Harris, Storekeeper; Johnson, Rental-general and Scavenger; Charles Boddam, writer at the Sea Gate. John Graham and William Holt to be third and sixth of Council at Fort St. David.

Appended is cash account for Sept., balance 44,279 Star, 22,422 old and 1,958 Madras Pags.

No. 299. CONSULTATION. OCT. 12, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 326–327 (1⅔).]

Linga Chetti to provide Madras pagodas to the amount of 5,000 Star Pags. Advances made. Agreed to send shipping news to Bombay. John Graham's bond for 2,595 Pags. to be lodged in the cash chest. Morse delivers in a list of houses and gardens pulled down and destroyed; Morse, Eyre and Johnson to assess compensation. Letter to Fort St. David. John Waters to be Gunner's Mate *vice* Dawson, going to England in Jan.

No. 300. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 16, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Oct. 12, enquiring whether the Porto Novo river is deep enough to receive the *Carolina* sloop, directing that no bales should be sent up between Sept. 20 and Dec. 20 without orders, disallowing the merchant's request for Star pagodas, observing that they should not raise the price of cloth till their balance is cleared, but allowing the use of Star pagodas for the Salem investment, observing that 41½ per corge is 3¾ % dearer than last year, objecting to the use of the Company's stationery for private purposes, and appointing John Graham, third, and William Holt, last of Council at Fort St. David. The merchants being called in declare that they are ready to pay their balances in pagodas equal to those they received, but cannot bind themselves not to raise the price of cloth till their balances are cleared, inasmuch as the pagodas advanced them have subsequently sunk in value; they are mere brokers for supplying cloth as cheap as possible. They admit that the cloth recently supplied for the Alambarai money at 44 Pags. per corge is bad, but it is the best they could procure for that price; and that good cloth of 9 kāls would cost about 49 Alambarai Pags. a corge. As to Salem cloth, Nanjan Chetti has an absolute power there and is difficult to manage; he insists upon their exchanging the Star pagodas with him at 23½ fns. while in the bazaar the rate is 25 or 26 fns. Agreed to inform the Presidency accordingly [No. 309]. Floyer produces Nalla Tambi's bond [See No. 288] for 700 Pags. belonging to the Charity School. 4 muskets and bayonets lost by deserters to be written off. Sloper to be Translator of country letters. Advances made.

No. 301. CONSULTATION. OCT. 19, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 328–332 (5).]

Accounts read and advances made. The *Dolphin* sloop to be brought into the river. Signed cowle, dated Oct. 16, for Tiruvottiyūr, etc., villages to Linga Chetti and Beri Timmappa for 1,230 Pags. a year. Copies of Military Regulations [No. 54] and proceedings thereon [No. 170] with commissions for lieutenants Morgan and Amyand to be sent to Fort St. David. If the *Carolina* is not likely to be able to use the Porto Novo river she had better go to Negapatam and thence to Jafnapatam. Petitions from the two new shroffs for an allowance, and from the renters of the butica and shroff's duty for remission of rents, to lie over. The ruby farmers petitioning also for a remission of rents as the troubles in

Pegu have checked the import of rubies and the troubles in the Carnatic injured the jewellery trade, agreed to enquire how much they are willing to pay for that cowl.

Appended are :—(1) petition from shroffs, Tandava Chetti and Kumarappa, stating that their post is responsible, that they need assistants, and that apart from these, their household expenses amount to 300 Pags. a year, and therefore praying that an income of not less than 500 Pags. may be granted each ; (2) petition from 'Nairo' Kēsava Chinnatambi Chetti and Anda Krishnamma Chetti, ruby brokers, (as above); (3) petition from 'Tonta' Venkatēsayya, farmer of the Butica rent and Shroff duty, stating that since he took the cowle in 1738, there were 180 shroffs who paid him (at 1 fn. a month each) 15 Pags. a quarter, but now, as many shroffs have abandoned that calling, he only gets 7½ Pags. ; and that the butica rent formerly produced 11 Pags. a quarter, but as 150 houses have been pulled down, he now gets only 7 Pags.

No. 302. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 213–214 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 4. Send by the *George* 46 bales of calicoes and 3 brass and 1 iron cannon (useless) received in 1696. Richard Heycock, soldier, who says his time is expired, goes to Madras by the *George*.

No. 303. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT 1, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.*, 26, *pp.* 214–215 (⅔).]

Send papers regarding the *George's* lading and despatch.

No. 304. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. [12], 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 215 (½).]

News from Madapollam that the *George* has sprung a leak and Hallyburton is lightening her to permit repairs.

No. 305. CONSULTATION. OCT. 26, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 333–335 (2).]

Accounts read and payments received. Read letter from Vizagapatam of Sept. 1, Oct. 1 and 12 [Nos. 302 to 304]. Signed commissions for the two lieutenants at Fort St. David [See No. 301]. Application having been made to Benyon, agreed to exempt from quit-rent, etc., the houses in the Choultry Street in the Black Town belonging to Hirasat Khan and Hasan Mian.

No. 306. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. [26], 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Oct. 21, enclosing a letter to Negapatam requesting that the *Carolina* sloop may be permitted to lie at Jafnapatam for the season, in case she can be got out of the river. The Paymaster, Storekeeper and Devanampattanam Customer to report the repairs needed for the Choultry there. The Paymaster to provide hospital necessaries. Agreed to let the Arrack farm to Tandavaraya Pillai and Narayana Chetti for 5 years at 800 Pags. per annum, and the Measuring duty on the usual terms. They also offer 1,200 Pags. a year for the Betel and Tobacco farm; this to be recommended to Madras.

Appended is a list of hospital necessaries signed by Andrew Munro.

No. 307. CONSULTATION. OCT. 29, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 335–338 (3⅓).]

Accounts read and payments received. William Monson to continue as Storehousekeeper till Dec., owing to Harris' illness. There being only 3 Justices of the Peace, and these complaining that the duties have thereby become too heavy, proposed that Thomas Eyre and Edward Harris be sworn as Justices; but it not being clear whether under the charter, the Justices are to be the 5 senior numbers of Council at the Presidency or on the Coast, agreed that Eyre and Harris hear complaints between Indians but not to imprison any English subject or sit at quarter-sessions, until an answer has been received from England. The pagodas from Fort St. David reported to be of 73½ touch.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1741.

No. 308. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The Dēvanāmpattanam Choultry to be cleaned and a window made to the north to make it cooler. Sadāsiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti offer 300 Pags. a year more than Tāndavarāya Pillai and Narāyana Chetti for the Bétel and Tobacco farm. Cash balance, 7,228 old and 12,108 Star Pags.

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No. 309. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 26, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 215-232 (17¼).]

Reply to letter of Oct. 12. [See No. 300.] Were mistaken in saying [No. 281] cloth was at 39 Pags. in Apr.; it was 41 Pags. all along till July; the cloth at 39 Pags. was only turned-out cloth. The brokers admit their liability to repay their balance in pagodas of the touch advanced them; but they deny that they should not increase the price of cloth. They are agents who, for a brokerage, agree to provide cloth for the Company at the cheapest rates; but they cannot be expected to provide cloth cheaper than cost price. In Feb. 1740, Madras admitted that a rise of price was caused by depreciation of the pagoda. If pagodas are 'cried down' by an order of the Board, e.g. that of May 18 [No. 164], how can the brokers be forced to supply goods at the same rate as before? Indeed though the pagoda has long been 'intolerably debased,' the brokers have only recently raised the price, as other causes have mitigated the depreciation. The price of cloths varies from year to year, even from month to month, and no exact calculation can be made beforehand especially when the currency varies so. All that can be done is to prevent them from charging more than it costs. The more the pagoda is debased, the fewer fanams (in which coin the cloth is paid for by the brokers) will be given for them. The shroffs are constantly withdrawing the better coins and sending them to be reminted into coins of a lower touch. Recommend using either Star pagodas or only holding so small a stock of Alambarai pagodas that no great loss can result. Now good 9-*kāl* cloth cannot be had under 49 Pags. the corge, but if allowance for the debasement of the pagoda is made, that is cheaper than it has been for years. At Salem, where Nanjan Chetti is mint-master and renter of the cloth-farm, the investment has been disadvantageous, because (1) he has forced our pagodas to be exchanged for fewer fanams than they would fetch in the bazaar, and (2) he has been able to establish himself as sole seller. Though he is selling cheaper now, no one knows what his price will be tomorrow. Salem cloth has recently been brought in at 43-44 Pags. a corge.

The *Carolina* sloop is almost repaired and shall be carried out as soon as there is enough water on the bar. Shall see that the Company's stationery is not used for private purposes. John Graham and William Holt have taken their seats at the Board, the former as Land and Sea Customer and the latter as Storekeeper.

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Have sent to enquire what depth of water there is on the Porto Novo bar, and learn there is not enough for the *Carolina*.

No. 310. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 27, 1741. [*Lrs. to. F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 233 (¾).]

The Arrack farm has been let for 5 years at 800 Pags. per annum to Nārāyana Chetti and Tāndavarāya Pillai who have also taken the Measuring duty at the old rate. Propose to revive the Betel and Tobacco farm which was suspended in 1733 to encourage the weavers to settle within the bounds; the suspension has neither done that nor reduced the price of betel etc.

No. 311. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 30, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 233–234 (½).]

As the rainy season is approaching, request a supply of Star pagodas.

No. 312. CONSULTATION. NOV. 2, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 339–345 (7).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Oct. 26, 27 and 30 [Nos. 309 to 311]. Accounts read and advances made. William Monson appointed on the Sumatra committee. Read second petition from the ruby brokers, stating that their cowl entitles them to 1 % from the buyer and 2 % from the seller of all precious stones but diamonds, but the Pegu trade etc., has been so bad that they cannot pay the year's brokerage (800 Pags.) due, and offering 500 Pags. The Board observe that before the farm was let out, it produced 650 Pags. a year; but, the renters pointing out that those were years of good trade, agreed to accept 500 Pags. a year, and, in case the brokerage produces more, the whole produce is to go to the Company, less an allowance to the brokers for their trouble.

Appended are:—(1) petition of the ruby brokers, as above; (2) cash account for Oct. 1741, balance 26,819 Star, 25,775 old and 1,981 Madras Pags.; and (3) Rental-general and Scavenger's accounts for the year ending Aug. 31, 1741.

No. 313. CONSULTATION. NOV. 5, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *p.* 346 (¾).]

Linga Chetti pays in 5,000 Madras Pags. Agreed that the *Carolina* sloop need not be sent to Jafnapatam or Porto Novo, as there is seldom rough weather after Nov. 15. Deficiency in

tutenague sent in 1739 on the *Narcissus* to Bengal, having never been made good by Capt. Maul who is since dead, agreed to accept Benyon's offer to pay in 73 Pags. in full on this account out of Maul's effects in his hands.

No. 314. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 234–235 (1).]

Acknowledges letter of Aug. 19. Cotton being dear, the merchants complain of being allowed to provide only ordinary cloth. They can provide finecloth as cheap as the Madapollam merchants, for the places where finecloths are made are as near the one place as the other. Has laded 130 bales on the *George*. Wants an Assistant in place of Andrews who prefers to stay at Madapollam. Has 36 bales of cloth in hand.

No. 315. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 235 (½).]

Asks for the accounts of last year's cloth sent from Ingeram.

No. 316. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 236 (1).]

Sends books for 1740. Has advanced 7,000 Pags. for cloth to be delivered by Christmas. Has left a proper person to carry on affairs at Masulipatam also. Has drawn bills for 11,000 Madras Pags. on Benyon in favour of Bukānji Kāsidās's gumasta, on account of the Masulipatam and Madapollam investments.

No. 317. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 2, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 237 (½).]

Has just heard of the *George's* condition. Will unload her and bring her into the river.

No. 318. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 3, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 237 (½).]

Sadāsiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti have offered 1,500 Pags. a year for the Betel and Tobacco farm. Enclose books and accounts. Have 300 bales of cloth in stock.

No. 319. CONSULTATION. NOV. 9, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 347–348 (1¾).]

Read letters from Ingeram of Sept. 23 and 28 [Nos. 314 & 315], from Madapollam of Oct. 2 [Nos. 316 & 317], and from Fort St. David of Nov. 3 [No. 318]. Payments received. 100 candies of saltpetre issued to make gunpowder. Agreed to coin Madras out

of old pagodas as Alambarai pagodas are likely to be obtainable cheaper for Star pagodas than by sending country money to be recoined there. 6,900 Madras Pags. remitted to Madapollam by bill on Bukānji Kāsidās at Masulipatam. 100 candies of the lead sold recently have been relinquished by the buyers, as Mīr Asad desires that quantity.

No. 320. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 9, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras — of Nov. 2, replying to letter of Oct. 26 [No. 309] regarding the investment, merchants' balances and dearness of betel and tobacco, enquiring why the scheme for settling weavers within the bounds failed, enclosing the Military Regulations and the proceedings thereon of June 1, and calling for a statement of the cost of the presents to the Marātha Generals — of Nov. 4, accompanying 10,000 Star Pags.—and of Nov. 7, giving further instructions regarding the *Carolina*. As the military duty is the same as at Madras, agreed to adopt the Regulations. The senior Lieutenant to draw out a state of the duties performed in the garrison. [See No. 325].

Appended are:—(1) a copy of the Military Regulations, dated Apr. 2, 1740 [No. 54]; and (2) an extract of the Madras Consultation of June 1, 1741 [No. 170].

No. 321. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. SEPT. 25, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 238 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 18. Ships' arrivals, etc.

No. 322. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID [FRAGMENTARY]. NOV. [9], 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 238–243 (5). *Torn, of which pp.* 241–242 *are missing.*]

In reply to letter of Nov. 2 [See No. 320], deny that the brokerage at Salem was omitted in reckoning the cost of the cloth; much regret their inaccurate statement regarding the rise of cloth, but the French are believed to be paying a pagoda a corge more than the English and would take in all that the latter refused; trust that mistaken or improper expressions may be excused; beg a supply of Alambarai pagodas as they can be got at intrinsic value; [2 *pp. missing*]; have delivered commissions to Lieuts. Morgan and Amyand; the 3,353 Pags. returned [See No. 243 &c.] are Tiruvallūr and Wandiwash pagodas which will not pass here.

No. 323. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 12, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 243 (⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 4 with 10,000 Star Pags. Enclose particulars [missing] of presents to the Marātha Generals.

No. 324. CONSULTATION. NOV. 16, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 349–350 (1¾).]

Read letters from Surat of Sept. 25 [No. 321], from Fort St. David of Nov. 9 and 12 [Nos. 322 & 323]. Agreed that the Fort St. David Betel, etc., farm may be let out, and that 4,950 Alambarai Pags. be sent thither. Linga Chetti pays in 3,181 Madras Pags. Accounts read.

No. 325. LETTER FROM CAPT. JOHN DE MORGAN AT FORT ST. DAVID to AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC. NOV. 16, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

As the out-guards at Fort St. David are a great way from the Fort, they are not relieved nor do the officers relieve each other, but the Lieutenant and an Ensign are quartered at the Fort and the other Ensign at the Company's garden; a fixed proportion of the men at each guard is allowed 'their free guard' in turn. In the Fort, at 7 A.M., the men to mount Guard are paraded; the roll is called; the mounting and dismounting Corporals then go round to relieve the sentries upon the bastions, etc.; and meanwhile the Lieutenant or Ensign inspects the men's arms, etc. When this has been done, the 'Free guard men' are dismissed, and the Main Guard marched into the Corps de Garde. The same is done at the out-guards. The roll is called in the Fort at 9 P.M. and the Fort gates are shut at 10-30. At the out-guards, the bridge is drawn and the gate shut at 9 P.M. At 5 A.M., after the gun-fire and reveillé-beating, the gates are opened. After relieving guard, the Chief Officer receives the reports from the out-guards. The Chief Officer visits the out-guards daily or every other day, goes round the Fort after the gates are shut and visits the hospital occasionally. The Serjeant and Corporal visit the hospital morning and evening. The Serjeant or the Corporal of the nearest guard arrests all disorderly persons who are brought before the Chief officer who sends all Indians so arrested to the Justices. Deaths and desertions are reported at once to the Deputy Governor. The Company is exercised in the Fort once or twice a month by the Ensign or Lieutenant; the guards are exercised by the Serjeants or Corporals every other day, and the recruits and the awkward men daily.

The officer at the out-guards has orders not to suffer armed men to enter the bounds without the Deputy Governor's pass. On the appearance of a small body of horse or foot he hoists his flag and fires a gun as a signal; if a large body appear he fires two guns. These signals are answered from the N.W. bastion of the Fort.

No. 326. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1741. *Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Agreed to ask for 10,000 Star Pags. for the Salem investment. Read letter from Capt. John de Morgan, dated Nov. 16, 1741 [No. 325].

No. 327. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 21, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Savage, of Nov. 19, regarding the remittance of 4,950 Alambarai Pags. Advances made.

No. 328. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 244 (⅓). *Torn.*]

Desire 10,000 Star Pags. for the Salem investment.

No. 329. CONSULTATION. NOV. 23, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 351–355 (5).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 17 [No. 328]. 10,000 Star Pags. to be sent thither. Accounts read. A state horse being old and lame has been sold for 70 Pags. and a new one bought for 250. Payments received. Linga Chetti to provide 10,000 Alambarai Pags. for Fort St. David. Agreed to send on 'the Moors feast' Ramzan (Nov. 29), presents to the Nawab's lady and to Imām Sāhib's family.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1741; (2) list of presents to the Nawab's lady and Sahib Zada, valued at 700 Pags.; and (3) list of presents for Imām Sāhib's daughter, valued at 130 Pags. The presents include gold-flowered carpets, 'charconnos', 'mackmally pelongs', 'Persia jeerbobs', 'an otter-danny philligry,' etc.

No. 330. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 26, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 19, regarding the investment and approving the lease of the Betel and Tobacco farm; and another from Savage of Nov. 20, accompanying 4,950 Alambarai Pags. Advances made.

No. 331. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 28, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 23, accompanying 10,000 Star Pags.

No. 332. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 30, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Signed a cowl granting the Betel and Tobacco farm for 5 years to Sadāsiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti for 1,500 Pags. per annum. Cash balance, 14,707 Star Pags.

Appended are:—(1) account sale, etc., of the effects of Borlace Stacey, sold on Oct. 8, amounting to 62 Pags.; (2) list of demand on his estate amounting to 33 Pags.; and (3) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1741, including a present of 6 Pags. to the peons for the 'sword feast.'

No. 333. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. [28], 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 244(½).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 19. Will give the Betel and Tobacco farm to Sadāsiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti. Have received 10,000 Star and 4,950 Alambarai Pags.

No. 334. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 30, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 245 (½).]

Desire 15,000 Alambarai Pags.

No, 335. CONSULTATION. DEC. 7, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 356–361 (6).]

Accounts read and advances made. Read letters from Fort St. David of Nov. 28 and 30 [Nos. 333 & 334]. Benyon reports advices that the Nawab intends to reform the country pagodas and has stopped the coinage of gold. Agreed that no more Alambarai pagodas be bought. The 4,870 Pags. already bought by Linga Chetti to be sent to Fort St. David this evening. Payments received.

Appended is cash account for Nov. 1741, balance 10,916 Star, 4,870 old and 3,182 Madras Pags.

No. 336. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 12, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5. (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Savage of Dec. 7, accompanying 4,870 Alambarai Pags. As it is rumoured that the Nawab is about to cry down the Alambarai pagodas and as the brokers are willing to take Star pagodas at 20% premium for cloth purchased with the Alambarai money, agreed to ask for 20,000 Star Pags. instead of any more Alambarai Pags. Payments received and advances made.

No. 337. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. NOV. 16, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 245–246 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 3. The *George* was brought over the bar on the 10th; her leaks etc. will be promptly repaired; her bales are not injured; and if possible she shall be despatched by mid-Dec.

No. 338. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 5, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 246 (¾).]

Submit Capt. Morgan's paper [No. 325] regarding garrison duty. Borlace Stacey's effects sold for 58 Pags. and his debts amount to 33 Pags. Enclose accounts. Have 582 bales on hand.

No. 339. CONSULTATION. DEC. 14, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 362–363 (1¾).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Nov. 16 [No. 337], and from Fort St. David of Dec. 5 [No. 338]. Demands on Stacey's estates to be paid off. 10,000 Star Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Rāma appointed Surveyor at the Mint on 2 Pags. a month, to supervise the melting and working of the gold coinage, to prevent confusion between the 'bullets' intended for Star and Madras pagodas, respectively. 5 candies of copper to be purchased and coined into 'doodoes.' Linga Chetti pays in 10,000 Madras Pags.

No. 340. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 19, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Dec. 15—one from Savage regarding a supply of 10,000 Star Pags.; and the other from Madras, permitting the employment of Star pagodas in the investment in consequence of the rumours about the Alambarai pagodas and ordering the payment of the demands on Stacey's estate.

Agreed on letter to Madras of Dec. 19 [No. 344]. Advances made. Burton having prevailed upon several Porto Novo merchants to come here, Croke and Graham are to survey the waste ground in Cuddalore and sell it at a reasonable price to such as desire to buy and settle there.

No. 341. NOTIFICATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 21, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 33 (1).]

Whereas merchants etc. of Porto Novo and other places desire permission to reside here with their families, ground vacant or unlawfully possessed in Cuddalore, Dēvanāmpattanam, Tirupāpuliyūr etc. to be valued by Croke and Graham and granted to the merchants on their paying for the same. All persons settling within the bounds to have free liberty of trade.

No. 342. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 13, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 247 (1).]

Have received 4,870 Alambarai Pags. Desire 20,000 Star Pags. as Alambarai pagodas no longer pass. It is said that the Nawab has ordered no pagodas under 80 touch to be struck or received.

No. 343. CONSULTATION. DEC. 21, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 364–374 (11).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 13 [No. 342]. 10,000 Star Pags. to be sent thither. Cornelius Goodwin takes the oath as Mayor and Matthew Empson as Sheriff. Read report of the Committee on the Sumatra affairs. The *Princess Augusta* to be credited with 2,000 Pags. for every trip to and from Sumatra. Read report on the complaints [See No. 179] of the coolies. Agreed that they be paid 20 fns. per garse of Company's paddy carried from the Black Town pagoda to the granary on the Island, and 10 fns. from the Black Town pagoda to the godown by the school; 3 fns. per boat load of goods from the seaside to the enclosure on the Island; 1 fn. per cooly per day for carrying the Company's cloth. Accounts read and advances made. The *Dolphin* sloop to be sheathed.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Nicholas Morse and William Monson, dated Dec. 21, 1741, relating to the affairs of the English settlements in Sumatra; (2) letter from the same, dated Nov. 23, 1741, stating that 'bag coolies' (grain carriers) get but 15 fns. per garse carried from the Black Town pagoda to the Island granary

though they get 50% more from private persons and that the bamboo coolies (carriers of heavy articles, guns, anchors, etc.) complain that they now have to carry things to the enclosure on the Island instead of to the godown in the White Town.

No. 344. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 248 (⅔).]

Have received 10,000 Star Pags. Propose to take in at reduced prices rejected Chennappanāyakanpālaiyam cloth to prevent the French from taking it.

No. 345. CONSULTATION. DEC. 29, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 375–386. (11½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 19 [No. 344]. Agreed that rejected Chennappanāyakanpālaiyam cloth be taken in at reduced rate. Read letter from Capt. Webster of the *Admiral Vernon* of Dec. 26. Accounts read. The *Dolphin* sloop burnt by accident to be sold where she lies. Read again petition [See No. 301] from the shroffs who declare that since the new money became current, no perquisites have been obtainable and that they spend about 14 Pags. a month for bags, wax, string and conicopolies; agreed to take bonds from them for 5,000 Pags. and to grant each a salary of 20 Pags. a month, and 120 Pags. for their past trouble. The Company's merchants present a petition and request that broadcloth may be sold privately to them instead of at outcry, as the latter course will hinder the repayment of the merchants' debts, especially as they have a large stock of cloth on hand, and as an outcry will lower prices. They say that three-fourths of the broadcloth is sold to 'Canaree' merchants. Agreed to let them have it on the usual terms, as (1) it is needed to extricate the merchants from their indebtedness; and (2) as the quantity received this year is small. Noah Casama jor appointed Assistant on 10 Pags. a month, being a good accountant and acquainted with Dutch and French. Benyon reports that he has sent presents to Nawab's family and Imām Sāhib's children and visited them in person.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. Benjamin Webster, of the *Admiral Vernon*, dated Dec. 26, 1741, stating that he put into Madras because he was already too late to be despatched home this season, and because his people had scurvy; (2) petition from the Company's merchants, requesting that the broadcloth might be delivered them on the usual terms; (3) lists of presents to the Nawab's lady and Imām Sāhib's children; and (4) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1741.

No. 346. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 14, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 248–251 (3⅓)].

Acknowledge letters of Oct. 3 and Nov. 11. The garden-house was bought of Sanderson, not only to lodge the great men of the country but also to accommodate strangers, there being no house of entertainment; as this costs the Chief 200 or 300 Pags. a year, beg that the Company be moved to make a suitable allowance. Laded 100 bales on the *Vizagapatam* but much cloth has not been cured owing to its having rained continuously for 20 days in Oct. The sea-side and flag-staff hill batteries were much damaged, as well as the Second's house. Will pay Gunupudi Ranganāyakulu his demand on Doctor Gibson's estate. Send books and accounts and indents for stores. On Nov. 22, Anwār-ud-dīn Khān, Nawab of Rajahmundry, with 1,500 men camped in the Company's mango-garden and moved next day to Chicacole. He with others is said to be marching to help the Nawab of Cuttack against Alivirdi Khān. It is said that the Nawab of Cuttack's daughter is to marry Nāsir Jang. Expect no danger to the Company on this account, but desire guncarriages and firearms as a precaution. Have on hand 99 corge of cloths.

Appended are indents for wares etc.

No. 347. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 252–253 (1⅔).]

The *Scarborough* and the *Kent* from England have called and landed 19 recruits for Madras with scurvy, and are sailing for the Bay. Send the box packets for Madras on the *Vizagapatam* in custody of Charles Savage Norris, factor. Charles Bourchier, writer, accompanies him.

Appended is list of ships arrived, etc. at the Cape of Good Hope.

No. 348. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. DEC. 24, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 253–254 (1).]

Acknowledges letter of Nov. 12. Sends 133 bales of calicoes on the *Essex* brigantine. Could not bleach his cloth owing to heavy rains. Surplus money will be sent to Vizagapatam. According to the books, Graham owes the Company 2,300 odd Pags. Sends books and accounts. The Nawab being ordered by Nizām-ul-mulk to help the Nawab of Cuttack, has left his youngest son, 'Mahomud Detty', in charge of the Government.

No. 349. LETTER FROM WILLIAM ROBSON, COMMANDER OF THE KENT, IN THE VIZAGAPATAM ROADS. DEC. 16, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 255 (1).]

Has made the Coast after a passage of 7½ months; landed 11 soldiers for Madras; and allowed the Madras packets to be opened. Charles Savage Norris, factor, and Charles Bourchier, writer, both for Madras, have been landed. Is proceeding to the Bay.

No. 350. CONSULTATION. DEC. 31, 1741. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 71, *pp.* 387–389 (2½).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Dec. 14 and 19 [Nos. 346 & 347], from Ingeram of Dec. 27 (24?) [No. 348], from Capt. Robson of the *Kent* of Dec. 16 [No. 349]. Morse and Monson to receive *Admiral Vernon's* treasure. Read accounts and payments received.

No. 351. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 31, 1741. [*Factory Records., F.S.D., Vol.* 5. (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Savage of Dec. 21, accompanying 10,000 Star Pags. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 26,886 [Star] Pags. Read report from Croke and Graham dated Dec. 31, 1741, regarding the assignment of building sites to several of the Porto Novo sea-faring merchants who promise to bring also the weavers, dyers, painters etc. who usually work for them.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1741, including the usual allowance of 5 Pags. for the bonfire; and (2) Croke and Graham's report as above.

No. 352. LIST OF THE COMPANY'S SERVANTS AT FORT ST. DAVID IN 1741. DEC. 31, 1741. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

THE CALENDAR OF THE MADRAS RECORDS FOR 1742.

No. 1. DIARY OF MADRAS SHIPPING, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72.*]

JAN. 3. a. the *Galatea* from Bengal. 7. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal. s. the *Vernon* sloop for Negapatam. 9. a. the *George* from Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam. 10. a. the *Wager* from Bengal. 11. a. the *King William* from Bengal. 15. a. the *William and Mary* brigantine from Bengal. 19. s. the *Essex* brigantine for Ingeram. a. the *Fort St. George* brigantine from Madapollam. 20. a. the *Augusta* from China. 21. s. the *Wager* for Fort St. David; and the *Vizagapatam* for Vizagapatam. 23. a. the *Speedwell* from Pegu. 26. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal; and the *Neptune* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 30. s. the *Galatea* for Persia and the *Fort St. George* brigantine for Tellicherry. a. the *Medea* sloop from Bengal. FEB. 2. a. the *Fanny* brigantine from Fort St. David. 6. Appeared in sight the *Wager*. s. the *King William*. a. the *Vernon* sloop from Negapatam. 8. a. the *Broxbournbury* from Pegu. s. the *Augusta* for the Malabar Coast. 12. s. the *Fanny* brigantine for Malacca; and the *George* for Fort St. David. 17. s. the *Vernon* sloop for Bengal. 18. s. the *William and Mary* brigantine for Malacca. 24. a. the *George* from Fort St. David. 27. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Bengal. MARCH 10. a. the *Radhaballub* from Bengal and Fort St. David. 12. a. the *Essex* brigantine from Ingeram. 13. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal. 14. s. the *Sumatra* for Bengal; and the *George* for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 17. a. the *William* brigantine from the Nicobars, and the *Vizagapatam* from Vizagapatam. 26. s. the *Vernon* for the Bay. 27. a. the *Venkata Lakshmi* from Konaka. s. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* for Bengal. 28. s. the *Radhaballub* for Bengal. 31. s. the *Essex* brigantine for Ingeram. APR. 2. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal. 3. s. the *Vizagapatam* for Vizagapatam. 4. a. the *Porto Bello* sloop from Bengal. s. the *Neptune* brigantine to Madapollam. 5. a. the *Sta. Catherina* from Macao. 7. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Tenasserim; and the *Rahman Bakhsh* from Bengal. 9. a. the *Kent* from Achin. 14. s. the *Porto Bello* sloop for

Bengal. 15. a. the *Tyagaraya Perumal* from Tenasserim. 20. a. the *Ali Madad* from St. Thomé. 23. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. 26. s. the *William* brigantine for the Nicobars. 27. a. the *Kachchaleswara* from Junk Ceylon. 28. a. the *Apollo* from Bengal and Fort St. David. s. the *Ali Madad* for St. Thomé. 29. a. the *Neptune* brigantine from Bengal. MAY. 5. a. the *Tygris* from England, and brought in the *Jerusalem*, a Manilla ship. 6. s. the *Venkata Lakshmi* for Vizagapatam. a. the *Calcutta* grab from Colombo. 10. s. the *Calcutta* grab for Bengal. 11. a. the *Bombay* sloop from Bombay with the *Fort St. George* and the *Fort Marlborough;* the *Samsunderset* from Manilla; and the *Halifax* from Achin. 12. s. the *Neptune* brigantine for Bengal. 14. a. the *Augusta* and the *Fort St. George* brigantine from the Malabar Coast. 15. s. the *Bombay* sloop for Bengal. 20. a. the *Expedition* from Surat; and the *Ceres* from Persia. 21. a. the *Triton* brigantine from the Malabar Coast. 23. s. the *Princess Augusta* for Sumatra with the *Louisa* sloop. a. the *Pulteney* from Surat. 24. s. the *Jerusalem* for Bengal. 31. a. the *Diana* brigantine from Pondichery. JUNE 4. a. the *Success* brigantine from Cochin. 5. s. the *Halifax* and the *Expedition* for Bengal; and the *Diana* for Pondichery. 9. s. the *Apollo* for Bengal and the *Sta. Catherina* for Macao. 10. s. the *Tygris* for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 11. a. the *Ann* brigantine from Negapatam. 13. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. 14. s. the *Ceres* for China. 15. s. the *Jenny* brigantine for Vizagapatam and Madapollam. 16. a. the *Princess Elizabeth* from 'Scindy.' 19. a. the *Jean Baptiste* brigantine from Pondichery. 20. a. the *Houghton* from England; and the *Lancaster* from Surat. 22. s. the *Augusta* for Bengal. 23. s. the *Pulteney* and the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Bengal. 26. s. the *Muhi-ud-din Bakhsh* brigantine for St. Thomé. 28. s. the *Saadat Bakhsh* for St. Thomé; the *Houghton* for Bengal; and the *Ann* brigantine for Negapatam. JULY 2. s. the *Triton* and the *Jean Baptiste* brigantines for Bengal. 6. s. the *Fattah-Rahmani* for Manilla. 7. a. the *Grantham* from England. 13. a. the *Lynn* and the *Walpole* from England. 18. s. the *Grantham*, the *Princess Elizabeth* and the *Lancaster* for Bengal. a. the *Marlborough* from England. 23. s. the *Exeter* for Pegu. AUG. 4. s. the *Mary* sloop for Fort St. David. a. the *Sarum* from Mocha. 11. s. the *Lynn* for Bengal. 12. a. the *Benyon* from Jedda. 16. s. the *Sarum* for Bengal. 17. a. the *Grandison* from Batavia. 18. s. the *Walpole* for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 19. s. the *Marlborough* for Bengal. 20. s. the *Eltham* for Achin and the eastward. 24. s. the *Grandison* for Bengal. 25. a. the *Mary* sloop from Fort St. David. 26. a. the *Fanny* from Basra, and the *Ann*

brigantine from Negapatam. 27. a. the *Dupleix* from Pondichery; and the *Prince of Wales* from Bombay. 28. s. the *Benyon* for Bengal; and the *Mary* sloop for Fort St. David. 29. s. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* for Tenasserim. 30. a. the *Fanny* from Basra. 31. a. the *Anne* from Bombay. SEPT. 1. s. the *Dupleix* and the *Prince of Wales* for Bengal. 3. s. the *Kachchaleswara* for Junk Ceylon. 7. a. the *Chandernagore* from Pondichery; and the *Mercury* from Bengal. 9. s. the *Anne* for Bengal. 11. s. the *Fanny* for Bengal. a. the *Benjamin* from Bombay. 13. a. the *Sumatra* from Bengal. 15. a. the *Essex* brigantine from Ingeram. 16. s. the *Chandernagore* for Bengal and the *Admiral Vernon* for England. 17. s. the *Jenny* for Bengal. 19. a. the *Mary* sloop from Fort St. David. s. the *Margaret* brigantine for Bengal. 21. a. the *Shaftesbury* from England and Madeira. 23. s. the *Essex* brigantine for Ingeram 28. a. the *Augusta* from Bengal. OCT. 1. s. the *Mercury* for the Malabar Coast and Bombay. 3. a. the *Galatea* from Gombroon. 6. a. the *Vernon* from Bengal. 10. s. the *Galatea* for Bengal. 11. s. the *Benjamin* for England; the *Sumatra* and the *Mary* for Sumatra; and the *Vernon* for the Malabar Coast. 12. s. the *Shaftesbury* for Bengal. 15. s. the *Augusta* for the Gulf of Persia. DEC. 21. a. the *Talbot* brigantine from Vizagapatam. 25. a. the *Fanny* brigantine from Malacca and the eastward.

No. 2. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 1 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 19 [No. 344 of 1741]. The rejected Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth may be taken at a reduced price as 'ordinary' cloth. Want account of advances made and cloth supplied up to Dec. 31.

No. 3. DIARY. JAN. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *p.* 1 (½).]

Received copy of bill of lading from Capt. Benjamin Webster of the *Admiral Vernon.*

Appended is a letter from Benyon, etc. dated Jan. 4, directing him to land 40 chests of silver consigned to Bengal.

No. 4. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 5, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 1 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 2 [No. 2]; and agreed on reply, dated Jan. 5 [No. 5]. Advances made.

No. 5. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 1* (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 2 [No. 2]. Will receive Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth at reduced prices, sorting it as No. 4, ordinary. Have received 10,000 Star Pags. Are endeavouring to encourage merchants to settle at Fort St. David [See Nos. 340 & 351 of 1741]. Forward accounts, delayed by illness of Stacey and Cooke.

No. 6. CONSULTATION. JAN. 8, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp. 2–5* (4).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 5 [No. 5]. Accounts read and advances made. Morse takes charge of the Import Warehouse. The *Admiral Vernon's* treasure is reported correct. All Madras and Arcot rupees to be sent to the Bay by the *Admiral Vernon* with as much redwood as possible. Charles Savage Norris and Charles Bourchier to work under the Secretary to improve their hands. The Sea Customer is allowed 2 conicopolys and 4 peons extra to supervise the landing of paddy, etc., at the Pettah north of the Town.

Appended are:—(1) Monson and Morse's report on the *Admiral Vernon's* silver; and (2) cash account for Dec. 1741, balance 7,304 Star and 13,182 Madras Pags.

No. 7. LETTER FROM BENJAMIN WEBSTER OF THE ADMIRAL VERNON, AT MADRAS. JAN. 9, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p. 6* (½).]

Can take in redwood as specified in his charterparty.

No. 8. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JAN. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 2* (½).]

Acknowledges letter of Nov. 12, 1741. Has received on the bill of exchange 6,900 Madras Pags. from Jivan Das at Masulipatam. The *George* is refitted and all the bales are laded on her in good condition. Forwards accounts.

No. 9. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. DEC. 22, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp. 2–7* (5½).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 20 and 22, Sept. 9, 15, 16 and 26, and Oct. 11, 1741. The stills sent on the *King William* are so old that they will only sell as metal. Despatch two ships with Europe

ladings, and saltpetre and stores for Madras to be replaced by bales for England. Fear for the safety of the *Calcutta* grab. Arcot rupees are not so current in many parts of Bengal as Madras rupees; and much bullion is needed to be sent to Kasimbazar and Patna; at the former Fattah Chund coins it into sicca rupees on which he makes a profit, besides the 5% which the Government make. If this were reduced by sending more rupees to Bengal, his interest, which has been proved greater than that of the English, would hinder the currency of Madras and Arcot rupees. Desire in future treasure to be sent half bullion, one-fourth Madras rupees and one-fourth Arcot rupees. Have sent to Sumatra 300 tons of saltpetre and 60 of redwood on the *London*, with taffaties, opium, salt, rice, etc.; but could not put any bales for Europe on this ship owing to the number of ships to be laded. Could not send soldiers to Sumatra owing to the troubles between Alivirdi Khan and the Nawab of Cuttack. Have not enough scarlet broadcloth to send any to Madras; and culjeed flannels sell at 26 current rupees a piece and so it is not worthwhile sending any of them. Troubles between Alivirdi Khan and the Nawab of Cuttack. Now despatch the *King William* and the *Wager* with Europe cargoes invoiced at 7,15,000 Rs. and 2,220 bags of saltpetre, etc., for Madras. Three more ships have been despatched direct and one is lading. Have resolved to send bales enough to complete one ship's cargo in case delayed ships put in at Madras. Desire that the *Princess Augusta* and the sloops may be returned for saltpetre and bales for the Sept. ships. Want only 5,000 maunds of redwood during the next season. Will be obliged to borrow large sums; so request all the treasure that can be spared. Desire 15 dozen chairs and 12 couches to be made and sent. Have permitted John Halsey and Solomon Margas to go to Madras for their health.

Appended is a list of the packet.

No. 10. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. DEC. 23, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 8 (½).]

News just received of a battle in which Alivirdi Khan has defeated and taken Baqir' Ali Khan.

No. 11. LETTER FROM HUMPHREY BELLAMY ON THE WAGER, OFF INGELLEE. DEC. 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 8–9 (1¼).]

Has despatched the *Wager*. The ship draws 19 ft. 6 in. abaft and 18 ft. 4 in. forward.

Appended are:—(1) Humphrey Bellamy's protest against Capt. Charles Raymond for not taking on board the *Wager* 47 bales of gurrahs for Madras ; and (2) list of the packet for Madras by the *King William*.

No. 12. LETTER FROM HUMPHREY BELLAMY ON THE KING WILLIAM, OFF INGELLEE. DEC. 28, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 9–10 (½).]

Is despatching the *King William* which draws 19 ft. 3 in. abaft and 18 ft. 10 in. forward.

No. 13. CONSULTATION. JAN. 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 6–9 (3).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Jan. 5 [No. 8], and from Bengal of Dec. 22 and 23 [Nos. 9 & 10]. Resolved to despatch the *Admiral Vernon* to England after landing her cargo and packet consigned for Bengal. Accounts read.

Appended is a letter to Capt. Benjamin Webster of the *Admiral Vernon*, dated Jan. 11, directing him to prepare to take in cargo for England.

No. 14. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 11, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 2–4 (3).]

Passed annual letter to Madras [No. 17]. Accounts read. 98 Pags. to be paid to Robert Allen, Hubbard's trustee, as refund for customs already paid in Bengal on the *Grandison's* cargoes of rice. Advances made. The merchants pay in 3,307 Alambarai Pags., agreeing to take them back as soon as they can employ them.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1741.

No. 15. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. NOV. 21, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 10–13 (3).]

Acknowledge letters of June 18, July 21 and Oct. 2. Shipping news. Revolt of the Arabs employed in Nadir Shah's fleet. The Persians so strenuously urged Bombay to furnish them with ships that two had to be bought for them. But as a strong Persian navy would be disadvantageous to the English, have resolved to permit no vessel to trade to Persia till the owners have given bonds not to sell their ship to the Persians without permission under a penalty of 40,000 Rs. Reluctantly permit Waters to stay at Madras. Inquire whether duty on the sales of the *Ceres* and the *Galatea* at Bushire has been paid ; if not, it should be collected at 2%. The 2 boats desired will be ready in Apr. and 2 tindals will be

sent to take charge of them. News has reached Goa that France has not declared war and that the King of Prussia has been defeated and made prisoner. Believe the forces which reached Pondichery are going to Mahé; fear they may attack Tellicherry.

Appended are:—(1) copy of para. 22 in the Company's letter to Bombay of March 11, 1736, on ship-owners giving bonds not to sell their ships to Persia; and (2) copy of para. 103 in the Company's letter to Bombay of Feb. 6, 1740 [1741 ?] stating that duties on sales at Bushire, etc., should be paid as at Gombroon.

No. 16. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. NOV. 30, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 13 (¾).]

News from Bushire that Vernon has captured Carthagena.

No. 17. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 14–19 (6).]

Provided 1,226 bales up to Dec. 31. 437 bales on hand. Will take in previously rejected Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth at reduced prices. Salem cloth is cheaper than last year and still good; it has been paid for in Star pagodas. 100 ox-loads of cloth are now on their way from Salem. Have embaled only 120 corge of scot romals, as they sell anywhere in India; the Dutch are taking all rejected at Fort St. David at but a small reduction. Have received only 4 corge out of 400 pieces of the red, but expect the rest in a few days. The brokers have brought in 3,000 pieces of middling cloth since Sept. 19. Have advanced Andiyappa 7,000 Alambarai and 2,000 Star Pags., of which he now owes 425 Alambarai and 1,406 Star Pags. The balance due from the brokers is 6,571 Star and 13,307 Alambarai Pags. The Weighing and Measuring farm could not be let at the old terms until Nov. 1, when it was taken by Tandavaraya Pillai and Narayana Chetti. The Arrack farm was let out to the same on the same date. The Betel and Tobacco farm has been let out to Sadasiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti for 5 years at 1,500 Pags. per annum. The increase of 2,180 Pags. in the Custom's revenue is due to Porto Novo merchants and others having been induced to settle at Fort St. David [See No. 340 of 1741]. The expenditure increased by 13,606 Pags. Are collecting materials to complete the faussebray. Will finish the powder magazine and 'grainery' when the monsoon is over. The godowns near the river are not yet finished. Have granted Capt. John de Morgan a piece of waste near the Hospital for 1 Pag. per annum. On Aug. 10, 1741, James Hubbard died and

Augustus Burton succeeded him on Aug. 22. Graham and Holt took their seats on Oct. 10, *vice* Eyre and Harris. On June 16, Zachariah Foxall died. Stacey's property amounts to 15 Pags. Robert Stephen was engaged as a monthly writer at 10 Pags. a month. Enclose a roll of the military and the gunroom. Have entertained no more peons than are absolutely necessary. The *Carolina* sloop has been refitted, but as there has been so little rain she cannot be got over the bar. Should she remain where she now lies or be hauled ashore and a 'cadjan covering' put over her? Enclose a list of French ships arrived and sailed, with their cargoes. Have heard of no French contract being made as yet. Star pagodas are current at Pondichery and the French use them to buy cloth at Salem or to exchange for Alambarai pagodas. French payments, etc., are made in rupees at 320 per 100 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) list of bales on hand; and (2) list of the packet.

No. 18. CONSULTATION. JAN. 14, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 10–12 (2½).]

John Halsey attends to see the *Admiral Vernon's* Bengal packet opened and the papers needed for her despatch taken out. Her private trade to be delivered to the Import Warehousekeeper unless the owners otherwise direct. Read letters from Bombay of Nov. 21 [No. 15], from Surat of Nov. 30 [No. 16], and from Fort St. David of Jan. 11 [No. 17]. Passed letters to Fort St. David of Jan. 15 [No. 19]. Members of the Board who were concerned in the *Ceres'* voyage to Persia state that the custom on her sales was paid at Basra, and that on the *Galatea's* sales was paid at Madras. Resolved to sell at outcry lead, copper, culjeed flannels and flowered cloth.

No. 19. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 1–2 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 5 and 11 [Nos. 5 & 17]. The turned out Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth should not be rated as 'No. 4 ordinary' unless as good and cheap as that; if better, it may be sorted to a higher number. As there is no great demand for bluecloth in England, quantities received beyond the amount indented for should be kept as part of the current year's investment, unless a few bales are needed to complete the ship's tonnage. The *Wager* will call shortly at Fort St. David to fill up, and will need about 600 bales.

No. 20. CONSULTATION. JAN. 18, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 13-26 (14).]

Signed bills on the Company for 27,726 Pags. Bengal piece-goods for painting having arrived only in Oct. will not be ready for these ships. The *Admiral Vernon* to be surveyed and if fit for the voyage to be laded. 100 bales to be put on the *Wager* and that ship despatched to Fort St. David. Signed a letter to the Company by a French vessel [No. 21]. The Master of the *George* claims 1,400 Rs. for money spent at Vizagapatam; the Storekeeper to examine his account and pay what is due. Wares, etc., to be sent to Vizagapatam. Accounts read. Passed indents on England for the import warehouse and storehouse. Balu Chetti, Tambi Chetti and others offer 5,000 Pags. as a fine if the shroffs guilty of sealing bad pagodas are only banished instead of being sent to Sumatra. Agreed that 2,500 Pags. will be accepted on behalf of the 2 Town shroffs provided they are kept in prison till the money is paid and that it be paid within one month, but that the Company's shroff be sent to Sumatra by the first ship. Kumarappa Chetti pays into cash 566 Pags. due to the late Company's shroff. Borlace Stacey's net estate (61 Pags.) credited to account current, London, to be paid to the legal claimants.

Appended are:—(1) statement of the Town Conicopoly's duty amounting to 548 Pags. collected at the Sea gate and 39 Pags. at the Choultry; (2) report on the expenditure and revenue of Madras, etc., for the years, May 1, 1739—Apr. 30, 1740 and May 1, 1740—Apr. 30, 1741:—

	Expenditure.		Variable revenue.		Remarks.
	1739-40.	1740-41.	1739-40.	1740-41.	
	Pags.	Pags.	Pags	Pags.	
Madras	40,839	59,134	46,208	39,601	The increased expenditure at Madras was due to an additional company in the garrison, a larger gun-room crew, etc. (10,790 Pags.); 3,686 Pags. spent in the defences; and at Fort St. David also to military expenses.
Fort St. David ...	27,454	41,060	10,274	10,865	
Vizagapatam ...	6,479	6,983	...	...	
Ingeram... ...	2,146	1,703	...	...	
Madapollam ...	1,352	1,605	...	...	

(3) account estate Borlace Stacey; (4) statement of Land Customs collected at Madras in 1740 (6,679 Pags.) and 1741 (5,668 Pags.), the decrease being caused by no ships sailing in 1741 for Manilla or Pegu, and hence a cessation of exports of paintings thither; and

(5) statement of Sea Customs collected at Madras in 1740 and 1741. Custom on goods rose from 27,685 Pags. to 28,655 Pags., chiefly owing to imports by Pathan merchants from Bengal; on grain fell from 5,119 to 4,613 Pags., as many owners had already paid duty in Bengal; and anchorage from 689 to 634 Pags.

No. 21. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, VIA PONDICHERY. [JAN. 18], 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *p.* 72 (1). *Torn and faded.*]

The *Admiral Vernon* arrived Dec. 23, 1741; the *Wager* from Bengal, Jan. 10; and the *King William*, Jan. 11. They will be despatched next month. The *Bedford*, the *Prince of Orange* and the *Beaufort* sailed from Bengal, Dec. 17, 1741.

No. 22. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 18, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 5 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 15 [No. 19], and agreed on reply of Jan. 18 [No. 29].

No. 23. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JAN. 19, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 2 (¼).]

Is sending wares and stores on the *Vizagapatam.*

No. 24. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 3 (¾).]

Have put 100 bales on the *Wager*, and she needs only 85 tons to complete her. If the Captain desires more, his request may be complied with. Usual inspection, etc., to be observed before her despatch. Send packing stuff. Her dispatches will be sent when she is ready to sail. The bales remaining after her departure to be sent to Madras.

No. 25. LETTER TO CAPT. CHARLES RAYMOND OF THE WAGER. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 3–4 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David.

No. 26. LETTER FROM JOHN TAYLOR, SAMUEL WILTON AND WILLIAM TULLIE AT MADRAS. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *p.* 27 (½).]

Report the *Admiral Vernon* fit to take in goods for Europe.

No. 27. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 23, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 6 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 20 [No. 24]. Capt. Raymond of the *Wager* reports he will be ready to sail by the 30th.

No. 28. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JAN. 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 20–21 (1⅓).]

Forwards accounts. The *Fort St. George* brigantine has been despatched with 81 bales, 22 of which were provided by Joseph Goddard. Goods from Masulipatam will come on the same ship, but it is not known how they will sort. News that the Marathas are moving this way. Will therefore try to get in the balances from merchants; has provided a sloop to remove, if need be, the cash chest, etc., of the factory.

Appended is an indent for broadcloth and sundries.

No. 29. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 18, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27. *p.* 21 (⅔).]

Not more than 20 bales of Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth are worth the reduced price of 41½ Alambarai Pags. a corge. It is worse than No. 3; that is why it is proposed [See No. 5.] to sort it to No. 4. Will not put on the *Wager* more bluecloth than was indented for. Have 600 bales ready.

No. 30. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. DEC. 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 22 (¾).]

News from Gombroon of the reported capture of Carthagena and 50 million dollars. Nadir Shah has obtained Nizam-ul-mulk's assistance and bought 11 ships at Surat. He is now threatening Turkey.

No. 31. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. DEC. 19, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 22 (¼).]

Forward a packet from Bombay.

No. 32. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. DEC. 31, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 23 (1).]

Ali Kuli Khan, late Faujdar of Masulipatam, is said to have been made Nawab of Rajahmundry.

Appended is an indent for broadcloth, gunpowder, stationery, etc.

No. 33. CONSULTATION. JAN. 25, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 28–31 (3½).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Jan. 8 [No. 28], from Fort St. David of Jan. 18 [No. 29], from Bombay of Dec. 9 [No. 30], from Surat of Dec. 19 [No. 31] and from Ingeram of Dec. 31 [No. 32]. Signed bills on the Company for 14,420 Pags. and certificates for 521 Pags. on account estate of Charles Simpson; also price current for 1741 and indents for 1743. Headmoney for 13 recruits by the *Admiral Vernon* to be paid. Agreed to desire Bengal to send any blue perpetuanoes consigned to Madras.

Appended is a petition of John Hardcastle, Surgeon of the *Admiral Vernon*, (n.d.), praying for headmoney on the recruits.

No. 34. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JAN. 25, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 4–5 (1).]

Shipping news. On the *Admiral Vernon* there are 2 boxes, one of coral and one of silver, for Henry Palmer, who must give orders for their disposal. Enclose Capt. Wilson's receipt for 6 seals. The culjeed flannels sold at Madras for 10 Pags. a piece less 9% if issued and paid for in 6 months, and lead at 14 Pags. 32 fns. 50 c. a candy. Will send 70 tons of copper and all the money that can be spared. If there were any blue perpetuanoes on the *Scarborough* and the *Kent*, desire them to be sent to Madras.

No. 35. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 24 (½).]

The Captain says the *Wager* will be ready to sail on Jan. 30.

No. 36. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JAN. 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 24 (½).]

Sends accounts. Has not received further remittances; but when they arrive, will be cautious of advancing money till the Marathas' intentions are more certain.

No. 37. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 29, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 25–26 (1½).]

Hope that the cloth sent by the *Vizagapatam* will be approved. Shipping news. Hallyburton apparently means to use all the money sent him for his investment; so request a supply of money by the *Vizagapatam*, and also 50 barrels of gunpowder which the Nawab is likely to ask for. Alivirdi Khan has again taken

possession of the Cuttack country. The Nawabs of Cuttack, Rajahmundry and Chicacole are collecting forces at Ichchapur to oppose his advance, but for years they have maintained no regular troops. Desire to retain the recruits landed from the *Scarborough* and the *Kent* till the country is more settled. All these except one will be fit for duty in 15 days' time. If there is peace, hope to supply in 1742, 500 bales of good cloth. Desire one bale of scarlet broadcloth.

No. 38. CONSULTATION. JAN. 26, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 31–33 (2).]

Joseph Phillips, Chief Mate of the *King William*, to command *vice* James Sanders deceased. Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 24 [No. 35], from Madapollam of Jan. 13 [No. 36] and from Vizagapatam of Dec. 29 [No. 37]. Agreed on letter to the Company [No. 50]. Signed bills on the Company for 24,993 Pags. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged.

No. 39. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 29, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 7 (1).]

Read letter from Capt. Raymond of the *Wager* of Jan. 29, desiring as many more bales as he can take in at half-freight. Agreed to send as many on board as possible. Her crew, guns, etc., to be surveyed.

Appended is Raymond's letter as above.

No. 40. CONSULTATION. JAN. 30, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 33–36 (3½).]

Accounts read and payments received. Robert Douglas permitted to take his passage on the *Wager*. Signed bills on the Company for 8,230 Pags. The crew, guns, etc., of the *King William* to be surveyed. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Jan. 30 [No. 41].

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses in Dec. 1741; (2) letter from Robert Douglas of Jan. 30, desiring leave to resign and sail for England on the *Wager* for reasons of health.

No. 41. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 30, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 5 (½).]

The *Wager* to be sent to Madras if the winds are southerly; otherwise the *King William* will be sent to Fort St. David; the *George* will bring up to Madras the remaining bales. Fort St. David packet is to be addressed direct to the Company.

No. 42. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 8 (1).]

Accounts read and advances made. Muster roll of the *Prince William's* men, report on her warlike stores, and Capt. Raymond's manifest of private trade, to be forwarded to England.

No. 43. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 9 (½).]

Accounts read. Cash balance, 3,307 Alambarai and 18,762 Star Pags.

No. 44. CONSULTATION. FEB. 1, 1472. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 37–49 (13).]

Signed bills on the Company for 2,689 Pags., and certificates for 1,100 Pags. on officers' privilege and for 3,858 Pags. on account estate Capt. James Sanders. Richard Starke having come of age takes the oath and names Charles Benyon and John Starke as sureties. John Dawson, Gunner's mate, permitted to go home on the *Wager*. Signed the mint indent. Accounts read. The *King William* reported able to defend herself. A time-expired soldier discharged.

Appended is cash account for Jan., balance 110,739 Star and 13,182 Madras Pags.

No. 45. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 1, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 11 (¾).]

Signed letter to the Company by the *Wager* [No. 48]. The *Wager's* packet to be made up so that she be not delayed after her despatches arrive from Madras.

No. 46. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 2, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 11–12 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 30 [No. 41] and passed reply of Feb. 2 [No. 53].

No. 47. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 3, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 12–13 (1½).]

Agreed to despatch the *Wager* for Madras as the wind is south. Signed letter to Madras of Feb. 3 [No. 54.]

No. 48. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID, TO THE COMPANY, BY THE WAGER. FEB. 1, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 28–30 (3).]

Lading of the *Wager*. She took in 100 bales at Madras. Her Coast cargo amounts to 31,289 Star and 33,219 Alambarai Pags. The year's investment at Fort St. David amounts to 1,288 bales. Expect much more this season. The *Ducd' Orleans* sailed last month from Pondichery with 1,200 bales, 250 candies of round pepper, 200 candies of redwood and 1,500 bags of saltpetre.

Appended are:—(1) list of packet to England by the *Wager*; and (2) list of packet to Madras.

No. 49. CONSULTATION. FEB. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 50 (1).]

Signed despatch to the Company by the *King William* and the *Wager* [No. 50]. Copies of account sales of lead, copper, flannels, etc., to be sent home.

No. 50. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE KING WILLIAM AND THE WAGER. FEB. 4, 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 73–124 (52). *Very brittle, badly torn, and faded.*]

Cite despatches of Sept. 26, Oct. 5, 1741, and Jan. 18, 1742 [Nos. 283 & 290 of 1741; & 21 of 1742].

The *Carolina* still lies at Cuddalore. A sloop burnt when being prepared to be resheathed. The *George* being old and crazy, think of ordering a new ship from Bombay. Arrival of the *Admiral Vernon* and the *Wager*. Goods are being sent from Bengal to lade the former. Sales of lead, copper, culjeed flannels, flowered cloth, etc.; lead at Pags. 14–32–50 a candy and cask copper at 90 Pags. Consider it plainly advantageous to coin as much as possible into Arcot rupees; but no doubt Bengal knows how far this would affect the country government. Though country money fell to 20% discount, it still passed current among the weavers near Madras and prices of cloth there rose but little; however very little cloth could be provided thereabouts. At Salem, the merchant refuses to accept anything but Star pagodas, as he is the minter and as they contain more fine gold; at Fort St. David, the merchants have at last been brought to supply cloth 20% cheaper for Star pagodas. At first expected to have been able to use country pagodas there to advantage; but the Council appeared not to understand and the discussion which followed perhaps 'opened the eyes of their brokers.' As the usual currency in those parts is a sort of gold

fanam, all pagodas have to pass through the shroffs' hands, and that gives them more power over the exchange than elsewhere. Have given up dealing in country money for the present as it is reported the debased pagodas are to be stopped. Have coined the balance of their country money into Madras pagodas. In consideration of 2,500 Pags., have excused the 2 town-shroffs from being sent to Sumatra. Safdar Ali is still unconfirmed; so Chunda Sahib's partisans spread alarming rumours concerning his return with a Maratha army. Such reports hinder cotton and yarn being brought into the country. None to be had at Ulundurpet where 15,000 Pags. worth of cotton yarn are generally sold per month. Fine longcloth is very scarce and dear everywhere, for lack of fine thread. Will send only 5,000 maunds of redwood to Bengal. Ingeram cloth is better and cheaper than that from the other 2 factories. State of merchants' accounts. There are many instances of merchants being ruined in the Company's service and many have made to the weavers considerable advances which they cannot recover. Urge that they should be allowed to take the broadcloth as before till their debts are cleared.

As 3 houses were insufficient for the Nawab's family, more had to be taken. He left on Oct. 5, was at Arcot in Dec., and is now at St. Thomè. Mir Asad continues to be his chief adviser, but there is neither Diwan nor Bakhshi appointed at present. The Nawab's family affords great trouble and expense; but last year when he removed his family from Pondichery, he granted some villages; he will doubtless do something for the English when he removes his family. China ships. The Spaniards at Manilla threaten to seize Bengal and Madras goods if their ships at Batavia should be taken. In the last war with Spain, trade between Madras and Manilla was uninterrupted; but if the Company's captains bring out letters of marque, the French will engross it. The Burmese are reported about to attack the Peguers with a large army.

The ditch at Fort St. David will be a great protection when completed. Have consented to the revival of the Betel, etc., farm at Fort St. David, as its suppression and other measures failed to induce weavers to settle there. Though 2,000 Pags. were promised to facilitate this, the subscribers were unable to furnish the money; nor was it likely to prove advantageous. On a similar scheme at Pondichery 12,000 Pags. 'are sunk' out of 30,000 Pags. advanced, and at Chintadripet 'the undertakers' are unlikely to see all their money back. Weavers are poor and improvident; always in debt

to and under the control of their heads, who even beat them when they are lazy. The country government allow these heads absolute control; but that is impossible under an English government. Repairs at Vizagapatam and allowance for the expense of entertaining strangers. Tiruvottiyur, etc., let to Linga Chetti and others. Agreement with the ruby brokers. Company's shroffs allowed a monthly salary of 20 Pags. each, and a surveyor appointed on 2 Pags. Increase of wages to coolies. Hirasat Khan and Hasan Mian exempted from paying quitrent. Unsettled weather hindered progress on the fortifications. No new work has yet been begun. Shelters at the gates, etc., in the Black Town are needed, as the garrison grew sickly when on constant duty. Garrison charges shall be reduced as soon as possible. Europeans too few to turn out a decent guard when great men visit Madras, and 'Black soldiers' are unreliable. As a European's pay is but a little more than a Black's, it would be better to have most of the standing garrison Europeans, but desire 'good men' and not men from Newgate or Bedlam. The Sea customs have been maintained by the importation of Pathan merchants' goods. The Land customs decreased owing to the Maratha invasion and no goods being sent to Pegu or Manilla.

John Stratton, Thomas Eyre, Edward Harris and William Johnson appointed of Council at Madras, and John Graham and William Holt at Fort St. David; Charles Boddam, writer at the Seagate; Charles Savage Norris and Charles Bourchier, under the Secretary; cannot dispense with monthly writers at present. John Dawson, Gunner's mate, going home, John Waters from Bombay has been appointed. Cornelius Goodwin and Matthew Empson sworn in as Mayor and Sheriff. John Graham owes 2,600 Pags. on account of cloth from Ingeram rejected at Madras. Borlace Stacey's effects 46 Pags. Robert Douglas, Surgeon at Madras, going home, Andrew Munro to succeed him; William Belches to be Surgeon at Fort St. David; and Turing to be Surgeon at Vizagapatam. No Surgeon's mates either at Madras or Fort St. David. Urge need of improving their pay. Benyon is grateful for the Company's approving his conduct in the dispute between his dubash and Sanderson.

The *Princess Augusta* will be sent to Sumatra instead of the *George*. 2 Surat boats to be sent thither when they come in Apr. Desire Counsel's opinion on proceedings in the Mayor's Court in Erra Pillai Paraya *v.* John Sanderson, brought before them by appeal. Have appointed Eyre and Harris to act as

Justices of the Peace, and trust they are justified by the Charter. Dumas sailed for France in Oct.; Dupleix arrived early in Jan., and has now sent a present to the Nawab.

Supplement: The *George* will shortly be sent to Bengal to be surveyed. Captain James Sanders of the *King William* died Jan. 24. Safdar Ali seems less apprehensive of Nizam-ul-mulk and the Marathas, but his family may stay at Madras for some time. Masulipatam chay goods are better than last year's. The washers and beaters seem to have been 'unfaithful' about the cloth in their hands last year. There is now a keen demand for copper in Bengal. Have indented for 50 tons of copper. The Dutch who used to supply the Coast with Japanese copper, have brought little this year. The *King William's* Madras cargo amounts to 67,401 Pags.; diamonds registered on her and the *Wager* to 65,925 Pags. Cash balance, 118,387 Star and 13,182 Madras Pags.

Appended are:—(1) list of bills on the Company and certificates amounting to 83,541 Pags.; (2) registers of diamonds, etc.; (3) list of chests of coral for which full returns are now made; and (4) list of the packets.

No. 51. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY. FEB. 6, 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 125–126 (2). *Half-torn, very brittle and damaged.*]

Have [despatched?] both ships [the *King William* and the *Wager*?] this day [*defective*].

Appended are sailing orders for England, to Joseph Phillips, Commander of the *King William*, dated Feb. [6?], 1742.

No. 52. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 5, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 13–14 (1).]

Andiyappa's balance is cleared. Advances made. The old rice beginning to cake, agreed to sell it and buy new paddy for the use of the garrison.

No. 53. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 25 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 30 [No. 41]. The winds still are northerly, but will despatch the *Wager* if they change. Have laded 630 bales, 161 bales are in the godown and 150 at the washers.

No. 54. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 3, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 27 (½).]

As the wind has changed, have despatched the *Wager* for Madras, with directions to take further orders from the *King William* should she be met with.

No. 55. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 27–28 (⅔).]

The *Wager* is still in sight. Capt. Raymond took oath that he had taken in private trade in Bengal only. Send a list of the *Wager's* packet, and copies of accounts etc. Their balance on Jan. 31 was 3,307 Alambarai and 18,762 Star Pags.

No. 56. CONSULTATION. FEB. 9, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 51–56 (6).]

Read letters from Capt. Webster of the *Admiral Vernon* of Feb. 9, protesting against the Company on account of the delay in his lading; and from Fort St. David of Feb. 2, 3 and 4 [Nos. 53 to 55]. Andrew Munro to come as Surgeon to Madras *vice* Robert Douglas gone home, and William Belsches to succeed at Fort St. David. Joseph Fowke permitted to come to Madras. The *George* to sail at once for Fort St. David. Agreed on letters to Fort St. David and to Vizagapatam of Feb. 10 [Nos. 59 & 60]. Agreed to send 100 muskets and bayonets to Vizagapatam. A pair of large scales to be bought for the export warehouse. Advances made, etc. Popinjays by the *Admiral Vernon* to be delivered to Telisinga Chetti and other merchants. The *Admiral Vernon's* lead to be inspected. Agreed to buy 25,000 Madras Pags. at 9½% batta.

Appended is Capt. Benjamin Webster's protest, as above.

No. 57. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 5 (¼).]

The *George* now despatched for the remaining bales is to be returned as soon as possible.

No. 58. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE GEORGE. FEB. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 6 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David.

No. 59. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 10, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 8–10 (1¾).]

Desire copy of the notification encouraging people to settle within the Fort St. David bounds. In future land customs need not be charged on the Company's cloth. Trust that all advantage will be taken of the French trying to recover the balances due from their merchants and having suspended advances. Efforts should be made to obtain salempores, none of which have been provided lately at Madras or Fort St. David. For this year's investment 3,000 pieces of bluecloth to be provided (including what is now on hand) at Fort St. David, 5,000 bright-coloured soot romals and 400 red and white [soot romals?]. Whatever may appear best and safest is to be done with the *Carolina*. Apparently no list of European military, with the date of their arrivals, etc., has been sent home. Borlace Stacey's net effects should have been 22 Pags. but are reported at 15 only. Shipping news. Andrew Munro ordered to Madras as Surgeon; and William Belsches appointed Surgeon at Fort St. David. Joseph Fowke to come to Madras; he shall soon be replaced by another covenanted servant.

No. 60. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 10, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 6–8 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 14, 19 and 29 [Nos. 346 & 347 of 1741; & 37]. Have advised that the Chief should have an allowance for entertaining strangers. Sent on the *Vizagapatam* all the goods, etc., indented for, except emerald green middling and scarlet broadcloth, blue perpetuanoes, and yellow embossed cloth. Send 100 muskets with bayonets, but will not send more powder than is needed. The supply of powder to the Nawab to be used against Alivirdi Khan, might ruin the Bengal investment. The despatch by the *Kent* and the *Scarborough* [No. 76] should have been opened and copies sent to Madras. As the Marathas have been diverted from the northwards, will send pagodas and rupees by some of the Company's sloops. Received 100 bales by the *Vizagapatam*, but the white cloth is full of conjee and badly cured. The 'fine' is bad and dear, and the Company complains that Vizagapatam cloth is short measure. Not more than 15½ Madras Pags. should be given for Vizagapatam salempores, else they will be as dear as Madras cloth. No doubt the investment has been cramped by issuing rupees to the merchants at 315 or 323 per 100 Pags.;

when at the present price of silver, the exchange should be 360. In future rupees may be issued at 350. Desire estimates of the repairs still to be undertaken.

No. 61. CONSULTATION. FEB. 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 57–58 (1½).]

Matthew Empson pays 400 Madras Pags. due by Arbuckle to Joseph Goddard's estate. Capt. John Taylor, administrator to the estate of Thomas Horne who died in Sumatra, is paid 402 Pags. due to that estate, less 48 Pags. advanced to Horne's family in 1739. Linga Chetti paid in 2,132 Pags.

No. 62. CONSULTATION. FEB. 15, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 58–59 (1½).]

Agreed on the investments to be provided at Madapollam, Masulipatam and Ingeram. Hallyburton to furnish the prices of chay goods from Masulipatam and to adjust the Madapollam accounts. Agreed on letters to Madapollam, Ingeram and Fort William of Feb. 15 [Nos. 63 to 65], and to Fort St. David of Feb. 17 [No. 67]. A new ship, the size of the *Princess Augusta*, to be inspected with a view to her purchase instead of having one built at Bombay.

No. 63. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. FEB. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 10–13 (3½).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 16, 1741, and Jan. 5, 8 and 13 [337 of 1741; 8, 28 & 36]. Enclose accounts. The apparent deficiency in the Madapollam cash of 1,566 Pags. is really only 141 Pags. which is to be charged to Joseph Goddard's account. Will send supplies of money *viâ* Vizagapatam.

Appended are:—(1) list of goods to be provided at Madapollam and Masulipatam for 1742. Longcloth and salempores, ordinary (as much as can be procured); longcloth and salempores, fine 6,000; allejas, 400; collawapores, 400; sastracundys, 400; and romals, 2,300. Complaints that fine cloth is bad in colour and made of soft thread, that it is short measure, and that the end of a piece is thinner and worse than the rest; and (2) account of 9 bales of chay goods.

No. 64. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. FEB. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 14–15 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 24 and 31 [Nos. 348 of 1741 ; & 32]. Enclose a list of goods to be provided at Ingeram in 1742. Will send money *viâ* Vizagapatam. The wares and stores indented for will be supplied shortly.

Appended is the list of goods :—longcloth and salempores, ordinary, as much as can be procured ; longcloth and salempores, fine, 6,000 pieces ; izarees, 1,000. Complaints as in letter of date to Madapollam [See No. 63].

No. 65. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 15–(1½).]

Shipping news. The Captain of the *Admiral Vernon* has protested against the delay caused by the non-arrival of the Bengal bales. As desired will coin the silver for Bengal, a quarter into Arcot and a quarter into Madras rupees. Having received more money than was expected for bills of exchange, will send a part of the *Admiral Vernon's* treasure. Will send when made the chairs and couches desired. Some of the *Admiral Vernon's* lead is found to be dross coated with lead. Purchasers had sent some to the Bay before this was discovered ; and it has been agreed that their purchase money shall be refunded on what proves to be bad.

Appended is a statement of 243 candies of lead sent to Bengal by the *Mercury*, consigned to William Davis and Messrs. Jackson and Wedderburn.

