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## LETTERS FROM FORT ST GEORGE

FOR

1688

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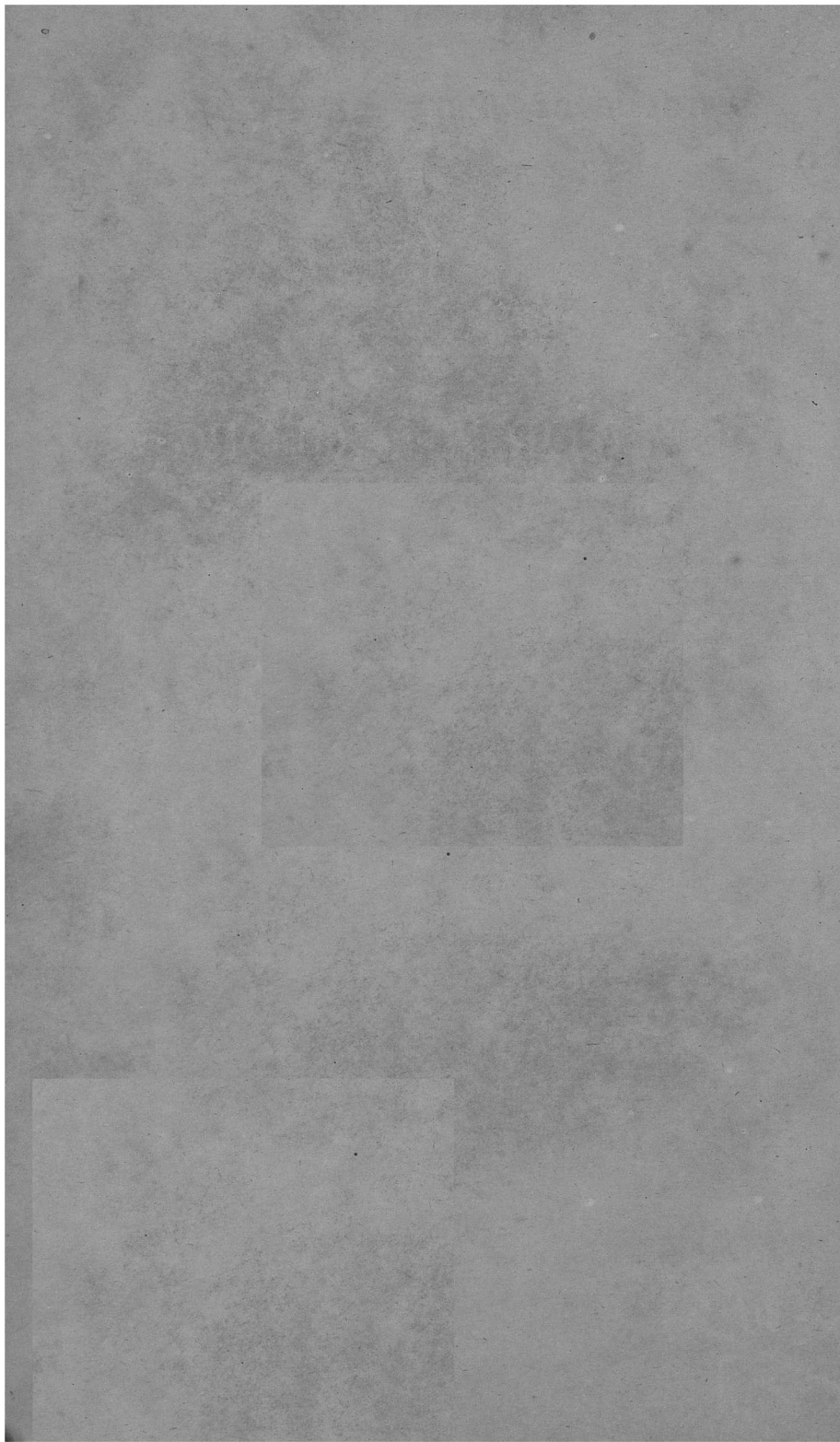
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### PREFATORY NOTE.

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The following pages contain the letters written from Fort St. George in the year 1688, copies of which are preserved in *Letters from Fort St. George*, Vol. II, at Madras, and *Factory Records, Fort St. George*, Vol. XXI, at the India Office. The Madras volume is incomplete and badly worm-eaten. I therefore prefix to it additional letters supplied by the courtesy of the India Office, and add at the end matter from the same source needed to complete the defective letters in our volume.

1st June 1918.

H. DODWELL,  
*Curator, Madras Record Office.*

# RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

## LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE FOR 1688.

[From the Factory Records, Fort St. George, Vol. XXI.]

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1687.

M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHIEFE &<sup>ca</sup>:  
COUNCELL AT CUDDLOOR.

Yesterday brought us yo<sup>rs</sup>: of the 31<sup>th</sup>: past m<sup>o</sup>: where we gladly Read the forwardness of yo<sup>r</sup>: Investment and number of Bales in Redyness w<sup>ch</sup>: to secure from the danger of the Countrey Troubles we have hyred and now send the Curtana frigatt for their Transport hither to be laden upon the Royall James whome we hope to dispatch for England this month suposeing her in Sight a Shipp from y<sup>e</sup>: Southward and the dispatch from Conomeere y<sup>e</sup>: 29<sup>th</sup>: past soe full laden with grain & their goods that she can take in noe more and therefore Proceeded not to your Port as we orderd. You must therefore use all Possible expedition in y<sup>e</sup>: ladeing and Dispatch of the Curtana that she may arrive in Tyme with yo<sup>r</sup>: Goods otherwys twill be a great disapoyntm<sup>t</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup>: Royall James her lading havinge nothing near Sufficient Goods for her Tonnage however least yo<sup>r</sup>: buisness should meet obstruction from y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: we have oblig'd the Cap<sup>t</sup>: to stay 10 days at yo<sup>r</sup>: Ports w<sup>ch</sup>: we doubt not will be Sufficient for yo<sup>r</sup>: buisness notwithstanding dispatch her as much sooner as you can and for y<sup>e</sup>: Reasons & hopes you give us of concludinge yo<sup>r</sup>: Investment next month, We herewith send you Pag<sup>es</sup>: 10000 to encourage and supply yo<sup>r</sup>: Merch<sup>ts</sup>: therein and when you have made up Acco<sup>ts</sup>: with them we shall duely Pay the Ballance but be sure first to deliver them their full Proportion of Europe goods according to Contract, as well to secure and dispose y<sup>m</sup>: from danger as also to Prevent any Scruples they may pretend hereafter.

We also send M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram to his former Station & Employment wherein you must give him all the Assistance you can to hasten the makeing up yo<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: books to send us, to be brought into ours and goe for England by the first shipp.

We deny you not any Reasonable necessary allowance for yo<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: Table tho we must still urge frugallity in y<sup>e</sup>: and all other expences. Tymes and circumstances much Requiring it and tho we doe not think one Chest of coyne extravagant Yet we cant but think y<sup>e</sup>: Price of y<sup>e</sup>: Arrack and Wyne to be soe, had you acquainted us of your wants we could have furnisht you much Cheaper and for the future you must be contented with o<sup>r</sup>: Supplyes from hence w<sup>ch</sup>: shall be proportionable to o<sup>r</sup>: own allowance and Pray acquaint yo<sup>r</sup>: Steward that if he is not more carefull of his charge hereafter we shall Remove him from it.

Since yo<sup>r</sup>: Souldiers are dissatisfysed about dyetting to encourage their care and Service you may allow the English each one Pagoda and the Portugu[e]z half a Pagoda a month for dyet but soe order y<sup>e</sup>: Buisness that they may eat together and not straggle from y<sup>e</sup>: ffactory and make disturbance in Towne and in consideration of y<sup>e</sup>: allowance you must only give them their usuall Pay of 91 fa: &c<sup>t</sup>.

We approve yo<sup>r</sup>: payment of the Merchants freight you must also pay for those Goods sent upon Shipp Prospect According to Invoice and list sent herewith w<sup>ch</sup>: is all that offers from

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Faithfull Affec: Freinds,

P.S. Wee send herewith your Bundle of Mustars that your buisness may not be hindred by their detention wee want the mustar of your Cameeras No. 1 which send us.

E.Y. &c<sup>a</sup>:

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1687.

TO M<sup>r</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE &C<sup>a</sup>:  
COUNCELL AT CONOMERE.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Letters of 31: past and 3 Inst: we Rec<sup>d</sup>: and are Satisfyed in y<sup>r</sup>: Contract your Merchants have undertaken. God send that well complied with considering the many great Troubles the Countreys are engaged in w<sup>ch</sup>: are likely to encrease w<sup>n</sup>: the Mogulls forces arrive to these parts w<sup>ch</sup>: we hear they are suddainly designed for and we doubt will bring the sceen of warr soe near us that wee shall have too great a shair of the Trouble and danger besides y<sup>r</sup>: discouragement or distruction of all Trade, and despoyling the Countrey of Provisions w<sup>ch</sup>: allredy is very scarce and deer w<sup>th</sup>: us but this must put you and your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: upon greater dilligence and hast to conclude their buisness w<sup>ch</sup>: will free y<sup>m</sup>: and you from danger and something accomodate o<sup>r</sup>: expected great Tonnage from y<sup>r</sup>: Bay.

The Royall James dilatoryness will be of ill concequence to her homeward Bound voyage doubting her late arrivall here will make it February before she can be fitted for dispatch, w<sup>ch</sup>: considering her condition may endanger her Passage home therefore on such occasions noe Tyme or means should be omitted in y<sup>r</sup>: dispatch of your buisness Tho from w<sup>t</sup>: you write we beleive y<sup>a</sup>: delay more y<sup>r</sup>: Cap<sup>t</sup>: fault then yours.

We observe your character of the Royall James her Turbulent Boatswain who w<sup>n</sup>: arrives here shall examine his miscarryages but if he deports himselfe well and yo<sup>r</sup>: occasion Requiers him, you may entertain him for some Tyme.

We shall creditt you for the Am<sup>o</sup>: of the Royall James her Inv<sup>o</sup>: as also the Pearles [lacuna] and w<sup>n</sup>: we have made up acco<sup>tt</sup>: w<sup>th</sup>: the Cap<sup>t</sup>: shall advise thereof that you may creditt us accordingly.

Since yo<sup>r</sup>: Soldiers are dissatisfyed about their dyetting you may to encourage their care and Service allow the English each a p<sup>a</sup>: & Portuguez  $\frac{1}{2}$  p<sup>a</sup>: for their dyett but then you must deduct y<sup>e</sup>: additionall Pay w<sup>ch</sup>: was only given in consideration of the Scarcety of Provisions, and you must soe order the buisness that the Soldiers may eat together & constantly lodg in y<sup>e</sup>: Factory and not to Straggle and disturb y<sup>e</sup>: Towne w<sup>ch</sup>: if you finde any addicted to Returne them to us.

To Supply yo<sup>r</sup>: wants we now send you Pa: 1000 w<sup>ch</sup>: Pray manage with the greatest care and frugallity our Stock growing low for our occasions. We also send you all the Packing stuff we can procure and w<sup>n</sup>: more comes shall procure it for you if you cannot be otherwys provided; there is also Gunpowder shott &c<sup>a</sup>: for all w<sup>ch</sup>: Cred<sup>t</sup>: our Invoice.

M<sup>r</sup>: Devett now Returnes to you and we shall suddainly furnish you w<sup>th</sup>: more to Carry on and hasten yo<sup>r</sup>: buisness w<sup>ch</sup>: Pray press yo<sup>r</sup> Merch<sup>ts</sup>: to that yo<sup>r</sup>: Stock may be out of danger, and o<sup>r</sup>: Tonnage Supplied gladly hearing yo<sup>r</sup>: Merch<sup>ts</sup>: are in soe good a forwardness.

We observe yo<sup>r</sup>: News of Transactions in yo<sup>r</sup>: Parts, w<sup>ch</sup>: continue to advise the Margettaes being a Treacherous surprizing People and are now upon their Shifts and will spare none they can Plunder therefore you must be very watchfull upon them and We are glad you escapt their late design tho we hope they will be civiller then to Prey upon their own Govern<sup>t</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: tho they may quarrell with and exact upon, but Seldome have rob'd we wish y<sup>e</sup>: mounting yo<sup>r</sup>: Gunns has not offended them & makes us suspected to have more a design upon them then to Secure o<sup>r</sup>: Selves therefore y<sup>e</sup>: can be noe Tyme for the building a ffort against their consent tho Possibly in w<sup>ch</sup>: we are willing to be at some Charge, but it must be dated some years or Elce twill be of noe Validity with the Mogull who is like to be Conqueror of all, is a declared Enemy to all foreign fortifications and we wish he may confirm o<sup>r</sup>: Priviledg and Possession of this and not give us y<sup>e</sup>: Trouble and Charge of disputing it, Yo<sup>r</sup>: Margettaes have invaded much of this Countrey; Taken two fforts and now beseigeing Cavepatch [Caverypauk?] and Cheleputt [Chetipatt?] w<sup>ch</sup>: strikes such a Terror into o<sup>r</sup>: Neighbours that they daly flock hither for safety w<sup>ch</sup>: we cannot forbid or Prevent tho we doubt twill draw Troubles upon us or encreas them. God avert them or Protect us and all y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: Affairs w<sup>ch</sup>: now bear a very ill aspect but we hope will suddainly change to a better our Worthy Good freind Mahobatt Cawn being Recall'd by the Mogull to Golconda from his intended banishment to Lahore by whose favour and influence we expect to accommodate o<sup>r</sup>: Troubles and settle our Trade on better Terms then ever, of w<sup>ch</sup>: we daly expect News from o<sup>r</sup>: Vaqueel at Golconda w<sup>ch</sup>: is all Presents from

Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull affect: Freinds.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.

P. S. Since the foregoing we rec<sup>d</sup>: yours of the 5<sup>th</sup>: and 6<sup>th</sup>: Inst. about a ship arrived att Pullicherry w<sup>ch</sup> by all circumstances must be Mr Sam<sup>l</sup>: White in his shipp Resolution from Mergen and came thence in Comp<sup>a</sup>: w<sup>th</sup>: the Curtana frigatt but stopt att Pullicatt and could not be perswaded hither upon what score we know not, but hear him gone thence & Probably is att Pullicherry there haveing been great correspondance betwixt y<sup>e</sup>: Director & c<sup>a</sup>: and him.

We have spared you all the Packing stuff we can Procure but we are informed you may bee sufficiently supplied att Porto Nova.

In consideration that twill be some loss of Time to the Curtana to touch at yo<sup>r</sup>: Port in her way to Porto Nova being in hast for their goods therefore have removed the Packing stuff Powder shott & c<sup>a</sup>: upon the Delight per Mr. John Devett & a Gunners mate to take charge of and mannage your Gunns his Name John Waite Paid to the last of December att 100 fan<sup>s</sup>: per month w<sup>ch</sup>: you must allow and what is usuall for diett.

E. Y. & c<sup>a</sup>.

FORT ST. GEORGE: Y<sup>e</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1687.

To MESSES. DANIELL CHARDIN  
& SALVADORE RODRIGUEZ.

This opportunity gives us one of acknowledging yo<sup>r</sup>: of the 23<sup>th</sup>: past month wherein we are gladly advisd of yo<sup>r</sup>: rec<sup>d</sup>: of o<sup>r</sup>: last letters and yo<sup>r</sup>: safety soe farr towards Golconda where we wish you well and that all things may answer yo<sup>r</sup>: expectations and o<sup>r</sup>: great ones from the Present Negociation w<sup>ch</sup>: we are much concern'd for and that we have been soe long without any acco<sup>t</sup>: of it God send all things well, tho Report tells us o<sup>r</sup>: Worthy freind Mahobatt Cawn is Recall'd from his intended Remote Government if soe and that he is Restated in the Mogulls favour, we doubt not of good success from his freindshipp and Repeated assurances of

using his utmost interest for the accomodation of our differences and procuring us a firm good Phirmaund for our severall Settlements and Trade within his Territories if soe and that our Vakeel Coge Abuns is also well and free from Troubles we would have you deliver him our Letters and money but if otherwys then first to advise with him what course will be best to take and who to apply to effect our buisness w<sup>ch</sup> : Pray advise us of with all Possible hast as also of the state of Affairs at Golconda and how reports goe concerning us and our affairs both at Suratt, here and Bengall and w<sup>ch</sup> : way the Mogull designs his Army and who appear most o<sup>r</sup> : freinds or Enemyes at Court as also the Perticulars of all complaints against us that we may take our measures accordingly to compose them all news here being soe uncertain we know not w<sup>th</sup> : to beleive or Trust to, but what comes from yo<sup>r</sup> : selves we shall rely upon therefore Pray make the best enquieryes you can. The Governments in these Parts being in great Confusion, from their fears and troubles from Sevagee who has Taken severall fforts and Towns and now beseigeing others without any great opposition [no] more of the Mogulls forces being yett come down to defend them, this Place to is much threatned by them, but o<sup>r</sup> : Garrison is in soe good a Posture that we doe not much fear their injury, all that Troubles us is the Mogulls displeasure w<sup>ch</sup> : if were but once well Reconcild by his favourable Phirmaund we should think o<sup>r</sup> : selves very happy and safe w<sup>ch</sup> : the Allmighty graunt us and yo<sup>r</sup> : Dilligent endeavours Towards it, will greatly oblige o<sup>r</sup> : R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Masters and us, to a thankfull acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> : & Requittall of your kindness soe committing you and your affairs to divine Protection we Remayne

Yo<sup>r</sup> : assured faithfull Freinds

ROBT : FREEMAN.	ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS WAVELL.	JOHN GRAY.
NAT : HIGGINSON.	JOHN BIGGS.
W <sup>m</sup> : FRASER.	JOHN LITTLETON.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> : 11<sup>th</sup> : JANUARY 1687.