No. 66. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 15, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 14–15 (½).]

Advances made.

No. 67. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 17 (¼).]

As there is a large balance of fanams, 5,000 Pags. worth to be sent to Madras.

No. 68. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 20, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 15–17 (2).]

Read letter from Madras of Feb. 10 [No. 59] ; and agreed on a reply of Feb. 20 [No. 72]. Fowke (Secretary) having gone to Madras, William Holt, one of the Board, appointed in his place. Advances made.

No. 69. CONSULTATION. FEB. 22, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 60–67 (7½).]

Accounts read, advances made, etc. 200 garse of paddy to be bought for the garrison. Capt. Webster reports that 2 chests of silver for Patoun and Bendall have been delivered to the owners. The Nawab and his family being at St. Thomé, resolved to present him, his wife, Husain Sahib, Mir Asad, etc., with articles to the value of about 1,400 Pags. Resolved to defer discussing the purchase of the *Broxbournbury* till Capt. Taylor arrives from Fort St. David, as he is to command her if bought.

Appended are:—(1) lists of presents for the Nawab, his wife, Husain Sahib, Mir Asad and Mīr Asad's mother, amounting to 1,416 Pags. consisting of velvets, china, preserved fruits, etc.; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1742; (3) letter from Capt. Benjamin Webster, dated Feb. 22, 1742, reporting that the *Broxbournbury* is a good ship but needs certain improvements.

No. 70. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 22, 1742, [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 17–18 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Feb. 17 [No. 67]. 5,000 Pags. worth of fanams to be sent thither. The *George* to sail for Madras with 236 bales, etc.

No. 71. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 27, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 18–21 (3½).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1742.

No. 72. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 20. 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 31–33 (3).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 9 and 10 [Nos. 57 & 59]. The *George* will sail for Madras in 2 or 3 days. A copy of the notice inviting merchants to settle at Fort St. David is forwarded, Hope the French are really making no advances; but if the merchants are being pressed for their balances, they can only pay them in cloth. Will strictly inquire and take all possible advantage. Will try to procure salempores, but they are made at Udaiyarpalaiyam which place is having troubles with Annalur (Ariyalur?). Will provide 3,000 pieces of bluecloth. Owing to the long notice, expect to be able to improve the quality. The *Carolina* had best lie where she is in the hope of a 'fresh' in Apr. Had no directions to send home a list of European military, and did not know the

necessary details. The demands on Borlace Stacey's estate were 35 not 33 Pags. William Belsches admitted Surgeon; Andrew Munro and Joseph Fowke have set out for Madras. Desire a good 'hand' instead of Fowke.

Appended is a copy of the notice, dated Dec. 21, 1741, mentioned above.

No. 73. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 22, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 34 (¾).]

Send on the *George* 5,000 Pags. worth of fanams and 236 bales of calicoes, 217 of which have cost 3,628 Star and 12,795 Alambarai Pags., the price of the rest not yet being settled.

No. 74. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 22, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 34 (¼).]

Forward duplicate invoices, etc.

No. 75. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JAN. 21, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 35–36 (1½).]

Were lading bales, etc., on the *Princess Augusta* and the sloops, when the *Scarborough* and the *Kent* arrived. Are therefore taking out the bales for the supply of these ships. Even with the treasure now arrived, will be forced to borrow large sums to carry on the investment. The garrison stores, the military, etc., will be sent to Madras on the *Princess Augusta*. Shipping news. Enclose the Company's despatch, etc., for Madras by the *Kent*.

No. 76. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE SCARBOROUGH AND THE KENT. APR. 24, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *pp.* 15–17 (3).]

Cite despatch of Feb. 6, 1741 [No. 219 of 1741]. Arrival and departure of ships. The *Scarborough* and the *Kent* to proceed to Bengal unless they can reach Madras before Aug. 10. Suspect much illicit trade. All goods not in the manifests, etc., to be seized and sold at outcry. Have entertained Charles Savage Norris as factor; and Henry Kelsall, Charles Nicholls, Charles Bourchier and Richard Court, writers. Send recruits. Samuel Harrison may be favoured 'according to his deserts.' Have taken up 3 more ships—one (the *Tygris*) for the Coast and Bay in order to carry news of Europe affairs. John Hammond at Madras to be suspended till he has paid his debts. Members of the Secret Committee hear that the *Wilmington* and the *Hæslingfield* were at the Cape in Dec.

No. 77. LIST OF [4] PERSONS PERMITTED TO TAKE PASSAGE FOR MADRAS AND BENGAL IN 1740. THE INDIA HOUSE. APR. 28, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 45, *p.* 31 (½).]

Includes Richard Bourchier, to assist his father at Madras.

No. 78. CONSULTATION. MARCH 1, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 68–76 (9).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Feb. 20 and 22 [Nos. 72 to 74]; and from Fort William of Jan. 21 [No. 75]. As the *Admiral Vernon* cannot be despatched till Sept., her bales are ordered ashore. 10 chests of silver to be coined into Madras rupees for Bengal. Charles Nicholls to go to Fort St. David, Henry Kelsall to Madapollam, and John Churchey from Madapollam to Ingeram. Joseph Fowke to be Sub-Accountant at Madras. 2,900 Star Pags. paid to merchants in exchange for the same number of Alambarai Pags. advanced them before this specie was cried down in the country. Capt. Taylor reports the stores needed for the *Broxbournbury*. Agreed to buy her of Smart for 4,500 Pags. (She cost 19,000 Rs. to build, whereas the *Princess Augusta* was charged at nearly 40,000 Rs.) The *Broxbournbury* to be called the *Sumatra;* and Capt. Taylor to command her. Agreed to send her to the Bay to be fitted, etc. Agreed on letter to Bengal of March 13 [No. 86]. Advances made and accounts read.

Appended are:—(1) list of stores wanting for the *Broxbournbury;* and (2) cash account for Feb., balance 1,04,140 Star and 40,948 Madras Pags.

No. 79. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 5, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 17 (¼).]

Will send overland tomorrow 20,000 Pags.

No. 80. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 17–18 (¼).]

Send 20,000 Pags. in charge of 50 peons.

No. 81. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. MARCH 8, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 18–19 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 21 and Dec. 9, 1741 [Nos. 15 & 30]. Shipping news. Expected from Bengal saltpetre and bales to load a ship. The *Admiral Vernon* was therefore detained at Madras on

the arrival of 2 ships there. But Bengal changed their minds; so the *Admiral Vernon* will not be despatched from Madras before Sept. Have informed Gombroon that the duties on the *Galatea's* sales in Persia were received here, and those on the *Ceres'* sales were paid at Basra. Regret that the Persians should have been able to buy ships at Surat; so that the prohibition of selling English ships to them has been useless. Will send the news that may be brought by the *Tygris*, shortly expected.

No. 82. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. MARCH 8, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 19 (½).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 30 and Dec. 19 [Nos. 16 & 31]. Are glad of the news of Vernon's success at Carthagena. Desire the accompanying packet to be forwarded to Bombay.

No. 83. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 10, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 23 (1).]

Read letters from Madras of March 5 and 6 [Nos. 79 & 80]. The 20,000 Pags. duly received. Advances made.

No. 84. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 1, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 36 (½).]

Send accounts, etc. Cash balance on Feb. 28 was 2,307 Alambarai and 3,935 Star Pags. Desire 10,000 Star Pags. Have 189 bales of cloth at the beaters' &c.

No. 85. CONSULTATION. MARCH 12, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *p.* 77 (1).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 1 [No. 84]. Passed letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Madapollam and to Thomas Clarke of the *George*, dated March 14. [Nos. 88 to 91.]

No. 86. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 13, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 20–22 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 21 [No. 75]. Regret that the arrival of the *Scarborough* and the *Kent* induced Bengal not to send bales, etc., to Madras, as otherwise the *Admiral Vernon* might have been despatched in Feb. Desire Bengal to sell the Company's ship *George*, which is being sent *viâ* Vizagapatam, as she is old. Have bought the *Sumatra* in her place and now send her to Bengal with treasure and goods amounting to 65,112 Pags. Have credited Bengal with the amount of the *Admiral Vernon's* invoice (£62,942)

and desire credit for the Madras goods on the *Scarborough* and the *Kent*. Are keeping the *Admiral Vernon's* broadcloth, but send her perpetuanoes by the *Sumatra*, as they are out of demand. Will send copies of the *Admiral Vernon's* papers. Ships are never properly completed at Pegu, so desire the *Sumatra* to be surveyed and whatever is necessary to be done. Rumours of Marathas going to assist the Nawab of Cuttack. If so, Vizagapatam may think it prudent to send on to Bengal the Madras pagodas now being sent. The exchange for Madras Pags. is 357½ Arcot Rs. per 100 Pags.

No. 87. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE SUMATRA. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 22 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 88. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 23 (1).]

Send by the *George* 20,000 Madras Pags., 16,000 Arcot Rs. and some gunpowder. Madras rupees at Vizagapatam to be forwarded on her to Bengal. If there is any danger from the Marathas, perhaps it may be well to send the Madras pagodas to Bengal, at the same time notifying Ingeram and Madapollam. Henry Kelsall appointed Assistant at Madapollam *vice* John Churchey transferred to Ingeram. Send trucks for gun-carriages. Kelsall will go to Ingeram on the *Essex* brigantine.

No. 89. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 24 (¾).]

Will send Henry Kelsall by the *Essex* to assist Hallyburton at Madapollam. On his arrival, John Churchey is to remove to Ingeram. Maratha movements [as in No. 88].

No. 90. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 24–25 (1¼).]

Henry Kelsall is coming as Assistant by the *Essex*. His service begins from Sept. 15. John Churchey to be sent to Ingeram. Maratha movements [as in No. 88].

No. 91. LETTER TO THOMAS CLARKE, MASTER OF THE GEORGE. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 26 (1).]

Sailing orders for Vizagapatam, unless that place shall have been taken, in which case he is to sail to Bengal.

No. 92. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 37–41 (4½).]

Despatch the *Princess Augusta* with some broadcloth, flowered cloth, brown sannoes, saltpetre, etc., also the recruits and military stores arrived on the *Kent* and the *Scarborough*. Have already sold the woolen goods and lead received by them. Out of the 34 recruits for Madras 1 is dead and 3 in hospital. No news of the *Admiral Vernon*. If she is at Madras desire double alepines and velvets consigned on her to Bengal for use at the Durbar, and napped superfine cloth. The rest may be sold at Madras if near Bengal prices can be got; enclose abstracts of recent sales. The flowered cloth will not sell in Bengal. Accounts read. Could get no bidders for the 3 stills. Were forced to give the *Princess Augusta* a new main mast. Will send a further supply of saltpetre. Shipping news. Desire whatever money can possibly be spared at Madras.

Appended are:—(1) abstract of auction sale of broadcloth, lead, copper and perpetuanoes on Feb. 3, 1742; and (2) list of the packet by the *Princess Augusta*.

No. 93. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. FEB. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 41 (½).]

Ali Kuli Khan has become Nawab of Rajahmundry, but the merchants, etc., regret Anwar-ud-din Khan's departure. The merchants promise a larger investment if the country continues quiet. Awaits a supply of money.

No. 94. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. FEB. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 42 (½).]

The Marathas are reported at Ellore. They are said to have demanded from Imam Sahib at Masulipatam a fourth of his revenues; but they are now said to have been driven beyond the hills. Is taking measures to secure the Company's effects.

No. 95. LETTER FROM HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. FEB. 26, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 42–43 (1).]

For fear of the Marathas, has laded the Company's goods and the merchants' cloth together with the chay goods from Masulipatam (except a few bundles which have been put in a banksal beyond the river) on the *Experience* sloop.

Appended is list of goods on the *Experience* sloop.

No. 96. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 10, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 43 (½).]

Have received the 20,000 Pags.

No. 97. CONSULTATION. MARCH 17, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 78–84 (6½).]

Read letters from Fort William of Feb. 9 [No. 92], from Ingeram of Feb. 11 and 17 [Nos. 93 & 94], from Madapollam of Feb. 26 [No. 95] and from Fort St. David of March 10 [No. 96]. Fort St. David Council to recover 500 Pags. owing from Sadasiva Rao, Venkappa Chetti, etc. Accounts read. An allowance to be made to the families of men who were killed and to those who were wounded when the powder-house blew up. As it is difficult to get coolies to work there, 1 Pag. more per candy to be allowed the powder-maker so that he can pay better wages. The merchants, being summoned and asked why they did not provide more and cheaper cloth now that Star pagodas were issued to them, say that cotton is scarce and dear, partly they are told because large tracts were destroyed by the Marathas and partly because of the demand to the northward where it sells at 80–85 Rs. the candy; that though cloth is poorer and dearer than last year, weavers are abandoning their craft for tillage; but that they could not advise raising the price of cloth, because once that was raised it never came down again. To the Board's complaint that nearly all the cloth was only No. 3 or 4, they replied that if the English would not take the cloth, other nations would; on which they were urged to get a greater quantity and as good and cheap as possible. Linga Chetti executes a bond for 5,000 Pags. as surety for the 2 imprisoned shroffs.

Appended are:— (1) letter from Nicholas Morse and others, of March 17, 1742, stating that the lead brought by the *Admiral Vernon* contains much dross; (2) list of allowances to the families of 10 persons killed and to 14 persons injured by the explosion at the powder-house; the former ranging from 10 to 22 Pags. and the latter from 3 to 5 Pags.; and (3) copy of Linga Chetti's bond.

No. 98. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 27–28 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 20 and 22, and March 1. [Nos. 72 to 74 & 84.] If the French merchants cannot make good their balances, their being pressed to bring in cloth without receiving

further advances cannot possibly affect the investment of the English merchants. Fort St. David received explicit directions about sending home a list of European military; and the year of arrival, etc., could easily have been ascertained from the men themselves, if not otherwise known. A debt of 500 Pags. from Sadasiva Rao, Venkappa Chetti, etc., must be realised without more delay. Charles Nicholls, writer, will set out shortly for Fort St. David.

No. 99. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 26, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 44–46 (3).]

In Dec., desired gunpowder for the Nawab; but now desire 25 barrels of powder and men and arms for defence against the Marathas; are informed that when Ellore and Rajahmundry have been plundered, they will visit Vizagapatam on their way to Chicacole. Have entertained 100 peons and mean to raise as many lascars for the gunroom. Though so ill-provided will make all possible defence. Panic at Masulipatam. The Dutch and French are sending their goods on board ship. Prince is preparing to do so too and Stratton has sent a boat to Pitt at Uppada. Ali Kuli Khan has withdrawn into 'his fort.' There is a report that the Marathas are marching by order of Nasir Jang to assist the Nawab of Cuttack; but the latter (who is at the mango-garden at Vizagapatam) seems alarmed at their approach. Peons have been sent out for news. Send by the *Vizagapatam* 100 bales of calicoes worth 7,913 Pags. Enclose accounts.

Appended are:—(1) indent for military stores wanted at the Vizagapatam factory; and (2) indent for broadcloth, perpetuanoes and velvets.

No. 100. CONSULTATION. MARCH 22, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 85–87 (3).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of Feb. 26 [No. 99]. 21 Europeans, 15 barrels of gunpowder, 5 candies of lead, etc., to be sent thither. Accounts read. Capt. Webster claims 16 Pags. for dieting sick soldiers at the Cape; to be referred to the Company. Clothing, etc. to be issued to the hospital. Passed letter to Bengal [No. 102]. Stores, medicines, etc., to be sent to Fort St. David, Ingeram and Madapollam. The Surgeons report that a chest of medicines sent out by the *Scarborough* is spoiled. Advances made. 2,500 Pags. is paid in on behalf of the shroffs.

Appended are:—(1) Capt. Webster's bill (as above) for dieting 6 men at 5 s. per man per day; (2) letter from Nathaniel Barlow and

Andrew Munro, dated March 22, 1742, stating that a chest of medicines provided by Alexander Johnston has been spoilt by bad packing; and (3) indent for hospital necessaries—shirts, banyan coats, caps, etc., signed by Andrew Munro.

No. 101. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 22, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 24–27 (4).]

Read letter from Madras of March 17 [No. 98]. The merchants summoned and directed to bring in more and better cloth. The officers of the two companies to prepare muster rolls of Europeans with dates of arrival, etc. Sadasiva Rao, etc. (the late merchants) called in and questioned about their debt of 500 Pags. [No. 98]. An indent on Madras for broadcloth, stationery, medicines, etc. The lodgings in the Fort to be repaired.

No. 102. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 24, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 29 (1).]

The men, stores, etc., for Madras by the *Scarborough* and the *Kent* have arrived. Will send more treasure, alepines and velvets on the sloop's arrival. Shipped on the *Sumatra* the *Admiral Vernon's* flowered cloths for which there is no demand. Regarding bringing to account the *Halifax's* pepper.

No. 103. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 26, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 30 (½).]

Sends wares and medicines on a country boat.

No. 104. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 23, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 47–48 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of March 17 [No. 98]. Have consulted the merchants who say they know nothing about the French not advancing money to their merchants, but promise to get as much cloth, and as cheap as possible, when the cotton harvest is over, as at present it is scarce and dear. Have also desired them to procure salempores. Have ordered the officers to submit muster rolls of European soldiers with the dates of enlistment, etc. Sadasiva Rao, etc., say that it was hoped that the President would recover the 500 Pags. now demanded [See No. 98], from Chunda Sahib by whose people it was taken from their gumastas; and

that they hope this sum will be forgiven in consideration of the losses sustained in their contracts with the Company.

Appended is an indent for wares.

No. 105. CONSULTATION. MARCH 29, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 88–94 (6½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 23 [No. 104]. Several Armenians petitioning for leave to freight goods provided for Manilla on a French ship from Pondichery as none is going from Madras, agreed to allow it, as it will preserve some share in the Manilla trade to Madras merchants, and as otherwise the Manilla freighters might migrate to Pondichery which would injure the Madras customs. Advances made, etc.

Appended are:—(1) account salary due to the Company's covenanted servants from Sept. 25, 1741 to March 25, 1742; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1742; and (3) letter from Michael de Gregorio, Joannes Coja Maul, Piry de Aratun, Jacob de Gregorio, Joannes David and Petrus Uscan, dated March 23, 1742, desiring permission to freight goods for Manilla on a French ship.

No. 106. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MARCH 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 30 (½).]

Kelsall sails on the *Essex*. Send by the *Neptune* stores and stationery.

No. 107. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MARCH 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 30–31 (⅓).]

Forward stationery and stores by the *Essex* brigantine.

No. 108. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 31 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 26 [No. 99]. The Marathas are said to have retired from Masulipatam; but as their movements are uncertain, send 21 Europeans, more gunpowder and firearms by the *Vizagapatam*. Received by her 100 bales of calico.

No. 109. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 31, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 28–36 (8½).]

Read letter from Madras of March 26 [No. 103]. Charles Nicholls to assist the Secretary. The officers of the two companies deliver their lists of soldiers. Accounts read and advances made. The

covenanted servants to receive their pay for the last half-year (327 Pags.).

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1742; (2) muster rolls of the Europeans in garrison at Fort St. David with dates of arrival, etc.; and (3) account of salary due to the Company's covenanted servants.

No. 110. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 1, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 49 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 25 [No. 34]. Have received the 6 seals. Shipping news and ladings. Desire treasure to be sent by the earliest opportunity. Will soon despatch two sloops with saltpetre and stores.

No. 111. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 6, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 50 (⅔).]

Send the *Porto Bello* sloop with 900 bags of saltpetre worth 10,355 Rs., 500 tin plates and 3 chests of Europe gunpowder.

No. 112. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. MARCH 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 50–51 (½).]

Arrival of the *Porto Bello* from England after a tedious voyage. Her Captain discredits the reported capture of Carthagena.

No. 113. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE PORTO BELLO. MAY 27, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 1–2 (2).]

Cite despatch of Apr. 24, 1741 [No. 76]. Ships' arrivals at the Cape and at Madagascar. Acknowledge despatch of Sept. 11, 1740 [No. 302 of 1740]. The *Princess Mary* has had to put in at Lisbon to refit; she may be sent to Borneo for pepper. Bills in favour of persons in the East Indies, etc., must be endorsed by the persons to whom they are payable; the Company in future will not recognise a power of attorney. War continues with Spain, but has not yet begun with France. The *Tygris* will put in at Tellicherry or Anjengo and should be laded at Madras with bales and saltpetre.

No. 114. CONSULTATION. APR. 5, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 95–99 (4½).]

Read letters from Fort William of March 1 and 6 [Nos. 110 & 111], and Anjengo of March 14 [No. 112]. Accounts read and advances made.

Appended is the cash account for March, balance 21,165 Madras, 75,414 Star and 2,900 old Pags.

No. 115. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 51 (¾.)]

Have received the wares and two chests of medicines. Send accounts. Their balance on March 31 was 22,017 Star Pags. Forward muster rolls of the European soldiers. Have 87 bales ready and 154 at the beaters' &c.

No. 116. CONSULTATION. APR. 12, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 100–102 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 4 [No. 115]. Accounts read. 60 tarpaulins to be made. Repairs to the Triplicane bridge and the Company's buticas, estimated at 372 and 147 Pags., respectively, to be begun. The *Princess Augusta* to be credited 2 Rs. a bag for saltpetre and 4,000 Rs. for stores brought from Bengal. 20 chests of rupees to be sent by the *Porto Bello* sloop to Bengal [See No. 118]. Husain Khan offering 100 Pags. for the exemption of his two houses in the Black Town from quit-rent and scavenging duty, agreed to exempt them and decline his offer, as he is a person of consequence.

Appended are estimates for the repairs to the buticas and the Triplicane Bridge.

No. 117. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 12, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 39 (½).]

The Apr. full moon being over and the weather fair, no freshes can be expected, and there is only 3½ feet of water on the Cuddalore bar. The *Carolina* to be hauled ashore and sheltered [from the sun] with a cadjan covering. Advances made.

No. 118. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 32–33 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letters of March 1 and 6 [Nos. 110 & 111]. The *Porto Bello* sloop has arrived with saltpetre, etc., and is now

returned with 1,60,000 Rs. The same will be sent by the other sloop. Europe shipping news, etc. Send the *Admiral Vernon's* velvets and alepines.

No. 119. LETTER TO PHILIP PARSONS, MASTER OF THE PORTO BELLO SLOOP. APR. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 33 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 120. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 52–53 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 10 [No. 60]. Have received 4 chests of muskets. Can now defend the settlement against any attack. Ali Kuli Khan is said to have agreed to pay the Marathas 45,000 Rs. Part of their army is thought to be at Ellore threatening Masulipatam where Imam Sahib has long been preparing for flight; and the rest may enter that province by Chicacole. The Rajas have already sent their families to Vizagapatam for protection; and the Nawab will probably do the same. Are repairing fortifications and making a palisade 216 yards long from Flag Staff Hill to the sea side. These extraordinary charges will be made good by the increase in customs, etc. Desire twelve to sixteen-pounder cannon with shot. Enclose cash accounts.

No. 121. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MARCH 23, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 53–54 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 15 [No. 64]. The Marathas, after destroying much of the Ellore country, attempted to enter Peddapuram, but were repulsed by the Rajas and 200 or 300 of them were shut up in the woods. They were still threatening Rajahmundry when they learnt that a large army was marching from Golconda. They retired hastily, with 'Coja Maomen Cawn', 'the Suba of Golconda', in pursuit. Has just returned from a banksal at the river mouth whither he removed the Company's goods. Will leave them there for the present.

No. 122. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MARCH 24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 54 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of March 14 [No. 89]. Hear the Marathas have fled to the hills beyond Ellore and that the Nawab has joined Coja Maomen Cawn' with 20,000 men. Will shortly write to Vizagapatam for money to begin his investment.

No. 123. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MARCH 31, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 55–56 (2).]

When the Marathas had assaulted and took 'Oendie', a fort near Madapollam, Hallyburton retired to his sloop; they then went to Masulipatam but were repulsed, and are now retiring, but their whereabouts is unknown; 20,000 are said to be at a pass near Vizagapatam. Acknowledges letter of Feb. 15 [No. 63]. The adjustments in the books will be carried out. Will do his best with the investment, but the chay goods were provided under great disadvantages. Sends accounts, etc.

Appended is an abstract of differences between the merchants' account current with Goddard and the journal, amounting to 11,651 [Pags. ?].

No. 124. CONSULTATION. APR. 19, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 103–104 (1⅔).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of March 13 [No. 120]; from Ingeram of March 23 and 24 [Nos. 121 & 122]; and from Madapollam of March 31 [No. 123]. Payments received and advances made.

No. 125. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 19, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 40–41 (1½).]

The rice in store for the garrison being exhausted and very little imported, agreed to buy part of Capt. Glen's rice, as no more grain ships are likely to arrive till Jan. Resolved to send all the bales ready to Madras by Capt. Glen's ship [the *Apollo*]. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged.

Appended are the petitions, (n.d.), of the time-expired men, Samuel Pinchin and Samuel Votaire.

No. 126. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 29, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 41–44 (3).]

Accounts read and advances made. 2 time-expired soldiers re-enlisted for 5 years with a bounty of 5 Pags. each.

Appended are:—(1) petition, (n.d.), of John Derbyshire and Robert Downey, the time-expired soldiers; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1742.

No. 127. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 57 (1).]

Send 97 bales by the *Apollo*. Enclose invoice for 19 bales sent on the *George*. Permit 2 time-expired soldiers to go to Madras to obtain their discharge and a passage home on the *Apollo*.

No. 128. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 25, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 58 (½).]

Send duplicates of invoices.

No. 129. CONSULTATION. APR. 30, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 105–111 (7).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Apr. 24 and 25 [Nos. 127 & 128]. Accounts read and advances made. 68 Pags. written off the Scavenger's, etc., account for bad debts; and decayed stores valued at 184 Pags. written off. Ordered that copies of the Council's orders regarding the employments of the members be furnished the same day to the persons concerned, and that the Secretary do enter all standing orders in the general letters in the book maintained for that purpose.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1742; (2) account of decayed stores; and (3) account of bad debts in the Scavenger's and Rental-General's books.

No. 130. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 45–50 (6).]

Accounts read. Damaged stores to be surveyed. Payments received. Alexander Wynch, Steward, reports that the household furniture is old and useless; agreed to propose to sell it all save two large pier glasses (the quicksilver of which has run and which may be sent to Madras) and to buy new furniture to the amount at which the old stood in the books. A time-expired soldier re-enlisted with a bounty of 5 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) petition of John Parker, the time-expired soldier; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1742; and (3) statement of damaged stores.

No. 131. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 1, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 51 (1).]

Read report on damaged stores; agreed to write about them to Madras.

Appended is a letter from Robert Allen and Charles Floyer to Burton, etc., at Fort St. David, dated May 1, 1742, reporting that the damaged stores are useless.

No. 132. CONSULTATION. MAY 3, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 112–115 (4).]

Accounts read. A time-expired soldier discharged. The Nawab visiting Madras for his initiatory ceremony, agreed to present him with 250 Pags. in silks. Agreed to comply with the request of the Danish missionaries to Benyon that they may be given the value of the silver consigned to them from England.

Appended is cash account for Apr. 1742, balance 73,092 Star, 2,900 old and 21,310 Madras Pags.

No. 133. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 3, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 52 (1).]

The washing tanks at Devanampattanam and Bandipalaiyam being full of mud, to be cleaned out. Advances made.

No. 134. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE TYGRIS. JULY 29, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 3–4 (2).]

Cite despatch of May 27 [No. 113]. Send 15 chests of treasure with other merchandise by the *Tygris;* she is to be returned with bales, saltpetre and redwood from either Madras or Bengal. Her Commander has borrowed £1,400 at respondentia. Send a copy of the Company's letter to Bencoolen. Approve the early despatch of the *Wilmington* and the *Colchester* which arrived June 29. Acknowledge despatches of Sept. 5 and Oct. 12, 1740 [Nos. 293 & 356 of 1740]. Approve the preparations against a Maratha attack at Madras and Fort St. David, and will 'cheerfully allow' whatever expenditure may be necessary. As the Moghal Empire is so unsettled, sufficient military forces must be maintained. Will send soldiers and an Engineer. If the *Tygris* does not call at the Malabar Coast, her woolen goods, etc., for Bombay to be forwarded thither. Henry Campion, factor at Bencoolen, allowed to remove to Madras as junior factor. Still at war with Spain only.

No. 135. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. JULY 29, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 29–31 (3½).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 136. CONSULTATION. MAY 5, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 116–119 (4).]

Read letter from the Company, dated July 29, 1741 [No. 134] and copies of letters to Sumatra by the *Neptune*, the *Royal George* and the *London*. The treasure on the *Tygris* to be landed and surveyed, and goods consigned to Madras to be landed. The packets for Anjengo and Tellicherry to be forwarded by peons. Coja Melchior de Saint Yago, Captain of the *Jerusalem*, complains that Capt. Petre of the *Tygris* took out of the *Jerusalem* 28 chests of money and declared the ship and cargo good prize. Capt. Petre replies that he fell in with her on Apr. 29, that she flew colours white with a red cross in the middle, that her Captain was an Armenian, her first mate an Irishman named Ignatius Ridden, that she had a French pass and was coming from Manilla, and that he suspected her to be a Spanish ship or at least to have Spanish goods on board. The Board assures Capt. Petre that they know no Spaniard has a share in her, and advises him to restore her. He agrees to this and to depositing the treasure in the Company's godown till he has satisfied himself about its ownership. The 12 recruits on board the *Tygris* to be landed.

No. 137. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. MAY 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 34 (1).]

Arrival of the *Tygris* and shipping news. Enclose a packet for Wake and private letters.

No. 138. LETTER TO CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. MAY 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 35 (1).]

To the same effect [as No. 137].

No. 139. CONSULTATION. MAY 8, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 120–121 (2).]

The *Tygris's* treasure reported correct; her packets for Bombay to be sent overland. Capt. John Petre and Coja Melchior being present, the Board examines the *Jerusalem's* papers and Coja Melchior's accounts by means of 2 interpreters. 13 chests of silver and 1 of gold are consigned to the Armeniáns at Madras. None appears to be owned by any Spaniard. Capt. Petre agrees to deliver the treasure to Coja Melchior.

No. 140. CONSULTATION. MAY 10, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons.*; *Vol.* 72, *pp.* 122–123 (2).]

The Europe packets for Bengal to be sent by the *Neptune* brigantine. Coja Melchior signs a receipt for the *Jerusalem*, her cargo and treasure. A copy of the proceedings to be given to Petre on his request.

Appended is copy of Coja Melchior's receipt, witnessed by the Board.

No. 141. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. MAY 10, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G.*, *Vol.* 25, *pp.* 36–37 (2).]

Shipping news as in No. 137. Arrangements must be made to send the woolen goods, etc., consigned to Bombay by the *Tygris*. The freight from Madras would probably be 5 % for woolen goods and 10 % for iron. If no ship comes from Bombay and no other opportunity should offer, they must be sent to Bengal to be forwarded thence.

No. 142. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 10, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons.*, *Vol.* 13, *p.* 53 (½).]

Advances made.

No. 143. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G.*, *Vol.* 27, *pp.* 58–61 (3½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 30, 1741. Despatch the 2 Surat boats in company with the *Onslow* and a sloop built for Bengal. Have put a European on board each boat, being unable to procure tindals. Lieut. Lane states that when employed at Madras he received only 30 Rs. a month whereas Lieutenants at Bombay received 51 Rs. Enquire how he was employed and whether Madras considers him entitled to the difference. Send 5 Nadaris, 5 Zelottas, 5 Piasters, 5 Goa Pardoes, 5 six-shahie pieces and 5 twenty-shahie pieces, for assay. Shipping news. *P.S.*—The Europeans sent in charge of the boats are engaged only to carry them to Madras.

Appended are:—(1) Rules for preserving rabbet-built vessels; and (2) Lieut. William Lane's petition to Stephen Law, etc., dated Bombay, Jan. 7, 1742, as above.

No. 144. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. APR. 24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G.*, *Vol.* 27, *p.* 62 (1).]

The *Fort St. George* (one of the two boats sent from Bombay to Madras) having lost her mast has been refitted with 'a poon mast.' Shipping news.

No. 145. CONSULTATION. MAY 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 124–126 (3).]

Read letters from Bombay of Apr. 11 [No. 143]; and Tellicherry of Apr. 24 [No. 144]. Capt. Goring to be paid 30 Pags. for dieting Burton and Joy from Sumatra to Madras. Payments received and advances made. Signed the rent rolls for the year ending Aug. 31, 1741; quit-rent and Scavenger's duty amounting to 3,322 Pags., an increase of 125 Pags. due to the building of new houses in place of those pulled down on the approach of the Marāthas. After many discussions about musters and prices for a fixed contract, have settled with Tirumangalam Kumarappa for the supply of fine goods.

Appended is a list of beteellas, moorees and romals with dimensions and prices.

No. 146. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 11, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 38–40 (2½).]

Shipping news, etc. On the *Kent* there are some chests of beer, silver, etc., for the Danish missionaries at Tranquebar. Desire the silver to be sold (on which Madras will pay the produce to the missionaries) and the other articles to be sent by the *Sumatra*, together with 500 bags of good patcheree rice, etc. (for Sumatra) and saltpetre. Desire 20 leaguers of arrack to be made for Sumatra. The *Calcutta* grab has arrived from Colombo and sailed last night for Bengal in a leaky condition.

Appended is a statement of 3,813 oz. of silver consigned to the Danish missionaries.

No. 147. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 13, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 54 (¾).]

6,000 Pags. advanced for Salem, as it may help the merchants to anticipate the French. Agreed to apply to Madras for money, as the cotton harvest is now ripe, and frequent advances will be required.

No. 148. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 14, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 40 (½).]

The military, intended to be sent to Bengal by the *Bombay* sloop being turbulent, have been ordered ashore and will be sent by the *Tygris* or some other larger ship.

No. 149. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 16, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 41 (½).]

20,000 Star Pags. will be sent tomorrow.

No. 150. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. APR. 30, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 63 (½).]

The country is now quiet. Has received the stores by the *Neptune* brigantine. Kelsall arrived on the 11th. Sends accounts, etc.

No. 151. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 63 (½).]

Want 20,000 Pags. immediately. The merchants have brought in much cloth; the cotton crop is ripe; and the French have made a large contract. Will send a considerable amount to Salem so as to secure most of that cloth before the French begin to compete.

No. 152. CONSULTATION. MAY 17, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 127-128 (1¾).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Apr. 30 [No. 150]; and from Fort St. David of May 13 [No. 151.] Advances made. Granted headmoney to William Gill, Surgeon of the *Tygris*, on 12 soldiers. Accounts read. Agreed that the two boats, the *Fort St. George* and the *Fort Marlborough*, be rigged sloopwise and called the *Mary* and the *Louisa*. The *Louisa* to be got ready to go to Sumatra with the *Princess Augusta*, and the *Mary* to go with the *Sumatra* in Sept.

No. 153. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 41 (½).]

Send 20,000 Star Pags. with 41 peons.

No. 154. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 17, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 55 (1).]

One of the Company's horses being dead and another very old, agreed that the latter be sold and 2 more bought at 100 Pags. each. The road from the colloway to the Fort is so bad that after a shower the soldiers have to take off their shoes and stockings to pass from their houses to the Fort; agreed it be repaired.

No. 155. LETTER FROM NATHANIEL WHITEWELL, ETC., AT GOMBROON. APR. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 64 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 28, 1741. The Persian Government have consented to levy only 7% on the Armenians' goods by the *Ceres* and to permit their examination in the factory. In future goods sold at Bushire, etc., are to pay 3% as at Gombroon; and exports to pay 1%. Restrictions on the sale of ships to Persia.

No. 156. CONSULTATION. MAY 21, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 129–134 (6).]

Read letter from Gombroon of Apr. 14 [No. 155]. 1,200 Pags., interest due to the Jesuits in China, paid to Padre Severini. Signed letter to Sumatra [No. 157]. Resolved to send the *Tygris* to Bengal, desiring her to be returned to Madras in Aug. with room on board for 200 bales. Petition of Coja Melchior of the *Jerusalem* against Capt. John Petre. There being no court in India to hear such cases, Melchior is directed to apply to the English courts. The heads of castes, in order to save Shroff Viswanātha from being sent to Sumatra, offer 3,000 Pags. to be employed in cleaning the Black Town streets, repairing the bridges, etc. Resolved to accept the offer as the loss sustained by the Company on account of the bad money has been made good out of the fine of 2,500 Pags. paid by bazaar shroffs and by the gold recently seized, as it would be difficult to find out the losses incurred by each person if all were to be compensated proportionately, and as the Scavenger's duty and surplus Town duty is insufficient to maintain the streets etc. in good order owing to the numerous hackeries that pass, now the Moors are in Town. One of the farmers of the paddy fields and salt pans having died, his share is transferred to Beri Timmappa on the same terms.

Appended is the petition of Melchior de St. Yago, dated May 18, 1742, claiming from Petre the difference between what his sugar would have fetched at Pondichery at the time of his arrival (when it was 20 Pags. the candy) and what he now sells it for, the difference of 1½ % in customs between Madras and Pondichery, and 10,000 Pags. for damage and loss of interest.

No. 157. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. MAY 21, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 42–52 (11).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 158. LETTER TO CAPT. GEORGE GORING OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. MAY 21, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 53 (1).]

Sailing orders for Sumatra. Owing to the possibility of war, he is to speak with no ship or ships and in returning to pass Pondichery at night. The *Louisa* sloop to be delivered to the Deputy Governor at Fort Marlborough.

No. 159. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 22, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 56 (1).]

Read letters from Madras of May 16 and 17 [Nos. 149 & 153]. Advances made. The Company's horse [See No. 154] sold for 21 Pags.

No. 160. CONSULTATION. MAY 24, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 135-139 (4⅔).]

Accounts read, payments received, etc. Signed the new cowle for the paddy fields, etc. Benyon reports that Elias Manoel Graces, Captain of the *Nossa Senhora de Rozario* of Macao, is alleged to have beaten and cut off the ears of one of his mates in the Black Town and that the Captain of the Guard arrested the accused the night before. Agreed to adjourn till 5 P.M. and then examine the matter. On the Board meeting again, Graces, the mate and witnesses are produced, with Francisco Peixoto, Notary Public of the Portuguese Church, and Padre Severini. For lack of good interpreters, the witnesses were ordered to give in written depositions. Graces declared that he went to meet the mate (who had apparently run away and been caught by Graces' people) at St. Thomé; that he believed the mate to have made away purposely with his ship by which he had lost all his property; that he had ordered his coffrees to cut the mate's ears and only ordered him to be beaten to make him confess.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1742.

No. 161. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 22, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 65 (½).]

Have received 20,000 Pags. sent from Madras.

No. 162. LETTER FROM ISAAC DIAS DA FONSECA, ETC., AT PULICAT. MAY 25/JUNE 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 65 (½).]

Desire the return of a Dutch deserter.

No. 163. CONSULTATION. MAY 27, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 140—143 (4).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of May 22 [No. 161] and the translation of letter from Pulicat of May 25/June 5 [No. 162]. Accounts read. Some broadcloth and perpetuanoes on the *Tygris* reported damaged to be sold. Advances made. Agreed to send 30 chests of rupees, broadcloth and soldiers to the Bay by the *Tygris*, which will call at Vizagapatam to land 20,310 Madras Pags. Agreed on letter to Pulicat of May 27 [No. 164]. Resolved to permit Prince to build a Residency at Ingeram, costing not more than 1,000 Pags., as Ingeram cloth cannot be procured by the Vizagapatam merchants and as the Madras investment cannot be increased.

Appended are :—(1) petition from William Gell, Surgeon of the *Tygris* (n.d.), praying for headmoney on 12 recruits ; and (2) letter from Nicholas Morse, dated May 27, 1742, reporting on the damaged broadcloth, etc., received by the *Tygris*.

No. 164. LETTER TO ISAAC DIAS DA FONSECA, ETC., AT PULICAT. MAY 27, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 54 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of May 25/June 5 [No. 162]. Frederick Buicke Van Onhagen, the deserter, says that he was born at Hanover, that he engaged with the Dutch Company for 5 years, and that he has deserted as he was not discharged after 10 years' service. In any case he cannot be returned without a full pardon.

No. 165. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 57 (1).]

Advances made, payment received and accounts read. Cash balance, 24,478 Pags.

No. 166. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MAY 11, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 66 (1).]

Kelsall set out for Madapollam on Apr. 8 and Churchey arrived on the 10th. The Marāthas have retired. The merchants promise 200 bales by Aug. 15, provided they are not molested by the country government ; but the Nawab has been asking for loans and the tanahdar threatened recently to imprison the merchants unless they lent him 1,000 Pags. Has sent a vakil to the Nawab and will go in person if no satisfactory answer is received. Has 34 bales on hand.

No. 167. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MAY 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 67* (½).]

Has received 4,000 Pags. from Vizagapatam. Will need more money for the chay investment, and desires a further supply. Encloses accounts.

No. 168. LETTER FROM ISAAC DIAS DA FONSECA, ETC., AT PULICAT. MAY 29/JUNE 9, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 67* (½).]

The deserter's statements [No. 164] are false. He was born at Onhagen, not at Hanover; and he contracted anew for 3 years from March 1, 1741. Cannot pardon him without orders from their superiors.

No. 169. CONSULTATION. JUNE 2, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 144–148 (4½).]

Read letters from Ingeram of May 11 [No. 166], from Madapollam of May 13 [No. 167] and from Pulicat of May 29/June 9 [No. 168]. Samuel Greenhaugh permitted to go to China, as otherwise his fortune will be endangered. The Bengal military to be paid for May. Accounts read.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for May 1742, balance 52,772 Star, 2,900 Alambarai and 21,450 Madras Pags.; (2) letter from Samuel Greenhaugh, dated May 31, stating that he left considerable effects in China in 1741, that a part of this with his accounts and letters went down on the Macao ship recently lost on the Coast, and that it is urgently necessary for him to go to China.

No. 170. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 2, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 58–61 (4).]

Burton reports having reviewed the garrison and discharged 42 men out of the first and 9 out of the second company as inefficient. 5 topasses discharged are now pensioned in reward for their long service. A time-expired soldier re-enlisted with bounty of 5 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) petitions from Pedro DeSilva, Manoel DeMonte St. Thomé, Anthony Pereira, Francis Pereira and Joa D'Maldos, praying for a pension, as three of them have served 40 years or more, one 31 years, and one 25; and (2) petition from Ormond Sprags, desiring to be re-enlisted.

No. 171. CONSULTATION. JUNE 3, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 148–153 (5½).]

Read the translated depositions of the witnesses in Graces' case [See No. 160]. Agreed (1) that it is not clear whether the offence was not committed at St. Thomé within the jurisdiction of another prince, (2) that the accused and the injured are both Portuguese subjects, (3) that it is not clear whether the alleged offence amounts to maiming, and (4) if Graces were fined he might lie long in prison, as he has lived on charity ever since arriving here. Resolved therefore to send Graces with the affidavits, etc., to the Governor of Macao [See No. 174].

Appended are the depositions of Theodosio Martins (the injured mate), Manoel Roucha Pimentel, Manoel Ignatio and Padre Jacinto de Almeyda, all dated June 4 [N.S. ?], and taken before Francisco de Sequira Peixoto, notary public for the Portuguese; and of Francisco Sequira Peixoto, dated May 29, 1742.

No. 172. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 4, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 68 (1).]

Forward accounts, etc. Balance on Apr. 30 was 24,478 Pags. Request orders regarding damaged stores, useless guns and a brass mortar. Propose to sell the Company's furniture as it is worn out, to send 'the large pier glasses' to Madras, and to buy new furniture. Have 62 bales ready and 172 at the washers', etc.

No. 173. CONSULTATION. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 154–156 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 4 [No. 172]. Agreed to order useless guns, etc., to be sent up, the old furniture to be sold and new bought. Signed various letters. Agreed to buy 20,000 Madras Pags. of Linga Chetti at 9½ % batta. Advances made. The damaged cloth by the *Tygris* has been sold: the 2 bales of broadcloth for 225¼ Pags. and the 5 pieces of perpetuanoes for 32½ Pags. The *Mary* sloop to be hired to James Barton at 40 Pags. a month, manned with the Company's lascars.

Appended is the account sale of the damaged cloth.

No. 174. LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND CAPTAIN GENERAL OF THE ISLAND AND CITY OF MACAO. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 55 (1).]

The inclosed affidavits [See No. 171] prove that Elias Manoel Graces, late Captain of the *Nossa Senhora De Rozario*, ordered the

ears of Theodosio Martins to be cut off either in Madras or at St. Thomé. He might have been punished with death as the English jurisdiction extends for 10 miles from Madras, but it was thought better to confine him till he could take his passage for Macao, which he now does by the *Sta. Catherina*.

No. 175. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 56–57 (2).]

Are sending the *Tygris* to the Bay after landing money at Vizagapatam. Send the treasure, redwood and broadcloth. The broadcloth was seized on the *Queen Carolina* in the Downs and is to be sold at outcry separately. As the Company was so pleased with the early arrival of the *Wilmington* and the *Colchester*, desire the *Tygris* to be returned with room for the 200 bales, which will remain when the *Admiral Vernon* has been laded. Send the military for Bengal except 6 who desire to stay at Madras. Desire credit for the cost of 30 buoy ropes sent with the treasure.

No. 176. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 58 (1.)]

Have received no letter since that of March 13 [No. 120], but the 'Black merchants' hear from Bimlipatam that the country is quiet. Only know that the *George* arrived by reason of the remittances sent from Vizagapatam to Madapollam and Ingeram. The accounts, etc., should be reported every month. Send 21,310 Pags. by the *Tygris*. Will send guns, etc., when Europe ships arrive. Hallyburton and Prince are to be supplied with money. More will be sent shortly.

No. 177. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JUNE [7] 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 59 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of March 23 and 24 [Nos. 121 & 122]. Trust that troubles with the country government will not prevent 200 bales being obtained and sent by the *Essex* brigantine in Sept. Suppose the Nawab will give a piece of ground for a house. If so, one may be built at a cost of 1,000 Pags.

No. 178. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 60 (1).]

Supplies of money will be sent him from Vizagapatam.

No. 179. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN PETRE OF THE TYGRIS. JUNE 8, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 65 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Bengal after touching at Vizagapatam.

No. 180. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 9, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 62 (1).]

Death of Lieut. Edward Amyand. Lieut. John De Morgan to command the 2nd Company at Cuddalore, and Burton the 1st, until further orders. Advances made.

No. 181. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. NO DATE. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 69 (½).]

Forward a packet for Bombay. The King of Travancore has taken from the Dutch all the forts built since the war, with guns, etc. He has more Europeans (in his service and prisoners together) than the Dutch have.

No. 182. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 26, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 69–70 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of March 8 [No. 81]. Shipping news. Anjengo complains of English ships visiting Malabar ports for pepper; e.g., Riccards of the *Lancaster* from Bengal has been bartering saltpetre for pepper. This might give the Dutch the pretext that we are providing their enemies with munition of war, and also it will raise the price of pepper against the Company. Propose that ships having business in those parts should be directed to touch at Anjengo, where they will find all assistance.

No. 183. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 11, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 71–73 (3).]

Acknowledge letter of March 14 [No. 88]. Have received treasure, etc., by the *George*. On March 24 she sailed for Calcutta with 7,000 Madras Rs. Have now only 2,040 Madras Rs. with which the 'kisty' will be paid. The wares, etc., by the *Vizagapatam* have arrived together with 21 recruits. As the Marathas have retired, have dismissed 100 peons. Will reduce expenses to the old standard, provided Jaffar Ali Khan, the new Nawab, causes no troubles. As the latter has not yet reached Chicacole, it is hoped that Mahfuz may have been continued in the government; if so it will be good for the country. Sent 5,000 Pags. to Prince; but as he wanted 10,000 more and Hallyburton also wanted money, have sent the latter 4,000 Pags. and only 6,000 to Prince. Desire 50,000

Pags. for the northern investment; also 12,000 half Rs. and 12,000 quarter Rs. to prevent the price of dubs being raised, as this causes discontent in the garrison. The farms have been sold to the old renters at an advance of 300 Pags. Enclose accounts, etc. Hope to supply 500 bales by Dec. 31. Have 100 on hand.

Appended is an indent for broadcloth, velvet, etc.

No. 184. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 15, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 74* (½).]

Forward copies of Prince's letter of May 8 and their answer of May 13 [Nos. 185 & 186].

No. 185. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp. 74–75* (1).]

The Nawab demands a loan of 2,000 Pags. and 30,000 Rs. in exchange for Madras pagodas at Rs. 3–13–0. On his refusal the tanahdar was ordered to obstruct the Company's business. The washers have been whipped and the merchants threatened. Husain Kuli Khan (the Nawab's uncle) has seized the annual present and demands as much again, threatening to punish our Vakil in the same way as the Dubash of the Dutch Chief at Cocanada. The country is being plundered. Desires advice.

No. 186. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. MAY 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp. 75–77* (1¾).]

Acknowledge letter of May 8 [No. 185]. Imagine the Nawab really wants a present of 2,000 Pags. and a loan of 30,000 Rs. If so it would be wise to suspend the investment, for then there would be a want of pagodas to pay the King's revenue and the weavers might even migrate. The detention of the present is of small relative importance; but the matter of the loan must be referred to Madras for orders.

No. 187. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 9, 1742. [*Lrs. to. F.S.G., Vol. 27, p. 77* (¾).]

Death of Lieut. Edward Amyand. Lieut. John De Morgan has been placed in charge of the 2nd Company at Cuddalore, and the Deputy Governor will take care of the 1st till an officer has been appointed.

No. 188. CONSULTATION. JUNE 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 157–162 (3½). *Wrongly paged.*]

Read letters from Anjengo, n.d. [No. 181], from Bombay of Apr. 26 [No. 182], from Vizagapatam of May 11 and 15 [Nos. 183 to 186] and from Fort St. David of June 9 [No. 187]. Agreed on letter to Bombay of June 11 [No. 189] and to send the Anjengo packet thither by pattamar. The Lieutenant's vacancy at Fort St. David not to be filled for the present. A chest of silver to be coined into ½ and ¼ Rs. Payments received. Empson, Sheriff, pays in Pags. 21–32–0, being the proceeds of the effects of Arumugam who has absconded for forgery; of this Pags. 16–32–0 are paid to the Sea Customer as owed him by Arumugam. Stores to be sent to Hallyburton by the *Jenny* brigantine.

Appended is a list of Arumugam's effects sold.

No. 189. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JUNE 11 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 61–64 (3).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 11 and 26. [Nos. 143 & 182.] The two boats received from Bombay have been rigged as sloops. One has been sent to Sumatra and the other will be. But they draw too much water; and there will be difficulty in repairing them unless Surat carpenters can be settled in Sumatra. Though the lascars had received four months' pay of which but one month had expired, they refused to continue on the vessels, saying that the remainder was meant to bear their charges and even asked for a further allowance. During the Maratha troubles, Lieut. Lane and the soldiers on the *Royal Guardian* were posted as guards at certain places [*illegible*] and received diet-money. Have received the various silver coins, except the 25 Shahie pieces. Send an estimate of their produce according to assays. Cannot prohibit vessels under English protection from going to the Malabar Coast for pepper, but can forbid them to carry gunpowder, arms, etc., for sale there. Reports from the French that peace is likely between England and Spain, and little fear of war between France and the maritime powers. La Bourdonnais has been ordered to disarm his squadron and to send his ships to India to be laded homewards. Will send what news may be brought by the Europe ships.

No. 190. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE [15], 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 64 (¼).]

Stores are being sent by the *Jenny* brigantine.

No. 191. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 65 (¾).]

Send wares and stores by the *Vizagapatam*.

No. 192. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 17, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 63–64 (2).]

Bales to be sent to Madras by the *Lancaster*. Burton reports much cloth received from Salem, more on the road, and much being made, and state that considerable advances should be made to hinder the French. Resolved to desire from Madras 20,000 Pags. Richard Whiteing, a time-expired soldier, is discharged. Advances made.

Appended is the petition of Richard Whiteing.

No. 193. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 78 (⅔).]

Send 800 bags of saltpetre on the *Princess Louisa* sloop with 3 chests of Europe gunpowder.

No. 194. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 16, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 78–79 (½).]

The buyers of the lead sent by the *Mercury* report it to be good.

No. 195. LETTER FROM [THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM]. [APR. 12.] [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 79–81 (2). *Defective.*]

The *Princess Louisa* and the *Vernon* sloops were driven back by hard weather. Acknowledge letters of March 13, 14 (?) and 24 [Nos. 86, ?, & 102]. Have received treasure, etc., by the *Sumatra* and the *George*. The latter shall be sold. The *Sumatra* will be repaired and sent back with saltpetre or rice. Accounts read. Will endeavour to sell the perpetuanoes. Have received no pagodas from Vizagapatam. A further supply of treasure as promised will be welcome, as loans have had to be raised. The Marathas' movements against Alivirdi Khan. [*Cetera desunt.*]

No. 196. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 18, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 81 (1). *Beginning lost.*]

A large quantity of cloth has already come from Salem; want 20,000 Pags. for the investment there. Send up a time-expired soldier on the *Lancaster*. 2 Europe ships have reached Pondichery on the 16th with 180 chests of silver.

No. 197. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 18, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 82 (½).]

Forward duplicate invoices for 130 bales sent on the *Lancaster*.

No. 198. CONSULTATION. JUNE 21, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 163–165 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort William of March 8 and 16 and Apr. 12 [Nos. 193 to 195]; from Vizagapatam of May 22; from Madapollam of June 3; and from Fort St. David of June 18 [Nos. 196 & 197]. 20,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Capt. Worth of the *Houghton* to state his reasons for touching at Madras. Accounts read. A chest of coral landed from the *Admiral Vernon* to be delivered to Solomons. Advances made.

No. 199. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 21, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 65 (¼).]

20,000 Pags. will be sent overland tomorrow.

No. 200. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 22, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 66 (¼).]

Send 20,000 Pags. by 41 peons.

No. 201. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 23, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 65–66 (2).]

Waters (sent to instruct the gunroom crew) reports that the mortar beds and field carriages are wrongly made and that there is no gin to hoist the great guns. Ordered that one carriage of each sort be made as a pattern for the future. The round bastion at Devanampattanam Gate being cracked, as it was built hastily when the Marathas invaded the country, is to be repaired; and as it is close to the channel joining the two rivers it is to be staked and piled as well. This and the mud bastion N.W. of Devanampattanam having been very useful, agreed to recommend that the latter be cased with brick. Ordered that an estimate of the cost be made. Advances made.

No. 202. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 24, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 67 (½).]

Advances made.

No. 203. LETTER FROM JACOB MOSSEL, ETC., AT NEGAPATAM. JUNE 13/24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 82–83 (1).]

Regarding the deserter from Pulicat [Nos. 164 & 168], full assurance of pardon is contrary to the agreement made in 1696 between Nathaniel Higginson and the Dutch, and only encourages desertion. The agreement has always been observed. Only last year the Dutch restored 6 deserters without any condition. Request that the deserter may be handed over unconditionally to the Dutch. Are prepared to renew the agreement and will even consent not to punish deserters with death or public punishment. Send copies of the correspondence of 1741 [Nos. 204 & 205].

No. 204. LETTER FROM JACOB MOSSEL AT NEGAPATAM TO RICHARD BENYON. AUG. 28/SEPT. 8, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 83–84 (1).]

Has ordered the 6 deserters at Pulicat to be handed over to the English, according to custom. As there is no written agreement, propose that one should be made, for the mutual restoration of deserters, upon condition that they shall be treated as appears fitting.

No. 205. LETTER FROM JACOB MOSSEL AT NEGAPATAM TO RICHARD BENYON. OCT. 29/NOV. 9, 1741. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 84–85(½).]

An established custom to restore deserters. Sometimes the English have requested that they should not be put to death, but a full pardon has never been mentioned. This would only screen villains from punishment.

No. 206. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JUNE 10, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 87 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of May 6 [No. 138]. Forward a packet for Bombay.

No. 207. CONSULTATION. JUNE 28, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 166–171 (5½).]

Read letter from Negapatam of June 13/24 [No. 203], and Benyon produces the letters addressed to him by the Dutch in 1741 [Nos. 204 & 205]. Agreed on a reply of June 28 [No. 208]. Capt. Worth ordered to discharge John Andrews, who is needed at Madras for the Company's shipping. Accounts read and advances made, etc. Percival and Affleck, administrators to the estates of

George and Susanna Torriano, pay in 10,000 Pags. on account of the said estates which may not meet in full the demands of Nathaniel Elwicke and other creditors.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1742; (2) letter from Capt. Isaac Worth, of the *Houghton*, dated June 23, 1742, stating that he put into Madras on account of scurvy and a lack of water; and (3) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Capt. Isaac Worth, dated June 28, 1742, ordering him to discharge John Andrews.

No. 208. LETTER TO JACOB MOSSEL, ETC., AT NEGAPATAM. JUNE 28, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 66-68 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 13/24 [No. 203]. The records show that on March 21/31, 1696, the Dutch proposed an agreement that all deserters should be returned unconditionally except such English as should desert the Dutch and such Dutch as should desert the English; this proposal does not seem to have been accepted. The 6 English deserters who escaped in 1741 to Pulicat were returned under promise of pardon, and the agreement of the English with the French is on the same terms with the exception of deserters guilty of atrocious murder. Cannot engage to return deserters on other conditions. Return with thanks a letter from Jacob Mossel for Broyell, Governor at Jafnapatam, as the *Carolina* could not be got out of the Cuddalore river.

No. 209. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 28, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 67 (½).]

Read letters from Madras of June 21 and 22 [Nos. 199 & 200].

No. 210. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 68–73 (5½).]

Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 23,717 Pags. The 'mud point' at the N. W. end of Devanampattanam can be cased with brick for 309 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Charles Floyer and William Holt to Augustus Burton, etc., at Fort St. David, dated June 30, 1742, reporting the cost of casing the 'mud point' as above; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1742.

No. 211. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 28, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 85 (¼).]

Acknowledge the receipt of 20,000 Pags.

No. 212. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 3, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 69 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of June 4, 9, 18 and 28 [Nos. 172, 187, 196, 197 & 211]. Damaged stores may be written off, except what can be sold at outcry. Useless guns, brass mortar, and pier glasses to be sent to Madras, and the old household furniture to be sold and new bought 'to the present amount of that head.' Will not fill up the vacancy caused by Lieut. Amyand's death till the arrival of ships from England. Enclose the corrected muster rolls of the two companies of European military at Fort St. David.

No. 213. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. JUNE 7, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 85 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of May 6 [No. 137] with thanks for the private letters by the *Tygris*. Shipping news.

No. 214. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 3, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 86 (1).]

Send accounts, etc. Balance on June 30 was 23,717 Pags. The 'mud point' west of Devanampattanam proved useful in stopping the Marathas, as it flanks the new bastion at Devanampattanam Gate and Parcheree Point. Propose to face it with brick before the monsoon. 252 bales at the beaters', etc.

No. 215. CONSULTATION. JULY 5, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 172-73 (1½).]

Read letters from Tellicherry of June 7 [No. 213] and from Fort St. David of June 28 and July 3 [Nos. 211 & 214]. Agreed that a mud bastion may be built at the N. W. end of Devanampattanam. Agreed to send stationery to Fort St. David on a chelinga about to sail thither. [*N.B.*—Cash account for June is appended to the next Consultation, at pp. 176-177, the balance, 20,147 Star, 2,900 Alambarai and 238 Madras Pags.]

No. 216. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 70 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of July 3 [No. 214]. The mud bastion at the N. W. end of Devanampattanam may be faced with brick and a proper guard room there may be built, as the cost is only reckoned at 300 Pags.

No. 217. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 6, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 74-86 (12).]

Read letter from Madras of July 3 [No. 212] answering theirs of June 4, 9, 18 and 28 [No. 172, 187, 196, 197 & 211]. Orders accordingly. Joseph Cooper, a time-expired soldier, is re-enlisted with a bounty of 5 Pags. Advances made.

Appended are:—(1) Joseph Cooper's petition desiring to be re-enlisted; and (2) rolls of the first and second companies of military as corrected at Madras.

No. 218. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 9, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 87 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of July 6 [No. 216.] Ordered accordingly.

No. 219. CONSULTATION. JULY 12, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 174-175 (1½).]

The covenant of Jonathan Smart, free merchant, to be sent to England. Payments received and advances made.

Appended is letter from Capt. Roger Hale, of the *Grantham*, dated July 10, 1742, stating that he put into Madras because a Council of his officers unanimously recommended it on account of scurvy.

No. 220. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 12, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 88-89 (1⅓).]

Advances made. Robert Street, a time-expired soldier, is re-enlisted with bounty of 5 Pags.

Appended is a petition of Robert Street to be re-enlisted.

No. 221. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY [BY THE WALPOLE]. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 5-17 (13)].

Cite despatches of 1741, Feb. 3 [No.(?)], Feb. 6 [No. 219 of 1741], Apr. 2 [No. (?)], Apr. 24 [No. 76 of 1742], May 27 [No. 113 of 1742], and July 29 [No. 134 of 1742]. Acknowledge despatches of 1740, Sept. 5 [No. 293 of 1740], Oct. 12 [No. 356 of 1740]; and of 1741, Jan. 26 [No. 36 of 1741], Jan. 31 [No. 47 of 1741] and Feb. 5 [No. 51 (?) of 1741].

15 ships arrived in England. Have taken up 15 ships, of which 6 are consigned to the Coast and Bay. Approve of Council's not ordering ashore the treasure on the *Royal Guardian* and demanding the reasons why the Bengal ships put into Madras; as it is only a few days' more sail to the Bay, the refreshing of the crew is an

insufficient reason. Saltpetre bags from the Bay weigh 2 maunds each, and if any Captain in future desires each to be weighed singly, it should be done. Approve of the service which the *Princess Augusta* is doing. Earlier instructions should have been given the *Godolphin* regarding her tea tonnage. The supracargoes of the *Compton* and *Wyndham* induced the China merchants to agree to make good any loss upon the touch of gold in the Madras mint. The same should be done in future. Certificates to be given to Commanders for money paid in. Rates of freight have now been fixed for surplus tonnage; ships to be completely filled without waiting for the Captain to desire it. If the *Benjamin* cannot be completely laded by Bombay, she is to be filled up on the Coast; she is to bring cotton to the Coast, if she cannot get coffee at Mocha; and if the *Defence* cannot be laded with Bohea and green teas, she will bring sugar, sugarcandy and tutenague to be sold at Madras, the supracargoes being paid 5% commission.

English bullion not to be coined in the country mints; in the absence of Company's ships, treasure, etc., may be sent to the Bay in country ships. Regret that the troubles have stopped the sale of woolen goods; as soon as the markets recover, last year's directions are to be followed. If paper were kept in the chests, it would not be eaten by cockroaches or rats. Have directed the makers to provide only bright coloured velvets. The *Shaftesbury* will bring 150 pipes of Madeira. Send for a trial six pieces of silk and worsted stuffs called nassaurettes. The popinjay broadcloth by the *Marlborough* and the *Walpole* has white instead of striped lists, having been made for Bengal, but not now wanted there.

Rejoice that so considerable an investment as 5 cargoes was procured notwithstanding the troubles. This shows that all advantage was taken of the French being short of money. Congratulations on the Company's advances not having been lost. If the French, who formerly were said to regard neither price nor fabric, are now acting more reasonably, their competition will be easier to meet. The list of investment need not be exactly complied with if circumstances are against it. The Company do not attempt to force the market. Approve the settlement of Gopal's accounts; Tambi Chetti should pay off his debts at the rate of 5,000 Pags. a year; but Mahalinga and Ponnappa need not be severely treated. Hope the northern parts will provide a considerable investment as they are free from Marathas and many weavers have been driven that way. Salem cloth from Fort St. David was cheaper and sold better than that from Madras.

Entirely approve answering the Marathas' demands 'from the mouths of our cannon.' Hope that the country powers will now be roused to defend their subjects, but on no account should Madras become tributary to Moors or Marathas. Ships may go to ports other than Gombroon in the Persian Gulf, provided the shippers pay the Company the same customs as they would have paid at Gombroon. It is no time to settle new factories, but if the French claim Divy Island, the English claim must be pressed so as to embarass them.

Have examined, with the help of Hugonin, formerly Gunner at Madras, the proposals to strengthen the west part of the Old Town and the Black Town, and approve of them; but dislike the proposal to enlarge the Town to the West, as the Island ground is bad and as the river cannot be easily diverted. As the supply of fresh water is important, works should be made to cover that to the south. Cuddalore may be fortified if it can be done for about 10,000 Pags. Are sending more recruits. The Madras garrison to be 600 strong, besides the gunroom crew. Certain criminal fines may be used to build granaries and rebuild the Town hall. The Assaymaster's attempt to question the justness of the assays in the Tower is unsatisfactory.

Approve subsistence allowance to Lane, Hope and Hatton. Bills on account of deceased servants may be drawn at the rate allowed to covenanted servants. Chaplains to send regularly list of marriages, christenings and burials; and Surgeons, lists of deaths showing the desease in each case. Dawsonne Drake to be a writer. Enclose Counsel's opinions [No. 223]. General letters must not deal with such matters; 'we are merchants and not lawyers.' John Clarke to be Ensign. Suspect that the Surgeons use Company's medicines for private practice. In future, they may buy medicines for such purposes at 10% on the invoice. Company's servants are to be treated free, and to receive the Company's medicine, except in venereal deseases, when the Surgeons should use their own medicines and be paid for treatment. There is still no war with France.

No. 222. LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COROMANDEL COAST FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT IN 1741. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 43-46 (4)].

Allejas of bright red, 400 pieces; beteellas, Oringal and Pulicat 2,900; chintz, Madras, to be worked fuller, 4,000; callawapores of bright red, 400; dimities of Fort St. David, 200; ginghams, small,

white, striped blue and red, 2,000; izarees, made up into square and of finer structure, 500; longcloth, ordinary, middling, fine, superfine, blue, and Porto Novo cloth, 133,400; moorees, 12 yrds. long and 1 yrd. broad, fine, superfine and ordinary, 6,000; romals, 'sootie,' bright, red and white, Pulicat and Masulipatam, 9,100; sastracundees of bright red, 500; salempores, ordinary, middling and fine, 16 yrds. long and usual breadth, 83,000; redwood, as usual; and saltpetre. Usual directions regarding inferior cloth, and the painting of sannoes, etc., for Bengal.

No. 223. OPINION GIVEN BY SIR DUDLEY RYDER (ATTORNEY-GENERAL), SIR JOHN STRANGE (SOLICITOR-GENERAL) AND JOHN BROWNE. DEC. 31, 1741. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 109–124 (16).]

In the case John Sanderson *vs.* Kesava Chetti Adiyappa, the defendant appeals. The Governor Benyon is Kesava's master; the Second, Fowke, is Sanderson's father-in-law. *Query:* As the Governor and Second are interested, can the next senior of Council preside and hear the appeal? *Answer:* In the case of real incapacity, the next senior councillor cannot preside; but the case above stated is not one of incapacity. *Query:* Can the Court of Appeals hear a case which cannot be heard before the Mayor's Court because the aldermen are interested? *Answer:* No, the Court of Appeals has no original jurisdiction. *Query:* Can Sanderson or his servant give evidence? *Answer:* Sanderson cannot but his servant can. *Query:* Is the evidence of one person sufficient? *Answer:* Yes, if his testimony is credited. *Query:* In the case of Mertins *vs.* Wildbone *et e contra*, whether an appeal lies from an order of the Mayor's Court resolving to hear both bill and cross-bill together, Mertins not being in India? *Answer:* No appeal lies from interlocutory orders unless they have the effect of a definitive sentence. *Query:* Whether the Court of Appeals can remand a case to the Mayor's Court for rehearing? *Answer:* No, but a sentence which, on the evidence produced in the lower Court, appears erroneous, must be reversed. *Query:* Whether under the Charter, heathen witness can be compelled to take certain heathen oaths? *Answer:* No decision can be given, but recommend the admission of evidence supported by the usual oaths and the avoidance of any effort to compel the taking of oaths; the Mayor's Court cannot decide against a party merely because he declines to take the Pagoda oath, and if it does, there is ground for appeal. *Query:* What should be done with the estates of intestate persons? In

time past the President and Council have been sued in Chancery, and the Mayor's Court has been put to considerable trouble. *Answer:* The only method is for the Company's servants not to intermeddle with such business.

No. 224. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE LYNN. JAN. 27, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 19–20 (1¾).]

As the *Lynn* is to be loaded in Bengal with 300 tons of saltpetre, 60 tons of redwood and bales, and despatched from the Bombay side, have engaged the *Wilmington* for the Bay. The war in Germany has materially reduced the price of calicoes which are largely consumed there. This, combined with high war freights, has necessitated the reduction of tonnage sent to the Coast and Bay; but the French are sending only 3 ships and the Swedes none, trust that goods may be had cheap.

No. 225. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE TRADE, ETC., ON THE TYGRIS FOR COAST AND BAY, AND ON THE WALPOLE, LYNN, SHAFTESBURY AND MARLBOROUGH FOR MADRAS. JULY 29, 1741—JAN. 26, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 49–63 (15).]

The amount on the *Tygris* is negligible. On the other ships, there were consigned to Madras, coral valued at £18,050 and miscellaneous articles £11,407.

No. 226. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE SILVER LICENSED ON THE WALPOLE AND THE LYNN. JAN. 11 AND 26, 1742. [*Pub. Des. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 65–67 (1½).]

It amounts to 12,882 oz.

No. 227. LISTS OF RECRUITS FOR MADRAS. THE INDIA HOUSE. JAN. 22—MARCH 27, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 69–77 (8½).]

On the *Walpole* 11; on the *Lynn* 12; on the *Shaftesbury* 26; on the *Marlborough* 25; on the *Wilmington* 5; in all 79.

No. 228. STATEMENT OF RESPONDENTIA LOANS TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE WALPOLE, GRANTHAM, HOUGHTON AND BENJAMIN. THE INDIA HOUSE. JAN. 23, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 95 (½).]

They amount to £10,000.

No. 229. ABSTRACTS OF INVOICES BY THE TYGRIS, N[illegible]UNE, MARLBOROUGH, WALPOLE, SHAFTESBURY, [illegible]ANTHAM, HOUGHTON AND LYNN FOR ANJENGO, MA[illegible]AS, BENGAL AND SUMATRA. JULY 29, 1741—JAN. 29, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 99--108 (9¾).]

The consignments to Madras consisted of silver £150,597 ; lead £6,711 ; broadcloth, etc., £8,616 ; military stores, etc., £2,784 ; and miscellaneous items, £3,658. The total consignments to Madras amounted to £172,366.

No. 230. LISTS OF COMPANY'S PACKETS TO MADRAS BY THE TYGRIS, WALPOLE, LYNN, SHAFTESBURY, MARLBOROUGH AND WILMINGTON. NO DATE. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 131--141 (10½).]

No. 231. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, [BY THE WALPOLE ?]. FEB. 16, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 21 (1).]

Have directed Bombay to send John Waters, Gunner's mate, as Gunner to Madras, as he is well spoken of and none can be sent from Europe this war-time.

No. 232. CONSULTATION. JULY 14, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 178--179 (1⅔).]

Read despatches from England of Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 16 [Nos. 221, 224 & 231]. 10 recruits, treasure, etc., to be landed from the *Lynn* and the *Walpole*, and their treasure to be examined. John Clarke appointed Ensign. Extracts from the Company's orders to be communicated to the Assaymaster, Chaplains and Surgeons.

No. 233. CONSULTATION. JULY 15, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 180--181 (1⅔).]

Accounts read. Saltpetre, bales, and the St. Helena tonnage to be sent on board the *Admiral Vernon* as soon as she is ready. The treasure by the *Lynn* and the *Walpole* to be coined. Lieut. Crompton to command the company at Fort St. David ; Lewis Turnery to be Lieutenant at Vizagapatam *vice* Crompton, Turnery being well recommended and having served 4 campaigns under Marlborough. 45 Pags. belonging to the absconded Arumugam, paid in.

No. 234. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 17, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 89-93 (4).]

The damaged stores sold for 95 Pags., and worn out furniture for 67 Pags. Burton produces a list of furniture offered for sale for

20,[illegible]gs. Agreed to buy these and 250 Pags. worth more. Advance made. 44 corge of longcloth torn at the wash, etc., to be used as wax cloth and wrappers, and the remainders from the last 3 years to be sold.

Appended are:—(1) account sale of damaged stores; (2) account sale of household furniture belonging to the Company; and (3) list of furniture purchased.

No. 235. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. JAN. 20, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 33--40 (8).]

Relates to Sumatra affairs.

No. 236. CONSULTATION. JULY 19, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 182--183 (2).]

Read copy of despatch from the Company to Sumatra, dated Jan. 20, 1742 [No. 235], received by the *Marlborough*. The military, treasure, etc., on the *Marlborough* to be landed and her treasure examined. Signed commission for Lewis Tornery as Lieutenant. Advances made and payments received. 1,200 Pags. paid to the Nawab as town-rent. Agreed on letter to Jonathan Smart of July 20 [No. 239]. Read letter from Anjengo of June 10 [No. 206]. Agreed on letters to Anjengo and Tellicherry of July 23 [Nos. 240 & 241].

No. 237. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 20, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 70 (¼).]

Stationery is sent herewith on a country boat.

No. 238. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JULY 20, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 71 (1).]

Shipping news. No war yet with France. Forward a packet from Anjengo.

No. 239. LETTER TO JONATHAN SMART. JULY 20, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 72 (1).]

As he is returning to Pegu, reappoint him Resident at Syrian Furnish him with two letters—the one to King 'Sementho' of Pegu, and the other to the King of Ava. The appropriate letter is to be delivered to whichever may be master of that port, the other being carefully preserved in case of a revolution. He is to keep clear of political engagements. Hope from Hutton's letter to Smart that

Wilson is released; if not, all efforts must be used to procure his release. Importance of obtaining leave to export saltpetre from Pegu.

No. 240. LETTER TO CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JULY 23, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 73 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of May, (n.d.) and June 10 [Nos. 181 & 206]. Have forwarded the Anjengo packets to Bombay. Shipping news. In Jan. last no war with France.

No. 241. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. JULY 23, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 74 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 24 and June 7 [Nos. 144 & 213]. Have credited Bombay for expenditure at Tellicherry on the *Fort St. George*. Shipping news. Still no war with France.

No. 242. CONSULTATION. JULY 26, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 184--188 (4⅓).]

Accounts read, advances made, etc. Linga Chetti pays in 20,000 Madras Pags. Headmoney granted on the recruits by the *Walpole*. The *Marlborough's* treasure reported correct. 400 candies of lead to be sold on Aug. 4, and the nassaurettes and embossed cloths to be put up also. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of July 26 [No. 243].

Appended are:—(1) petition of Francis Lindsay, Surgeon of the *Walpole*, (n.d., praying for headmoney on 9 recruits; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1742.

No. 243. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 26, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 75--76 (1½).]

1,000 extra pieces of blue and white soot romals and 200 more red and white to be contracted for. The dimities recently sent home have been very dear; only 200 pieces wanted. Desire musters with prices from Fort St. David. Enclose copies of paras. 36, 37 and 41 of the Company's despatch of Jan. 20 [No. 221] and paras. 4 and 6 of despatch of Jan. 27, 1742 [No. 224]. Desire to know how much cloth is likely to be provided by Fort St. David for the Jan. ships. The quantity of cloth on hand to be specified in each letter. Enclose a copy of the Company's orders regarding surgeons [No. 221?].

No. 244. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 26, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13 *pp.* 93-94 (1½).]

Advances made. The annual indent for stationery to be sent to Madras. 20,000 Pags. needed for the merchants.

Appended is an indent for stationery for 1742.

No. 245. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 28, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 95-96 (1⅓).]

Advances made. Three time-expired soldiers to be re-enlisted with the usual bounty.

Appended are petitions from William Herring, Browning Wheeler and John Bryant, praying to be re-enlisted.

No. 246. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 29, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 96-101 (5⅔).]

Read letter from Madras of July 26 [No. 243]. The merchants called in and asked to procure 1,000 pieces of blue and white romals and 200 more of the red and white, besides 5,000 of the first and 4,000 of the last already ordered. They promise to get them, but represent that owing to the dearness of cotton and increased demands of the French, the weavers may raise their prices. The Board reply that they must show their faithfulness by seeing that no cloth escapes their hands, notwithstanding the large contracts made by the French. They are ordered to bring musters of dimities with the lowest prices. They say they cannot estimate the bales they will be able to provide for the Jan. shipping, as the number will depend on what the French do, but they promise to do their best. They are ordered to attend next Consultation. Ordered that the number of bales ready be given in each letter to Madras. The extracts from the Company's despatch to be entered after the consultation. Great need of a surgeon's mate.

Appended are extracts from the Company's letters to Madras of Jan. 20 and 27, 1742 [Nos. 221 & 224].

No. 247. LETTER FROM JACOB MOSSEL, ETC., AT NEGAPATAM. JULY 23/AUG. 3, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 87 (½).]

Regret the English will not enter into any agreement regarding deserters without a promise of full pardon. Cannot give that, but will always be ready to consent to such an agreement as the Dutch have already proposed.

No. 248. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 31 (?), 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 88-91 (3⅔).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 11 [?] and 14 [No. 118]. Have received the rupees, velvets, etc., by the *Porto Novo* sloop. Will make her Master account for the missing bag of saltpetre. Will receive the Danish missionaries' silver, but cannot sell it until the country is settled. The other things intended for them will be sent by the *Sumatra*. Will send 500 bags of patcheree rice and 22 leaguers of arrack for Sumatra. Will despatch the *Sumatra*, when repaired, with saltpetre. 73 pieces of perpetuanoes on the *Sumatra* were damaged. The *George* sold for Rs. 3,555. The Maratha invasion of Bengal. In consequence the investment is likely to be deficient. Desire the soldiers returning from Bombay and the Bengal recruits detained last year may be sent on, or at least that no Bengal recruits of this year may be detained. Ask for 20 six-pounders and 20 four-pounders with 1,000 shot for each and all the small arms that can be spared.

Appended is the report on the damaged perpetuanoes.

No. 249. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JULY 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 91–93 (1¾).]

Have received the 21,310 Madras Pags. by the *Tygris*, which sailed for Bengal on the 19th. Have sent 8,000 Pags. to Hallyburton and 4,000 to Prince. Repeat their request for Madras rupees and 30,000 Pags. Mahfuz Khan has settled accounts amicably with Nawab Jaffar Ali Khan, and has set out for Golconda. There are still disputes between the Nawab and Vijayaram Razu; but believe 500 bales will be ready by Jan. 31.

Appended is a list of cloth on hand—306 corge of longcloth and salempores.

No. 250. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. JUNE 23, [30?] 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 93-94 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of June 7(?) [No. 177]. When the Nawab's uncle Husain Kuli Khan visited Draksharam, Prince saw him and complained of the tanahdar's misdeeds. Husain Kuli Khan promised that nobody should molest the Company's servants and granted a cowl for a piece of ground and a small village. The merchants will settle there as soon as the Residency has been built.

Appended is a statement of bales (102) on hand at Nellipalle.

No. 251. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 19, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 94 (½).]

Forwards accounts.

No. 252. LETTER FROM [BOMBAY]. [JUNE 26, 1742.] [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 95–96 (2). *End of this letter missing.*]

Acknowledge letter of [?]. Cannot provide a ship to carry the goods on the *Tygris* to Persia. As the long ells are baled up in tens, believe they must be intended for Persia, and possibly the rest of the woolen cloth; but the general invoice will show this. If reasonable terms can be got, think the goods for Persia should be sent direct. As regards the iron and cloth for Bombay, iron sells there from 80 to 90 Rs. the Surat candy, and will not rise; send an account of recent sales of cloth from which it can be judged whether it should be sent to Bombay or Bengal. In case the goods are all sent to Bombay and there should be war with France, desire to know whether the ship will come along the Coast or by the ten-degree channel. The chest of small arms on the *Tygris* was intended as a present to the late Maratha General Chimnaji and may be useful as such to some now in power. Silver coins sent for assay. [*cetera desunt.*]

No. 253. CONSULTATION. JULY 30, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 189–192 (4).]

Read letters from Negapatam of July 23/Aug. 3 [No. 247], from Fort William of May 31 [No. 248], from Vizagapatam of July 8 [No. 249], from Ingeram of June 30 (?) [No. 250], from Madapollam of June 19 [No. 251], from Bombay of June 26 [No. 252], and from Fort St. David of July 26. Agreed to send the *Mary* sloop to Fort St. David with stationery and medicines, and to fetch bales; also to send thither 20,000 Pags. Ingeram and Madapollam to be directed to pack 40 pieces of fine longcloth (instead of only 30) in a bale and 100 salempores. Hallyburton to provide 100 more pieces of sastracundees. Resolved to send 30 Europeans and 20 chests of small arms to the Bay with 30 more Europeans from Vizagapatam in lieu of the 58 detained last year. 35 chests of rupees to be sent on the *Lynn* to Bengal. Agreed to send to Bengal the iron received by the *Tygris* and the rest of her cargo on the autumn ship for Persia; also to obtain her invoice from Anjengo. Agreed to inform Bengal of the goods to be furnished for Sumatra. Payments

received. As Madras rupees are not current in the Carnatic, agreed to exchange 20 chests of silver for Arcot rupees which may be either sent to the Bay or sold here.

No. 254. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 30, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 76 (¼).]

20,000 Pags. will be sent overland tomorrow.

No. 255. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 76(¼).]

Send 20,000 Pags. by 35 peons.

No. 256. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 102–107 (5¼).]

The Company's old furniture sold for 67 Pags. 33 fns. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The merchants being called in say that they cannot continue the investment at present prices, as the French are offering 47 Pags. for the Udaiyarpalaiyam and 45 for Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloths while the English offer only 42½-43½; however Nanjan Chetti who has almost a monopoly of the Salem cloth promises to supply none to the French though these have lately sent thither 12,000 Pags. Andiyappa who has brought in very little cloth, offers the same reasons, stating that the French have offered 67 Pags. for the fine cloth of 12 *kal.* The Board urge that the Company cannot possibly give high prices at present. The merchants promise to bring in 600 or 700 bales more if prices are increased; and state the French contract to amount to 390,000 Pags. They also ask for the usual present.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1742.

No. 257. LETTER TO CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. AUG. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 77 (1).]

Desire a copy of the *Tygris's* invoice so that the broadcloth and perpets intended for Persia may be sent thither by ship in Sept. or Oct.

No. 258. LETTER FROM GEORGE PIGOT, SUB-SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 78 (½).]

Wares, stores and medicines are being sent by the *Mary* sloop.

No. 259. LETTER FROM GEORGE PIGOT, SUB-SECRETARY, TO JAMES MORUP, MASTER OF THE MARY SLOOP. AUG. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 78 (½).]

Sailing orders for Fort St. David.

No. 260. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 5, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 108 (½).]

Read letters from Madras of July 30 and 31 [Nos. 254 & 255]. Advances made.

No. 261. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 97–99 (3). *Beginning lost.*]

The merchants being called before the Council promised to procure as many bales as possible, but the unsettled state of the country and the uncertainty of what the French would do prevented a precise estimate. They declared that prices must be revised, for the French were offering 47 for the Udaiyarpalaiyam cloth while the English were giving only 42½ or 43½; however, they did not ask for increased prices for the Salem cloth as Nanjan Chetti who almost monopolises it and who has long dealt with them had promised all that came into his hands. Andiyappa says the same thing about the prices offered by the French and the impossibility of obtaining any. The French offer 67 for the 12-*kal* fine cloth for which the English offer only 62½ or 63½. The merchants were told that the Europe markets were too bad for the Company to raise the prices; but they say they can get 600 or 700 bales more only if the prices are raised. Believe what the merchants say to be true. As they brought in 1,200 bales last year and have already provided 600 or 700 this year, recommend that they be given the usual present. Regret the bad sales in London, but hope that Maria Theresa's reported success and the proposed alliance will improve the situation. The Surgeon is in difficulties for want of a mate. Have 121 bales ready and 305 at the beaters', etc.

No. 262. CONSULTATION. AUG. 6, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 193–200 (7⅔).]

Accounts read. Read letter from Fort St. David, of Aug. 2 [No. 261] and agreed on answer of Aug. 6 [No. 263]. Capt. Charles Gilbert desires certificate at 7 s. 8 d. for 2,229 Pags. being the balance of Theosophila Ferdinando (formerly Symonds) with the Church

stock. It is not clear whether the Company has agreed to the remittance of her whole fortune or only of the annual interest at that rate. Agreed to refer the matter to England. Headmoney granted for 30 recruits by the *Lynn* and the *Marlborough*. Agreed on letter to Vizagapatam of Aug. 17 [No. 271]. The account sortments of northern cloth to be sent thither. 5 bales of blue broadcloth to be obtained from Bengal for facings of the military clothing. Agreed upon letter to Bengal of Aug. 9 [No. 266]. 20 chests of silver to be sold at 253 Arcot Rs. for 100 ozs. The Warehousekeeper to report at what price 20 chests of silver can be sold [for pagodas ?].

Appended are :—(1) cash account for July 1742, balance 2,900 Alambarai and 20,335 Madras Pags. and debit balance of 8,587 Star Pags.; (2) petitions of Walter Weymiss, Surgeon on the *Lynn*, and of Alexander Wood, Surgeon on the *Marlborough*, (n.d.), praying for headmoney on 30 recruits.

No. 263. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 79–82 (3¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 2 [No. 261]. The French make large contracts every year. They are certainly short of money. Understand that their merchants have not brought in more than 6,000 Pags. worth of cloth in the last four months and will only promise 300 or 400, and complain of the dearness of cotton and English competition. However, this is no time to increase investments by raising prices. The Company's goods have sold badly in Germany on account of the war ; the Coast and Bay tonnage has been reduced ; and the Company expect this reduced demand to lower prices. If the prices proposed by the Fort St. David merchants were given, the goods probably would not sell at cost price. Udaiyarpalaiyam cloth has always been cheaper than that from Chennappanayakanpalaiyam. Yet the merchants say the French are buying it at 47 Pags. a corge—an increase (reckoning in the removal of land custom, etc.) of 12% on last year's prices. Will not squabble about a trifle, but unless cloth can be got at about last year's rates, 'we must resolve to have done.' Besides, believe the French are giving 47 Pags. not for ordinary cloth, but for better. Higher prices may be given if the quality is improved proportionately. Desire copies of merchants' accounts, etc. The *Mary* to be returned with bales. Will send as doctor's mate a man who has served some months in the Madras hospital. The wrappers used for the goods received in England in 1741 were very bad.

No. 264. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 100 (½).]

Acknowledge the receipt of 20,000 Pags. Have 174 bales ready and 260 at the beaters' etc.

No. 265. CONSULTATION. AUG. 9, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 201–206 (6).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Aug. 5 [No. 264]. At the outcry on the 4th no offer above prime cost was made for the nassaurettes; agreed to sell them out of the warehouse at 30% on the invoice. Resolved to send to England a report on the bad lead received by the *Lynn* and the *Admiral Vernon*, together with 2 slabs of it; agreed that all the bad lead be melted down. Payments received. Wares, money etc., to be sent to Vizagapatam by the *Walpole*. 87 chests of rupees to be sent to Bengal by the *Lynn*, the *Walpole* and the *Marlborough*; also 20 chests of firearms, 20 iron guns with shot and the household furniture. Advances made. Letter to Bengal of Aug. 9 [No. 266].

Appended are:—(1) list of 349 slabs of lead received by the *Admiral Vernon* and the *Lynn*; (2) list of short and over deliveries of stores and goods received by the ships of this year; and (3) account sale of 16 pieces of embossed cloth at 30 to 37 Pags. per piece and of 400 candies of lead at 13 to 13¾ Pags. per candy.

No. 266. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 82–87 (5).]

Regret the Maratha troubles. Send 30 Europeans from Madras and will send 30 from Vizagapatam, though only 38 recruits have been received from Europe. Madras topasses are not worth sending. Will send 10 six-pounders received from England and 10 'as near four-pounders' as possible with shot, and 20 chests of small arms. The *Tygris*' broadcloth and perpetuanoes intended for Gombroon will be sent thither by ship from Madras. The 50 tons of iron sent on the *Lynn* may be forwarded to Bombay or sold. Send treasure and redwood. As the Company fear the risk of coining silver into Arcot rupees in the country mints, are changing part of the *Marlborough's* treasure into Arcot rupees which may be sent to Bengal. Desire 5 bales of blue broadcloth for the military. Enclose ships' papers, etc. Bombay reports iron to be 80 to 90 Rs. the Surat candy, less 9% if cleared in 6 months. Expect 1,800 to 2,000 bales for the Jan. ships; but, if the *Benjamin* arrives in time for despatch in

Oct. she will take about 800 of these, leaving 1,200 for such ships as may come from Bengal. The Captain of the *Lynn* is to be paid for dieting the soldiers, 4 fanams each per diem. Send some household furniture.

Appended are:—(1) list of the packet to Bengal by the *Lynn*; and (2) indent for goods for Sumatra.

No. 267. LETTER TO CAPT. CHARLES GILBERT OF THE LYNN. AUG. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 87-88 (¾).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

Appended is list of the packet to Bengal by the *Walpole*.

No. 268. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 13, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 109–115 (7).]

Read letter from Madras of Aug. 6 [No. 263]. The merchants are called in and observe that the French have received much silver and are offering the weavers ready money; they promise to put in a list of prices at which cloth can be obtained; and report that Nanjan Chetti offers his cloth at the prices the French are willing to pay—at present 47-49 Salem fanams the piece. Andiyappa also complains that Tranquebar buyers are trying to get much cloth at Udaiyarpalaiyam. The merchants represent their losses over Alambarai Pags.

Appended is the list of the prices of calicoes as delivered by the merchants.

No. 269. CONSULTATION. AUG. 16, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 207-212 (5½).]

Payments received. Signed the *Walpole's* despatch for Vizagapatam and Bengal; and a letter to Bengal of Aug. 19 [No. 276] by the *Marlborough*. Benyon reports that he has furnished provisions as is customary to [Shaikh Ibrahim] the ambassador from Jedda to Nizam-ul-mulk and others; agreed also to provide him with a house during his stay at Madras. Approved indent on Bengal for packing stuff, etc.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Nathaniel Barlow and Andrew Munro, dated Aug. 16, stating that there is always a considerable number of military in hospital with venereal diseases, requesting that, when the medicines sent for the hospital use are exhausted, the Surgeons may apply for an issue of the medicines appropriated for the Surgeons' use, but declining to receive these on their private account as not suitable, and agreeing to indent annually for medicines to be made up by their own apothecaries, and stating that

the 'saltness' of the air rusts instruments more quickly than elsewhere; (2) letter from Sidney Foxall, dated Aug. 10, declaring that he has been nowise negligent in managing the mint, but that the system in use, by which gold is assayed when powdered and then weighed into pagodas, melted and stamped by different sets of coolies, leaves many openings for deceit, which cannot be better stopped than by assaying sample coins from time to time; and (3) list of provisions supplied by Benyon to the Jedda ambassador, valued at 93 Pags.

No. 270. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 16, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 116 (1).]

Agreed to sell off all the old rice and paddy in the bazaar, reserving 5 months' supply for the garrison, by which time a supply will have been received from Bengal, while a favourable monsoon will allow the inhabitants to be supplied from the country round.

No. 271. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 88-91 (3½).]

Have coined as desired a chest of silver into ½ and ¼ Rs. Inquire whether Madras fanams and cash will serve for small money. When reporting the re-letting of the farms at an increase of 300 Rs. Vizagapatam did not specify the farmers' names or the amount of each farm. Desire copies of the cowles. It was said that recent extraordinary charges would be compensated by an increase in the revenue and customs—presumably the sea and river customs. But the amounts are very small. Had the Madras orders been strictly observed, there would have been a considerable increase. Sea and Land custom books are to be kept as at Madras. Send Madras pagodas and stores. Lieut. Crompton is transferred to Fort St. David *vice* Amyand, deceased, and Lewis Turnery appointed Lieutenant *vice* Crompton. Send cloth accounts. Acknowledge letter of July 8 [No. 249]. Wish that the 500 bales promised could be ready by Nov. 30 instead of Jan. 31, and that the amount of cloth on hand had been greater. Each bale of fine longcloth should contain 40 pieces, and of fine salempores 100. 30 Europeans to be sent to Bengal by the *Walpole*. Send copies of the Company's orders regarding surgeons. Robert Goodere appointed to the Vizagapatam Council; now that there are two of Council, they must meet at the Choultry to hear disputes; and their Consultations, etc., must be sent regularly. Humphrey Holcombe may be entertained as a monthly writer, as no covenanted servant can be spared. Cloth to be sent if any good conveyance offers by the beginning of next month.

No. 272. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 92 (⅔).]

Sends a list of European soldiers sent from Madras to Bengal showing their arrival and service. A similar list must be prepared for the men going from Vizagapatam. And similar lists for all the European infantry to be sent annually to Madras.

No. 273. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 92-93 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of June 30 [No. 250]. Have ordered Vizagapatam to send him a copy of the Ingeram cloth accounts so that he may close his books. Regarding packing of bales [as in No. 271].

No. 274. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 93-94 (1).]

Enclose the Madapollam cloth account so that he may close his books. He is to procure 100 extra pieces of the bright red sastracundees. Regarding packing of bales [as in No. 271]. If possible the cloth on hand to be sent to Madras by the beginning of Sept.

No. 275. LETTER TO CAPT. BENJAMIM LOWE OF THE WALPOLE. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 94-95 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.

No. 276. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 19, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 95-97 (2¼).]

Send the great guns and shot on the *Marlborough*, the small arms having gone on the *Lynn* and the *Walpole*. Indent for packing stuff. Will put 4,000 bags of saltpetre on the *Admiral Vernon* and the remainder probably on the *Benjamin;* desire a further supply. Enclose bills, account cost of furniture, etc. P.S.—The *Walpole's* and the *Marlborough's* lead proved short by 26 cwt.

Appended are:—(1) indent for gunnies, twine, cartridge paper and mustard seed oil from Bengal for the export warehouse; and (2) list of the packet for Bengal by the *Marlborough*.

No. 277. LETTER TO CAPT. THOMAS SMITH OF THE MARLBOROUGH. AUG. 19, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 97 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 278. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JULY 6, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 100 (½).]

Forward a letter from Bombay.

No. 279. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 101-105 (5).]

A delay in settling the prices of cloth owing to a dispute on the value of the Alambarai pagoda. Have told the merchants that the Company would lose money if Udaiyarpalaiyam cloth were put up to 47 and that the French cannot buy for lack of money; they replied that they knew nothing about the London sales, but that the French had received money by the two ships, and their merchants were offering ready money for cloth. They were then asked at what prices they could provide cloth. They said they would state them, and that Nanjan Chetti had written that the price of cloth must be raised from 47 to 49 fanams a piece (i.e. by about 2 Pags. a corge), else the French would get it. Submit these proposals with the lists of the several sorts of cloth. The merchants also complain that they will lose 10% by the depreciation of Alambarai pagodas of which they had in their hands in Jan. 13,307. It was, however, observed that these pagodas were rated at 25% in Jan. when they were really at a less discount and that the merchants were as likely to have gained as lost, especially as they were not likely to have kept so dangerous a coin. Forward accounts, but the merchants say they cannot settle their accounts of cloth monthly, because they do not settle with the weavers monthly and the weavers would be better able to keep up their prices if they did. The wrappers of 1741 were injured by being cured in the rainy weather. Have 225 bales ready and 217 at the beaters' etc.

Appended is a list of prices at which the merchants and Andiyappa are willing to provide cloth: Udaiyarpalaiyam long-cloth 45½ Pags.; Chennappanayakanpalaiyam 45 Pags.; Salem 44½ Pags.

No. 280. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JULY 22, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 106 (½).]

Forward a packet from Bengal.

No. 281. CONSULTATION. AUG. 23, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 213–215 (2¾).]

Read letters from Surat of July 6 [No. 278], from Fort St. David of Aug. 14 [No. 279] and from Vizagapatam of July 22 [No. 280]. Accounts read and payments received. Agreed to sell 10 chests of silver at 14½$ weight per 10 Pags. Joseph Cooke to be Surgeon's mate at Fort St. David; William Macknight, who came out free merchant in 1737 and has behaved well as Surgeon's mate at Fort St. David, to be mate in the Madras Hospital. Agreed to inquire the prices of the Fort St. David bales sent by the *George* and the *Lancaster;* and to order 100 pieces of dimities fine to be procured there. Indents on England for 1744 for woollen goods etc. agreed upon.

No. 282. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC. AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 23, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 98 (½).]

Desires an account of the prices of 19 bales sent by the *George* and 130 sent by the *Lancaster.*

No. 283. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON ETC. AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 23, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 98–100 (2)].

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 14 [No. 279]. Do the quoted prices include the merchants' brokerage? If not, Madras middling cloth is cheaper than that from Chennappanayakanpalaiyam, though at the last sales in England the former fetched 2*s.* a piece more. Nanjan Chetti's proposal seems simply to mean he will supply Salem cloth if we will give 49 fns. a piece as against the French 48. Would prefer Salem to Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth; but the English must not bind themselves to take all that Nanjan Chetti sends. Moreover cloth becomes much dearer, if most of it 'sorts to' the lower numbers. Out of 166 bales of Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth, there are 1 No. 1, 6 No. 2, 72 No. 3 and 87 No. 4. Desire the monthly accounts sent in by merchants when they brought in cloth from May 1741. The Company want 100 pieces of fine dimities made at Fort St. David, one yard by twelve.

No. 284. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 23, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 117–118 (1½).]

Read letter from Madras of Aug. 4 [No. 258]. The *Mary* sloop to be unladed and as many bales as she can take to be put on her for Madras. John Mackade, a time-expired soldier, discharged.

Appended is the petition of John Mackade.

No. 285. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID, AUG. 24, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 118–119 (1).]

The merchants represent that much cloth has been brought in and more is ready in the country; agreed to advance money as cloth comes in, so that it may not go into the hands of the French; the merchants to take back the cloth if the price is disapproved at Madras. Advances made.

No. 286. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 25, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 100 (½).]

Joseph Cooke is sent as Surgeon's mate at Fort St. David; he has been advanced 20 Pags.

No. 287. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 23, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 106–107 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 4 [No. 258]. Arrival of the *Mary* sloop. She is returned with 84 bales valued at 5,973 Pags. Send invoice for 100 bales (worth 8,519 Star and 1,229 Alambarai Pags.) sent on the *Lancaster*. Indent for 5 candies of rope. Send up a time-expired soldier. Have 184 bales ready and 174 at the beaters' etc.

No. 288. CONSULTATION. AUG. 27, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 216–218 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Aug. 23 [No. 287]. Agreed to send the *Mary* with rope to Fort St. David for another lading of bales. Payments received, accounts read and advances made. Agreed on letter to England by the *Admiral Vernon* [No. 303].

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1742.

No. 289. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 27, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 120 (⅔).]

Advances made.

No. 290. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 28, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 101 (½).]

Five candies of rope sent by the *Mary* sloop which is to be returned with bales.

No. 291. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 31, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 121–128 (8).]

Accounts read and payments received. Read letter from Madras of Aug. 23 [No. 283]. The merchants called in and offer to take their cloth back at the price they delivered it at. Burton observes that it would be well if Salem cloth could be wholly substituted for that from Chennappanayakanpalaiyam. Croke delivers in the account of cloth brought in etc. from May 1, 1741 to July 31, 1742 signed by himself, the merchants having refused to sign it. Agreed to explain why in some cases cloth is not brought to account in the month in which it is received, for want of the price. Croke directed to produce an account of cloth brought in this month signed by him and another signed by the merchants to be sent to Madras [See No. 296]. Read letter from Savage of Aug. 25 [No. 286]. A dispute having arisen between the Right and Left hand castes, resolved to hold a Consultation on this matter on Thursday next.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1742.

No. 292. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 2, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 140–145 (6).]

Ayyamperumal of the Right-hand caste attempted to celebrate Right-hand ceremonies in honour of his deceased wife in the Left-hand street in which he lives; but was hindered by the Left-hand caste people. The heads of castes and the bound renters were summoned to consider the matter, but could come to no agreement. Only Aiyamperumal and his family have ever claimed to perform their ceremonies in a street belonging to the other party. Agreed to advise Benyon etc. at Madras that the Right-hand caste people should either sell their houses in the Left-hand caste street, or agree to use only the Left-hand caste ceremonies therein. Meanwhile Burton is to take measures to preserve the peace at Cuddalore.

Appended are petitions from the Right-hand and Left-hand castes.

No. 293. LETTER FROM STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. AUG. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 107–113 (5½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 11 [No. 189]. Shipping news. Will send the *Benjamin* to Madras with cotton. In building the boats for Madras, supposed that they were to ply between Madras and Sumatra; and that was why they were built with a greater draught of water than was specified. No carpenter can be induced to go and settle in Sumatra. Lieut. Lane will be granted an allowance. Though the Company formerly said that they would not hinder persons trading under their protection from buying pepper where they pleased so long as they paid customs and duties, experience has shown that this raises the price against the Company. Shall write home about it and meanwhile desire such trade to be prevented as far as possible. It is not allowed under Bombay. Francis Fowke has been appointed a factor in the Bombay establishment.

Appended are:—(1) copy of the Company's orders, dated Jan. 15, 1742, regarding the *Benjamin;* and (2) copy of agreement between the Governor of Bombay and the Marathas.

No. 294. LETTER FROM THOMAS LAMBERT, ETC., AT ST. HELENA. APR. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 113–114 (1½).]

Major Thomas Lambert, the new Governor of St. Helena, arrived March 22. Desire 100 pieces of longcloth, 12 leaguers of Batavia arrack, 30 cwt. of good sugar and the rest of the 1% in rice.

Appended is a list of ships' arrivals and departures from Jan. 1741 to March 1742.

No. 295. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 25, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 115 (¾).]

Send duplicate invoices of bales as desired. The *Brilliant* (one of La Bourdonnais' squadron) has passed by Fort St. David bound for Pondichery.

No. 296. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 116–120 (4½).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 23 [No. 283]. The merchants have been called in and urged to lower their prices. They reply

that the cloth is the best they can get at the price. English, French, Danes and Dutch are all buying cloth and the last three are not so strict about its goodness. Their prices did not include brokerage and they will take back their cloth if required. Regarding the price of Salem cloth they say they were including the export duty of 1 fanam the piece when they said the French offered 49 fns. Advise that the purchase of Salem cloth may be increased so as to make up the deficiency in Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth. The merchants will neither lower the price nor improve the quality. To prevent cloth going to the French, it was agreed to take all cloth but what was priced higher than the President etc. should allow. There was no time to consult Madras about this. Beg for final orders, as the washers are out of work and may desert to the French. The merchants have undertaken to provide dimities as desired. Send cloth account kept by the Warehousekeeper, and those delivered monthly by the merchants. 114 corge are not shown in the Warehousekeeper's accounts, it is said, because the merchants had not priced the cloth. Salem cloth also is often not priced when measured, as the gumastas often fail to send down the prices in time. This, however, matters little, because the Company agree to take all the cloth sent, it being sorted at Salem owing to the distance. Similar discrepancies in Andiyappa's account. The Surgeon's mate arrived on Aug. 31. 238 bales ready and 123 at the washers' etc.

No. 297. LETTER FROM THOMAS DORRIL AT BASRA. JULY 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 115–116 (½).]

Acknowledges letter of Oct. 5, 1741. Has forwarded the packets. Agrees with the Consul of Aleppo that the route *via* Grand Cairo is very round about.

No. 298. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 6, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 219–225 (6⅓).]

Read letters from Bombay of Aug. 5 [No. 293], from St. Helena of Apr. 2 [No. 294], from Fort St. David of Aug. 25, Sept. 2 and 3 [Nos. 295 & 296; one missing] and from Basra of July 5 [No. 297]. Agreed to permit the Fort St. David Council to make the best terms they can with the merchants, as (1) otherwise there will be a total stop to the investment, (2) the Salem cloth sent from Madras in 1740 was near as dear as what is now offered at Fort St. David, and (3) the Bengal investment is likely to be short and so there is a danger of ships remaining in India on

demurrage. Agreed to desire Bengal to return the *Princes Augusta* should she sail thither with saltpetre and stores. Signed bills on the Company for £2,918 and indents on England for 1744. Payments received. The *Admiral Vernon's* crew, guns, etc., to be inspected. Accounts read.

Appended is the cash account for Aug. 1742, balance 39,624 Star and 2,900 Alambarai Pags.

No. 299. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 6, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 101 (½).]

In case the *Princess Augusta* fails to reach Madras and goes to Bengal, desire her to be sent back early in Dec. with saltpetre and packing stuff or whatever may be advantageous.

No. 300. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 8, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 102–105 (3½).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 2 and 3 [No. 296; one missing]. Leave Fort St. David to contract for calicoes on the best terms obtainable and not dearer than the prices given in the Fort St. David letter of Aug. 14 [No. 279]. But the brown cloth, which has been worse than that of the last 2 years, must be better sorted. The merchants 'forgot themselves' when they said the cloth is as good as usual. Great difference between the merchants' accounts and the Warehousekeeper's. Desire to know how Croke makes up the latter. The merchants should be made, as formerly, to give in accounts of the cost with each parcel of cloth. It was always done in Hubbard's time and there is no reason for discontinuing it. Enquire why fanams should be received for paddy sold, presumably for garrison use. At Madras the military are paid part in money and part in grain for which the Paymaster pays the Warehousekeeper in pagodas. The net disbursement of fanams by the Paymaster is only for 164 Pags. according to the accounts; but it surely must be much larger.

No. 301. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 9, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 226–227 (2¼).]

Mary Parker and her daughter granted a passage on the *Admiral Vernon.* Passed indent on England for stores for 1744. Signed the duplicate general books ending Apr. 30, 1741. Worn-out gun-barrels and armory stores to be sent to England. Signed

despatch to England by the *Admiral Vernon* [No. 303]. 600 more bags of saltpetre to be sent on board her. Signed bills on the Company for £36. Accounts read.

Appended is a petition from Mary Parker, (n.d.), praying leave to go to England with her daughter on the *Admiral Vernon*.

No. 302. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 229 (1).]

Capt. Webster of the *Admiral Vernon* declares his private trade at 4,138 Pags. The *Admiral Vernon's* crew, guns, etc., reported sufficient. Agreed that her despatch [No. 303] be deferred till the name is known of a ship that has been plying into the road all day.

No. 303. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE ADMIRAL VERNON. SEPT. 11, 1742. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 397–402. (*I.O. trans.*)]

Cite despatch of Feb. 4 [No. 50]. List of ships' arrivals, etc. The *Admiral Vernon's* cargo. Bengal ships should call at Madras, when their crews need refreshment. The *George* was sold for 3,555 Rs. Purchased a new Pegu-built ship (the *Sumatra*) for 4,500 Pags. Two boats costing 8,922 Rs. have arrived from Bombay for the Sumatra trade. Cannot take exact accounts of all goods landed out of Europe ships unless there are servants enough to take watch and ward, like the tide-waiters. Shall observe Turner's method in China as to gold. Desire particular directions for the treatment of deceased captains' effects. Send an account of the bad lead. Sent 18 of the *Tygris'* auroras to Bengal. Embossed cloth sold pretty well, but nobody bid for nassaurettes. Red and green cloth much wanted. Silver is generally sold for one month's trust, but will try to sell it for cash. All offices complain of the paper; only the first 2 or 3 sheets in a quire are good. Have sent to Bengal in all 1,115,000 Rs. and to Vizagapatam 61,897 Pags. and 16,000 Arcot Rs. The effects of the Maratha invasion are still felt, though the new money is generally current. Little cotton or yarn for sale; but are advised against raising prices. The middling cloth by this ship is mostly Nos. 3 and 4 which cannot be helped when other nations take as poor a stuff. The musters of fine goods made near Madras were so poor that they have been ordered from the northward. Hope the baftas and sannoes chintz will be satisfactory, but the painters say the baftas are so coarse that it is difficult to fix the colours. Are discussing with Fort St. David the merchants' proposal to raise prices.

Safdar Ali's family is still in Town and he is still unconfirmed as Nawab. Imam Sahib has left Masulipatam to visit Nizam-ul-mulk. Marathas in Bengal. Sent thither 60 Europeans and military stores. At Anjengo the Dutch have been defeated by the King of Travancore. The Nawab has ordered the coinage of pagodas of 81½ touch. Owing to the Nawab's presence, the shroffs have moved from Arcot to Madras whither all the revenues are sent. Banking is the chief business as there is still but little trade. The Bengal ship from Manilla arrived in May with 300,000$. The *Tygris'* prize belonged to the French merchants at Chandernagore. Need powers to try such cases as country ships might be seized. Riccards is complained of for trading about Anjengo. Have refused to deliver up Dutch deserters except on pardon. Enclose Imam Sahib's letter about Diu Island. The original grant not full and authentic; Benyon desired Imam Sahib to trouble himself no further in the matter. The troubles of the French at Karikal and Yanam will cure them of desiring new possessions. The Spanish ship taken by Capt. Gilbert has been bought by the Portuguese at Macao, whence she had been freighted on account of inhabitants at Madras. Had intended to enlarge the White Town by damming the river from Queen's Point to the Island; but will only strengthen the west face without enlarging it as ordered. Know of no good water south of the Town, but a committee shall search for some and report what works are needed to protect it. Though the garrison is to consist of 600 men, have only received 38 recruits. In peaceful times a smaller garrison would suffice if mostly Europeans. Factory house at Ingeram. Appointments, etc. 300 garse paddy purchased for the garrison. Allowances to those wounded, etc., by the Powder House explosion. The shroffs have furnished security in 5,000 Pags. Will send useless guns home when freight is cheaper. The old pier glasses at Fort St. David may sell in China. Richard Court arrived May 23, and Dawsonne Drake July 18. Jonathan Smart, free merchant, has returned to Pegu with instructions regarding saltpetre. John Hammond died on March 2. Father Thomas of the Portuguese Church died in Apr. after 30 years' residence. Amyand's death, etc. John Clarke is a sober good officer. Percival took great pains to qualify himself to be Gunner; Waters is fit to succeed him. The pay of the Undermates and Quarter-gunners is too small. The mint is in good credit; no complaints from Bengal about the rupees or mohurs. All Europeans have to use Madras or Star pagodas for their investments as their credit is now become so general.

Accounts. Sumatra affairs. The French have had only two ships, the *Hercules* and the *Lys*, from France with 180 chests of treasure. They are in great need of money and have borrowed some from the Moors, which has affected the Fort St. David investment. But they have only 800 bales of cloth. Further shipping news, etc. The guns at Madras old and honeycombed; need new ones. The amount of the *Admiral Vernon's* invoice is 101,886 Pags.; to St. Helena 286 Pags. Diamonds, etc., registered 43,844 Pags. Capt. Webster's private trade, 4,138 Pags. Balance of cash 55,065 Pags. Bills drawn on the Company for 8,058 Pags.; and a certificate for 2,230 Pags.

No. 304. DIARY. SEPT. 12, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 230 (½).]

Notice given by a letter from the Council to Captain Way of the *Benjamin* that his lading of cotton is to be landed and his ship prepared to receive cargo for Europe.

No. 305. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 13, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 230–233 (3).]

Read letter from Bombay of Aug. 17. Agreed that more saltpetre cannot be sent on the *Admiral Vernon* as the remaining stock is needed for the *Benjamin*. Payments received. Agreed to defer the *Admiral Vernon's* despatch till the *Sumatra* (now in sight) has come in. Since selling 20 chests of silver for Arcot rupees, the country mints have lowered them from 253 to 256 per 100 oz. of standard silver; as this specie has therefore fallen in value, resolved if possible, to re-exchange the coin for silver, and Linga Chetti is ordered to try to buy with them the silver arrived on the French Basra ship which may perhaps be had on favourable terms to save the delay of coinage. The rupees may be issued at 250 per 100 oz. standard silver. Silver is now at 14⅝$ weight per 10 Pags., and Arcot rupees at 328 [per 100 Pags.]. The loss by keeping the rupees would be 17 fns. 51 c. per 100 oz.

Appended is a letter from Captain Benjamin Webster of the *Admiral Vernon*, dated Sept. 13, desiring 400 bags of saltpetre in addition to the 600 already received.

No. 306. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE ADMIRAL VERNON. SEPT. 14, 1742. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 4, *p.* 403. (*I. O. trans.*)]

Shipping news.

No. 307. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 13, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 146–149 (2½).]

Read letter from Croke, desiring that general letters received and draft replies may be circulated so that members of the Council may know their contents before meeting. Burton replies that Croke sent for a letter from Madras an hour before the meeting, but it could not be sent to him because it was being entered in the letter-book, that the Board is the best place for reading general letters and that draft replies contain only what has been decided in Consultation. Read letter from Madras of Sept. 8 [No. 300]. Agreed to take in cloth at the prices settled and to order the sorters to accept no brown cloth that does not contain more cloth of better quality. Croke to prepare the account desired at Madras. Burton declares that he has kept accounts like Hubbard's, but observes that his bad health may have occasioned some slight errors. The Warehousekeeper and the Paymaster to report on the receipt of fanams. Advances made. The Gunner to survey the *Carolina*. (Edward Croke signs the minutes under protest.)

No. 308. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JULY 31, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 124–127 (3½).]

Acknowledge letter of June 7 [No. 175]. Have received the treasure, etc., and broadcloth. Will sell the last at outcry separately. Shall despatch the *Tygris* direct to England in Oct. The Maratha invasion of Bengal. Fear the investment will be small. Difficulty of selling bullion. Desire only Madras and Arcot rupees. Ask for as many guns as possible, and all the soldiers that can be spared. Send goods belonging to the Danish missionaries. Their bullion has not yet been sold. Have detained 3 chests of gunpowder that were to have gone on the *Princess Louisa*. 500 pieces of brown jugdea baftas intended 'for chinting' at Madras, have been hindered by a storm on their way down the river. Have received from the *Sumatra* 18 muskets and other weapons. Send on the *Sumatra* saltpetre and gunnies worth Rs. 18,857. Shipping news. Send a letter for the Company to be despatched by the *Admiral Vernon*.

No. 309. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 127–128 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 17 [No. 271]. Have received the treasure, wares, etc., by the *Walpole*, on which 30 soldiers have been

sent from Vizagapatam to Bengal. Accounts read. Vijayaram Razu has come to terms with the Nawab, which will facilitate the investment. Captain John Crompton will set out for Madras this month. Will write more fully in a few days.

No. 310. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 14, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 234–235 (2).]

Read letters from Fort William of July 31 [No. 308] and from Vizagapatam of Sept. 4 [No. 309]. Agreed upon reply to Bengal of Sept. 15 [No. 313]. Agreed to despatch the *Admiral Vernon*, and signed letters, etc. All the Arcot rupees have been exchanged at 253 Rs. per 100 oz. Payments received and advances made.

No. 311. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. AUG. 21, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 128–129 (1).]

Sends 170 bales of calicoes on the *Essex* brigantine. The Nawab, in spite of his plundering, is behind hand with his kists and is said to have been recalled. Has begun to build the Residency.

Appended is an indent for sundries (rattans, red and white lead, etc.)

No. 312. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 15, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 236–238 (2½).]

Read letter from Ingeram of Aug. 21 [No. 311]. Benyon reports that the *Shaftesbury* is at anchor 5 leagues north of Pulicat, 22 men having died and 65 being too weak to work; and that he had ordered provisions and 80 men of the gunroom crew to be sent to her help at once. The *Benjamin* to be surveyed. Eden Howard permitted to sail on the *Benjamin*. The heavy surf having prevented Captain Webster from going off to the *Admiral Vernon*, agreed to inform the Company of the arrival of the *Shaftesbury* and her condition. The *Shaftesbury* having reached the Coast, agreed that Linga Chetti shall coin silver on condition of delivery within 15 days at 256 Rs. for 100 oz. standard, 1,000 Rs. to weigh 366¼ oz. and 6 dwt. better than standard. The silver to be delivered as the rupees are brought in.

Appended is a letter from Eden Howard, dated Sept. 14, desiring a passage on the *Benjamin*.

No. 313. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 105–106 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of July 31 [No. 308]. Regret the Maratha troubles in Bengal, but cannot send more soldiers. The country people are sending valuables into Town fearing disturbances. Could not send all the cannon asked for, as the Madras guns are old and honeycombed, and 70 less than they indented for have been received from England. Are sending 250 more muskets by the *Jenny* Shipping news.

No. 314. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 106–107 (½).]

The *Mary* sloop to be laded with bales even though she cannot be despatched before Sept. 20.

No. 315. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 16, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 130 (1).]

He pays in in fanams the cost of rice sold to the Garrison, because the Captains issue 16 fns. worth of rice to each European and 12 to each topas, receiving payment for it in fanams. Last month the price was 64 Pags. 23 fns. 22 c. per garse, and it was delivered at 2¾ measures per 2 Madras fanams. The Gunner does the same for the gunroom crew and the Paymaster for the rest of the Company's servants. This has been the regular practice ever since rice was issued for the use of the garrison some 8 years ago.

No. 316. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 150 (⅔).]

The Company's sloop which arrived yesterday is now despatched to Madras with bales.

No. 317. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 13, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 129–133 (3½).]

Disputes between the Right-hand and Left-hand castes at Cuddalore. Aiyamperumal of the Right-hand caste living in a Left-hand street attempted to perform some Right-hand ceremonies for his deceased wife; on which the Left-hand caste objected. Perumal was ordered to desist till the matter had been

determined, and the heads of castes were assembled to settle the dispute, but could come to no agreement. Have examined the records about the disputes of 1733 and 1740. Perumal and his family alone of the Right-hand caste claim to perform their ceremonies in the Left-hand street. Recommend that all persons living in a street not of their own caste be required to sell their houses and live in a street of their own caste people. Perumal has died and it has been arranged that Right-hand ceremonies be performed for him in the Left-hand street without prejudice to the question at issue. Have 239 bales ready and 125 at the beaters', etc.

Appended is copy of a cowle granted to the Chettis by Sher Khan before the English bought Fort St. David, appointing the streets in Cuddalore north of the Choultry Left-hand and those south of it Right-hand streets, 'the bazar street fronting my house' being 'for all nations in general.'

No. 318. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 133 (½).]

Have received 5 candies of rope by the *Mary*. Return her with 84 bales valued at 5,886 Star and 1,214 Alambarai Pags. Have 155 bales ready and 125 at the beaters', etc.

No. 319. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 133 (¼).]

Send duplicate of No. 318 and invoice.

No. 320. LETTER FROM CHAMBERS AND BAKER AT MADEIRA. APR. 14, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 143 (¾).]

Send on the *Shaftesbury* 150 pipes of wine for Madras and 150 for Bengal. This vintage is the shortest ever known.

No. 321. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 21, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 239–240 (2).]

The *Shaftesbury's* packet read. Read letter from Chambers and Baker at Madeira of Apr. 14 [No. 320]. The recruits, treasure, etc., on the *Shaftesbury* to be landed, her treasure to be examined and the stowage of her Madeira inspected. The *Benjamin* reported fit for the Europe voyage. She is to be laded. Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 13 and 17 [Nos. 317 to 319].

Appended is a letter from John Taylor and Samuel Wilton, dated Sept. 18, reporting the condition of the *Benjamin*.

No. 322. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 21, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 107 (¼).]

Send some wares and stores by the *Essex* brigantine.

No. 323. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 129 (1).]

Requests Burton to pay in 2,366 Pags. for the calico taken from the torn cloth, referring all further demands in this affair to the President, etc., at Madras.

No. 324. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 139–144 (5¼).]

His account of cloth brought in differs from the merchants' because of various changes made as regards the month of receipt, the quality of the cloth and the price. Burton altered the accounts and caused certain pages of the journal parcels to be transcribed.

No. 325. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 18, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 151–159 (9).]

Gunner Philip Baker to caulk the main planking of the *Carolina* and make other necessary repairs. Advances made. Read Edward Croke's explanation of the discrepancies between his and the merchants' accounts of cloth brought in between May 1 and July 31 [No. 324]. Burton considering that Croke's letter reflects on him desires the appointment of a Committee to examine the accounts, so that he may justify himself. Agreed to send the papers to Madras. The Paymaster and the Warehousekeeper produce their statements regarding fanams. Graham disclaims all responsibility for taking in bad brown cloth.

Appended are :—(1) letter from Philip Baker, dated Sept. 18, 1742, reporting that the *Carolina's* sheathing is rotten, and that her main planking must be caulked; and (2) letter from Edward Croke to Burton, etc., dated Sept. 17, 1742 [No. 324].

No. 326. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 21, 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 131–132 (1½).]

Burton pays in 2,366 Pags. for the cloth torn out of wrappers according to Croke's request [No. 323]. At his desire the cash examined and found correct. Burton reports that so much cloth has had to be rejected that the merchants object to taking back all

but the best pieces, but offer to take back the whole as delivered in. The Board inspect the cloth at the sorting godown, and finding that it does not answer the increase in price, resolve to propose returning the whole to the merchants.

No. 327. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 23, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 241–242 (1¾).]

Accounts read and payments received. The *Shaftesbury*'s treasure reported correct. Agreed to leave the lead on the *Shaftesbury* and to send the *Benjamin's* cotton on her to Bengal. The *Sumatra* and the *Mary* to be got ready for despatch to Sumatra. John Legg is to work under the Rental-General. 200 Pags. paid in on account of Le gh Denny's estate.

No. 328. LETTER FROM CHARLES WHITEHILL, ETC., AT ANJENGO. SEPT. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 134 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of July 23 and Aug. 2 [Nos. 240 & 257]. Send copy of the *Tygris'* invoice. The King of Travancore and the Dutch have not yet come to any agreement, the Dutch expecting new forces from Batavia, and the King of Travancore from the French. If the French join Travancore, it will injure English interests.

No. 329. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. SEPT. 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 134–135 (1).]

Acknowledges letter of Aug. 17 [No. 273]. Accounts and package of bales. If Bengal gunnies are better than what are made locally, requests a supply. The *Essex* brigantine will probably be hindered by the south wind.

No. 330. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 20, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 135–139 (4).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 8 [No. 300]. After two Consultations, have been unable to get the prices of cloth lowered and believe the proposed prices are genuine. Have therefore agreed to take in cloth. However have directed the sorters to take in cloth likely to contain more of the higher sortments than have been lately obtained, though this must lessen ours and increase the French investment. Trust the cheapness of cloth already embaled (43⅓ Pags. brokerage included) will com-

pensate the poor quality. Regret that the wrong accounts of cloth were formerly sent. Now send the book containing the cloth accounts kept till Hubbard's death and a copy of those kept since that by Burton who has maintained them on the same method. Prices have been settled of late quite as soon as formerly, only the prices of Salem cloth have been much delayed, but that has not prejudiced the Company. In future merchants shall give in the prices before the cloth is sorted. Burton hopes that any errors in the investment may be ascribed to his long and dangerous illness. Forward Croke's explanation of the discrepancies between his accounts and the merchants'. He alleges several things against Burton which the latter desires to have investigated by a Committee, before which he is sure of clearing his conduct. Regarding the Paymaster's disbursements and the Warehousekeeper's receipts; of fanams the European military only take 16–19 fns., the topasses 12–15 fns. and the gunroom lascars about 24 fns. a month in rice; but all these take their pay nearly all in gold and pay the Warehousekeeper in fanams. At Burton's desire the cash has been inspected and found correct. A ship has arrived at Pondichery with 60 chests of silver, 40 chests of arms, etc. [Edward Croke signs under protest, and John Graham notes that he has sorted no brown cloth.]

Appended are copies of Nos. 323 and 324.

No. 331. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 24, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 147 (⅔).]

The cloth brought in since the last agreement is no better than before, and does not answer the increased prices. Propose therefore to return it.

No. 332. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 19, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 145–147 (2⅓).]

Sends duplicate of his letter to the Fort St. David Council regarding accounts [No. 324]. Has had to notice differences other than those of the month in which cloth was brought in, for the sake of his own character, as these relate to the Company's interest. Has written at large to Benyon to whom he refers for further explanation if needed. The Dr. and Cr. sides of Burton's account appeared to be in different hands. Sloper (Burton's writer) said before the Council that he believed the re-written page to have been copied by Ensign Morgan, who sometimes 'writes' for Burton. Sloper and Morgan can explain the matter if examined. Has refused to

give up his vouchers till directed to do so by the President and Council. Has exposed Burton's misdeeds with great regret, and trusts his action may not be misunderstood, though he will certainly have to undergo Burton's resentment.

No. 333. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 27, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 243–245 (3).]

Read letters from Anjengo of Sept. 2 [No. 328], from Ingeram of Sept. 8 [No. 329], from Fort St. David of Sept. 20 and 24 [Nos. 330 & 331] and from Edward Croke of Sept. 19 [No. 332]. The letters, etc., from Fort St. David and Croke to lie on the table for the perusal of the members. Accounts read and advances made. The pump in the horse stable to be repaired. Covenanted servants to receive 6 months' salary amounting to 1,519 Pags. The *Sumatra* to be furnished with stores and her crew given 2 months' wages in advance.

Appended is the account salary of covenanted servants for the half-year ending Sept. 25, 1742.

No. 334. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 148 (1).]

Send on the *Augusta* 13 bales brown Balasore sannoes. The Nawab and the Marāthas still lie encamped near each other.

Appended is a certificate of shortage in the copper sent by the *Sumatra* of 25 mds. 26 seers.

No. 335. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 30, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 246–249 (4)].

Read letter from Fort William of Aug. 17 [No. 334]. The deficiency in the *Sumatra's* copper to be settled with Capt. Taylor. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. Accounts read. 4 bales of fine and 2 of ordinary cloth received damaged from Ingeram to be re-washed. Payments received. Agreed on letters to Fort St. David of Sept. 30 [No. 336], and to Bombay [No. 337]. Headmoney granted for 9 recruits. Howard pays in 26 Pags. for permission of his passage to England.

Appended are:—(1) petition from Henry Rattray, Surgeon on the *Shaftesbury*, (n.d.), praying for headmoney on 9 recruits; and (2) statement of extraordinary charges for Aug. 1742.

No. 336. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G, Vol.* 25, *pp.* 107—110 (3⅓).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 13, 17, 20 and 24 [Nos. 317, 318, 319, 330 & 331]. Regarding Right and Left-hand caste disputes, order that Right-hand ceremonies shall only be performed in Right-hand streets and so also for Left-hand ceremonies; and that no one shall buy or build houses in a street belonging to the opposite party. 84 bales have arrived by the *Mary* sloop. Some endeavour must be made to improve the quality of the cloth; if it be very bad, the merchants may take it away on repaying the money advanced for it. Regarding the accounts, Croke accuses Burton of reducing one entry from 110 to 34 corge, and that other entries were raised from 42 to 48 Pags. a corge, etc., thus defrauding the Company of 1,541 Pags. in 3 months; require Burton's reply to these charges. Rice taken by the garrison must be paid for in pagodas, else the Company will lose 2 to 3 fns. per pagoda.

No. 337. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. SEPT. 30, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 111 (½)].

Have sent to Bombay by the *Mercury* a chest of small arms landed from the *Tygris*.

No. 338. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 132—139 (7).]

Read letter from Madras of Sept. 17 [No. 314]. Accounts read. Clothes, etc., needed for the hospital to be furnished. The Company's servants to receive 6 months' salary. Agreed, as Croke desires, that all important letters should be circulated to the Board on receipt, and drafts, etc., approved before they are fair copied.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1742; (2) letter from William Belsches, dated Sept. 30, 1742, stating that there are more sick than usual and requesting a supply of shirts, long drawers, gowns, etc.; (3) account salary of the Company's servants for half-year ending Sept. 25; and (4) letter from Edward Croke, dated Sept. 30, 1742, complaining that general letters are sometimes detained by the Deputy Governor for some days until a Consultation is held, that letters sent are not always such as were agreed on at the Board, and that the minutes of Consultation have been inaccurate, in one of which alterations had to be made in the fair copy on Croke's objecting to the minutes as they stood.

No. 339. LETTER FROM MURTAZA ALI KHAN AT VELLORE TO RICHARD BENYON. NO DATE. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 262 (¼).]

Believes he is informed of 'what has happened here.' Will shortly be at Arcot and settle the country.

No. 340. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON TO MURTAZA ALI KHAN. OCT. 5, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 262 (¼).]

What God pleases to appoint must happen. Wishes all things may be settled for the best.

No. 341. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 30, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 149—150 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 9 [No. 266]. The reported agreement between the Nawab and the Marathas is false. The supplies of men, etc., will be most useful; but it is hoped that they may be increased. Will inform Bombay about the broadcloth by the *Tygris* and consider the advisability of selling her iron in Bengal. The mint at Murshidabad is still closed. Have no blue broadcloth. Acknowledge papers sent by the *Lynn*. Cannot yet estimate what goods will be provided, or how to employ their tonnage. Have received the furniture. Shipping news. Will send the packing stuff and gunnies indented for, and saltpetre; and inquire about lead on the *Walpole* and the *Marlborough*.

No. 342. CONSULTATION. OCT. 6, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 250—262 (12).]

Read letter from Fort William of Aug. 30 [No. 341]. Accounts read. Agreed to refer Capt. Taylor's responsibility for shortage of copper to England on condition that he deposits the amount at issue. Capt. Way declares his private trade and pays in 3,000 Pags. for certificates. 500 bags of saltpetre to be put on the *Benjamin* besides the 3,000 already laded, also the charterparty 1 % in rice, sugar and arrack for St. Helena. The *Benjamin's* crew, guns, etc., to be surveyed. Payments received. Agreed on letter to Sumatra [No. 346]. Resolved to send no money to the Bay by the *Shaftesbury* as the season is late and dangerous and the cash low. Agreed to send troublesome soldiers to Bengal. Some Madeira to be sold at outcry on Oct. 13. The 419 bales of woollen cloth by the *Tygris* to be sent for Gombroon on the *Augusta*, freight at 7 % on the

invoice—the usual freight (12 Arcot Rs. a Bengal maund) would amount to 3,426 Pags. at 327 Arcot Rs. per 100 Pags. At 2 A.M. on the previous day Benyon learnt of the murder of Safdar Ali Khan at Vellore by Murtaza Ali Khan and of the imprisonment of Mir Asad and Bukanji Kasidas. Thereon he doubled the guards and warned them to allow no Moor's horse to enter the Town without particular leave. The Nawab's family did not hear the news till noon, when they received letters from the Diwan of Vellore. Krishnaji Pant was informed by Muhammad Khan Talouze, Commander of 2,000 horse at Arcot, and by Murtaza Ali Khan who enclosed a letter for Benyon.

Appended are:—(1) calculate of freight on woollen goods to Persia, total weight 933 maunds, freight at 7 % 1,109 Pags.; (2) cash account for Sept. 1742, balance 64,175 Star and 2,900 Alambarai and 222 Madras Pags.; and (3) letter from Capt. John Taylor of the *Sumatra*, dated Oct. 6, 1742, stating that he took every precaution to prevent any theft of copper and believes it must have been weighed to him at Madras by old weights.

No. 343. CONSULTATION. Oct. 9, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 263—264 (1½).]

The *Benjamin* reported capable of defence. Signed bills on the Company for 487 Pags. Granted certificates for 2,707 Pags. on account of Edward Michell's estate. Passed despatch to England, etc., by the *Benjamin.*

No. 344. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE BENJAMIN. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 129—134 *and* 136—144(?), *pp.* 129–132 *have crumbled away. The rest are very brittle and much torn.*]

[*The first* 14 *paragraphs of this despatch are missing.*] The Company's cash amounts to 80,865 Star, with some Alambarai and Madras pagodas. The Rev. Eden Howard takes his passage home. Bills and certificates on England amount to 6,194 Pags. [?]

Appended are:—(1) register of diamonds per *Benjamin* valued at 32,935 Pags.; (2) account of coral for which full remittances are now made; (3) manifest of private trade of the Captain of the *Benjamin* amounting to 1,358 Pags.; (4) list of the Company's revenues at Madras from May 1, 1741 to Apr. 30, 1742: fixed revenues, 20,396 Pags.; customs, etc., 50,802 Pags.; (5) list of the packet; and (6) sailing orders for England, dated Oct. 10, 1742, to Benjamin Way, Commander of the *Benjamin.*

No. 345. LETTER TO THOMAS LAMBERT, ETC., AT ST. HELENA. BY THE BENJAMIN. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *p.* 135 (1). *Brittle and torn.*]

Send supplies by the *Benjamin.*

No. 346. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 111—114 (3).]

Relates to shipping and Sumatra affairs.

No. 347. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE SUMATRA. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 114–115 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Sumatra [as in No. 158].

No. 348. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON TO THE COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 151—153 (2½).]

Replies to Croke's charges though confined to bed by illness. Arrived on Aug. 22, and was informed that some Chennappanāyakanpalaiyam cloth had been sorted to ordinary, as was proved by the sorting book; this was carried from the month of June to the month of Dec. and charged at the same price (41 Pags.) as in the June account. Some cloth brought in in Aug. and apparently put to a higher price was merely set down at the average price from Aug. to Dec. Other cloth altered from 'ordinary' to 'Udaiyarpalayam' and raised to 45 Pags. was so entered because it had cost 45 Alambarai Pags. Burton directed the Warehouse book with these alterations to be shown to the Warehousekeeper Croke. Knows nothing of the cloth said to have been altered from 42 to 48 Pags. Regrets the error of causing alterations to be made, but was desperately ill at the time, as Dr. Munro, now at Madras, can testify.

No. 349. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 7, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 151 (½).]

Enclose Burton's answer to Croke's charges [No. 348]. Defer answering letter of Sept. 30 [No. 336]. Burton says he is too ill to hold a Consultation. (Croke reserves right of answering Burton's letter.)

No. 350. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 8, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 154 (½).]

Forward accounts, etc., for Aug. Cash balance on Sept. 30, was 10,244 Pags. Burton still too ill to hold a Consultation.

No. 351. CONSULTATION. OCT. 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 265–266 (1½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Oct. 7 and 8 [Nos. 349 & 350]. Agreed to defer consideration till Croke's observations are received Payments received and advances made. Signed letter to Fort William by the *Shaftesbury* [No. 353]. 200 Pags. advanced for cleaning and levelling the streets. Agreed to retain 2 opened bales of perpetuanoes by the *Tygris*.

No. 352. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, VIA PONDICHERY. OCT. 11, 1742. [*Pub. Des. to Eng., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 145–146 (2). *Brittle and torn.*]

Shipping news. The Marathas' invasion of Bengal. Murder of Safdar Ali on Oct. 2, likely to cause great commotions.

No. 353. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 115–116 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 17 and 30 [Nos. 334 & 341]. Have received 13 bales of sannoes. The *Shaftesbury's* late despatch; it took some time to make room for the cotton. Send no money by her as the season is late and the Madras cash low. Will send what can be spared in Jan. The *Shaftesbury* delivered only 9 out of her 26 soldiers. On the 2nd, the Nawab was murdered at Vellore, and the English must be on their guard. The few soldiers now sent can hardly be spared but their conduct requires a change of quarters. Desire information regarding the shortage of the *Sumatra's* copper. Forward a letter from Chambers and Rider at Madeira with ship's papers etc.

No. 354. LETTER TO MATTHEW BOOKEY, COMMANDER OF THE SHAFTESBURY. OCT. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 117 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 355. LETTER TO NATHANIEL WHITEWELL, ETC., AT GOMBROON. OCT. 12, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 117–118 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 14 [No. 155]. Send on the *Augusta* broadcloth and long ells brought by the *Tygris*. In future customs as payable at Gombroon will be collected from all ships trading in the Gulf of Persia. Bombay's instructions [No. 15] regarding

the sale of ships in the Gulf will be observed. The privilege granted by the Persian Government in favour of goods of the Armenians on English ships will increase the trade of Gombroon.

No. 356. LETTER TO THOMAS DORRILL AT BASRA. OCT. 12, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 118 (½).]

Forward two letters for transmission to England—one by Aleppo and the other by Grand Cairo.

No. 357. LETTER FROM THE VAKIL IN CAMP. [OCT. 16?.] RECD. OCT. 18, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 278–279 (1½).]

On Oct. 15, Murtaza Ali Khan set out from Vellore with Hirasat Khan, etc., and after resting at Hirasatpur entered Arcot in state. After praying at Tippu Sahib's tomb Murtaza Ali Khan was seated on the musnad in 'the King's palace' and received nazars from Hirasat Khan, Husain Khan Tahir, Qadir Husain Khan, Zain-ud-din Ali Khan, Bade Sahib of Covelong, Haidar Yar Khan, Saadat mund Khan, Amir-ud-din Khan, Hussan Jaman Khan, Haidar Dil Khan, etc. Mir Asad is still in prison. Baqar Sahib and Siddi-Sahib act as deputies at Vellore. On hearing of the death of Safdar Ali, Morari Rao sent an army towards Valikondapuram, which has plundered towns and villages. Bomma Razu and other Poligars sent peons to attend Murtaza Ali from Vellore. Ali Naqi Khan has been allowed to go to Madras and Bade Sahib, it is said, will be allowed to do so too.

No. 358. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 25, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 154–155 (¾.)]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 17 [No. 274] with the account sortments of cloth sent. That part of Goddard's cloth which has been taken in will be credited to his estate. The *Jenny* brigantine when loaded with 121 bales was driven to sea by a storm and sprang a leak; some of her bales are damaged.

No. 359. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE AT FORT ST. DAVID TO RICHARD BENYON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. SEPT. 25, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *p.* 284 (1).]

Nalla Tambi and the other merchants, having desired to speak with him, declare that they know nothing of the alterations in the account which they signed, admit that Croke's monthly papers are

correct, and that they signed the accounts believing the Warehouse conicopoly who assured them that the only differences were a few transfers of cloth to different months. Thomas Dutt and Sharab Ray attest that this letter has been read to the merchants and admitted by them to be true.

No. 360. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 155–160 (5).]

Burton's answer is composed of excuses only, but its 'subtle composure' may perplex the matter. Vouchers in proof of the charges. On Sept. 18, Burton denied having made any alterations in the books, and disowned those which had been made. The cloth said to have been sorted to ordinary before Burton's arrival was only received on July 7 and could not possibly have been even 'cured' by the 22nd. Croke declares that the sorting book which Burton quotes was kept by several hands, and must have been altered as the other books have been. These alterations were never authorized by the Council. Does not understand what Burton's 'medium price' may be; there is but one price at which cloth should be charged, viz., that which has passed the Council. Croke's charges are confirmed by the merchants' accounts which show that Burton took from them cloth worth 5,397 Pags. but only paid in to their credit in the Company's cash 3,307 Pags., the difference of 2,090 Pags. being the amount overcharged.

No. 361. CONSULTATION. OCT. 18, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 267–278, 280–283 *and* 285–297 (28½).]

Read letters from the Vakil at Arcot [No. 357], from Madapollam of Sept. 25 [No. 358], and from Edward Croke at Fort St. David of Oct. 9 [No. 360]. Agreed to record the proceedings hitherto on Burton's case. On receiving the letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 20 [No. 330], Benyon reported that Croke had written to him on the subject on July 16; but that he refrained from taking public notice of it, because though Burton were innocent, the Board might be suspected in England of inadequate enquiries while, if he were guilty, he might suppress evidence. Hence the request for accounts in the letter to Fort St. David of Aug. 6 [No. 263] with the direction that they were to be signed by the Warehousekeeper (Croke) and the merchants. In answer, certain unessential accounts were received [See No. 279], and Croke at that time reported that, though Warehousekeeper and Accountant, he had not been directed to prepare them, and that he had only signed them to avoid an immediate

breach with Burton; the merchants told Croke they had signed because the Warehouse conicopoly assured them the accounts agreed with their own in all but the month in which various parcels of cloth were brought to account. The accounts current with the merchants were written out by Sloper, Burton's 'private secretary,' and omitted to show the price per corge for the period May 1 to Dec. 31, 1741. A further demand [See No. 283] only produced two discrepant accounts [See No. 296], one by Croke and the other by the merchants, on which the Madras Board on Sept. 8 [No. 300], sent a specimen of the sort of account they wanted and demanded an explanation of Croke's differences from the merchant's accounts. This produced Croke's formal accusation of Burton in Council on Sept. 18 [No. 325]. On this Burton declared that his account was kept the same as Hubbard's, and Hubbard's book along with a copy of Burton's account was furnished [No. 330]. Croke says that in Consultation on the 18th [No. 325] Burton denied having made any alterations; but Sloper admitted having made alterations, and Hubbard's account book sent up showed plainly that certain months had been rewritten. Presumably the alterations were made when Burton was resolved to deny having altered prices, though he has since admitted the fact. His demand for a committee of enquiry was probably intended to gain time in which to decide on his line of defence; and perhaps Hubbard's account book was sent to Madras to prevent Ensign Morgan being examined about the alterations the latter is alleged to have written out in it. Burton's statement that he kept his account in Hubbard's book is absolutely false, and the accounts he now submits were probably drawn out after the Madras letter of Sept. 8 [No. 300], and appear never to have been seen by the Fort St. David Council though mentioned in their letter of Sept. 20 [No. 330]. Moreover even though some cloth sorted to a higher muster than was expected, that was no reason for raising the prices beyond what the merchants demanded. The merchants' accounts which Croke has furnished specify the prices of cloth as delivered, and it is clear that Burton has overcharged the Company to his private profit 2,090 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) Fort St. David merchants' accounts from May 1 to Dec. 31, 1741; (2) ditto Jan. 1 to July 31, 1742; (3) Croke's letter of Sept. 25 [No. 359]; (4) account of Salem cloth 1738–39; (5) account of calicoes brought in at Fort St. David, May-July 1741; (6) ditto—Aug.-Dec. 1741; and (7) account of the investment given in by the Fort St. David merchants for 1741–42.

No. 362. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 160-161 (¾).]

Forward Croke's remarks [No. 363] on Burton's defence, along with the merchants' accounts. Burton refuses to sign this letter, and no Consultation is likely on account of his sickness.

No. 363. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE AT FORT ST. DAVID TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 161–164 (4).]

To the same effect as No. 360.