To THE HON<sup>ble</sup> : MONS<sup>r</sup> : MARTIN

DIRECTOR & GEN<sup>l</sup> : FOR THE ROYALL

FRENCH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

By Authority of his Sacred Mat<sup>ie</sup> : the King of England his Royall Charter and Proclamation, Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> : White his subject and late Servant to y<sup>e</sup> King of Syam was summoned from his Service at Tenacery with all other English to repair hither w<sup>ch</sup> : y<sup>e</sup> : s<sup>d</sup> : Mr White Promised by severall letters from Pollicatt notwithstanding w<sup>ch</sup> : we hear he is departed thence and gon to y<sup>e</sup> : Port of Pollicherry and intends not hither : but designs to avoyd giving us that satisfaction he ought to doe, w<sup>ch</sup> : makes us doubt y<sup>t</sup> : his shipp and goods may belong to his late Master o<sup>r</sup> : declared Enemy y<sup>e</sup> : King of Syam w<sup>ch</sup> : occasions our sending one of his Mat<sup>ies</sup> : frigatts w<sup>ch</sup> : Mr W<sup>m</sup> : Fraser one of my Councill Cap<sup>t</sup> : Ant<sup>o</sup> : Weltden to recall or bring back the s<sup>d</sup> : M<sup>r</sup> : Samuell White and the shipp he commands to be examined before o<sup>r</sup> : Court of Admiralty wherein I earnestly request yo<sup>r</sup> : kinde assistance tho I cannot doubt Mr White will be soe rash or imprudent to disobey our orders yo<sup>r</sup> : respects also to Mr Fraser will be an obligation upon

Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Yo<sup>r</sup> : Hon<sup>rs</sup> : most obet<sup>t</sup> : Servant

ELIHU YALE.

To CAP<sup>t</sup> : ANTHONY WELTDEN

COMMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup> : CURTANA FRIGATT.

Wee having hyred yo<sup>r</sup> : Shipp for a Voyage on y<sup>e</sup> : R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>as</sup> : Acco<sup>t</sup> : to Cudduloor and Porto Nova These are therefore to dispatch you thither ordering you to use all expedition in yo<sup>r</sup> : ladeing and Returne having great occasion for those goods to load on our first shipp for England and tho we have



wrott to y<sup>e</sup>: Chiefe &c<sup>a</sup>: there to dispatch you within 10 days yet we hope they will doe it much sooner if noe Troubles from y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: obstructs them if soe you must dispenche with a few days till they accomodate their buisness.

In yo<sup>r</sup>: Passage to Cuduloor and Porto Nova you must follow y<sup>e</sup>: orders of o<sup>r</sup>: Comis: and Mr W<sup>m</sup>: frazer one of this Councell who goes Cheife in o<sup>r</sup>: s<sup>d</sup>: Comission to whome we desire yo<sup>r</sup>: Respectfull kinde entertainm<sup>t</sup>: aboard yo<sup>r</sup>: shipp, and upon arrivall at Cudduloor take great care in y<sup>e</sup>: landing and delivery of y<sup>e</sup>: Treasure to Mr. John Nicks &c<sup>a</sup>: Councell whose orders you are to follow in yo<sup>r</sup>: ladeing soe wishing you a good Voyage we date these Presents in Fort St. George this 11<sup>th</sup> January 1684.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.

ELIHU YALE.

THOMAS WAVELL.

JOHN GRAY.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN BIGGS.

W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.

JOHN LITTLETON.

To MR WILLIAM FRASER IN  
HIS VOYAGE TO PORTO NOVA  
ON SHIPP CURTANA.

Haveing Comissioned yo<sup>r</sup>selfe and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Anthony Weltlen on y<sup>e</sup>: Curtana frigatt to Pursue and seiz the shipp Resolution belonging to Mr. Samuell White Voyaging and Tradeing in these Parts without our Pass or lycence contrary to his Ma<sup>ties</sup>: gracious Charter graunted the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: East India Comp<sup>a</sup>: We give you these following Instructions for yo<sup>r</sup>: Managem<sup>t</sup>: thereof viz<sup>t</sup>: Upon yo<sup>r</sup>: goeing aboard y<sup>e</sup>: Curtana you are to take y<sup>e</sup>: Chair and after you are saild out of y<sup>e</sup>: Road then to shew him our Comission & to consult together the best way for its discharge and y<sup>e</sup>: you make all Possible hast to Pollicherry where if you finde Mr: White and his shipp to send Mr Ingram aboard him to invite him to you; w<sup>ch</sup>: if he refuses to come then yo<sup>r</sup>selfe and y<sup>e</sup>: Cap<sup>t</sup>: with a good Crew are to goe aboard him and read his Ma<sup>ties</sup>: Proclamation Requireing their redy Obedience thereto by coming to Maddrass w<sup>ch</sup>: if they disobey then in his Ma<sup>ties</sup>: and his East India Comp<sup>as</sup>: name to protest against the s<sup>d</sup>: Mr White and all y<sup>e</sup>: Englishmen aboard him for contemnners of his Ma<sup>ties</sup>: Royall Authority & command and that they are lyable to y<sup>e</sup>: Penalties of y<sup>e</sup>: law for y<sup>e</sup>: same as allso for all damages that shall thereby accrew to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and if you can draw away his men there will be little danger or Trouble in Seizing y<sup>e</sup>: shipp; but you must not act any hostility in Pollicherry Road least we offend y<sup>e</sup>: french to whome y<sup>e</sup>: Port belongs therefore before you offer any such thing send y<sup>e</sup>: Gov<sup>rs</sup>: letter ashoar by Mr Ingram to Mons<sup>r</sup>: Martin y<sup>e</sup>: Directore Generall; who considering alliance betwixt o<sup>r</sup>: Nations we doubt not will not only concent thereto but assist you therein. But if the shipp be not in y<sup>e</sup>: Road then not to deliver y<sup>e</sup>: letter nor goe ashoar and only to stay soe long as to learn the news of Syam and Merge from y<sup>e</sup>: shipp in y<sup>e</sup>: Road and w<sup>ch</sup>: is become of o<sup>r</sup>: People and affairs in those parts and thence to proceed to Cudduloor and Porto Nova where if noe news of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>: White or his shipp then to hasten y<sup>e</sup>: ladeing y<sup>e</sup>: Bales aboard y<sup>e</sup>: Curtana and to Returne hither as soone as Possible but if any unforeseen Accident happens in y<sup>e</sup>: affair we referr its managem<sup>t</sup>: to yo<sup>r</sup>: discrecions soe wishing you a successfull Voyage we date these in Fort St. George y<sup>e</sup>: 11<sup>th</sup>: January Anno 1687.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.

ELIHU YALE.

THOMAS WAVELL.

JOHN GRAY.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.



FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1687.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHEIFE, &c<sup>a</sup>:  
COUNCELL AT COODALLOOR.

Just now came to hand yo<sup>r</sup><sup>s</sup>: of the 7<sup>th</sup>: Inst: in answer thereto we have taken all Possible care and hast to furnish you with a shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: now comes to you for yo<sup>r</sup>: goods w<sup>ch</sup>: hasten towards us with all expedition.

We wonder you should omitt y<sup>e</sup>: enquiry & Rec<sup>d</sup>: of the Chest of Canary we sent you sure yo<sup>r</sup>: stores are Plentyfull to neglect it since Cap<sup>t</sup>: Spencer advises of a Chest of wyne he can finde noe owner for, therefore Pray demand it of him and if you have noe occasion for it Returne it and it shall be Wellcome.

The Doctor has liberty to visit his Patient if his occasions Requier, but it must be at his own Charge.

We shall Peruse yo<sup>r</sup>: Dyary &c<sup>a</sup>: and advise our opinions thereof.

The Mustares are sent you by the Curtana being unwilling to hinder yo<sup>r</sup>: Buisness, but you must send us 3 Covids of your Camezes No. 1 w<sup>ch</sup>: is all from

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Affec<sup>t</sup>: Loveing Freinds.

ROB <sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN.	ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS WAVELL.	JOHN GRAY.
NAT: HIGGINSON.	JOHN BIGGS.
W <sup>m</sup> : FRASER.	JOHN LITTLETON.

CAP<sup>t</sup>: JOHN SPENCER.  
S<sup>r</sup>:

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1687.

I gladly Read your safe arrivall in yours of the 31<sup>th</sup>: past month and your Readiness to sail for Porto Nova, where you must apply your self to the Cheif and Councell for what you want for the repairs of your ship w<sup>ch</sup>: pray hasten what you can, haveing lost too much Time in that Voyage; you Sold the Cordage well, I wish the Rest was disposed soe.

The shay Chest of coine belongs to the Chief &c<sup>a</sup>: of Porto Nova who write us they want itt but could not hear of itt therefore pray deliver itt them according to your Receipt Praye be expeditient in your buisness and frugal in your charges and then you will Oblige

Your Loveing Friend

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1687.

To MONS<sup>r</sup>: MARTIN  
DIRECTORE GEN<sup>l</sup>:

I was in hopes his Excell: comeing soe near our Port would have honoured us with his good Comp<sup>a</sup>: ashoar where he should have mett such an H[earty] Reception and entertainment as was suitable to the grandure of that affare Yo<sup>r</sup>: Royall Sovereign has Hon<sup>rd</sup>: him with; but since he was not pleasd to grant us that Happyness I can only offer his Excell: my Service in anything within my Power here and to Pay my Respects to his Salutes by &c Chevalier flurben to whome we are much obliged for his kinde Vissitt and courteous care of a letter from o<sup>r</sup>: People at Merge and your news of those Parts w<sup>ch</sup>: tho very unhappy to us I hope will Proeve fortunate and Advantagious to your affairs, wishing his Excellency a Prosperous good Voyage and your worthy selfe all imaginable happyness being Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup>: most faithfull Servant,  
ELIHU YALE.

S<sup>r</sup>: Please to fforward y<sup>e</sup>: accompanying Letters  
to y<sup>e</sup>: Generall of Surratt. E. Y.

Fort St. George y<sup>e</sup>: 17<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1688.

To HIS EXCELL: S<sup>r</sup>: JOHN CHILD BARR<sup>t</sup>:

GEN<sup>l</sup>: OF ALL THE ENGLISH FFORCES ATT SEA &

LAND IN THE EAST INDIES & PRESIDENT FOR

y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: HON<sup>ble</sup>: EAST INDIA COMP<sup>as</sup>: AFFAIRS IN

BOMBAY &c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCELL.

Our last to your Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: was of y<sup>e</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup>: December by shipp Adventure bound for Bombay wherein we advisd all [o]ccurrances in our affairs in these Parts to that Tyme since w<sup>ch</sup>: is arrivd Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weltden on y<sup>e</sup>: Curtana from Mergin, in Company to Pollicatt w<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Samuell White on y<sup>e</sup>: Resolution; confirming y<sup>e</sup>: Sadd News of the most inhuman Treacherous Massacre of o<sup>r</sup>: People at Mergin and Tenacery. But Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weltden having not yet given us an Acco<sup>t</sup>: of his discharge of o<sup>r</sup>: Commission in y<sup>e</sup>: expedition we can at Present say little more therein only that we have severall complaints that accuse Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weltden and M<sup>r</sup>: White of great remissness and neglect in the Managem<sup>t</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup>: Affair w<sup>ch</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: french lately come thence per Shipp President seem allso to confirm, and we doubt M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White is concious of some misdemeanour therein by his breaking his promises of severall letters to bring his shipp hither from Pollicatt but doubt he never intended it since in a few days after he sylently crept away to Pullicherry there Remayn'd privately under french Colours till he had supplied himself w<sup>th</sup>: Necessaryes and y<sup>n</sup>: as y<sup>e</sup>: french write Saild for Europe or Bombayn but we hope y<sup>e</sup>: latter, that your Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: may call him to an Acco<sup>t</sup>: about y<sup>e</sup>: shipp and Cargo w<sup>ch</sup>: we have some reason to beleive may belong to the King of Syam or his subjects or part thereof w<sup>ch</sup>: upon our apprehension of we had fitted a shipp to follow him to Pollicherry or Porto Nova to seiz and bring her hither to be examined by o<sup>r</sup>: Court of Admiralty, but y<sup>e</sup>: day she was dispatch we had news of M<sup>r</sup>: Whits departure, and so recald o<sup>r</sup>: Comission but we heartly wish we could or y<sup>e</sup>: you will meet him beleiveing him culpable herein, and before we discharge Cap<sup>t</sup>: Weltden, we shall strictly examine y<sup>e</sup>: Matter and have full satisfaction therein doubting him too favourable to M<sup>r</sup>: White in not bringing his shipp hither. The 14<sup>th</sup>: Inst: came near o<sup>r</sup>: road a french shipp w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: sent y<sup>e</sup>: french Padre to salute those aboard and to enquier News who brought advice y<sup>e</sup>: the french Kings Ambassadors to y<sup>e</sup>: King of Syam allso Mons<sup>r</sup>: Delanders were aboard excusing their comeing ashoar by reason their buisness required hast to Pollicherry, but had sent y<sup>e</sup>: Chevalier Fourbien to returne our salutes and enforme y<sup>e</sup>: news of Syam and Merge who accordingly brought us a letter from Cap<sup>t</sup>: Perryman Comander of the Pearl frigatt lately sent thither, who writes nothing of y<sup>e</sup>: late Troubles but y<sup>e</sup>: he is their upon Truce tho not without apprehensions of danger. That M<sup>r</sup>: Hodges & M<sup>r</sup>: Hill were gon up to Syam to Treate of the accommodation y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: propos'd but write us nothing of their intentions or Proceedings but y<sup>e</sup>: french tell us they were arrived at Syam and lodgings appoynted y<sup>e</sup>: where they were treated with civillity and freedome but w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: issue may be we cannot imagine theire goeing to Syam being beyond o<sup>r</sup>: Comission and we wish they may returne safe. The french allso tell us there escaped but 3 Englishmen of all y<sup>e</sup>: were at Merge who were hid and protected by some Dutch from their fury w<sup>ch</sup>: excused all y<sup>e</sup>: Women and Children who were about 10. persons we cannot yet learn who were y<sup>e</sup>: fomentors or occasion of y<sup>e</sup>: or whether by the Kings order or y<sup>e</sup>: Peoples Rebellion but we hear y<sup>e</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: of those parts were sent for in Irons to Syam but no punishment inflicted on y<sup>e</sup>: yet as we hear of: The french News of themselves and affairs is that y<sup>e</sup>: Ambassadors brought out 6 men of war with about 1400 french men soldiers and others to serve y<sup>e</sup>: King of Syam and that y<sup>e</sup>: forts Banck Oak on both sides [of] the River were deliverd into their Charge as allso Mergin and a french Govern<sup>r</sup>: and soldiers sent thither to defend it w<sup>th</sup>: order to build a Garrison. that the french King has loaded Mons<sup>r</sup>: faulken with great Hon<sup>rs</sup>: and Presents making him a Count of france and Chevalier of the order of S<sup>t</sup>: Michell and S<sup>t</sup>: Peter with many other great favours. Three of their shippes were dispatcht

directly from thence for ffrance and three hither two of whome are designed hence home and one to Surrat w<sup>ch</sup>: gives opportunity of this advice.

Neither news nor Shipp appears yet from Bengall [w<sup>ch</sup>:] much concerns us for y<sup>m</sup> and makes us very doubtfull that they are in a weak condition tho y<sup>e</sup>: french advise us that they are at peace and y<sup>e</sup>: two shippes were fitting to come hither but that those of their shippes were much out of order and a great Mortallity among them we shall take all y<sup>e</sup>: care we can to dispose them upon their arrivall but except they bring ladeings we have none for them nearer y<sup>n</sup>: Sumatra God help them.

The Royall James is at last, and but y<sup>e</sup>: 15<sup>th</sup>: Inst: arrived here from the S<sup>c</sup>: with grain, and soe much out of Repair, that we doubt her fitting and getting Provisions will take up soe much Tyme as may endanger her wintering tho we shall give her all Possible dispatch and hope she will save her Voyage.

Yesterday come Cossids to y<sup>e</sup>: french and Jews from Surratt but to o<sup>r</sup>: wonder none for us w<sup>ch</sup>: we longingly expect being of soe great importance to o<sup>r</sup>: affairs we also had letters from y<sup>e</sup>: Nabob and o<sup>r</sup>: Egybd at Golconda Coppeys whereof heare remitt you where yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: will finde the Probability we are in of accommodateng o<sup>r</sup>: Troubles with y<sup>e</sup>: Mogull and procureing his Phirmaund for all our former Priviliges and Settlements with some additions, but we wish y<sup>e</sup>: continued hostility in your Parts doth not soe exasperate him ag<sup>st</sup>: us as to alter his Present good enclinations to us to the contrary tho we hope yo<sup>r</sup>: Success may Reward y<sup>e</sup>: Troubles and disapoyntment by w<sup>th</sup>: they write us we doubt we must be forced to send up some of the Councell to congratulate y<sup>e</sup>: Mogull to his Conquest and to mediate our buisness with him tho if Possibly we will excuse it since twill be an Extreem charge to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: he has also orderd the Dutch to send an Ambassador to him demanding great Summes of money to confirm their former Privilidges in y<sup>e</sup>: Countrey but we hope we shall come off as well and Cheaper, our Sufferings being Pittyed and Resented by the Mogull and soe much that Shasta Cawn Nabob of Bengall is Recall'd from that Govern<sup>t</sup>: & Bander Cawn sent in his Place allsoe a Change in y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: of Surratt as they write us.

Our Troubles and Necessities still continue and often allarm'd w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Approaches of Sevagees forces who threaten us much and has taken Sevrall fforts and Towns from y<sup>e</sup>: Golconda forces and are now at Congeverom within 4 Leagues of us and have frightned most of their Army & Inhabitants to y<sup>e</sup>: Place and Pollicatt for Protection of their fersoylyes & concerns all Trade being at a Stand none of o<sup>r</sup>: Merchants dare to Trade or Trust anything aboard daly robberyes being comitted round us by the Soldiers & Polligars, but thank God we are hitherto in safety and indifferently prepared for the greatest danger hoping all o<sup>r</sup>: Calamities will end happily w<sup>th</sup>: a generall good success to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: affairs shall be y<sup>e</sup>: endeaveirs and Pray[er]s of

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: Most faithfull  
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FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 23<sup>TH</sup>: JANUARY 1683.

To GOPALL DARGE PUNTULA SUBIDAR

ATT CONGEVEROME,

I rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: kinde letter and gladly read the good news of your health w<sup>ch</sup>: I wish may long continue with a great encrease of hon<sup>r</sup>: & happyness I thank you for your other news and y<sup>e</sup>: assurance of your continued friendship w<sup>th</sup>: as I had y<sup>e</sup> honour and good fortune to begin soe it allways has been my great endeavours to Preserve and encrease it notwithstanding whatever stories ill unjudged people may invent ag<sup>st</sup>: us you have noe reason to beleive them or that I shall act or

admitt of anything that may displease or disoblige y<sup>e</sup>: Duan or o<sup>r</sup>: worthy Great Freind Maha Raja whose care and kindness to our severall ffactories under his Goverment engages my best respects and Service w<sup>ch</sup>: are always redy at his Comand.