No. 364. CONSULTATION. OCT. 25, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 298–307 (10).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 14 [No. 362] and a petition from the merchants, etc., whose houses were pulled down on the approach of the Marathas. The Committee appointed to verify titles report that ground is currently sold at 13½ fns. to 9 fns. per foot. Agreed that compensation be made—for ground at the rates named by the Committee; for bricks at 1,500 a pagoda, the actual price when the houses were built; and for the houses 20 % on the value of the ground and bricks be allowed for terraced and 10 % for other houses. 6 stone pillars west and north of the Black Town to be set up 600 feet from the walls to prevent further encroachments. Accounts read. Account sale of Madeira; agreed to sell no more this year at outcry but to issue it at 50 Pags. the pipe. Payments received. Burton's illness probably assumed. Monson appointed Commissary and provisional Deputy Governor at Fort St. David with power to examine all persons, papers, etc., necessary to complete the enquiry into Burton's conduct.

Appended are:—(1) account sale of 66 pipes of Madeira averaging 45⅔ Pags. per pipe; (2) petition from the merchants, etc., whose houses were pulled down; (n.d.), stating that the ground had cost from 1½ to 2 Pags. per foot and the bricks 1,000 per pagoda, and praying for compensation; (3) account of the produce in the Madras mint of silver coins received from Bombay; and (4) statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1742.

No. 365. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 1, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 160 (½).]

Letters from the Havildar of Tiruvendipuram have arrived for Burton, Burton's dubash, the Bound-renter and himself, presumably

relating to the dispute between the Bound-renter and the Havildar. Desires the Board's leave to open the letter.

No. 366. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 4, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 161 (1).]

Has been for 2 years embarassed by the feebleness of Guruva Raz, the old Warehouse conicopoly, and by the laziness of his son, the younger Guruva Raz, who has now absconded. Desires leave to appoint two reliable conicopolies.

No. 367. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 20, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 160 (½).]

Regarding trivial errors in the cash account and their adjustment in the general books.

No. 368. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 28, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 169–189 (21).]

Read letter from Madras of Sept. 30 [No. 336]. The heads of castes summoned to attend on Oct. 30 to be acquainted with the orders on their disputes; a notification of the orders to be posted at the public gates. The orders regarding the payment of the garrison to be obeyed next month. Advances made. Croke reports that on Oct. 1 he desired Burton to hold a Consultation to consider the Havildar's letter [See No. 365]; but that Burton refused being unwell. Agreed that the letter be produced at the next Consultation. Read Croke's letter of Oct. 20 [No. 367]. Decision reserved till the accounts have been examined. Croke reports that Burton has not entered in his cash account the 2,366 Pags. paid for calicoes taken out for wrappers though the payment is mentioned in Consultation of Sept. 21 [No. 326]. Croke is to enter the amount in his accounts. Read Croke's letter of Oct. 4 [No. 366].

Appended are :—(1) notification, signed by William Holt, Secretary, and dated Oct. 28, 1742, of the orders regarding the caste disputes; (2) letter from Augustus Burton to the Council at Fort St. David, dated Oct. 5, 1742 [No. 348]; (3) letter from Edward Croke to Burton, etc., at Fort St. David, dated Oct. [illegible] 1742 [No. 363]; (4) copy of the account of the Company's investment sent to Madras on Aug. 13; and (5) copy of the account of the Company's investment as given in by the merchants.

No. 369. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 7, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 165 (½).]

Forwards accounts.

No. 370. CONSULTATION. OCT. 29, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 308–309 (2).]

Read letter from Madapollam of Oct. 7 [No. 369]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Monson's commission as Commissary, etc., signed. Agreed to send with him 5,000 Pags. Signed his instructions [No. 371.]

No. 371. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 119–122 (3½).]

As Burton has declined to meet the Council at Fort St. David since Sept. 18, William Monson appointed Commissary and Provisional Deputy Governor and empowered with the Council to send for all persons, papers and accounts which are necessary to examine Croke's charges. Send various material papers. Desire copy of the letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 2 [No. 296] which is not available. Burton is also accused of using the Company's wrappers for his private trade. As soon as Monson's commission is read, Burton is to hand over the government, etc. The merchants say that all Salem cloth must be accepted as it is sorted by the English gumastas. Care must be taken that it be duly sorted in future. If the *Carolina* sloop can be got out of the river, she may be sent to Jafnapatam calling at Negapatam for Mossel's recommendation to the Governor of Jafnapatam. Send 5,000 Pags. with Monson.

No. 372. LETTER TO AUGUSTUS BURTON AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 122–123 (1).]

Revoke his commission till the completion of their proceedings regarding Croke's charges, and direct him to deliver up the government, etc., to Monson.

No. 373. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 162–168 (7).]

Read letter (translation) from the Havildar of Tiruvendipuram to Edward Croke. Viswanātha Reddi reports that he was confined a whole day at Tirupāpuliyūr by the Havildar till Burton sent peons to release him. Read Croke's letter to the Board of Oct. 20, 1742 [No. 367]; the adjustment, etc., ordered. Accounts read, advances

made and payments received. The annual presents to be given to the servants of the Company's merchants. The death of Ensign Karr to be reported to Madras.

Appended are :—(1) letter, (n.d.), from Raghava Pantulu, Havildar of Tiruvendipuram, to Edward Croke, complaining that Viswanatha Reddi is detaining the rents due to the Sarkar for Devanampattanam and has turned out of the bounds some peons sent to him; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1742; (3) letter from Edward Croke to Burton, etc., dated Oct. 30, 1742, stating that Burton had forbidden the giving of presents to the merchants' servants, though the merchants were given presents on Jan. 1, and laying the matter before the Board for orders.

No. 374. LETTER FROM NAWAB MURSHID KULI KHAN BAHADUR RUSTAM JANG AT RAJAHMUNDRY TO RICHARD BENYON. RECD. OCT. 28, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, p.* 313 (¾).]

Has been desirous of visiting Madras, but now Bengal affairs call him thither as Subahdar. Will visit Vizagapatam on his way and desires permission to leave some money there for safe custody.

No. 375. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS DAL AND OTHERS AT TRANQUEBAR. OCT. 23/NOV. 3, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 165–168 (3).]

Are grateful for the letter to Calcutta regarding their silver, etc. Have heard from Roger Braddyll that their silver has not yet been sold on account of the troubles in Bengal. Request that the value of the silver may be paid them now, promising to refund any excess they may receive. The missionaries of Madras and Cuddalore will be very grateful if they also are allowed this concession.

Appended is a letter from Roger Braddyll at Calcutta to the Rev. Nicholas Dal and others at Tranquebar, dated Aug. 2, 1742, stating that their silver has not yet been sold and that when it is the Madras Council shall be informed.

No. 376. CONSULTATION. NOV. 1, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 310–312 *and* 314–317 (6½).]

Read letter from the Danish missionaries at Tranquebar of Oct. 23/Nov. 3 [No. 375]. Agreed upon a reply of Nov. 5 [No. 381]. Accounts read. Charles Savage Norris to be under the Storekeeper, and John Smith to go to Fort St. David. Appayya, a Brahman, entertained at 5 Pags. a month in the Secretary's office. Robert

Goodere allowed to come to Madras in Dec. for his health. Payments received and advances made. The kanungo duty to be paid. Read letter from Nawab Murshid Kuli Khan Bahadur Rustam Jang [No. 374]. Agreed upon instructions to John Stratton of Nov. 2 [No. 377]. Cloth from the northern settlements to be sent as early as possible after the Dec. new moon.

Appended are:—(1) No. 374; and (2) cash account for Oct., balance 73,141 Star, 2,900 Alambarai and 459 Madras Pags.

No. 377. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 123–125 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 4 [No. 309]. Murshid Kuli Khan Rustam Jang has desired Benyon to allow Stratton to take charge of valuables, etc. Such trusts are studiously to be avoided. Great men, however, may take a house in town to secure their effects under the Company's protection. This may be permitted at Vizagapatam to Rustam Jang, especially as he may become the Nawab of Bengal, and he must therefore be obliged in every way possible. The two false rupees sent from Vizagapatam are chiefly copper. Goodere is permitted to come to Madras in Dec. for his health. All cloth on hand to be sent to Madras in Dec.

No. 378. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 125 (⅔).]

Benyon has written to Murshid Kuli Khan as in No. 377.

No. 379. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. NOV. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 126 (½).]

Send wares and stores by the *Essex* brigantine. All cloth on hand to be sent after the new moon in Dec.

No. 380. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. NOV. 2, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 126 (⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 25 and Oct. 7. Hope the *Jenny's* leak was repaired. Orders regarding cloth as in No. 379.

No. 381. LETTER FROM RICHARD BENYON TO NICHOLAS DAL, ETC., MISSIONARIES AT TRANQUEBAR. NOV. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 127 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 23/Nov. 3 [No. 375]. As Braddyll has acknowledged the receipt of 2,828 ozs. of mission silver, will deliver the like quantity at Madras. Silver consigned to the missionaries at Madras and Cuddalore may be similarly dealt with.

No. 382. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 3, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 190–205 (15⅓).]

[Present—William Monson,—etc.]. Read letter from Madras of Oct. 29, [No. 371] revoking Burton's commission and appointing William Monson, Commissary and Provisional Deputy Governor. The cash is examined and found correct. Holt to inform Burton that anything he may have to say against Croke's charges will be heard on Nov. 5 ; Croke to produce his vouchers, etc. ; and the merchants to attend. The Gunner to watch for water enough on Cuddalore bar to permit the *Carolina's* being got out.

Appended are :—(1) account cloth brought in by the brokers in 1741 ; and (2) extract from the Madras Cons. of Oct. 18, 1742. [No. 361.]

No. 383. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 175–176 (2).]

The President, etc., seem not to have understood the ' wrapper ' transaction. Torn cloths are usually written off as wrappers. In Oct. Burton proposed to make the torn cloth into salempores and moorees by removing the torn portions, as the cloth was very good. Croke hinted to him that this might be done on the Company's account, but Burton never mentioned it in Consultation and presently gave orders for longcloth to be torn up and entered as new cloth 78 corge of salempores at 21 Pags. per corge making thereby 56 Pags. He also made 57¾ corge of moorees, which were however rejected by the sorters as not fine enough and were exported by Burton on his private account. When Croke enquired what was to be done in this matter Burton offered to send in cloth (which proved too poor) and then to pay for the wrappers in Alambarai pagodas (which was also not permissible) ; so he then in Croke's name requested permission to sell the ' wrappers, by which he meant the good cloth taken from the torn.'

No. 384. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 177–180 (4).]

Denied having altered the accounts, out of mere forgetfulness and astonishment at so heavy a charge as Croke brought against him. On Sept. 2, a general letter [No. 296] was written to Madras stating that cloth brought in in Aug., Oct. and Dec., 1741, was not brought to account till Dec. because the merchants had

not stated the prices. Denies that he ever transacted accounts with the merchants as Croke says. Croke's accounts differ from those of the merchants who refused to sign them. The merchants told Burton that the Conicopoly's account was the same as theirs. Delivers in the Conicopoly's cadjans.

No. 385. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.*, 13, *pp.* 205–214 (9⅔).]

Read letter from Burton of Nov. 5 [No. 384]. The merchants in defence of their having signed two different accounts state that Guruva Raz told them that the first account was correct and that they signed it as it showed the true balance. They identify the cadjans from which their own account was drawn. A copy to be sent to Madras together with Croke's report on the wrappers [No. 383]. The Board examined Croke's vouchers to prove the erasures in Burton's accounts. Burton's answer judged insufficient and evasive; resolved to state the difference of the accounts and to require explicit answers.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Augustus Burton to Monson etc., dated Nov. 5 [No. 384]; (2) letter fron Edward Croke to Monson, etc., dated Nov. 5 [No. 383]; (3) letter from William Holt to Augustus Burton, dated Nov. 5 [No. 386]; and (4) statement of the differences of accounts with queries annexed.

No. 386. LETTER FROM WILLIAM HOLT, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 181–183 (3).]

As Burton declines to appear before the Board and his letter is judged insufficient, he is required precisely to explain why in the account sent by Burton to Madras, the Company is charged 2,090 Pags. more than the merchants take credit for in their account.

No. 387. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 6, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 184-185 (1½).]

The account sent to Madras was duly signed by the Warehouse-keeper (Croke) and the merchants; and that part in which the differences occur was given him by the Conicopoly and acknowledged correct by the merchants. Has never defrauded the Company or knowingly allowed others to do so.

No. 388. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 6, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 215 (½).]

Read letter from Burton of Nov. 6 [No. 387]; the answer being still vague and evasive, resolved to send it to Madras. Andiyappa being at Cuddalore, Croke is ordered to examine his accounts. Appended is Burton's letter of Nov. 6 [No. 387].

No. 389. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE AT INGERAM. OCT. 23, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 168–169 (½).]

Has received stores by the *Essex*. Sends copies of books. Has 68 bales of longcloth and salempores on hand.

No. 390. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 169-172 (3).]

Monson held a Council this morning to consider what Burton might have further to say in his defence. He sent a bundle of cadjans and a letter; but the latter contained nothing new. Have resolved to prepare a statement of the differences between Burton's and Croke's accounts and to require an explicit answer. The merchants being asked why they signed two different accounts answered that they looked only at the balances due to them which were the same in each. Their cloth account agrees completely with Croke's. Suppose the cadjans to be put in as the originals of the false account sent to Madras on Sept. 2. [See No. 296]. Will send further papers, etc., tomorrow. On arrival Monson examined the cash and found it correct. The Gunner has been ordered to watch the Cuddalore bar so as to get the *Carolina* sloop out at the first opportunity. The heads of castes have been informed of the orders from Madras about their ceremonies, etc. and seem satisfied. Will examine the brown cloth in the warehouse. Paddy delivered to the military, etc., shall be paid for in pagodas.

No. 391. CONSULTATION. NOV. 8, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 318-320 (2½).]

Read letters from Ingeram of Oct. 23 [No. 389] and from Fort St. David of Nov. 5 [No. 390]. Payments received. On Solomon's request Prince permitted to come up to Madras on business in Dec. Frederick Christian, bred a book-binder, entertained at 4 Pags. a month to rebind the books in the offices as some are ready to fall to pieces. Agreed on letter to Bombay of Nov. 8 [No. 392]. Accounts of stores, etc., supplied to the *Sumatra* and the *Mary* sloop.

Appended is the account sale of 15 pieces of perpetuanoes received by the *Tygris*, realising 99½ Pags.

No. 392. LETTER TO STEPHEN LAW, ETC., AT BOMBAY. NOV. 8, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 127–131 (4).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 5 [No. 293] and 17. Shipping news. The *Shaftesbury* making the Coast north of Pulicat having lost 25 men and 60 more being very ill, men were sent to bring her to Madras. She sailed for the Bay on Oct. 12. Goods, etc., for Gombroon sent at 7 % (=2,317 Pags.) instead of the usual rate of 12 Arcot Rs. per Bengal maund (=3,426 Pags.). The *Tygris'* iron will be sent to Bombay if not sold in Bengal. Francis Fowke sailed for Bombay on the *Mercury*. To forbid English ships to buy pepper on the Malabar coast will do no good, so long as the French and Portuguese can buy pepper. Besides the English buy pepper mostly from the Dutch at Cochin. On Oct. 2, Safdar Ali Khan was murdered at Vellore by his brother-in-law and uncle's son Murtaza Ali Khan. This destroys the recent good prospect. The Nawab had made an agreement with the Marathas which would probably have prevented future invasions; moreover, he had agreed with Nizam-ul-mulk on the price of his confirmation (said to be 70 lakhs [Rs.?]; and the English would have reaped the benefit of their civilities to the Nawab and his family. The Nawab's son (5 years old) is in Madras with his mother and grandmother. The family expect 'this young spark' to be made Nawab. Murtaza Ali Khan has gone to Arcot, and his orders seem to be obeyed; but Nizam-ul-mulk's intentions are not known. Cannot foresee what turn affairs will take. P.S.—The *Benjamin's* cotton which was sent to the Bay consisted of 273 bales weighing gross 1,021 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

No. 393. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO SAMUEL PRICE, SECRETARY AT BOMBAY. NOV. 9, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 131 (¼).]

As the peons arrived within 24 hours of their limited time, they have been paid 20 Rs.

No. 394. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 10, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 217–222 (6).]

Read letter from Croke of Nov. 8, stating that Burton overcharged the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth brought in by Andiyappa in Oct. and Dec. [1741?] by 68 Pags.

Appended are :—(1) letter from Croke as above ; and (2) copies of Andiyappa's accounts.

No. 395. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 6, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 173–174 (2).]

Forward papers connected with Burton's case. Burton now rests his defence wholly on Guruva Razu's cadjan accounts ; unfortunately this man absconded at the beginning of the inquiry and the question is whether he should be believed rather than the merchants who have been examined in Council. Cloth torn at the washers has generally been written off as ' wrappers ' at 37 Pags. a corge, and afterwards examined and as much as possible torn into salempores, being transferred to that head at the usual price. Burton found among the wrappers 78 corge of salempores, which he resold to the Company as new salempores at 21 Pags. per corge. He also tore some into moorees, but the profit on the latter is unknown.

No. 396. CONSULTATION. NOV. 11, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *p.* 321 (1).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 6 [No. 395]. Payments received. 11,000 Pags. advanced as compensation for the destroyed, etc., houses.

No. 397. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 11, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 132–133 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 5 and 6 [Nos. 390 & 395]. Burton says that he kept accounts of cloth exactly as Hubbard did ; this is to be inquired into. Further why should he enter the prices of cloth in Sept. at 46½, 49, 49¾, 50 and 51 Pags. the corge, when he wrote to Madras on Sept. 19 that the price was 42½ Pags. per corge ? Why do his accounts differ from the merchants' accounts, when the latter agree with the letters to Madras ? Did he not promise the merchants in Jan. to pay 5,397 Pags. into cash on their account for sundries bought by him of them and did he not pay in only 3,307 Pags. ? Why should he make a profit of Pags. 56-14-7 by tearing off the best half of the torn longcloth and putting it into the godown again as salempores ? He must make good all profits thus made.

No. 398. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 13, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 223–224 (1¼)].

Monson reports Andiyappa's complaint that Tirukkamu Pillai, his conicopoly, had applied to Burton for an advance of 3,000 Pags., given him a receipt, but had never received the money. Resolved to question Andiyappa, etc., and to send their statements with Burton's to Madras.

No. 399. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 13 (EVENING) 1742. [*F.S.D., Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 224–229 (5¾).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 11 [No. 397]. Agreed to send more precise queries to Burton for his answers thereto.

Appended are:—(1) the declarations of Tirukkamu Pillai and Andiyappa; (2) Burton's note given to Andiyappa; and (3) letter from William Holt to Augustus Burton, dated Nov. 14 [No. 400].

No. 400. LETTER FROM WILLIAM HOLT, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 199–200 (1½).]

Monson, etc., consider Burton's answer too general. Desire particular answers to the following:—Why was cloth charged at 46-51 Pags. when Burton was writing to Madras that it cost but 42½? Did Burton buy goods of the merchants worth 5,397 Pags. and credit them in their account with only 3,307 Pags.? How was the remainder paid? Why was Andiyappa's cloth charged at 47 instead of 44 Pags., and was not the difference adjusted in private trade? What was done with the torn cloth made into moorees? [Vide No. 408 for answers.]

No. 401. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 10, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 185–192 (7½).]

On Andiyappa's account there is an overcharge of 173 Pags. of which 105 Pags. is perhaps a mere error, Andiyappa being credited with 54 pieces of cloth more than he brought in and 68 Pags. due to an overcharge of prices. The Council have not written again to Burton as he would only refer to the Conicopoly's account. The brown Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth proves extremely bad, only 246 out of 1,732 pieces being fit to take in though it is charged at 45 Pags. The merchants do not now even talk of taking it to the French. The Udaiyarpalaiyam cloth turns out but little better.

The merchants promise better cloth in future, but cannot rely too much in that. Ensign Karr died Oct. 28. Recommend Serjeant Andrew Petty. Enclose accounts, etc. Cash balance on Oct. 31 was 9,907 Pags. Have 212 bales ready and 144 at the washers', etc.

Appended are :—(1) Edward Croke's report, Nov. 8, 1742, on Andiyappa's account; and (2) Andiyappa's account current for 1741–42.

No. 402. CONSULTATION. NOV. 15, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 322–328 (6).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 10 [No. 401]. Serjeant Andrew Petty appointed Ensign. The screws in the Warehouse to be repaired. A few days ago a fire broke out in the Beating godown and some cloth was damaged; the remnants to be sold and the net loss written off. Advances made. Carriages to be made for the large guns received this year, and defective carriages to be repaired. Read petition from Elizabeth Simpson. Agreed on letter to Vizagapatam of Nov. 15 [No. 403].

Appended is Elizabeth Simpson's petition, dated Nov. 15, 1742, stating that she is widow and executrix to Charles Simpson, formerly Chief of Vizagapatam, that she and her co-executors desired the assistance of John Stratton and others at Vizagapatam to collect the estate, but that Stratton put peons on Mallim Pullah (her late husband's servant) when the latter was collecting debts, that Pullah fled to Madras but was sent back with letters to Stratton and was at once imprisoned first in the choultry whence he contrived to send the petitioner news, and then in a little prison within the Fort; and praying the intervention of the Board on behalf of herself and [her step son] Charles Simpson, now in England.

No. 403. LETTER TO JOHN STRATTON, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 134–135 (1½).]

Reprimand for not answering letters of Feb. 10 [No. 60] or Aug. 17 [No. 271]. No inhabitant should be imprisoned except with the consent of the Council; but Mallim Pullah, servant of Simpson deceased, is said by Simpson's widow to be imprisoned. He must be released immediately. 'Bail is always admitted except in capital cases.' If the Chief shall confine any one, he must report it at a Consultation to be held within three days, with his reasons for confinement, whether in the choultry, the cockhouse or a private house. If the majority do not approve the man must be discharged.

No. 404. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 135 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent tomorrow.

No. 405. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 14, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 193–197 (5).]

Have sent the necessary questions to Burton for his answer. Have received a large amount of fanams by the sale of old paddy in the bazaar, but as it was decaying it was thought best to sell at a profit. When Andiyappa was at Porto Novo his Conicopoly asked Burton for an advance of 3,000 Pags.; Andiyappa accuses Burton of taking a receipt for the amount but not advancing the money. Observe that Andiyappa is a person of credit and of much importance in the investment. If he is discontented, he may transfer his services to the French.

Appended are:—(1) declaration by Tirukkamu Pillai, Conicopoly, as follows:—that he went to the Garden House on Sept. 12 to take an advance of 3,000 Pags., that Burton desired him to sign the receipt saying he would pay the money next day at the Fort, that he was put off with excuses for 11 days, and that then Burton gave him a note which Guruva Razu told him certified that Burton had not given him the money; (2) declaration of Andiyappa as follows:—that after returning to Fort St. David, Burton sent for him and desired a loan of the 3,000 Pags. for which the Conicopoly had given a receipt, delivering a note giving as security Burton's concern in the *Fanny* to the eastward, and that he returned and sent his Conicopoly to Burton with orders to get the money or see the receipt cancelled; (3) declaration of Tirukkamu Pillai, that he remained at or near the garden for 8 days but could get neither money nor receipt; (4) declaration of Andiyappa, that he wrote complaining to Coja Petrus, who replied that Monson would soon be at Fort St. David and do him justice; and (5) note of Burton given to Andiyappa, dated Sept. 28, 1742, as above.

No. 406. CONSULTATION. NOV. 18, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.*, 72, *pp.* 328–329 (2).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 14 [No. 405]. Payments received. 40 candies of saltpetre to be issued for making gun powder. Signed Petty's commission as Ensign. Signed letter to

Fort St. David to go with 10,000 Pags. The Arrack farm granted for 5 years to Ahmad Khan Taran and Haji Khan Taran. Agreed that the Company should secure Andiyappa from loss in the affair of the 3,000 Pags. Future payments to be made and receipts signed before the Board. Advances made.

No. 407. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 18, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 136 (½).]

Send 20,000 Pags. by 30 peons.

No. 408. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 17, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 200–207 (6⅔).]

Replies to their queries [See No. 400] as follows:—the President and Council rejected the merchants' offer to pay off their balances in cloth at 42½ Pags. Burton was wrong in stating that his account was kept in the same way as Hubbard's, for Burton received no particular prices of the cloth, and supposed those which were given him by the Warehouse Conicopoly to be the prices given in by the merchants. The merchants were credited with 3,307 Pags. on account of turned out cloth which Burton ordered to be dyed and sold. His purchases from the merchants never amounted to 5,397 Pags. and his business with them was transacted solely by the Conicopoly. Knows nothing of any overcharge on Andiyappa's cloth, and furnishes cadjans given him by Andiyappa's Conicopoly together with the cadjans from which Andiyappa's account was made up by the Conicopoly. Denies that any difference in Andiyappa's account was ever adjusted in his private trade. Regarding the wrappers, there was more damaged longcloth in the Warehouse than was needed for wrappers; Burton therefore ordered it to be torn into salempores and moorees, and delivered to the merchants, they paying for it as had been done before. Croke however deferred adjusting this matter, and never raised the question of loss to the Company till he could bring it in as a charge against Burton. Some of the cloth was torn into moorees, with the intention of sending it home; but Burton rejected it for that purpose as not good enough, and afterwards took it on his private account, offering cloth equally good in exchange, but Croke refused it. Some was sent to Madras, where it sold at 42 Pags. and the rest was sent to Bengal.

Appended is a translation of cadjan accounts given to the Warehouse Conicopoly by Andiyappa's Conicopoly, running from Oct. 13 to Dec. 30 [1741].

No. 409. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 18, 1741. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 230–238 (9).]

Read Burton's letter of Nov. 17 [No. 408]. As he evades answering some points and absolutely denies others, the merchants are again examined. They declare that they have always informed him of the prices of cloth before the middle of the month after it was brought in, although he says he never knew the prices until the annual account was shown him; that Burton owed them 5,397 Pags. on the balance of their account and that he had promised to pay that sum into their credit. Croke proposes to draw up a reply to Burton's statements about Andiyappa's account. Resolved to question Burton further, especially regarding Guruva Razu on whom Burton tries to throw all the blame.

Appended are :—(1) letter from Burton of Nov. 17 [No. 408]; and (2) the merchants' account with Burton.

No. 410. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 20, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 213–218 (6).]

In regard to the wrappers Burton hints that Croke had sold or contracted to sell the torn longcloth. When Burton was afraid he was going to be exposed, he sent one of the merchants to Croke with an offer of payment. But Croke suspected the design; and indeed had written to Benyon some months before about Burton's taking the good cloth. Soon after Croke heard from Benyon that his previous advice would acquit him of any complicity, and accordingly he demanded payment when he made his charges against Burton. Burton says that Croke ought to have claimed the 56 Pags. which the Company lost by this affair; but having once reported it, Croke had no more concern in that matter. In a letter to Croke, Burton urged the latter to accept payment for the wrappers at 37 Alambarai Pags. which would have involved a loss to the Company of 580 Pags. Burton neither deposited the money due for the wrappers nor offered it to Croke. The moorees were sorted by Croke and Graham in Burton's presence; they were rejected by the sorters, not by Burton.

Appended is a letter from Augustus Burton to Edward Croke, dated Fort St. David, May 21, 1742, stating that he owes Alambarai not Star pagodas for the longcloth taken out of the Warehouse and giving a receipt for it.

No. 411. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 20, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 239–251 (13).]

Agreed on Holt's letter to Burton of Nov. 20 [No. 412]. Read Croke's letter of Nov. 20 [No. 410]. Read the translation of a cadjan written by Tirukkamu Pillai who is questioned and states that Burton's Conicopoly dictated it to him one day at the garden.

Appended are :—(1) William Holt's letter of Nov. 20, to Augustus Burton [No. 412] ; (2) letter from Edward Croke to William Monson etc., at Fort St. David of Nov. 20, 1742 [No. 410] ; (3) letter from Augustus Burton to Edward Croke at Fort St. David of May 21, 1742. [See No. 410] ; and (4) translation of the cadjan account mentioned above.

No. 412. LETTER FROM WILLIAM HOLT, SECRETARY, TO AUGUSTUS BURTON, AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 20, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 207–212 (5¾).]

Burton accuses himself of extreme negligence. However the merchants declare that he was always informed of the price of cloth by the middle of the month after that in which it was sorted save in the case of Salem cloth. But in any case why did he not enquire into the matter as soon as he heard the prices were so different from those which had been reported to Madras ? Further, an account current delivered by the merchants shows a balance against Burton of 5,397 Alambarai Pags. yet Burton paid into their credit only 3,307 Pags. and the difference is precisely the amount overcharged. Demand how this was settled. Do not understand how the wrappers were treated. Only the useless cloth, not the salempores, ought to have been sold. And if Burton has been so wronged by Guruva Razu, the Conicoply, he should have had the cadjans examined at once by the Board and Guruva Razu himself arrested, instead of holding long private conferences with him from the day when Croke produced his charges to the time of Guruva Razu's flight.

Appended is a copy of the merchants' account with Burton from Oct. to Dec. 1741.

No. 413. LETTER FROM AUGUSTUS BURTON TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 22, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 219 (½).]

Has nothing more to say than what is set forth in his former letters [Nos. 384, 387 & 408.]

No. 414. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 23, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 252–253 (¼).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 19. Allen and Holt appointed to wait upon Burton regarding the assignment to Andiyappa. Read Burton's letter of Nov. 22 [No. 413]. Agreed to send all papers, etc., to Madras.

Appended is Augustus Burton's letter as above.

No. 415. LETTER FROM ROBERT ALLEN AND WILLIAM HOLT TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. [NOV. 23, 1742.] [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *pp.* 219–221 (2½).]

Have waited on Burton who admitted Andiyappa's story to be true so far as the Conicopoly was concerned, but declared that Andiyappa had consented to lend him the amount; this the latter denied. Burton confessed he could not immediately pay the 3,000 Pags. but has signed an assignment of his concern in the *Fanny* and has instructed Savage (his attorney at Madras) to insure it for 4,000 Pags.

Prefixed to this letter is the deed of assignment, dated Nov. 23, 1742.

No. 416. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 23 (EVENING), 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 253–256 (4).]

Read letter from Allen and Holt of Nov. 23 and Burton's assignment.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Robert Allen and William Holt to William Monson, etc., at Fort St. David, dated Nov. 23, 1742, stating that they waited on Burton together with Andiyappa, that he readily agreed to insuring his venture on the *Fanny* for Andiyappa's greater security, that he produced private accounts to show the amount of his venture, 5,490 Pags., and that he agreed to sign a more formal assignment of his venture to Andiyappa; and (2) assignment bond, dated Nov. 23, 1742, signed by Augustus Burton.

No. 417. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 23, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 198 (1)].

Burton's reply [No. 408] to the queries [No. 400] is so unsatisfactory that further interrogatories at Fort St. David are needless. Send copies of papers with Croke's remarks [No. 410], etc. Cadjans put in by Burton in the writing of Andiyappa's Conicopoly were written simply at the dictation of Burton's dubash. Allen and Holt waited on Burton regarding Andiyappa's affair. Enclose their report and Burton's assignment [No. 415]. Have received 10,000 Pags. Request the like amount next week.

No. 418. CONSULTATION. NOV. 29, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 330–335 (6).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 23 [No. 417]. Agreed to send thither 10,000 Pags. Accounts read. Agreed that Burton's answers are evasive, that he has been extremely negligent, if no worse, and that he be suspended. Agreed also that Burton be sued in the Mayor's Court for the Company's losses by him and that the Company's Solicitor draw up a bill of complaint and move the Court to issue a summons returnable immediately and to grant a warrant of attachment so that Burton may not escape to Pondichery or elsewhere. Agreed to sue him only for the difference on the Fort St. David merchants' accounts as the other claims are small and may be settled later. Thomas Eyre sworn in as Justice of the Peace. John Savage appointed youngest of Council. George Pigot to be Sub-secretary, Clerk of the Peace, Coroner, Company's Solicitor and Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Payments received and accounts read.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1742.

No. 419. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *pp.* 136–138 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Nov. 10 and 14 [Nos. 401 & 405]. 2 Councillors with Andiyappa to be sent to hear Burton's version of the 'trick put upon Andiappa, after his gumastah had signed the receipt for 3,000 Pags.' The money must be paid or such security as an insurance on [Burton's] share in the sloop must be obtained. In future when payments are made to the merchants, the money must be delivered and the receipts signed before the

Board. Welcome Monson's account of the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth. Send an Ensign's commission for Serjeant Andrew Petty.

No. 420. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 29, 1742. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25, *p.* 381 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent tomorrow.

No. 421. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 30, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 257–262 (5).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Monson is allowed 132 Pags. for his travelling expenses. Francis Purye and Richard Knight, time-expired soldiers, granted the usual bounty for re-enlistment. No Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth having been brought in for two months, and the last lot having been too bad to accept, the merchants are questioned and state that cotton is very dear (40 Pags. a candy) and that all the looms in the country are set with the same sort of cloth. The Board observe that the merchants should not have set the weavers to work on so poor a fabric, and the merchants promise amendment.

Appended are :—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1742 ; and (2) petitions, (n.d.), from Francis Purye and Richard Knight requesting re-enlistment.

No. 422. CONSULTATION. DEC. 1, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 336–339 (4).]

Accounts read, payments received and advances made. Monson to continue Deputy Governor at Fort St. David till the Company's orders are received ; Eyre to be Paymaster; Harris, Land Customer ; Johnson, Storekeeper ; and Savage, Rental General and Scavenger.

Appended is the Company's cash account for Nov. 1742, balance 46,721 Star, 2,900 Alambarai and 560 Madras Pags.

No. 423. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 7, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *p.* 263 (1).]

Read letter from Madras of Dec. 4. Graham to serve the warrant of arrest on Burton this evening. Advances made.

No. 424. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 4, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, pp.* 222-224 (1¾).]

Cannot hope to increase the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam investment for the Jan. ships. Nalla Tambi, etc., say that they can do little if what was brought in last was not good enough. As cotton is 40 Pags. a candy the price of cloth is higher; but the last lot of cloth was bad and dear out of all proportion. Have charged the merchants to see that there is an improvement. Trust that the refusal of bad cloth will improve the quality next year. Have 237 bales ready and 164 at the washers', etc.

No. 425. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 10, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 224 (½).]

The warrant of arrest has been served by Graham on Burton, who will set out this day attended by 30 peons. Have received the 10,000 Pags. from Madras.

No. 426. CONSULTATION. DEC. 13, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 72, *pp.* 340–346 (7).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Dec. 4 and 10. [Nos. 424 & 425.] Signed cowle for the Arrack farm and Wine license Payments received. Cleaning and levelling the Black Town streets cost altogether 221 Pags. Issue of stores for the gunroom ordered. Sundries to be supplied the Export warehouse. The copper furnace brought from Madagascar in 1739 to be sold. Agreed to allow Burton to live in his own house and have the liberty of the White Town. Krishnaji Pant is exempted from paying quit-rent and Scavenger's duty on his 5 houses in the Black Town and the Pettah, as his services with the country powers may be considerable. Read petition from painters, who being called in, request an allowance of 20 Pags. a corge on the paintings damaged in consequence of being hastily brought in when the Marathas plundered Porto Novo and attacked Sadras; agreed to allow them 10 Pags. a corge on baftas and sannœs and 6 Pags. on chintz and moorees, in all 170 Pags. Morse pays in 1,000 Pags. belonging to Joseph Goddard as no one has administered to the estate.

Appended are:—(1) list of Krishnaji Pant's houses; (2) list of furniture needed in the Export warehouse; (3) indent for stores for the gunroom; (4) account sale of stores, etc., belonging to the

burnt sloop *Dolphin*; and (5) petition of the painters of Madras and Triplicane, (n.d.), stating that they number 200 families and about 2,000 labourers, that the chintz was hurriedly called in when some was soaking, some waxed, and some half-painted, and that in consequence some was spoiled and refused by the Warehouse-keeper, and praying for an allowance.

No. 427. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 27, p.* 225 (1).]

Forward accounts, etc. Balance on Nov. 30 was 18,665 Pags. Smith arrived on the 10th.

No. 428. CONSULTATION. DEC. 20, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 347-348 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 15 [No. 427]. Monthly accounts of cloth brought in at Fort St. David to be filed in the Accountant's office. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Henry Powney and William Johnson take the oaths as Mayor and Sheriff, respectively.

No. 429. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. DEC. 6, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 27, *p.* 225 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 2. The bales on the *Fanny* proved undamaged; she shall be despatched as soon as possible. Proposes to pull down the factory at Masulipatam as it is decayed and dangerous, and the timber, etc., will serve to repair the godowns. Proposes to bring the chay goods up to Madapollam instead of making a ship call at Masulipatam on her way to Madras. Forwards accounts.

No. 430. CONSULTATION. DEC. 23, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 349-351 (3).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Dec. 6 [No. 429] and from Vizagapatam of Nov. 30 and Dec. 9. John Crompton to be Lieutenant at Fort St. David. Accounts read and payments received. Agreed that Benyon present a *nazar* of 41 gold mohurs when Muhammad Sayyid Khan, the Young Nawab, takes his seat on the musnad, this morning.

No. 431. CONSULTATION. DEC. 27, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 352-354 (3).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of [ ]. Signed Crompton's commission. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Burton's concern on the *Fanny* brigantine being made over to the Company, Andrew Munro, the Captain, and Dr. Munro, part owners, agree to pay no dividend without the Board's knowledge. Agreed to pay Krishnaji Pant 20,000 Arcot Rs. for purposes to be reported to England in a separate letter. 2,900 Alambarai Pags. to be coined into Madras pagodas.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1742.

No. 432. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 31, 1742. [*F.S.D. Cons., Vol.* 13, *pp.* 264-270 (5).]

Read letter from Madras of Dec. 28. The merchants are called in and desired to pay in their balances. They declare that they cannot promise any good cloth before the end of Jan. and that they will pay in 5,000 Pags. shortly, the rest being in the weavers' hands, and they can obtain nothing but cloth. Read letter from Croke of Dec. 31 ; agreed that he bring to account 2366 Pags. paid for cloth taken by Burton, and sell the remaining remnants. Furniture to be supplied to the hospital. Accounts read and advances made.

Appended are :—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1742 ; (2) letter from Croke, dated Dec. 31, 1742, regarding Burton's torn cloth and proposing to sell what is left as cloth is at present dear ; (3) letter from William Belsches, dated Dec. 27, 1742, stating that a servant had left a lighted lamp on the counter at the Hospital and that a rat had carried the burning wick into a drawer which had been set on fire, and desiring that the damaged furniture may be replaced.

No. 433. LIST OF REVENUES FOR 1742. DEC. 31, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 72, pp.* 356-357 (2).]

FIXED REVENUES.—Betel and Tobacco farm, 10,000 Pags. ; Arrack and Wine license, 4,020 Pags. ; Town brokerage, 700 Pags. ; Measuring farm, 1,000 Pags.; Fishing farm, 50 Pags. ; Egmore, etc, villages, 1,450 Pags.; Tiruvottiyūr, etc. villages, 1,230 Pags. ; Paddy fields and salt pans, 710 Pags. ; Ruby brokerage, 500 Pags. ; Butica rent and Shroff duty, 410 Pags. ; Gardens, 326 ; Total, 20,396 Pags. VARIABLE REVENUES (for Jan. to Dec. 1742) :—

Mint customs, 3,869 Pags.; Sea customs, 36,049 Pags.; Land customs, 6,256 Pags.; Quit-rent, etc., 2,280; Total, 48,454. GRAND TOTAL—68,850.

No. 434. LIST OF PERSONS IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE ON THE COAST OF COROMANDEL. DEC. 31, 1742. [*Madras Public Proceedings, Range* 240, *Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans.*).]

List of persons in the Company's service at Madras, Fort St. David, Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam.

No. 435. LIST OF EUROPEAN RESIDENTS OF MADRAS. DEC. 31. 1742. [*Madras Public Proceedings, Range* 240, *Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans.*)].

List of European inhabitants, sea-faring men, including supra-cargoes and captains, and women—married, unmarried, and widows.

THE CALENDAR OF THE MADRAS RECORDS FOR 1743.

No. 1. DIARY OF MADRAS SHIPPING, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73.]

JAN. 1. s. the *Talbot* brigantine for Fort St. David. 2. a. the *Vizagapatam* from Vizagapatam. 3. a. the *Nancy* and the *Charming Molly* sloops from Bengal, and the *Jenny* brigantine from Madapollam. 6. a. the *Wilmington* from Bengal. 11. a. the *Walpole* from Bengal. 12. a. the *Essex* brigantine from Ingeram. 18. a. the *Experience* sloop from Madapollam. 19. s. the *Vizagapatam* for Vizagapatam and the *Wilmington* for Fort St. David. 25. s. the *Fort St. George* brigantine for Malabar. 27. [s.] the *Charming Molly* for Bengal. FEB. 1. a. the *Talbot* brigantine from Fort St. David. 2. s. the *Essex* brigantine for Ingeram. 3. s. the *Walpole* for England; a. the *Ventura* brigantine from Pondichery. 6. s. the *Exeter* for Pegu. 7. s. the *Ventura* brigantine for Kalingapatam, the *Concession* for Pegu, and the *Talbot* for Vizagapatam. 8. s. the *Husain Sahib*, 'Phar,' for Madapollam. 17. a. the *Galatea* from Bengal. 20. a. the *William and Sarah* from Vizagapatam. MARCH 3. s. the *William and Sarah* for Vizagapatam. 6. a. the *Sta. Catherina* from Macao. 11. s. the *Nancy* sloop for Bengal. 13. a. the *Naganath* from Mergui. 17. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Sumatra and Bengal. 20. a. the *Fattah Chund* from Vizagapatam. 24. a. the *Bombay* and the *Porto Bello* sloops. 30. a. the *St. Anna* and the *Piedade* from Macao. APR. 4. a. the *St. John* sloop from Pegu, the *Naganath* from Tenasserim, and the *Vizagapatam* from Vizagapatam. 5. s. the *Galatea* and the *Bombay* sloop for Bengal. 8. a. the *Muhammad Bakhsh* from Tenasserim, and the *Kent* from Quedda. 10. a. the *Fattah Rahmani* from Manilla, and the *St. Carlos* from Pondichery. 11. a. the *Falmouth* sloop from Anjengo. 16. s. the *Fattah Rahmani* for Bengal and the *Porto Bello* for Ingeram and Bengal. 17. s. the *Falmouth* sloop for Bengal. 22. s. the *Kent* for Bengal. 25. s. the *Sta. Catherina* for Macao. 26. s. the *Princess Augusta* for Bengal. 29. a. the *Haidari* from Tenasserim, and the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop from Malabar. 30. a. the *William and Sarah* from Vizagapatam. MAY 1. a. the *Grandison* from Cochin. 2 [a.] the *Talbot* brigantine from Fort St.

David. 3. a. the *Mercury* from Surat. 5. a. the *Fort St. George* brigantine from Anjengo, and the *Enterprize* ketch from the Malabar Coast. 8. a. the *Triton* brigantine from Achin, and the *Princess Elizabeth* from Surat and Bombay. 9. s. the *Talbot* brigantine for Vizagapatam; a. the *Prince Edward* and the *Tryal* sloop from Bombay. 11. a. the *St. Joseph* from Pondichery; s. the *Enterprize* ketch and the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop for Bengal. 12. s. the *St. Carlos* for Manilla, and the *St. Joseph* brigantine for Bengal. 13. s. the *Grandison* for Bengal. 14. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. 16. s. the *St. John* sloop for Pegu. 18. a. the *Calcutta* grab from Colombo; s. the *Prince Edward,* the *Tryal* sloop, and the *Triton* brigantine for Bengal. 19. a. the *Prince of Wales* from Surat. 22. a. the *Ceres* from China and Surat, and the *Benyon* from Surat. 24. s. the *William and Sarah* for Vizagapatam. 25. a. the *Pulteney* from Surat, and the *Salisbury* from Tellicherry. 27. a. the *Fakhr Ali Morahcab* from Surat. 29. a. the *Exeter* from Pegu. JUNE 1. a. the *Lancaster* from Bombay; s. the *St. Anna* for Macao. 5. a. the *La Fleury* from Pondichery. 11. a. the *Mary* from Fort St. David. 13. a. the *Duke* from England. 14. s. the *Princess Elizabeth* and the *Prince of Wales* for Bengal. 18. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat; s. the *Ceres* for China. 20. a. the *Princess Amelia* from England. 22. s. the *Piedade* for Macao. 25. s. the *La Fleury* for Pondichery. JULY 1. s. the *Pulteney* for Bengal. 5. s. the *Faiz-i-Salam* and the *Lancaster* for Bengal. 6. s. the *Fort St. George* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 14. s. the *Exeter* for Bengal and the *Duke* for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 17. s. the *Princess Amelia* for Bengal. 19. s. the *Morton* for Madapollam. 21. s. the *Haidari* for Bengal. 23. s. the *Fattah Chund* for Porto Novo and Malacca. 26. a. the *Jedda Merchant* from Jedda. 30. s. the *Narasinga* phar for Fort St. David. AUG. 12. s. the *Vizagapatam* for Vizagapatam and Bengal. 13. s. the *Jedda Merchant* for Bengal. 22. a. the *Heathcote* from England. 27. a. the *Fanny* from Basra. 29. a. the *Exeter* from England and Madeira. SEPT. 2. a. the *Jenny* from Basra, and the *Tryal* sloop from Bengal. 3. a. the *Mermaid* from Fort St. David. 6. a. the *Vernon* from Mocha and Bombay, the *Betsy* schooner from Bombay, and the *Augusta* from the Persian gulf; s. the *Naganath* for Mergui, and the *Fanny* for Bengal. 14. s. the *Exeter* for Bengal. 16. s. the *Jenny* for Bengal. 17. a. the *Brilliant* from Bombay. 20. s. the *Faiz-i-Bakhsh* for Tenasserim. 27. s. the *Salisbury* for England. 29. a. the *Galatea* from Bengal. 30. s. the *Augusta* for Fort St. David, Malabar Coast and Mocha. OCT. 1. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal, and the *Morton* from Madapollam. 8. s. the *Morton* for Madapollam, and the *Betsy* schooner for Fort St. David.

9. a. the *Essex* brigantine from Ingeram and Vizagapatam. 12. s. the *Galatea* for Achin. 14. s. the *Princess Augusta* for Bengal. 15. s. the *Essex* brigantine for Vizagapatam. 16. s. the *Brilliant* for Sumatra. DEC. 20. a. the *Cornwall* from Bengal. 21. a. the *Duke* from Bengal. 22. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal, and the *Charming Molly* sloop from Quedda 23. s. the *Cornwall* for Fort St. David. 25. a. the *Jenny* from Bengal. 28. a. the *Morton* from Madapollam. 30. a. the *Montfort* from Bengal.

No. 2. DIARY OF FORT ST. DAVID SHIPPING, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O trans.*)]

JAN. 2. a. the *Talbot* brigantine from Vizagapatam. 9. a. the *Nancy* sloop from Madras. 12. s. the *Nancy* sloop for Negapatam. a. the *Wilmington* from Madras. 28. s. the *Talbot* brigantine for Madras. 31. s. the *Wilmington* for England. FEB. 15. a. the *Ida* from Bengal. 17. a. a ship [name omitted] from Quedda. 26. s. the *Nancy* for Madras. MARCH [5.] p. the *Rose* from Yanam for Pondichery. 10. p. the *Roynancy* sloop from Madras for Negapatam. 21. a. the *Vizagapatam* from Vizagapatam. 23. p. the *Vernon* sloop for Madras. 26. p. the *Diligent* and *La Societe* sloop from Manilla for Pondichery. APR. 4. s. the *Vizagapatam* for Madras. a. the *Talbot* brigantine from Madras. 6. p. the *Charles* from China for Pondichery. 9. a. the *Falmouth* sloop from Bombay. 10. s. the *Falmouth* sloop for Madras. 26. p. the *Mary Gertrude* from Pondichery for Karikal. 28. a. the *Noorwolsbergen* from Batavia. 29. s. the *Talbot* brigantine for Madras. 30. a. the *Exeter* from Pegu. MAY 2. a. the *Triton* brigantine from Achin, and the *Princess Elizabeth* from Surat. 3. a. the *Enterprize* brigantine from Malabar. 4. s. the *Enterprize* brigantine for Madras. 5. a. the *Prince Edward* from Surat, and the *Tryal* sloop from Bombay. 6. s. the *Triton* brigantine for Madras. 7. s. the *Princess Elizabeth,* the *Prince Edward* and the *Tryal* sloop for Madras. 8. p. the *Fleury* from Mahé for Pondichery, and the *Esperance* brigantine from Karikal for Pondichery. a. the *Calcutta* grab from Colombo. 14. p. the *Pondichery* from Mahé for Pondichery. 16. s. the *Calcutta* grab for Madras. 19. a. the *Ceres* from China, and the *Lancaster* from Surat. 20. a. the *Pulteney* from Surat. p. the *Heureux* from Surat for Pondichery. 21. p. the *Benyon* from Surat for Madras. s. the *Ceres* for Madras. 22. a. the *Salisbury* from Bombay. 24. s. the *Pulteney* and the *Salisbury* for Madras. 28. s. the *Exeter* for Madras. 30. p. the *Precaution* from Africa for Pondichery. 31. s. the *Lancaster* for Madras. JUNE 6. p. the *Argonaut* from France for Pondichery. 8. a. the *Mary* from

Surat. 10. s. the *Mary* for Madras. 13. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. 14. s. the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Madras. 19. p. the *Princess Amelia* from England for Madras. JULY 18. p. the *Phillippina* from Negapatam for Sadras. 21. a. the *Nootolkomp* from Negapatam. [SEPT.] 4. s. a ship [name omitted] for Madras. p. the *Augusta* from Persia for Madras. 5. p. the *Chandernagore* from Persia for Pondichery. 7. p. the *St. Benoit* from France for Pondichery. 16. p. the *Chartres* from France for Pondichery. 17. a. the *Mercury* from Madras. 26. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. OCT. 7. a. the *Augusta* from Madras. 10. s. the *Augusta* for Persia. DEC. 24. a. the *Cornwall* from Madras.

No. 3. CONSULTATION. JAN. 3, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 2–7 (6).]

Read letters from Stratton at Vizagapatam, of Dec. 21, justifying his conduct towards Mallim Pullah and seeking leave to return to Madras; from Vizagapatam, of Dec. 24, sending books, etc., and reporting that the Marathas are at Cuttack; from Madapollam, (n.d.), sending invoices etc.; and from Fort St. David, of Jan. 1, about the rejection of the merchants' bad cloth. Vizagapatam to be furnished with wares etc. Accounts read and payments received. William Johnson, Rental-General and Scavenger, delivers his accounts over to John Savage.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for Dec. 1742, balance 61,052 Star and 624 Madras Pags.; and (2) accounts of the Rental-General and Scavenger, Sept. to Dec. 1742.

No. 4. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE WILMINGTON. MARCH 26, 1742, [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *pp.* 23 25 (3).]

Cite despatches of Jan. 27 and Feb. 16, 1742 [Nos. 224 & 231 of 1742]. Ships' departures eastwards. The Fort St. George garrison increased to 600 Europeans and divided into 4 companies. Send Charles Knipe, who has served upwards of 30 years in the Army, as Major on £250 per annum; Rodolph de Gingins as Lieutenant; and Moses Stephen Hollard as Ensign. Both Knipe and Hollard have knowledge of fortification, the former having been employed that way in Flanders. This expenditure is undertaken not only to secure the Company's property, but also to induce people to settle within the Company's limits, which will promote the Company's trade and revenues. Complain of thefts from bales committed in the Company's warehouse. Old guns etc., must never be shipped without a stipulation that they be delivered freight free

No. 5. LIST OF PERSONS PERMITTED TO TAKE PASSAGE TO THE COAST AND BAY. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 26, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 41 (½).]

It includes Crommelin Pigou, Robert Orme, Joseph Walsh, Thomas Knipe, Ann Powney, Millicent Knipe and Elizabeth Murray.

No. 6. LIST OF MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS AND BOOKS SENT WITH ENSIGN MOSES STEPHEN HOLLARD. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 27, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 47 (1).]

The books include Vauban's 'Treatise of the attacks and defending of places,' 'Memoirs concerning the defence of towns' and 'Treatise of fortifications.' (An appended note states that only these with a 'Treatise of Trigonometry' ever were received and that they were delivered to Mr. Smith, Engineer, in 1744.)

No. 7. LETTER FROM CHRISTOPHER MOLE, SECRETARY. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 31, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 46, *p.* 27 (1).]

Major Knipe's brother, William, having paid the Company £100, that amount of foreign silver is to be delivered to the Major on his arrival.

No. 8. CONSULTATION. JAN. 6, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 8–9 (1⅔).]

Read letters from Fort William, of Dec. 13, 18 and 21, regarding shipping etc., the sale of the Danish Missionaries' silver, Alivirdi Khan's success against the Marathas, the want of treasure, and the loss of a sloop laden with bales; and and from Bartholomew Clarke off Ingellee, of Dec. 23, regarding the *Wilmington's* despatch. The stores on the *Wilmington* to be landed.

No. 9. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 7, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Nanjan Chetti sent last month musters of Salem cloth of worse quality than it used or ought to be. The last lot received proved poor though it cost Pags. 46–6–12 a corge; so a man was sent to Salem to examine this parcel. As he reports only a tenth to be fit for the Company, agreed to refuse it. Annual letter to Madras to be prepared. Advances made.

No. 10. LETTER FROM RANDALL FOWKE, ACCOUNTANT, AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 4, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 14–18 (4½).]

	Variable revenues.		Expenditure.	
	May 1, 1740 to Apr. 30, 1741.	May 1, 1741 to Apr. 30, 1742.	May 1, 1740 to Apr. 30, 1741.	May 1, 1741 to Apr. 30, 1742.
	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.
Madras	39,601	40,663	59,134	54,425
Fort St. David ...	5,626	6,535	41,060	36,420
Vizagapatam	...	...	6,983	8,252
Ingeram	...	...	1,703	1,949
Madapollam	...	...	1,605	2,328

No. 11. CONSULTATION. JAN. 10, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 10–22 (13).]

Accounts including the annual report on revenues and expenditure read. Advances made. Read letter from Capt. Tedd of the *Wilmington* stating that he is 20 men short; agreed that soldiers cannot be spared and that he must hire lascars. Agreed to put on the *Wilmington* 160 bales and send her to be filled up at Fort St. David. Agreed to send shipping news to England by a French ship.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. John Tedd, dated Jan. 10, 1743, as above; (2) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Capt. John Tedd, dated Jan. 10, 1743, reporting the resolutions regarding the *Wilmington;* (3) account sale, dated Jan. 10, 1743, of indigo and piece goods seized at the Choultry as 'run goods'; (4) report on the revenues and expenditure [No. 10]; (5) statement of the Sea-customs, Jan. — Dec., 1741 and 1742, on goods 28,655 and 29,500 Pags., on grain 4,613 and 5,699 Pags., and on anchorage 634 and 685 Pags., respectively; (6) statement of the Land customs, Jan.—Dec., 1741 and 1742, amounting to 5,663 and 6,252 Pags.; (7) statement of the Town Conicopoly's duty, Jan.—Dec. 1742, amounting to 386 Pags. collected at the Sea-gate and 59 Pags. at the Choultry; and (8) statement of the custom on gold coined, Jan.—Dec., 1741 and 1742, amounting to 690 Madras Pags. and 74 Star Pags. for the first year and 1774 Madras Pags. and 2,488 Star Pags. for the second.

No. 12. TRANSLATION OF A SANNAD GRANTED TO THE COMPANY. NOV. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 26 (1).]

Grant as a gift of 5 villages producing yearly 66514/16 Pags.—Eranavur near Tiruvallur, Sadayankuppam, Vepery (except the ground of the Sarkar custom-house), Perambur and Pudupauk. [Granted under the seal of Saadat-ullah Khan.]

No. 13. TRANSLATION OF A SANNAD GRANTED TO THE COMPANY. NOV. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 27 (1).]

Permits a mint to be established under English management at Chintadripet for coining pagodas and rupees and exempts it from paying customs to the Sarkar. [Granted under the seal of Saadat-ullah Khan.]

No. 14. TRANSLATION OF A COWLE GRANTED BY MUHAMMAD SAIYID KHAN, NAWAB OF ARCOT, TO GNANAPANDARAM, ETC., MERCHANTS OF CHINTADRIPET. NOV. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 28–29 (2).]

Reduces the duties on certain goods carried in and out of Chintadripet, and remits those on bazaar cloth brought by the kaikolan weavers of Lalapettai, Conjeveram, Pondichery, etc., butter, oil, milk, greens, firewood, etc.

No. 15. TRANSLATION OF A SANNAD GRANTED TO KESAVACHARLU OF CHINTADRIPET. NOV. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 30 (1).]

Grants an adda on every kalam of paddy produced in the Tirupasur, Poonamallee, Manimangalam, Peddapalaiyam and Perambakkam countries to Kesavacharlu on condition of offering at the Chintadripet temple prayers on behalf of Moghal. [Granted under the seal of Saadat-ullah Khan.]

No. 16. TRANSLATION OF A SANNAD GRANTED TO ADIYAPPA NAYAKAN, DUBASH OF CHINNAPATNAM. NOV. 4, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 31 (¾).]

Grants Kadappakkam village, yielding 1002/16 Pags. per annum as a present to Adiyappa Nayakan. [Granted under the seal of Saadat-ullah Khan.]

No. 17. CONSULTATION. JAN. 11, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 23–25 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort William, of Dec. 23, sending invoice etc., of goods by the *Walpole*; from Bartholomew Clarke off Ingellee,

of Dec. 29, stating that the Commander of the *Walpole* refused to take in some stores; from Fort Marlborough of Sept. 4, 1742, regarding Sumatra affairs; from St. Helena of May 22, 1741, about Goodwin's death and Robert Jenkins' arrival. The *Walpole's* stores to be landed and her lading to be put on board. Benyon produces 5 farmans [Nos. 12 to 16] granted by the young Nawab. Agreed to deposit them with the other farmans. The military to be divided into 4 companies, with Charles Knipe as Major of the Garrison and Commander of the 1st company and Peter Eckman, John Hollond and William Henry Southby, Lieutenants of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

No. 18. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 12, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Approved annual letter to Madras. Accounts read.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1742.

No. 19. CONSULTATION. JAN. 17, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 32–37 (6).]

Read letters from Ingeram (n.d.), regarding cloth by the *Essex;* two from Fort St. David of Jan. 13, with indents and the annual letter, etc. As there are only 400 bales for the *Wilmington* at Fort St. David, agreed to put 200 on her here. Signed Knipe's commission as Major. 1,000 candies of lead to be sold. Signed bills and certificates for 13,411 Pags. of which 10,000 is the produce of George Drake's estate. Capt. John Tedd pays in 2,500 Pags. on account of his privilege. Accounts read. 15,000 Madras Pags. to be bought and sent to Vizagapatam with half and quarter rupees. John Stratton permitted to come up to Madras; and Thomas Saunders to take his place. Major Knipe to report on the fortifications. Nathan Wrighte, Mrs. Southby the wife, and Frances Berriman the daughter, of Lieut. Southby, granted passages to England.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Nathan Wrighte, dated Jan. 17, 1743, desiring permission to go to England for his health; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1742; and (3) statement showing the loss of melting 349 slabs of bad lead, received by the *Admiral Vernon* and the *Lynn*, to have been 7 candies on 120.

No. 20. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 22, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 19, enclosing invoice, etc., of stores by the *Wilmington*. Agreed to report that she will be ready to sail by the 29th.

No. 21. CONSULTATION. JAN. 24, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 38–44 (6).]

Read letters from Madapollam, (n.d.), desiring wares, etc.; from Fort St. David of Jan. 22, stating that the *Wilmington* arrived on the 22nd and would be ready for despatch the 29th. Accounts read, advance made and payments received. John Legg, Frederick Haag and Capt. Tullie's children permitted to go to England on the *Walpole*. Signed bills and certificates for 16,756 Pags. Robert Giles, a time-expired soldier, discharged. Read letter from Benjamin Lowe, Captain of the *Walpole,* dated Jan. 24, stating that his crew is 26 men short and that lascars are unsuited to 'this critical time.' Agreed that no soldiers can be spared him. Thomas Eyre appointed Chief at Vizagapatam, as Stratton wishes to return in March. Bengal to be desired to supply 5 corge of burran cossaes for Sumatra and informed that 20 chests of rupees will be sent. Despatch to England by the *Walpole* and the *Wilmington* signed.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Benjamin Lowe (as above); (2) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Benjamin Lowe, dated Jan. 25 (*sic*), 1743, stating that no Europeans can be spared him; (3) letter from John Legg, dated Jan. 25, 1743, requesting a passage on the *Walpole*; (4) letter from Charles Knipe [No. 22]; and (5) letter from Frederick Haag, dated Jan. 24, 1743, requesting a passage on the *Walpole*.

No. 22. LETTER FROM MAJOR CHARLES KNIPE AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 25, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 43 (1).]

Has surveyed the defences from Charles' Point to Queen's Point. The wall here is only supported by the out-houses built against it and is more dangerous than defensive, while the river being fordable at all places, is useless as a protection. Has examined the site of the proposed new western defences across the Island; the ground is clay and sand, capable of sustaining any weight, though a few wells will be needed where the ground is softer than elsewhere. The river can easily be turned, a good fosse made, and the Island drained.

No. 23. CONSULTATION. JAN. 27, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 44–48 (4½).]

Despatch by the *Wilmington* and the *Walpole* signed. Mrs. Craddock's daughter Florentia granted a passage on the *Walpole*. Walter Robertson, a time-expired soldier, discharged. Read letter

from Capt. Lowe, dated Jan. 25, asking that some soldiers whose time was almost out might be discharged and allowed to ship with him. The Captain of the Guard giving but a poor character of them, agree to give them their time and discharge them. Accounts read. Capt. Lowe pays in 3,000 Pags. on his outward adventure. Signed bills for 3,141 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. Lowe (as above) with list of 9 soldiers with 6 or fewer months to serve; (2) account sale of 1,000 candies of lead at 12⅞ — 13⅛ Pags. per candy.

No. 24. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE WALPOLE. JAN. 27, 1743. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 404-409 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Acknowledge despatches, etc., of March 26 and 31, 1742 [No. 4 & 7.] Shipping news. Desire ships' captains to be told to recruit lascars in Bengal. Sales of 60 pipes of Madeira wine (poor and thin this year) and 1,000 candies of lead. Deficiency in the *Sumatra's* copper made good by Capt. Taylor. The unsettled state of the country is a great damp to trade; but broadcloth is selling better. Woollen goods for Persia. As to the investment, cotton is very dear, famine imminent and the Government unsettled, but the French are short of money. Have rejected much bad cloth. Northern cloth is bought with Madras Pags. of 9½ to 10 % batta; Yanam is only 4 miles from Ingeram. The beating godown damaged by fire. Missing cloth must have been stolen by boat fellows. Have recovered 9,923 Pags. from the merchants who will discharge all their debts in a few years. On Nov. 11, 1742, Murtaza Ali Khan had to fly from Arcot in disguise and the Arcot troops proclaimed Safdar Ali Khan's son Nawab. The Regency was disputed by Mir Asad and the Tahirs; but on Dec. 23, his mother named the latter and the young Nawab was installed. On Jan. 6, 1743, the Nawab, etc., left Madras. Safdar Ali's mother remains in Madras with her two daughters and son-in-law; also the families of the Tahirs and Imam Sahib. The troubles in Pegu have stopped trade there for the last two years. The old factory-house at Masulipatam is to be pulled down. The cost of the Black Town defences amounts to 31,200 Pags., but will be covered by revenues. Major Knipe is surveying the fortifications. Have only 250 Europeans at Madras and 160 at Fort St. David. Compensation to owners of houses, etc., pulled down to clear the ground round the walls, will amount to 20,000 Pags. Expenses and revenues. Great coinage of gold. 'The French miscarried in a new coin.' The Nawab ordered the persons found counterfeiting to

lose their hands and ears, and has permitted Madras to coin by a different mark. 'Madras coin prevails all over the country.' Monson's deputation to Fort St. David to enquire into Burton's case. Burton's suspension. Bill of complaint against him in the Mayor's Court. He fraudulantly got a receipt from Andiyappa's gumasta for 3,000 Pags. but never paid the money. Monson, Deputy Governor of Fort St. David; and John Savage appointed of Council but continues as Secretary. George Pigot is Clerk of the Peace and Sub-Secretary. Norris is Under Storekeeper. Smith sent to Fort St. David. Have entertained a Brahman who writes but does not understand English, on 5 Pags. a month in the Secretary's office. John Legg returns to England. The sale of Joseph Goddard's effects will clear his debt. Thomas Eyre will succeed Stratton as Chief at Vizagapatam. Serjeant Andrew Petty made Ensign *vice* Karr deceased. The cost of entertaining the Nawab and his family has been 13,321 Pags., but is more than compensated by the grants received. Suppose they will soon leave Madras. Believe that French 'credit is very near at a stand.' Major Knipe's report shows that enlarging the White Town will cost little more than what the Company has already ordered. No good water to the south so near as that a mile to the north. Thought of making a small fortification there, so that Madras could always be supplied by sea. Knipe does not like 'so distant a dependance for water.' Nizam-ul-mulk is at Cuddapah with 100,000 men. He intends to put the Mysore Raja in possession of Trichinopoly on payment of a crore of rupees. He may settle the Arcot Regency as he passes that place. Mir Asad has escaped from Vellore, and with 8,000 men has gone to Valudavur, closely pursued by a Tahir; a battle is likely. Expect 849 bales from the north. Have consigned much chay goods, some very good izarees, chintz of new patterns and superfine handkerchiefs. Lead sold at 13 Pags. a candy. Diamonds registered by the *Wilmington*, 35,452 Pags. Cash balance, 85,489 Pags. Have drawn bills amounting to 19,991 Pags. and granted certificates amounting to 13,276 Pags.

No. 25. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 27, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read petitions from Capt. Tedd, dated Jan. 27, applying for 16 men; and from 2 time-expired soldiers, (n.d.), for their discharge. These 2 and 2 other free men (all that can be got) to go on the *Wilmington*. Her guns, etc., to be surveyed.

Appended are the petitions, as above.

No. 26. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 29, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Regarding the Madras packet, despatches, etc., to go by the *Wilmington.*

Appended are :—(1) manifest of the private trade of Capt. John Tedd (consisting of sticklac, benjamin, rhubarb, bandanas, cotton yarn, arrack, etc., valued at 12,285 Rs.) ; and (2) letter from Charles Floyer and Philip Baker, dated Jan. 28, reporting on the *Wilmington's* crew and guns, etc.

No. 27. CONSULTATION. JAN. 31, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 49–50 (2).]

Capt. Lowe declares his private trade on the *Walpole.* Advances made and payments received. Arcot rupees selling at 320 per 100 Pags., agreed to sell 100,000 and to coin 24 chests of silver into Arcot rupees for Bengal. Bills signed for 5,859 Pags. The *Walpole's* crew, guns, etc., to be surveyed.

No. 28. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The cash balance, 32,880 Star Pags.

No. 29. CONSULTATION. FEB. 2, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 51 (¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 30, reporting the despatch of the *Wilmington* for England. The *Walpole* reported capable of defence. Despatch to the Company signed.

No. 30. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE WALPOLE. FEB. 2, 1743. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 409-410 (*I.O. trans.*)]

The *Wilmington* was to sail from Fort St. David on Jan. 31. 9 soldiers, almost time-expired, returned by the *Walpole.* Unless Captains make a new agreement with lascars, few will enter. Have rejected ginghams not equal to sample. Send chintz with coloured grounds painted at Sadras. Moorees more suitable for painting than baftas. The *Walpole's* Madras invoice amounts to 58,093 Pags. ; her Captain's manifest of private trade, 13,126 Rs. and 210 Pags. ; diamonds registered, 80,621 Pags. Cash balance, 1,05,253 Pags. Have drawn bills amounting to 9,001 Pags. and granted certificates for 3,038 Pags.

No. 31. CONSULTATION. FEB. 5, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 52–63 (12).]

Accounts read, payments received and advances made. Eckman's, Hollond's and Southby's commissions as Lieutenants signed. Certificate for 228 $, being for legacies to 3 orphans paid in Sumatra. Capt. Standard to be desired to specify the dimensions suitable for a brigantine of 100 tons for Sumatra to be built at Bombay. Stores to be sent to Madapollam. Jonathan Smart at Syrian in Pegu has written to Benyon that he needs 20–30 military to prevent the insults of the Government there, else the trade thither would be ruined. As the Pegu trade was formerly advantageous and pays the Company 5 % on both exports and imports, agreed to send on the *Exeter* 20 topasses with a serjeant, corporal and drummer. A present costing in all 600 Pags. to be given to the Nawab on the occasion of the birth of his brother at Wandiwash, the delay in doing so having excited comment. As Nizam-ul-mulk and Nasir Jang are certain to visit the Carnatic, the Warehousekeeper and Coja Petrus to look about for articles suitable for presents.

Appended is the Company's cash account for Jan. 1743, balance 767 Madras and 1,04,491 Star Pags.

No. 32. CONSULTATION. FEB. 10, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 64–66 (2⅔).]

Payments received. The best offers for Arcot rupees being 315 per 100 Pags., the Warehousekeeper and the President to negotiate the sale of 1,00,000 Rs. and the rest of the bullion to be delivered to Linga Chetti to be coined in the Petta mint. Ensign Clarke appointed Adjutant on 15 Pags. a month. Benyon reports what presents have been sent to Wandiwash on the birth of Ali Dost Khan, amounting to 618 Pags.

Appended is a list of the present, which includes a silver betel salver, rosewater bottle and salver, cased bottle of sandalwood oil, velvets, 'nankin muxajar,' 'zeerbaff', almonds, kismishes, raisins, dry dates, walnuts, mangoes, candles, rosewater, spectacles, and snuff (the last two specially for Taqi Sahib).

No. 33. CONSULTATION. FEB. 17, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 67–69 (3).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Jan. 15 and 26, stating that their Nawab has returned from Cuttack and asking for more pagodas; and from Madapollam of Jan. [?] with accounts. Commission

as Lieutenant to be made out for Rodolph de Gingins arrived on the *Galatea*. 4 candies of copper to be coined into cash for Sumatra. 50,000 Arcot Rs. sold at 305 per 100 Pags. and 2 lakhs at 300, on account of the high price offered. Rupees are now at 316 and no buyers. 10,000 gold mohurs (1,500 Chinnapatnam of 95 touch and 7 dwt. each at Pags. 3–32, and 8,500 Arcot of 93 touch and 7 dwt. at Pags. 3–29) to be bought and sent to the Bay. Read letter from Augustus Burton of Feb. 17, offering to abide by the Company's decision if the suit in the Mayor's court is dropped. Agreed to stop further proceedings against him on his depositing 1,783 Star Pags.

Appended is the letter from Burton (as above).

No. 34. CONSULTATION. FEB. 24, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 70–75 (5⅔).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 14, with accounts, etc. Signed Gingins' commission. Savage reports that Augustus Burton has deposited 1,783 Star Pags. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. A brigantine for Sumatra of the dimensions suggested by Capt. Standard to be built at Bombay. 4,000 Pags. advanced to buy presents. Fine rice, horsegram, 'butter', Persia fruits and 500 gold mohurs to be laid in against Nizam-ul-mulk's and Nasir Jang's arrival.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1743; and (2) a list of articles suitable as presents offered for sale, including brocade, flowered silks (Europe and Nankin), velvets, aurora, broadcloth, painted looking glasses, Bohemia glass lustre, 'China cisterns,' horse furniture (cost in England £105), etc., total cost 5,648 Pags.

No. 35. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. [FEB.] 28, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D. Vol.* 5 *(I.O. trans.)*]

The Company's merchants, being called in, explain that as cotton is scarce, they cannot as yet get good or cheap cloth, but with the new cotton crop now gathering they hope shortly to set the weavers at work. Agreed to wait as too much pressure at present might affect the investment, either by raising the price of the new cotton, or by making the country brokers keep up the prices without improving the quality. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 31,520 Star Pags. 830 Pags., the balance in the Charity books, lent at 11 % to Nalla Tambi and Segappu Tambi.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1743.

No. 36. CONSULTATION. MARCH 1, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 76–81 (6).]

Accounts read. 10,500 gold mohurs have been bought. A further list of articles for presents approved. Coja Petrus and Haji Hadi attend. The former produces a letter from Imam Sahib, recommending presents to be made to Nizam-ul-mulk, Nasir Jang, and Coja Abd-ullah Khan who is named Subahdar of the province. Agreed that presents amounting to 13,000 Pags. be sent, to be distributed as Imam Sahib directs. Haji Hadi to draft letters from Benyon to Nizam-ul-mulk, etc., and Benyon's seal is to be sent so that the letters can be sealed up when Imam Sahib has made out the respective lists of presents for insertion. Thomas Eyre, Samuel Harrison and John Hollond to accompany the presents. Agreed on letters from Benyon and Coja Petrus to Imam Sahib, the latter stating the favours desired, especially confirmation of the grant of the 5 villages, the liberty to coin Arcot rupees, and exemption from customs for the Company's calicoes.

Appended are :—(1) a list of the presents for Nizam-ul-mulk, etc., including articles previously named and among others a 'gold mushnud,' Persia carpets, strong waters (anise and orange) and Arabian horses; the whole rated at 2,192 Pags.; and (2) cash account for Feb. 1743, balance 1,19,792 Star and 2,799 Madras Pags.

No. 37. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 5, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)].

Andiyappa and the other merchants, being called in, cannot promise anything definite about the investment. Andiyappa reports that he has had to reject several musters as too bad, but hopes to get better ones by the end of the month. Advances made. Two unserviceable horses belonging to the Company to be sold, and new ones bought.

No. 38. CONSULTATION. MARCH 7, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 82–86 (4¾).]

Advances made and payments received. Morse to act as Paymaster during Eyre's absence. Letters to Nizam-ul-mulk, Nasir Jang, Coja Abd-ullah Khan and Imam Sahib, translated *vivâ voce* by the Translator and approved. 500 gold mohurs, 600 Rs., and 400 Pags. delivered to Eyre for presents and batta; agreed that he carry also a letter of credit on Bukanji Kasi Das. Agreed on his instructions [No. 39.]

Appended are lists of the presents for Nizam-ul-mulk, etc., valued at 12,953 Pags.

No. 39. LETTER TO THOMAS EYRE, SAMUEL HARRISON AND JOHN HOLLOND. MARCH 8, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 87 (1).]

They are to accompany the presents to Arcot. Imam Sahib will determine how to divide them among the various persons; and lists of the presents for each are then to be inserted in the respective letters. Imam Sahib's advice to be taken regarding their conduct at the Durbar. If questioned about the Company's trade, they should return general answers—that the English carry no money out but what they bring in; that they would carry out less if they could get more goods; and that their privileges were granted by Zulfikar Khan and confirmed by Farrukhsiyar. Furnish a letter of credit on Bukanji Kasi Das.

No. 40. CONSULTATION. MARCH 14, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 88–91 (3½).]

Advances made. Read translations of letters from Ceylon respecting the liberation of Europeans wrecked on the *Josias*. Benyon reports that he has paid 200 Pags. out of his own pocket for the presents already sent. Agreed to pay 150 Pags. on condition of their release. Benyon reports that the Embassy's coolies have deserted and that Eyre fears he will not be able to catch up Nizam-ul-mulk before he gets out of the Arcot province. Agreed that he should follow the camp unless Imam Sahib directs otherwise.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Venkayya, Minister to the King of Kandy, to 'Markashy,' his brother at Madras, dated Dec. 5, 1742, acknowledging the receipt of presents for himself and the King, and stating that the few European survivors, being mostly married, desire to remain some 4 or 5 months before departing; (2) letter from the chief merchants to the King of Kandy, to Tambi Chetti at Madras, dated Dec. 5, 1742, acknowledging the receipt of presents and stating that the prisoners will be released on the receipt of 150 Pags. worth of Nellore moorees for distribution among the inferior officers of the Court; (3) letter from the Prime Minister to the King of Kandy, to Tambi Chetti at Madras, dated Nov. 27, 1742, stating that the prisoners will be released on the issue of an order by the King, who is expected to do so shortly, and desiring that a messenger may be sent to Arakan to desire the priests of that kingdom to revisit Kandy; and (4) letter from Robert Pearson and Ellis Chamberlain to Capt. Peter Eckman, dated Dec. 6, 1742, thanking him for seeking to procure their release.

No. 41. CONSULTATION. MARCH 17, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 92–93 (1½).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Feb. 25, sending accounts; and from Fort William of Feb. 19, regarding cloth sent for Sumatra, and cloth and saltpetre to be sent to Madras, and stating that though Campion and Ensign Hollard had been released from 'Conaca,' their lives were despaired of. The *Princess Augusta* to be laded for Sumatra. 6 slaves sent from Sumatra committed to the Paymaster. Payments received and accounts read.

No. 42. CONSULTATION. MARCH 21, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 94–96 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 18, sending accounts. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. Capt. Goring of the *Princess Augusta* delivers in his journal and reports that the ship was much damaged by twice running aground in the Hugli; agreed to send her to Bengal and advertise for freight for her.

Appended is letter from George Goring, dated March 21, 1743, regarding the *Princess Augusta's* mishaps in the Hugli.

No. 43. CONSULTATION. MARCH 28, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 97–101 (4¾).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam, of Feb. 27 and March 3, with accounts, etc., and stating that Turing, Surgeon, was allowed to accompany Stratton and reporting that Saunders has taken charge; from Fort William, of Feb. 21 and 26, reporting despatch of bales and saltpetre, the death of Ensign Hollard, the movements of the Marathas, etc. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Prince to return to Ingeram on the *Porto Bello* sloop. 7,000 gold mohurs, 1,00,000 Arcot Rs. and 28,200 Madras Rs. to be sent to Bengal. John Erick Kush entertained Assistant Surgeon in Sumatra at 10 $ a month. Benyon reports that Imam Sahib has desired Eyre to procure some concave glasses; agreed that they be purchased and sent up.

Appended are:—(1) statement of salary due to the Company's servants for the last half-year; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1743.

No. 44. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Andiyappa submits musters of cloth. He says that he cannot provide any large investment for the Company, unless 'some one well-versed in the Company's business' be joined to him, as his own people are fully employed in his own business which is more profitable to him than the Company's. Agreed to appoint Segappu Tambi as his partner in this year's investment; and they are advanced 9,000 Pags. Nalla Tambi and Irusappa Chetti, being called in and offered an advance if they are willing to take an active part, returned no answer; so were put in mind of their balances. A bill for 2,000 Arcot Rs. drawn by Eyre, etc., in favour of Mutyalu ordered to be paid at 316 per 100 Pags., the exchange at Pondichery. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 14,160 Star Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1743; and (2) account salary of the Company's servants for the half-year ending March 25, 1743, amounting to 336 Pags.

No. 45. CONSULTATION. APR. 7, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 102–107 (5½).]

John Stratton takes his seat and is sworn as Justice of the Peace. Read letters from the Governor of Macao, of Feb. 7 (N.S.), regarding Elias Manoel de Graces; from Vizagapatam, of March 11; from Madapollam, of March 16; from Fort St. David, of Apr. 2, regarding investment; and from Capt. Goring of the *Princess Augusta* desiring to be supplied with stores. Accounts read and advances made. 10,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9½ % batta. The Armenians desiring to be allowed to freight goods to Manilla on a Macao ship as no English ship sails this year, agreed to permit it. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David; and 12,000 to Ingeram. Fort St. David to send Burton's original note to Andiyappa, allow Sloper to come to Madras, and send the old 'cast ordnance.' 20,000 Madras Pags. to be bought. 2,000 Rs. to be paid to Bukanji for that sum advanced to the Embassy.

Appended are:—(1) letter from George Goring, dated Apr. [?], 1743, as above; (2) petition, [n.d.], from the Armenian merchants, as above; and (3) cash account for March 1743, balance 78,740 Star and 2,826 Madras Pags.

No. 46. CONSULTATION. APR. 11, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 108–110 (2¼).]

Advances made. Agreed to send accounts to Bengal, to desire that the books, etc., sent with Ensign Hollard may be sent to Madras and to report the painter's complaint of the baftas sent from Bengal. List of the investment at the northern settlements to be sent thither with the Company's remarks. Arbuckle, a monthly writer at Ingeram, to proceed to Madras. As the Marathas are said to be plundering near Masulipatam and Ingeram, Prince is to carry the treasure to Vizagapatam if necessary. The scarcity of Star pagodas owing to the demand for gold mohurs for Bengal and Madras pagodas for the northward, has prevented the merchants from paying for the rupees recently sold. Agreed that the merchants be permitted further time in which to complete their bargain.

No. 47. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 12, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 10,000 Pags. from Madras. Ordered the sale of 4 corge of damaged fine longcloth. The palmyra pallisade in the garden wall (blown down by violent land winds) to be repaired. Advances made.

No. 48. CONSULTATION. APR. 18, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 110–111 (1¼).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. 10,000 Madras Pags. bought at 10½ % batta. 1,000 Rs. to be paid to Bukanji for money advanced to the Embassy.

No. 49. LETTER FROM THOMAS EYRE, ETC., AT THE NIZAM'S CAMP NEAR TRICHINOPOLY. APR. 12, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 115 (1).]

Have delivered the presents to Nizam-ul-mulk; but Imam Sahib has not obtained their audience of leave, and so have run short of money. Have given a bill upon the President, etc., for 2,000 Arcot Rs. Imam Sahib promises to get their despatch, but it is high time he made good his words.

No. 50. CONSULTATION. APR. 21, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 112–114 (3).]

Read letter of Apr. 12, from Eyre, etc., at Nizam-ul-mulk's camp [No. 49]. 1,000 Pags. advanced to buy rupees. Accounts read. John Stratton appointed Paymaster. Capt. Goring allowed 198 Pags. for carrying soldiers, etc., to and from Sumatra, 30 Pags. for

dieting Sterling from Bencoolen to Batavia and back, and 20 Pags. for dieting Campion from Bencoolen to Bengal. 30 pipes of Madeira to be sent to Bengal, it selling higher there and there being a sufficient stock at Madras. Agreed to desire the guns of the Sultan of Benjar sent to be restocked, to be sent to Sumatra direct if they can be repaired in Bengal, but otherwise to be sent to Madras. The *Princess Augusta* to be despatched to Bengal to be repaired and to return with patcharee rice for Sumatra and saltpetre and bales.

Appended is a bill of George Goring for 198 Pags. for dieting slaves and soldiers at 4 fns. a day.

No. 51. CONSULTATION. APR. 25, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 116–121 (5½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 19, stating that the movements of Nizam-ul-mulk is hindering the investment and making grain scarce. Hieronymo de Ita and Armenian merchants requesting permission to send goods to Manilla on the *St. Carlos*, as the Macao ship is demanding extraordinary freight, ordered accordingly. Accounts read. Decayed and useless stores to be sold. 10,000 Madras Pags. bought at 10½ % batta.

Appended are:—(1) account of the cost of 6 lenses, with 33 pictures, with cost of covering and fitting [as stereoscopes?], 116 Pags.; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1743; and (3) petition from Hieronymo de Ita, etc., (n.d.), as above.

No. 52. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 29, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Monson to be paid 71 Pags. for furniture bought by him. The usual bounty to be paid to 11 soldiers re-enlisting for 5 years.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1743.

No. 53. CONSULTATION. APR. 30, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 122–127 (6).]

The balance of the fine imposed on shroff Viswanatha, being 634 Pags., is paid in. Payments received. Diddi Guruvappa granted a fresh cowle for 5 years for the Butica and Shroff's duty. Accounts read.

Appended are:—(1) Rental-General and Scavenger's accounts, Jan.-Apr. 1743; (2) account sale of useless stores, realising 59 Pags.; and (3) statement of unsaleable stores to be written off.

No. 54. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 30, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Burton's assigns to be paid the arrears of salary due. The Devanampattanam Customer reports that the Poligar's fees not being sufficient to meet the talayaries' wages, he has made good the deficiency of 118 Pags. from Customs. His action approved. This short collection being partly due to evasion of fees, agreed that no goods be removed from the choultries and banksals until the fees are paid; the Customer is to pay the peons' wages, and the surplus is to go to meet claims against the Poligar for loss of goods by theft. Accounts read and payments received. Damaged goods to be surveyed. Cash balance, 22,649 Star Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1743; and (2) list of old furniture, etc., to be written off.

No. 55. CONSULTATION. MAY 2, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 128–131 (3½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 27, accompanying old pier glasses. Accounts read. The Betel and Tobacco farmers to explain why they have not paid the kist due March 5. Foss Westcott to go as Secretary to Vizagapatam. Thomas Eyre resumes his seat at the Board. Nizam-ul-mulk's horse and saropa for Benyon to be received tomorrow.

Appended is the cash account for Apr. 1743, balance 32,300 Star and 20,826 Madras Pags.

No. 56. DIARY. MAY 5, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 132.]

Charles Knipe, Major of the Fort St. George garrison, died.

No. 57. CONSULTATION. MAY 9, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 132–133 (1⅔).]

Read letter from Bombay of Apr. 10, with shipping news, reporting that the brigantine for Sumatra has been begun and that 3 lakhs of rupees are being sent to be forwarded to Bengal, and explaining their intentions regarding the purchase of pepper at ports near Anjengo. Signed Diddi Guruvappa's cowle for the Butica rent and Shroff's duty at 410 Pags. per annum for 5 years' and 4 lieutenants' commissions. Advances made. 10,000 Madras Pags. to be sent to Vizagapatam. The complaint of the Betel and Tobacco farmers regarding their losses [see No. 61] ordered to lie over.

No. 58. DIARY OF THE EMBASSY TO NIZAM-UL-MULK AT TRICHINOPOLY. MARCH 8—MAY 1, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 311–330 (20).]

MARCH 8—28.—Travelled from Madras to Trichinopoly, by Conjeveram, where the Faujdar Husain Sahib was visited; Tiruvattur, where the goods were stopped for a while under pretence of their including private merchandise; and Gingee, where the Killedar advanced 2,000 Arcot Rs. worth of Ulundur fanams for a bill on Fort St. David, payable to Ranga Pillai of Pondichery, and where a letter was received from Benyon directing the Embassy to press on to Trichinopoly as the French had sent a present thither. Travelling was delayed at several points by desertions among the coolies. MARCH 29.—Visited by Bukanji Kasidas who furnished 2,000 Arcot Rs. on account of the letter of credit, and by Imam Sahib who was given some gold mohurs and Benyon's letter [see No. 36]. He sent an escort of 4,000 horse and as many foot had been ordered to conduct the Embassy to the Durbar next day. MARCH 30.—Attended the Durbar. After making obeisances at a considerable distance in front, were assigned seats. After Nizam-ul-mulk rose, were summoned to his private apartments, and 'honoured with a great deal of free discourse on indifferent matters,' with coffee and with fans. Both Nizam-ul-mulk and Imam Sahib sent the ambassadors a dinner. Imam Sahib also sent a list of presents to be given to Nizam-ul-mulk. These were unpacked, sorted, and next morning despatched. MARCH 31.—Attended the Durbar, and afterwards were invited into the private tent where the presents were. Nizam-ul-mulk praised them, especially the painted looking-glasses some of which he said he should send to Delhi. In the evening was a storm, nearly blowing down the English tents, and making them rejoice that the presents had been delivered already. APR. 1.—The presents were counted out to the Nawab's 'Warehouse-keeper.' Imam Sahib sent a message desiring some concave looking-glasses to be got from Madras. APR. 2.—Attended the Durbar, and were afterwards called to the private tent where the Nawab inquired about European customs and discipline in war. APR. 4.—Sent a message to Imam Sahib inquiring when Benyon's letter [see No. 36] should be presented to Nizam-ul-mulk, and when a visit should be paid to Nasir Jang. He promising to move the Nawab about these matters, the ambassadors attended the Durbar, etc., but nothing was done. APR. 5.—In reply to a further message, Imam Sahib says he will get an answer to

Benyon's letter before the ambassadors' departure, and will find occasion to get leave to visit Nasir Jang. Received from Imam Sahib lists of presents to be got ready. APR. 6.—Attended the Durbar and private tents, but the Nawab withheld for the present his leave to visit Nasir Jang. Afterwards visited Muhammad Anwar Khan, with Imam Sahib. APR. 7.—As Imam Sahib had done nothing about the delivery of Benyon's letter, attended the Durbar, and Eyre, having made 'the usual overture for approach' presented the letter to Nizam-ul-mulk who laid it by him. Were called into the private tents as usual. In the evening Imam Sahib visited the English. He said that Nizam-ul-mulk proposed 'to augment' the Governor's titles, and inquired what were the villages the grant of which was desired, and what was the annual amount of duties paid on the Company's investment. Agreed to write to Benyon for particular information on these points. APR. 8.—Imam Sahib with 50 horse and 100 foot, and Bausset (who had brought the French present) accompanied the English to Coja Abd-ullah Khan's Durbar. Coja Abd-ullah, having read Benyon's letter, wrote a few lines recommending Nizam-ul-mulk to grant the villages the English desired, and gave the letter to Imam Sahib. The English and Bausset retired to a tent the English had brought with them, so that Imam Sahib might have the tent that Coja Abd-ullah had assigned to the party. Having there eaten a dinner sent them by Coja Abd-ullah, they took leave about 2 P.M., but, it being very hot, they did not get back to their tents till sunset. APR. 10 and 11.—Attended Nizam-ul-mulk's Durbar as usual. The letter of credit being exhausted, and Bukanji Kasidas being backward to advance more, 2,000 Arcot Rs. borrowed from the Gujarati merchants in return for a bill on Madras. APR. 15.—Wrote to Imam Sahib urging that he should obtain Nizam-ul-mulk's leave for the Embassy's departure. He answered that it should be done next day and sent a saropa for each ambassador. APR. 16.—Attended the Durbar, and after a short while were invited to the private tents, where they were told they should have their audience of leave on the next day. APR. 17.—Attended the Durbar, and were called within afterwards. Nizam-ul-mulk said he was pleased with Governor's courtesy, that he expected no further presents, and that he would need some great guns, mortars, etc., and an experienced gunner. Saropas for the Governor and the Embassy. The latter having been invested with theirs in a tent apart, returned and made their obeisance before taking leave. Sent all the remaining goods (including those destined for Coja Abd-ullah Khan) to Imam Sahib; also sent 500 Rs. to Imam Sahib to be distributed as Durbar charges. In the

evening received the Governor's saropa, covered with a white cloth, together with a fine horse. Sent the Dubash to Husain Khan Tahir who is managing affairs on behalf of Safdar Ali's son. Husain Khan complained of the obstruction he had met with, and sent his compliments to the Governor. Imam Sahib having promised to get the sannads signed when Coja Abd-ullah visited the Nawab, agreed to set out to-morrow by way of Fort St. David. APR. 18.—Having 'tasherif'd' the Nawab's coffee and fan servants, and given batta to the guard who had been assigned them, set out about 6 A.M. APR. 23.—Reached Fort St. David. APR. 27.—Set out for Madras, leaving behind Harrison who was sick. MAY 1.—Deposited the Governor's saropa and horse at St. Thomé so that Imam Sahib's son might carry them into Town to the Governor. Reached Madras and waited on Benyon.

Appended is a statement of the Embassy's expenditure, amounting to 5,223 Pags. They carried with them the Chief Dubash (Papia Brahman), the Persian Mullah, 3 conicopolies, 3 butlers, a comprador, 3 personal servants each, 2 cooks, 2 chobdars, a shaving barber, a wig barber, 2 washermen, 4 country musicians, etc., etc. Table expenses amounted to 103 Pags., wines, etc., to 133 Pags. Their Durbar dresses cost:—Eyre's 309 Pags., Harrison's 302 Pags., Capt. Hollond's 284 Pags., and Parson's 92 Pags.

No. 59. CONSULTATION. MAY 12, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 134–136 (2).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Apr. 19, with accounts; from Pulicat of May 9/20, charging John Henry Anthony Van Franken with assisting David de la Vigne, late Second of Pulicat, to commit bigamy; agreed to decline taking action, as the alleged offence was committed within a foreign jurisdiction. Thomas Eyre presents his diary of his journey to Trichinopoly with statements of his expenses. [No. 58.] Signed bills of sale for waste ground lying east of John Saunders' and Burton's houses (granted in 1740) and for a piece of ground in front of Burton's house. 20 Pags. advanced to Ensign John Crosse, returning with a party of soldiers from Bombay to Bengal, to purchase provisions.

No. 60. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 14, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

The Devanampattanam tank, used by the Company's washermen, to be deepened at a cost of 100 Pags.; the 'school-house' at Cuddalore (occupied by the Lieutenant of the company there) to be repaired. Advances made. Read Floyer and Allen's report,

dated May 14, stating that damaged stores, etc., should be written off; to be forwarded to Madras.

Appended is the report as above.

No. 61. CONSULTATION. MAY 19, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 137–143 (7).]

Advances made. Benyon reports that Mir Alim, Daroga to Safdar Ali's widow, came with letters from Muhammad Husain Khan Tahir and others, saying that they had agreed with Nizam-ul-mulk for the confirmation of Muhammad Saiyid Khan and only needed 'a small matter' of 10 lakhs of rupees to make up the required sum; this they propose to borrow from the English, on the security of the rents of part of the country or a deposit of jewels. Benyon considers that faction runs so high in the camp that no promise can be relied upon, and besides it is contrary to orders to have money dealing with the country powers. This was explained to Mir Alim by Coja Petrus before Benyon received the former, who appeared quite satisfied with his reasons. Read petition from the Betel and Tobacco farmers. Benyon states that they have lost much by the servants of the Nawab's family smuggling in betel and tobacco, for their masters were unwilling that they should be further punished than by the seizure of the goods. The farmers, being called in, state that they have suffered most by the high price which they have had to pay (owing to drought and the rents being raised in the country) while the price at which they can sell is fixed. The renters agree to accept a remission of 2 months' rent (1,669⅔ Pags.) in full compensation and to continue their tenure of the farm.

Appended is the petition of the betel farmers, (n.d.), stating that they have lost 5,000 Pags. since they took the farm in 1740, owing to smuggling and the high rent they have to pay for the cowle; they add accounts showing that for the year Sept. 1740 to Sept. 1741 they bought betel and tobacco for 7,359 Pags. and sold them for 20,572 Pags., but spent 4,615 Pags. on peons, etc., and paid 10,000 Pags. rent; in the 19 months Sept. 1741 to Apr. 1743, they bought betel and tobacco for 10,698 Pags., sold them for 28,379 Pags., spent 6,746 Pags. on peons, and the rent was 15,833 Pags.

No. 62. DIARY. MAY 22, 23 AND 24, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 144 (*a few lines*).]

Received letter from Fort St. David of May 20, regarding their investment, and saying that the French have contracted for 3,00,000 Pags. and desiring a supply of money. 12,000 Pags. sent thither.

No. 63. CONSULTATION. MAY 26, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 144–149 (5).]

Read letters from Tellicherry of Apr. 28 and May 2, with shipping news and stating that 3 lakhs of rupees are sent on the *Salisbury* for Bengal, and 20,000 for Anjengo. Capt. Christopher Burrows of the *Salisbury* to land the treasure for Bengal and Anjengo. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Paid to Father Severini 1,200 Pags. being the interest due to the Jesuits in China. 5,000 Pags. worth of fanams to be sent up from Fort St. David.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1743; and (2) letter from Capt. Christopher Burrows, dated May 26, 1743, desiring orders to land the treasure which he was not able to land at Anjengo, owing to the threatening weather.

No. 64. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Have received 12,000 Pags. from Madras. Cloth having been brought in a month ago, agreed to enquire the prices, and the merchants deliver in the following list, brokerage included:—

1. Long-cloth, fine, of 12 *kal.* at 66¼ Pags. per corge.
2. Long-cloth, Chennappanayakanpalaiyam, of 9 *kal.* at 47⅛ Pags. per corge.
3. Long-cloth, Udayarpalaiyam, of 8 *kal.* at 46⅞ Pags. per corge.
4. Long-cloth, middling, of 9 *kal.* at 23 „ „
5. Salempores, of 9 *kal.* at 23 „ „
6. Soot romals. at 12½ „ „

On being asked why Nos. 2 and 3 are so much dearer, the merchants state that food grains are dear, being sent away to the camp at Trichinopoly, and so weavers' coolies have to be paid more; that neither cotton-owners nor weavers will carry cotton by the camp (for fear of the oxen being seized) and so cotton is scarce; and that there has been a large demand for several sorts of small light cloths for the use of the army. The Board agree that the first reason is certainly valid and the others very probably so; resolved therefore to seek the orders of the Presidency whether to pay the prices demanded, or to try to lower them by discontinuing the investment. Meanwhile the merchants are not to give any higher prices. Floyer reports that the expenses on the fausse-bray have already exceeded the estimate, though much remains to be done; Allen and Holt to survey and report on the progress made. Ordered

the payment of arrears to John Smith. 4 time-expired soldiers to proceed to Madras, and 1 re-enlisted for 5 years. Advances made. Cash balance, 19,524 Star Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Charles Floyer, Paymaster, dated May 31, 1743, stating that the estimate of 1741 for the fausse-bray has already been exceeded, that 20 yds. of counterscarp, 360 of the parapet, the bridges, and the deepening of the ditch, still remain to be done, that as the season has been dry the coolies usually supplied by the bound-renters have been busy watering, etc., the land, and that the only chunam received have been used in curing the Company's cloth; and (2) letter from John Smith, dated May 31, applying for arrears of pay amounting to 2½ Pags.

No. 65. CONSULTATION. JUNE 2, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 150–153 (4).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of May 27, stating that 23 old guns and 2 mortars are sent and desiring a large beam and set of weights; and translations of letters from Negapatam May 26/June 6 and from Pulicat May 30/June 10, urging the examination of Ensign Franken. Agreed not to reverse the former resolution [No. 59]. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. [*N.B.*—Space is left for the entry of the cash account for May but it is not copied].

No. 66. CONSULTATION. JUNE 6, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 154–155 (1½).]

Read letters from Ingeram of May 15, reporting that 200 bales are expected in by Aug.; from Madapollam of May 22, with accounts, etc.; from Fort St. David of June 3, regarding their investment. Advances made. Miss Knipe to receive 63 Pags. being the salary due to her father. Agreed not to send any part of the 3 lakhs of rupees for Bengal immediately, in consideration of the season.

No. 67. CONSULTATION. JUNE 13, 1743, FORENOON. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 156–157 (2).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of June 8, accompanying 5,000 Pags. worth of fanams; from Vizagapatam of May 20, with accounts, and reporting that Husain Kuli Khan, the Rajahmundry Nawab's uncle, has extorted 1,700 Pags. from Pitt at Uppada on account of a ship wrecked there, and that a guard house has been built near the powder magazine; from Fort William of Apr. 15, reporting the Maratha movements, etc., desiring equal quantities

of Madras and Arcot rupees and gold mohurs, which are reckoned at 13½–13¾ Arcot Rs., and asking for soldiers and muskets; and from Anjengo of May 23, stating that the treasure for that place is much needed and that the Dutch are making peace with Travancore. 16 Pags. paid for provisions laid in at Madras for 6 soldiers from Bombay going to Bengal on the *Princess Elizabeth*. 10,000 Madras Pags. to be purchased.

No. 68. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE DUKE. DEC. 29, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 1–3 (3).]

Cite despatch of March 26, 1742, by the *Wilmington* [No. 4] since when 21 ships have arrived safely. Acknowledge letters of Sept. 21 and 26, and Oct. 5, 1741, and Feb. 4 and 6, 1742 [Nos. 280, 283 & 290 of 1741, and 50 & 51 of 1742]. Have engaged this season 13 ships, of which 6 are for the Coast and Bay. Sent 60 chests of treasure, etc., by the *Duke*. As much treasure as possible must be coined and sent to Bengal. The appointment of the Secret Committee. The surplus tonnage is on the same footing as last year. Send list of investment for the next season. Edward Fowke appointed a Senior merchant with standing as though he had remained at Madras. Have sent 60 tons of lead to Sumatra to the forwarded to Madras. Nicholas Morse to be Second of Council and succeed Benyon in case the latter dies or resigns. William Monson to be Deputy Governor of Fort St. David with succession to Morse. Augustus Burton to be dimissed. Certificates to be granted for money tendered on account of the late Edward Michell's estate.

No. 69. LIST OF SHIPS ARRIVED IN ENGLAND FROM THE EAST INDIES, FROM JUNE 11 TO SEPT. 16, 1742. THE INDIA HOUSE. DEC. 30, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 41 (1).]

No. 70. LETTER FROM CHRISTOPHER MOLE, SECRETARY. THE INDIA HOUSE. JAN. 5, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 5 (½).]

The Company believe 10 chests of quicksilver have been clandestinely shipped on the *Duke*.

No. 71. CONSULTATION. JUNE 13, 1743, 5 P.M. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 158–159 (1½).]

Read despatch of Dec. 29, 1742, by the *Duke* [No. 68]. Her stores, etc., to be landed and treasure examined. Randall Fowke resigns his seat as Second to Morse. Agreed to write to Bombay

shipping news, and reporting the receipt of the *Salisbury's* treasure and acquiescence in the Bombay proposals regarding purchase of pepper near Anjengo.

No. 72. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 15, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5. (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Robert Allen, Charles Floyer and William Holt, dated June 14, stating that 2,840 Pags. would be required to complete the faussebray and that with 1,500 more, a bastion may be built at the S.W. angle, similar to those at the other angles so as to make the Fort a complete square. Agreed to recommend the Presidency to permit the execution of these works. Advances made. One time-expired soldier re-enlisted for 5 years, and another to be discharged.

Appended is the report from Robert Allen, etc., as above.

No. 73. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE PRINCESS AMELIA. FEB. 4, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng. Vol.* 47, *pp.* 7–18 (11½).]

Cite despatch of Dec. 29, 1742 [No. 68]. Have taken up 2 more ships; destined 2 more for the Coast and Bay. Shipping news. Approve the inquiry into Capt. Cumming's conduct. Permit building at Bombay such small vessels as are really wanted at Madras. Approve the speedy dispatch of ships to save demurrage. The burning of the sloop shows that great care must be taken against fire. Trust that rice was sent in good time to Sumatra. The Company's sloops to be kept employed and no extravagance permitted on them. The Council at Vizagapatam should have taken copies of the Company's letters to Madras in the *Scarborough* and *Kent's* packets, as well as the private letters for the Coast. Saltpetre to be laded only to the amount of charterparty kintledge except at 'the low freight,' and no surplus tonnage to be sent in piece-goods unless cheaper than last year's. Money may be received from the Commanders on account of their respondentia loans from the Company. Approve the seizure of illicit broadcloth and lead on the *Caesar* and believe all such trade will be detected. China goods laded to Europe from Madras must be at the same freight, etc., that would have been paid at Canton. Have ordered the purchase at Mocha of 1,000 or 1,200 bales of coffee (at 65$) which will be sent on to Madras to be shipped to Europe.

As large sums had to be borrowed in Bengal for the investment, expect the 40 chests of treasure on the *Admiral Vernon* were forwarded thither with whatever more could be spared. Woollen goods elsewhere are sold promptly at outcry; while at Madras 61,000 Pags. worth remain unsold. But as the merchants' balances amount to 1,56,000 Pags. the Madras Council may act as shall appear most advantageous till these balances are reduced, but no cloth is to be issued to the merchants on credit. Goods, etc., sent. Will endeavour to get satisfaction for the imposition in the lead. Approve the regulations for the introduction of the Star pagoda. Send 100 pipes of Madeira by the *Exeter;* and the Captain, etc., are allowed 20 pipes on their privilege.

Approve what was done to re-establish the investment after the Maratha invasion. The merchants' balances must be gradually recovered and care taken that advances are employed wholly on account of the Company. To keep rejected cloth out of the French hands, a lower number or two may be introduced provided the price is proportionately low; the lowest numbers often are most profitable. Fine cloth from Madapollam is the best from the northward; so the continuance of the factory is approved. Hope that Andiyappa's removal to Cuddalore will lead to other merchants settling there.

Rejoice at the withdrawal of the Marathas, and approve of the presents made to them; hope the Nawab has made some compensation for the expense of his family's living at Madras.

Considering the circumstances, cheerfully acquiesce in the improvement of the defences of Fort St. George, etc. But even if the Carnatic is now peaceful, affairs in Europe are still too uncertain for the garrison to be entirely reduced to its former level till further orders. Approve what has been done about the defences at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam. At the latter place, an allowance may be made to reimburse the charge of entertaining strangers. Observe with pleasure that the Maratha invasion caused the Moor and Pathan merchants to land their goods at Madras instead of at St. Thomé.

Company's servants travelling on private affairs are not to receive salary, etc. Goddard and Greenhaugh are to refund what they received. Agree to entertaining Andrew, long a monthly writer to the northward, as a writer in the Company's service. Observe that lieutenants are paid 13 Pags., ensigns 9 Pags., serjeants 8 Pags. and corporals 3⅓ Pags. a month; there should be no difficulty in finding good men for promotion, but a reasonable

No. 75. CONSULTATION. JUNE 20, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 160–169 (10).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 16, regarding the cost of the faussebray; despatch from the Company by the *Princess Amelia* of Feb. 4, 1743 [No. 73]. The Company disapproving Stratton's appointment to the Board, he is only to continue Paymaster till the end of the month. Accounts read. The *Princess Amelia's* stores, etc., to be landed and her treasure examined. The treasure on the *Duke* reported right. In regard to coining half the treasure for Bengal into Arcot rupees, the English have met with frequent obstructions in coining that specie at Chintadripet. The Embassy endeavoured to obtain from Nizam-ul-mulk a confirmation of Muhammad Saiyid's grant for that purpose. On Nizam-ul-mulk's arrival, a Brahman, Venkatachalam, was sent to send news from that camp. This man was known to Imam Sahib, and the latter in conversation said that the Navaits were only 'a parcel of fugitives,' and that Muhammad Saiyid's grants would be revoked; adding however after further talk that he would try to get the villages for the English, but that no grant could be made for the coinage, which was to be restricted to St. Thomé and Covelong. Imam Sahib is personally interested in the coinage for he had enjoyed the profits of the St. Thomé mint which was closed when the Poonamallee mint was moved to Chintadripet; and though the St. Thomé mint has been re-opened, the two compete. In regard to the villages, Imam Sahib actually sent some horse to take possession, but, by the intervention of his sister (an old resident at Madras), the English were left in apparent possession. When however Coja Abd-ullah Khan was appointed Nawab, he revoked the grants. This was not opposed, because a grant was then expected from Nizam-ul-mulk. Recently Imam Sahib wrote to his sister that the grant had been signed by Nizam-ul-mulk and would be sealed by Abd-ullah Khan, and sent an order for the delivery of the villages to be presented to the Governor by his (Imam Sahib's) little son. Benyon however declined the visit, as the former order had been revoked by Abd-ullah Khan, and only received the order by the Daroga. Imam Sahib has evaded giving any definite answer about the mint whenever Coja Petrus has mentioned that matter. At present, coinage has not yet been prohibited, though the Havildar of Covelong has written twice about it. When Safdar Ali died in 1742, the only silver in the Sarkar's mints was at Poonamallee; that was coined at Chintadripet; but when Manilla silver came up from Pondichery, the

increase may be made subject to the Company's approval. Graham who owes the Company 2,595 Pags. on account of turned-out cloth, must either pay his debt or be discharged. Are pleased at the good character given of John Waters. Noah Casamajor appointed a factor with an extra allowance of 30 £ as interpreter. Richard Starke's covenants have been sent unexecuted. Last season 80 recruits were sent; send more now; they are as good as can be got in war time, though mostly in desperate circumstances, and perhaps of ill principles and brains. No blacks have been sent as recruits. Before paying the Surgeons their headmoney it must be ascertained that the recruits were well looked after. Entertain as writers:—William Smith King, Robert Clive, Samuel Banks, Henry Cope, John Walsh, John William Speke, John Andrews, and John Pybus. John Walsh, John Andrews and Casamajor (already on the Coast) must execute their covenants and furnish sureties. License as free merchants:—Daniel Lascelles, Solomon Franco, Moses Berend Heyman, James de Lisle, Thomas Smith, William Woolhead, David Medley, John Rennald and Robert Crawley. Edmund Edlyne permitted to remove from Sumatra to Madras, and Henry Kelsall and Richard Court from Madras to Bengal. A seniority list of covenanted servants on the Coast to be sent yearly. Money may be received and certificates granted on account of the late James Hubbard's estate. Disapprove Stratton's appointment of Council. John Hinde entertained as Senior merchant and of Council next under Monson, and, if Monson declines the Governorship of Fort St. David, Hinde is to go there. John Savage appointed of Council.

No. 74. LIST OF THE INVESTMENT TO BE PROVIDED IN 1743-44. THE INDIA HOUSE. FEB. 4, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from England, Vol.* 47, *pp.* 35-38 (4).]

Allejas (bright red) 400 pieces; beteellas, Oringal and Pulicat, 3,700; chintz, Madras, 5,000; callawapores, 400; dimities (very fine), 200; ginghams, white, blue and red striped and chequered, 1,300; izarees, 500; longcloth, 133,600; moorees, 5,500; romals, 11,600; sastracundys, 600; salempores, 86,000; redwood; and saltpetre. Want as many different patterns in the Madras chintz as possible. Sannoes and jugdea baftas will be sent from Bengal to be painted. All the longcloth need not be sent if the quantity will raise the price; but want as many salempores as can be got at a moderate price.

No. 75. CONSULTATION. JUNE 20, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 160–169 (10).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 16, regarding the cost of the faussebray; despatch from the Company by the *Princess Amelia* of Feb. 4, 1743 [No. 73]. The Company disapproving Stratton's appointment to the Board, he is only to continue Paymaster till the end of the month. Accounts read. The *Princess Amelia's* stores, etc., to be landed and her treasure examined. The treasure on the *Duke* reported right. In regard to coining half the treasure for Bengal into Arcot rupees, the English have met with frequent obstructions in coining that specie at Chintadripet. The Embassy endeavoured to obtain from Nizam-ul-mulk a confirmation of Muhammad Saiyid's grant for that purpose. On Nizam-ul-mulk's arrival, a Brahman, Venkatachalam, was sent to send news from that camp. This man was known to Imam Sahib, and the latter in conversation said that the Navaits were only 'a parcel of fugitives,' and that Muhammad Saiyid's grants would be revoked; adding however after further talk that he would try to get the villages for the English, but that no grant could be made for the coinage, which was to be restricted to St. Thomé and Covelong. Imam Sahib is personally interested in the coinage for he had enjoyed the profits of the St. Thomé mint which was closed when the Poonamallee mint was moved to Chintadripet; and though the St. Thomé mint has been re-opened, the two compete. In regard to the villages, Imam Sahib actually sent some horse to take possession, but, by the intervention of his sister (an old resident at Madras), the English were left in apparent possession. When however Coja Abd-ullah Khan was appointed Nawab, he revoked the grants. This was not opposed, because a grant was then expected from Nizam-ul-mulk. Recently Imam Sahib wrote to his sister that the grant had been signed by Nizam-ul-mulk and would be sealed by Abd-ullah Khan, and sent an order for the delivery of the villages to be presented to the Governor by his (Imam Sahib's) little son. Benyon however declined the visit, as the former order had been revoked by Abd-ullah Khan, and only received the order by the Daroga. Imam Sahib has evaded giving any definite answer about the mint whenever Coja Petrus has mentioned that matter. At present, coinage has not yet been prohibited, though the Havildar of Covelong has written twice about it. When Safdar Ali died in 1742, the only silver in the Sarkar's mints was at Poonamallee; that was coined at Chintadripet; but when Manilla silver came up from Pondichery, the

minters at St. Thomé offered more rupees per 100 oz. than were paid at Chintadripet (i.e., lowered the touch), whereon the minters at the latter place asked leave to coin at the same rate as the St. Thomé mint. Leave was refused, for fear of raising the opposition of Imam Sahib and Abd-ullah Khan, who are interested in the St. Thomé and Covelong mints, respectively, and who may regard the grant as a 'bagatelle,' if they think the English will only coin rupees of the old touch. Agreed to bring the Chintadripet stamps to the Madras mint to coin the Company's silver into Arcot rupees. Linga Chetti ordered to submit an estimate of the produce of 100 oz. standard silver in Arcot rupees weighing 30 lb. 6 oz. per mille and 4½ dwt. better than standard, with a view to coining Arcot rupees after the same manner as that followed for Madras rupees.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1743.

No. 76. CONSULTATION. JUNE 23, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 170–171 (1½).]

Payments received, advances made and accounts read. According to the Company's orders the old factory house at Masulipatam to be pulled down; the chay goods thence to be sent to Madapollam on country vessels at convenient times. Andrews taken into the Company's service. Kelsall to proceed [from Madapollam] to Vizagapatam in order to proceed to Bengal on the Europe ship soon to be dispatched. Extracts from the list of investment respecting dimities, romals and bluecloth, to be sent to Fort St. David. Linga Chetti's estimate of the produce of 100 oz. of silver in Arcot rupees referred to the Assay-master as there are differences between it and the practice in coining Madras rupees.

No. 77. CONSULTATION. JUNE 27, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 172–176 (4¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 22, with accounts, etc., and desiring a supply of cash. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The Surgeons of the *Duke* and of the *Princesss Amelia* granted headmoney for recruits. 30 recruits to be sent to Fort St. David. The *Lusitania*, with supracargo, Tempest Milner, under Portuguese colours, trading at St. Thomé against the Company's interests, agreed to prohibit all belonging to Madras from trading with her, under penalty of being sent to Europe or (if an Indian) of being fined at the discretion of the Board and expelled the bounds. Treasure for the Bay to be sent on the *Duke* and the *Princess Amelia*. As less saltpetre will be

needed than was expected, agreed to desire Bengal to send rice on the *Princess Augusta* instead. The renters of the Company's gardens, having fallen into arrears owing to the wells having turned salt, have paid what is due by selling their houses but refuse to continue to hold the cowle. Agreed to put up the farm at outcry. Thomas Eyre declares he is ready to go to Vizagapatam but would prefer not to. As Eyre is a Justice his continuance at Madras would much relieve the other Justices.

Appended are: --(1) two petitions from Cornelius Inglis and James Wilson, Surgeons on the *Duke* and the *Princess Amelia*, respectively, praying for headmoney on 17 and 19 recruits; and (2) notification, dated June 27, 1743, forbidding all traffic with the *Lusitania*.

No. 78. CONSULTATION. JUNE 30, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 177-182 (6).]

Read petition from Coja Miguel de Gregorio praying to be allowed to land bugles consigned him on the *Lusitania* from Venice. As the consignor may not have known the Company's rules about foreign ships and have thought the *Lusitania* the safest conveyance in view of the war with Spain, agreed that they may be landed provided the returns are made by a Company's ship, that Miguel obtains no more goods but by Company's ships, and that he pays the 3% freight which he would have paid on a Company's ship. 10,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9⅝% batta. The Assay-master reports that better terms than Linga Chetti's estimate for coining rupees [see No. 76] are unlikely to be got. Agreed to accept it. Richard Prince to be Chief of Vizagapatam, and Thomas Saunders to be Resident at Ingeram. Extract from the list of investment to be sent thither. Further particulars to be called for from Vizagapatam respecting the affair at Uppada [See No. 67], as Benyon and others have heard that the wreck was falsely represented to be an English ship. Thomas Eyre to be Paymaster *vice* Stratton.

Appended are:—(1) petition from Coja Miguel de Gregorio, (n.d.), as above; (2) letter from Sidney Foxall, Assay-master, dated June 30, 1743, stating that in making Arcot rupees the silver has to be melted two or even three times to get the right matt, whereas by long experience one melting is generally enough for Madras rupees and this involves a loss of 6 per mille each melting, and advising that Linga Chetti's estimate, reduced by ¾%, be accepted; (3) estimate of the produce of 100 oz. of standard silver in Arcot

rupees; allowing Company's custom 5 per mille, to the Moors' mosque ½ per mille, to Krishnaji Pantulu ½ per mille, and for coinage 17½ per mille, net produce is 259 Arcot Rs.

No. 79. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 30, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras ordering the provision of 200 pieces of very fine dimities, 2,000 more of soot romals blue and white, and 400 red and white. The merchants instructed accordingly and directed to bring in musters of the first. Indents for wares, etc., to be sent to Madras. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 5,149 Star Pags. Robert Allen's request for leave to go to Madras, to be forwarded to the Presidency.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1743.

No. 80. CONSULTATION. JULY 4, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 183–187 (4¾).]

Read letters from Anjengo of June 11, stating that the Dutch have made peace with Travancore on terms much the same as those before the war; from Vizagapatam of June 9, with accounts and stating that no redress for the insult to Pitt is probable but that they hope the ill-government will not affect the investment; from Ingeram of June 15, stating that 220 bales are expected by mid-August; and from Fort St. David of July 2, stating that bluecloth middling costs nearly as much as ordinary, and reporting the arrival of French ships at Pondichery and Allen's desire to come to Madras. Agreed to inform Fort St. David that the price of longcloth should not be raised in order to get a larger quantity; there is little chance of getting cloth at lower rates than last year, but no further rise must be admitted, for once the price is raised it never falls again though cotton and grain get cheaper. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Damerla Venkatappa Nayak, grandson of Damerla Chinnappa Nayak who granted this place, intends to visit Benyon; agreed to tasheriff him as was done in 1724.

Appended are the cash accounts for June, 1743, balance 27,151 Star and 21,102 Madras Pags.

No. 81. CONSULTATION. JULY 6, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 188 (¾).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of June 10, accompanying packets for Bengal and Bombay. Payments received. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David.

No. 82. CONSULTATION. JULY 11, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 189–190 (1½).]

Agreed to send on the *Duke* 6 nine-pounder iron guns and the Madras pagodas in cash to Vizagapatam, and 20 chests of Bombay, 12 chests of Madras and 16 of Arcot Rs. to the Bay. Deficiencies of sea-coals, etc., by the *Duke* and the *Princess Amelia* referred to England. Neither soldiers nor small arms can be spared for Bengal till this year's supplies are known. The Company's orders regarding Henry Kelsall and Richard Court to be communicated to the Bay. 10,000 Madras Pags. to be sent from Vizagapatam to Madapollam, if the Vizagapatam investment permits. Robert Goodere to be Second and Foss Westcott Third of Council at Vizagapatam.

No. 83. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 12, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 10,000 Pags. from Madras. Advances made.

No. 84. CONSULTATION. JULY 14, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 191–193 (2¼).]

Accounts read and advances made. 4,000 Madras Pags. to be bought at 10% batta and sent to Madapollam with stores, etc. The remaining Bombay rupees with 1,52,000 Madras and 82,000 Arcot rupees and the remaining gold mohurs to be sent to Bengal by the *Princess Amelia*. Agreed that in the unsettled state of the country not more than 2,000—2,100 bales are likely to be ready by Dec. ships; as the sloops will bring saltpetre enough in Feb. to maintain the stock, agreed to desire Bengal to fill the space for that number of bales with good rice which is likely to be dear. All the saltpetre to be laded at low freight should be put on board in Bengal. Agreed to refuse 240 Pags. a year which was all that was offered for the Company's large garden at the outcry.

No. 85. CONSULTATION. JULY 18, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 193–195 (2).]

Read letters from Fort William of May 16, stating that the *Princess Augusta* will be repaired, that Hollard's mathematical instruments cannot be found, that no bullion should be sent, and that the investment prospects are poor; from Vizagapatam of the 19th instant [*sic.*]; from Fort St. David of July 14, reporting the arrival of the soldiers and the money. Payments received,

advances made and accounts read. Linga Chetti to buy 20,000 Madras Pags. The Tellicherry packet for Bombay to be sent by shroffs' peons who are going to Surat.

No. 86. CONSULTATION. JULY 25, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 196–199 (3½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of July 20, with accounts, etc.; from Capt. Robert Hanslapp of the *Montfort* off Vizagapatam, of July 2, reporting his arrival there with a weak crew; and from Vizagapatam of July 2, to the same effect and reporting the arrival of Banks and Pybus, writers for Madras. The *Montfort's* packet opened. Payments received, advances made and accounts read. 3 pipes of last year's Madeira wine, 500 candies of lead and embossed napped and flowered cloths to be sold. John Morris, a time-expired soldier, discharged.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1743.

No. 87. CONSULTATION. JULY 29, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 200–202 (3).]

Benyon reports that when 3 soldiers deserted to Pulicat, he wrote to Fonseca, the Chief there, desiring their return on condition of pardon; but the Dutch answer that by order from Negapatam no English deserters are to be surrendered. Agreed to desire the Dutch at Negapatam to reconsider their resolution. Stratton permitted to go to Bengal. 45 Pags. believed to be the property of an absconding conicopoly, restored to owner [See No. 233 of 1742]. Advances made, accounts read and payments received. The arrack house which is within 200 yards of the townwall and is a nuisance to the neighbours, is to be removed to a garden at a more convenient distance.

Appended is a letter from John Stratton, dated July 29, 1743, desiring leave to proceed to Bengal on private business and return in Dec.

No. 88. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Monson has news from Salem that the agents of Seshachalam, the French Company's merchant at Pondichery, have bought of Nanjan Chetti 100 ox-loads or 125 corge of cloth and are bargaining for more. The merchants being called in and asked why they cannot similarly procure cloth from Salem, explain that it is too risky this year to send money so far and that Seshachalam has

received an assurance from the French Governor, etc., of compensation for any loss he may sustain. Monson is desired to get all the information he can on this point. Musters of dimities (first sort at 15 Pags. a piece and second sort at 10) approved. Holt to be Sea and Land Customer of Devanampattanam, *vice* Allen permitted to go to Madras. Mutyalu to be furnished with title-deeds for the garden at Bandipalaiyam, declared to be his property in 1737. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 7,418 Star Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1743.

No. 89. CONSULTATION. AUG. 9, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 203–204 (1½).]

The shroffs' offer to buy 18–20 chests of the Company's silver at 14¾ $ weight per 10 Pags. accepted as the price is higher than that lately ruling. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. 20,000 Madras Pags. delivered in by Linga Chetti at 9⅝ % batta, to be sent to Vizagapatam.

No. 90. CONSULTATION. AUG. 15, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 205–209 (5).]

Read letters from Ingeram of July 28, with accounts and reporting Prince's intended departure for Vizagapatam; and from Madapollam of Aug. 3, reporting Kelsall's sickness, with accounts, etc. Payments received and advances made.

Appended [by error] is the cash account for July, balance 32,933 Star and 37 Madras Pags.

No. 91. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE HEATHCOTE. MARCH 11, 1742. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 21 (1).]

Andrew Munro licensed as free merchant. Full reports must be made on short deliveries of stores, etc., from the Company's ships. Send some 'brownetts or figured stuffs mixt with silk,' broad long ells, shalloons and says, as an experiment. William Douglas to succeed to a Surgeon's vacancy next after Belsches. A reasonable addition may be made to the Surgeon's mate's pay. Desire musters of all new kinds of Indian goods that may sell well.

No. 92. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY. MARCH 16, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 23 (1).]

Strict search to be made for 10 bales of unlicensed goods found on the *Heathcote* but subsequently hidden. Shipping news.

No. 93. COPY OF THE OPINIONS OF SIR DUDLEY RYDER, WILLIAM MURRAY, AND JOHN BROWNE. FEB. 18, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 105–114 (9).]

Hold that a Gentue suing in the Mayor's Court as a representative of a deceased Gentue, against an English subject, should as in English Law, prove the will, or take letters of administration to the estate of the deceased. Hold also the clause of the Charter appointing the President and five senior Councillors as Justices of the Peace has no reference to their residence at Fort St. George, and that inconvenience caused by the absence of these councillors could be remedied, not by the appointment as Justices of other councillors who may be resident but only by the Crown enlarging the number of the Justices.

No. 94. LIST OF PERSONS PERMITTED TO GO TO INDIA. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 16, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 39 (1).]

Those permitted to go to Madras are:—Gaylard Roberts (mariner); William Bonus (his apprentice); Isaac Miors (servant to Moses Berend Heyman); Katherine Gyfford; and Mary Consett.

No. 95. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE SILVER SHIPPED. THE INDIA HOUSE. DEC. 29, 1742, FEB. 4 AND MARCH 14, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 61–67 (7).]

Manifests of private silver for Madras on the *Duke*, the *Princess Amelia*, the *Montfort* and the *Heathcote*, amounting to 16,923 oz.

No. 96. LISTS OF RECRUITS. THE INDIA HOUSE. DEC. 29, 1742, FEB. 4 AND MARCH 14, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 69–77 (5).]

List of soldiers sent to Madras on the *Duke* (19), the *Princess Amelia* (19), the *Montfort* (16), the *Heathcote* (20), and the *Exeter* (19), in all 93.

No. 97. ACCOUNT OF LOANS TO SHIPS' CAPTAINS. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 16, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 81 (½).]

Amounting to £12,700, lent to the Captains of the *Montague*, the *Montfort*, the *Exeter*, the *Winchester* and the *Heathcote*.

No. 98. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE TRADE. THE INDIA HOUSE. DEC. 29, 1742, FEB. 4 AND MARCH 14, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 43–59 (16).]

Manifests of goods, merchandize, and foreign silver for Madras licensed to be laden on the *Duke*, the *Princess Amelia*, the *Montfort*, the *Exeter* and the *Heathcote*. The value of coral is £28,809. Total of manifests, £46,322.

No. 99. ABSTRACT INVOICES. THE INDIA HOUSE. 1742–43. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 91–104 (12).]

The consignments to Madras consisted of:—silver, £403,236; broadcloth, etc., £41,137; lead, £4,922; iron, £1,078; military stores, £2,533, etc. The total consignments to Madras are invoiced at £455,122.

No. 100. LISTS OF THE PACKETS. THE INDIA HOUSE. 1742–43. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *pp.* 115–123 (9).]

Lists of the Company's packets to Madras by the *Duke*, the *Princess Amelia*, the *Montfort*, the *Heathcote* and the *Exeter*.

No. 101. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE WINCHESTER. MARCH 2, 1743. COPY RECD. AUG. 22, 1743; ORIGINAL RECD. JUNE 1, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 1–2 (2); *also in Vol.* 47, *pp.* 19–20.]

Cite despatch of Feb. 4 [No. 73]. Morse on assuming the Presidency to furnish security for £10,000 and the Councillors for £4,000 each. Hyde Parker, an Ensign for Sumatra, may remain at Madras if there is a vacancy. Richard Bourchier if at Madras is to proceed to Anjengo of which he has been named Chief; James Feild appointed Chaplain in Bengal unless Wynch wishes to go thither or Howard comes home. Samuel Barlow permitted to reside as a free merchant. Shipping news. Gabriel Steward appointed Commander of the *Winchester*, *vice* Richard Pinnell, sick.

No. 102. CONSULTATION. AUG. 22, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 210–212 (2¾).]

John Hinde [arrived by the *Heathcote*] takes his seat and the oaths as Justice of the Peace. Read despatches by the *Heathcote*, etc., of March 2, 11 and 16 [Nos. 101, 91 and 92]. The *Heathcote's* military, etc., to be landed. Read letters from Vizagapatam of July 31, reporting the *Duke's* arrival and departure, the loss of the *Prince of Wales* near Jagannath, etc.; from Fort William of June 8, regarding the Marathas, stating that the Arcot gold mohurs are worse than formerly and desiring treasure to be sent ⅔ in Arcot and ⅓ in Madras rupees; and from Fort St. David of Aug. 17, stating that the merchants expect to be compensated for any money lost on the way to Salem. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. It being thought that Armenians intend buying a house in the White Town advertised for sale, agreed that, as foreigners already own so many houses there, they be not permitted to purchase or inhabit more, and that such as are already in their possession shall be purchased or inhabited by other foreigners than their present owners, etc., only by express permission of the President and Council.

No. 103. LETTER FROM CHAMBERS AND BAKER AT MADEIRA. APR. 9, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 47, *p.* 125 (1).]

Forward 100 pipes of wine for Madras and 150 for Bengal on the *Exeter*.

No. 104. CONSULTATION. AUG. 29, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 213–220 (7¾).]

The *Exeter's* packet opened and found to contain duplicates. Her military and treasure to be landed. The *Heathcote's* treasure reported right. Read translation of letter from Negapatam of Aug. 13/24, proposing an agreement for the mutual surrender of deserters on condition of their not being executed or punished publicly or infamously. Benyon pays in 784 Pags. on account of the estate of Henry Campion; Joseph Arbuckle (by attorney) pays in 84 Madras Pags. on account of the estate of Joseph Goddard. Headmoney for the military granted to the Surgeon of the *Heathcote*. Savage reports that no more than 250 Pags. per annum is offered for the Company's old garden as the trees are decayed and the wells almost useless. Agreed that it be surveyed before coming to a final decision. Accounts read. Imam Sahib having informed Benyon of the capture of Trichinopoly, agreed that a congratulatory

letter with 51 gold mohurs be sent to Nizam-ul-mulk. Robert Wynch (Chaplain) proposes to proceed to Bengal, as another Chaplain (Feild) has arrived. Capt. Burrows of the *Salisbury* granted an advance of 996 Pags., being at the rate of 300 $ per 100 tons, for the purchase of provisions on his homeward voyage according to charterparty, although it is not clear whether he is entitled to it as Madras is not his port of despatch.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. Christopher Burrows of the *Salisbury*, dated Aug. 29, 1743, applying for an advance, as above; (2) petition from John Sheafe, Surgeon of the *Heathcote*, (n.d.), praying for headmoney on 20 soldiers including Ensign Parker; and (3) statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1743.

No. 105. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Charles Floyer presents a report, dated Aug. 31, on the repairs necessary at Devanampattanam, Cuddalore and the out-guards, estimated to cost 326 Pags. Agreed that only repairs to the lodgings over the North Gate and to the guard rooms be undertaken at present as the work-people are busy on the faussebray. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 4,592 [Star] Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Charles Floyer as above, with an estimate of the repairs; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for [July] 1743.

No. 106. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 6, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 221–229 (8½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Aug. 29 and 31, reporting the despatch of 170 bales by a 'phar' and applying for 10,000 Pags.; from Bombay of Aug. 12, stating that no coffee will be bought at Mocha, that the Anjengo treasure may be forwarded to Bengal, that the vessel built for Sumatra will sail shortly, and that Baji Rao has returned from Bengal; from Gombroon of July 18, desiring freighters to be encouraged to land goods at Gombroon; from Basra of June 7, stating that the Madras packets have been forwarded. The *Exeter's* treasure is reported correct and her wine properly stowed. Headmoney granted for the soldiers on the *Exeter*. A deficiency of lead by the *Heathcote* to be reported to Bengal. No packing stuff will be needed from Bengal next year, but only 20 jars of mustard seed oil. Accounts read. The *Heathcote*

to be despatched to Bengal with 50 chests of Arcot rupees. Smart to return the military in Pegu if he can.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Jonathan Cape and William Percival, dated Aug. 31, 1743, regarding the stowage of Madeira on the *Exeter*; (2) petition of Jeremiah Roberts, Surgeon on the *Exeter*, (n.d.), praying for headmoney on 19 soldiers; (3) account of sale, held Aug. 10, 1743, of 500 candies of lead at 13¼ Pags. per candy, of 51 pieces of embossed cloth realising 1,466 Pags., 6 pipes of sour Madeira wine realising 115 Pags., etc.; and (4) cash account for Aug. 1743, balance 87,767 Star and 121 Madras Pags.

No. 107. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 12, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 230–231 (2).]

Read letters from Fort William of Aug. 2, reporting shipping news, the detention of great guns sent for Madras by the *Montfort* and the sale of the *Princess Augusta's* Madeira for 3,517 Arcot Rs.; from Vizagapatam of Aug. 14 and 30, stating that Banks and Pybus are coming to Madras on Prince's vessel and sending Stratton's account with his reply to their demand of the balance. 3 time-expired soldiers discharged. Certificates granted on account of the estates of James Hubbard (3,000 Pags.) and Edward Michell (3,211 Pags.), and for 179 Pags. on account of Capt. John Tedd of the *Wilmington*.

No. 108. LETTER TO WILLIAM WESTON, COMMANDER OF THE EXETER. SEPT. 13, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, p.* 1 (½). *Torn.*]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 109. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 17, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 232–234 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 14, with an indent for stores and applying for 10,000 more Pags.; from Bombay of Aug. 17 and 18, reporting the cost of the *Brilliant* (18,132 Rs.), her lading of treasure and cotton for Bengal, etc.; and from Tellicherry of June 23, accompanying a Bombay packet for England. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Despatch to England by the *Salisbury* partly read. Signed bills for 417 Pags. 4,000 Madras Pags. bought of the shroffs at 9% batta.

No. 110. LETTER FROM GEORGE PIGOT, SUB-SECRETARY, TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, pp.* 1–2 (¾). *Torn.*]

Bales to be sent up by the *Mercury* if she should call at Fort St. David. 10,000 Pags. will be sent to-morrow.

No. 111. LETTER FROM GEORGE PIGOT, SUB-SECRETARY, TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 18, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, p.* 2 (½). *Torn.*]

10,000 Pags. are now sent by peons. 2,000 gunnies have been shipped to Fort St. David.

No. 112. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 19, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *p.* 235 (¾).]

Signed despatch by the *Salisbury*. Capt. Burrows declares his private trade at 2,666 Pags.

No. 113. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY BY THE MONTFORT [SALISBURY?]. SEPT. 19, 1743. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 434–438 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Cite despatch of Feb. 2, by the *Walpole* [No. 30]. Shipping news. The *Princess Elizabeth* was dismasted and the *Prince of Wales* cast away near Jagannath on their passage to Bengal; so it was fortunate the season was thought too early to send on them the 3 lakhs of rupees from Bombay. It is unlucky that any ships passed by Madras as Bengal wanted all the treasure coined. Enquire how to act when ships' commanders apply for advances. Sold in Jan. and Feb., 1,00,000 Rs. at 320, 50,000 at 305, and 2,00,000 at 300 per 100 Pags. The money was laid out in gold mohurs which cost at Madras 3 Pags. 29 fns. In June, the Bengal shroffs offered only 13 Rs. each at which rate they produce Arcot Rs. 341–9–0 per 100 Pags. The shroffs had to sell rupees again at 346—350, and so lost about 11,000 Pags. Have remitted to Bengal 10,386 gold mohurs, 10,34,634 Arcot and 2,76,000 Madras Rs. Though debased in country mints, rupees are now at 338 to 340. Sold 20 chests of silver at 14¾ $ weight per 10 Pags., and 6 chests at 14⅝, which is better than if coined in the Madras mint. Country rupees, though worse than those coined at Madras, sell just as well. Have disposed of all their woollen goods, most of which were sent to the Maratha country. Broadcloth shall be put up at outcry as soon as the merchants' balances are cleared; meanwhile it is only issued for cash payments. The French investment

did not much affect the Company's, as they advanced only 5,000 on a contract for 3,00,000 Pags. But dearness of cotton, famine and troubles caused by the presence of Nizam-ul-mulk's army of 300,000 men, have been great obstacles. The demand for cloth for Nizam-ul-mulk's army is reckoned at 10,000 Pags. a month. Hope to provide 2,000 bales by Jan. When Nizam-ul-mulk, Nasir Jang and several nobles arrived at Arcot, Eyre, Harrison and Hollond were deputed to his camp with presents amounting to 13,000 Pags. on Imam Sahib's advice. They were well received at Trichinopoly, and spent 5,223 Pags. The Dutch have had to spend 40,000 Rs. in pacifying the Nizam. A grant of the villages is regarded as certain; a dastak exempting the Company's goods from juncan is hoped for. The Nizam expecting a crore and 3 lakhs of rupees of Saiyid Khan for his investiture, application was made for a loan of 10 lakhs on security, but not entertained. After 5 months' siege, Nizam took Trichinopoly. His large army 'sets heavy on these parts.' The Marathas still remain in Bengal. Burton has paid the sums claimed of him so that the matter may no longer be publicly discussed. On Major Knipe's death (May 5) Lieut. de Gingins was given a company. Prince appointed Chief at Vizagapatam; and Saunders, Resident at Ingeram. Deaths of Ensign Hollard and Henry Campion. Wynch went to Bengal on the arrival of the Rev. James Feild. Hinde shall be sent to Fort St. David. The French have received 3 ships from Europe (it is said with much treasure) but they are still borrowing, especially from Imam Sahib. They have fixed their rupees at 320 per 100 Pags., which is 7 or 8% more than market rate. The *Lusitania* with a Portuguese commission and Tempest Milner supracargo, having put in at Pondichery, landed at St. Thomé 30 bales of broadcloth and some coral under the Bishop's care and agreed to take ginghams and moorees on return from Bengal. Have prohibited all trade with her. Madeira wine sells at 53 Pags. a pipe. Much demand for white flannels and scarlet says. The *Brilliant* which cost 18,132 Rs. has arrived from Bombay. The Captain of the *Salisbury's* private trade is manifested at 2,666 Pags.; diamonds, etc., registered 59,777 Pags. Cash balance, 82,590 Star and 4,402 Madras Pags. Have drawn bills for 417 Pags.; and granted certificates for 7,174 Pags.

No. 114. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 22, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 236–237 (1¾).]

Payments received and accounts read. Agreed on letter to England *via* Pondichery. Purchase of 4 new 'guard horses' by the

Paymaster approved. Mackneight, the Surgeon's mate, being very ill and intending to go to Europe in Jan. if he is recovered sufficiently, William Lyon and John Sheafe entertained as mates on 15 Pags. a month each instead of 10, as formerly.

No. 115. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 22, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)].

Read letter from Madras accompanying 10,000 Pags. and directing bales to be sent by the *Mercury*. Agreed to answer that the commander of the *Mercury* considers it too late in the season to call at Madras as he is bound for Bengal. Account of damaged goods sold at outcry, as per list appended.

No. 116. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 26, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 238-242 (4¾).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Aug. 24 and Sept. 1, enclosing a list of Joseph Goddard's effects sent to Madras; from Fort St. David of Sept. 23, stating that no more bales will be sent to Madras this season, desiring orders regarding repairs at Cuddalore and Fort St. David and reporting the arrival of the *Duc de Chartres* at Pondichery. Agreed to despatch the letter for England *viâ* Pondichery. Accounts read and advances made. Lodwick, supracargo of the *Augusta* bound for Malabar and Mocha, summoned and informed of the prohibition of sale of guns and powder on the Malabar coast and the purchase of pepper at ports near Anjengo.

Appended are:—(1) account salary of covenanted servants for the past half-year; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1743.

No. 117. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 20, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 243-244 (1¾).]

Read letters from Ingeram of Aug. 25 and Sept. 1; from Madapollam of Sept. 12, with accounts; from Fort William of Aug. 14, with packet for Europe. Hyde Parker to be Ensign at Fort St. David; Ensign William de Morgan ordered up to Madras. Advances made and payments received. Wares, etc., to be sent to Fort St. David. 5,500 Pags. advanced for compensation for houses and gardens demolished in the Marathas' inroad.

Appended is the account sale of 4 old 'guard horses' (3 bay and 1 black) for 24½ Pags.

No. 118. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 29, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, p.* 3 (1). *Torn.*]

Send Ensign's commission for Hyde Parker. On his arrival Ensign William de Morgan may come to Madras. Send wares and medicine.

No. 119. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 30, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 18,057 Star Pags.

Appended are:—(1) account salary of the Company's servants for the six months ending Sept. 25, 1743, amounting to 294 Pags.; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1743.

No. 120. CONSULTATION. OCT. 3, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 245—251 (6⅔).]

Read letters from Fort William of Aug. 14 and 27, regarding goods, etc., sent to Madras, their need of rupees as it is difficult to sell bullion, the retention of the recruits by the *Montfort*, shipping news, etc.; and from Tellicherry of Sept. 7, returning the pattamars sent last June. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. 6,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9¼% batta, and 20,000 more to be bought; and 5,000 to be sent to Madapollam by peons in company with treasure and an escort going north from Pulicat. Hallyburton and Kelsall permitted to come to Madras. The *Princess Augusta* to be returned to Bengal with raw cotton from Bombay. As lascars, etc., cannot be had in Madras, Capt. Goring to entertain lascars in Bengal if possible [No. 126]. Agreed on letter to Bengal of Oct. 13 [No. 125].

Appended is cash account for Sept. 1743, balance 4,402 Madras and 78,008 Star Pags.

No. 121. LETTER TO JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. OCT. 5, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, p.* 4 (1). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 3 and 7. Shipping news.

No. 122. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 7, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, p.* 5 (1). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 24. Send wares, etc. Will send 5,000 Madras Pags. this evening overland and the like sum in a few days.

No. 123. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 7, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, p.* 6 (¾). *Torn.*]

Send 5,000 Madras Pags. by 16 peons. Permit Hallyburton [and Kelsall?] to come up in Dec.

No. 124. CONSULTATION. OCT. 13, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 252–253 (1½).]

Read letter from Vizagapatam of Sept. 23, regarding the *Essex* driven thither by the weather. Advances made. 2 disorderly soldiers to be sent to Sumatra. As vessels for Sumatra at this season are often driven to the northward, agreed that the *Brilliant* may call at Moco Moco if convenient.

No. 125. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 13, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, pp.* 6–8 (2⅓). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 14 and 27. Dispatch the *Princess Augusta* to be returned with the *Sumatra* in Dec., laded with good rice on the Company's account and patcheree rice for Sumatra. Send 57 bales of cotton received from Bombay; will send the 50,000 Rs. received thence later on. Shipping news, etc. Desire the tools for use in the Mint to be forwarded. Advances to be made if necessary to Capt. Goring who is to engage lascars for Sumatra.

No. 126. LETTER TO GEORGE GORING, COMMANDER OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. OCT. 13, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, pp.* 9–10 (1½). *Brittle and torn.*]

As lascars for Sumatra cannot be engaged at Madras, desire him to get some in Bengal. They will be paid Rs. 7 a month, advanced 4 months' pay at Calcutta, allowed to take their families with them, and provided with lodgings, on condition of serving the Company for 5 years. Rice, dhol, ghi to be purchased in Bengal as they are cheaper there than at Madras; the President, etc., at Calcutta will furnish the money.

No. 127. LETTER TO GEORGE GORING, COMMANDER OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. OCT. 13, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, p.* 10 (½). *Torn.*]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 128. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. 14, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *p.* 11 (½). *Torn.*]

A chest of stationery is being sent by the *Essex*.