Tis true that of late many Strangers have desired leave to Dwell in o<sup>r</sup>: Towne but I have allways denyd y<sup>m</sup>: in consideration of y<sup>e</sup>: Scarcety of Provisions and Sickness and Trouble they might bring among us, w<sup>ch</sup>: occasiond them goeing to St Thoma Pollicat and other adjacent Townes tho Possibly this being a large and free Towne some may creep in soe Privately that I cannot know or Prevent it tho I order our guards to keep y<sup>e</sup>: strictest watch they can, therefore you may be assured that I shall at noe Tyme willingly entertain any of your Enemyes or protect their concerns from you and have given private order to enquire for and secure Such People as you mention.

I thank yo<sup>r</sup>: kinde promise of your care and protection of our People and Trade in yo<sup>r</sup>: parts w<sup>ch</sup>: will encourage me to encrease it and to request some other priveliges from Maraja wherein I shall desire yo<sup>r</sup>: freindly assistance. I have wrott also to Vitulapille on y<sup>r</sup>: same subject w<sup>ch</sup>: I hope will be both yo<sup>r</sup>: Satisfactions our Buissness being only Trade & to Secure & defend ourselves and that, and to wish you health and Prosperity.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 23<sup>th</sup>: JANUARY 1687<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>

TO VITULAPILLE ROW  
CHIEFE SUBIDAR &c<sup>a</sup>:

I was extremely glad to read y<sup>e</sup>: news of yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>m</sup>: health & prosperity w<sup>ch</sup>: I hearty wish y<sup>e</sup>: continuance and encrease of and that all things may be answerable to yo<sup>r</sup>: desires in y<sup>e</sup>: world and y<sup>e</sup>: other.

It has allways been my study and endeavours to improve all opportunities for y<sup>e</sup>: improvement of o<sup>r</sup>: freindshipp w<sup>ch</sup>: hitherto has had good success and I hope nothing can alter it: tho Possibly there may be many Troublesome People that may endeavour it by falloe Stories and reports but you are wyser Judge then to belive all you hear without examination.

As to what yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: writes about y<sup>e</sup>: Countrey Gov<sup>m</sup>: & people yo<sup>r</sup>: Enemyes comeing hither for protection I assure yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: I know of none and have always strictly charg'd our Outguards to admitt noe strangers into Towne by reason of the Scarcety and deeriness of Provisions and to Prevent the Sickness and other Troubles they may bring with them of w<sup>ch</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Countrey is now too full; But this being a large Towne there may be some enter soe Privately as tis not Possible to prevent it w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: greatest care: But I shall strictly enquier if any such Persons be here and doe assure yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup> they shall have noe Protection ag<sup>st</sup>: you it being my great desire to oblige you to a continued Freindshipp w<sup>ch</sup>: I hope you will allways honour me with, since I shall Act nothing that may Justly deserve y<sup>e</sup>: Contrary.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 28 JANUARY 1687<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

TO M<sup>a</sup>: JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCELL AT CONOMEER.

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>m</sup>: of the 17<sup>th</sup>: Inst. w<sup>th</sup>: the Translate Sunde Prollogees letter to you, w<sup>ch</sup>: has soe much reason in it we cannot blame him, or tell how to excuse your mounting Gunns contrary to o<sup>r</sup>: Cowl and without y<sup>e</sup>: Permission of y<sup>e</sup>: Goverment w<sup>ch</sup>: we must acknowledge have hitherto been very just and civill to us therefore if you cannot procure their concent, or excuse it upon pretence of danger from y<sup>e</sup>: Mogulls Army designing into those Parts Rather then disoblige or Provoke them to an outrage upon your Selves and y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: concerns now at their Mercy we would have you dismount yo<sup>r</sup>: Gunns from the gates

and keep them redy in yo<sup>r</sup>: Godowns to draw out upon occation but w<sup>th</sup> can 4: gunns and soe few to manage them signifye to their great & resolute force we were allways of opinion they would give occasion of offence Tho we would not discourage yo<sup>r</sup>: resolutions it must now be your greater studdy & endeavours to Pease y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: as well for y<sup>e</sup>: Security & expedition of yo<sup>r</sup>: investm<sup>t</sup>: as your own safetys and tho we doe not fear their assaults upon y<sup>s</sup>: Place yet they have [a] great Army near us and we are not out of danger of their being Troublesome or Mischevious to our out Towne and Vittuilapille and Gopall Pun[d]itt have lately wrott y<sup>e</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: Such doubtfull letters as shew their enclinations to it but we hope o<sup>r</sup>: answers will satisfie them, or y<sup>e</sup>: Mogulls appr[oa]ching forces allarm them to retreat from these parts tho at Present they unmolestedly enjoye y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: of Arrharr Congeverome and the adjacent Townes however hasten your goods in as soon as Possibly as well to free y<sup>m</sup>: from the danger of both armies as to lade o<sup>r</sup> shippis who will otherwys goe home with much dead freight, And lett yo<sup>r</sup>: next letter advise us in w<sup>th</sup>: Tyme you may conclude yo<sup>r</sup>: investm<sup>t</sup>: and w<sup>th</sup>: goods you have in redyness y<sup>t</sup>: we may send a ship for y<sup>m</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: is all at Present from.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull affec<sup>t</sup> Friends

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FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 28. JANUARY 1687.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>:  
COUNCELL ATT CUDDULLOOR.

By yo<sup>rs</sup>: of the 16 Inst. we rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: news of y<sup>e</sup>: Curtanaes arrivall with you and yo<sup>r</sup>: ladeing y<sup>e</sup>: Treasure & C<sup>a</sup>: sent you on her. But wonder she yet appears not hear, you haveing soe many Bales in redyness we hope there has been noe obstruction from the Government or delays in you for her dispatch Pray also hasten y<sup>e</sup>: rest of yo<sup>r</sup>: Goods in and dispatch y<sup>m</sup>: to us upon y<sup>e</sup>: first opportunity Procureable Since the Beaufort or Royall James will greatly want them for a ladeing for England there being great damage upon those Goods you sent as upon y<sup>e</sup>: Royall James, much of w<sup>ch</sup>: is past Recovery and you did very imprudently not to take them ashoar and rewash them at Cuddulloor w<sup>h</sup>: Cap<sup>t</sup>: Cook advisd you of their being dammagd by the last Storme.

We cant but wonder at M<sup>r</sup>: Halls unnecessary Resentments of M<sup>r</sup>: Ingrams Returne to his Charge since twas his and your own repeated desires for it by reason you could not hammer out the weighty buisness of your little Acco<sup>ts</sup>: without him w<sup>ch</sup>: we greattified you in and M<sup>r</sup>: Hall need not doubt o<sup>r</sup>: Justice in giving all deserveing Persons their right of Succession and hope his diligent Service will merritt o<sup>r</sup>: encouragem<sup>t</sup>: and tho there is but few Mo<sup>ths</sup>: in y<sup>e</sup>: date of M<sup>r</sup>: Ingrams entertainm<sup>t</sup>: here and M<sup>r</sup>: Halls on y<sup>e</sup>: China Voyage and that y<sup>e</sup>: Accomptant in all fiactories should be second yet to prevent disputes in yo<sup>r</sup>: Councell and to continue his charge of the Warehouse and M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram y<sup>t</sup>: of the Books and y<sup>t</sup>: soe soon as you have concluded yo<sup>r</sup>: Investm<sup>t</sup>: y<sup>t</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Hall returns hither to proceed upon his first designed employm<sup>t</sup>: at Vizagepatam and then Possibly we may recall one or both of yo<sup>r</sup>: fiactories haveing yet little buisness for them w<sup>ch</sup>: is all y<sup>t</sup>: offers from

Your ffaithfull affec<sup>t</sup>: freinds

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FORT ST. GEORGE PRIMO[FEBRUARY] 1687.

TO HIS EXCELL: &c: ATT SURRATT.

The accompanying advices were intended by a french shipp from Pollicherry but she not being yet arrived from Syam they return'd y<sup>e</sup>: Packett w<sup>ch</sup>: now goes by their Peons for a more secure conveyance and we hope will arrive in safety.

We have been long in expectation of yo<sup>r</sup>: Letters but have not been soe happy to receive any, since May last but two days past arrived two of o<sup>r</sup>: Peons, who told us they were dispatcht 36 days with yo<sup>r</sup>: Letters from Cawar but were robd of them and all they had by Polligars about 80 Myles of, where three of their Companions remaynd wounded whereupon we sent letters to y<sup>e</sup>: Chief Naigne of those Parts to enquier for and returne our Letters w<sup>ch</sup>: we earnestly hope will be effected being very desirous of yo<sup>r</sup>: opinions of o<sup>r</sup>: proceeding at Golconda about the Procuery of Gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: Since their making a Necessitous accomodation in y<sup>e</sup>: Bay wherein we have hitherto been successfull but wish our delays in waiting your concurrence be no Prejudice thereto tho we would willingly allso have an answer of o<sup>r</sup>: last letters to Golconda before we resolve the sending any Person thither w<sup>ch</sup>: are desirous to excuse if Possibly for y<sup>e</sup>: great Charge twill put us to tho we hear the Dutch are makeing great Provision to send an Ambassadeur with Present of Elephants Horses &c<sup>a</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup>: Mogull who hath not yet confirmed their Settlements and Trade in these parts.

The 25<sup>th</sup>: past arrived the Beaufort from Bengall with only 21 bales of her Quintellage, but being in a better reparation y<sup>n</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Royall James for her voyage to England we are ladeing her thither and hope to dispatch her within tenn days w<sup>n</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Cap<sup>t</sup>: doubts not to gain his Passage but y<sup>e</sup>: Royall James by their own Calculation cannot fitt under a months Tyme w<sup>n</sup>: there can be little hopes of it; soe y<sup>t</sup>: wee design her for y<sup>e</sup>: west Coast to lade thence with pepper for England as allso y<sup>e</sup>: Rochester who is comeing hither since we can scarcely yet take goods [e]nough here to lade y<sup>e</sup>: Beaufort but hope by y<sup>e</sup>: end of Aprill to Procure a Cargo for another shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: is all can be expected from us under y<sup>e</sup>: many ill circumstances and narrow limitts we are confind too. They write us from y<sup>e</sup>: Bay that their Troubles are not yet well accomodated nor their Articles confirmd awaiting it at Chuttenutte intending to keep y<sup>e</sup>: Williamson and Resolution with the Remaying Soldiers there for their Security and to induce y<sup>e</sup>: Nabob to confirm y<sup>e</sup>: Articles of Peace tho we doubt twill signifye little without y<sup>e</sup>: Kings Phirm<sup>d</sup>: They design y<sup>e</sup>: Berkley Castle to Bombay with Provisions and y<sup>e</sup>: Nathaniell to Persia but we send your Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: copy of their letters to us, that to y<sup>e</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: is too large to be transcribed for this conveyance but shall send it by y<sup>e</sup>: next.

Sevagees forces being now about 20000 horse and foot are at Congeverom; and some Parties within 12 Myles of us, Still encreasing their Conquests and Plundering y<sup>e</sup>: Countrey there being none to oppose them but question not y<sup>e</sup>: Mogull will correct them suddainly the Sevageean Gov<sup>r</sup>: has lately wrott us some Querilous letters, but we hope to continue o<sup>r</sup>: good and amicable correspondance tho we hear they threaten us much, & are very desirous of Maddrass Pagodes, but we are in y<sup>e</sup>: best preparation of defence y<sup>e</sup>: Place is capable of and fear them not.

The 21<sup>th</sup>: past we sent y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: as full advices as we could venture to doe by the french Ambassadeur (to the King of Syam) who Said y<sup>e</sup>: 22<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: from Pullicherry Promiseing y<sup>e</sup>: safe Conveyance of o<sup>r</sup>: Packett w<sup>ch</sup>: is all Presents from Yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>.

Most faithfull Freinds and Servants

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FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: FEB: 1687<sup>g</sup>.

To M<sup>a</sup>. JOHN NICKS CHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>:  
COUNCELL AT CUDDULLOOR.

Yesterday brought us yo<sup>r</sup>: Severall letters and goods by the Curtana and we are extremely sorry you cannot finde an oppertunity for the rest since we shall greatly want Those goods for y<sup>e</sup>: Beaufort therefore if noe other Conveyance is Procureable send them hither upon y<sup>e</sup>: Maddrass ffriggatt if she can safely take them in and for her repairs shee may doe it hear except her defects are soe great as necessitates her going into y<sup>e</sup>: River then you must comply therewith tho y<sup>r</sup>: bringing o<sup>r</sup>: Bales would be of great conveniency to us and her former goods and Treasure much safer here then with you what you resolve herein must be suddain, intending to dispatch y<sup>e</sup>: Beaufort within 10 days therefore w<sup>th</sup>: out expedition y<sup>e</sup>: Goods will come too late w<sup>ch</sup>: is all from

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FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>: FEB: 1687<sup>g</sup>.

To THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: LAURENCE PITT GOV<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:  
COUNCELL OF POLLICATT.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>rs</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup>: 2/12 Instant by the Bearer who was kindly wellcome to us and we have Perused and considered your large relation of the Pyracies committed by y<sup>e</sup>: seamen of severall Nations that runn away from o<sup>r</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: shipp at Trimlevas w<sup>th</sup>: we acknowledg and are extremely sorry for, and endeavourd all ways possibly both to Prevent their Mischeife and after to secure y<sup>m</sup>: of w<sup>ch</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: presid[ent] gave yo<sup>r</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: notice of their being at Metchlepatam where they long continued spending much of their ill gotten money at yo<sup>r</sup>: Publick houses, where they might have been easily apprehended by yo<sup>r</sup>: People (our Cheife & C<sup>a</sup>: being for some reasons retyred hither) and we much wonder they were not taken being such inhumand actions rendered by the laws of all Nations Enemyes to mankinde beasts of Prey and destroyers of all civill Govern<sup>t</sup>. Trade and Commerce but they had the freedome to buy a boat with y<sup>e</sup>: Remayns of their money and come away without molestation and in hopes of the same kinde usuage or entertainment came to y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: of Sadrasspatam where as soon as we had notice we sent a shipp from hence and forces by land to seiz them and their concernes: but yo<sup>r</sup>: Cheife & C<sup>a</sup>: had surprized them before their arrivall, delivering the Prisoners to our People but kept y<sup>e</sup>: boat money and goods in their possession (according to their list herewith sent yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:.) w<sup>ch</sup>: we never demanded or desired nor doe we now, only wishing tware more for the Benefitt of y<sup>e</sup>: Proprietors to whom we requier yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: will Proportionably distribute it, as we shall y<sup>e</sup>: small matter that is fallen into o<sup>r</sup>: hands and for the poor wretches that we could[sic] within our Jurisdiction Sen<sup>r</sup>: Velden Steyn was a witness of y<sup>e</sup>: Just Punishment of their Crimes, w<sup>ch</sup>: we hope will be a lasting example and terrour to keep others from y<sup>e</sup>: like y<sup>e</sup>: Almighty graunt it or that they may fall as them, w<sup>ch</sup>: with our Respects is all that offers from Hon<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:

Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull affec<sup>t</sup>: ffreinds & Servants

ROB <sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN.	ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS WAVELL.	JOHN GRAY.
NAT: HIGGINSON.	JOHN BIGGS.
W <sup>m</sup> : FRASER.	JOHN LITTLETON.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>: FEBRUARY 1688.

TO NABOB ROHALLA CAWN  
AT GOLCONDA.

THE SAME TO ASSUD CAWN  
AND ETTABAR CAWN.

I lately rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: hon<sup>r</sup>: of yo<sup>r</sup>: Excellencies Kind Letter where I gladly Read the most wellcome news of yo<sup>r</sup>: Ex: good health w<sup>ch</sup>: the Almighty long continue and encrease yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: and fortune by the Mighty Allumgeers favour I am greatly obligd to yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: generous promises of yo<sup>r</sup>: freindship and assistance in y<sup>e</sup>: procurey of yo<sup>r</sup>: good Kings Generall Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for our Peaceable Secure Trade within his Territoryes and to procure us sattisfaction for y<sup>e</sup>: great injuries and losses we have many years sufferd in Bengall and other Places a list whereof would be now too large and Troublesome to yo<sup>r</sup>: Excellency, our Vakeel Coge Abnuse adviseing us that you have particularly perused them allredy therefore doe not repeat them here desireing yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: to hear and Cred<sup>t</sup> o<sup>r</sup>: Vakeel therein and to endeavour a recompence for the Past and Prevent the like injuries for y<sup>e</sup>: future, for w<sup>ch</sup>: we shall be very greatefull and ever acknowledg your Ex: Justice and kindness therein and should now have sent some Considerable Persons of this Councell to have waited upon his Ma<sup>tie</sup>: and yo<sup>r</sup>: Selfe but that Sovagees People doe Prevent us by their Plundering and takeing possession of all the Countrey Peons that were lately sent w<sup>th</sup>: letters to yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: soe that we cannot Travail two leagues out of this Towne without danger of o<sup>r</sup>: lives w<sup>ch</sup>: I hope will at Present excuse our Peoples not waiting upon his Ma<sup>tie</sup>: and yo<sup>r</sup>: Selfe we have therefore impowred o<sup>r</sup>: Vakeel Coge Abnuse to act for us and what he does therein by o<sup>r</sup>: order I shall approve and confirme, therefore entreat yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell: will hear and Cred<sup>t</sup>: him and Recomend him and o<sup>r</sup>: buisness to the King wherein you will greatly Oblige me and gaine a great Reputation w<sup>th</sup>: o<sup>r</sup>: King and y<sup>e</sup>: English Nation.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>: FEBRUARY 1688.

TO MONS<sup>r</sup>. DANIELL CHARDIN  
& SALVADORE RODRIGUES.