No. 129. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. OCT. 16, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *pp.* 11—22 (11). *Torn and britle.*]

Shipping news. The *Princess Augusta* will be sent to Sumatra with any lascars that can be engaged. Have received from Bombay the *Brilliant* brigantine (100 tons) built for the Sumatra service. Send 500 bags of patcheree rice, and will do so by every ship. Send 2 soldiers who are to serve in Sumatra for 5 years. (The rest of the letter relates to Sumatra affairs only.)

Appended are :—(1) manifests of goods licensed on the *Brilliant ;* and (2) list of her packet.

No. 130. LETTER TO SAMUEL GREENSLATE, RESIDENT AT MOCO MOCO. OCT. 16, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *p.* 22 (½). *Brittle and torn.*]

Have directed the *Brilliant* to put in at Moco Moco, if convenient, and to land piece-goods sent on the Company's account.

No. 131. LETTER TO CAPTAIN ROBERT SOMERVILLE GAY OF THE BRILLIANT BRIGANTINE. OCT. 16, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *p.* 23 (1). *Torn and brittle.*]

Sailing orders for Fort Marlborough, with instructions to touch at Moco Moco if convenient.

No. 132. CONSULTATION. OCT. 17, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 254–257 (3½).]

Commission for William de Morgan as Ensign at Madras. Advances made. 5,000 Madras Pags. to be sent to Madapollam by peons ; and 5,000 ordered thither from Vizagapatam. Arrangements for sending the northern cloth to Madras. Capt. John Byers' creditors choose Nicholas Morse to replace Richard Benyon as assignee. Excess salary paid to be recovered from Holland Goddard and Samuel Greenhaugh. The Justices report that the Registry of Houses, established in 1735 to prevent the Moors from buying too many houses in the Black Town, is evaded, for although the Justices refuse to register bills of sale, etc., to the Moors without the

Council's leave, the Moors induce some Hindu to buy houses in their own names and then get possession under pretence of mortgage. Agreed that such mortgages be not attested or registered.

Appended is a statement of the excess salary paid to Holland Goddard and Samuel Greenhaugh, amounting to 50 and 70 Pags., respectively.

No. 133. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 18, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

This being the season of heavy rains, the gunner is ordered to have men, etc., on board the *Carolina* to get her over the bar if there should be water enough.

No. 134. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 21, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *p.* 24 (1). *Mill-dewed and torn.*]

The *Princess Augusta* sailed for Bengal on the 14th, with bales of cotton. There is no ship now in the roads.

No. 135. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. 21, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *pp.* 25–26 (1½). *Torn and damaged.*]

Meant to send 5,000 Madras Pags. overland to Hallyburton, but as there was a balance of 30,000 [Madras Pags. ?] at Vizagapatam on Aug. 31, Prince is to send 5,000 Madras Pags. to Madapollam. An indent for packing stuff, etc., from Bengal to be sent every Dec. or Jan. Arrangements to be made for sending the northern cloths early in Dec. Send a packet to be forwarded to Bengal.

No. 136. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. OCT. 21, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *pp.* 26–27 (¾). *Torn and damaged.*]

Arrangements to be made with Prince for sending the northern cloth early in Dec. Indent for packing stuff as in No. 135.

No. 137. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON, RESIDENT AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 21, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *pp.* 27–28 (1). *Torn and brittle.*]

Send 5,000 Madras Pags.; and Prince will send 5,000 more. The sending of the northern cloth and indents for packing stuff as in No. 135.

No. 138. LETTER FROM CHARLES SAVAGE NORRIS. OCT. 5, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, p.* 261 (1).]

The Company's large garden is occupied partly with vegetables, partly with cocoanut and other trees. The brickwork of the 4 tanks is decayed and the water of the 3 wells brackish. About half the 800 cocoanut trees are good; the other trees (mangoes, guavas, etc.) are old and neglected. The beams of the building at the entrance (formerly a billiard room) are good; but the fence is broken down in places.

No. 139. CONSULTATION. OCT. 27, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 258–262 (5).]

Accounts read and advances made. Read letter from Norris of Oct. 5 [No. 138]. Savage reports that Perumal proposes to plant 1,500 new trees, make 2 new wells and clean the old ones, etc., and that he desires if the cowle be granted him he may have an option of renewal for a further 5 years, and the cowle be in the name of Ravanappa for reasons he prefers not to specify, he standing security. Agreed to grant the cowle as desired. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Oct. 27 [No. 140].

Appended are:—(1) letter from Charles Savage Norris [No. 138]; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1743.

No. 140. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. Oct. 27, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A, pp.* 28–29 (1½). *Torn and brittle.*]

Permit the further expense needed to complete the faussebray, but hope this is the last 'calculate of further charges.' Disapprove the proposal to strengthen the S.W. angle. Send extract of the Company's despatch, Feb. 4, 1743, para. 64 [No. 73].

No. 141. CONSULTATION. OCT. 31, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 263–264 (2).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 22, with accounts, and reporting the despatch of the *Phœnix* from Pondichery. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Nov. 1 [No. 143]. Accounts read and payments received. Signed cowle for the old garden to Ravanappa.

No. 142. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 31, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans*).]

Read letter from Madras of Oct. 27, sanctioning only really necessary works connected with the faussebray, stating that the proposed bastion at the S.W. angle should be suspended, and enclosing the Company's orders regarding Graham's debts. Graham states that with Benyon's help he hopes to recover 1,000 Pags. from a merchant at Madras, promises to pay 200 Pags. in Dec. and as much annually, and prays for lenient treatment, as his debt arose solely from endeavouring to avoid bad debts for the Company at Ingeram. The gunner reports that, owing to changes in the river, the *Carolina* could not be got out even in the recent flood; agreed to report this to the Presidency. The road between the Mainguard westward and the ferry to be railed in at once at a cost of 50 Pags. as people have been drowned there on their way from Devanampattanam to Cuddalore. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 12,175 Star Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1743.

No. 143. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 1, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 25-*A*, *p.* 30 (1). *Torn and brittle.*]

Burton has paid in the money for which he was sued in the Mayor's court, and agreed to submit his case to the Company's judgment. Send copies of the bill of complaint and answer, and desire such further statements as may make the whole matter clear to the Company.

No. 144. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 4, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 1, enclosing a bill of complaint in the Mayor's court against Burton with his answer, etc., and calling for a report on the points raised by him. Agreed to examine Nalla Tambi, etc., and Gurava Razu the next day.

No. 145. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 5, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Nalla Tambi, etc., are questioned regarding the 104 Pags. which Burton denies having received of them. They declare that he twice acknowledged its receipt and that their balance of 5,397 Alambarai Pags. is correct. They deny having paid in more than

3,307 Pags. and state that he promised to pay the balance in for them at 25% discount, although Alambarai Pags. were then at 35% discount. The merchants were ordered to examine their accounts exactly and attend the next meeting. Guruva Razu admits receiving 104 Pags. from the merchants and handing it over to Burton; and states that he wrote the cadjans at Burton's dictation after the enquiry had begun but before the arrival of Monson, and that Burton himself had told him to leave the place till this affair was over.

No. 146. CONSULTATION. NOV. 7, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 265–271 (6¾).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Oct. 13, reporting Prince's arrival, the Rajahmundry Nawab's obliging him to buy 1,000 teak timbers, and troubles among the neighbouring Rajas; from Ingeram of Oct. 19, reporting Saunders' arrival, etc.; from Madapollam of Oct. 24, with accounts; and from Fort St. David of Nov. 4, reporting the need of rails to prevent people from falling into the ditch, and proposing to break up the *Carolina* sloop. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. In the Chintadripet mint, the custom on coining Arcot rupees amounts to 8,270 Rs., and on gold mohurs to 420 Pags., the mint charges being 286 Pags., for the period Oct. 1742 to Oct. 31, 1743. Agreed that the profits of coining Arcot rupees be entered under Chintadripet mint till they amount to 22,000 Rs., then carried to Durbar charges and then to Rents and Revenues, as is done with the profits of the Town mint. Agreed that Banks and Pybus, covenanted servants who were overcarried to Vizagapatam, be repaid their expenses in coming to Madras and receive salary from July 1.

Appended are:—(1) statement of the produce of 114 chests of silver, weighing 33,185 lbs. 6 oz. 5 dwts:—in Arcot rupees gross 10,07,019, net 9,83,354; in Madras rupees gross 9,42,608, net 9,28,469; the net produce of Arcot rupees equals, at 8% batta, 10,62,022 current Rs.; and the net produce of Madras rupees at 10% batta, only 10,21,316 current rupees; and (2) the cash account for Oct. 1743, balance 69,828 Star and 402 Madras Pags.

No. 147. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 8, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Nalla Tambi and his partners declare that they have again examined their accounts with Burton but can find no error. Agreed to report on the matter to the Presidency.

No. 148. CONSULTATION. NOV. 14, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp. 272–274* (3).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Oct. 17, reporting the *Sumatra's* arrival in a leaky condition; and from Sumatra of Aug. 18, reporting on their affairs. Agreed that the *Sumatra* come to Madras after Dec. 5, with the northern bales, and then proceed to Bengal, and that should she have sailed for Bengal before this order reaches her that she be returned with patcheree rice for Sumatra. Agreed to desire fuller report concerning the Nawab's forcing timber on Prince and the treatment of Pitt at Uppada, to permit the purchase of timber at Vizagapatam from Stratton, and to call for an estimate of the cost of the necessary repairs, etc. to the fort at Vizagapatam. Agreed that, as sea-faring people propose a method for getting the *Carolina* sloop out to sea, their proposals be sent to Fort St. David, that the merchants' accounts be made up to Nov. 30 and sent to Madras, and that repairs at Cuddalore and Devanampattanam be sanctioned.

No. 149. LETTER TO WILLIAM MONSON, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 15, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, pp. 31–32* (1½). *Torn, brittle and much damaged.*]

Approve expenditure of 50 Pags. on railings to prevent accidents. Sea-faring people at Madras do not believe in the impossibility of getting the *Carolina* sloop out of the river. Approve repairs to fortifications at Cuddalore and Devanampattanam costing 326 Pags.

No. 150. LETTER TO [THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC.] AT FORT WILLIAM. NOV. 15, 1743. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, pp. 32–34* (2). *Torn, brittle and much damaged.*]

In case the *Sumatra* has made for Bengal, desire her to be returned with patcheree rice, etc.; but in case she has put into Vizagapatam, she is to bring the northern bales to Madras before sailing for Bengal. Shipping news.

Appended is an indent for piece-goods, etc., needed in Sumatra.

No. 151. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. [Nov. 15?] [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 25-A, pp. 34–36. Very much damaged.*]

[Relates to some trouble between the Nawab of Rajahmundry and Prince, apparently arising out of a forced sale of teak to the English.]

No. 152. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 19, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans.*).]

Read letter from Madras of Nov. 15, directing the *Carolina* to be got into the sea over the beach and sanctioning the usual repairs at the points, etc. The gunner to prepare to move the *Carolina*.

No. 153. CONSULTATION. NOV. 21, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 275–276 (1½).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Oct. 30 and Nov. 9, reporting the receipt of money and the *Morton's* arrival at Coringa; from Ingeram of Nov. 6, with accounts and desiring 10,000 Madras Pags.; and from Fort St. David of Nov. 15, with remarks on Burton's answer to the Company's bill. 6,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9¼ % batta. Accounts read and payments received. Agreed to send 5,000 Pags. by peons to Madapollam to be forwarded thence to Ingeram, and to send a further sum in a few days.

No. 154. CONSULTATION. NOV. 30, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 277–282 (5¾).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Nov. 22, with accounts; from Vizagapatam of Nov. 8, reporting the arrival of the *Success* galley and the lading of her treasure from Bombay for Bengal; and from Madapollam of Nov. 13. Sumatra to be credited for a bale of camblet (40 pieces of 30 yards each at 20 fns. a yard) sent thither in mistake for bayes for slaves' clothing. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. 4,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9¼ % batta; 5,000 to be sent to Ingeram. Choultry dubash was formerly paid 80 fns. a month and his house exempted from quit-rent and Scavenger's duty; but this concession having been taken away and his pay reduced to 40 fns., he has had to set up a school to support his family; agreed that he be allowed the old pay and privileges. Makhdum Sāhib, the Nawab's Chief mulla, exempted from quit-rent, etc., as the amount is only 1¼ Pags. a year and as he may be of 'more service than equivalent.' Read letter from Mrs. Katherine Gyfford, stating that her father long served the Company and died in its service, that her three husbands were all men of station under the Company, and the last one was killed on an expedition up the country when Chief of Anjengo and that she is now destitute and desires a pension. As she declined the pension of 25 Pags. offered her in 1721, and as the Company approved the pensions given to the other 'Anjengo

widows,' agreed that she receive 15 Pags, a month, and that the Company be desired to lay down definite rules regarding such cases.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1743; and (2) letter from Mrs. Katherine Gyfford, dated Nov. 28, 1743, as above.

No. 155. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 30, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I. O. trans.*)]

As much 12 *kāl* but little 9 *kāl* (Chennappanāyakanpālaiyam) cloth has been received, Andiyappa and Segappu Chetti, being called in, explain that the French have raised its price to 47½ Pags. per corge and for what they have got they have had to give up their brokerage in order to secure the 100 bales promised by Jan. Nalla Tambi, etc., pay in 4,000 Pags. and promise to discharge the balance in a few months. Irusappa Chetti admitted as a partner with Sadāsiva Rao in the bound rent *vice* the late Venkatapathi Reddi. Agreed to ask the Presidency to buy 100 garse of paddy for Fort St. David, lest some accident (such as a camp at Trichinopoly) should prevent purchase in the country. Accounts read and advances made. Cash balance, 11,354 Star Pags. Graham pays 200 Pags. in part of his debt. The Presidency to be informed of Monson's desire to go to Madras next month.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1743; and (2) list, dated Dec. 10, of the Company's covenanted servants at Fort St. David in 1743.

No. 156. CONSULTATION. DEC. 5, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 283–287 (4¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Nov. 30, stating that everything possible shall be done for the *Carolina* sloop, that 100 garse of paddy is needed for the garrison and that Monson desires to come up to Madras. Agreed that Croke, etc., be in charge the place till Hinde goes down thither. Accounts read. The cash balance with the bonds, etc., in the cash chest delivered by Benyon to Morse. Agreed to open a parcel marked 'a purse belonging to Francis Delton' that has lain many years in the chest. It is found to contain 6 rings and 3 stones, with a list dated 1714. The records being examined, it is found that the balance of the estate of Francis Delton who died in Pegu was paid to President Harrison in 1717. Agreed to sell the rings and receive the produce into cash.

Appended are:—(1) a list of bonds, etc., in the cash chest, including 'a bamboo case' and 'a parcel,' both containing farmans, etc., and (2) the cash account for Nov. 1743, balance 75,843 Star and 5,511 Madras Pags.

No. 157. CONSULTATION. DEC. 12, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 288–289 (2).]

Accounts read. Antonha Carvalho and her daughter Josepha Maria Rosa de Silveira permitted, in consideration of her poverty and the many years' rent paid by her family, to occupy for their lives, on payment of 6 fns. annually as Scavenger's duty, the buildings in John Pereira's garden, formerly owned by her great grandfather John Pereira but since lapsed to the Company. The Town conicopoly 'Raga Butlu,' being dead and disputes arising as to the right of succession to the Town conicopoly's duty, agreed that half be paid to 'Tagappa' (as all admit his right to half) and that the rest be lodged in the Company's cash till the dispute is settled.

No. 158. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 12, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5. (*I. O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras, permitting Monson to return thither and appointing Croke in charge till Hinde's arrival; and petition from Nalla Tambi, Irusappa Chetti and Segappu Chetti, (n.d.), praying for a year's time to discharge their balance of 8,823 Pags. (on total transactions of 600,000 Pags. in the last 6 years), as they have suffered very heavy losses at Salem etc. through the absconding of their brokers and weavers. Agreed to transmit the petition to Madras. Monson delivers the cash balance of 4,854 Pags. to Croke and Council. Accounts read. Annual letter with papers to be dispatched to Madras.

Appended is the petition from Nalla Tambi etc. as above.

No. 159. CONSULTATION. DEC. 16, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 290–291 (1½).]

Read the 'annual letter' from Fort St. David of Dec. 12, Payments received and advances made. Indent to England for woolen goods and Madeira wine for 1745 signed. A set of horse furniture bought in a parcel of articles for presents to the country powers, to be assigned to the President's use.

No. 160. CONSULTATION. DEC. 20, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 291–293 (1¾).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Dec. 15, requesting 10,000 Pags. to be sent, with petition from their merchants asking for a year's time to clear their balances; and from Vizagapatam of Nov. 24, stating that they cannot spare money for Madapollam and complaining of the dearness of cotton. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Clothing, etc., to be furnished for the hospital. Accounts read. Samuel Greenhaugh and Thomas Cooke take the oaths as Mayor and Sheriff, respectively.

Appended is an indent for shirts, drawers, 'banyan coats,' etc., for use in the hospital.

No. 161. CONSULTATION. DEC. 26, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 294–297 (4).]

Read letters from Fort William of Dec. 5, pointing out a difference of weight in the rupees sent by the *Exeter* and the *Heathcote,* with shipping news, etc.; and from Macket at Ingellee of Dec. 11, with a copy of his protest against Capt. Hindman of the *Duke* for not taking in more rice. The *Duke* to be laded. A commission to be drawn for John Hinde as Deputy Governor of Fort St. David. Accounts read. 10,000 Pags., deposited in 1742 on account of Torriano's estate as a balance due to Nathaniel Elwick, has been settled. Benyon reports that Nizam-ul-mulk left Trichinopoly in Oct. and is now encamped some distance west of Arcot. Coja Namat-ullah Khan, son of Abd-ullah Khan, has been made temporary Superintendent of the province. He arrived last week at St. Thomé, and Mir Asad visited Benyon who was unable to avoid receiving a saropa from Namat-ullah. This was received with the usual forms on Dec. 24. Agreed that a present of 700–800 Pags. be made in return, so as not to disoblige Namat-ullah in these troubled times.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1743.

No. 162. CONSULTATION. DEC. 29, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 73, pp.* 298–302 (4⅔).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Dec. 7, regarding the timbers forced on Prince and repairs to the Fort; from Ingeram of Dec. 12; and from Madapollam of Dec. 11 and 24, reporting that 5,000 Pags. have been forwarded to Ingeram and accompanying 36 bales. Hinde's commission as Deputy Governor of Fort St. David signed

Read letter from Randall Fowke desiring permission by reason of his age to give up his employments at the end of this month, retaining his salary and allowances in consideration of long service. He having withdrawn, it is agreed that the Company will not disapprove of compliance with his request. From Jan. 1, William Monson to be Export and Import Warehousekeeper; Thomas Eyre, Sea-customer and Accountant; Edward Harris, Paymaster; William Johnson, Land Customer and Storekeeper, and John Savage, Rental-general and Scavenger. Payments received and advances made. Bills drawn on the Company for 982 Pags. A letter to the Company overland agreed upon.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Randall Fowke, dated Dec. 29, 1743, as above; (2) list of the present made to Namat-ullah Khan at St. Thomé on Dec. 28, valued at 733 Pags., including broadcloth, velvets, 'golden China silks,' China ware 'with Arabian characters,' etc.

No. 163. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 29, 1743. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received from Madras 10,000 Pags. Agreed to inform the Presidency that all things shall be kept in decorum till Hinde's arrival. Accounts read and advances made. Read letter from Edward Croke, dated Dec. 29, recommending the purchase of Bengal rice offered for sale, as it is usual to sell rice in a scarcity and at other times to prevent prices being put up against the inhabitants, and as the 100 garse written for to Madras will not be enough for that. He is advanced 2,000 Pags. Cash balance, 11,465 [Star] Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Edward Croke as above; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1743.

No. 164. CONSULTATION. DEC. 31, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 303–305 (2¼).]

Read letters from Fort William of Dec. 14, regarding the despatch of the *Montfort*, the detention of the great guns sent by her, and the sending of 2 chests of Dutch dollars; and from James Altham at Ingellee of Dec. 20, with his protest against Capt. Hanslapp of the *Montfort* for not taking in 550 bags of rice. The Dutch dollars on the *Montfort* to be examined. The *Montfort* to be laded. Robert Allen permitted to resign and go to England on the *Duke*,

Accounts read and payments received. Samuel Banks to assist the Assay-master; and Henry Cope to go to Fort St. David.

Appended is letter from Robert Allen, dated Dec. 31, 1743, requesting leave to go to England on the *Duke*.

No. 165. LIST OF THE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN MADRAS IN 1743. DEC. 31, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 306–307 (2).]

FIXED REVENUES.		Annual rent in Pags.
Betel and tobacco farm,	for 5 years	10,000
Arrack and wine license,	do.	4,020
Town brokerage,	do.	700
Measuring farm,	do.	1,000
Fishing farm,	do.	50
Egmore, etc., villages,	for 12 years	1,450
Tiruvottiyur etc., villages,	do.	1,230
Paddy fields and salt pans,	for 5 years	710
Ruby brokerage,	do.	500
Butica rent and Shroff duty,	do.	410
Company's old garden,	for 12 years and for 5 years	204
VARIABLE REVENUES.		
Mint		2,069
Sea customs		37,220
Land customs		5,670
Quit-rent		2,321
	Pags.	67,554

No. 166. LIST OF THE COMPANY'S SERVANTS ON THE COROMANDEL COAST, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 73, *pp.* 308–309 (2).]

THE CALENDAR OF THE MADRAS RECORDS FOR 1744.

No. 1. DIARY OF MADRAS SHIPPING, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74.]

JAN. 2. s. the *Jenny* for Gombroon. 8. a. the *Galatea* from Achin; and the *Radhaballub* schooner from Bengal. 9. a. the *Eltham* from Achin. 12. a. the *Marianne* brigantine from Balasore. 13. s. the *Morton* for Fort St. David. 17. s. the *Galatea* for Surat; the *Duke* and the *Montfort* for England. 18. a. the *Cornwall* from Fort St. David. 20. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. 23. s. the *Cornwall* for Bengal. 24. a. the *Betsy* schooner from Fort St. David. 26. s. the *Charming Molly* sloop for Bengal. a. the *Heathcote* from Bengal. 27. a. the *Princess Augusta* from Bengal; and the *Sumatra* from Vizagapatam and Ingeram. 28. s. the *Betsy* schooner for Negapatam. 31. a. the *Experience* sloop from Masulipatam. FEB. 1. a. the *Vernon* from Bengal. 2. a. the *William and Sarah* from Bengal. 6. a. the *Morton* from Fort St. David. 7. a. the *El Ongetomdepart* (*Het Ongetemde Paard*?) from Pondichery. 9. s. the *Vernon* for Fort St. David. 17. s. the *Princess Augusta* for Sumatra. 21. s. the *El Ongetomdepart* for Cocanada. 23. a. the *Experience* sloop from Fort St. David. 25. a. the *St. Lewis* from Macao. 26. a. the *Sta. Catherina* from Macao. 28. s. the *Experience* sloop for Madapollam. MARCH 2. s. the *William and Sarah* for Vizagapatam. 14. a. the *Vernon* from Fort St. David. 17. s. the *Radhaballub* pinnace for Bengal; and the *Venkatesayya* brigantine for Ingeram. 18. a. the *Carteret* brigantine from Achin. 22. s. the *Vernon* for Malacca. 23. s. the *Carteret* for Bengal. 24. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal. 26. a. the *Ali Madad* from Junk Ceylon. 27. a. the *Kachchaleswara* from Junk Ceylon; and the *St. Gregorio* sloop from Mergui. 30. a. the *Porto Bello* from Bengal; and the *Betsy* schooner from Nagore. APR. 2. a. the *Bombay* sloop from Bengal. 12. s. the *Mercury* and the *Porto Bello* sloop for the Bay. 17. a. the *St. Juan* from Achin. 19. s. the *Bombay* sloop for Bengal. 25. a. the *Lapwing* and the *Prince William* from England. 28. a. the *Fattah Bakhsh* from Tenasserim. a. the *Prince of Wales* from England. MAY 3. a. the *Cornwall* from Fort St. David. s. the *St. Gregorio* sloop for

Pegu. 7. a. the *Fattah Bakhsh* from Surat. 11. s. the *Fattah Bakhsh* for Bengal. 12. s. the *Prince William* for Bengal. 14. a. the *Faiz-i-Salam* from Surat. s. the *Betsy* schooner for Tranquebar. 16. a. the *Faiz-i-Ilahi* from Surat. 18. a. the *Pulteney* from Bombay. 19. s. the *Lapwing* for the Bay. 20. s. the *Cornwall* for the Bay. 21. s. the *Faiz-i-Ilahi* for the Bay. 22. a. the *Ceres* from Surat; and the *Jenny* from Persia and Bombay. 23. a. the *Galatea*, the *Triton* brigantine and the *Vernon* sloop from Surat. 24. a. the *Halifax* from Surat; and the *Montague* from Bombay. 25. s. the *Faiz-i-Salam* for Bengal; and the *Sta. Catherina* for Macao. 29. s. the *Triton* brigantine and the *Vernon* sloop for Bengal. 30. a. the *Winchelsea* from Bombay. 31. a. the *Winchester* from England and Brazil. JUNE 1. a. the *St. David* ketch from Fort St. David. 3. a. the *York* from England. s. the *Jenny* and the *Halifax* for Bengal. 4. s. the *Winchelsea* for Bengal. 7. s. the *St. Juan* for Bengal. 9. s. the *Pulteney* for China. 12. s. the *St. Lewis* for Macao. 14. s. the *Morton* for Madapollam. 15. s. the *St. David* ketch for Fort St. David. 16. s. the *York* for China. 26. a. the *Durrington* from England and Madeira. 27. s. the *Winchester* for the Bay. 30. s. the *Montague* for the Bay. JULY 1. a. the *Anna Maria* from Colombo. 9. s. the *Durrington* for the Bay. a. the *Beaufort* from England and Madeira. 17. a. the *Betsy* schooner from Tranquebar. 23. s. the *Anna Maria* for Colombo. 26. a. the *St. David* ketch from Fort St. David. 30. a. the *Jedda Merchant* from Jedda and Mocha. AUG. 1. s. the *Betsy* schooner for Fort St. David. 3. s. the *Galatea* for the northward. 6. a. the *Duke of Dorset* from England and Achin. 9. a. the *Christiana Sophia* from Batavia. 11. a. the *Sea Rover* ketch from Negapatam. 19. s. the *Jedda Merchant* for Bengal. 22. a. the *St. David* ketch from Fort St. David. 23. s. the *Kachchaleswara* for Junk Ceylon. 24. s. the *Duke of Dorset* and the *Beaufort* for the Bay. 27. a. the *Betsy* schooner from Fort St. David. 28. s. the *Ali Madad* for Junk Ceylon. 30. s. the *Sea Rover* ketch for Negapatam. SEPT. 2. a. the *Augusta* from Mocha and Bombay. 3. a. the *Mercury* from Bengal. 5. a. the *Swift* snow from England. 6. s. the *Augusta* for Bengal. 7. s. the *Swift* snow for Bengal; and the *Prince of Wales* for England. a. the *Sumatra* from Bengal. 11. a. the *Anna Maria* from Negapatam. s. the *Fattah Bakhsh* for Tenasserim. 15. s. the *Christiana Sophia* for Pulicat. 17. s. the *Betsy* schooner for the eastward. 18. a. the *Morton* from Madapollam. 21. s. the *Morton* for Madapollam. 22. s. the *Mercury* for Bengal. 25. s. the *Eltham* to the eastward. 28. a. the *Galatea* from Vizagapatam and Ingeram. s. the *Anna Maria* for Negapatam.

OCT. 1. a. the *Christiana Sophia* from Pulicat. 2. s. the *Sumatra* for Sumatra. 8. s. the *Christiana Sophia* for Batavia. 9. s. the *Galatea* for Batavia. DEC. 9. a. the *Eltham* from the Niccobars. 25. a. the *Cornwall* from Pegu and the Niccobars. 27. a. the *William and Sarah* from Vizagapatam. 30. a. the *Waltair* sloop from Vizagapatam. 31. a. the *Morton* from Madapollam.

No. 2. DIARY OF FORT ST. DAVID SHIPPING, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 *(I.O. trans.)*]

JAN. 15. s. the *Cornwall* for Madras. 16. a. the *Morton* from Madras. 22. s. the *Betsy* schooner for Madras. 25. s. the *Morton* for Madras. 30. s. a Dutch brigantine out of Cuddalore road towards the south. FEB. 10. p. the *Vernon* to the north. 11. a. a Moor's brigantine from Kalingapatam. 12. a. the *Madapollam* sloop from Madras. a. a Dutch ship from the south. 20. s. the *Madapollam* sloop for Madras. MARCH 3. a. the *Vernon* from the south. 15. a. the *Carteret* brigantine from Achin. 16(?) s. the *Vernon* for Madras. 17. s. the *Carteret* for Madras. 22. p. the *Mercury* for Madras. 29. p. the *Bombay* sloop for Madras. APR. 5. p. the *Dauphin* from France for Pondichery; p. a French brigantine from Achin for Pondichery. 27. p. the *Neptune* from France for Pondichery. 28. a. the *Cornwall* from Bengal. MAY 1. s. the *Cornwall* for Madras. 3. p. the *Pondichery* for Pondichery. 14. a. the *Pulteney* from Bombay. 17. s. the *Pulteney* for Madras. 19. p. the *Fleury* from Mahé for Pondichery. 21. a. the *St. Luis* from Goa. 22. p. the *Ali Bakhsh* from Ceylon for Bengal. 23. p. the *Maure* from Surat for Bengal. 24. s. the *St. Luis* for Madras. 30. p. the *Winchester* for Madras. JUNE 6. a. the *Pondichery* from Pondichery. 7. s. the *Pondichery* for Karikal. 8. Anchored a French sloop from Pondichery. 9. s. the same for Karikal. 25. a. the *Edemoney* [?] from Negapatam. 30. p. the *Boze* from Karikal for Pondichery. JULY 7. [p.] the *Union* from the Maldives for Pondichery. 11. [p.] a French ship from France for Pondichery. 14. p. the *Fidele* from Karikal for Pondichery. 28. p. the *Fidele* from Karikal for Pondichery. AUG. 1. [p.] the *Favory* from the south for Pondichery. 7. [p.] the *Bourbon* from Pondichery to Karikal. 7. [p.] a Dutch ship northwards. 20. [p.] the *Neptune* from Mocha for Pondichery. 23. [p.] the *Bourbon* from Karikal for Pondichery. [SEPT.] 7. a. a Dutch brigantine from Madras. 8. p. the *Favory* from Pondichery to Porto Novo; and a Dutch sloop from Porto Novo for Alambarai. [OCT.] 6. p. the *Maria* sloop from Sadras for Negapatam.

No. 3. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 28, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 1 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 20 and 10,000 Pags. Will keep things in good decorum till the arrival of the new Deputy Governor whose good character will make amends for the loss of Monson. 320 bales on hand.

No. 4. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. DEC. 15, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 2 (½).]

Forwards accounts.

No. 5. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS MORSE, ETC., AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 3, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 4 (1).]

9,772 Pags. have been paid as compensation for the removal of 779 houses and levelling of 6 gardens, and 7,016 Pags. for the bricks taken for the Black Town fortifications. The inhabitants have suffered much, but submitted readily, knowing the necessity of the case.

No. 6. CONSULTATION. JAN. 3, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 2–3 *and* 5—8 (6).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Dec. 28 [No. 3], from Madapollam of Dec. 15 [No. 4]. Capt. Hindman swears to Bengal certificates (for his private trade). Discharge of 4 time-expired soldiers. Accounts read and advances made. Read letter from the Committee regarding the award of compensation to house-owners [No. 5]. Approve part of draft despatch to go by the *Duke* and *Montfort* [No. 18]. Decrease in mint customs of 1743 as compared with 1742, on the coinage of gold, due to scarcity of gold and the large coinage of 1742. Benyon delivers over charge of the mints to Morse.

Appended are:—(1) No. 5; (2) cash accounts for Dec. 1743, balance 511 Madras and 61,571 Star Pags.; and (3) statement of mint customs on gold coinage at the Madras mint for 1742 (1,774 Madras and 2,488 Star Pags.) and 1,743 (1,497 Madras and 151 Star Pags.); at the Chintadripet mint 24,907 Arcot gold mohurs were coined in 1743 on which the custom was 420 Star Pags.

No. 7. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 4, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Dec. 31, 1743, directing bales to be sent by the *Betsy* schooner; agreed on a reply [No. 8]. The Gunner

ordered to get the *Betsy* over the bar as soon as possible, and also to report on the *Carolina* sloop. The annual books, etc., for England to be got ready. Advances made.

No. 8. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 4, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 2–3 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 31, 1743. Bad weather still detains the *Betsy* schooner in the river, and hinders the conjeeing of the cloth. Annual papers, etc., for England will be ready by Jan. 9 or 10.

No. 9. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. DEC. 26, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 3 (½).]

Has sent 36 bales by the *Morton*, and forwarded to Saunders at Ingeram the 5,000 Pags. sent to Madapollam.

No. 10. LETTER FROM NOAH CASAMAJOR, REGISTRAR OF THE MAYOR'S COURT, MADRAS. JAN. 9, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 15 (1).]

The income of the Mayor's Court does not cover its expenses, and the Court is 357 Pags. in arrears. This sum has had to be taken out of the estates deposited with the Court. The Court propose that the Company should make good the deficit, and are willing to surrender the revenues if the Council will undertake to bear regular charges.

No. 11. LETTER FROM RANDALL FOWKE, ACCOUNTANT, AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JAN. 9, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 16—20 (5).]

Report on the expenditure and revenue of Madras and its dependencies for the years May 1, 1741 to Apr. 30, 1742, and May 1, 1742 to Apr. 30, 1743.

	Expenditure.		Revenues (variable).	
	1741–1742.	1742–1743.	1741–1742.	1742–1743.
	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.	PAGS.
Fort St. George	54,425	52,189	40,663	48,443
Fort St. David	36,420	31,889	6,535	5,965
Ingeram	1,949	2,206	..	..
Madapollam	2,328	2,193	...	...
	95,122	88,477	...	...

The Vizagapatam books are not yet received.

No. 12. CONSULTATION. JAN. 9, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 9—23 (15).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Jan. 4 [No. 8], and from Madapollam of Dec. 26 [No. 9]. The Dutch dollars from the Bay to be coined into Arcot rupees. Mrs. Elizabeth Murray who came out with Major Knipe allowed passage on the *Montfort*. Covenants executed by factors Noah Casamajor and Starke. 5 chests of silver to be sold at 14¼ $ weight per 10 Pags. Payments received and accounts read. Signed bills, etc., on the Company for 4,163 Pags. Resolved to approve the Mayor's Court's proposal [No. 10] regarding the regular expenses of the Court. The *Duke* and the *Montfort* to be surveyed.

Appended are:—(1) No. 10; (2) No. 11; (3) statement of Sea customs collected, Jan.-Dec. 1742 and 1743, on goods 29,500 and 29,176 Pags., on grain 5,699 and 7,415 Pags., and on anchorage 685 and 627 Pags., respectively; (4) statement of Land customs collected, Jan.-Dec. 1742 and 1743, amounting to 6,256 and 5,670 Pags., respectively; (5) statement of the Town Conicopoly's duty for 1743, at the Sea gate 320 and at the Choultry 53 Pags.; and (6) statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1743.

No. 13. LETTER FROM PHILIP BAKER AT FORT ST. DAVID TO EDWARD CROKE. JAN. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 8 (1).]

Expects to get the *Betsy* out of the river on Monday [16th], provided he can get 2 chelingas to buoy up her stern. The *Carolina* must be hauled up; this will require the ground to be sloped and other preparations which may take some time.

No. 14. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 10, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Agreed on letter to Madras of Jan. 10 [No. 16]. Accounts read and payments received.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Philip Baker, Gunner, to Edward Croke, dated Jan. 7 [No. 13]; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Dec. 1743.

No. 15. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 13, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Merchants advanced 5,000 Pags., cloth having been brought in to the amount of their last advance (6,000 Pags.).

No. 16. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 4–7 (4).]

Send the annual books, etc., for England with a list. Could cure no cloth between Dec. 31 and Jan. 8. Revenues have increased by 1,271 Pags. The merchants' advances now total 20,330 Pags. Baker's report on the *Betsy* schooner and the *Carolina* sloop [No. 13]. Wish Benyon a prosperous voyage. 338 bales on hand.

Appended is a list of the packet.

No. 17. CONSULTATION. JAN. 14, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 24–25 (1⅓).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Jan. 10 [No. 16]. The *Duke* and the *Montfort* reported capable of a good defence. Their Captains deliver in manifests of private trade. Despatches, etc., to go by them signed but not dated. [Last Consultation at which Richard Benyon presides.]

No. 18. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE DUKE AND MONTFORT. JAN. 16, 1744. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 439—443 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Shipping news. Hear that Imam Sahib has moved the Durbar to prohibit the Company's coining Arcot rupees. Have since removed the stamps from the Petta to the Town mint. In coining 114 chests of silver into Arcot instead of Madras rupees, there has been a gain of 46,144 current rupees. It is advantageous to have bullion from Bombay instead of Bombay rupees. To prevent complaints of short weight of rupees, shall direct that 1,000 Rs. should weigh 30 lbs., 7 oz., 10 dwts. Indent for woolen goods. Cutlery, glass, millinery, etc., imported by the captains yield 20—30 % gain or loss. Disposal of old anchors. Fort St. David fine cloth is better worth its price than the ordinary. Madras cloth comes from countries near but in small quantity. Cotton is scarce and the people harassed. The merchants have paid 14,129 Pags. towards their debt; but as they are not solvent, propose on their clearing their debts, to engage a new set of substantial men. Suggest that when the country is settled, the investment may be enlarged by better terms. But if the Europe markets cannot bear this, 'the pitiful brokerage' now allowed is too small to induce rich men to risk their fortunes in the Company's service. Nizam-ul-mulk left Trichinopoly in Oct. and is encamped near 'Biddanore' [Bednur?] a good way to the west of Arcot. In Dec., Abd-ullah's son sent to 'superintend affairs at Arcot' visited St. Thomé and was given a present.

Mir Asad stayed a few days at Madras. Tax gatherers 'set heavy on the people. Trade is low, and there is little credit. Famine was averted by imports by sea, and there have since been good rains. In private trade, 'the only stocks of consequence' have been one to China and one to Mocha. A sergeant and party of men sent to Pegu. As the Burmese hold Syrian again, trade will be renewed. Relief to Europeans in Ceylon who were wrecked on the *Josias*. The Dutch at Pulicat refuse to deliver deserters. The extortion of 1,700 Pags. from Pitt by the Nawab of Uppada. Sent a present of 618 Pags. to Wandiwash in Feb. Have forbidden the sale of fire-arms in Malabar and the purchase of houses in the White Town by foreigners. Coja Gregorio allowed to bring in bugles from St. Thomé. Granted an old house to Mrs. Carvalho. Repairs at Fort St. David and Cuddalore. The granaries on the Island will be rebuilt in the Black Town and will cost 2,000 Pags. The Black Town wall will cost 4,900 Pags. in all. The charges for entertaining the late Nawab's family for the last year come to 4,921 Pags. Hyde Parker, Ensign at Fort St. David. Hospital mates' pay increased from 10 to 15 Pags. a month. Death of Mackneight. Recovery of Graham's debt. Randall Fowke being very old has been exempted from attending Council, etc., but is continued his salary, etc., as 4th in Council. Distribution of duties among the Councillors. As many of the Company's servants write badly, are obliged to have monthly writers. Good accountants are wanted. Mrs. Gyfford allowed 15 Pags. a month. Benyon and Robert Allen sail on the *Duke*. Morse proposes Benyon and Milne as his sureties; the others in Council will write to their friends. Replication to Burton's answer, drawn up at Fort St. David. Desire blank covenants for free merchants and servants of age. The *Phoenix* sailed from Pondichery with 1,000 bags of pepper and 1,000 bales of piece goods. The *Duc de Chartres* landed there 64 chests of treasure. The *Duke's* and the *Montfort's* Madras invoice amounts to 87,410 and 71,611 Pags., respectively; their diamonds, etc., 85,620 and 42,666 Pags. Cash balance, 77,674 Star and 555 Madras Pags. Have drawn bills for 2,433 Pags. and granted certificates amounting to 2,861 Pags.

No. 19. CONSULTATION. JAN. 17, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 28–29 (2).]

Richard Benyon having embarked on the *Duke*, Nicholas Morse takes the chair as President. Secretary reads Court's orders appointing him Governor, in the presence of Company's servants,

military officers and inhabitants. Samuel Harrison appointed youngest of Council and Storekeeper. President, etc., take the oath of fidelity to the Company. New commissions for the lieutenants and ensigns. Edward Fowke to be Upper Searcher *vice* Harrison. Savage continued as Secretary, Rental-General and Scavenger. Foxall delivers in 10,000 Madras Pags. provided at 9¼ % batta. 20,000 more to be purchased before the arrival of the northern grain vessels raises the batta.

No. 20. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 17, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Jan. 11, directing bales to be sent by the *Morton*, and stating that Henry Cope is sent as an Assistant. Agreed on letter to Madras of Jan. 17 [No. 27].

No. 21. CONSULTATION. JAN. 19, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 30—33 (3⅔).]

Edward Harris and William Johnson, being now of the 5 seniors in Council, are sworn as Justices of the Peace. William Monson and William Johnson placed in charge of the Registry of house, lands, etc., transfers. John Hinde about to set out as Deputy Governor of Fort St. David; Alexander Wynch appointed of Council there *vice* Allen who has left for England. Charles Savage Norris to be under the Accountant, Robert Sloper under the Storekeeper, and John Walsh under the Import Warehousekeeper. Fowke's diet, etc., allowances to be charged as 'extraordinary.' Payments received. 50,000 Rs. from Bombay to be sent to Bengal on the *Mercury*. Agreed on the letter to Bengal of Jan. 19 [No. 22] Foxall reports the purchase of 20,000 Madras Pags. at 9¾ % batta.

Appended is a statement of monthly allowances to the Fourth of Council at Madras, amounting to 18 Pags. 18 fns. 18 c.

No. 22. LETTER TO [THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM]. JAN. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 1—3 (2⅔).]

[*Beginning lost.*] Regret that decreasing the weight of the Arcot rupee (in accordance with the practice of the country mints) caused trouble. In future 1,000 shall weigh 367 oz. 10 dwt. 500 bags of patcheree rice consigned to Sumatra on the *Brilliant*. Investments both in Bengal and at Madras too small to fill all the shipping. On Jan. 17, Benyon sailed on the *Duke*; has been

succeeded by Nicholas Morse. Send by the *Mercury* the 50,000 Rs. from Bombay. The Dutch dollars by the *Montfort* will be coined into Arcot rupees for Bengal.

No. 23. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN FENTON OF THE MERCURY. JAN. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 3 (⅓).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 24. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 4 (½).]

Will send overland 10,000 Pags.

No. 25. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 4 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. with 22 peons.

No. 26. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. JAN. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 10 (⅓).]

Encloses accounts.

No. 27. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 9–10 (1⅔).]

Send accounts. Need a supply of money. The *Morton* arrived yesterday with Henry Cope on board. Will send the bales by her if the *Betsy* cannot get out of the river. Congratulate Morse on his accession to the chair.

No. 28. CONSULTATION. JAN. 23, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 34—42 (9).]

Read letter from Madapollam of Jan. 5 [No. 26]. 2 new carpets to be bought for the Consultation room and to have rattan mats laid under them. Considered the question of the Mayor's Court's revenues and expenditure [No. 10.] Although the Court allege a deficit of only 357 Pags., its expenditure has exceeded revenue in the last 7 years by 2,375 Pags. It is believed that the difference has been made good by the practice of lending out deposited estates at interest, and that the revenue has declined because of the abandonment of that practice. The estimated expenditure is 54 Pags. a month. Agreed to allow 50 Pags., as the Court will be relieved of the expense of collecting the duties to be surrendered, and may make a few small economies; but the deficit of 357 Pags. cannot be

made good without the Company's consent. Agreed also to send the Court a copy of para. 61 of the Company's despatch of March 21, 1739, [1739–40 ?], as a reminder regarding the rules for managing estates seems necessary. As the surrendered duties (banksall, weighing, and measuring duties) are collected by conicopolys and as the banksall is far from the Fort, it is thought advisable to farm them out, and the Court is to be desired to state their produce in 1743.

Appended are statements of the receipts and expenditure of the Mayor's Court from 1736 to 1742, and an estimate of the monthly expenses.

No. 29. DIARY. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 23, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

John Hinde, Deputy Governor, arrives at Fort St. David, and his commission is read.

No. 30. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 23, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of Jan. 19 and 20, regarding the departure of Benyon and the appointments of Morse, Hinde and Wynch, allowing merchants a year's time to pay their balances, and advising that 10,000 Pags. will be sent overland. Croke, etc., deliver the cash balance (5,965 Pags.) to Hinde. Agreed on letter to Madras of Jan. 24 [No. 35]. Alexander Wynch admitted of Council. William Holt to continue Storekeeper; Alexander Wynch to be Sea and Land Customer at Devanampattanam, and Secretary; Thomas Cooke to be Steward and assist the Paymaster; Charles Nicholls to be under the Accountant; and Henry Cope under the Secretary.

No. 31. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. DEC. 27, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 11—13 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 21 [No. 134 of 1743]. Short delivery of lead by the *Heathcote*. Her Captain's refusal to take in saltpetre. Scarcity of rice has delayed the despatch of the *Princess Augusta*.

Appended is a list of the packet for Madras.

No. 32. LETTER FROM WILLIAM MACKETT OFF INGELLEE. JAN. 2, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 13–14 (¾).]

Has despatched the *Heathcote*. She draws 19 feet of water.

No. 33. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 14 (½).]

The *Betsy* schooner has been got over the bar. Sending by her 110 bales.

No. 34. LETTER FROM EDWARD CROKE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 22, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 15 (¾).]

Send 210 bales by the *Morton*. 43 bales on hand.

No. 35. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 24, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 15–16 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 19 and 20 [See No. 30]. Congratulate Morse. Hinde arrived yesterday and his commission as Deputy Governor was publicly read. The Company's cash was delivered him in Council. Alexander Wynch has been admitted to Council. The *Morton* will sail this evening.

No. 36. CONSULTATION. JAN. 26, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 43—49 (6½).]

Read letter from Fort William of Dec. 27 [No. 31], from Ingellee of Jan. 2 [No. 32], from Fort St. David of Jan. 21, 22 and 24 [Nos. 33 to 35]. Bales to be sent on board the *Heathcote*. Approve letter to the Mayor's Court. Advances made. 700 candies of lead to be sold at outcry.

Appended are:—(1) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to the Mayor's Court, dated Jan. 26, conveying the resolutions of Jan. 23 [See No. 28]; (2) abstract of the produce of the Mayor's Court duties, 1736—1743; (3) description of the various duties enjoyed by the Mayor's Court; and (4) statement of the Mayor's Court revenues for Dec. 1743.

No. 37. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JAN. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 17–18 (2).]

Despatch the *Princess Augusta* with brown sannoes, rice and mustard seed oil for Madras and patcheree rice and gunny bags for Sumatra. Accounts, etc.

Appended is a list of the packet for Madras.

No. 38. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 19 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 21 [No. 25], with 10,000 Pags.

No. 39. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 25, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 19—23 (4⅓).]

Send on the *Sumatra* 180 bales with accounts, etc., a deserter and two disabled soldiers. Pitt at Uppada has been obliged to visit and make a small present to the Nawab of Rajahmundry on his visit. The house there needs rebuilding. It will not cost more than Rs. 300. Desire a supply of money. No soldiers have died this year.

Appended are indents for wares and stores for 1744.

No. 40. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JAN. 2, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 24 (1).]

The weather has driven the *Success* galley and the *Fort St. George* sloop back into Vizagapatam roads. Send accounts.

No. 41. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JAN. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 25–26 (2).]

Has received 5,000 Pags. from Madapollam. Has laded on the *Sumatra* 165 bales, dearness of cotton and badness of government having hindered the merchants from providing more. Reports that the present Nawab, Ali Kuli Khan, has been superseded by Nizam's brother-in-law, Omar Kuli Khan. The change is welcomed, but as the Nawab will pay more rent, his government will probably be worse. Desires packing stuff for 600 bales and 30,000 Pags. for the year's investment. Desires leave to erect a fence round the compound to keep off Moor's peons and country people, a choultry for peons, and a cloth godown which in all will cost 500 Pags. Sends accounts.

No. 42. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JAN. 11, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 27 (⅔).]

Sends duplicates of letter, etc.

No. 43. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MASULIPATAM. JAN. 15, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 27–28 (½).]

Sends 18 bales of longcloth, salempores and chay goods. Sudden rain at Madapollam has damaged 40 corge of cloth 'hardening in the sun.'

No. 44. CONSULTATION. JAN. 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 50—57 (7½).]

Read letters from Fort William of Jan. 5 [No. 37], from Fort St. David of Jan. 26 [No. 38], from Vizagapatam of Dec. 25, 1743 and Jan. 2 [Nos. 39 & 40], from Ingeram of Jan. 9 and 11 [Nos. 41 & 42], and from Masulipatam of Jan. 15 [No. 43]. The *Princess Augusta* to go to Sumatra. The *Sumatra* to be surveyed; her Captain to explain his delay in reaching Sumatra. A disabled soldier from Vizagapatam to be sent to England; and the deserter to be transported to Sumatra. Arthur Rider permitted to resign the Company's service and, with Mrs. Anne Amyand, allowed to sail on the *Heathcote*. Lieut. Gingins' petition for the arrears of pay due to the late Ensign Hollard, to be submitted to the Company. Foxall delivers in 20,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9¾ % batta. 60,000 to be sent to the northern settlements to permit an early investment; and silver to be sold at not less than 14 $ weight per 10 Pags., this being the season of the highest price. Some of the Bengal rice proving bad, agreed to select 1,000 bags for Sumatra and to sell the rest at outcry. Officers' commissions signed—lieutenants' by the Board, ensigns' by the President. Advances made and payments received. Bombay to be advised of the shipping news by the shroffs' pattamars going to Surat [No. 47].

Appended are:—(1) letter from Arthur Rider, dated Jan. 30, 1744, desiring permission to resign the Company's service and a passage to England on the *Heathcote*, on account of his ill-health; and (2) petition from Rudolph de Gingins stating that the petitioner came out with Ensign Stephen Moses Hollard reaching Bengal in 1742, that Hollard died there in Feb. 1743, that they brought out a private adventure in partnership on which account Hollard owed Gingins £41-18-0, that the petitioner believes the mathematical instruments said to have been sent out with Hollard were never put on board, that the 5 months' pay due to Hollard is being withheld as the instruments are missing, and praying that either the money may be paid or the petition referred to the Company. [The petition is accompanied by an account current as between Gingins and Hollard.]

No. 45. LETTER FROM PHILIP BAKER, GUNNER, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 29—31 (2½).]

The *Carolina* is lying in a deep hole, and it will take long to slope the ground so that she can be dragged overland to the sea.

Besides, 100 or 200 yards out where the surf breaks, there is only 5 feet of water, and she draws that with nothing in her. A stage on which to pull her over the surf would be very expensive Considers the expense of her removal would exceed her value; and experienced seamen think she cannot be moved, being surrounded with loose driving sand.

No. 46. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JAN. 31, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5. (*I.O. trans.*)]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Received 10,000 Pags. from Madras with letter of Jan. 26 (21?) [No. 25]. Agreed to forward to Madras the Gunner's report on the *Carolina* sloop [No. 45]. Cash balance, 15,130 Pags.

Appended is the report from Philip Baker, Gunner, dated Jan. 31 [No. 45].

No. 47. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. FEB. 2, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 5–6 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 17 and 18. Have forwarded cotton to Bengal by the *Princess Augusta* and the rupees by the *Mercury*. Despatch of the *Salisbury*, the *Duke* and the *Montfort*. Benyon succeeded by Morse. The *Princess Louisa* reported by a Danish ship to have been lost near the Isle of May. The *Harrington* has reached Canton and found there a rich Spanish ship bound to Manilla which had been taken by Anson.

No. 48. CONSULTATION. FEB. 4, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 58—71 (13½).]

Accounts read. 10 chests of silver sold at 13¾ $ weight per 10 Pags. 10,000 Madras Pags. bought at 9¼ % batta. This fall is due partly to a large import of gold fanams from Mysore for coinage; and Morse expects a further fall, as the 'Government above' are said to be likely to need a large quantity of rupees; this will make the shroffs hold up rupees rather than Madras pagodas. Morse authorised to buy Madras pagodas at or under 9 % batta. Samuel Parkes permitted to stay here for his health. Capt. Taylor's explanation of the delay in his voyage to be sent to Sumatra. The *Sumatra* to be sent to Bengal to refit, touching at Vizagapatam to land 30,000 Madras Pags. 20,000 Madras Pags. and 2 chests of rupees to be sent to the northern settlements on the *William and Sarah*. Payments received. Morse reports shroffs' news that Nizam-ul-mulk on reaching the Kistna retired 3 days' journey to 'Pocalore,' on account of a Maratha Army on the other bank; the

Marathas then crossed and are encamped near him; Namat-ullah Khan has been instructed to collect his forces at Gingee to prevent the Marathas from getting through the pass to Trichinopoly; in consequence money, etc., is being carried to Madras for safety. It is thought that there will be a battle shortly or else that peace will be made—the latter is thought more consistent with Nizam-ul-mulk's character and the Maratha army is said to be the stronger. Buildings at Uppada and Ingeram [See Nos. 50 & 51]. The *Heathcote* to be surveyed.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. John Taylor of the *Sumatra*, dated Feb. 1, 1744, submitting his log-book and stating that his only delay consisted of putting into Barroos for less than 4 days for wood and water; (2) letter from Samuel Parkes, dated Feb. 4, 1744, stating that Wake allowed him to come round to Madras from Bombay in order to take shipping for Europe and that the voyage only confirmed his consumptive disorder, and desiring leave to remain at Madras to recover his health; (3) account sale, dated Feb. 3, 1744, of 700 candies of lead, totalling 9,389 Pags., average price 13 Pags. 14 fns. 70 c. per candy; (5) letter from George Goring and John Byers, dated Jan. 31, 1744, reporting that the *Sumatra* makes 8 inches of water an hour and needs repair; and (6) cash account for Jan. 1744, balance 30,555 Madras and 39,717 Star Pags.

No. 49. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 7 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 21, 22, 24 and 26 [Nos. 33, 34, 35 & 38] and 320 bales. The shroffs have news that the Marathas and Nizam-ul-mulk, encamped near each other on the Kistna, will soon come to terms. Send commissions for the lieutenants and ensigns.

No. 50. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 8–9 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 25, 1743 and Jan. 2 [Nos. 39 & 40]. The factory-house at Uppada may be rebuilt at a cost not exceeding 300 Rs. The merchants' accounts have not been sent. Send stores, etc., and money by the *Sumatra*. Of the 30,000 Madras Pags. sent, half is for Ingeram. Investment to be made according to the list sent; to encourage the merchants, have divided the fine cloth proportionately among the three northern factories; more ordinary cloth is required. Still await the report on Pitt's ill-treatment by the Nawab. Send a commission for Lieut. Turnery.

No. 51. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. FEB. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 10–11 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Jan. 9 and 11 [Nos. 41 & 42] and 165 bales of calicoes. He may build the fence, etc., that he says is needed, for 500 Pags. Send list of investment to be provided for the year. The ordinary cloth recently sent is inferior and extremely thin in the inner folds. Are sending 15,000 Pags. to Vizagapatam for Saunders' investment, but he had best send for no more money at a time than he really needs, as Vizagapatam is a safer place in case of troubles. Send this money early so that he may begin his investment before the French do.

No. 52. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 12–14 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of Dec. 27, 1743 and Jan. 5 [Nos. 31 & 37]. Desire patcheree rice. Send the *Sumatra* for repairs, with two chests containing 11,679 Arcot Rs. coined out of the Dutch dollars. Anson's capture of a Manilla galleon. The Marathas are reported 3 days' march south of the Kistna and 15 miles off Nizam-ul-mulk's camp, but they are now treating about peace.

No. 53. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 28–29 *and* 32–33 (3¼).]

Send the annual letter and other papers. Baker's report on the *Carolina* sloop [No. 45]. The merchants are greatly alarmed at the rumours of a Maratha invasion, and have taken no advances lately.

Appended are a list of the packet, monthly papers, etc., and indent for wares.

No. 54. CONSULTATION. FEB. 10, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 72–78 (6½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 6 [No. 53]. Stores to be sent to Fort St. David. Advances made. Offer to farm the Mayor's Court revenues for 300 Pags. a year, rejected as too low. 20,000 Madras Pags. bought at 8½ % batta. Signed bills on the Company for 184 Pags. Morse reports that, by a decree of the Provincial of the Convent of Tauris, Padre Renatus, a Frenchman, is appointed 'Apostolic Missionary and Vice-guardian of the missions in the Indies and Persia.' This is an artful attempt to encroach on the

Company's ecclesiastical privileges; resolved therefore to appoint by formal instrument, Padre Severini to be Superior and Chief Pastor of the Church of St. Andrew, the instrument to be read in Latin in St. Andrew's next Sunday. The *Heathcote* reported to be capable of a good defence. The Captain does not desire either to manifest any private trade or pay in cash for certificates. Despatch by the *Heathcote* signed. Advances, etc., made by the Captain of the *Sumatra* to be paid him.

Appended are:—(1) an instrument (in Latin and English), dated Feb. 10, 1744, appointing Father Severini, Superior, etc., of St. Andrew's on condition of obedience from him and the other Capuchins in Madras; and (2) letter to Father Severini (in Latin and English), dated Feb. 10, 1744, requiring him to have the above instrument publicly read on the following Sunday.

No. 55. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE HEATHCOTE. FEB. 10, 1744. [*Coast and Bay abstracts, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 444–445 (*I.O. trans.*)].

Cite despatch of Jan. 16 [No. 18]. Shipping news. Have sent 30,000 Madras Pags. to Vizagapatam; and 11,679 Rs., with 50,000 more from Bombay, to Bengal. 700 candies of lead sold at 13 Pags. 14 fns. per candy. Agreed to buy 60,000 Madras Pags. for the northern settlements to push through their investments before the French have any money with which to compete with them. Sold 10 chests of silver at 13¾ $ weight per 10 Pags. Bengal rice proved bad. Have received 320 bales from Fort St. David; have 500 on hand and hope to lade a Sept. ship. Nizam-ul-mulk's setting out for Golconda and encounter with the Marathas. The alarm caused thereby. The people of Arcot and inland towns have retired to different parts but their treasure is in Madras. Have permitted the Uppada house to be rebuilt at 300 Rs., and the other buildings at Ingeram at 500 Pags. Morse became President on Benyon's departure. Samuel Harrison admitted of Council. Hinde reached Fort St. David on Jan. 23. Alexander Wynch taken into Council there. Harrison is Storekeeper and Edward Fowke Upper Searcher. Arthur Rider and the widow of Lieut. Amyand go to England by this ship. Sumatra affairs. Arrangements for meeting the charges of the Mayor's Court. The *Duc de Chartres* has 960 bales of calicoes and 400 candies of pepper. The *Lusitania* has not yet returned from Bengal. Father Severini confirmed by the Council as Superior of St. Andrew's Church, but Padre Renatus was appointed by the Order. Send a separate letter about this. Have

drawn bills for 185 Pags. The Captain of the *Heathcote* manifests his private trade at 7,950 Rs.; Madras invoice, 72,485 Pags.; and diamonds registered, 30,126 Pags. Cash balance, 17,337 Star and 30,555 Madras Pags.

No. 56. LETTER TO CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR OF THE SUMATRA. FEB. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 14 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 57. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 15 (½).]

Send stores, etc., by the *Experience* sloop.

No. 58. CONSULTATION. FEB. 15, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 79—85 (6½).]

Savage reports that the instrument appointing Father Severini has been read in St. Andrew's in Latin and Portuguese; and pays in the produce of Francis Delton's and Joseph Goddard's effects. The hospital and barracks in the New House to be paved and repaired. The paving of the White Town streets being decayed, the Paymaster and Scavenger to report the cost of the renewal, stating what will have to be paid by the Company and what by individuals. Morse reports shroffs' news that the Marathas have made peace; the shroffs are sending back their money to Arcot. The *Princess Augusta* to sail for Sumatra tomorrow. Agreed that ships from Sumatra should leave it before July 15 to avoid entering the Bay in the height of the monsoon. A soldier, a deserter, and 3 Choultry prisoners to be transported to Sumatra. Advances made. Stores by the *Sumatra* and the *Princess Augusta*. 250 garse of paddy to be bought. Payments received.

Appended are:—(1) accounts respecting the *Sumatra* and the *Princess Augusta*; and (2) account sales of the effects of Joseph Goddard and Francis Delton.

No. 59. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 15, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 15–16 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 6 [No. 53]. Have sent gunpowder on the *Experience* sloop. The shroffs report that the Marathas having come to terms with the Nizam have retired. The money brought from Arcot, etc., to Madras is now being returned. Consider that

trade may go on regularly, but urge the importance of getting news from Trichinopoly, the most probable scene of action.

No. 60. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT SUMATRA. FEB. 16, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 26, pp.* 17—27 (11).]

Relates to the shipping, goods for Sumatra, and the pepper investment. Cannot spare recruits as the garrison is weak. Send 2 soldiers and 3 'transports' (Indians).

Appended is the manifest of private trade.

No. 61. LETTER TO CAPT. GEORGE GORING OF THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA. FEB. 16, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol. 26, p.* 28 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Sumatra.

No. 62. LETTER FROM JOHN ANDREWS AT MADAPOLLAM. FEB. 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol. 28,* p. 34 (½).]

Sends accounts. Omar Kuli Khan has been appointed Nawab and has just arrived. Everything is quiet.

No. 63. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. FEB. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 34—36 (2½).]

Sends indents for wares and stores needed at Madapollam for 1744. Packing stuff should be sent for 200 or 250 bales.

Appended are the indents.

No. 64. CONSULTATION. FEB. 20, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 86—95 (10).]

Read letters from Madapollam of Feb. 3 [No. 62] and from John Hallyburton of Feb. 18 [No. 63]. Stores ordered thither. Accounts read and payments received. Estimate called for for erecting a range of buttecas south of Mutyalpet facing the north wall of the Black Town; those outside the White Town to be repaired. Mayor's Court's banksall duties farmed out for 400 Pags. a year. Rice to be sent to Fort St. David. Approved Hallyburton's proposal to keep a hired brigantine (at 20 Pags. a month) at Madapollam to carry the Company's effects to Vizagapatam in case of a Maratha attack; the same thing to be done if possible at Ingeram. The importance of increasing the Madras investment as that in Bengal has been much affected by the Maratha invasions and dearness of cotton. Here, two of the Company's merchants have had heavy losses, and two others hesitate to make advances to weavers in these days of

insecurity. Agreed that it is necessary to take in new merchants. Morse reports that he has already discoursed with several but that they had urged the losses several had undergone in the Company's business and the unsettled state of the country. The 4 principal merchants however said that as soon as affairs improved, they would make proposals to provide part of the Company's investment. These 4 are summoned before the Board and asked on what terms they will serve the Company. They ask for an allowance beyond the brokerage allowed which barely covers the expenses. The Board reply that that is not permissible without leave from home, but that if they will come in they shall be recommended to the Company and receive all possible assistance in their business. After withdrawing to discuss the matter, the merchants return; they say that the rank of Company's merchant was formerly both an honour and advantage, that the Company has shown great indulgence to those who have lately suffered in its business and that, having all confidence in fair treatment, they will provide part of the investment this year, but cannot continue to do so on the unequal terms now offered. The varieties of cloth are accordingly divided among the merchants so that they will not compete one with another—Telisinga Chetti and Nallamuthu Kumarappa Chetti to provide middling longcloth; Sunku Venkatarama, ordinary longcloth; Gangaveddi Venkatarama and Nalla Chetti, middling and ordinary salempores; Tirumangalam Kumarappa, fine goods; Mahalinga Krishna and Ponnappa Chetti, any cloth they can bring in of the Company's musters. Advances made them. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David [No. 66]. Mahalinga Krishna's turned-out cloth to be removed from the Company's godown or sold.

Appended is a list of fine goods (beteellas, chintz, moorees, longcloth superfine, romals and ginghams) to be provided by Tirumangalam Kumarappa.

No. 65. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 28 (⅓).]

Sends invoices, etc., for 750 bags of rice laden on 2 boats.

No. 66. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 29–30 (1¾).]

Enjoin compliance with letters of June 24 and July 5, 1743, about the investment. It is better to get less cloth than take in worse

qualities or pay higher prices. The 'confined state of your neighbours' should be of assistance. Do not want more than 100 bales (4,000 pieces) of fine longcloth. Have allotted to each set of merchants a particular species of goods; perhaps this method might be useful at Fort St. David. Will send 50 garse of paddy in a few days.

No. 67. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 21, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Feb. 7, 10 and 15 [Nos. 49, 57 & 59]. Agreed on a reply of Feb. 21 [No. 68]. Advances made.

No. 68. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 37–38 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 7, 10 and 15 [Nos. 49, 57 & 59]. Have delivered the new commissions to the officers. Rejoice that the Nizam and the Marathas are likely to come to terms, and will advise the merchants to proceed with the investment. Desire 50 garse of paddy and 50 of rice to keep down grain prices.

Appended is an indent for stores.

No. 69. CONSULTATION. FEB. 27, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 96—100 (4¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 18 (21?) [No. 68]. Stores to be sent thither. Accounts read and payments received. Signed cowle for the Mayor's Court's banksall duties. Advances made. Henry Kelsall permitted to go to Vizagapatam to recover his health before proceeding to Bengal. Stores and remittances for the northern settlements. Agreed on letters to be sent thither [Nos. 70 & 73 to 76]. 50 garse of paddy to be sent to Fort St. David. Silver has fallen to 14 ¼ $ weight per 10 Pags.; agreed to sell the remaining 10 chests of silver as money is needed for the Madras and Fort St. David merchants, and as silver will fall still further when the expected Manilla ship arrives.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1744.

No. 70. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON. FEB. 27, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 30—33 (3).]

Hallyburton being about to return to Madapollam, send wares, etc., by the *Experience* sloop and 5,000 Madras Pags.; will send

to Madapollam and will stay at Vizagapatam on his way to Bengal. Goods on hand to be noted in each letter.

No. 75. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 36–37 (1).]

Send 5,000 Madras Pags. to Vizagapatam for the Ingeram factory. Presume Saunders can procure a ship to remove the Company's goods to Vizagapatam in case of danger from the Marathas. The merchants' accounts to be sent earlier; and goods on hand to be noted in each letter.

No. 76. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 37–38 (¾).]

15,000 Madras Pags. sent to Vizagapatam for the Madapollam factory.

No. 77. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 27, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 39–40 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 20 and 21 [Nos. 65 & 66]. Andiyappa and Company at first would not agree to provide Salem cloth (known to the Company as Porto Novo cloth) owing to the risk; but when other merchants were willing to contract for Salem cloth on condition of being allowed to provide some from places nearer at hand, Andiyappa, etc., agreed to contract for 1,000 bales of which 300 or 400 are expected to be Salem cloth. They have been advanced 10,000 Pags. 92½ bales on hand. Desire 20,000 Pags.

No. 78. DIARY. MARCH 1, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 101 (¼).]

Circulated letter from Fort St. David of Feb. 27 [No. 77]. 10,000 Pags. to be sent thither overland.

No. 79. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 38 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 80. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 2, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 39 (⅔).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

15,000 more to Vizagapatam, where it will be safer. List of goods to be provided at Madapollam and Masulipatam. Only the specified quantity of fine cloth to be taken in at present. Ordinary cloth is worse than formerly and must be improved. A statement of the merchants' accounts must be sent by the end of Nov. Henry Kelsall who is proceeding to Bengal, hopes to recover his health by a stay at Vizagapatam; and is permitted to go thither. As the Marathas are said to be infesting Masulipatam, have engaged the *Qadir Bakhsh*, at 20 Pags. a month, to lie in the river to carry the Company's effects to Vizagapatam if need be. Each letter to mention goods on hand.

No. 71. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 27, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Feb. 20 and 21 [Nos. 65 & 66], regarding investment, etc., Andiyappa, being called in, promises to provide 1,000 bales of which 300 or 400 will be Salem cloth. He is assured of the utmost encouragement provided he exerts himself in promoting the Company's investment, and advanced 10,000 Pags. Agreed on letter to Madras of Feb. 27 [No. 77]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Silver ornaments to be made for the Deputy Governor's palankin at a cost of 150 Pags. Cash balance, 4,527 Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for Jan. 1744.

No. 72. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. FEB. 28, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 34 (½).]

Sends invoice, etc., for 50 garse of paddy by two boats.

No. 73. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 34 (½).]

Encloses invoice, etc., for packing stuff.

No. 74. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 35–36 (1½).]

Send on the *William and Sarah* 2 chests of rupees and 5,000 Madras Pags. for Vizagapatam, 5,000 Madras Pags. for Ingeram and 15,000 for Madapollam. Henry Kelsall accompanies Hallyburton

to Madapollam and will stay at Vizagapatam on his way to Bengal. Goods on hand to be noted in each letter.

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No. 80. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 2, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 39 (⅔).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

No. 81. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. FEB. 11, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 41—43 (3).]

Send Consultations, etc. About mid-Jan., heard that Ali Kuli Khan had been deprived of the Nawabship of Rajahmundry; and have recently heard of the new Nawab's arrival. Hope he will be better than his predecessor. Enclose Pitt's narrative regarding the wreck near Uppada [No. 82], and beg that efforts be made to get redress. Have received 20 bales from Uppada. Fear no cloth can be got from Boni while cloth is so dear.

Appended are estimates for building and repairing the great battery by the seaside, the small battery fronting the Fort, and the powder magazine and guard-house, amounting to 1,744 Pags.

No. 82. LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA TO RICHARD PRINCE AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 18, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 44—51 (7¼).]

Regarding his ill-treatment by Husain Kuli Khan, uncle of the Nawab of Rajahmundry. Husain Ali Beg, the Nawab's Daroga, on May 5, 1743, wrote Pitt that the Nawab's uncle wished to see him. So Pitt started on the 6th for Pittapur with a present, hoping to get the batta taken off the Madras pagodas. He was formally received by the Daroga and by Husain Kuli Khan and then taken to the cutcheri, where the Daroga questioned him about the wrecked ship. The Daroga denied her to be English owned and complained that the Raja had been asked for help instead of the Nawab. Pitt stated that Stratton had written to the Nawab, who had sent his farman; but nevertheless Pitt was ordered to produce his account of what had been saved. He therefore sent for it, but meantime was guarded by peons who were ordered not to let him sleep, eat, drink or write. When the account arrived that evening, the Daroga abused Pitt, denied the accuracy of the account and sent for a Brahman who had been present at the wreck. The latter at first gave an account which corresponded with Pitt's, but after being whipped, valued the salvage at 9,000 Rs. Pitt was ordered to pay this at once under pain of being whipped also. Finally the Daroga offered to take 1,700 Pags. which Pitt was obliged to pay. He was then obliged to follow Husain Kuli Khan who had marched away from Pittapur, and forced to sign 2 papers in Persian supposed to be an indemnification of the Nawab's uncle and the Daroga for their ill-treatment of him. Pitt was kept without food, drink or sleep for 2 days and nights. The French at Yanam have met with similar ill-treatment, having been obliged to pay 6,000 Rs., and are determined

to quit their settlement. This may serve as a warning against the ill-treatment of Europeans.