Yesterday we rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: from Golconda without date and thank you for yo<sup>r</sup>: Severall News and advices tho we doubt you are misinformed therein by the Cunning Dutch and french who we doubt wish not well to our affairs, and we are extremely sorry you should Take their advice not to Pay o<sup>r</sup>: money to o<sup>r</sup>: Vakeel Coge Abnuse, since it was o<sup>r</sup>: orders soe to doe, if you found him well and free from Trouble, and being soe we wonder upon what Pretence you refused its Paym<sup>t</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: has been a great impediment and Prejudice to o<sup>r</sup>: affairs their, w<sup>ch</sup>: might have been well concluded had you not acted so contrary to our orders, but w<sup>t</sup>: may become of them now, we are more doubtfull of, since soe great an opportunity is lost and will be much worse if y<sup>e</sup>: Mogull leaves y<sup>e</sup>: Place before we gett his Phirm<sup>d</sup>, therefore we hereby order you upon rec<sup>t</sup>: hereof to pay to our Vakeel Coge Abnuse the sune 10000 pag<sup>es</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: we delivered you here; and to take his rec<sup>t</sup>: for y<sup>e</sup>: same, we haveing great reason to beleive him an able and faithfull Person that has been hitherto very laborious and successfull in y<sup>e</sup>: managem<sup>t</sup>: of the affair Comitted to his Charge, and his great acquaintance and experience there renders him still y<sup>e</sup>: fittest person for it, and we doubt not of his carefull discharge of our orders therefore Pray keep a freindly good Correspondance w<sup>th</sup>: him and give him what assistance you can, but by noe means intermeddle or contradict him in o<sup>r</sup>: buisness You being wholly Strangers to the affairs of India, and may be misinformed by any that design us a prejudice however yo<sup>r</sup>: News of affaires shall be always wellcome & kindly answerd but you must have a great care that they doe not take an advantage upon yo<sup>r</sup>: inexperience w<sup>ch</sup>: these Countrey People too often Practice on Strangers, Pray fail not of a due and imediate Compliance w<sup>th</sup>: o<sup>r</sup>: orders in y<sup>e</sup>:

Paym<sup>t</sup>: of o<sup>r</sup>: money to Coge Abnuce and to deliver him what Peons of ours w<sup>th</sup>: you w<sup>ch</sup>: with our wishes for yo<sup>r</sup>: health & happyness is all from.

Yo<sup>r</sup> faithfull affect: freinds

ROB <sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN.	ELIHU YALE.
THOMAS WAVELL.	JOHN GRAY.
NAT: HIGGINSON.	JOHN BIGGS.
W <sup>m</sup> : FRASER.	JOHN LITTLETON.

P.S.—Pray write us in ffrench or Portugues w<sup>ch</sup>: shall better understand then Broken English.

E. Y.

FORT ST. GEORGE y<sup>r</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>: FFEBRUEY 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

To COGE ABNUSE OUR  
VAKEEL AT GOLCONDA.

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yours of the 12<sup>th</sup>: January Yesterday and are very sorry to hear of the great disapoyntments Messrs. Chardin & Rodrigues has given our affairs by their refusing the delivery of what we send you w<sup>ch</sup>: we only recomended to their care to Secure it from y<sup>e</sup>: danger of the Journey and to keep it by them till o<sup>r</sup>: further order only in case of your Sickness or being in Trouble upon Mahobatts Cawns Acc<sup>t</sup>. but they findeing you well and free we wonder upon w<sup>th</sup>: Pretence they could refuse delivering the money, but doubt it proceeded from Some Dutch or french advice, that designs not well either to us or you, But hope that y<sup>e</sup>: Letter we sent them on y<sup>e</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup>: January will reconcile their Scruples and that they have long since observ'd o<sup>r</sup>: orders therein in Paying you y<sup>e</sup>: money for y<sup>e</sup>: procurey of the Kings gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for o<sup>r</sup>: peaceable secure Trade within his dominions but least they should still continue their unhappy error we have now wrot them Another letter w<sup>ch</sup>: comes here enclosed positively [ordering] their imediate Paying y<sup>e</sup>: money to you, for w<sup>ch</sup>: you are to Pass yo<sup>r</sup>: Rec<sup>t</sup>: and we hope twill be more y<sup>e</sup>: Sufficient to defray y<sup>e</sup>: necessary Charges in Procureing a full Phirm<sup>d</sup>: since twill be their own conveniency as well as ours But rather then it should be anyways imperfect we allow of something more to be expended therein w<sup>ch</sup>: you may draw on us by bills of Ex: w<sup>ch</sup>: shall be redyly p<sup>d</sup>. to yo<sup>r</sup>: order, the ways being soe very dangerous and soe much Pester'd with Monettadras and Robbers that we dare not venture to send anything of value by our peons Several of them haveing been lately Rob<sup>d</sup>: and kild, we wonder much at w<sup>th</sup>: you write of the Nabob falling from his promise and letter w<sup>ch</sup>: if he Persists in and will not procure us all those Priveliges we Proposed at least those you sent us in yo<sup>r</sup>: last letter of y<sup>e</sup>: N<sup>o</sup>: date and wrote us they concented to, and would see Performed by the King, then we hereby Positively order you to desist from y<sup>e</sup>: Negotiation or Troubling them about it, and not to be at any expence thereon Since that if we cannot have a full good phirm<sup>d</sup>: we will have none, till y<sup>e</sup>: King shall think fitt to make it soe, we have Sufferd too much already and can Noe longer endure the oppressions of badd Government, Nor the breach of o<sup>r</sup>: Auntient priviliges w<sup>ch</sup>: is an Honour we everywhere vallue to our lives therefore we must either Pay but 3,000 Rup<sup>s</sup>: in Bengall as formerly, to be free here and only to Pay 2 per cent. at Surrat and to have those Severall other Priveliges we formerly wrott for and was Promised us, as some satisfaction for o<sup>r</sup>: money debts and wrongs in y<sup>e</sup>: Bay & c<sup>a</sup>: if procurable wherein doe y<sup>e</sup>: best you can for us and y<sup>e</sup>: more o<sup>r</sup>: Priveliges are y<sup>e</sup>: more will be yo<sup>r</sup>: Reputation and our thankfull Acknowledgments.

There will we doubt come great complaints from Surratt, our People as we hear haveing taken many shippes in those Parts and blockt up Surratt River and will not cease without a Good Phirm<sup>d</sup>: and the Nabob Shasta Cawn & c<sup>a</sup>: of Bengall have engaged by Articles of Peace to procure y<sup>e</sup>: Kings Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for to be free of Custome in those Parts, w<sup>ch</sup>: noe doubt will be confirm'd or they will be very

dishonourably and much disoblige and exasperate o<sup>r</sup> : King and Masters, w<sup>ch</sup> : they will doe wiser and better to prevent by a just accommodation of o<sup>r</sup> : differences w<sup>th</sup> : y<sup>e</sup> : The Governour has wrott to Nabob Rahooloo Cawn, Nabob Assed Cawn and Ettabar Cawn Coppy whereof we send herewith for yo<sup>r</sup> Perusall : and that you may discourse them accordingly.

Savagees forces dayly encrease and they goe on conquering most of the Countrey round us without opposition and very much threaten to Plunder this Place too, but we are soe prepared as not to fear them, God and o<sup>r</sup> : Arms, wee doubt not will Protect us from them and all our Enemyes, we wonder the Mogulls forces doe not come down to Check their Proceedings or they will suddainly Ruine, if not Conquer the Countrey w<sup>ch</sup> : with our Respects we wish you well and happy resting.

Yo<sup>r</sup> : affect. Loveing Freinds  
 ROB<sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN. ELIHU YALE.  
 THOMAS WAVELL. JOHN GRAY.  
 NAT : HIGGINSON. JOHN BIGGS.  
 W<sup>m</sup> : FRASER. JOHN LITTLETON.

P.S.

We shall forward y<sup>e</sup> : letter for Bengall by the first Sea oppertunity and have now sent you two bottles of oyle of Mace none of the other being Procureable allsoe a case of excelent cordiall water, by all conveyances send coppyes of yo<sup>r</sup> : former Letters lest y<sup>e</sup> : Peons should miscarry.

E. Y. &c<sup>a</sup>.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHEIFE FORT ST<sup>e</sup> : GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> : 9<sup>th</sup> : FEBRUARY 1688<sup>1</sup>.  
 &c<sup>a</sup> : COUNCELL AT CONOMERE.

Yours of y<sup>e</sup> : 2<sup>d</sup> : Ins<sup>t</sup> : advising yo<sup>r</sup> : having 150 Bales in Redyness at that Tyme and the greatest Part of yo<sup>r</sup> : Investm<sup>t</sup> : at the Washers much whereof we question not is by y<sup>e</sup> : Tyme alsoe embalad we therefore according to yo<sup>r</sup> : desire have sent you a shipp for their Transport hither w<sup>ch</sup> : if you lade and dispatch in 3 or 4 days the goods may Possibly arrive Tyme enough to goe home upon the Beaufort therefore make all Possible hast therein but if you judge you cannot send her hither in that Tyme then either keep her some days with you to lade her or send her to Cudduloor to take in what they have in redyness to secure y<sup>e</sup> : Goods from y<sup>e</sup> : Troubles and danger of the Govern<sup>t</sup>.

Ropes are extreemly scarce here few being Procurable but we have sent you Coyr and Twyne w<sup>ch</sup> : must serve y<sup>e</sup> : turne if you cannot gett better w<sup>ch</sup> : is all that Presents from.

Yo<sup>r</sup> : faithfull Affec<sup>t</sup> : Freinds  
 ROB<sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN. ELIHU YALE.  
 THOMAS WAVELL. JOHN GRAY.  
 NAT. HIGGINSON. JOHN BIGGS.  
 W<sup>m</sup> : FRASER. JOHN LITTLETON.

WORTHY S<sup>r</sup> :

FORT ST. GEORGE DECEMBER Y<sup>e</sup> : 30<sup>th</sup> : 1687.

I rec<sup>d</sup> : both your Generall and perticular letters gladly reading your safety from the late Merge Treachery that has inhumanly sacrificed soe many of our Countreymen which is an extream greife and Trouble to mee but I hope twas not occasioned by any provocation or neglect of our People if soe they greatly err'd from their Commission and Instructions in that affaire which was to deport themselves with all fairness and caution during the Time and to endeavour alwaies possibly rather to accomodate our differences then encrease them w<sup>th</sup> : y<sup>e</sup> : King of Syam.

However I cannot but greatly Resent and accept yo<sup>r</sup>: prudent and ready Compliance with our Gracious Kings Proclamation w<sup>ch</sup>: greatly speaks your Loyalty to him yo<sup>r</sup>: Love to yo<sup>r</sup>: Countrey and Respects & service to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and their Government who lately wrott us their Esteem of you, and his Maj<sup>ties</sup>: was Pleasd to hon<sup>r</sup>: you with his Perticular Letter about their Affaire, which we wrott you off and Severall other Concerns by M<sup>r</sup>: Hodges on the Pearle frygatt in Sep<sup>t</sup>: last who itt seems unhappily missd you I doubt is runn into the fatall Cruelty of Merge The Almighty Preserve them from it, however wee must not tamely suffer such monstrous affronts and Abuses but study to repaire or revenge them, to w<sup>ch</sup>: your experienet advice will greatly conduce w<sup>ch</sup>: I question not you will faithfully oblige us with, In hopes whereof I passionately wish your good Company where you shall meet a Respectfull Reception and wellcome from.

Worthy S<sup>r</sup>: Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull Freind  
to serve you  
ELIHU YALE.

TO BRAMENY MUNGARAZ

FORT ST. GEORGE FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>: 168<sup>I</sup><sub>5</sub>.

AND DUBASS NARAN THE R<sup>t</sup>: HON<sup>nr</sup>:

COMP<sup>as</sup>: SERVANTS IN MADAPOLLAM FFACTORY.

I rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: Letter and have observed the Contents the Madapollam Merchants came hither and we have Cleared Accounts w<sup>th</sup>: them you write me that your occation Required money for expences M<sup>r</sup>: Wales at his Comeing away P<sup>d</sup>: you two months wages beforehand and for the Present I have by N a the Cheife Peon sent you Pag<sup>s</sup>: 80 w<sup>ch</sup>: I would have you be as frugall in y<sup>e</sup>: expending as you can keeping only Nano this Peone and what other old ones that are Necessary for looking after y<sup>e</sup>: ffactory and be sure you mind your buisness well and follow what orders I gave you in my former letter.

Your Friend  
ELIHU YALE.



# RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

## LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE,

1688.

Vol. II.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup>: 21<sup>TH</sup> FEB 1687.

TO MATTAVELLUM VENGANA NAINDOO.

I enjoy good health and Should be glad to hear y<sup>e</sup> like from [you] Our Peons w<sup>th</sup> Letters Coming from Surratt and Bombay were near your watching Places Robbd and y<sup>e</sup>: Letters taken from them of w<sup>ch</sup> our Chief Merchant China-vincatadry formerly wrote you and you returned [ me] for Answer that you would enquire about it I have now Sent my Egib Davapah to you and desire you to enquire for the Letters and Send them, by my Devapah w<sup>ch</sup>: will be a Means to begett friendship between us and oblige me to be

Yo<sup>r</sup> ffriend to serve you  
ELIHU YALE.

TO M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHIEF &c<sup>a</sup>  
OF CUDDULLOOR.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup> 23 FEB. 1687.

Wee rec<sup>d</sup>: Sev<sup>ls</sup>: with y<sup>e</sup> Goods Sent us by y<sup>e</sup> Curtana and Maddrass ffrigatt w<sup>ch</sup>. came very oppertunely for [the] Beauports Lodeing pray hasten y<sup>e</sup> rest of your Goods by y<sup>e</sup> first oppertunity that Presents hither as well to Secure them as to be in rediness for an early Shipp we design in April or May for England and tho we are very low in Cash yet that consideration and your many complaints for want of it for y<sup>e</sup> concludiing your investm<sup>ts</sup> we [have] Prest our necessities to Supply you by the Shipp Maddrass Merch<sup>t</sup> Christo<sup>r</sup> Fox Master [ . . . ] Porto Nova and Cuddulloor Merch<sup>ts</sup> Pag<sup>os</sup> 10000 [ . . . ] Proportion [ . . . ] first delivering them [ . . . ] refuse or [ . . . ] their Acco<sup>t</sup> [ . . . ] have [ . . . ] both [ . . . ] Errour [ . . . ] Possibly [ . . . ] w<sup>ch</sup> is [ . . . ]

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup> 23<sup>TH</sup> FEB. 1687.

M<sup>r</sup> DANNIELL CHARDIN  
Worthy ffreind.

The 17<sup>th</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup>. yo<sup>rs</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  January & gladly read y<sup>e</sup> Continuence of your good health; being much oblig'd to your kinde advices of affairs with you w<sup>ch</sup> Pray continue and I hope our Vaqueel will be Successfull in obteyning Such a good Phirm<sup>d</sup>, as wee have desired from y<sup>e</sup> Mogull; I am very Sorry yo<sup>r</sup>: deutions of y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>a</sup>. 10000 has been such a delay to it Pray upon rec<sup>t</sup>: hereof if you have not allredy complied w<sup>th</sup> or former orders Pay to o<sup>r</sup> Vaqueele Coge Abnuce, y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> 10000 Pag<sup>a</sup>. takeing his rec<sup>t</sup>. for it w<sup>ch</sup> Shall be yo<sup>r</sup> discharge and I order you to make noe further delay or dis[pute] therein.

I am sorry you have noe better success in yo<sup>r</sup> Own Buisness both as to y<sup>e</sup> Procuery of Dyamonds and Sale of yo<sup>r</sup> Silver, I doubt the advantage will Scarcely pay the charge of y<sup>e</sup> Journey I have wrott by y<sup>e</sup> Beaufort who Sail'd hence this day for England of yo<sup>r</sup> Journey and Proceedings to Some of your Correspondants Your Lady & little one are well w<sup>ch</sup> is all from

Your Affec<sup>o</sup>: Freind to Serve you  
ELIHU YALE.



FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

[About three lines lost.]

more observeable then the Beauforts arrivall from Bengall with advice of their continued unsettledness and Doubts of y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup>: Compliance w<sup>th</sup>: their articles of Peace. But o<sup>r</sup> Vaqueel at Golconda gives us hopes of Procureing the Mogulls Gen<sup>l</sup> Phirm<sup>a</sup> for all y<sup>e</sup> English Settlem<sup>ts</sup> upon better Termes then ever w<sup>ch</sup> God graunt.

We have with much Trouble dispatcht the Beaufort w<sup>th</sup> a full and rich Lading for England y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> God Send her Safe and Seasonably home.

We cannot yet hear of yo<sup>r</sup> Letters sent us & much doubt their recovery nor have we yet been Soe happy to rec<sup>d</sup>: one line from you this eight months but we beleve your letters are intercepted therefor send us duplicates of all you have Sent hither for other Particulars we referr you to the enclosed to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>:ble</sup> Company w<sup>ch</sup> Please to forward to their hon<sup>rs</sup>: by the first oppertunity wishing you Success in their affairs we Remayn

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>t</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>. most faithfull freinds and Servants

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>T</sup> FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>M</sup>: FRASER.

Mr. Gray aboard ship.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup> FEB 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

To M<sup>R</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>rs</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> first yo<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Books of acco<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> being sent home you must Send us th[eir] Coppyes for o<sup>r</sup> [perusal here] and hasten yo<sup>r</sup>: others as soon as Possibly to Adjoust Acco<sup>t</sup> [ . . . ] w<sup>ch</sup> are much behinde hand.

[Yo<sup>r</sup> . . . bales and Baggs of Indico, w<sup>ch</sup> . . . watcht her two  
. . . before . . . 148400 w<sup>ch</sup> the Almighty . . . to be ready for  
. . . by the first oppertunity . . . write them about . . . ]

for us to send a vessell from hence however if none is procureable there advise us when your Goods are in redyness and we Shall take care to send one by this Shipp we send you 20 Baggs of wheat w<sup>ch</sup>: Crd<sup>t</sup> us p<sup>a</sup>: 42: 04:0 for and if any bees wax is procureable w<sup>ch</sup> you Send 3 or 4 Candy to Cudduloor they writing us for Some but cannot Supply them w<sup>ch</sup> is all from

Your faithfull Loveing freinds

P.S.—There is two baggs of Indico wanting of the Number by the Curtana frigate which Cap<sup>t</sup> Weltden can give no acc<sup>t</sup> of therefore enquire if the mistake was not made w<sup>th</sup> you and advise us in your next.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>T</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>M</sup>: FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBE 1687.

To M<sup>R</sup> JOHN NICKS CHIEF

&C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CUDDULOOR.

Our last was of y<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> advised you y<sup>e</sup> Sending you Pag<sup>ds</sup> 10000<sup>p</sup> Shipp Madrass Merchand w<sup>ch</sup>: Crd<sup>t</sup>: us for & husband well to your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Since o<sup>r</sup> Stock can Spare you little more you must allso cleer your Debt to y<sup>e</sup> Duan y<sup>t</sup> may not disoblige them in y<sup>e</sup> Troublesome tyme w<sup>h</sup> their freindshipp is most necessary.

We have sent you 20 Baggs of wheat am<sup>o</sup>: to Pag<sup>ds</sup>: 42: 04: 0 w<sup>ch</sup> Cred<sup>t</sup>: us for but here is noe bees wax Procureable but have wrott to Conomeer to Supply you if they can.

We shall Cr<sup>dt</sup>: you for 3 Coyls of Cordage and Charge y<sup>m</sup>: to Ship Royall James w<sup>ch</sup>: is all Presents from

P.S.—There is one bale of Cloth wanting of [ . . . ] Bill of Lading <sup>p</sup>y<sup>e</sup> [Madrass frigatt] Spencer knowes [ . . . ] and advise us . . . made with you].

Your faithfull Loveing freinds  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
[ . . . ]

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>D</sup> MARCH 1687.

To M<sup>R</sup>. JOHN NICKS CHIEFE

&C<sup>A</sup> COUNCILL ATT CUDDULOOR.

We lately wrott you over land y<sup>e</sup> needfull and Sent you 10000 Pag<sup>ds</sup>: <sup>p</sup>y<sup>e</sup> Shipp Madrass Merchant, to encourage your Merchants to a quick conclusion of their contract w<sup>ch</sup> Pray hasten all you can ladeing all your goods both at Porto Nova and Cudduloor a board Shipp Rochester who we have orderd to Stay w<sup>th</sup> you 20 dayes & no longer; and thence to proceed to Conomere if some other affair we have orderd about does not divert her from it; w<sup>ch</sup> we have commission'd him to and if he desires it Spare him the Souldiers of yo<sup>r</sup> ffactory for his assistance w<sup>ch</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> Necessaryes w<sup>ch</sup>: is all that Presents from

P. S —Send us also by the Rochester what Chenam and fire wood you have by you or can Procure in y<sup>e</sup> Time she is orderd to stay w<sup>th</sup> you.

E.Y.

Your faithfull Loveing freinds  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>T</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>M</sup> FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>D</sup> MARCH 1687.

To MAHOMED SEDUK BEAUG

GEN<sup>LL</sup>: OF Y<sup>E</sup> MOGULLS FFORCES AT CONGEVEROM.

I gladly rec<sup>d</sup> your kinde letter for y<sup>e</sup> good news of yo<sup>r</sup> health and arrivall with y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls forces to Settle y<sup>e</sup> Countrey & cleer it from those [pestilentious] People that have soe much troubled & injur'd y<sup>e</sup> poor Inhabitants [ . . . ] Duan and all others of what came within their [ . . . ] Mogull by Securing his People and [ . . . ] & distinction w<sup>ch</sup> I hope [ . . . ] and induce his Maj<sup>tie</sup>. to confirm [ . . . ] for y<sup>e</sup> many unsufferable [ . . . ] we have

long been afflicted [ . . . ] wherein I re-[a line lost] right & obtaining Satisfaction, w<sup>ch</sup>: I shall requite w<sup>th</sup> my best respects and Services and allways wish you Success and happiness in all yo<sup>r</sup> undertaking and y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> mighty allamgee[r] may daly encrease his hon<sup>r</sup> & favour to you, and that his concerns may be prosperous under yo<sup>r</sup> Managem<sup>t</sup>. desireing your continuance of this freindly correspondance I Remayn Your Loveing freind

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST : GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> : 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1687

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHEIFE

&c : COUNCELL ATT CUDDULLOOR.

We have yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst : w<sup>th</sup> your Merch<sup>ts</sup> : Acco<sup>ts</sup> of Cuddulloor and Porto Nova, wherein we finde Severall unusuall great Charges as the great interest allow'd them on their goods delivered you without any Regard to y<sup>e</sup> : moneys and Europe goods delivered them w<sup>ch</sup> must be rectyfyed as also y<sup>e</sup> Strage allowance you have made them for Cloath lost at the washers w<sup>ch</sup> : is noe where accustomary the Cloth not being y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Comp<sup>as</sup> : before whiten and Sorted, soe as here and at other Places such loss are y<sup>e</sup> Merch<sup>ts</sup> : or washers ; and must be recharg'd upon them.

We hope y<sup>e</sup> 10000 p<sup>ds</sup> is Safe with you and Satisfyes yo<sup>r</sup> : Merch<sup>ts</sup> and carrys on your buisness and is w<sup>th</sup> : we Streind hard for, not being able to furnish you with more Except wee are Supplied from Persia or England and if your Merch<sup>ts</sup> will not Creditt us till y<sup>n</sup> you must receive noe more Goods from y<sup>m</sup> [than w<sup>th</sup>] allredy delivered them in money and Goods [Proportional . . . ] Contract, tho we rather wish your [Merch<sup>ts</sup> . . . ] we might be able to make a good [Loading . . . ]

[ . . . ] wheat &c<sup>a</sup> : & now y<sup>e</sup> Pegu [shippes . . . ] Some bees wax by next [ . . . ] with you if soe advised y<sup>t</sup> we [ . . . ] Cawn Seer Cawns Sonn and would have you Send him the Conocopy he writes for w<sup>th</sup> a letter by him, to desire that he will communicate his buisness to him but lett him goe, and manage it as Privately as Possibly lest we draw y<sup>e</sup> Marrettees displeasure and injuries upon us however engage Seer Cawns Sonns freindshipp as much as Possibly without offence to y<sup>e</sup> Present Govern<sup>t</sup> tho tis Probable twill not last long notwithstanding they may be of great Prejudice to us before y<sup>e</sup> : alteration, therefore your Correspondance w<sup>th</sup> him must be very Seecrett tho you may Send a Small present by the Conocopy the more to Oblige Ebraim Cawn.

We have sent you 10 quire of Letter paper am<sup>t</sup> to f 20 w<sup>ch</sup> Crd<sup>t</sup> us for tis but Reason M<sup>r</sup> Ingram Should be allow'd his Servants wages dureing y<sup>e</sup> Tyme he was here comeing by o<sup>r</sup> order but for dyett and other Necessaryes y<sup>e</sup> Generall Table here was Provided with for him Soe y<sup>t</sup> you must allow nothing on y<sup>t</sup> score being w<sup>th</sup> Presents from

Yo<sup>r</sup> faithfull Loveing Freinds

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup> : FREEMAN.  
THO : WAVELL.  
NAT : HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup> : FRASER.

FORT ST : GEORGE Y<sup>B</sup> 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>

TO M<sup>R</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE  
&C<sup>A</sup> : AT CONOMEER.

Tis long Since we heard from you, w<sup>ch</sup> we Something wonder at [Since Present Reports tell us your] factory is engaged in Some [Troubles . . . ] but upon w<sup>th</sup> Pre[t]ence not y<sup>t</sup> we may either accom [ . . . But we] hope own agreement has or will [ . . . ]

W [ . . . for] Cudduloor w<sup>th</sup> orders to call at [ . . . ] lade all y<sup>e</sup> goods you [can . . . ] w<sup>e</sup> we are Still in [great . . . ]

Y<sup>r</sup> Affec : ffreinds  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
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FORT ST : GEORGE Y<sup>B</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>

TO MATTAVALUM VENGANA  
NAINDO POLLIGARR AT [*lacuna*]

I gladly Rec<sup>d</sup> your kinde letters & good News of yo<sup>r</sup> health by your Egybd and Servants and am much oblig'd to your great care and kindness in Recovering most of our lost Letters from Surratt and tho Some are Still wanting yet these found give us Sufficent proof of your power and ffreindshipp; w<sup>ch</sup> : I Shall be allwayes acknowledge and be redy to requite upon any occasion that I can serve you in, therefore Pray let me hear from you as often as y<sup>e</sup> Leasure will Permitt being very desirous to continue and encrease o<sup>r</sup> : correspondance and if there is any Com<sup>e</sup> : in your Governm<sup>t</sup> : Proper for Trade I shall assist and encourage you therein w<sup>th</sup> I can : wishing you long lyfe Hon<sup>r</sup> and happynese I rest your Loveing ffreind

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>B</sup> 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

TO M<sup>R</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE  
&C<sup>A</sup> COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

[We rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Martial] Narrative of your late troubles [w<sup>ch</sup> we are glad . . . ] that you have obtain'd some [Authority . . . ] to Strengthen yourselves w<sup>ch</sup> if [you . . . ] Marayas and the other great [ . . . ] and free trade wee are willing [ . . . ] should be of great Security and [advantage . . . and] Trade in those parts [w<sup>ch</sup> . . . ] Governm<sup>t</sup> when [he] has [ . . . ] selfe against his invincible forces w<sup>ch</sup> are dayly drawing downe Towards them, and have allredy had some Sucessfull disputes w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Marettaes whome hear are retyred to Chengie ffort.

We lately gave you orders for y<sup>e</sup> Transport of your Bales hither upon Shipp Rochester who we have ordered to Touch at y<sup>e</sup> Port in her Returne from Cudduloor therefore Pray gett them in Redyness for her and w<sup>th</sup> other Course goods you can Provide by that Tyme, intending an early Shipp home.

We must continue to Press y<sup>e</sup> hastning your Acco<sup>ts</sup> : that we may accord our books w<sup>th</sup> yours and know y<sup>e</sup> due State of your ffactory therefore if M<sup>r</sup> Holcomb can be Spared from y<sup>e</sup> necessary buisness or has duely brought up y<sup>e</sup> Acco<sup>ts</sup> we

then graunt him leave to come hither upon y<sup>e</sup> buisness he desires w<sup>ch</sup> is all Presents from

Yo<sup>r</sup> faithfull affec<sup>t</sup>. freinds

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. FREEMAN.  
THO<sup>s</sup>: WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.

M<sup>r</sup>. Littleton att y<sup>e</sup> Mount.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1687.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHIEFE  
& C<sup>a</sup> COUNCILL ATT CUDDULLOOR.

We are with yo<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. observeing w<sup>th</sup>: you write of y<sup>e</sup> [missing] bale w<sup>ch</sup>: Since wee mistake on yo<sup>r</sup> Parts it must be more [Strictly . . . here that y<sup>e</sup>] R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: may not loose there [ . . . ]

[ . . . ] yo<sup>r</sup>. demands upon y<sup>e</sup> Merch<sup>t</sup> [ . . . ] usuall allowances of M<sup>r</sup>. Dav [ . . . being] very unresonble y<sup>o</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup> [ . . . ] charges, Wee Shall [ . . . ] money or Silver to [finn . . . Reputation] may not Suffer therein, tho tis very low w<sup>th</sup> us at Present.

We have also Rec<sup>d</sup>: a letter from y<sup>e</sup> french at Pollicherry who highly Resent Cap<sup>t</sup> Bromwells Stopping y<sup>e</sup> Chuliar Shipp under their Colours and hired by them upon freight, and there appering noe prooffe to y<sup>e</sup> Contrary or that she belongs to o<sup>r</sup> Enemys y<sup>e</sup> Syamers we have orderd her Releasement, and advised Cap<sup>t</sup> Bromwell to be very cautious not to disoblige any Nation in amitye w<sup>th</sup> ours; it may redownd to y<sup>e</sup> great Prejudice of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>s Affairs Send y<sup>e</sup> enclosed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Bromwell and see o<sup>r</sup> orders observed, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Batten advises us that the Syam Shipp is still att Attchein attended by him who watches her narrowly Wee shall by y<sup>e</sup> first oppertunity furnish you w<sup>th</sup> bees wax it being now plentyfull and Cheap hear a great quantity arriveing for Pegu.

We have Rec<sup>d</sup> your Dyary & c<sup>a</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>o</sup>. of Feb<sup>r</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> Shall duely Peruse pray hasten yo<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Books to a Conclusion that wee may be Sattisfied in y<sup>e</sup> State of y<sup>e</sup> ffactory.

Rice and gram especially oyl seeds growing scarce and deer w<sup>th</sup> us and likely to be much worse by the Plunder and havock y<sup>e</sup> two Armies have lately made in y<sup>e</sup> Countrey and you now haveing y<sup>e</sup> Conveniency of the Rochester w<sup>th</sup> you, we here with Send you Pag<sup>ds</sup> 1000 to provide grain & Provisions at y<sup>e</sup> best Rates you can Ladeing them upon her to us in w<sup>th</sup> be very carefull to have it Rightly measurd aboard y<sup>t</sup> we may demand y<sup>e</sup> Same of y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>th</sup> out Scruple.

M<sup>r</sup> George Pauling being arrived to your Port we desire you to call him to Acco<sup>t</sup> about his debt to M<sup>r</sup> Ord deceased and Rec<sup>d</sup> the Ballance unto y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: cash w<sup>ch</sup> is a sufficient Securety for his Paying it & is [all] Presents from [ . . . ] affec<sup>t</sup> freinds

ELIHU YALE.  
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JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
[NATH: HIGGINSON.]  
[W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.]



FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

To CAP<sup>t</sup>: JOHN BROMWELL  
COMMANDER OF SHIPP ROCHESTER.

Having notice from your Selfe and Mons<sup>r</sup>. Martin Directore for y<sup>e</sup> ffrench East India Comp<sup>a</sup>: at Pollicherry that you have Stopt and detain'd a Countrey Shipp under French Coulours belonging to some Chulier Merch<sup>ts</sup> of Porto Nova in Amity w<sup>th</sup> our Nation and you findeing noe Proofs to y<sup>e</sup> Contrary We doe hereby order you to discharge S<sup>d</sup> Shipp and all things belonging to her & to be very cautious that you disoblige or injure noe Shipp or concerns w<sup>th</sup> ever appertaining to any Nation in Amity w<sup>th</sup> ours lest we offend his Majesty and Prejudice our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masters affairs but y<sup>a</sup> you proceute and Seiz our Enemyes y<sup>e</sup> Syamers according to your Comission w<sup>ch</sup> is all from

Yo<sup>r</sup>: affect<sup>d</sup> freinds

ELIHU YALE.  
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FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup>: 20<sup>th</sup>: MARCH 168 $\frac{1}{2}$

To THE HON<sup>ble</sup> MARTIN  
DIRECTORE GEN<sup>l</sup>: FOR Y<sup>e</sup> ROYALL  
FRENCH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

I rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> letter of y<sup>e</sup> 15/25 Ins<sup>t</sup>: advising that a [Shipp of . . . had Stopt a] Countrey vessell under ffrench [Colours . . .] her Cargo belong'd to our declared [. . . by vertue] of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> y<sup>e</sup> King of [. . .] to y<sup>e</sup> Capt of ] our Shipp Severall of the [Enemy . . . under] yo<sup>r</sup>: Colours from [o<sup>r</sup> Just . . . Laws] of Nations nor y<sup>e</sup> [Amity . . .] or has or shall be Practiced by us upon any Such occasion you may have in India Such deceipts being contrary to Amity or Law, and will prevent the Recovering of o<sup>r</sup> Right and bringing our Enemyes to a Just compliance and Sattisfaction for y<sup>e</sup> many notorious cruell Murders and great wrongs and Injuries they have done upon o<sup>r</sup> Kings Subjects & o<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masters estates and Trade. But your Hon<sup>r</sup> having fully Sattisfyed us that this Shipp under Restraint was hyred by you of some Chuler Merch<sup>ts</sup> inhabitants of Porto Nova in Amity with o<sup>r</sup> Nation I have upon Confidence of y<sup>e</sup> Trough thereof orderd Cap<sup>t</sup> Bromwell Comander of y<sup>e</sup> Rochester to discharge y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Shipp and deliver her to yo<sup>r</sup> order with all things belonging to her being very desirous of preserveing of Amity and all freindly Correspondance with you, soe on yo<sup>r</sup> part I hope you will by noe means or Pretence whatever protect o<sup>r</sup> Enemyes from us w<sup>ch</sup>: will be a great disobligation to o<sup>r</sup>. Gracious Sovereign and R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masters but rather assist us therein w<sup>ch</sup> Kindness shall be Duely requited by

Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> most humble Servant  
ELIHU YALE.

To HIS LORD SHIPP MAHOMED COROELL AT CONGEVEROM

I wellcomely Rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>rs</sup> Letter by Mam<sup>d</sup> Jaffer who in hon<sup>r</sup>: to your Good Self I rec<sup>d</sup> and entertain'd w<sup>th</sup> our best Respects I being very desirous to create and Preserve a reall freindship & lasting correspondance betwixt us[ . . . ] allways that may oblige and benefitt the Duan [and the . . .] countrey w<sup>ch</sup> noe doubt will all soe be your [care . . .] of y<sup>r</sup> People that, peace Plenty and [ Trade . . . ]



[Tis . . . Times] many People from all Parts [came . . . themselves] families and concerns [ . . . Marettaes ] who Rob<sup>d</sup> all they could [ . . . ]. During those Troubles w<sup>ch</sup>: I admitted of in consideration y<sup>t</sup> they were y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls Subjects, but left y<sup>e</sup> Plase soe soon as yo<sup>r</sup> forces appear'd and had frightned away the Enemy returning w<sup>th</sup> great thankfulness and Contentment, There remaining none [?] that I can hear of except Some few poor innocent weemen & [?] that are below y<sup>e</sup> notice or Trouble of a Soldier and at best can Signify little either for good or Prejudice to y<sup>e</sup> Duan and therefore by y<sup>e</sup> Laws and Custome of all Nations are Everywhere to live unmolested, and to be defended from y<sup>e</sup> affronts and Abuses of Rude hands I write y<sup>e</sup> by Reason some of Mahm<sup>d</sup> Jaffers Servants have offered Some injuries of y<sup>t</sup> Nature but Supposing it to be against y<sup>e</sup> Order or knowledg of their Master I have excused their uncivill Carrage desireing your Hon<sup>r</sup> to forbid all from doing y<sup>e</sup> like for y<sup>e</sup> future that there may be no Occasion of Complaint, and your Hon<sup>r</sup> may be assured that I shall Protect no Person that y<sup>e</sup> Duan have y<sup>e</sup> least demands upon, but Rather assist you in doing Justice therein, and in all other Matters deport my Selfe as becomes o<sup>r</sup> freind Shipp not doubting but yo<sup>r</sup> kindness will be equal there in w<sup>ch</sup> will be to the Duan's advantage, y<sup>e</sup> Good of y<sup>e</sup> Countrey and Trade and o<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> and Sattisfaction to see all things Prosper under our care and Government Soe wishing you great encrease of Hon<sup>r</sup> and happyness, & y<sup>e</sup> Kings ffavour

ELIHU YALE.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1688.