No. 83. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. FEB. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 51—52 (1¼).]

Reported arrival of 30,000 Marathas, 65 ' omminum ' this side of Golconda, but they are since said to have retired. Omar Kuli Khan is to pay 300,000 [Rs. ?] instead of 270,000 (the old rent), which will mean more oppression. Naga Rao is his Diwan. Cotton is still dear but a good crop is expected. The recent thinness of the cloth was due to the dearness of cotton and the destitute condition of the weavers.

No. 84. LETTER FROM JONATHAN SMART AT SYRIAN. JAN. 14, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 52—54 (1⅔).]

Sends back the soldiers by the *Mermaid*; 3 have died. On Nov. 10, the Burmese re-occupied Syrian. The French, Armenian and Portuguese churches and merchants' godowns were plundered for 3 days, the [English ?] factory alone escaping. On the 13th, the Peguers drove out the Burmese and looted and fired the English factory. The soldiers were disarmed, and Smart only escaped ' by kind Providence.' The ship Smart built was thrice set on fire, but saved. Is trying to get away from ' this disturbed place.'

No. 85. CONSULTATION. MARCH 5, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 102—108 (7).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Feb. 11 [No. 81], from Ingeram of Feb. 18 [No. 83], and from Syrian of Jan. 14 [No. 84]. 725 ticals advanced the soldiers at Syrian by Smart to be paid at 3 ticals per pagoda. The *Mermaid* from Syrian having been driven to leeward by the monsoon, the soldiers on board to be sent hither overland. 4 chests of silver sold at 14 3/16 $ weight per 10 Pags. and 6 at 14¼. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Agreed that the brokerage may be slightly increased to encourage the provision of Salem cloth. Morse reports that Coja Namat-ullah Khan, who commands in the province for his father Abd-ullah Khan, sent him a horse and saropa on his becoming Governor, and that a return present is expected. Agreed to hold it over lest, as Nizam-ul-mulk has returned into the province, another person should be confirmed as Nawab. Henry de Veil reports that he borrowed 50 Pags. from Arumugam (a conocopoly) who absconded in 1742, and that the money is now claimed on his note of hand. Agreed that the sum be paid into cash and de Veil be held discharged of the debt.

Appended is the cash account for Feb. 1744, balance 19,367 Star and 555 Madras Pags.

No. 86. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 6, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 39—41 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 27 [No. 77]. The distance of Salem and its being in Mysore make the investment there somewhat risky; but as those parts are now quiet, the merchants must be encouraged to get cloth thence. They may be offered somewhat more for all cloth brought in in excess of the 300 bales they speak of. Urge the getting in of cloth from the other weaving towns before the French merchants are supplied with money. Approve the agreement with Andiyappa. Trust Nizam-ul-mulk's return into the Carnatic will not impede business.

No. 87. CONSULTATION. MARCH 8, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 109–113 (4¾).]

Payments received. The estimate of repairs at Vizagapatam, being loose and defective, is referred to Stratton [See No. 90]. Stores to be sent to Fort St. David. Morse reports:—Daniel Berriman owed 1,000 Rs. to Dayala Das, a Guzarati shroff, who often demanded repayment but was put off; so when Berriman was at St. Thomas Mount, the shroff applied to the Havildar of St. Thomé, and obtained a party of peons to arrest him; he escaped into Barlow's house and sent a message to Morse who sent peons to his rescue. The Havildar's peons, however, had already withdrawn, the English at the Mount having remonstrated with Dayala Das. It being an established rule that no inhabitant of Madras shall call in the assistance of any Moor or Gentue officer, and the shroff having neither complained to the President nor sued Berriman in the Court, agreed that Dayala Das be fined 300 Pags., being but in the second class of shroffs. While the Board is debating what to do with the Havildar, a messenger arrives with his apologies to explain that he is a stranger to dealings with the English and will not act thus in future. Agreed to drop the matter as he is a relation of Abd-ullah Khan, but Morse should let him know that full satisfaction will be taken for the like conduct in future.

Appended is the account sale of damaged Bengal rice, 20 garse realising 876½ Pags. at from 42½ to 45½ Pags. a garse.

No. 88. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 41 (½).]

Encloses invoices, etc., for stores.

No. 89. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 54 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 28, and March 1 and 2 [Nos. 79 & 80]. The paddy and 10,000 Pags. have arrived.

No. 90. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. MARCH 12, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 117–119 (3).]

[See No. 87]. The houses between the Fort at Vizagapatam and the sea should be pulled down, because the passage between is so narrow that the garrison might be surprised when turned out to receive the Nawab when he visits Medina Sahib's tomb on Muskeet Hill, and because the houses stand just where a battery is needed to protect the roads. Such a battery would not cost much—40 lascars at 2 Rs. a month would be enough to bring the stone required. A battery should be built at the Black Rock, projecting into the river, so as to secure the mango garden behind the Sand Hill, which the Moors always seize upon the least dispute; it would not cost 500 Rs. The magazine is too near the river and too far from the Fort; Turnery should be consulted about the site for a new one. A brick parapet is needed at Benyon's Battery and round the Middle Point to the Flag-staff Hill. The timber at Ingeram should be used to repair the roofing of the various buildings.

No. 91. LETTER FROM MICHAEL COTESWORTH, [CHIEF] AT BALASORE, TO THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA. NOV. 10, 1742. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 120 (½).]

Is concerned in the wreck of *Jagannath Prasad,* and desires to know what has been saved so that he may claim his dividend.

No. 92 LETTER FROM JOHN HALL, (LATE PURSER OF THE DECKER) AT BALASORE, TO THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA. MAY 10, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 120–121 (1).]

As Agent for William Davis, a respondentia creditor concerned in the *Jagannath Prasad,* requests Pitt to save all he can. The ship is said to lye dry and perhaps the cowries may be recovered. The ship belongs to Gopinath, the Company's 'mussudy' at Balasore,

who is very grateful for what has been done. Efforts have been made before to communicate with Pitt, but the kasids were stopped at Cuttack.

No. 93. LETTER FROM THOMAS FEAKE, [CHIEF] AT BALASORE, TO THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA. MAY 10, 1743. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 121 (½).]

Has succeeded Cotesworth as Chief. Requests Pitt to save everything possible from the wreck.

No. 94. CONSULTATION. MARCH 12, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 114—116 (2¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of March 7 [No. 89]. 10,000 Pags. to be sent thither. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Stratton's remarks on the fortifications of Vizagapatam [No. 90]. A fuller estimate, with a plan if possible, required. Regarding Pitt and the wreck at Uppada, it is not clear from the Balasore letters [Nos. 91 to 93], whether the ship actually belonged to the English. The Bengal Council to be asked to enquire [No. 97]. A statement to be furnished from Vizagapatam of the salvage from the ship's wreck [See No. 99]. Stores and wares to be sent to Ingeram. 80,000 of the rupees which were regarded as underweight in Bengal to be sold.

No. 95. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 42 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 96. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 42 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

No. 97. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MARCH 16, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 43–44 (2).]

Narrate the ill-treatment of Thomas Pitt by the Nawab in May 1743, on account of the wreck of *Jagannath Prasad.* According to letters from Balasore, she was really owned by the English banyan there, with English respondentia on her. Desire to know the facts of the case and especially the amount of the English respondentia.

No. 98. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. MARCH 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 45 (⅔).]

Enclose invoice, etc., for stores, etc.

No. 99. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 45—47 (2⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 11 and enclosure [Nos. 81 & 82]. Pitt's statement does not clear up the question of ownership. Also desire details of the salvage and how it was disposed of. For the present, any money, etc., on that account is to be paid into the Company's cash. The estimate for repairs to the Fort [See No. 81] is too indefinite, and Stratton considers it is too great [See No. 90]. Desire a clearer estimate and if possible a plan showing the proposed new works. Meanwhile building materials are to be collected. Timely repairs would have prevented the need of so great an expenditure as 1,800 Pags.

No. 100. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 12, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 55 (⅔).]

Send books, etc. Cash balance, 4,527 Pags.

No. 101. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 17, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 55—57 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letters of March 6, [9, 12 and 13] [Nos. 86, 88, 95 & 96] with 10,000 Pags. Believe Andiyappa will supply the 1,000 bales, as he is reputed frugal of promises. The distance of Salem and the fact that it is under a different government are difficulties, but a quantity of that cloth is expected. Andiyappa says he has sent 11,000 Pags. thither; will encourage him to get as much as possible thence.

No. 102. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 57–58 (1⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Jan. 19 [No. 22]. Congratulate Morse on becoming President. Are in great need of money. Despatch of the *Princess Amelia* and the *Exeter*. Will lade two sloops with saltpetre.

No. 103. CONSULTATION. MARCH 26, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 122—127 (5½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of March 12 and 17 [Nos. 100 & 101]; and from Fort William of Feb. 23 [No. 102]. Accounts read and payments received. 50,000 Rs. sold at 335 per 100 Pags., equivalent to 14¼ $ weight per 10 Pags. Salary of the Company's servants for the last six months, to be paid. Advances made. Mahalinga Krishna allowed till June to sell his turned out cloth. [See No. 64.]

Appended are:—(1) account salary of the Company's servants from Sept. 25, 1743 to March 25, 1744; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1744.

No. 104. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 26, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of March 2, 6, 9 and 13 [Nos. 80, 86, 88 & 96]; and letters to Madras of March 7, 12 and 17 [Nos. 89, 100 & 101]. Hinde reports that he has advanced Andiyappa 9,000 Pags. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. 2 good young horses to be bought for 230 Pags. Cash balance, 12,960 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) account salary of the Company's servants for the half-year ending March 25, 1744, amounting to 300 Pags.; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Feb. 1744.

No. 105. LETTER FROM NIZAM-UL-MULK TO NICHOLAS MORSE. RECD. MARCH 22, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 131 (¼).]

Sends a saropa for Morse. Desires the cloths, etc., for the Moghal's Court to be forwarded to Surat.

No. 106. LETTER FROM NAWAB COJA ABD-ULLAH KHAN AT THE CAMP TO NICHOLAS MORSE. RECD. MARCH 22, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 131 (⅓).]

To the same effect.

No. 107. LETTER FROM NAWAB SAFDAR ALI KHAN'S WIDOW AT WANDIWASH TO NICHOLAS MORSE. RECD. MARCH 23, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 131 (⅓).]

Presents a saropa of 5 cloths, with congratulations on his assuming the Governorship; hopes he will show the same friendship as was shown by Benyon.

No. 108. LETTER FROM IMAM SAHIB AT THE CAMP TO NICHOLAS MORSE. RECD. MARCH 23, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, p.* 132 (⅔).]

Has procured a saropa from Nizam-ul-mulk, and offers congratulations on Morse's Governorship. Recommends his son to Morse's care. P.S. Requests that the goods designed for the Moghal now sent may be forwarded and a receipt for them obtained from Surat.

No. 109. CONSULTATION. MARCH 29, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 128–130 (3).]

Payments received and advances made. George Jones resigns his monthly writership. Morse reports the receipt of letters from Nizam-ul-mulk, etc., requesting him to forward to Surat goods intended for the Moghal's Court [Nos. 105, 106 & 108]. Agreed that all responsibility should be avoided. If any accident happened to the goods, the Company might be asked to make up the loss which would be rated at the Moors' pleasure; but as Nizam-ul-mulk is yet in the province and as we expect some favours from him, agreed to leave the goods in the charge of Imam Sahib's servants, to give no receipt for them, and to furnish them with all assistance towards reaching Surat.

No. 110. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS MORSE TO NIZAM-UL-MULK. MARCH 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 132–133 (⅔).]

Acknowledges No. 105. Compliments. Will help in forwarding the present. Requests a reliable man may be sent to take charge of the goods and be answerable for them. Has written to Imam Sahib on this matter [No. 111].

No. 111. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS MORSE TO IMAM SAHIB. MARCH 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 133–134 (1).]

Acknowledge No. 108. There is much risk in sending goods by sea. Cannot hold himself responsible if any accident happens to them. Requests that the goods may be in charge of Nizam-ul-mulk's own servants who will be assisted as soon as a ship offers for Surat. Europeans avoid as much as possible interfering in Court affairs, lest they should incur displeasure, though they are always glad to oblige.

No. 112. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 59–60 (1½).]

Send by the *PortoBello* sloop 800 bags of saltpetre, 17 bales of piece-goods and 6 leaguers of Bengal arrack which was taken on the Company's account and sells badly in Bengal. The proportion of treasure to be coined into rupees depends on the state of the country. Will write later about this. Need only 4,000 maunds of redwood this season.

No. 113. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. FEB. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 60–61 (¾).]

Send by the *Bombay* sloop 800 bags of saltpetre, 18 bales of piece-goods, and 6 leaguers of Bengal arrack.

No. 114. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 4, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 61–63 (2½).]

The *Sumatra* arrived Feb. 20. Will try to prevent merchants of the various factories interfering with each other; but it has been tried before without success. The Marathas assembled at Bhadrachalam and then moved north of Chicacole, but were repulsed in their attempts to plunder the Hill Rajas. Do not know whether they will come here or advance to Cuttack to reinstate Baqir Ali Khan. Have entertained 10 more topasses and 40 lascars who will be discharged as soon as the danger is over. Are making carriages for the guns recently sent. They will be mounted on the rock north of the Town and be a great security. The Nawab and 'Gomesara' [Gumsur ?] Raja are now reconciled. The investment depends on the state of the country and the price of the cotton, but desire 30–40,000 Rs. and 20,000 Pags. The *Mermaid* arrived from Pegu Feb. 29 with a corporal and 17 topasses for Madras. Send books, etc.

No. 115. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. MARCH 11, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 64–65 (1½).]

Acknowledges letter of Feb. 9 [No. 51]. Will set about the fence, etc. Regrets the ordinary cloth is so bad; but it is due to the increased rent and badness of the Government, whole towns lying deserted. Cotton is so dear that the merchants can hardly gain by the ordinary cloth. The Marathas have gone to Narayana

Ghat near Chicacole where they have been repulsed by Krishna Devu. Has desired early advice of their movements from Vizagapatam. Sends accounts, etc.

No. 116. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM, MARCH 14, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 65–66 (1½).]

The *Experience* sloop arrived March 7. With an oppressive Government, a depopulated country, and cotton selling at 40 Pags. a candy, merchants hardly profit by ordinary cloth; he therefore agreed to receive a certain proportion of fine along with the ordinary cloth. Little of the latter has been brought in and that very bad; so he has been refusing to take in fine, as that offers the principal inducement to the merchants. During the Maratha scare, Andrews freighted a vessel with the Company's goods; as they have gone northward, the second vessel has been discharged. Cloth on hand 1,596 [pieces ?].

No. 117. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MARCH 28, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 67 (1).]

Money sent by Andiyappa for Salem investment has been brought back to Porto Novo, as 20,000 Marathas had plundered the Salem country and 5,000 were still there. The Tanjoreans are attacking Negapatam on account of an old dispute; and Dupleix has sent to Karikal 3 ships and 2 sloops with 100 soldiers, 50 peons, etc.

No. 118. CONSULTATION. APR. 2, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 135—144 (10).]

Read letters from Fort William of Feb. 29 [Nos. 112 & 113]; from Vizagapatam of March 4 [No. 114], from Ingeram of March 11 [No. 115], from Madapollam of March 14 [No. 116], and from Fort St. David of March 28 [No. 117]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Morse reports that Nizam-ul-mulk at Gandikota, 8 days' journey from Arcot, has filled up the Nawabships of Kundanur, Golconda, Cuddapah and Arcot. Coja Abd-ullah Khan was appointed to the last, but died the same night; on which Anwar-ud-din Khan, late Nawab of Chicacole and generally well-esteemed, was appointed; his son Mahfuz Khan nominated Diwan; and Imam Sahib thought likely to be Bakhshi. These people are expected shortly at Arcot, and the Nizam is preparing to set out for Golconda. Agreed to write to him concerning the grant of a dastak to pass the Company's goods free of customs, as nothing

has resulted from the Embassy to Trichinopoly. Imam Sahib wants either the power or the will to do the English service.

Appended are:—(1) No. 119; (2) cash account for March 1744, balance, 37,715 Star and 640 Madras Pags.; (3) account sale of 108 pieces of culgeed flannel at about 6⅔ Pags. per piece, and of 40 chests of rosewater at 3 Pags. 21 fns. 48 c. per chest.

No. 119. LETTER FROM NICHOLAS MORSE TO NIZAM-UL-MULK. [APR. 2, 1744.] [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 138—140 (2⅓).]

The English rejoiced at Nizam-ul-mulk's arrival in the province both that they might pay their respects to him and that he might learn their services to the Sarkar during the recent troubles. As Nizam-ul-mulk is now departing, Morse hopes that he will bestow some favour on the English. No doubt that would have been done already, had they had an advocate to speak for them. Complains that though the Company have a royal farman for the free passage of goods provided for them and though the farman is well-observed in Bengal, yet the zamindars and faujdars of the Carnatic often stop the Company's goods. Prays therefore for a dastak in consideration of the royal farman and the recent English services, desiring that the latter may be mentioned so that the Company may be 'pleased with my behaviour.'

No. 120. CONSULTATION. APR. 5, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 145 (1).]

Sold 30,000 Rs. at 331½ per 100 Pags. Payments received. Despatch of the *Porto Bello* deferred so that she may not reach Balasore just at full moon.

No. 121. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 48 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of March 28 [No. 117]. Believe the Marathas have no designs on Trichinopoly; so, though there can be no investment at Salem, it may go on elsewhere. Nizam-ul-mulk left for Golconda on March 20, having appointed Anwar-ud-din Khan, Nawab of this province. The latter arrived at Arcot. He bears a good character, and it is hoped he will restore order.

No. 122. CONSULTATION. APR. 9, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 146 (1).]

Payments received. Agreed on letter to Fort William of Apr. 10 [No. 123].

No. 123. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 49—51 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of Feb. 23 and 29 [Nos. 102 & 112]. Will try the Bengal arrack at outcry, and send 4,000 maunds of redwood on the Europe ships. Cannot now spare any treasure. After peace had been made, 40,000 Marathas met Nizam-ul-mulk near the Kistna on his way to Golconda; he entertained 20,000; and the rest went northwards. He then returned to Gandikota, 8 days' march from Arcot, and appointed Anwar-ud-din Khan, Nawab of Arcot, and set out for Golconda, March 20. Some Marathas have passed near Vizagapatam, supposed to be going to Cuttack. Henry Kelsall will proceed to Bengal after a stay at Vizagapatam.

No. 124. LETTER TO PHILIP PARSONS, MASTER OF THE PORTO BELLO SLOOP. APR. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 51 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 125. DIARY. APR. 11, 1744. [*Madras Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 147 (⅓).]

News from Fort St. David that the *Dauphin* has reached Pondichery, having left France Oct. 5, with news that peace continued between France and England; and shipping news.

No. 126. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 11, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 52 (1).]

The *Dauphin's* arrival at Pondichery, with news of an expected accommodation between the powers at war. Shipping news.

No. 127. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 13, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letter from Madras of Apr. 7 [No. 121]. Agreed on letter to Madras of Apr. 13 [No. 130]. Advances made.

No. 128. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MARCH 19, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 68 (1).]

Have received treasure by the *William and Sarah.* The Marathas are reported to have moved on northward. 45 bales on hand.

No. 129. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MARCH 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 69 (½).]

Acknowledges letter of Feb. 29 [No. 76]. Has the same cloth on hand as on the 14th. [See No. 116].

No. 130. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 69—71 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 7 [No. 121]. The investment goes on quietly except at Salem, and Andiyappa promises 600 bales by Sept. Desire 10,000 Pags. The *Dauphin* arrived at Pondichery with 96 chests of silver, stores, etc., and much liquor. The French at Karikal have attacked the Tanjoreans, at one time killing 350. Desire to rebuild the boat-house and carpenter's yard (pulled down in 1741) where the old boat-house stood, near the river, west of the Fort. To do this, clear the river of sand and stake the bank, will cost about 400 Pags. Send accounts, etc. Cash balance, 12,960 Pags. 201 bales on hand.

No. 131. CONSULTATION. APR. 16, 1744. [*Madras. Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 147—150 (2¾).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of March 19 [No. 128], from Madapollam of March 21 [No. 129], and from Fort St. David of Apr. 13 [No. 130]. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Shortage of saltpetre on the *Bombay* sloop to be reported to the Bay. Sale of Bengal arrack postponed as much has come from Batavia. Payments received. Dayala Das released as he has paid his fine of 300 Pags. [See No. 87]. Advances made. The Scavenger to report the cost of repairing wells in the streets of the Black Town and Pettahs, as many are dangerous.

No. 132. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 16, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 53 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 133. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 53 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 30 peons.

No. 134. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 54–55 (1½).]

The saltpetre on the *Bombay* sloop turned out short. Sale of Bengal arrack deferred as much Batavia arrack has recently arrived. Shipping news.

No. 135. LETTER TO JONATHAN RANSOM, MASTER OF THE BOMBAY SLOOP. APR. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 55 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 136. CONSULTATION. APR. 23, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 151–152 (1¾).]

Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Apr. 24 [No. 137]. Accounts read and advances made. Damaged stores to be sold. Anwar-ud-din Khan being now fixed in the Government, agreed to send him, his son, the Diwan, and minister, presents to the value of 1,200 Pags.

No. 137. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 24, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 56–57 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 13 [No. 130]. The boat-house, etc., may be built at the estimated cost. The *Carolina* sloop may be sold or broken up. Hope Salem is as quiet now as the other weaving towns and that Andiyappa will keep his promise.

No. 138. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 23, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 10,000 Pags. with letters from Madras of Apr. 16 and 17 [Nos. 132 & 133.] Accept merchants' offer to provide dimities at a cheaper rate than formerly. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Damaged and decayed cloth to be sold.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses [for March 1744.]

No. 139. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. APR. 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 71–72 (1).]

Acknowledges letters of Feb. 29 and March 17 [Nos. 73 & 98]. The fear of a Maratha visit has subsided. Encloses accounts. Cloth on hand 80 corge.

No. 140. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. APR. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 72 (½).]

Encloses accounts. Has opened a separate head for the cash lodged at Vizagapatam.

No. 141. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE COLCHESTER. APR. 2, 1743. [*Letter Book, Vol.* 25, *pp.* 710–711 (*I.O. trans.*)]

If disappointed at Benjar, the *Colchester* will land her cargo at Madras; she should be laded and returned without delay. Have advanced the supracargoes £2,000; if they cannot get diamonds at Benjar, they may be granted certificates for whatever they pay in at Madras. [The *Colchester* is shown in Danvers' List as touching at no Indian port; the original therefore was probably never received at Madras, and I can find no trace of a duplicate arriving there.]

No. 142. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE HARDWICKE. JUNE 8, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 5–6 (1).]

The *Heathcote*, the *Saint George*, the *Colchester* and the *Princess of Wales* sailed Apr. 15. The *Hardwicke* is bound to China *viâ* Bombay. If not involved in debt, John Stratton may continue Chief at Vizagapatam. Cargo for Bombay on the *Hardwicke* may if necessary be landed at Madras; and if there are any goods on hand proper for Canton, they may be laded on her.

No. 143. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE LAPWING. OCT. 14, 1743. RECD. APR. 25, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 7–8 (2).]

Cite despatch of June 8, 1743 [No. 142]. Acknowledge despatches of 1742, Sept. 11 [No. 303 of 1742], 14 [No. 306 of 1742], and 15 [?], and Oct. 9 [No. 344 of 1742]; and of 1743, Jan. 24 [?], and 27 [No. 24 of 1743] and Feb. 2 [No. 30 of 1743]. Loss of the *Princess Louisa*. The *Winchester* ran ashore at Pernambuco and her cargo had to be temporarily landed. The *Lapwing* will bring on her treasure, etc., if she is not repaired, and proceed to Madras, Bengal and Sumatra. The treasure to be coined at once for Bengal. Have taken up 12 ships of which 6 are for the Coast and Bay. The Secret Committee for 1744. So much saltpetre sent the last 2 seasons that the quantity is to be reduced and the price lowered; only charterparty kintledge to be sent unless there is no other way of making up the tonnage. This year's goods are not yet sold. Investment to go on according to the last list [No. 74 of 1743]. John Waters to be Chief Gunner at Madras. Will consider what to do for Percival.

No. 144. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE LAPWING. NOV. 4, 1743. RECD. APR. 25, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 9 (1).]

As the Portuguese will not permit the *Lapwing* to touch at Pernambuco, she will sail direct for Madras with 30 chests of treasure to be coined for Bengal. Believe the *Winchester* has been refitted.

No. 145. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE PRINCE OF WALES AND PRINCE WILLIAM. NOV. 23, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 11–12 (2).]

Cite despatch of Nov. 4, 1743 [No. 144]. 100 chests of treasure laded on the *Prince of Wales* and the *Prince William*; as much as possible to be sent to Bengal in specie or bullion. The Coast goods have sold well; desire longcloth and salempores. George Jones permitted to reside as free merchant. The *York* designed to be laded with tea in China, but if she loses her passage, to be laded in Bengal. Have taken up 2 more ships for the Coast and Bay. Purchase of coffee at Mocha.

No. 146. LIST OF ARRIVALS OF SHIPS IN 1743. THE INDIA HOUSE. NOV. 24, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 133 (⅔).]

No. 147. CONSULTATION. APR. 25, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 153–156 (3).]

The packets by the *Lapwing* and the *Prince William* opened. Read despatches of June 8, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and 23, 1743 [Nos. 142 to 145]. Treasure and military to be landed. Read letters from Ingeram of Apr. 3 [No. 139], and from Madapollam of Apr. 9 [No. 140]. Company's orders [See No. 142] communicated to Stratton John Waters be Gunner; John Shaw, first mate; and Isaac Merrigeot, second mate. Accounts read and advances made. Shipping, etc., news to be forwarded to Bombay [No. 148].

No. 148. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 57–58 (1¼).]

Shipping news. Desire early news of what will be done in regard to the Company's orders respecting coffee Send paras. 8 and 9 of Des. of Nov. 23, 1743 [No. 145].

No. 149. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. APR. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 58 (⅓).]

Send a letter for Bombay.

No. 150. CONSULTATION. APR. 28, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 156—161 (5¼).]

The packet by the *Prince of Wales* opened. Her military, treasure, etc., to be landed. Treasure by the *Lapwing* and the *Prince William* reported correct. The treasure for the Bay by these 3 ships to be coined into Arcot and Madras rupees, as owing to the closure of the Murshidabad mint, bullion will be useless in Bengal. 20 chests to be reserved for the Coast investment and sold. Accounts read. Padre Renatus has visited Morse with a commission from the Vicar-General, appointing him head of the mission, *vice* Padre Thomas deceased, but declared that he did not intend to dispute the recent orders of Council [See No. 54].

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for March 1744.

No. 151. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 73 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 17 [No. 133], with 10,000 Pags.

No. 152. CONSULTATION. APR. 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 162—168 (7).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Apr. 25 [No. 151]. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. Padre Severini, attorney for the Jesuit Missionaries in China, is paid 1,200 Pags. annual interest. Disabled serjeant and sentinel put on the pension roll. The pension of European sentinels raised from 1 Pag. 9 fns. to 1 Pag. 24 fns. New quit-rent, etc., roll signed.

Appended are:—(1) account sale of useless stores, realising 93 Pags.; (2) Scavenger's and Rental-General's accounts for the year ending Aug. 31, 1743; and (3) account of stores to be written off, standing at 104 Pags.

No. 153. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. APR. 30, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letter to Madras of Apr. 25 [No. 151] and letter from Madras of Apr. 24 [No. 137]. Accounts read and payments received. Cash balance, 15,748 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) account sale of damaged and torn-cloth, etc., for 139 Pags.; (2) list of articles in the Steward's charge to be written off; and (3) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1744.

No. 154. LETTER FROM CAPT. HENRY WATTS OF THE LAPWING. APR. 28, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 178–179 (2).]

Quartermaster Archibald Douglas was confined in irons for one day for endeavouring to excite mutiny and released on promise of good behaviour. However on Apr. 23, he flung his mess allowance over-board and tried again to stir up mutiny. He was ordered 39 lashes, but David Shepherd refused to tie him up. Both were then put in irons, the Captain fearing to do more lest the mutinous spirit should become more general, and, had the crew seized the ship, they could have done much damage, as the *Lapwing* is faster than almost all the other shipping.

Appended is a Consultation of the *Lapwing's* officers, dated Apr. 23, 1744, condemning Douglas to 39 lashes.

No. 155. CONSULTATION. MAY 5, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 169—180 (12).]

Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Agreed on letter to Tellicherry [No. 156]. Capt. Watts' complaint [No. 154] against two mutinous men on the *Lapwing*; Watts, his officers, and 6 foremastmen asked for by the prisoners being present, all the evidence agrees the prisoners were the sole cause of the troubles on board; resolved that they be kept here till they can be put on a larger ship. 30 soldiers to be sent to Fort St. David. Cannot sell silver owing to the closure of country mints. The Nawab is said to be going to issue rupees of 12 dwt. fine and suppress the current Arcot rupee which is 2 dwt. worse, the minters having bribed the Sarkar officers. The Sarkar minters of Covelong, St. Thomé, etc., are trying to persuade the Nawab to prohibit the coining of Arcot rupees at Madras and Pondichery; but the Nawab has not yet issued orders. The *Prince William* to take the first 50 chests of money coined for Bengal; the *Lapwing* to take the next 30. The presents to the Nawab, etc., approved. The Warehousekeeper to purchase goods suitable for presents out of the English ships and keep them ready for such occasions.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for Apr. 1744, balance 29,557 Star and 729 Madras Pags.; (2) No. 154; and (3) list of presents, including broadcloth, embossed cloth, velvet, gold-flowered silk, a silver service, tweezer cases, snuff boxes, spectacles, glass lustres, bowls and plates of cut-glass, gun and pistols, swords, looking glasses, rosewater, Bengal candles, etc.

No. 156. LETTER TO JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. MAY 5, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 59 (1).]

Shipping news.

No. 157. CONSULTATION. MAY 7, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 181–182 (2).]

A time-expired soldier discharged. Headmoney for the recruits on the *Lapwing*. The Captain of the *Prince William* to be asked to discharge John Gray who is needed here as a carpenter.

Appended are :—(1) petition, (n.d.), from William Cottle, Surgeon of the *Lapwing*, praying for headmoney on 11 recruits; and (2) letter from John Savage, Secretary, to Captain Thomas Langworth of the *Prince William*, dated May 7, 1744, regarding John Gray.

No. 158. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID, MAY 7, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 60 (½).]

Sends a list of 30 recruits going to Fort St. David.

No. 159. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 11, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 60—62 (2½).]

Shipping news. Have decided to coin into Arcot rupees the treasure intended for Bengal, as the Marathas are still invading that province, and send 50 chests of Arcot and Madras rupees. Will send 60 more, reserving only 20 for Madras. Forward English packets, etc.

No. 160. LETTER TO CAPTAIN THOMAS LANGWORTH OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM. MAY 11, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 63 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 161. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 73—75 (2½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 24 [No. 137]. It is said that only the Fort and one or two houses are left at Salem; and the people in the Fort fear a return of the Marathas; so there is no likelihood of business there. The *Neptune* has arrived at Pondichery with 122 chests of bullion. Desire new bale screws. Send accounts. 280 bales on hand.

Appended is an indent for stationery.

No. 162. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 10, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 76 (½).]

Desire 10,000 Pags.

No. 163. CONSULTATION. MAY 14, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 183—186 (3).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of May 6 and 10 [Nos. 161 & 162]. Offer of merchants there to provide 100 bales of salempores at 20½ Pags. per corge, to be accepted. 10,000 Pags. to be sent thither. The minters allowed to receive Dutch dollars at 15 (instead of 14) dwt. worse than standard. Morse reports the Company's merchants' statements that the French are inquiring for middling and ordinary cloth besides the fine cloth that they usually provide in these parts; this is probably caused by disappointments at Salem, Udaiyarpalaiyam and Chennappanayakanpalaiyam. The merchants have been directed to prevent the weavers from supplying cloth to the French. No silver can yet be sold as the Nawab has not yet fixed the standard of the Arcot rupee. Agreed on letter to Bengal by the *Lapwing* [No. 167].

Appended is a letter from Sidney Foxall, dated May 14, 1744, stating that the minters will not receive the Dutch dollars at 14 dwt. worse than standard, and that on assay they prove to be 15 dwt. worse.

No. 164. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 63—64 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of May 10 [No. 162]. Approve the proposal to provide 100 bales of salempores at 20½ Pags. a corge brown.

No. 165. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 64 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

No. 166. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 15, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters to Madras of May 6 and 10 [Nos. 161 & 162], and one from Madras of May 7 [No. 158]. Agreed on letter to Madras of May 16 [No. 172]. Advances to merchants, etc. Agreed to accept the offer of Irusappa Chetti, etc., to provide 100 bales of salempores at 21 Pags., all charges included. Hinde produces a declaration of the weavers that Muthayya Chetti who was last year entrusted with money to provide dimities paid 411 Pags. less than he charged the

Company for them. The Chetti has refunded the sum, but the utmost caution is necessary to prevent such frauds, especially as the best may be deceived in the value of such high-priced goods.

No. 167. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 65–66 (2).]

Send 30 chests of rupees by the *Lapwing*. Goods to be sent on her from Bengal to Sumatra. Forward the *Lapwing's* packet for Bengal, etc. Her Captain to account for 290½ lbs. of silver shipped as the ship's stock. Shipping news.

No. 168. LETTER TO CAPTAIN HENRY WATTS OF THE LAPWING. MAY 18, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 67 (½).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 169. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. APR. 20, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 76—78 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of July 22, Aug. 11 and 26 of 1743, and Feb. 2, 1744 [No. 47. Others missing]. Shipping news. Despatch and lading of the *Hardwicke* for China. Congratulate Morse on becoming President. Forward bills on Sultan David, an Armenian, for 20,800 Rs., for woolen goods sold at Ispahan.

No. 170. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. APR. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 79—86 (8).]

Regarding the wreck of the *Jagannath Prasad* [See Nos. 81, 82 & 99]. Cotesworth, Chief of Balasore, was said to be one of the owners; at the mate's request Pitt took charge of the wreck, and Stratton got the Nawab's farman for it. Stratton considered it would be more advantageous to give a third of the money and gold dust saved to the Raja of Pittapur than to complain to the Nawab about the Raja's demand. The Nawab however considered this as proving that the ship was not English-owned. Regarding the fortifications [See Nos. 81, 90 &c.], the houses between the Fort and the sea should certainly be pulled down; but a battery fronting the Fort would be useful only in case of a war with a European power. The battery at the Black Rock has been completed; it commands the 'passage-place' and most of the Town. As it secures the powder magazine, consider that no new magazine is needed, though the present one is so near the river as to get damp in the 'freshes,

Moreover 14 men and a corporal are always kept at a guard-house near it. Great need of a godown for stores. The terrace of the Fort House must be repaired before the rains. Benyon's battery and Middle Point (built in 1742) are of little use; it would have been better to build a wall from Martin's Point to the Mettah Gate and another across the rock on which Benyon's battery stands, and raise the platforms at the Mettah Gate to a proper height. Cannot form a just calculate of the cost of the proposed works, but if ordered they shall be done as cheaply as possible. Send Consultations, etc.

Appended are:—(1) account of the goods, etc., saved from the *Jagannath Prasad*, signed by Thomas Pitt, and dated Apr. 4, 1744, amounting to 2,511 Rs., with a few pagodas, Venetians, and 38 Pulicat Pags. weight of gold dust; (2) list of repairs, etc., needed in the Fort and Town, signed by Lewis Turnery; and (3) indents for wares and stores.

No. 171. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. MAY 1, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 87 (½).]

Encloses accounts. 80 bales on hand.

No. 172. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 16, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 87—89 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letter of May 14 [No. 164]. The 30 recruits have arrived. Contracted with Irusappa Chetti for [100] corges of salempores, at 20½ Pags. per corge brown + ½ Pag. commission, to be supplied by Aug. Propose to take in 654 pieces of turned-out Chennappanayakanpalaiyam and Udaiyarpalaiyam cloth at 44 and 43½ Pags. the corge. Trust that the early and considerable advances to the merchants will enable them to counteract the ill-results of the early arrival of French ships with treasure.

No. 173. CONSULTATION. MAY 21, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 187—191 (4¼).]

Read letters from Bombay of Apr. 20 [No. 169], from Vizagapatam of Apr. 21 [No. 170], from Ingeram of May 1 [No. 171] and from Fort St. David of May 16 [No. 172.] Savage reports that Coja Sultan David has refused to pay the Bombay bills [See 169]; and that they have been duly protested before the notary-public (Noah Casamajor). Agreed on letter to Vizagapatam, dated June 20 [No. 231]. Accounts read. The Nawab has ordered Arcot rupees to be coined 7 dwt. better than standard and fixes the coining charges at 27 per mille instead of 17; but the shroffs refuse

to coin rupees on these terms. Agreed to land the *Montague's* pepper, so that two ships may be laded in Sept. if necessary.

Appended is a statement of the expenditure by the Captain of the *Lapwing* on his voyage.

No. 174. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. MAY 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 67—68 (¾).]

Send the *Hardwicke's* packet by the *Faiz-i-Salam*. Shipping news.

No. 175. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. MAY 25, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 68–69 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 20 [No. 169]. The bills on Sultan David for 20,800 Rs. are returned protested; the notary's charges are 4 Pags. Will land at Madras though consigned to Bengal 500 candies of pepper from Tellicherry on the *Montague*. It may be needed if a ship is sent round from Bombay. Shipping news.

No. 176. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. MAY 25, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 70 (⅔).]

Send a letter for Bombay.

No. 177. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 70 (⅓).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 178. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 71 (⅔).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons. The turned out cloth mentioned in letter of May 16 [No. 172] may be taken in to prevent its 'going elsewhere.'

No. 179. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 89 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of May 14 [No. 165] with 10,000 Pags. Desire 50 garse of paddy, as grain rises daily.

No. 180. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 23, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 90 (⅔).]

Desire 10,000 Pags.

No. 181. LETTER FROM ANWAR-UD-DIN KHAN AT ARCOT TO NICHOLAS MORSE. [RECD. MAY 27, 1744.] [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 196 (½).]

Desires 20,000 Pags. worth of the best silver, at the cheapest rate. Will send the money on hearing from Morse. When silver is landed at Madras, desires to be informed before it is ordered to be sold.

No. 182. CONSULTATION. MAY 28, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 192—198 (7).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of May 21 and 23 [Nos. 179 & 180]. Accounts read. Morse reports that the merchants' agents say that the weavers were inclined to engage with the French in order to get some ready money; but the agents threatened that if they did so, they should be compelled to pay what they owed the English merchants; also the Havildars of the country promised that no cloth should be given to the French unless the latter offered higher prices than the English. So the matter has been settled in favour of the English and the French agents have gone away. Morse produces a letter from Anwar-ud-din Khan [No. 181]. It is thought that the Nawab, being angry with the shroffs for refusing to coin Arcot rupees, means to coin them himself. Agreed that such a request [No. 181] is unprecedented and if once admitted might involve the English in disputes with the country government; agreed therefore to refer the Nawab to the merchants here for the silver he wants and to inform him that business would be hindered if the sale of silver were to be postponed till his needs were known. Believe that the shroffs will now make their peace, but where we have explicit orders from the Company no point should be given up, touching the general welfare.

Appended are:—(1) letter to Capt. Fielder Freeman of the *Montague*, dated May 28, 1744, directing him to land all pepper on his ship; (2) No. 181; (3) No. 183; and (4) statement of extraordinary expenses for Apr. 1744.

No. 183. LETTER [FROM NICHOLAS MORSE] TO ANWAR-UD-DIN KHAN. [MAY 28, 1744.] [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 197 (1).]

Reply to letter No. 181. If the Nawab sends his agents to Madras, they can easily buy at the market rate what silver is wanted. As to the Nawab's being informed before any silver is sold, such a course would hinder business as merchants bringing

silver often do not stay more than 3 or 4 days. Supposes that as formerly merchants will be appointed to act for the Sarkar. Any recommended by the Nawab shall receive particular regard.

No. 184. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. MAY 16, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 90 (⅓).]

Sends accounts.

No. 185. LETTER FROM RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. APR. 27, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 91–92 (1⅓).]

The King of Travancore is anxious to purchase 5,000 Rs. worth of looking glasses, etc., for a palace lately built. Request that that sum be paid to the bearer and debited to the Bombay presidency. The King is so elated with his success against the Dutch that he would not brook a refusal. Congratulate Morse on becoming President.

No. 186. LETTER FROM RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. MAY 12, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 92 (⅔).]

Send a packet arrived from Europe by the *Hardwicke*, and another packet to be forwarded to Bombay.

No. 187. CONSULTATION. MAY 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 199–200 (1½).]

Read letters from Madapollam of May 16 [No. 184], and from Anjengo of Apr. 27 and May 12 [Nos. 185 & 186]. The *Hardwicke's* packet for Bengal to be forwarded by the *Winchelsea*. 20 chests of rupees to be sent thither on her and the rest on the *Montague*. Advances made and payments received. Agreed to advance the sum required to the bearer of the original of the letter from Anjengo of Apr. 27 [No. 185].

No. 188. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 30, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters to Madras of May 16, 21 and 23 [Nos. 172, 179 & 180], and letters from Madras [Nos. 164, 165 & 177]. Charles Floyer requests that, as he has now to procure firewood by sea, he may be allowed an extra 5 Pags. per lakh on bricks and tiles; ordered accordingly that they be charged at 55 and 45 Pags. per lakh, respectively. As many trees in the bounds were cut down in 1740 in the Maratha troubles, agreed to plant young trees which will

provide firewood in case of trouble. The French have already started a large plantation about Pondichery. The Paymaster to choose a suitable site. Damaged stores to be sold. 200 bales to be sent to Madras on the *St. David* ketch. Advances made and payments received. Indents for stores, etc. The *Carolina* sloop to be broken up and the materials sold. Cash balance, 6,935 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Charles Floyer, Paymaster, dated May 30, reporting the dearness of firewood and requesting an increase in the price allowed for bricks, etc., as the woodcutters have taken to working in the fields and as the Poligars are unwilling to allow much cutting in their forests, adding that the rates now proposed are lower than those at Madras or Pondichery; and (2) letter from Charles Floyer and Alexander Wynch, dated May 30, regarding damaged stores.

No. 189. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 30, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 93 (½).]

Send 200 bales on the *St. David* ketch.

No. 190. LETTER FROM CHRISTOPHER MOLE, SECRETARY. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 7, 1743. RECD. JUNE 1, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 3 (1).]

Andrew Munro at Madras permitted to reside as free merchant.

No. 191. CONSULTATION. JUNE 1, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 201—205 (5).]

The *Winchester's* packet contains no despatch later than March 2, 1743. Her military, etc., to be landed. Read letter from Fort St. David of May 30 [No. 189]. Daniel Murray appointed Ensign *vice* Thomas Raven who is mad and unlikely to recover. Accounts read and advances made.

Appended is the cash account for May, balance 9,098 Star and 729 Madras Pags.

No. 192. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 2, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 71–72 (1⅓).]

Send by the *Winchelsea* 20 chests of rupees. Forward the *Hardwicke's* packet received from Anjengo. Shipping news.

No. 193. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE DUKE OF DORSET. DEC. 16, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 13 (1).]

Cite despatch of Nov. 23 [No. 145]. 50 chests of treasure on the *Duke of Dorset*; as much as possible to be sent to Bengal. Shipping news.

No. 194. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH, BY THE CAESAR. DEC. 16, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 41—44 (3½).]

Relates to the affairs of Sumatra.

No. 195. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE BEAUFORT. DEC. 23, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 15 (1).]

Cite despatch of Dec. 16 [No. 193]. 150 pipes of Madeira will be laded on the *Beaufort* for Madras. As much treasure as possible to be forwarded to Bengal.

No. 196. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE YORK. JAN. 11, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 17–18 (2).]

Cite despatch of Dec. 23, 1743 [No. 195]. Shipping news. 50 chests of treasure on the *York*. Her copper to be sent to Bengal if it will sell better there. Her lead is intended for China. If red-wood will yield a profit at Canton, she may be filled up with that and despatched with 20 chests of silver. If she loses her passage, she is to go to Bengal. John Scott, for sometime ship's Surgeon, sails on the *York* and is to be employed as Surgeon on the Coast. In case no ship is sent direct from Madras to Canton, goods worth £3,000 or 4,000 may be sent on the *York* on the Company's account.

No. 197. LETTER FROM ROBERT JAMES TO CHRISTOPHER MOLE, SECRETARY. THE INDIA HOUSE. DEC. 29, 1743. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 135—137 (2½).]

Reports irregular endorsements made at Madras on bills of lading pertaining to the *Admiral Vernon*, the *Walpole*, the *Lynn*, and the *Marlborough*.

No. 198. LIST OF PERSONS PROCEEDING TO INDIA WITH THE COMPANY'S PERMISSION. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 22, 1744. [*Letter Book, Vol.* 26, *p.* 152 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Includes John Scott, Surgeon, and Ann Mansell for Madras.

No. 199. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE SILVER ON THE WINCHESTER, THE YORK AND THE DUKE OF DORSET FOR MADRAS; ON THE YORK FOR CHINA; AND ON THE BENJAMIN FOR BENGAL. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 7, 1743—APR. 24, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *pp.* 63—71 (8½).]

The consignments to Madras amount to 5,703 oz.

No. 200. MANIFESTS OF PRIVATE TRADE, ETC., ON THE WINCHESTER, THE PRINCE WILLIAM, THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE BEAUFORT AND THE DUKE OF DORSET FOR MADRAS; ON THE YORK FOR MADRAS AND CHINA; AND ON THE BENJAMIN FOR BENGAL. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 4, 1743—MAY 2, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *pp.* 73–98 (26).]

Include: 2 chests of Pyrmont and Spaw water; lead statues; clocks; a chaise, etc. The consignments to Madras (those on the *York* being omitted) amount to £45,493, and this includes coral valued at £27,251.

No. 201. LISTS OF RECRUITS. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 4, 1743—MAY 2, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *pp.* 99—109 (11).]

On the *Winchester* 15; on the *Lapwing* 12; on the *Prince of Wales* 19; on the *York* 28; and on the *Beaufort* 17, for Madras. On the *Benjamin* 31 for Bengal.

No. 202. STATEMENT OF MONEY BORROWED BY COMMANDERS OF SHIPS AT RESPONDENTIA. THE INDIA HOUSE. MARCH 22, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *p.* 113 (¼).]

It amounts to £6,000.

No. 203. ABSTRACT OF GOODS CONSIGNED TO MADRAS, BENGAL AND SUMATRA. THE INDIA HOUSE. NOV. 4, 1743—MARCH 22, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *pp.* 125–131 (6¼).]

The consignments to Madras total £2,86,899; and consist of silver, £240,594; broadcloth, etc., £24,481; copper £11,860; lead, £6,136; iron £1,903; military stores £1,201; and other items £724. [These figures do not include the lading of the *Prince William*, the abstract of which is torn.]

No. 204. LISTS OF THE COMPANY'S PACKETS TO MADRAS BY THE WINCHESTER, THE LAPWING, THE PRINCE WILLIAM, THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE YORK, THE BEAUFORT, THE DUKE OF DORSET, AND THE GODOLPHIN. NO DATE. [*Pub. Des. from Eng.*, *Vol.* 48, *pp.* 139–153 (14⅔).]

No. 205. DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL FOR THE MAYOR'S COURT AT MADRAS. NO DATE. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 159-175 (17).]

Money, etc., of the suitors deposited with the Mayor's Court, to be lodged with President and Council. The Company agree to be answerable to the suitors, except in case of unforeseen accident, such as fire or foreign invasion. An Accountant-General paid by the Company to be appointed. Procedure for the receipt and disbursement of money, etc. On the removal or death of the Accountant-General, the deposits to vest with his successor. Forms of accounts to be maintained.

No. 206. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. MAY 31, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 93-94 (1½).]

Enclose indents [appended] for wares and stores.

No. 207. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 1, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 95 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of May 26 [No. 177] with 10,000 Pags.

No. 208. CONSULTATION. JUNE 3, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 206—210 (4⅓).]

Packet by the *York* opened. Read despatches of Dec. 23, 1743 and Jan. 11, 1744 [Nos. 195 & 196]. Her military, etc., to be landed. The *Winchester's* treasure reported correct save for one chest which Capt. Steward says he was obliged to use for his extraordinary expenses in Brazil. Read letters from Fort St. David of May 31, and June 1 [Nos. 206 & 207]. Stores to be sent thither. Payments received and advances made. The ruby brokerage granted to two new farmers for 5 years at 500 Pags. a year, provided that it shall be raised to 800 in case the Pegu trade revives. Cash being low, 10 or 20 chests of silver to be sold, though gold is scarce and the sale difficult. Of 15 recruits on the *Winchester* 4 reported dead and 4 deserted. As Company's Arcot rupees are only 4½ dwts. better than standard, while the Nawab requires Arcot rupees to be 7 dwts. better, agreed to coin 25 chests of silver for Bengal into Madras rupees, as the Company's Arcots may be depreciated in comparison with the Sarkar's. 300 candies of tin and as much redwood as possible to be bought for the *York*. Morse reports that the Nawab's shroff has appointed persons to buy silver in Madras [See Nos. 181 & 183]. Agreed upon letters to the supracargoes at Canton [No. 210], to Bengal [No. 209] and to Fort St. David [No. 212]. Anjengo packet for Bombay to be sent *via* Surat.

No. 209. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 4, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 73 (1).]

The *York* (for China) arrived from England yesterday. Forward her packet by *Winchelsea.*

No. 210. LETTER TO MISENOR, DRAPER AND FORBES [SUPRACARGOES AT CANTON?]. JUNE 6, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 74 (1).]

The *York* will sail shortly for Canton, with lead, tin, redwood and silver.

No. 211. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 5, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Have received 10,000 Pags. from Madras with letter of May 26. [No. 177]. Irusappa Chetti offers to bring 100 more bales of salempores by Jan. Narayana Chetti's offer to provide another 100 on the same terms to be recommended to Madras for acceptance. Advances to merchants, etc. Charles Floyer reports that the vacant plot, 80 rods by 40, north of the Company's garden is suitable for planting young trees [See No. 188]. Ordered that the spot be fenced and two large wells made. 4 soldiers re-enlisted for the usual bounty.

Appended is a petition, (n.d.), from Francis Tarbet, Thomas Doleman, Nathaniel Hands, and Robert Harwood, time-expired soldiers, praying for re-enlistment.

No. 122. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 7, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 75–76 (2).]

Send the Company's orders regarding the Fort St. David investment:—Longcloth, middling, deep blue, 5,000 pieces; dimities, Fort St. David (as fine as possible), 200 pieces; romals sootie, bright, 8,000 pieces; and romals red and white, 1,000 pieces. Salempores to be full 16 yards long. A good quantity of Porto Novo [Salem] cloth wanted on moderate terms. The wrappings used reported to be bad. Goods to be packed in wax cloth. Cannot get bale screws made here; they must be obtained from England.

No. 213. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JUNE 8, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 77 (1).]

Send a packet received from Anjengo. Shipping news.

No. 214. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JUNE 8, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 78 (¾).]

Send a packet for Bombay.

No. 215. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 95—97 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Feb. 9 [No. 52]. The Marathas in Bengal. The mints are likely to be closed; so desire that all the bullion for Bengal may be coined ⅔ into Arcot and ⅓ into Madras rupees. Trust that Nizam-ul-mulk has made peace with the Marathas.

No. 216. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. APR. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 97–98 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of March 16 [No. 97]. Know nothing of the wreck at Uppada, but have written for information to Balasore.

No. 217. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 14, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 98 (½).]

Forward a packet from Balasore. 100 bales on hand.

No. 218. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 99 (1).]

Have contracted with Irusappa Chetti for 400 corge of salempores to be delivered by Jan. Narayana Chetti, a merchant of credit, has offered to provide 400 more on the same terms.

No. 219. CONSULTATION. JUNE 11, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 211—216 (5¾).]

Read letters from Fort William of Apr. 5 and 7 [Nos. 215 & 216], from Vizagapatam of May 14 [No. 217], and from Fort St. David of June 6 [No. 218]. Offer of Narayana Chetti of Fort St. David to provide 100 [?] bales of salempores at 20½ Pags. + ½ Pag. brokerage per corge, to be accepted. Headmoney for soldiers on the *Winchester*. A soldier having lost the use of his limbs to be sent to England. Signed cowle for the ruby brokerage [See No. 208]. As there are ample goods for a Sept. ship (even though the Bombay coffee ship be sent here also to be filled up), the *Prince of Wales* to be sent home in Sept. Her copper for Bengal to be landed. Advances made. 8 chests of silver sold at 14⅜ $ weight per 10 Pags.;

9 more to be sold at 14½ as the price is likely to fall; every one will be wishing to get rid of their old rupees, being uncertain how long they will be allowed to pass current; and the shroffs are unwilling to coin the new, which yield only 255 per 100 oz. standard silver instead of 266. As Anwar-ud-din (who is 85) knows little of the English and may be prejudiced against us by designing persons, Morse proposes to send with the present about to be despatched Haji Hadi, 'a man of extraordinary good capacity' and believed to be in the English interest, to explain matters to the Nawab and his Diwan, and secure their favourable opinion. Agreed that this will be of great service. Agreed on letters to Madapollam and Ingeram regarding the investment. [Nos. 220 & 221]. The *York's* treasure reported correct. 20 chests of new Mexico silver to be put on the *York,* that being the best silver for China.

Appended are:—(1) letter to Capt. John Pelly of the *Prince of Wales,* dated June 11, 1744, ordering him to land all goods for Bengal; and (2) petition, (n.d.), of James Brodie, Surgeon on the *Winchester*, praying for headmoney on 7 recruits.

No. 220. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 78-79 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letters of March 14, 21, Apr. 9, and May 16 [Nos. 116, 129, 140 & 184]. The method of taking in a proportion of fine with ordinary cloth should have succeeded in inducing the merchants to bring more in; are sure Hallyburton will do his best; and while cotton is so dear, the merchants will continue reluctant to provide ordinary cloth. 600 pieces of callawapores to be provided instead of 400. Fine cloth for the Sept. ship to be sent half-washed, so that it may be finished at Madras in a few days.

No. 221. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JUNE 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 80 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of March 11, Apr. 3, and May 1 [Nos. 115, 139 & 171]. As the merchants have the benefit of providing fine cloth, they should be able to keep the ordinary up to the Company's musters. Do not doubt Saunders will effect an improvement. 300 pieces of ginghams to be provided.

No. 222. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 9, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 100 (1).]

Send accounts, etc. Desire 10,000 Pags. Cash balance, 6,935 Pags. 253 bales on hand.

No. 223. LETTER FROM CAPT. GABRIEL STEWARD OF THE WINCHESTER. JUNE 14, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 220–221 (1½).]

His ship's going aground on the Brazil coast necessitated extraordinary expenses, for which he took a chest of the Company's silver, valued at £1,049. Of this he spent 1,812 mil reas (£566) for vessels, carts, etc., needed to land his cargo and the remainder in repairing the ship's bottom.

No. 224. CONSULTATION. JUNE 15, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 217–219 (3).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of June 9 [No. 222]. Payments received. Deficiency of 9 plates of copper (1 ton 13 cwt.) on the *York*. Agreed upon letters to Canton, etc. [Nos. 225 & 226]. Cloth accounts to be sent to Ingeram and Madapollam. Read Capt. Gabriel Steward's letter [No. 223]. Agreed to refer the matter to England, as there is no precedent, and to desire orders to cover such cases in future. Steward to give his bond for the total of the silver shipped by the *Winchester*. 60 tons of redwood to be sent to Bengal.

No. 225. LETTER TO JOHN MISENOR, ETC., SUPRACARGOES AT CANTON. JUNE 15, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 81 (1).]

Despatch of the *York* to Canton with sundries invoiced at 64,602 Pags. Her silver is milled new Mexico dollars, the best for export to China.

No. 226. LETTER TO CAPT. HENRY LASCELLES OF THE YORK. JUNE 15, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 82 (1).]

Sailing orders for Canton. If he should lose his passage, he is to proceed to Bengal. There may be Spanish privateers in the Straits of Malacca.

No. 227. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 15, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 83 (½).]

Sends invoice, etc., for stores and stationery on the *St. David* ketch.

No. 228. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. MAY 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 105–106 (1).]

Forward a packet from Bengal. The farms were let in 1742 for 3,603 Rs.; they are now let for 3,905 Rs. They consist of—the Betel and Tobacco farm, the 'Pasque Juncan,' the Arrack, Measuring, Oil, Bhang and Manilla duties, the Waltair town and salt pans, and Malkapuram town. Send accounts, etc.

No. 229. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JUNE 2, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 101 (⅔).]

Encloses accounts. Has on hand 145 bales.

No. 230. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 4, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 101 (⅓).]

Encloses accounts. Cloth on hand 1,813 pieces.

No. 231. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 83—85 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 21 and May 25 [Nos. 170 & 228]. The salvage of the *Jagannath Prasad* to be sold at outcry and the proceeds deposited in the cash chest. Only necessary repairs to be carried out, until an exact calculate of the cost of new works can be sent and the Madras Council satisfied of their necessity. Works raised in 1742 are now said to be valueless, and the Company's money must not be laid out like that. Probably little can be done till a capable man can be sent to carry on the works regularly. Fine cloth to be sent half-washed for the Sept. ship. As many bales as possible to be procured. Recruits on ships accidentally calling to be sent to Madras. Send account of the cloth taken in last season.

No. 232. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JUNE 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 86 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of June 2 [No. 229]. Send account of the Ingeram cloth taken in last season.

No. 233. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JUNE 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 86–87 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of June 4 [No. 230], etc. Send account of Madapollam cloth taken in last season.

No. 234. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 87 (⅓).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 235. CONSULTATION. JUNE 21, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 222—225 (3¾).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of May 25 [No. 228], from Ingeram of June 2 [No. 229], and from Madapollam of June 4 [No. 230]. Advances made. Morse lends 2,000 Pags. to permit 10,000 Pags. being sent to Fort St. David. The Fort St. David cloth examined and found pretty good. Agreed on letter to Anjengo [No. 238]. The *Prince of Wales* being ready to take in cargo, to be surveyed. Shortage of 12 Madras candies in the *Montague* pepper. 30 chests of rupees to be sent on her to the Bay. Bond executed by the Captain of the *Winchester* for the shortage of silver. 35,000 new Madras Pags. to be bought for the northern settlements, if possible in exchange for silver.

Appended are:—(1) letter from Capt. John Pelly of the *Prince of Wales*, dated June 21, 1744, reporting his readiness to take in cargo for England; and (2) Capt. Gabriel Steward's bond, dated June 14, 1744.

No. 236. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 21, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 88 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 30 peons.

No. 237. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 22, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 88–89 (1).]

The bales recently sent appear good. Approve engagement with Narayana Chetti to provide 100 bales of salempores.

No. 238. LETTER TO RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JUNE 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 89–90 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of May 12 [No. 186]. Will comply with their letter of Apr. 27 [No. 185]. Shipping news.

No. 239. LETTER FROM MESSRS. CHAMBERS AND BAKER AT MADEIRA. FEB. 17, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 155 (½).]

Send 200 pipes of wine for Bengal on the *Durrington*, and 150 for Madras on the *Beaufort*.

No. 240. LETTER FROM JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. MAY 31, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 102 (1).]

Send a packet to be forwarded to Bombay. Shipping news.

No. 241. CONSULTATION, JUNE 26, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 226—233 (7½).]

The *Durrington* has no packet for Madras. 25 chests of treasure for Bengal to be landed, 10 to be coined into Arcot rupees for Bengal and the rest retained till further treasure arrives. Read letters of Feb. 17, from Chambers and Bakers at Madeira [No. 239] and from Tellicherry of May 31 [No. 240]. Read William Percival's letter desiring to be re-appointed Gunner *vice* John Waters, deceased; agreed to make no appointment till the receipt of the despatches by the later Europe ships. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. 32 chests of rupees to be sent to Bengal by the *Winchester*. The *Prince of Wales* reported fit for the voyage to Europe. Linga Chetti agrees to take 4 chests of silver at 14⅝$ weight per 10 Pags. and give Madras pagodas at 10% batta. Morse reports that on June 23, Edel Khan and 13 other Pathans, engaged by Murtaza Ali Khan for 2 lakhs of rupees to murder the Nawab, the late Nawab's son and 4 others, murdered Sahib Zada, along with some of his relations. Anwar-ud-din was to have been murdered at the mosque, but did not go, being busy with examining the English present. Edel Khan and 11 Pathans were killed at once and 2 executed afterwards. One of them confessed the whole affair, and Murtaza Ali Khan's bond for 2 lakhs was found in his possession. Anwar-ud-din Khan has sent for his son from Trichinopoly and is said to be preparing to attack Vellore.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1744; (2) letter to Capt. Richard Crabb, of the *Durrington*, dated June 26, 1744, ordering him to land his treasure; and (3) letter from John Byers and William Tullie, dated June 26, 1744, reporting the *Prince of Wales* to be in good condition.

No. 242. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 91—93 (2⅓).]

Send on the *Winchester* 32 chests of rupees, 30 tons of redwood, packets from England, etc. Have landed the *Prince of Wales'* copper for Bengal, as she will be returned to England early. The *Montague* will remain sometime at Madras.

Appended is a list of the packet to Bengal.

No. 243. LETTER TO CAPT. GABRIEL STEWARD OF THE WINCHESTER. JUNE 26, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 93 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 244. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JUNE 28, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 94 (1).]

Forward a packet from Tellicherry *viâ* Surat. Shipping news.

No. 245. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JUNE 28, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 95 (1).]

Send a packet from Tellicherry for Bombay.

No. 246. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 103 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of June 21 and 22 [Nos. 236 & 237] with 10,000 Pags. The merchants promise to keep up the goodness of their cloth. William Belsches desires permission to visit Madras.

No. 247. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 96 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of June 26 [No. 246]. Belsches may come up to Madras.

No. 248. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JUNE 30, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of June 7, 20, 21 and 22 [Nos. 212, 234, 236 & 237] and letters to Madras of June 9 and 26 [Nos. 222 & 246]. Half their balances being now overdue, the old merchants ordered to attend the Board. The merchants called in and shown the list of investment. They promise 1,000 bales by Sept. and 600 more by Jan. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Cash balance, 2,426 Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for May 1744.

No. 249. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 30, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 96–99 (2¾).]

Acknowledge letters of Apr. 5 and 7 [Nos. 215 & 216]. Desire the *Sumatra* to be filled with patcheree rice and despatched early to Madras. Hope the investment will not long be hindered by the Maratha inroads. Have landed pepper consigned to Bengal from

Tellicherry, in case Bombay should be unable to complete the tonnage of the Mocha ship and send her to Madras. Shipping news. The Tellicherry pepper proved 12 Madras candies short. The *Montague* brings 30 chests of rupees and 30 tons of redwood.

No. 250. CONSULTATION. JULY 2, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 234—239 (6).]

Accounts read and payments received. Last year's Town rent and kanungo duty for the last 2 years to be paid the Nawab. Morse lends 2,000 Pags. as there are not enough in cash to pay the Town-rent, etc. Advances made. 2 time-expired soldiers discharged. 800 extra bags of saltpetre to be loaded on the *Prince of Wales*. 10 chests of silver sold at 14¾. No offers of Madras pagodas for silver being received, Linga Chetti promises to deliver in 40 days Madras pagodas to the value of 4 chests of silver, at 14¾ and batta at 9½%.

Appended is cash account for June 1744, balance 7,527 Star and 729 Madras Pags.

No. 251. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 4, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of June 29 [No. 247] and to Madras of July 3 [No. 252]. Nalla Tambi, etc. (the old merchants) say that they petitioned for 12 months time and desire that Mutyalu now at Madras, who was a partner, may be sent for, so that they may settle accounts with him. Advances made.

No. 252. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 104–105 (1½).]

Enclose accounts, etc. Have contracted for 50 bales of blue cloth. Hope for about 1,000 bales for the Sept. ships, and 850 for those in Jan. Desire 20,000 Pags. 373 bales on hand.

No. 253. CONSULTATION. JULY 9, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 240—243 (3½).

Read letter from Fort St. David of July 3 [No. 252]. Agreed on letter to Bengal of July 9 [No. 254]. Payments received and advances made. 3 chests of silver to be coined into rupees for Vizagapatam. The *Galatea* to be engaged to bring cloth from the north, provided the *Princess Augusta* does not arrive before July 25. 3,000 bales expected here and at Fort St. David ; and silver sold hitherto will not nearly meet the demands on that account. Great scarcity of gold due to demand for gold mohurs in Bengal ; gold has

been sold for old Arcot rupees which cannot be disposed of and depress the price of silver. Pagodas so rare that even Bukanji Kasidas, the Sarkar's Sowcar and Chief Shroff of the province, cannot pay for the silver he has bought; yet pagodas are needed for the investment. Agreed to sell 40 chests of silver at not less than 15$ weight per 10 Pags., allowing one or two months credit, for silver will fall lower when the Mocha and Basra ships arrive in Aug.

No. 254. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JULY 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 99–100 (1⅔).]

The *Durrington's* treasure weighs 87,200 oz. of new duccatoons, 2 dwt. better than standard. She brings 23 chests of rupees. Arrack is cheap and the Bengal arrack cannot be sold at the invoice price. Desire the guns and medicines on the *Duke of Dorset* to be sent to Madras by the *Sumatra.*

No. 255. LETTER FROM MESSRS. CHAMBERS AND BAKER AT MADEIRA. MARCH 2, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *pp.* 157–158 (1¼). *Brittle.*]

Enclose copy of No. 239. Send invoice, etc., for wine consigned by the *Beaufort.* The vintage is larger than last year's, and wine is cheaper.

No. 256. CONSULTATION. JULY 10, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 244–245 (2).]

The *Beaufort's* despatches nothing but duplicates. Her treasure, etc., to be landed. Read letter from Madeira of March 2 [No. 255] accompanying 150 pipes of wine. Accounts read. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David, Morse lending enough to make up that sum. The Anjengo packet for Bombay to be forwarded to Surat.

No. 257. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JULY 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 101 (¾).]

Forward a packet from Anjengo. Shipping news.

No. 258. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JULY 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 101 (¼).]

Send letters for Bombay.

No. 259. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 102–103 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of July 3 [No. 252]. Washers and beaters to be kept 'close to work,' as so many bales are promised. 10,000

Pags. will be sent tomorrow; will send more when the shroffs have paid for the silver they have bought. Gold is scarce and silver cheap owing to the Bengal demand for gold mohurs, which is draining off gold coined and uncoined and leaving in Town quantities of base rupees. Will do everything possible to provide funds for the Fort St. David investment.

No. 260. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 11, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 103 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

No. 261. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 104 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent tomorrow overland.

No. 262. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 104 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. in charge of 20 peons.

No. 263. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 16, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of July 10, 11 and 13 [Nos. 259 to 261]. Advances to merchants. Agreed upon letter to Madras of July 16 [No. 267]. Ordered the purchase of a clock for the Fort for 30 Pags. 3 soldiers re-enlisted for the usual bounty.

Appended is a petition, (n.d.), from William Smith, David Keats and Benjamin Fisher, time-expired soldiers, praying to be re-enlisted.

No. 264. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 18, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 105 (½).]

Encloses invoice, etc. of packing stuff sent on a country boat.

No. 265. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JUNE 20, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 106–107 (1).]

Send books, etc. Have sent the vakil with presents to the new Nawab at Chicacole, who has seen Vijayaram Razu and is likely to be on good terms with him. 145 bales on hand though cotton is still dear,

No. 266. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JULY 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 107 (½).]

Encloses accounts.

No. 267. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 16, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 108–109 (2).]

Acknowledge letters from Madras of July 10, 11, and 13 [Nos. 259 to 261] with 10,000 Pags. Are aware of the scarcity of gold and will not write for supplies except when absolutely necessary. Have 600 bales ready and hope for 200 more ; the merchants' advances are about 30,000 Pags. The *Bourbon* has arrived at Pondichery with 119 chests of silver reckoned at 2,500 Pags. each, and 11 casks at 3,000 each, to be coined into 6,40,000 Rs. The French expect 3 more ships from Europe ; and it isrumoured that the Company is paying off all its debts in India and that a new one is to be started. Have demanded half their balance from Nalla Tambi, etc., merchants ; they say they have accounts to settle with another partner now at Madras, but object to going to Madras to do so, though they themselves proposed it.

No. 268. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 18, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 110 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of July 14 [No. 262] with 10,000 Pags.

No. 269. LETTER FROM JOHN STRATTON AT FORT ST. GEORGE. JULY 19, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 251 (1).]

The Company in 1743 ordered him to be put out of the Council, having heard that he was involved in debt, but said that they would take his services into account if they were assured that he was not [See No. 142]. Stratton is ready to be examined and produce all his accounts, which will show how groundless the report is. Has served the Company 23 years diligently and faithfully.

No. 270. CONSULTATION. JULY 20, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 246–250 (4).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of June 20 [No. 265], from Madapollam of July 3 [No. 266], and from Fort St. David of July 16 and 18 [Nos. 267 & 268]. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of July 21 [No. 272]. Payments received. 20 chests of silver have been sold at 14⅞ $ weight per 10 Pags ; agreed that more should be sold before the arrival of the western ships. 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Advances made. The *Beaufort's* treasure reported correct. 10,000 Madras Pags. to be bought at 8⅞ %.

batta. The *Princess Augusta* not having arrived, the *Galatea* to be got ready to fetch the cloth from the north. Money and stores to be sent on her. Andrews permitted to come to Madras from Madapollam for a few days. Read letter from John Stratton [No. 269]. The Board consider it needless to require proof of his not being heavily indebted and resolve to report so to the Company.

No. 271. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 20, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 105 (½).]

Encloses invoice, etc., of 37 garse of paddy sent by a country boat. 10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 272. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 21, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 106–107 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of July 16 and 18 [Nos. 267 & 268]. Yesterday despatched a further 10,000 Pags. as it may be some days before the French exchange their silver for coin and so ready money may be useful. Turned-out cloth fit for Europe may be taken at a reduced price to prevent the French from getting it. If the French pay the Company's debts, they may find themselves unable to get credit or lade their ships. Nalla Tambi, etc., must pay half their balance at once.

No. 273. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. JULY 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 108 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of June 20 [No. 265]. As the *Princess Augusta* has not arrived, have engaged the *Galatea* to fetch cloth from Ingeram and Vizagapatam.

No. 274. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. JULY 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 109 (¾).]

Bales to be sent down by the *Galatea*.

No. 275. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. JULY 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 109–110 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of July 3 [No. 266]. The bales, etc., to be sent by Aug. 25. Andrews may come to Madras for a few days.