TO MAHOMED SADEEK GEN<sup>ll</sup>:  
OF THE MOGULLS FORCES AT WANDEWAS.

[Since my last] I rec<sup>d</sup>: two Letters from you of the [same . . . ] of and Shall grattifye your desires [ . . . ] Mogulls favour and your ffreindship [ . . . of God y<sup>t</sup> ] I Shall continue to oblige him [ . . . ] from their Enemyes Ruine and [ . . . also ] order'd all your People to Returne to [ . . . ] of your kindness & encourage [ . . . Populous] tis Possible. Some of them may at Present hyde themselves from my knowledg but they cannot continue soe long and w<sup>n</sup> they are discover'd shall certainly follow the Rest, whome I doubt not but your Prudent managem<sup>t</sup> of affairs will oblige them to continue in your Service, their company being an unprofitable Trouble I am noe ways desirous of. Soe I wish you health & Prossperitty.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> APRILL 1688.

TO M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHIEF  
& C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CUDDLOOR.

Being advisd that y<sup>e</sup> Black Eagle from Syam is arrived at Pollicherry, we order you to lade what goods and grain you have in redyness upon the Rochester, and dispatch her to Conomeer Factory to take in their goods also; you will doe well to send us what wood and Chinam you can conveniently lade without much loss of Tyme and y<sup>e</sup> Sorting buisness of your ffactory being near over, we order M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hall to take his Passage hither upon y<sup>e</sup> Rochester intending a Shipp and Stock Suddainly to Vizeagapatam and he to accompany them as formerly appointed.

Late Letters overland from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup> advise y<sup>e</sup> Wellcome [news] of the arrivall of y<sup>e</sup> Kempthorne, Chandos Persia Merch<sup>t</sup>. & c<sup>a</sup>: Shippes from Surrat

to a hopefull Merketts y<sup>e</sup> Allmighty conduct y<sup>e</sup> Rest w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Same Success w<sup>ch</sup> is all Presents from

Your faithfull freinds  
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W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>: APRILL 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN [WILCOX]  
& C<sup>a</sup> COUNCILL [ATT CONIMEER]

[ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> good success in y<sup>e</sup> procuery of a [Cowle for y<sup>e</sup> . . . ]  
and [ better defence, w<sup>ch</sup> wee would have [ . . . ] may not give any offence  
to y<sup>e</sup> [Govern<sup>t</sup> . . . ] at charge but if there is a necessity of [ . . . ]  
we shall upon your next advice [ . . . ] they being to remayn there, they  
must be brought to y<sup>e</sup> Same termes of Pay as our [Soldiers] here, and noe dyet  
money allow'd them.

We have now againe orderd y<sup>e</sup> Rochester from Cudduloor to your Port to  
take in y<sup>e</sup> remayns of your Goods, w<sup>ch</sup> hope are all in Redyness for her, and if you  
are under any eminent Danger you may Take Some of her Soldiers to your  
assistance, there being 20 of y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup> aboard her.

We are well Satisfyed y<sup>t</sup> your Books are in Such a forwardness Pray  
continue your Dilligence therein to their Conclusion.

In a Generall letter overland from o<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masters of y<sup>e</sup> 6 Jan: advise y<sup>e</sup>  
Wellcome News of y<sup>e</sup> Kempthorns Chandos and Pertia Merch<sup>ts</sup> Arrivall to England  
to good Merketts, ordering us to encrease the Considering that your Parts affords  
it better and cheaper y<sup>n</sup> this Place, by Reason of y<sup>e</sup> Plenty of Indigo would have  
you Propose to your Merchants y<sup>e</sup> Provvion of 6: or 8000 peeces upon y<sup>e</sup> Same  
tearms as your former (or as much cheaper as you can) to be brought in by the fi[n]e  
of June next, but y<sup>e</sup> Cloth must be of a much deeper dye then formerly w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup>: give in perticuler charge to us and must be Strictly observ'd, w<sup>ch</sup> if  
they agree to wee will then send you 4000 Pag<sup>os</sup>: to commence y<sup>e</sup> Contract there-  
fore advise us your Proceedings herein as soon as Possibly that if they doe not  
undertake it we may Provide it elcwhere.

Lett us also know your Debts and we Shall furnish you to cleer them, y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>rs</sup>: forbidding to lett any Runn on at Interest, and have now according  
to your desire Sent Pag<sup>os</sup>. 1000 to defray the Charges of your factory, w<sup>ch</sup> pray  
lett be husbanded w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> greatest frugallity being Troublesome unprofitable  
Tymes w<sup>ch</sup> is all Presents from

P: S

Since Signing y<sup>e</sup> foregoing [ . . . ]  
Rec<sup>d</sup>. . . . of y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ] last  
shall take due notice of y<sup>e</sup> [mon<sup>ly</sup> letters  
. . . have] no just occasion of [off-  
ence . . . ]

Your ffaithfull affec<sup>t</sup> Freinds  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THO<sup>s</sup>: WARELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> APRILL 1688.To BADHEULZAMON GOVERN<sup>r</sup>  
OF METCHLEPATAM.

Had I sooner heard of your Hon<sup>r</sup> Settlem<sup>t</sup>. I should have before this congratulated your arrivall to y<sup>e</sup> Metchlepatam Govern<sup>t</sup>: wherein I heartily wish you health and Prosperety and that y<sup>e</sup> place and Trade may by your wyse management grow more Prosperous and famous then ever, to w<sup>ch</sup> we Shall contribute and trade as soon as the mighty allumgeers shall grattifye our Requests and graunt us his favourable Phirm<sup>t</sup>. to live and Trade as formerly in w<sup>ch</sup> we desire your friendshipp and Kinde assistance and soe soon as y<sup>t</sup> is procured w<sup>ch</sup> we hope will be suddainly our People Shall returne and carry on the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup> trade to y<sup>e</sup> benefitt of y<sup>e</sup> Duan & his Countrey as formerly desireing y<sup>e</sup> encrease of o<sup>r</sup> freindshipp and continuance of your Correspondance.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> APRILL 1688.To THE WOR<sup>ld</sup>: GOVERN<sup>r</sup>  
& C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCELL ATT BENCOLEN.

Our last was of the 8 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1687 by y<sup>e</sup> Madrass and Success frigatts who some tyme after their departure hence mett w<sup>th</sup> a most Violent Storme w<sup>ch</sup> forced y<sup>e</sup> Madrass frigatt to Trincambarr to repair her great damage upon shipp and goods w<sup>ch</sup> being now finished we Send her in Comp<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Royall James, who we hope you will soon dispatch full laden w<sup>th</sup> Pepper for England w<sup>ch</sup> will be a most acceptable wellcome Service [ . . . ] R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: wherein Pray be as expeditious [ . . . Possible] and for y<sup>e</sup> Success frigatt & her [stock] w<sup>ch</sup> we hope [ . . . Safely] arrived with you, we would have disposed [ . . . Tonnage we] Shall be forced to Send you [have . . .] to lade them from [hence] nor had [we . . .] any quantity soe great [has been . . .] Mortallity in this Country [buisness . . .] settled Soe that our whole dependency [ . . .] will Procure Sufficient for the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup>: occasion or they will be great loosers by your Settlement and dead freight w<sup>ch</sup> pray use your utmost endeavours to Prevent wee herewith Send you Duplicates of our formers, to w<sup>ch</sup> we have little to add but that we have [Traverst] y<sup>e</sup> Stock designed you by the Madrass frigat now upon y<sup>e</sup> Royall James for Safety am<sup>o</sup> as  $\frac{1}{2}$  Invoice to Pag<sup>as</sup>: 21030: 8: 3 w<sup>ch</sup> duly Cred<sup>t</sup>. us for where you finde we have Sent you a long boat and two Mosulaes and 12 Slaves for your more expeditious dispatch of your Shipp. We have also Sent you 20 Soldiers all we can att present well Spare but we hope your formers are now more healthy and agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Place w<sup>ch</sup> God graunt to all of you and that the Place may be more comfortable to you and y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: then formerly they having been at very great expence and Trouble, upon y<sup>t</sup> Settlement, out of a generous Nationall design; that we might not be in all things impos'd upon & abused by the Treacherous Dutch, who doubtlessly have been very injurious to us in your Parts, however Still continue Couragious, Our design being good & Just we hope God will prosper and bless you and it, we also Send you Coppy of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cooks dispatch w<sup>ch</sup>: we would have you urge upon him if he makes more hast y<sup>n</sup> your buisness will allow of as we hear y<sup>e</sup> Chandos did unworthly haveing lately rec<sup>d</sup>. overland letters of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>: June that she was safely arrived in England and y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup> much dissatisfied at y<sup>e</sup> Shipp's leaveing you before Laden, theres little other news thence y<sup>t</sup> concerns you, only a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Peace and tranquillity in Europe His Ma<sup>tie</sup> and Royall family well, and y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup> blest with y<sup>e</sup> Arrivall of y<sup>e</sup> Surratt ours & the Bengall Shipp to a good Merckett we also rec<sup>d</sup>: old gen<sup>l</sup> Letter w<sup>ch</sup> Pray comply with as farr as Possibly.

We would have you as soon as Possibly send one or both of the frigatt with Pepper to us and [ . . .] acco<sup>t</sup>: of your Condition and wants w<sup>ch</sup> we Shall Supply to our ability and [Pray desist] not from Still endeavouring a Settlement at Priaman since tis [ . . .] healthy & convenient Place for Trade y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup> [ . . . blame] our not settling [them] at first as designd,

[ . . . ] fault then those who accompanied him [ . . . ] that unhappy mistake for y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>: good.

We shall [ . . . & how ] Jenapatwan accepted o<sup>r</sup> letter [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>ms</sup>: affairs there, [ . . . ] have noe acco<sup>t</sup> of the effects of M<sup>r</sup> Jardins estate left at Indeapoor after his decease nor of the Remay[n]es of M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Ordes and others or [ w<sup>th</sup> ] acco<sup>t</sup> they have in the Gen<sup>l</sup> books w<sup>ch</sup> pray take great care of or allso of all other deceast estates and give us p<sup>t</sup>icular Acco<sup>t</sup>. thereof Soe Committing you and yo<sup>r</sup> affaires to [ y<sup>e</sup> ] Divine protection wee Remayn

Your ffaithfull affec<sup>t</sup> Freinds

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.

THO<sup>s</sup>: WAVELL.

NAT: HIGINSON.

W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> APRILL 1688.

To COGE ABUNS O<sup>R</sup> VAKELL  
ATT GOLCONDA.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> we Rec<sup>d</sup>. yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> of last month gladly Reading the Recovery of your health, and continued care in o<sup>r</sup> buisness notwithstanding y<sup>e</sup> unworthy action of Chardin and y<sup>e</sup> Jew in detaining o<sup>r</sup> money from you, we doubt to their own benifett and our Prejudice w<sup>ch</sup> Shall be further enquired into upon their Arrivall here wherein y<sup>e</sup> op<sup>e</sup>ing y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: Seals on y<sup>e</sup> Baggs, and finding various Sorts of Pagodes in y<sup>m</sup>. is a great Testimoney ag<sup>t</sup>. them Since y<sup>e</sup> Baggs went Seald hence, and none but o<sup>r</sup> new Pagode therein.

We have perusd y<sup>e</sup> Articles proposd to us for a Phirm<sup>d</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup> wee Are Sorry to finde still to lessen from their former Proposals and tho we are contented with y<sup>e</sup> main y<sup>t</sup> is to enjoy y<sup>a</sup> place & Goverment to o<sup>r</sup> Selves as formerly in y<sup>e</sup> King [of Golcondas] Tyme upon y<sup>e</sup> Same Terms & priveleges [also] y<sup>e</sup> same at severall factoryes in these parts & those [ . . . ] mentioned in all respects to be confirmd to us [ . . . ] then to be custome free in bengall as in Sultan [ . . . ] 3000 Rup<sup>a</sup>: a yearly piscash att Hugley for all o<sup>r</sup> ffactoryes & [ . . . ] and our severall Chifes Dustucks No pas or goods in [ . . . ] always allow<sup>d</sup> from o<sup>r</sup>: first settlement & is noe [ . . . ] is practiced by y<sup>e</sup> Dutch & ffrench w<sup>th</sup>: ought scruple & [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: servants must be under our directions [ . . . ] about o<sup>r</sup> acco<sup>ts</sup>: and trade to be devidd among [ . . . ] bye us & all other Europe Nations w<sup>ch</sup>: [ . . . ] & there can bee nither peace [ . . . ] business hass been one great occasion [ . . . ] & therefore must bee [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> baye or there can bee noe safety quiete or expedition in o<sup>r</sup>: trade since our business will be impeded bye every troublesome Governer to exact mony from us & may be more chargeable to us then y<sup>e</sup> paying custome wich wee can never agree to since tis better to forbear y<sup>e</sup> trade then be soe uncontentionably abuses in it as wee have been formerly to our great loss and dishonor.

For y<sup>e</sup> Surratt articles if you can procuer noe better wee shall [be] Contented with you onlye y<sup>e</sup> piscash to be as formely and to pay noe more y<sup>n</sup> 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C<sup>t</sup> custom to have a peticular place in y<sup>e</sup> mint allotted for o<sup>r</sup>. business to have o<sup>r</sup>: gardin restored & wee to build godowns such as y<sup>e</sup> Duch have and whatt other priveleges you can procure, and as near to those wee last sent you as possibly thoe you pay something more for it but if you cannot prevail for their rebilding o<sup>r</sup>: ffactoryes ruined by y<sup>e</sup> govemnt wee must be Contented to rebuild them strongly for our security & defence and pray be as expeditious herein as possabiye that wee may the soner return to our ffactoryes & trade y<sup>t</sup> all things betwixt us may goe on peaceably for the good of y<sup>e</sup> pore and country y<sup>e</sup> proffitt of y<sup>e</sup> Duan & our contentment; wee having daly letters of complaint of our absence from all traders and handicrafts who are



in great want of our mony & company but if you cannot procure us Allumgeers Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for all our former priveleges wee must sett s[t]ill and they must starve.

The Generall only wrights us from Bombay y<sup>t</sup> he had taken many Mores ships but embesled nothing y<sup>t</sup> belong'd to y<sup>m</sup> or their owners; but secures y<sup>m</sup> att Bombay till full satisfaction be made y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>bl</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>. for wich y<sup>e</sup> Governer of Surratt has sent him many invitations to return thither promising y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> King would grant him all things he could resonably desier, wherupon he was preparing a great fleet of ships to goe to treat with y<sup>e</sup> Governer at Swalley about a peace & accomodation of o<sup>r</sup>: business w<sup>ch</sup>: I doubt not will be well affected, therefore you must inquier after their proceedings [. . .] may direct you in yo<sup>r</sup>: affaiers & you must also all advicese you shall receive ffrom y<sup>e</sup> Generall att Surratt w<sup>ch</sup>: with o<sup>r</sup>: wishes for yo<sup>r</sup>: health & prosperity concludes youres from

Your loving frinds

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.

THO<sup>s</sup>: WAWELL.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

WILL: FRASER.

P.S.

According to yo<sup>r</sup> desier I have wrott a respectfull kinde Letter to Hagee Shoffee Cawn,

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 20: APRILL 1688.

TO THE CHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL  
ATT INDRAPORE

Our [. . . y<sup>e</sup>] 12 Semt<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> success ffrigatt whoe wee [hope is . . .] in you and y<sup>t</sup> according to o<sup>r</sup>: orders you have employd y<sup>e</sup> great [. . .] in providing pepper for y<sup>e</sup> large tonnage wee shall bee [. . . nither] stocke nor goods to lade y<sup>m</sup> [. . .] pepper you posib[ly]e can ffor [y<sup>t</sup> . . . Royal James] & Madrass ffrigate w<sup>th</sup>: [. . .] 30: 08: 03 w<sup>ch</sup>: Be[n]colen must Crd<sup>t</sup>: us for and wee would have y<sup>m</sup> return y<sup>e</sup> Madras friggatt as soone as possablye w<sup>th</sup> pepper hither giving us a peticular accompt of yo<sup>r</sup>: Condition and wants. In a few days more wee may [p]osablye send you another Shipp or two therefore use yo<sup>r</sup>: greatest expeditions in dispatching y<sup>e</sup> Royall James full laden for England whoe is obliged to wait some time for yo<sup>r</sup>. Conveniency in consideration y<sup>e</sup> long time he has spent in fitting his shipp wich being mentioned in his dispatch wee having send you its Coppie wee have sent you all y<sup>e</sup> soldiers and Slaves wee could spare w<sup>ch</sup>: wee hope will servisable to you as also y<sup>e</sup> stores and provisions wee latlye recev'd Letters from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>bl</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: whoe wrights us all urope is in peace, and quietness but y<sup>t</sup> you must expect noe more ships or supplyes from thear directlye but via this Coast w<sup>ch</sup>: wee shall always be very mindfull of & furnish with all things convenient to our powr. however you must not omit giving y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>. Hono<sup>bl</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: a peticular account of yo<sup>r</sup>: affaiers by all oportunityes y<sup>t</sup> they may direct us accordingly. Cp<sup>t</sup>: Spencer goes Commander of y<sup>e</sup> Madras ffrigott whoe wee ordered to assist you in the recovery of those debts made att Indiapore by him and M<sup>r</sup>: Jordin & c<sup>a</sup>: wich pray you indevor y<sup>e</sup> [recovery] of and this being att present wee committ you to divine protection and remain

Your most faithfull affec<sup>t</sup>. frinds

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.

THO: WAWELL.

NATT. HIGGINSON.

WILL FRASER.



TO ALL SUPRA CARGOES COMMANDERS &<sup>ca</sup>:  
OF Y<sup>e</sup> FFREE SHIPS NOW BOUND FOR SEVERALL PORTS IN CHINA.