No. 276. LETTER TO RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. JULY 24, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 110–111 (1).]

Shipping news.

No. 277. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 24, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 110 (½).]

Send 208 bales of calicoes by the *St. David* ketch.

No. 278. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 111--112 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of July 18, 20 and 21 [Nos. 264, 271 & 272] with 10,000 Pags. The French have ordered much cloth at Chennappanayakanpalaiyam for dyeing and are taking in any quality ; they are also offering higher prices for longcloth, which makes the merchants uneasy. Nalla Tambi, etc., have agreed to go to Madras.

No. 279. CONSULTATION. JULY 30, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 252—261 (9).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of July 24 and 25 [Nos. 277 & 278], and from the supracargoes of the *Edgebaston* of June 23 and 26. The last states that the supracargoes have exchanged 104,640 oz. Troy of new Mexico silver for an equal quantity of old, and desires the difference to be made good to Messrs. Baillie, Templer, Coales and Lodowick according to the custom of the Madras mint. Agreed to do so. Baillie, etc., observing that they took the silver without weighing it and that most of the silver sent out from England this year has proved short of the invoice, agreed that two councillors attend the opening and weighing of the said silver. Paddy and medicines to be sent to Fort St. David. Accounts read and payments received. 7 chests of silver sold at 14 15/16 $ weight per 10 Pags., and 10 chests at 15. As copper is not likely to sell well in Bengal, the latest prices being Rs. 36—38 the Bengal maund, agreed to sell as much copper as will go at 86 Pags. per candy or over ; and also 800 candies of lead, white culjeed flannels, embossed cloths, and Madeira wine (not to be sold under 40 Pags. the pipe). 10,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Money, wares, stores, etc., to go on the *Galatea* for the northern settlements. The timbers at Ingeram to be sent part to Vizagapatam and the rest here. One more chest of silver sold to Linga Chetti at 14 15/16 $ weight to be paid for in Madras Pags. at 8¾% batta. 20 tons of pepper to be put on the *Prince of Wales*. 10,300 Madras Pags. paid in at 8⅞% batta. Deficiency of copper by the *Prince of Wales* endorsed on the bill of lading.

Appended are :—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1744 ; (2) letter from Thomas Thomson, Richard Wood and

Stephen Cobham, supracargoes of the *Edgebaston*, dated at Mocha, June 23 and 26, as above; and (3) bond given by the above to Baillie, etc., dated June 23, 1744.

No. 280. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 30, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 111 (½).]

Enclose invoice, etc., of paddy, wares, etc., sent by the *Fort St. David* ketch.

No. 281. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. JULY 31, 1744. *Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of July 14, 18, 20 and 21 [Nos. 262, 264, 271 & 272], and letters to Madras of July 14 (18?), 24 and 25 [Nos. 268, 277 & 278]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Agreed to lend 850 Pags., out of the balance in the Charity books, to the Paymaster at 9%, as the merchants will not take it at last year's rate. Cash balance 11,284 Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for June 1744.

No. 282. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 112 (½).]

10,000 Pags. will be sent overland.

No. 283. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 112 (½).]

Send 10,000 Pags. overland in charge of 20 peons.

No. 284. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, p. 113 (1).]

Send 10,000 new Madras Pags. and stores by the *Galatea*. If any timber now lying at Ingeram would be useful for the Vizagapatam buildings, they may be fetched thence.

No. 285. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 114–115 (1½).]

Send 10,000 Madras Pags. and stores by the *Galatea*. Timber forced on Prince by the late Nawab may be sent to Vizagapatam, and what is not needed there to Madras. The pagodas for Vizagapatam may be sent overland if that will be safer.

No. 286. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 115 (½).]

Send packing stuff on the *Galatea.*

No. 287. LETTER TO CAPT. WILLIAM TULLIE OF THE GALATEA. AUG. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 116 (1).]

Sailing orders for Ingeram and Vizagapatam.

No. 288. CONSULTATION. AUG. 7, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 262—267 (5½).]

The *Duke of Dorset's* packet contains only despatches already received. Her treasure, etc., to be landed. 50 chests of silver to be coined into Arcot rupees for Bengal if they can be spared from Madras. Headmoney allowed for recruits. Accounts read and advances made. Morse is repaid 7,000 Pags. lent by him. Payments received.

Appended are:—(1) cash account for July 1744, balance 45,132 Star and 30,526 Madras Pags.; and (2) petition, (n.d.), of Alexander Wood, Surgeon of the *Beaufort,* for headmoney on 16 recruits.

No. 289. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 112–113 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 1 [No. 283] with 10,000 Pags. Enclose books, etc. Cash balance, 11,284 Pags. 403 bales on hand.

No. 290. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. JUNE 15, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 113–114 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 26 [No. 148]. Shipping news. Though only 2,000 bales of coffee are likely to be obtained at Mocha, it will be sent direct to Europe. The *Success* galley, not having been sold in Bengal, has been sent to Bombay. Send a packet to be forwarded to Bengal.

No. 291. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. JULY 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 115 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Apr. 26 [No. 149]. Forward a packet from Bombay.

No. 292. CONSULTATION. AUG. 13, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 267—276 (9½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Aug. 7 [No. 289], from Bombay of June 15 [No. 290], and from Surat of July 3 [No. 291]. The *Duke of Dorset's* silver is 133 oz. short, and that delivered to Messrs. Baillie etc., 73 oz. short. Agreed to make good the latter shortage

to Baillie, etc. As 40 Pags. per pipe was not offered for the Madeira at outcry, it is to be issued as wanted at 45 Pags. 150 candies of copper went off at 86 Pags.; 100 to be retained; and the rest to be sent to the Bay. The sale of copper here will relieve Bengal if the Arcot news [of a renewed Maratha invasion of Bengal] is true. Advances made. As the rains have greatly hindered the curing of cloth, there is not likely to be tonnage enough for a second Sept. ship. The *Duke of Dorset* and the *Beaufort* to be sent to Bengal.

Appended are:—(1) letter from William Monson and William Johnson, dated Aug. 13, 1744, reporting the shortage of silver by the *Duke of Dorset*; (2) letter from Robert Baillie, etc., dated Aug. 10, 1744, requesting the shortage of silver delivered them at Mocha to be made good; (3) account sale of sundries—800 candies of lead at 13 Pags. 10 fns. 32 c.; 66 pieces of culjeed flannel at 6 Pags. 14 fns. 9 c. a piece; 24 pieces of white flannel at 14 Pags. 28 fns. 10 c. a piece; 150 candies of copper at 86 Pags. 0 fns. 12 c.; 12 pipes Madeira at 40 Pags. 28 fns. 40 c. a pipe; 20 pieces embossed cloth (carpets) at 8 Pags. 30 fns. 48 c. a piece; 6 pieces ditto (horse coverings) at 33 Pags. 23 fns. 20 c. a piece; and 14 pieces ditto at 29 Pags. 29 fns. 46 c. a piece; total realised 25,694 Pags.

No. 293. CONSULTATION. AUG. 20, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp* 277—280 (3½).]

A time-expired soldier discharged. Payments received, advances made and accounts read. 2,400 Madras Pags. offered at 8¾ % batta to be bought. The cloth received from Fort St. David is inspected and found rather inferior to the last. Agreed to send 5,000 Madras Pags., 3 chests of Arcot rupees and 60 barrels of gunpowder for Vizagapatam; and 10,000 Pags. for Ingeram. Northern cloths to be cured before being sent to Madras. Indent for packing stuff and oil from Bengal. Will need room on the Dec. ships from Bengal for 2,500 bales and 150 tons of pepper. Petitions for headmoney for recruits by the *Prince of Wales* and the *York*, granted on May 7 and June 11, now entered.

Appended are the two petitions, (n.d.),—one from Thomas Bingley, Surgeon of the *York*, for 26, and the other from John Hardcastle, Surgeon of the *Prince of Wales*, for 17 recruits.

No. 294. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 20, 1744 [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol. 5 (I.O. trans.)*]

Have received 10,000 Pags. with letters from Madras of July 30 and Aug. 1 [Nos. 280, 282 & 283]. Read letter to Madras of Aug.

7 [No. 289]. 220 bales to be sent to Madras on the *St. David* ketch. Advances made. The Charity money [See No. 281] being in fanams, Charles Floyer has taken it at the current rate of exchange and gives a bond for 800 Pags. William Hineman re-enlisted for the usual bounty.

No. 295. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 22, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 117–118 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of July 24 and 25 and Aug. 7 [Nos. 277, 278 & 289] and 208 bales of calico. Regret that the French have secured some of the Chennappanayakanpalaiyam weavers, but as much cloth as possible to be got. The merchants' outstanding accounts [See No. 267] are mere private matters; but will assist to settle them, and then enforce payment. Require the prices of cloth sent.

No. 296. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 118–119 (1).]

Send on the *Beaufort* 5,000 Madras Pags. and 3 chests (24,000) Arcot Rs. and also gunpowder for Vizagapatam; and 10,000 Madras Pags. for Ingeram. Cloth brought in after *Galatea's* sailing to be washed at Vizagapatam.

No. 297. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 119 (1½).]

Are sending to Vizagapatam 10,000 Madras Pags. for the use of Ingeram. Cloth brought in after the *Galatea's* sailing to be whitened at Ingeram.

No. 298. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 120–123 (3¾).]

Send by the *Beaufort* copper received by the *Prince of Wales* and the *York*, except 150 candies sold at Rs. 42 per Bengal maund and 100 candies retained for sale in Jan. Desire to know the probable price in Bengal next season. Arrival of the *Duke of Dorset*. Will not be able to lade a second Sept. ship as the rains have hindered washing; but hope to have 2,500 bales and 140 tons of pepper by Dec. In case extra saltpetre should have to be laded on the Bengal ships, it should be invoiced apart so that, if possible, other goods may be substituted for it at Madras. Indent for packing stuff.

Appended is a list of the packet to Bengal by the *Beaufort*.

No. 299. LETTER TO CAPT. THOMAS STEVENS OF THE BEAUFORT. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 123–124 (⅔).]

Sailing orders for Vizagapatam and Bengal.

No. 300. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 124—126 (2¼).]

Detain the *Duke of Dorset's* treasure in case the later shipping should not call at Madras ; but it shall be coined into Arcot rupees so as to be ready to send if possible. There is news at Arcot that Raghoji Bhonsla and Fatteh Singh have set out for Bengal. Forward packets from Europe, etc. Good rice may be sent if obtainable.

Appended is a list of the packet to Bengal by the *Duke of Dorset.*

No. 301. LETTER TO CAPT. THOMAS FROGNALL, COMMANDER OF THE DUKE OF DORSET. AUG. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 126 (⅓).]

Sailing orders for Bengal.

No. 302. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 20, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 115 (½).]

Send 220 bales of cloth by the *St. David* ketch.

No. 303. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 116 (½).]

Forward duplicates of No. 302 etc.

No. 304. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 116—119 (2¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 22 [No. 295]. Regret the last parcel of cloth is inferior. As the Surgeon's mate's pay is too low to attract a suitable man and as the present mate is sober and industrious, propose to raise it to 12 Pags. a month. The Danish ship lost in the Maldives was the *Princess Louisa* bound for Malabar and Goa. Desire 100 garse of paddy.

Appended are :—(1) letter from Edward Croke to John Hinde, etc., at Fort St. David, dated Aug. 23, 1744, stating that the packing stuff sent from Madras came in an open boat, was one month and 3 days on the way, and was badly damaged by rain ; and (2) further indent for packing stuff.

No. 305. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. AUG. 11, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 119 (⅔).]

Acknowledges letters of June 20 and July 23 [Nos. 233 & 275]. Encloses accounts.

No. 306. CONSULTATION. AUG. 29, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 281--284 (4).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Aug. 26 [No. 304] and from Madapollam of Aug. 11 [No. 305]. Agreed on letter to Fort St. David of Aug. 30 [No. 307]. Accounts read and payments received. Goods for St. Helena to be sent on board the *Prince of Wales*. 2 lunatic soldiers to be sent to England.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses for July, 1744.

No. 307. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 30, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 127 (½).]

Sends invoice, etc., for medicines and packing stuff on the *St. David* ketch.

No. 308. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. AUG. 30, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of Aug. 22 [No. 295] and to Madras of Aug. 26 [No. 304]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Holt as Storekeeper reports that the *Carolina* has been broken up. The petition from the Betel and Tobacco farmers ordered to lie over. Cash balance, 8,453 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) petition, (n.d.), from Sadasiva Rao and Irusappa Chetti, Betel and Tobacco farmers. The cowle fixed the sale price of betel and tobacco per gold fanam; but this was when fanams were at 18 per pagoda and 80 cash per fanam. Since they have now fallen to 19½ per pagoda and 110 cash per fanam, they request that they may be permitted to add the difference in exchange to the sale price or be furnished with cash at 80 a fanam and fanams at 18 a pagoda; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for July 1744.

No. 309. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. AUG. 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 120 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of May 25 and June 8 [Nos. 175 & 213]. The supracargoes of the *Edgebaston* have purchased 3,137 bales of coffee and expect to obtain a full lading.

No. 310. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. JUNE 19, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 121–123 (2½).]

Disturbances in Bengal. Repeat their request [See No. 215] to have all their bullion coined at Madras. Ships' arrivals. Acknowledge letters of April 10, 11, 18, May 11, 17, 23, and June 2 and 4 [Nos. 123, 126, 134, 159, 167, 17[illegible]92 & 209]. Will account with the master regarding the deficiency of saltpetre on the *Bombay* sloop. Enclose letters from T. Pitt to Cotesworth, etc. [Nos. 311 to 314] received from Balasore. The ship wrecked near Uppada was owned by Gopinath, and Cotesworth and Davis had only 6,000 Rs. respondentia on her.

No. 311. LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA TO MICHAEL COTESWORTH AT BALASORE. SEPT. 15, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 123–124 (1).]

On Sept. 12, 1742, a large ship said to belong to Gopinath and bound for Balasore, was lost about two miles north of Uppada. The country people have already plundered some chests, etc., and only a little coir and part of the vessel have at present been saved. Has applied to the country powers to recover what has been stolen. Will keep the Chief Mate, Simon Daniel, till as much as possible has been saved.

No. 312. STATEMENT OF GOLD, SILVER, ETC., SAVED FROM THE SHIP JAGANNATH PRASAD. NOV. 18, 1742. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 124 (½).]

See No. 170. There are some trifling differences between the two accounts.

No. 313. LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA TO 'NEEDARAM' (GOPINATH?). APR. 8, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 125 (⅔).]

Has saved several timbers and a little money out of the ship wrecked near Uppada. All letters on the subject should be in English account at by trusty peons, as the country powers would seize the [illegible]le did they know the real owner. Has been obliged to make use of the name of the gentlemen at Bengal.

No. 314. LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AT UPPADA TO JOHN HALL. JUNE 14, 1743. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 125—127 (1⅔).]

Acknowledges letter of May 10. The Moors under a pretence that the ship wrecked near Uppada belonged to 'black merchants' in Bengal, have forced 1,700 Pags. (= 6,375 Rs.) from him. If the mate, Simon Daniel, had [illegible]ted the death of the supracargo to his mother, she would not h[illegible]e sent 2 peons, whose foolish talk gave the Moors 'a handle.' Can do nothing further till orders come from Madras. Believes he met Hall on the Malabar coast.

No. 315. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 127—129 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of June 26, 30 and July 9 [Nos. 242, 249 & 254]. As patcheree rice is very scarce and dear, send on the *Sumatra* rice that was laid in during the troubles. As so much pepper has been provided on the Malabar coast, have arranged for 2,500 candies to be sent hither, with which will make up Europe lading for 2 ships. The Nawab's exhorbitant demand have stopped the investment. Send packet to be sent to England.

No. 316. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 130-131 (1⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of June 20 [No. 231]. Pitt has been instructed to sell the wreck of the *Jagannath Prasad* if it cannot be sent to Vizagapatam before the monsoon. Rain has impeded washing the fine cloth. Pitt reports that the French give 10 Rs. per corge more for longcloth ordinary, and 6 more for salempores ordinary, than the English. Do not expect to supply 40 bales in Dec. unless the restriction regarding finecloth is removed. Send books, etc., and a packet from Bengal.

No. 317. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. AUG. 16, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 131 (⅔).]

Acknowledges letters of June 14, 20 and [illegible]than, [Nos. 221, 232 & 274]. Investment hindered by the dear[illegible]da of cotton. Encloses accounts.

No. 318. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 3, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 285—291 (6½).]

Read letters from Bombay of Aug. 3 [No. 309], from Fort William of June 19 and Aug. 3 [Nos. 310 & 315], from Vizagapatam of Aug. 5 [No. 316], and from Ingeram of Aug. 16 [No. 317]. Goods sent up from Bengal to be put on the *Prince of Wales*. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Indents for goods from England and bills on the Company for 7,368 Pags.

Appended is cash account for Aug. 1744, balance 43,348 Star and 54 Madras Pags.

No. 319. LETTER TO JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. SEPT. 4, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 127 (½).]

Forward a letter from Bengal. Shipping news.

No. 320. DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY, BY THE SWIFT SNOW. APR. 10, 1744. RECD. SEPT. 5, 1744. [*Pub. Des. from Eng., Vol.* 48, *p.* 35 (1).]

Cite despatch of March 21. England has declared war against France. All possible sagacity needed for the preservation of the Company's effects. The Secret Committee for 1744. Shipping news.

No. 321. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 5, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 292–293 (1½).]

Read despatch from the Company of Apr. 10, by the *Swift* snow [No. 320]. The Captain of the *Prince of Wales* manifests his homebound adventure. She is reported capable of a good defence. Despatch, etc., signed.

No. 322. DESPATCH TO THE COMPANY, BY THE PRINCE OF WALES. SEPT. 5, 1744. [*Pub. Desp. to Eng., Vol.* 14, *pp.* 1—47 (47). *Damaged, torn at edges and portions lost.*]

Cite despatches of 1743, Sept. 19 [No. 113 of 1743], and 26; of 1744, Jan. 1, 16 [No. 18], 18, Feb. 10 [No. 55], and March 1. Acknowledge despatches of 1743, June 8 [No. 142], Oct. 14 [No. 143], Nov. 4 [No. 144], 23 [No. 145], Dec. 16 [No. 193] and 23 [No. 195], and of 1744, Jan. 11 [No. 196].

Shipping news. As the Murshidabad mint was likely to be closed on account of the Maratha invasion, all the Bengal treasure was coined. With the assistance of some Sarkar minters out of employment, 4 lakhs of rupees were coined in 14 days. In all, sent

to Bengal 6,40,000 Rs. by the *Prince William* and the *Lapwing*. One of the mutineers on the *Lapwing* has been put on the *Prince of Wales*, the other escaped on a ship for [Bengal]. The *York* has left for China with 20 chests of silver, 300 candies of tin, lead, and 52 candies of redwood. Arrival of the *Winchester* and employment by the Captain of a chest of silver [See Nos. 208, 223, 224 & 235]. Loss of the Danish ship *Princess Louisa*; the Danes fear she may be the only ship despatched from Europe this season. The *Montague's* pepper landed. The Madeira sale; it costs the Company 36 Pags. a pipe. The exchange by the supracargoes at Mocho of new Mexico silver for old; the new was 1 dwt. worse than the old [See No. 279]. Cannot find tonnage for a second Sept. ship owing to the rains. The *Carolina* sloop to be sold. Further shipping news. News of Anson at the Cape homeward-bound. Expect to send by the Jan. ships 2,500 bales and 140 tons of pepper.

Have sold the bad rice from Bengal. The difficulty of selling silver for pagodas at Madras. The closure of the Sarkar mints lowered silver and the demand for gold mohurs in Bengal left little but rupees in Madras, so that even substantial shroffs could not meet their bills in gold. By great efforts however, have sold silver enough to carry on the investment. Retention of the *Duke of Dorset's* silver. It proved 133 oz. short of invoice weight; most of the ships have been 30–50 oz. short, but the minters were induced to receive it at invoice weight. Sale of copper, etc. The minters have been ordered to coin rupees at not less than 367 oz. 10 dwts. per mille; but allowed to take Dutch dollars at 15 dwts. worse than standard.

The investment. The brokerage of 2 to 2½ % is insufficient to induce substantial merchants to take part, though the Company is unwilling to believe this. Have however induced Venkatarama, Ambalattadi and Nalla Chetti to take part on condition of receiving all assistance and being recommended to the Company for less unequal terms. Nearly 1,000 bales are now ready and 600 more are expected by Jan. At Fort St. David, Andiyappa is expected to provide about 1,400 bales. Two others have agreed to furnish 300 bales of salempores. No Salem cloth could be got owing to the Maratha plunder of Salem. In the northern settlements, cotton is very dear, so that the merchants' gain on fine goods is overbalanced by their loss on the ordinary cloth. However expect 800 bales.

Nizam-ul-mulk has appointed Anwar-ud-din Khan, Nawab of Arcot. The partisans of Safdar Ali's son, Sahib Zada, could not secure more than Nizam-ul-mulk's promise to make the lad Nawab

when he had grown up. Nizam-ul-mulk, however, seemed to have grown attached to him. Early in Apr., accompanied by the Nawabs of Kandanur, Cuddapah, etc., Anwar-ud-din entered Arcot with Sahib Zada whom Nizam-ul-mulk had especially entrusted to his care. Till June, when the Nawabs of Kandanur and Cuddapah departed, all was quiet; but then Murtaza Ali Khan engaged 14 Pathans to murder Anwar-ud-din, Sahib Zada and others. The Nawab escaped; but the Killedar, Sahib Zada and 6 of his relatives were murdered. 12 of the Pathans were at once killed; but in the turban of one of the other two was found a bond signed and sealed by Murtaza Ali, agreeing to pay them two lakhs of rupees. There has since been another attempt on Anwar-ud-din. Nizam-ul-mulk would have removed him at once but for his old age and services. Haji Hadi has been employed to speak to Anwar-ud-din in favour of the English. He has succeeded well and is likely to take up his abode at Arcot. Thanks to him, no stop has been put to the coinage of Arcot rupees by the English, but it has been thought wise to coin only the Company's silver. The Nawab has improved the Arcot rupees by 5 to 7 dwts.; and when the shroffs and minters tried to oppose this, he made a considerable purchase of silver [See Nos. 181, 182, 183 & 208]. Nizam-ul-mulk's presents for the Moghal court [See No. 109]. He has since sent for them back to Golconda, being on bad terms with the Court, and has retired from Aurangabad to Golconda before an army that has been sent against him. Morse's letter to Nizam-ul-mulk to remind him of his promises to the English [No. 119]. The affair of Dayala Das and Daniel Berriman [See Nos. 87 & 131]; the Havildar of St. Thomé would have been seized and punished corporally had he not sent at once to obtain forgiveness. Delay in returning a present when Coja Namat-ullah Khan sent a horse and saropa on Morse's accession [See No. 85]. The Nawab is enlarging the Covelong Fort to receive his family in case of a Maratha invasion. The state of Bengal. Must still defer their judgment on Pitt's ill-treatment at Uppada.

Pending orders on Major Knipe's report on the fortifications, have executed only those works absolutely necessary. Repairs, etc., at Madras and at Fort St. David. The Mayors' Court duties [See Nos. 64 & 69].

Henry Kelsall permitted to go to Bengal *viâ* Vizagapatam. Are sure that Stratton's position has been misrepresented to the Company [See Nos. 269 & 270]. On the death of John Waters in June, Morse wrote to Wake at Bombay desiring him to send a Gunner if

possible; and accordingly Joseph Smith has been sent, with recommendations of his character and knowledge. Need recruits, as several of the last batch have died and as topasses are unreliable. Topasses sent to Pegu have come back. Daniel Murray, who came out with Knipe, appointed Ensign. 2 mad recruits are returned to England. Protest of bills on Sultan David [See No. 173.] Sumatra affairs.

Four ships from France arrived at Pondichery (one so early as Apr.) with £3—400,000 St.; and the French have been very active in their investment. Though they were prevented from getting ordinary cloth in the country about Madras, they will have an advantage in fine cloth as their sortments are more advantageous to the weavers than what the English take. The French report that most of their treasure is to go to Bengal to pay their debts there, and have been ordered to reduce their charges. The Dutch have opened Batavia to what they call free trade, but it is likely to be illusory. The Tanjoreans have attacked both Negapatam and Karikal. They could do little against Negapatam, and the Dutch wisely made peace; but the French had a magazine blown up, and have spent near 40,000 Pags. It is said that the Nawab has ordered the seizure of the villages given the French by Safdar Ali Khan.

Miscellaneous shipping news. The *Prince of Wales'* cargo invoiced at 1,54,998 Pags. Diamonds, etc., registered for 12,054 Pags. The Captain's manifests of private trade is for 5,550 Pags. Cash balance, 54,624 Star and 441 Madras Pags. The bills, etc., on the Company, 7,668 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) register of diamonds, etc.; (2) account produce of coral; (3) Capt. Pelly's manifest of private trade, consisting chiefly of camphor, benjamin, arrack and piece goods; (4) list of the packet; (5) sailing orders, dated Sept. 6, 1744, to Capt. John Pelly, of the *Prince of Wales*; and (6) list of the Company's revenues (May 1743—Apr. 1744), fixed revenues, 20,720 Pags., and variable revenues including Sea, Land and Mint customs and quitrent, 47,013 Pags.

No. 323. LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT ST. HELENA. SEPT. 5, 1744. [*Pub. Desp. to Eng., Vol.* 14, *p.* 38 (½).]

Send on the *Prince of Wales* rice, sugar and arrack (invoiced at 307 Pags.).

No. 324. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. AUG. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 132 (1).]

Send 8 bales (997 pieces) of brown jugdea baftas. The sannoes have not yet come from Balasore. Are despatching the *Sumatra* with rice.

No. 325. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 8, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 294—298 (4).]

Read letter from Fort William of Aug. 7 [No. 324]. The *Sumatra's* rice to be landed as it is not fit for Sumatra. There are 2 Europe ships at Pondichery; agreed to keep a ship in the road to communicate news of any 'extraordinary motions' there. The *Sumatra* to be detained till Oct.; she is to come close in shore should any French ship appear. Payments received. The Export Warehousekeeper complaining that the washers are not likely to have the cloth ready for the next shipping, the head-washers are to explain their delay. Agreed on letters to the northern settlements [Nos. 326 to 328] Tappy peons to be placed between Madras and Bengal as was done during the late war. The Pettah managers to explain why no cloth came in for the Sept. ship.

Appended are:—(1) statement of expenditure on the *Sumatra* in Bengal, amounting to 13,238 Pags.; and (2) letter from William Monson(Export Warehousekeeper), dated Sept. 8, 1744, complaining that the washers do not bring in more than 6 bales a day.

No. 326. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 128–129 (1⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 5 [No. 316]. As the French have raised their price for ordinary cloth, it will be better to raise the English price by not more than 2 Pags. the corge longcloth and 1 Pag. salempores, than accept a larger proportion of fine cloth. News of the outbreak of war with France brought by the *Swift* snow from England on Sept. 5. The garrison to be kept in good order. Tappy peons to be placed as far as Ganjam and Ingeram, at intervals of 3 'Gentue miles'.

No. 327. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. SEPT. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 129–130 (1⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 16 [No. 317]. Cloth prices may be raised [See No. 326]. Outbreak of war with France and consequent

need of caution. Tappy peons to be placed between Ingeram and Madapollam.

No. 328. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 131 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 11 [No. 305]. Outbreak of war with France. Tappy peons to be placed between Madapollam and Masulipatam.

No. 329. PETITION FROM THE HEAD-WASHERMEN AT MADRAS. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 304—306 (2).]

Paddy formerly was 16 markals per pagoda and now is 13 or 14, and moreover the amount to be used as conjee on a corge of longcloth ordinary was raised by Benyon from 3½ to 4 markals. This difference amounts to 3 fns. a corge. Firewood for boiling a corge of longcloth cost 15 fns. but now costs 20; and other small things (chunam, blue, soap, etc.), all cost more nowadays. Also since the Company dealt direct with the washers, the latter have been charged for all damages by stones, white ants, etc. Are now unable to support their families and hire coolies enough. Pray for an increase of ½ fanam per piece for longcloth ordinary and proportionately for salempores.

Appended are statements showing the present rate for washing a corge of longcloth ordinary to be 1 Pag. 21 fns. 32 c.; it formerly cost the washers 1 Pag. 13 fns. 30 c., but now costs 1 Pag. 23 fns. 32 c.

No. 330. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 12, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 298—304 (6½).]

Charles Milne appointed Commander of the *Sumatra, vice* John Taylor deceased. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Read petition from the head-washers [No. 329]. As there is no doubt about the rise in prices alleged by them, agreed to raise their rates to 1 Pag. 27 fns. per corge for ordinary longcloth and 30 fns. for salempores. News of the war with France to be sent to Malacca to be communicated to the China ships. Payments received. For the better defence of the Fort, Joseph Smith recommends the following works:—the erection of a bomb-proof magazine in the White Town; provision of field (instead of ships') carriages for the guns so as to make them more easily handled; storing of bricks and chunam to repair breaches; and the supply of timber for the gun-carriages from the Malabar coast. Smith is to furnish a list of military stores wanting and an account of the timber required; a

site is to be chosen for the magazine and bricks, etc., laid in. The managers of Chintadripet state that some weavers have gone away with advances, others are too poor to repay any part of their debt, and Andiyappa Narayanan the principal manager is dead; so that they cannot continue the cloth manufactory without a further advance of money. Andiyappa spent 16,000 Pags. on building a mosque and 2 temples; and in building houses, shops, etc. 4,610 Pags. has been spent though the Company only advanced 3,000, and the weavers have not been able yet to pay for their houses. Agreed to make no further advance unless the business should be taken up by some substantial merchant (and till then the weavers will probably be employed by the Town merchants), but to allow further time for the repayment of the Company's debt.

No. 331. LETTER TO CAPT. HENRY LASCELLES, COMMANDER OF THE YORK. SEPT. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 132 (1).]

(This letter sent to the care of the Governor of Malacca.) War with France. A French ship *Favoretta* with 50 men of the Pondichery garrison has sailed for Achin, and may cruise in the Straits of Malacca.

No. 332. LETTER TO [THE DUTCH AT MALACCA?]. SEPT. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 133 (1).]

War with France. Capt. Charles Hopkins of the *Betsy* schooner is sailing for the Straits of Malacca to warn English shipping. Request all necessary assistance and the delivering of the letters sent by him.

No. 333. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 133–134 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 30 [No. 307]. Send books, etc. Cash balance, 8,453 Pags. Desire 10,000 Pags. 356 bales on hand.

Appended is an indent for stores.

No. 334. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 14, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 134 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 10 [No. 333]. Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 12 peons.

No. 335. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 14, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of Aug. 30 [No. 307] and to Madras of Sept. 7 (10?) [No. 333]. War having been declared against France the Gunner is ordered to survey the works and gun-carriages, to place the guns in the best possible way, to practise the gunroom crew, etc., in shooting at a mark, to watch the French ships in the Pondichery road and keep some guns seaward shotted. Advances made.

No. 336. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 17, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 307—310 (3¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 10 [No. 333]. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Payments received and advances made. Morse learns that the *Fleury* will sail from Pondichery to protect the Malabar coast and that the *Charmant* will lade pepper for Europe at Mahé; to be communicated to Tellicherry and Anjengo [Nos. 338 & 339]. Agreed upon letter to Bengal of Sept. 18 [No. 342]. A bomb-proof magazine to be built in the open space between the Portuguese Church and the north wall of the Inner Fort.

Appended is an estimate of Pags. 4,068 for building the magazine.

No. 337. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 135 (⅔).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 13 peons.

No. 338. LETTER TO JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. SEPT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 135–136 (1).]

Forward a letter from Bengal. War with France. Shipping news. The French are likely to send the *Fleury* to Mahé again this year.

No. 339. LETTER TO RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. SEPT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 136–137 (1).]

To the same effect as No. 338.

No. 340. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 135–136 (1½).]

The despatch of the *Morton* delayed by rain, which has also prevented the curing of the cloth now sent. The new Government is less obliging than Imam Sahib, and will not allow the removal of the Company's chay goods at Masulipatam without the Faujdar's orders, and he is fighting poligars south of the Kistna. Sends a bundle of chintz for trial. Has accepted some bad '23 punjum cloth' at its value, to relieve the merchants of the balances against them.

No. 341. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 18, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *p.* 311 (¾).]

Read letter from Madapollam of Sept. 1 [No. 340]. Advances made and accounts read.

No. 342. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 137—139 (2⅓).]

Acknowledge letters of June 19 and Aug. 3 and 7 [Nos. 310, 315 & 324]. Shipping news, etc. Regret the troubles with Alivirdi Khan. Expect to complete their estimated investment. Desire the *Princess Augusta* to be sent hither should she arrive in Bengal, unless there should be articles needed in Sumatra and the *Lapwing* already have been despatched. In the latter case desire the *Princess Augusta* to be returned to Sumatra. War with France. Propose placing tappies as far as Ganjam at intervals of about 25 English miles as was done in the last war, and desire Fort William to do the same as far south as Ganjam. 30 barrels of gunpowder to be sent to Sumatra by the *Lapwing*. Desire any military for Madras arrived on the *Wager* or the *Godolphin*, to be sent thither.

No. 343. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 136 (⅓).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 14 [No. 334], with 5,000 Pags.

No. 344. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 24, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 312–313 (1½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Sept. 19 [No. 343]. Accounts read and payments received. Joseph Smith furnishes lists of military stores and timbers; agreed to forward them to

Bombay and Tellicherry, respectively. The lists to be entered in the 'book of extraordinary occurrences.' Agreed to send the news of the war to Bombay by pattamar [No. 345]. Agreed to get built at Bombay two vessels of 60 tons each to serve as despatch-boats. For some months, 40 or 50 soldiers have always been sick; this and the servants allowed to officers reduce the number of men for military duty; agreed to recall such men and to grant the lieutenants and ensigns 5 and 4 Pags. a month, respectively.

No. 345. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. SEPT. 24, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 140–141 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of June 15 and Aug. 3 [Nos. 290 & 309]. War with France. French shipping as in No. 338. Request that two small snow-rigged vessels of about 60 tons each, may be built and sent to Madras by May next. Are much obliged by the loan of the services of 'so able a person as Mr. Joseph Smith.'

No. 346. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 25, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 314—318 (4⅔).]

Accounts read. Morse reports that he recently found that the Town-rent (1,200 Pags.) due June 30, 1743, had been neither demanded nor paid; he was about to have proposed its payment, but Namat-ullah yesterday sent to demand it. Agreed it be paid. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Advances made.

Appended are:—(1) account salary due to the Company's servants for the last half-year; and (2) statement of extraordinary expenses for Aug. 1744.

No. 347. LETTER FROM JOHN SAVAGE, SECRETARY, TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 142 (½).]

Sends 5,000 Pags. in charge of 10 peons.

No. 348. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 28, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 142 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 349. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. AUG. 20, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 137 (½).]

Acknowledge letters of May 25 and June 8 and 28 [Nos. 176, 214 & 245]. Return 2 pairs of pattamars.

No. 350. LETTER FROM RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. SEPT. 4, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 137–138 (¾).]

Desire 500 small arms for the King of Travancore. Send a packet to be forwarded to Bombay.

No. 351. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. AUG. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 138–139 (1¼).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 1 [No. 284]. The *Galatea* arrived on Aug. 9, but had been unable to call at Ingeram owing to the freshes. Her Ingeram treasure landed here. Send 211 bales of calicoes. Will procure the necessary timber from Saunders Return 141 useless fire-arms and request new ones instead.

No. 352. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. SEPT. 15, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 139–140 (1¼).]

Acknowledges letters of Aug. 23 and Sept. 10 [Nos. 297 & 327]. Shall leave the treasure at Vizagapatam till it is needed. Sends 242 bales of calicoes on the *Galatea* Will send timber to Vizagapatam. Expects the new Government to be troublesome, as Ali Kuli Khan's methods are still to be followed. Sends accounts, etc.

No. 353. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 8, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 141–142 (1½).]

The *Morton* detained till the 6th owing to freshes. Muhammad Beg, Faujdar of Narsapur, threatens to stop the bales a whole season as he once before did, by demanding juncan on a cargo of grain for the *Morton*, though it had already been paid at Mogultur. In order neither to involve the Company's affairs nor give in to this injustice, Hallyburton has ballasted the vessel with sand; and as the Faujdar still refuses permission for her to leave the river, has ordered the Captain to carry her out. Has protested both to the Narsapur Faujdar, the Faujdar of Masulipatam and to the Golconda news-people at Masulipatam.

No. 354. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 142–143 (⅔).]

The *Morton* has been detained by foul winds till this morning. Wants 3 pieces of broadcloth aurora, for 'nothing can be done in this country without presents or great guns.'

No. 355. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 22, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 143 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 17 [No. 337], with 5,000 Pags.

No. 356. CONSULTATION. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 319—322 (3½).]

Read letters from Surat of Aug. 20 [No. 349], from Anjengo of Sept. 4 [No. 350], from Vizagapatam of Aug. 26 [No. 351], from Ingeram of Sept. 15 [No. 352], from Madapollam of Sept. 8 and 12 [Nos. 353 & 354], and from Fort St. David of Sept. 22 [No. 355]. As there are but 900 muskets here, of which 200 must go to Fort St. David and 100 to Vizagapatam, agreed to transmit to Bengal the request from Anjengo for 500 arms for the King of Travancore. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. Agreed to buy 590 Madras Pags. at 8⅞ % batta. The monsoon setting in, the *Sumatra* is to be laded for Sumatra; she is to call at Moco Moco.

No. 357. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 143 (⅔).]

Forward a packet from Anjengo.

No. 358. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 143 (⅓).]

Acknowledge letters of July 3 and Aug. 20 [Nos. 291 & 349]. Forward a packet for Bombay.

No. 359. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*)]

Read letters from Madras of Sept. 14 and 17 [Nos. 334 & 337], and to Madras of Sept. 19 and 22 [Nos. 343 & 355]. The merchants have provided 1,044 bales and promise 700 more besides Salem cloth by Jan. Agreed to inform Madras and also to desire 20 more candies of powder and 40,000 Pags. Advances made, accounts read and payments received. Agreed to purchase grain, there being little in the place. The factory-house and choultry at Cuddalore, reported to need repairs, to be surveyed. Hospital clothing indented for by Belsches, Surgeon, to be supplied. A time-expired soldier discharged. Read Philip Baker's report on the fortifications; ordered that wanting stores, etc., be supplied. Damaged packing stuff to be sold. Cash balance 8,762 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) account salary of the Company's servants for the half-year ending Sept. 25, 1744, amounting to 300

Pags.; (2) statement of extraordinary expenses [for Aug. 1744]; (3) account sale of the materials of the *Carolina* sloop amounting to 919 Pags.; (4) ditto of damaged stores for 4 Pags.; (5) letter, dated Sept. 26, 1744, from John Graham, regarding repairs necessary for the factory house (which has not been thoroughly repaired since it was bought of Farmer 33 years ago), the Land Customer's choultry and the godowns at Cuddalore; (6) letter, (n.d.), from William Belsches, Surgeon, enclosing a list of clothes, etc., required in the hospital; (7) letter from Philip Baker, dated Sept. 29, 1744, stating that the upper parts of the wall above the Maratha stonework round the Fort have bulged out in several places, being overloaded with heavy useless guns crowded too close together; that 87 guns were condemned as unserviceable in 1742 (32 in the Fort, 33 at Cuddalore and 22 at the out-guards). The powder on hand (28 candies) is not enough for a time of troubles; one charge for each gun mounted takes up more than 2 candies. 'Partridge-boxes' are needed. Has in store 13,200 round shot, 1,700 grenades, 859 bombs and 8,200 lbs. of partridge shot. Most of the guns are mounted on ships' carriages; if they were mounted on field carriages, they could be managed by one-third of the men. Recommends that carriages may be made with solid wheels as at Pondichery. All the guns are kept loaded and some of those towards the sea are shotted. Urges that the 32 large and useless guns in the Fort should be exchanged for sakers of about 20 cwt. A new shooting bull is needed for the gun exercise; and (8) letter from Edward Croke, dated Sept. 25, regarding damaged packing stuff.

No. 360. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH, BY THE SUMATRA. SEPT. 30, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 144—147 (4).]

Goods, etc., from Bengal for Sumatra. Return 3 coffree boys who have been employed under the workmen at Madras. War with France. Shipping news and accounts.

Appended is a manifest of private trade for Sumatra.

No. 361. LETTER TO SAMUEL GREENSLATE AT MOCO MOCO. SEPT. 30, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 148 (½).]

The *Sumatra* has been ordered to touch at Moco Moco for stores to be landed there if needed.

No. 362. LETTER TO CAPT. CHARLES MILNE OF THE SUMATRA. OCT. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 148–149 (¾).]

Sailing orders for Sumatra. He is to avoid speaking any ships and in returning to pass Pondichery at night.

No. 363. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 2, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 149 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 364. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 144 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 25 [No. 347] with 5,000 Pags. The merchants have brought in altogether 1,044 bales and promise 700 more by the end of Jan., with as much Salem cloth as they can get, provided their musters are approved and the country is quiet. Desire 20 candies of gunpowder more than was indented for and 40,000 Pags.

No. 365. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 3, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 145 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 28 [No. 348] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 366. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 145–146 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Aug. 23 [No. 296] with money and stores. Have received no ordinary longcloth or salempores from Uppada since Aug. 10 owing to the French competition. Send accounts, etc.

No. 367. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. SEPT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 146 (¼).]

Sends duplicate of letter, etc., per *Galatea.*

No. 368. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. SEPT. 18, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 147 (1).]

Has abstained from representing the merchants' complaints that at the English prices ordinary cloth can only be provided at a loss. However even the Dutch have been obliged to raise their prices, and pay now in Madras instead of Porto Novo pagodas, reckoning the batta at 5 instead of 9%. Recommend that the price of ordinary cloth should be raised.

No. 369. CONSULTATION. OCT. 5, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 323—331 (9).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Sept. 29 and Oct. 3 [Nos. 364 & 365], from Vizagapatam of Sept. 7 [No. 366], from Ingeram of Sept. 17 [No. 367], and from Madapollam of Sept. 18 [No. 368]. 5,000 Pags., powder, paddy, etc., to be sent to Fort St. David. Accounts read and advances made. Morse reports that it is desirable to have a Resident at Ganjam as the runners are often stopped on those parts, and there is another reason 'of some importance.' Agreed to appoint Andrews and that he endeavour to provide salempores at Berhampore (a large city with many weavers). Broadcloth, etc., for presents to be taken by him. 60 Pags., allowed for the treasure carried to Vizagapatam by the *William and Sarah*, to be debited to the three northern settlements.

Appended is the cash account for Sept. 1744, balance 33,254 Star and 1,031 Madras Pags.

No. 370. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 150–151 (1⅔).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 20, 21 and 26, and Sept. 10, 19, 22 and 29 [Nos. 302, 303, 304, 333, 343, 355 & 364] and 220 bales. Will send in Jan. the year's supply of packing stuff to prevent damage in open boats. The hospital mate may be given 12 Pags. a month. Send stores and 50 barrels of gunpowder. Approve the progress of the investment.

No. 371. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 5, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 151 (⅓).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 372. LETTER TO ROBERT LENNOX, ETC., AT FORT MARLBOROUGH. OCT. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 152 (⅔).]

Goods laden on the *Galatea* [?] on account of John Green may be sold to Company's servants on paying a duty of 2%.

No. 373. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 152 (⅓).]

Enclose invoice, etc., of paddy.

No. 374. LETTER TO RICHARD BOURCHIER, ETC., AT ANJENGO. OCT. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 153 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 4 [No. 350]. The war with France and the uncertain state of the country prevent sending the 500 fire-arms for the King of Travancore. The *Charmant* and the *Fleury* are said to be both bound for the Malabar coast.

No. 375. CONSULTATION. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 332–333 (1½).]

Payments received. Agreed on letters, etc., to Bengal, Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Madapollam and Ganjam [Nos. 376 to 380].

No. 376. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 154–155 (1½).]

Enquire if 500 fire-arms can be spared for Anjengo [See Nos. 350 & 356]. The *Favoretta* sailed from Pondichery for Achin, Sept. 28. French shipping news. Desire that the recruits and stores by the *Wager* and the *Godolphin* may be sent to Madras.

No. 377. LETTER TO RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 155—157 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Aug. 26 and Sept. 7 [Nos. 351 & 366] and 211 bales of calicoes. Will send fire-arms in exchange for the old ones. Have already allowed [See No. 326] an increase in the price of cloth to encourage the merchants. The Dec. bales to be sent on some Vizagapatam vessel; the master to be instructed to speak no ship on his way, as there will probably be French cruisers off the Coast. 60 Pags. to be paid as freight for treasure sent by the *William and Sarah*. Have resolved to appoint a Resident at Ganjam and have selected Andrews. He will proceed overland and call on his way at Vizagapatam. Send a packet to be forwarded to Bengal.

No. 378. LETTER TO THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 157–158 (1½).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 15 and 17 [Nos. 352 & 367] and 247 bales. The cloth is as good as can be expected, considering the price of cotton. Hope the increased price will prevent the French getting 'the cloth out of your hands.' As Yanam is so close, the French must know all the business of the factory. The Dec. bales should be laded in the river; and if there are more than 300, put on two vessels to divide the risk.

No. 379. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 159-160 (2).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 1, 8, 12, and 18 [Nos. 340, 353, 354 & 368] and 102 bales. The Nawab of Rajahmundry and the Faujdar of Masulipatam have been written to regarding the detention of the chay goods. But as these posts are sold to the highest bidders, and change hands every two or three years, there is small chance of obtaining redress, for these people aim at nothing but extorting all they can. 'This ill pollicy of the Moors must in few years terminate in the utter ruin of those countries.' One can only submit to hardships or withdraw altogether. Prices of cloth may be raised [as in No. 326]. Shall send an Assistant to take Andrews' place. Despatch of the Dec. bales [as in No. 377].

No. 380. LETTER TO JOHN ANDREWS, RESIDENT AT GANJAM. OCT. 12, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 161 (1).]

Appointed as Resident at Ganjam. He is to observe the President's directions. It is hoped that cloth may be obtained at Berhampore to make good the deficieney at Vizagapatam, etc. Send some rupees and broadcloth for expenses and presents.

No. 381. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 7, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 148 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 2 [No. 363] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 382. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 148 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 5 [No. 371] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 383. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 11, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 149 (1).]

Acknowledge letters of Oct. 5 and 6 [Nos. 370 & 373]. The *Bourbon* has sailed from Pondichery for Europe with 530 bales of cloth, 1,700 bales of coffee, and 1,200 candies of redwood; the *Charmant* will be sent to Malabar to be filled with pepper. Enclose accounts. Cash balance, 8,762 Pags. 521 bales on hand.

No. 384. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. SEPT. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 150 (1).]

Send accounts, etc. Thomas Pitt died at Uppada on Sept. 8, leaving Robert Turing executor. Have appointed there a careful sober person who has been employed as a writer for several years. 14 bales on hand.

No. 385. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. SEPT. 27, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 151 (¾).]

The increased price allowed for ordinary cloths will have a good effect on the investment both in quality and quantity, and disappoint the French 'who plunge themselves into all manner of expences to ruin our trade.' Has placed two sets of peons between Ingeram and Madapollam.

No. 386. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 1, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 151–152 (¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 10 [No. 328] reporting the war with France. Has placed two sets of tappies between Madapollam and Masulipatam. Has employed 4 extra peons. The juncan people, etc., now make a habit of stopping the Company's goods and people in all quarters.

No. 387. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 152–153 (1¼).]

The Nawab is insisting that Hallyburton shall buy 500 beams of teak; and says that if they are refused he will have them placed in the factory and will seize the money for them, and that if the Europeans do not like it, they may go away. In Ali Kuli Khan's time, Hallyburton bought 300 beams; but has them still by him. Desires positive orders. If this is put up with, the Company will soon get more teak than cloth, unless the English imitate the Dutch, who in the 'East government' put up with all sorts of affronts but now escape scot-free. The Ingeram vakil has been beaten; a merchant buffeted; the maldar plundered; and paddy has been forced on the washermen, etc., at such prices that they have all run away.

No. 388. LETTER FROM JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. SEPT. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 153–154 (¾).]

Forward a packet from Bombay. Declaration of war with France. Request return of pattamars despatched last May. The present pattamars are promised Rs. 10 if they reach Madras in 16 days.

No. 389. LETTER FROM WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. SEPT. 14, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 154—156 (2½).]

Shipping news. There are 3,500 candies of pepper instead of 2,500, waiting shipment at Tellicherry. The Company have confirmed Joseph Smith's allowances at Rs. 140 a month. Enclose the declaration of war against France.

No. 390. CONSULTATION. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol. 74, pp.* 334—336 (2½).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Oct. 7, 10 and 11 [Nos. 381, 382 & 383], from Vizagapatam of Sept. 25 [No. 384], from Ingeram of Sept. 27 [No. 385], from Madapollam of Oct. 1 and 6 [Nos. 386 & 387], from Tellicherry of Sept. 26 [No. 388], and from Bombay of Sept. 14 [No. 389]. Joseph Smith appointed Bombardier and Engineer on Rs. 140 a month, with his palankin charges. Agreed upon letters to Fort St. David [No. 391], to Bombay [No. 393], and to Madapollam [No. 397]. Samuel Banks permitted to go to Madapollam as Assistant. Accounts read. Cash being low, the remaining 7½ chests of silver to be sold.

No. 391. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 162 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 392. LETTER TO THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 162–163 (1).]

Shipping news. There will be an extra 1,000 candies of pepper on the Malabar coast for the Europe ships. Perhaps this will help to complete the Coast and Bay tonnage.

No. 393. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 163—165 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 14 [No. 389]. 2 ships will be sent from Bengal to the Malabar coast to take in pepper. The Bengal investment is at a standstill owing to their Nawab's exorbitant demands. Cannot supply the fire-arms wanted at Anjengo but have written to Bengal.

No. 394. LETTER TO JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 165 (½).]

Send a packet for Bombay.

No. 395. LETTER TO JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 166 (⅔).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 26 [No. 388]. The peons arrived too late to earn their gratuity. The *Charmant* and the *Fleury* will shortly sail for the Malabar coast.

No. 396. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 17, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Sept. 28, Oct. 2, 3 (5 ?), 5 and 6 [Nos. 348, 363, 370, 371 & 373] and to Madras of Oct. 3, 7 and 11 [Nos. 365, 381 & 383]. The merchants are making excuses for not providing Salem cloth and expect the Company to undertake the risk of sending money to Salem as they say the French Company do; agreed to accept the offer of Sanka Lakshmipathi to provide by Jan. 300 corge of Salem cloth. Advances made.

No. 397. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 166—168 (1¾).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 6 [No. 387]. The Nawab cannot really intend to force the English to take 500 timbers or quit the country, for the latter course will greatly diminish his revenues. Probably the loss on selling the timber would be less serious than a stop of the investment. Hope that matters may be so managed as to avoid extremities. Morse will write to the Nawab, but it is feared words will do little, as so much was paid for the Nawabship.

No. 398. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 157–158 (1½).]

As the merchants are unwilling to provide Salem cloth unless the money goes at the Company's risk, as they pretend the French do, have advanced 3,000 Pags. to Sanka Lakshmipathi who promises 200 bales by Jan. 31. The *Charmant* has sailed from Pondichery for Malabar with 250 bales of cloth, 200 candies of redwood, 20 chests of rupees, etc., in company with the *Fleury* which carries 50 soldiers and some money.

No. 399. CONSULTATION. OCT. 24, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 337—342 (5½).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Oct. 19 [No. 398]; answer of Oct. 25 [No. 400]. Payments received, accounts read and advances made.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1744; and (2) statement of charges for making the Second's new palankin amounting to 406 Pags.

No. 400. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 168–169 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 19 [No. 398]. Approve the contract for Salem cloth with Lakshmipathi, provided he is able to carry it out.

No. 401. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 26, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 158 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 17 [No. 391] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 402. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 29, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Oct. 17 and 25 [Nos. 391 & 400], and to Madras of Oct. 19 and 26 [Nos. 398 & 401]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The Paymaster's estimate of repairs to the factory house, etc., at Cuddalore for 400 Pags., to be referred to Madras. 100 Pags. advanced the boat people for the repair of their boats. Cash balance, 13,657 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Sept. 1744; and (2) account sale of damaged packing stuff amounting to 37 Pags.

No. 403. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 159 (1).]

The Nawab wishes to force 1,000 timbers on this factory and on Ingeram; and has sent back our vakils prisoners, demanding payment for the timbers where they lie, or money for the expense of sending them hither. Has put the Company's cloth here on a ship. The investment is stopped at both places [Madapollam and Ingeram?]. Nothing but the fear of losing the advantages of the Company's trade will make the Nawab desist; and should the factories not be closed this year, most likely they will have to be next year.

No. 404. CONSULTATION. OCT. 31, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 343–344 (2).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Oct. 26 [No. 401], and from Madapollam of Oct. 19 [No. 403]. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. John Andrews executes covenants. Andrews and Banks will start shortly for the northward. Signed letter to Madapollam of Oct. 31 [No. 405]. 5 candies of copper to be coined into duddoos as there is a shortage in the bazaars. Silver sold at 14 13/16 and 14 ¾ $ weight per 10 Pags. Payments received.

No. 405. LETTER TO JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. OCT. 31, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 169–170 (⅔).]

Enclose invoice of broadcloth and perpetuanoes sent overland with John Andrews. Samuel Banks appointed Assistant at Madapollam.

No. 406. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. OCT. 31, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 170 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 407. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. OCT. 14, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 160–161 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 10 [No. 326]. Hope the increased prices will improve the quality of the cloth at Uppada; could take in only 23 out of 80 bales. Lack of a battery by the sea will make it impossible to protect any vessel in the roads. Have placed tappies as far as Ganjam to the north and Ingeram to the south. Some guns are entirely decayed; will send to Madras 2 demiculverins and 13 others that are useless. Send accounts, etc. Have received 300 timbers from Ingeram. 23 bales on hand.

No. 408. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. OCT. 22, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 162 (1).]

The Nawab demands 1,000 Pags. for timbers, has imprisoned the vakil, and says he will compel compliance. Saunders has refused and hopes some means may be found to preserve so beneficial a trade from the Government which will always be trying to force money from the factories. Has 75 bales on hand.

No. 409. CONSULTATION. NOV. 7, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 345—349 (4¾).]

Read letters from Vizagapatam of Oct. 14 [No. 407], and from Ingeram of Oct. 22 [No. 408]. Accounts read, payments received and advances made.

Appended is cash account for Oct., balance 18,345 Star and 1,138 Madras Pags.

No. 410. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 163 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 31 [No. 406] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 411. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 163—165 (2).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 25 [No. 400]. Enclose accounts. Cash balance, 13,657 Pags. Shiyali longcloth is better than other Chennappanayakanpalaiyam cloth and costs only ½ pagoda per corge more. Need for a more commodious sorting place; desire permission to build a veranda on pillars in the middle of the

compound 'as it is at Fort St. George.' The factory-house at Cuddalore needs repair badly. The storm of Nov. 5 did little damage. The Company's great seal is almost worn out. 715 bales on hand.

No. 412. LETTER FROM DUPLEIX, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. NOV. 6/17, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 165—169 (4).]

On hearing the news of the outbreak of war with France, the English at Tellicherry proposed to the French at Mahé that they should observe the treaty made in 1728 and confirmed by Wake and La Bourdonnais in 1742. But this being obscure in certain points, Geekie has sent a project of a treaty to be ratified by the superiors of either factory. The advantages of such a treaty to both Companies are obvious. Desire to know whether the Madras Council will agree to a similar course for the 'common good,' and give the necessary orders to the Company's ships and country ships under the British flag. King's ships cannot be included, as they may not be under Dupleix, etc.'s orders.

Appended are :—(1) an extract of the treaty between the French at Mahé and the English at Tellicherry, dated Apr. 28, 1728, under which, though the two Crowns be at war in Europe, neither settlement shall attack the other, nor shall ships engage within sight of the flags of Mahé or Tellicherry, except under the express orders of either Company, which orders are at once to be communicated to the other side; (2) an extract of the treaty between William Wake, etc., and La Bourdonnais, etc., of Jan. 5, 1742, ratifying the treaty of 1728; and (3) Geekie's draft of a new treaty, dated Sept. 8, 1744, proposing to extend the neutral sphere of the 1728 treaty to the whole coast from Anjengo to Goa, and promising to seek ratification from Bombay and Pondichery.

No. 413. CONSULTATION. NOV. 13, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 350—352 (2½).]

Advances made. Read letters from Fort St. David of Nov. 6 and 9 [Nos. 410 & 411] and from Pondichery of Nov. 6/17 [No. 412]. The Tellicherry proposals may be designed to gain time in which to get in pepper from places outside; agreed therefore to do nothing to disconcert such a project, especially as 2 ships of force sailed lately for Mahé. The Council is not authorised to accept such an agreement, but a seeming inclination to accept proposals for the common good may amuse the French until Bombay have decided what to do. So far as the Council's authority over

the Company's ships goes, agreed to give an evasive answer [No. 414] and to send to Bombay copies of the French letter [No. 412] and the Madras reply [No. 414]. As cash is still insufficient for the requirements of the investment, rupees are to be sold.

No. 414. LETTER TO DUPLEIX, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. NOV. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 171–172 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 6/17 [No. 412]. Approve of measures for the common benefit; but Tellicherry is subordinate to the Bombay presidency; and ships for the Malabar coast are generally despatched not from Madras but from Bengal. If any English men-of-war arrive, they will be independent of the Madras Council.

No. 415. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. NOV. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 172 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Sept. 14 [No. 389]. Send copies of the correspondence with the French at Pondichery [Nos. 412 & 414].

No. 416. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 15, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Oct. 31 [No. 406] and to Madras of Nov. 6 and 9 [Nos. 410 & 411]. A small beating godown ordered to be built adjoining the warehouse; a new gate to be made for the sorting godown; and a veranda to be built in the magazine yard to protect the guncarriages, etc. Advances made.

No. 417. LETTER FROM JOHN GEEKIE, ETC., AT TELLICHERRY. OCT. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 169–170 (¾).]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 4 and 17 [Nos. 319 & 338]. Have agreed with the French at Mahé that no Mahé or Tellicherry vessels (i.e., dhoneys and other small crafts) shall attack each other on the Malabar coast between Goa and Anjengo, and that the English shall seek the Presidency's approval of this neutrality.

No. 418. CONSULTATION. NOV. 19, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 353—355 (2¼).]

Read letter from Tellicherry of Oct. 25 [No. 417]. Accounts read and payments received. Clothing, etc., to be supplied to the hospital. Advances made. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Agreed upon letter to Fort St. David [No. 420]. A seal for Fort St. David to be made. Agree to buy 10,000 Pags. at 336 Rs. per 100 Pags.

Appended is a list of shirts, drawers, etc., needed in the hospital.

No. 419. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 19, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 173 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 420. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 21, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 173–174 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 9 [No. 411]. The Shiyali cloth need not be distinguished by name but the bales may be marked S. Desire a calculate of the cost of altering the sorting godown. The factory-house at Cuddalore may be repaired. Have ordered a seal to be made.

No. 421. LETTER TO JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 24, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 174 (½).]

Send 5,000 Pags. in charge of 11 peons.

No. 422. LETTER FROM DUPLEIX, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. NOV. 21/DEC. 2, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 170–171 (1½).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 13/24 [No. 414]. By a letter from the French Company of Apr. 3/14, received Nov. 17/28, announcing the outbreak of war, the Directors desire that a good harmony should subsist between the Companies in India. Propose a neutrality east of the Cape of Good Hope, and have made the same proposal to Bombay and Calcutta. Have ordered all the French settlements and ships (Company's and country) not to attack the English, unless the English attack them first. Desire the English to give similar orders.

No. 423. LETTER FROM THOMAS BRADDYLL, ETC., AT FORT WILLIAM. SEPT. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 172–174 (2½).]

Acknowledge letters of [Aug.] 23 [Nos. 298 & 300]. The *Princess Augusta* arrived from Sumatra Sept. 22, and will be sent to Madras with rice. Shipping news. The Benjareans have murdered the crew of the French brigantine *St. Joseph*, Fournier Commander. Will send 3 ships to call for the Madras bales. Agreement with Alivirdi Khan. Rumours of a renewed Maratha invasion of Bengal.

No. 424. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 8, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 174–175 (1).]

Acknowledge letter of Oct. 12 [No. 377]. The Uppada merchants promise better cloth, but could provide none last month, because of troubles between the Nawab and the local Rajas who had seized 2 or 3 small forts, on which the cloth banyans fled towards Vizagapatam. Have sent 2 peons to Ganjam in case tappies should not have been posted from there to Balasore.

No. 425. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. NOV. 8, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 175 (⅓).]

Forward a Bengal packet. No tappies are stationed between Balasore and Ganjam.

No. 426. CONSULTATION. NOV. 26, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 355–364 (9).]

Read letter from Pondichery of Nov. 21/Dec. 2 [No. 422]. The Board had hoped that there would be no further correspondence with Pondichery, at all events until the arrival of further shipping which might bring orders warranting some agreement. Agreed to reply [No. 427] that the Board is not yet authorised to enter into such proposals, and to send copies of the correspondence to Bengal and Bombay. Read letters from Fort William of Sept. 29 [No. 423], and from Vizagapatam of Nov. 8 [Nos. 424 & 425]. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. The Registrar of the Mayor's Court submits a proposal of that Court to reject bonds and notes of hand brought more than 10 years after the cause of the suit arose. Agreed to recommend the Company to recognise this as a bye-law.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Oct. 1744; (2) letter from Noah Casamajor, Registrar of the Mayor's Court, dated Nov. 26, 1744, with a draft bye-law as above; and (3) letter from John Savage to the Mayor's Court, dated Nov. 27, 1744, notifying the Board's approval of the Court's proposal.

No. 427. LETTER TO DUPLEIX, ETC., AT PONDICHERY. NOV. 27, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *pp.* 175–176 (*Torn and fragmentary*).]

Do not doubt the good intention of the French, but have not at present received powers from the Company to make such an engagement [see No. 422].

No. 428. LETTER TO WILLIAM WAKE, ETC., AT BOMBAY. NOV. 28, 1744. [*Lrs. from F.S.G., Vol.* 26, *p.* 176 (*Torn and fragmentary*).]

Regarding the proposal of the French [see No. 422] to establish a neutrality east of the Cape.

No. 429. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 29, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 176 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Nov. 24 [No. 421] with 5,000 Pags.

No. 430. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. NOV. 30, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Nov. 19, 21 and 24 [Nos 419 to 421] and to Madras of Nov. 24 [?] and 29 [No. 429]. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. The Paymaster is to begin the repairs to the factory-house at Cuddalore. Cash balance, 11,290 Pags.

Appended is a statement of extraordinary expenses [for Oct. 1744].

No. 431. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. NOV. 22, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 176-177 (1).]

Acknowledges letters of Oct. 19 and 31 [Nos. 397 & 405]. Objects to taking timbers not merely on account of the loss, but because it will be only putting off the evil for a year, and the practice once introduced by a bad government will continue even under a good one. At Yanam, this practice began in Anwar-uddin's time, and the French have thousands of timbers in stock. They now have positive orders to take no more. The Nawab is said to be moving towards Ingeram with a view to determine the matter. John Andrews has delivered broadcloth and perpetuanoes, and set out on Nov. 20.

No. 432. CONSULTATION. DEC. 4, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 365—369 (5).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Nov. 29 [No. 429], and from Madapollam of Nov. 22 [No. 431]. Accounts read, payments received and advances made. 5,000 Pags. to be sent to Fort St. David. Agreed to direct Vizagapatam to collect bricks and chunam as an Engineer will be sent early in 1745, and to whiten their cloth before sending it up; also to write to Ingeram and Madapollam regarding the Nawab's forcing his timbers on the Company.

Appended is cash account for Nov. 1744, balance 19,934 Star and 1,252 Madras Pags.

No. 433. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 8, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 177—179 (2).]

Send accounts, etc. Hinde has not signed them as they were Monson's for 9 months.

Appended is a statement of the expenses and revenues for 1742–43 and 1743–44.

No. 434. CONSULTATION. DEC. 10, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 370—374 (4¾).]

Read letter from Fort St. David of Dec. 8 [No. 433]. 5,000 Pags. to be sent thither. Payments received and advances made. Morse reports that the Nawabs of Arcot, Cuddapah and Kandanur are gathering their forces at the passes to meet the Marathas; and that Saiyid Laskar Khan will join them with some of Nizam-ul-mulk's troops; but that they have offered the Marathas a large sum of money which is likely to be accepted. On Joseph Smith's report, the Island Powder-house is to be enlarged, and brass and copper used for nails, etc., instead of iron. Tambi Chetti, etc., report that they cannot continue to pay their annual 5,000 Pags. towards the discharge of their debts, unless they are still allowed a share in the Company's broadcloth. Telisinga Chetti observed that he engaged in the Company's business only to extricate his brother and relations, and that the debt has been reduced from 38,000 Pags. to 13,000, but that if the broadcloth be not allowed them, he will feel that the engagement he entered into in 1739 has been broken and relax his efforts. Agreed to suspend action till the Bengal ships arrive, which may bring later orders from the Company.

No. 435. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 9, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 179 (⅓). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 4, with 5,000 Pags.

No. 436. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 13, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 180 (⅔).]

Send accounts. Cash balance, 11,290 Pags. 927 bales on hand.

No. 437. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 15, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 181 (½).]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 10, with 5,000 Pags.

No. 438. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 17, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters to Madras of Dec. 8, 9, 13 and 15 [Nos. 433, 435, 436 & 437]; and from Madras of Dec. 4, 10 and 12, accompanying 10,000 Pags.; observing that Hinde should have signed the general books ending Apr. 1744, and not left it for Monson; and stating that, as the Marathas design to invade this province, the Nawabs of Arcot, Cuddapah and Kandanur are joining their forces but are reported to have offered a large ransom, so that the investment may still go on uninterrupted. The balcony south of the Fort House to be rebuilt at a cost of 90 Pags. Advances made.

No. 439. CONSULTATION. DEC. 20, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 375—377 (2¼).]

Read letters from Fort St. David of Dec. 9 and 13 [Nos. 435 & 436]. 5,000 Pags. to be sent thither. The Register of the Mayor's Court represents that Sidney Foxall and Richard Starke have each received 4 votes for the Mayoralty and enquires whether the Mayor is deemed to have a casting vote. Agreed that the Charter is silent on the point and that, as in Hastings' time the Company did not allow a casting vote to the President, a new election should be held. Sidney Foxall elected Mayor and sworn in with John Savage as Sheriff. Payments received. Agreed to sell 5,000 Pags. worth of rupees at 329 and 328 per 100 Pags. Advances made. Morse reports that in consequence of orders from the Secret Committee, he bought the *Eltham* which cost in all 3,909 Pags. As the matter required secrecy, he only now reports it to the Board.

No. 440. LETTER FROM JOHN HINDE, ETC., AT FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 25, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 181 (½). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 20, with 5,000 Pags.

No. 441. CONSULTATION. FORT ST. DAVID. DEC. 27, 1744. [*Factory Records, F.S.D., Vol.* 5 (*I.O. trans.*).]

Read letters from Madras of Dec. 20, accompanying 5,000 Pags., and to Madras of Dec. 25 [No. 440], acknowledging them. Accounts read, advances made and payments received. As the bale-screws cannot last till new ones arrive from Europe, agreed that the people who made these make new ones. Cash balance, 14,873 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1744; and (2) list, dated Jan. 1, 1745, of the Company's covenanted servants at Fort St. David in 1744.

No. 442. LETTER FROM JAMES HOPE, ETC., AT SURAT. NOV. 17, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 180 (⅓). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letters of Sept. 29 and Oct. 17 [Nos. 358 & 394]. Return 2 pairs of pattamars.

No. 443. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 6, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 182 (½).]

Send 13 useless guns.

No. 444. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 182–185 (3). *Torn.*]

Send 70 bales, with annual papers, etc. Have received 30 bales of good ordinary cloth from Uppada; that district is now quiet, as the Nawab has cut off the two troublesome Rajas. Desire 10,000 Pags.

Appended are:—(1) statement of charges and revenues for 1742–1743; and (2) indent for wares and stores.

No. 445. LETTER FROM RICHARD PRINCE, ETC., AT VIZAGAPATAM. DEC. 23, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 185–186 (½). *Torn.*]

Acknowledge letter of Dec. 6. Will mark their cloth with [Gentoo] characters, and get [brick] and chunam ready for building.

No. 446. LETTER FROM THOMAS SAUNDERS AT INGERAM. DEC. 10, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *pp.* 186–187 (1¼).]

The Nawab has been to Peddapuram and demanded large sums from the Rajas. The latter levied 4,000 peons and plundered some towns; but the Peddapuram Raja has been killed and the rest dispersed. This has made merchants reluctant to advance money to the weavers. The French are taking in any cloth that comes, and the Dutch are making an investment at Cocanada of ordinary and fine cloth. Encloses accounts.

No. 447. LETTER FROM JOHN HALLYBURTON AT MADAPOLLAM. DEC. 24, 1744. [*Lrs. to F.S.G., Vol.* 28, *p.* 187 (½). *Torn.*]

Send 30 bales on the *Morton*.

No. 448. CONSULTATION. DEC. 31, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 378–384 (7).]

Read letters from Surat of Nov. 17 [No. 442], from Fort St. David of Dec. 15 and 25 [Nos. 437 & 440], from Vizagapatam of Dec. 6 and 23 [Nos. 443 to 445], from Ingeram of Dec. 10 [No. 446] and from Madapollam of Dec. 27 (24?) [No. 447]. Wares, etc., to be sent to Vizagapatam. Accounts read and payments received. The correspondence regarding the wrecked ship near Uppada not being clear, agreed to ask Stratton to explain the matter, as he was Chief at the time.

Appended are:—(1) statement of extraordinary expenses for Nov. 1744; and (2) account sale of Joseph Goddard's turned-out cloth, amounting to 2,406 Pags.

No. 449. LIST OF THE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN MADRAS IN 1744. DEC. 31, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 386–387 (2).]

	Annual rent in Pags.	
Fixed Revenues.		
Betel and tobacco farm	10,000	
Arrack and wine license	4,020	
Town brokerage	700	
Measuring farm	1,000	
Fishing farm	50	
Egmore, etc., villages	1,450	
Tiruvottiyur, etc., villages	1,230	
Paddy fields and salt pans	710	
Ruby brokerage	500	
Buttica rent and Shroff duty ...	410	
Banksall duties	400	
Gardens	250	
	Pags.	20,720
Variable Revenues.		
Land customs	4,592	
Sea customs	35,287	
Mint customs	4,525	
Quit-rent	2,319	46,723
	Total Pags.	67,443

No. 450. LIST OF THE COMPANY'S SERVANTS ON THE COROMANDEL COAST. DEC. 31, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 388–389 (2). *Portion torn.*]

No. 451. LIST OF PERSONS OTHER THAN COMPANY'S SERVANTS. DEC. 31, 1744. [*Madras Pub. Cons., Vol.* 74, *pp.* 390–391 (2). *Torn.*]

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