Whereas there are more ships then usual now design'd for China upon severall accounts it will requier your greatest care and prudence [ . . . ] affaires that your numbers may not be preju [ . . . ] and for yo<sup>r</sup>: better direction therein I think [ . . . ] to give you these folloing orders and first as itt [ . . . ] duty [soe] it must be yo<sup>r</sup>: greatest care to all due [reverence . . . ] to almitie God and to keepe his sabaths holly [ . . . ] blessing there is nither safty nor success to y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . designs] therefore you must see y<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> [p]ublick [ . . . read] aboard and ashore and y<sup>t</sup> all [Christians . . . ] business doe duly and [ . . . here] goe strictly to avoyd or punish all inso-brietyes quarrillings fightings or any other debaucheryes that may anyways scanda-lise our religion or nation.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: next regard must be to the Hon<sup>r</sup>: and interest of o<sup>r</sup> King & countrey y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: English Est India Company under whose influence & protection you voyage and trade and enjoy the privelege and benifits therof therefore it must be your great care y<sup>t</sup> none of you act any thing bye fraud injustice or violence that may lysten their reputations or injure their future Col[m]erce and frindly Corrispondance in those parts the tartars and Chineeces being reven[ge]full crafty selfish people; that seeke occations & give provocations; to ensnare you into trouble and charge wich though you may attpresant escape from by force or some other indirect ways yeat y<sup>e</sup> affect will certainly fall upon those whoe Succeed you there-fore yo<sup>r</sup>: prudence must prevent all occations of offence, and rather suffer injurys then offer any wich is more necessaray now since wee lye under some imputation & ignomany for y<sup>e</sup> notorious villanyes of y<sup>e</sup> English pyrats y<sup>t</sup> rann from Bengalla who wee are certainly inform'd have taken and sunck a Chinees junck whose Noqueda & some others of them now return on y<sup>e</sup> Moulsoford to Amoy whome thee wee have treated well hear, and satisfiied them y<sup>t</sup> wee disown and abhor such inhumane wicked actions and [p]unish y<sup>m</sup> with death and yo<sup>r</sup>: selves wear spectators of y<sup>e</sup> sad execution of severals of wich I have wrote to y<sup>e</sup> VicRoy and severall other Governors, yeat tis much to bee doubted that y<sup>e</sup> peticular interest of those y<sup>t</sup> suffered by y<sup>e</sup> loss will indevor a reparation & prove troublesom to you therein which is y<sup>e</sup> reason I give you this caution to prepare you against it, and tis very necesary y<sup>t</sup> yo keep company as well to secure your selves from y<sup>e</sup> danger of y<sup>e</sup> Pyrats and Syamers, as also if possible to take them w<sup>ch</sup>: would be a great honor to o<sup>r</sup>: nation and satisfaction to justis and them; therefore indevor it w<sup>ch</sup>. you can without prejudice to yo<sup>r</sup>: selves or voyage yo<sup>r</sup>: keeping company will also secure you from y<sup>e</sup> serprize of any foreign nation hear being uncertain rumors of y<sup>e</sup> probability of a war twixt us and y<sup>e</sup> Dutch but wee have noe advices y<sup>t</sup> gives reason to belive it however you cannot be to wachfull and cautious. Mye last advice is concerning y<sup>e</sup> managrey of trade and offaiers wich probably y<sup>e</sup> number of your ships and people if you be not very prudent and unanimous in will inhaunce y<sup>e</sup> price of goods & charges upon [your . . . when] ever you meet tis your safest and best course to [consult . . . ] to transsact your business since seperation [and . . . will] greatly expose you to their arbetrary anvantagess to y<sup>e</sup>: [ . . . ] of your voyage.

If you meet with any of y<sup>e</sup>: [R<sup>t</sup>. Hono<sup>ble</sup> Company's] shippes or servants you must give them and their affairs [ . . . respect] and assistance as yo<sup>r</sup>: Superiors & to prevent [ . . . amongst] yo<sup>r</sup>: selves since [none] of you now wear his [Maj<sup>ty</sup> . . . ] you caannot well maintain y<sup>e</sup>: honor of [ . . . ] admirall y<sup>e</sup> Moulsoford [second . . . wherein] I requier & expect yo<sup>r</sup>: due observance as also of y<sup>e</sup> forgoing orders for wich you are to bee accountable at yo<sup>r</sup>: return dated att Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in y<sup>e</sup> City of Madras y<sup>e</sup>: 23 Aprill anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST GEORGE 26 APRILL 1688.

To THE R<sup>t</sup>: WORP<sup>LL</sup>: JOB CHARNOCK  
ESQ<sup>r</sup>: AGENT & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

All land conveyances being very troublesome and dangerous has made us wait thus long for one bye sea to advise the rec<sup>t</sup>: of yo<sup>r</sup>: severall letters & c<sup>a</sup> viz<sup>t</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> January 1688 y<sup>e</sup>: Beaufort who arriv'd y<sup>e</sup>: 25 January three 1688 y<sup>e</sup>: Rochester without place or date arriv'd heare not till y<sup>e</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: March and yo<sup>r</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup>: 16 & 21 febr<sup>y</sup>: by y<sup>e</sup>: Saphur & Recovery rec<sup>d</sup>: the 18 and 28 March to wiche wee shall now but brifly answer; intending to return the Recovery in a few days with what procurable of those stores & necessaryes you write for bye home wee shall bee more perticular to yo<sup>r</sup>: severall letters in whatt els concerns yo<sup>r</sup>: selves or us in these unhappy tyems and circūstances wiche wee extremely sorry to read in all yo<sup>r</sup>: letters have little probability of bettering tho wee hope providence & yo<sup>r</sup>: prudent management will still accomodate things to a suddin good end and tho wee wear much disappointed in our expectation of a considerable supply of y<sup>e</sup>: goods by y<sup>e</sup>: Beaufort as also by y<sup>e</sup>: narrow limited investment wee wear confidant to yeat wee raked up so much heare and at o<sup>r</sup>: other ffactorys as to lade her home with a cargo of P 148460: 27: 4 dispatch y<sup>e</sup>: 21<sup>th</sup>: of february w<sup>th</sup>: such a recrote of men and necessaryes as wee doubt not will sufficiently serve to y<sup>e</sup>: saving her [p]assage home by home is gone yo<sup>r</sup>: severall letters acco<sup>mt</sup>: & dyaries rece<sup>d</sup>: to her dispatch Edward Griffin & Thomas Davis also took their passages in her your opinion of M<sup>r</sup> Davis occasioning his discharge hence upon his makin over his concerns & debts in Bengall & also giving Bond to indemnefy y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: [ . . . from] all future damagees y<sup>t</sup> shall succeed to them upon his acc[ . . . ] comes hearwith yo<sup>r</sup>: apprehending & sending imp[ . . . ] in Heggargarston to Bombay was extremely well [ . . . ] hope he will receive y<sup>e</sup>: due punishment of all his [rogaraes . . . ]

Wee had much [rather . . . ] kept and invested yo<sup>r</sup>: treasure then sent it us whear [ . . . ] difficultyes in trade are almost equal to yours besides our [ . . . & tis dangerous] breakin orders and for [ . . . ] Hono<sup>r</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have sufficient credit amongst [ . . . ] pray procure what goods [ . . . ] then ours. There may be conveniences in a settlement Chuttanutte or thereabouts but to think of buildin a ffactory before wee are firmly settled will be very chargable and hazzerdows; but wee thinck it also necessary to refer that to R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Companyes own consideration & order as you have done since y<sup>e</sup>: expence will be very great to make such newe bildings as are requisite to a ffactory; & possibly it may disoblige y<sup>e</sup>: government to leave y<sup>t</sup>: aintient settlement of Hugly; but if you are not yeat return'd thither, and that you shall judge itt inconvenient to doe soe before yo<sup>r</sup>: articles are rattified, & your privilegees practiced wee then approve yo<sup>r</sup>: building such conveniences as are absolutely necessary for yo<sup>r</sup>: healtthes & accommodations. The King and company have lost to many subjects and servants by that defect and wee have still many complaints that the factors & c<sup>a</sup>: have nither accomodation nor allowences to provide it wiche occasions either the expence of their mony or health wiche o<sup>r</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Masters noe whear desier or expect; therefore pray let us not their good use to those that deserve & want it but allow what is convenient according to yo<sup>r</sup>: desier wee have bought the sloop Samuell of Cp<sup>t</sup> Freeman for R<sup>t</sup>: hono<sup>r</sup>: Companyes account and service for wiche you must Crd<sup>t</sup> account Curr<sup>t</sup>. P 800 wiche is much less then shee cost & wee [believe] not more then her worth, wee had much difficulty to bring him to that price & you had done well to advised her condition & valla there. Wee in great want of Gunnyes Ropes and toyne nor can be suplied hear the faming having destroy'd most of those Mecannicks therefore provid as much as possibly all our ffactoryes depending upon you. Wee shall call Cp<sup>t</sup>: Batten to acco<sup>t</sup> for w<sup>th</sup>: you charg him with tho he alleges the soord and wine wear y<sup>e</sup>: Agents presant to him & offers to sware it. Wee shall yo<sup>r</sup>: lascars send by y<sup>e</sup>: Recovery daly expectin y<sup>e</sup>: rocester from y<sup>e</sup>: southerd and upon his arrivall examin those complaints against him & thus much in answer to yo<sup>r</sup>: first letter yo<sup>r</sup>: three next by Rochester whose chife in port is her lading & y<sup>e</sup>: arrivall of y<sup>e</sup>: Resolution the first wee have

not yeat recevd our occations requiring y<sup>e</sup> sending her away w<sup>th</sup>: them but upon her return shall inlade & examing them & acquaint you if there is any disagreement with your Invoice for want of good advice she past her port at Gingerlee & did us noe service there w<sup>th</sup>: neglect since has been sesenable to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup>: Company by paying freight for that grain hither.

The news of y<sup>e</sup> Resolutions arrivall was most acceptable to us, and wee doubt to you too, for her seasonable supply of mony & necessaries & wee hope her stock will be well imployd to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup>: Companys satisfaction in y<sup>e</sup> lading their great tunnage. Bye yours by y<sup>e</sup> Saphier wee find you have just reason to complain of y<sup>e</sup> insolences of some of yo<sup>r</sup>: Comanders: & wonder much you doe not suppress such unsufferable irregularities or dismiss y<sup>e</sup> offenders the R<sup>t</sup> honorable Company having given as full [ . . . ] for it as is necessary or can be desir'd to w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> owne[rs and Commanders] have subjected themselves by Charterparty; the [ . . . ] hono<sup>r</sup>: Company will jage it your own faults to suffer and [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> remedy thay have impoured you with and offences of that [ . . . ] fitter to be examined upon the place wheare they are [committed . . . ] where all persons may be presant & duly examined [ . . . ] and not refer it to us where you have authority [ . . . ] your selves.

Wee are well satisfied w<sup>th</sup>: [ . . . ] the Nathaniell & Berkly Casle [ . . . ] upon them & wee must find [ . . . ] Demorrages will fall. Wee should gladly see y<sup>e</sup> willemson here with such a quantity of yo<sup>r</sup>: goods as might enable us to send home an early ship but y<sup>e</sup> latness of y<sup>e</sup> season makes us almost despair of her coming soone enough for that service—you must not be to credulous of y<sup>e</sup> Duch reports thay carry to often ill desings in them therefore belive nothing as to vary from orders with ought tis confirm'd from yo<sup>r</sup> superiors; y<sup>e</sup> contrary will render all our business uncertain & may be of dangerous ill consequence.

Tho in y<sup>e</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> alteration of y<sup>e</sup> Recovery voyage hither insted of Acheen was very happy in severall respects as well for supplying our necessities as coming to a much better marcett hear then att Attchein wheare provision is extreemly cheap as wee are advisd thence bye the Rebecca who made little advance thereby as for a settlement att Attchein att presant wee cannot see y<sup>e</sup> advantage [prices] of alsorts of peece goods being very low there & little or noe pepper procurable but the R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Company having possitively ordred you to doe it wee acquiesc therein.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Companys factory att Tonqueen being under our care and having occation to send a stock thither and y<sup>e</sup> Saphur frigott being fit for it, we have imployd her on that voyage & shall supply with the Pearl in her steed soe soon as shee arrives from Tenascery who wee dayly expect.

The bag of gold wee recev'd M<sup>r</sup>: Richards Childerns part of w<sup>ch</sup>: shall bee pay'd into y<sup>e</sup> Church stock for their use and cr<sup>dt</sup>: account Currant for y<sup>e</sup> overplus.

Wee shall send you a chirurgon when wee can get any medicins to accompany him but one without the other will be of little service to you.

Wee belive you will put y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>r</sup>: Company to noe more charge then is absolutly necessary for their affaires and yo<sup>r</sup>: security; therfore approve yo<sup>r</sup>: keeping y<sup>e</sup> souldiers till y<sup>e</sup> settlement of yo<sup>r</sup> business with the government w<sup>ch</sup>: wee should gladly hear was well done.

The wine you sent went in the same condition home as wee recev'd it therefore its more then probable that they want proceeds from some injury aboard a shipp.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: last letter [recev'd . . . Recovery] who arriv'd hear y<sup>e</sup> 28 of March and is now [unlad . . . provision] w<sup>ch</sup> as before came very opertunly for our wants [ . . . ] tern'd to a very good account.

The goods of [ . . . Hannam] deceased wear recev'd and sold by [Nathaniell . . . ] Madras as also that in D<sup>r</sup> heathfelds possession [the proceeds . . . ] bee brought to M<sup>r</sup> Hannams Crd<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>r</sup>: [ . . . ].

Wee latly rec<sup>d</sup>: letters overland from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>r</sup>: Company of y<sup>e</sup> 6 june last advising y<sup>e</sup> arrivall of y<sup>e</sup> Cemphorn & y<sup>e</sup> Chandoes hence, y<sup>e</sup> Persia Merchant from you and the Society from Surrat & that they only intended tow shipp theither and tow for this place w<sup>th</sup>: considerable stocks of men & mony that there was a generall peace in Urope & peace & quietness att home the French advise us y<sup>e</sup> one of their ships about 25 [days] since mett and was one board an English

Shipp of Cape Comorine & report her to have sixty guns & thre hundred men but are imperfect of y<sup>e</sup> Cp<sup>t</sup>: or Shipps name but said thay had been eight months from England and wear bound for bombay soe wee supposed to her to be one of those two ships intended them from England in August last & they report that tow ships then came ought w<sup>th</sup>: them for these parts if soe wee may daly expect them but how despose of their stocks and them and the mony other whears in the country is our grettest studdy and trouble but our great dependanc is one yo<sup>r</sup>: trade.

Wee alsoe rec<sup>d</sup>. letters on y<sup>e</sup> eight of february from y<sup>e</sup> Generall & c<sup>a</sup>: at bombay avising their prosecuting y<sup>e</sup>: war & takin many mores ships but y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Generall upon importunate invitations is gone Surratt to accomodate peace w<sup>th</sup>: that government, and wee have great hopes of reducing them to honorable and advantageous terms be wee doe not find they include our places in his articles so that wee must looke ought for our selves w<sup>ch</sup>. wee still prosecuting bye the our egibe att y<sup>e</sup> maguls camp & wee have hopes of procuring his Generall Phrm<sup>t</sup>: for all our settlemets & trade in his dominions, y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: honorable Companies via: Surratt requiers you to provide 1,000 p<sup>a</sup>: of thin taffeties according to y<sup>e</sup> mustar only differing in y<sup>e</sup> color w<sup>ch</sup>: is to be as white & glossye as possible & pray provide them accordingly. They also order that all ships that weare English Colors, & trade in India must take passes yearly, & pay a rupee a tun to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ra</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: for their protection & liberty of trade Coppeys of w<sup>ch</sup>: orders came in-closed for yo<sup>r</sup> perusuall & observance.

The Generall & c<sup>a</sup>: recommended to us the receving rupees 2300 w<sup>th</sup>: its interest taken up by late agent Beard & c<sup>a</sup>: of M<sup>r</sup> John Beard of bombay, whos attested papers, wee send hearwith as also w<sup>th</sup>: they write us abought it w<sup>ch</sup>: wee suppose you will make noe abjection against, therefore order you to make up the account dilligently and pay the ballance to M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Trenchild for y<sup>e</sup> account of s<sup>a</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bird whoe has ordred y<sup>e</sup> dispose thereof.

Wee lattly recevd a pershian letter from o<sup>r</sup> Egyb att Golconda for some att Hugly w<sup>ch</sup>: wee send hearwith & desiring may be dd as directed.

The Troubles [ . . . ] in those parts twixt y<sup>e</sup> Maguls & Savagees forcees [ . . . ] put a stop if not a ruin upon all trade & occasion a famin [ . . . ] sesonable does also greatly threaten; therfor pray you [be . . . all] of us in supplying with grain by all opportunities.

[ . . . Dragon] arriv'd heare the 17 from Persia & brought us [ . . . ] acco<sup>nt</sup> in gold & silver Shahes 1153105: 03<sup>coz</sup>: 0: w<sup>ch</sup>: wee shall [crd<sup>t</sup>: Acc<sup>t</sup>:] curr<sup>t</sup>: for & send you their acco<sup>t</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: with harty [wishes . . . ] peace & prosperity concludes this from

[R<sup>t</sup>: . . . affect . . . ]

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

RO: FREE:

THO: WAVEL.

NAT: HIGG.

WILL<sup>m</sup>: FASER.

#### LIST PACKETT TO BENGALL Ψ SHIP PHENIX 26 APRILL 1688.

1. Fort S<sup>t</sup> Georg Gen<sup>l</sup>: dated 26 aprill 1688.
2. Invoice from Persia Ψ Shipp Dragon dated 15 feb: 1688.
3. Tho: Davis Bond to appear before y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ra</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup> dated 18: february 1687.
4. Thomas Davis Bond & cōcēment[?] to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ra</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: dated y<sup>e</sup> 20 february 1687.
5. Cappy Clau[c]es in a Gen<sup>l</sup>: from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ra</sup>: Compa to Surratt dated 23 March 1687.
6. Cappy 2 Clauses in a Generall from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ra</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: to Bombay dated 13 May 1687.
7. Postsript in a Generall from Surratt abought M<sup>r</sup> Birds Bond.
8. Cappye letter from agent Charnock & c<sup>a</sup> to Bird dated 20 decem: 1686.



9. Coppye Bond given by Agent Beard to M<sup>r</sup>: Bird dat<sup>d</sup>: 9 decem: 1684.
10. Letter from Cp<sup>t</sup>: Batten abought the Cheast wine & sword.
11. Pattern of thin taffity to provide 1000 ₧.
12. Letters Rec<sup>d</sup>: from y<sup>e</sup> Cp<sup>t</sup> for some att Hugly.
13. List of y<sup>e</sup> packet.

Comission & Instructions To M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Yale & Francis Willcox for their severall Voyages to China on Ships James & Moulford for acco<sup>t</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Honorable East India Company.

The R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Company having permitted us to adventure for their account to the am<sup>t</sup>: of two thousand pounds upon any of our perticular Ships one probable good voyages & supposing this to be soe and that also their Honors are very desierous of China goods [ . . . have] laden for their acco<sup>t</sup>: as y<sup>e</sup> Invoyses cosign'd to yo<sup>r</sup>: [ . . . joyntly] and sevally, and to all y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Honorable [Companyes] Servants you shall meet there either from [Surratt or] England w<sup>th</sup>: home you are to joyn consult & act for [ y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ra</sup>:] Comp<sup>a</sup>: greatest interest and advantage both [ . . . ] expences where in you must be as [ . . . possible] the adventur being [ . . . ] and is y<sup>e</sup> reason wee send noe more of these Servants, as alsoe that M<sup>r</sup> Cheny M<sup>r</sup> Styleman & M<sup>r</sup>: Alvarees Supra cargoes one the severall ships has promised their best assistance & advice in y<sup>e</sup> well managm<sup>t</sup>: of yo<sup>r</sup>: business to home in case of yo<sup>r</sup>: mortalities or that none other of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Companyes Servants be there wee cōsing their s<sup>t</sup>: adventures upon y<sup>e</sup> James and Moulford y<sup>e</sup> China goods most in demand in England and w<sup>th</sup>: wee would have you provide for y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Company are pelongs of all sortes gelongs Nauheens sattins & flowerd silks also a small quantity of muske and camphier some good tea carefully put up in pots & to exceed in each sort as you find them in goodness and cheapness and if you find any other new sort of silks may be axceptable in England, you may bye a small quantity for tryall and bring us Mustars of any new comoditye you meet w<sup>th</sup>: if y<sup>e</sup> James comes next to Amoy then wee order you severally to invest the adventure one each shipe as above said but if you meet then to doe it joyntly but y<sup>e</sup> returnes made to us one each shipp proportionablye to what they carrye; and you w<sup>th</sup>: the rest of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Servants are to live and dycate together but if M<sup>r</sup> Yale comes not to amoy then wee would have M<sup>r</sup> Wilcox to board w<sup>th</sup>: M<sup>r</sup> Styleman & c<sup>a</sup> paying them what is resonable for it but you must see that whole charge exceeds not y<sup>e</sup> usuall commission of 5 ₧ C<sup>t</sup> but wee hope your prudent good husbandry will bring it much short of that.

Wee have agreed w<sup>th</sup>: the owners to pay the acustomary freights in specie there and allow you [5 ₧] ₧ C<sup>t</sup> from yo<sup>r</sup>: stock towards customes and [p]resents w<sup>ch</sup>: they are wholly to discharge upon that consideration & wee belive it the best Cource for the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Company & other adventurers to be att a certainty since those charges and presants run very high and are likly to increas. Wee have ingag'd the supercargoes and Comanders respects and sivillities to you and to allow accomodation in the great cabbin w<sup>th</sup>: all other shipp Conveniencies you or yo<sup>r</sup>: concerns ocaation for and it must be also yo<sup>r</sup>: care and studdy both aboard and ashore to deport yo<sup>r</sup>: selves with that curtisye and discretion as may obleig their kindness wherein be very cautious that yo<sup>r</sup>: imprudence does not prejedge y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ra</sup>: Companyes [ . . . ] yo<sup>r</sup>: selves so wishing you a succesfull good voyage, and [ . . . ] wee date these att fort S<sup>t</sup> Georg in the City of Madras [ . . . ] 27 of Aprill 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
[THO.] WAVELL.  
NATT. [HIGGINSON].  
[WILLIAM FRASER].



TO CAP<sup>t</sup>: THOMAS LACY COMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup>  
SAPHIR FRIGATT

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp being well fitted and laden for her voyage to y<sup>e</sup> port of tonqueen, these are to order yo<sup>r</sup>: imediate repair aboard and sailing for that port wheare are to follow the worp<sup>l</sup>: chife & Councill both in yo<sup>r</sup>: unlading lading & return to home you must also apply yo<sup>r</sup>: selves for necessaryes & fitting yo<sup>r</sup>: shipp but it must be yo<sup>r</sup>: care to husband those things well and in all expencees to be as frugall as possibly wee have put one board you 8 slaves of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>: Companies home you must also take great care of and keep them imploy'd aboard in y<sup>e</sup> shipp business; & when you arive to deliver them to the Cheife and the reast if their oocations requier them; otherwise to sell them att yo<sup>r</sup> return to Mullacca or continue them on the ships service and as wee have wrote the Chife & c<sup>a</sup>: soe wee must mind you also to hasten yo<sup>r</sup> lading and return that you may be hear by decem next that yo<sup>r</sup> Cargo may be sent home bye the Europe Shipp dispatch home; M<sup>r</sup> Lidcott and Enoch Walsh take their passage one you to settle att tonqueen to home wee order you to be very respectfull and civell giving them the accomodation of the great cabbिन and w<sup>th</sup>: other conveniences yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp will aford and in all things be sure to avoyd disagreement and disorder and as you are all the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>: Companies covenanted servants soe you must consult their interest in any emergency or accedent that may happen soe wishing you a good voyage wee date these presents in fort S<sup>t</sup> Georg y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of Aprill anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

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JOHN LITTLETON.

ROB: FREEMAN.

THO: WAYELL.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

WILLIAM FRASER.

TO Y<sup>e</sup> WORP<sup>l</sup>: WILLIAM [HODGES] ESQ<sup>u</sup> FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 27 APRILL 1688.  
CHEIFE AND COUNCILL ATT [TONQUEEN.]

Since y<sup>e</sup> Prospects [arrivall] from yo<sup>r</sup> port y<sup>e</sup> 2 March 1688 we had noe oport[unity to advise] you of the Shipp Dragons arival to this port from [Syam January 6 1688] w<sup>th</sup>: her cargoe & c<sup>a</sup>: for wich have duly Crd<sup>d</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> [ . . . ] those goods upon the Shrusbury for [ . . . ] the Rainbows laden w<sup>th</sup> pepper [ . . . ] 1688 both home with yo<sup>r</sup>: advices & c<sup>a</sup>: we hope are long since arrived in safty to our R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters to home noe doubt will be very acceptable yor comodities of great request in England therefore lest they should not have sent a shipp directly thence to you we have dispatch'd the Saphir frigate to you w<sup>th</sup>: as large a stock as is sutable to our condition and y<sup>e</sup> burden of the [ship] am<sup>o</sup>: as <sup>th</sup> Invoicee to pag<sup>r</sup>: 1897: 20: 2 w<sup>ch</sup>: pray credit us for and return by y<sup>e</sup> said shipp as much of it as you can spare in such goods for y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: account as their last advice required from you w<sup>ch</sup> if not sufficient to lade her then we would have you procure her what freight you can at the acustomary rate of 10 p[c<sup>t</sup>]. on gold and musc and 15 for wrought and raw silcks w<sup>ch</sup>: we have permitted and pu[b]lishd here but we hope yo<sup>r</sup> former stock and this will mostly lade her, and pray let her be dispatch'd soe as to arrive hear in December next that our ships may carry home your goods wich not only ad to their tonnage and stock but be most acceptable there for their variety.

We are in great want of yo<sup>r</sup> books to adjust ours by and you had done well to have sent us the Dragons Invoice from England to have charged you with their amounts as well as Credit you for their returns we observe your supplying the Dragon with 500 Rupees and what since paid to her marriners as also your 2 bills of Exc<sup>se</sup>: for Ryals 30053 drawing upon the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: company all wich shall be duly Charged; and fail not to send yo<sup>r</sup>: bookes of account & c<sup>a</sup>: that we may Rightly know your condition and the state of the R<sup>t</sup> Honorable Companies affaiers in those parts giving us full account of what necessaryes for their improvment.

We have sent you what necessaries you wrote for that we could procure and this vessell carrye but she being to small for timbers we must defer them for a fitter oportunity w<sup>ch</sup> possibly may be suddanlye by a free shipp in such cases you must pay them the agreed freight and not refer it back to us about those goods sent you bye the shipp prospect for w<sup>ch</sup>: we have paid her owners Pag<sup>a</sup>: 245 wich credit us for.

Least bye mortality or otherwise you should want asistance in business we have sent 2 of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Honorable Companies Servants viz: M<sup>r</sup> Gyles Littcot factor ariv'd heare the 22 july last 15 £<sup>p<sup>r</sup></sup> annum for 5 years to be last of your coucell and Enoch Walsh writer at 5 £ for 3 years 6 monts and 12 days of w<sup>ch</sup> he has served heare and what you want more either for persons or things let your next advise us.

In consideration of yo<sup>r</sup> buldings and other services we have sent you 8 Slaves valud at 80 p<sup>a</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup> possible may serve insted of Colyes and have them more secure and ready for yo<sup>r</sup> occations then the natives but if they are useless let them continue upon y<sup>e</sup> service of the shipp.

Yo<sup>r</sup> severall other Generall and divided letters were ansrwd bye president Gifford &c<sup>a</sup>: via Manilla coppye whereofe accompanyes this to w<sup>ch</sup>: we refer and is all presents from

Yo<sup>r</sup> faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM [FRASER].

To CAP<sup>t</sup> RICHARD COOK  
COMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup> ROYALL JAMES.

We having long waited the filling yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp laden aboard you what wee intend for the [West] Coast these are to order yo<sup>r</sup> imediate repair aboard and sayling for y<sup>e</sup> Ports of indrapoor and Bencolen where upon yo<sup>r</sup>: arrivall you are to deliver oar and cargo to the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>m</sup>: Companies Chiefe and Counsell who[s]e orders you are to follow in yo<sup>r</sup>: lading and dispatch for England and in y<sup>e</sup> consideration of y<sup>e</sup> much time you have spent here one yo<sup>r</sup> own occations, we now again declar to you, as wee often did formerly both in counsell and otherwise that you must either not Charge y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Honor<sup>a</sup>: Company w<sup>th</sup>: demorrage for y<sup>e</sup> 3 monthes tymes you imployd in y<sup>e</sup> necessary repairing & fitting yo<sup>r</sup>: Shippes damagees w<sup>ch</sup>. she sufferd by the last Storme w<sup>th</sup>: wich she was in[capable] of any voyage or elce that allow so much more tyme beyond y<sup>e</sup> limits of Charter party if there be occations for the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>m</sup> Companies service att the west Coast wee also desier civillity and kin[dn]ess to y<sup>e</sup> passengers and care of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>m</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: slaves and boats during the voyage; and carfull delivery of them thay being of great import and necesstety for our business there soe requiring you make noe farther delay in y<sup>e</sup> [voy]age but to make the best of yo<sup>r</sup> way touchin noe where by the way; we wish you a good passage dating those presents att Fort S<sup>t</sup> George in the City of Madras this of p<sup>m</sup>: may anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL,  
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.

To C<sup>t</sup>: JOHN SPENCER  
COMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup> MADRAS FRIGAT.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp being well fitted & repair'd for her desined [v]oyage to the west Coast of Sumatra wherby order to sail and keep company with the Royall James who is also theither; and upon yo<sup>r</sup> arrivall at Bencolen or Indrapore you are from time to time to follow such orders as you shall receive from the Governer and Councill there; either in sayling from port or returning, or returning hither w<sup>th</sup>: pepper &c<sup>a</sup>: and as you have charge of shipp see it tis yo<sup>r</sup>: gretest care and frugallity & to manage y<sup>e</sup> Shipp that shee may be usfull and profitable to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and give yo<sup>r</sup> best assistance for the recovery of those debts to R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Company made when you was last there in the shipe Emoy Merchant so wishing you a good voyage wee date these presents at fort S<sup>t</sup> George in y<sup>e</sup> citty of Madrass y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of may anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
WILL: FRASER.

To THE HONO<sup>ble</sup>: FRANCIS MARTIN  
DIRECTORE GENERALL FOR THE ROYALL  
FRENCH EST INDIA COMPANY.

Wee latly being advised from o<sup>r</sup>: Chife & councill at Porto nova that a shipp w<sup>th</sup> [French] Colors had taken a shipp ought of that road cal'd [y<sup>e</sup> Prospect] belongin to y<sup>e</sup> English and carryed her into pully[cherrye] road, These are therefore in the King of Englands [name] & his R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: East India Company as also the all[ance] betwixt y<sup>e</sup> Crowns & nations of England and france [ . . . for] you to make redemption of the the said [ . . . ] to Cp<sup>t</sup>: William peerce [ . . . mer]chant, and to doe Justis upon the notorious offenders and to make deue satisfaction for the injury and affront done toe oure King Company and Countrey as you answer the contrary dated att Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in y<sup>e</sup> Citty of Madras this p<sup>rem</sup>: may 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATTHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN WILCOX CHIFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONIMEER.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 1688.

Wee have advice from porto nova that our frinds are in great troubles there and that a shipp of the Kings of Syams under french Coulers has taken Shipp Prospect belongin to the English w<sup>ch</sup>: has occasioned us to comision Cp<sup>t</sup>: Pearce and Cp<sup>t</sup> Bromwell in pershuite of the s<sup>d</sup>. Syam Shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: comes inclosed w<sup>ch</sup>: send to him as soon as possible that he may fitt himself for the prosecution, & not

be surprised by them you must also keepe a good wach lest the hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companyes affaires suffer in these troubles w<sup>ch</sup>: is all from

Your faithfull affectionat frind

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS[CHIEF & C<sup>a</sup>]  
COUNCILL ATT CUDDU[LLOOR].

FORT ST: GEORGE 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 1688.

Wee weare just now serprized with the sad news of yours troubles and the [Syams Shipp] under french coulers taking y<sup>e</sup> prospect and Carr [. . .] to pulli-cherry but wee hope y<sup>e</sup>: Almighty has and [. . .] from yo<sup>r</sup>: feared enemyes] and dangers [. . .] Cp<sup>t</sup> Bromwell & Cp<sup>t</sup>: [Pearce. . .] we hope will soon be w<sup>th</sup>: you therfore take corage and doe not [tamely] surrender yo<sup>r</sup>: lives and the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companyes estate wich if they will have sell them as deare as possibly soe writing you to Almightyes protection we rest.

Your faithfull affectionate frinds

P.S. we herwith send a letter from the relations of the owners of the shipp y<sup>t</sup> was sent hither 17 Cp<sup>t</sup>: Bromwell to whose charg she was long time dd and is now acknoledg w<sup>ch</sup> send to y<sup>m</sup> as directed.

ELIHU YALE.

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JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To Cp<sup>t</sup> THOMAS LACY  
COMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup> SAPHUR FRIGATT.

Yo<sup>r</sup>s we recev'd and in answer therto we would have you stay till the next shipp sayls and to goe in company with them wherbye you will be more secure at Malacca from y<sup>e</sup> Syamers or any other enemye you may meet with there or otherwhere and if possible not to part till you shall fall in yo<sup>r</sup>: way for Tonqueen and then make the best of yo<sup>r</sup>: way accordin to yor instructions.

By orders of y<sup>e</sup> President & Coucill

Fort St: George  
p<sup>m</sup>: may 1688

JOHN STABLES Secretary

To Cp<sup>t</sup>: WILLIAM PERCE  
COMANDER OF Y<sup>e</sup> BENGALL MERCHANT.

FORT ST: GEORGE 4 MAY 1688.

Just now received advice from our cheife and counsell at porto nova that they had composed their differences with the Government and that the Avaldar and severall of the Cheife of the place had been at y<sup>e</sup> ffactory and begged their pardon

for the trouble they had given them engag in a more peacable departure for the future we are also advis'd y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> English shipp is also deliverd up by the French to her owners and return'd to Portonova and that y<sup>e</sup> syam Shipp is also sayled thence one her voyagee to pershia and the wind and Cource being contrarye to our proceeding theither therefore we wholly revoke our former instructions and yo returne into the road y<sup>e</sup> first oportunitie soe we remain

Yo<sup>r</sup> : affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.

JOHN GRAY.

JOHN BIGGS.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THOMAS WAVELL.

NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.

WILLIAM FRASER.

M<sup>r</sup>: Littleton ought of Town.

The same to Cp<sup>t</sup> bromwell

Commander of the Rochester [. . .] a little [. . .]

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHEIFE

FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> MAY 1688.

&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCIL AT CUDDULLOOR.

Now you are Something Settled & composed from y<sup>or</sup> late fright and danger we take this oportunity to answer yo<sup>r</sup>: severall letters we shall consider yor proposall of settling att Trimlyevas upon the score of grain but it will be to great Chargees for English, blacks may possably doe as well w<sup>th</sup>: our Countenance and orders tis some disapoyntment that yo<sup>r</sup> parts cannot furnish us however improve y<sup>e</sup> 1000 Pa: sent for it some other way.

We have perused M<sup>r</sup>: Grugfilds petition but can be noe means grant it since if you want writers or factors we can sufficiently supplye you 15 £: a year tho M<sup>r</sup>: Davis was soe prodigall to give 20 £ all payable heare besides y<sup>e</sup> Sallarye of Sirergeon which is unreasonable but we allow it not of noe pluralities or double offices; if he is contented with that of sirergeon continue him if not he has his libertye or to make the best agreement he can with those whose business he does.

Wee shall duly Cr<sup>dt</sup> yo<sup>r</sup>. invoice ꝑ the Rochester and pray hasten the concluding yo<sup>r</sup> investment and sending your remaining goods ꝑ the first oportunity; and if none of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: companies shippes presents you may lade them one the shipp prospect hoe we heare intends hither suddinlye.

We are obliged to Ebraim Cawn for the offers of his protection and frindshipp but you must be verry cautious in your correspondant least you disoblige the presant Government who are likely to continue it long.

We had taken due care for yo<sup>r</sup>: safetie in yo<sup>r</sup>: late alarms but you now advising us althings are accomodated to peace and security we have recald our forcees and for the future you must be more cautious in your martiall attemps prudence being necessary to the vallor since furious ungowennd unsetts are sel-dome succesfull and after end in a pore retreat.

You ill tymed yo<sup>r</sup>: pischas to the Subidar thoe possablye you sav'd somthing bye it but it had bene more honorable to have given it afterward he [bien] upon his peccavi and acknowledgment should have rather [. . .] you for yor frindshipp but the person being in consid [erable tis] noe great matter.

We hear the [French are] about bying a fort att Nagapotam builded by the [Euopees] son w<sup>ch</sup>: we would have you inquier about and send some [. . .] privatiye to treate with the Euopees [sic] son about it [. . .] him wee will give as



much as the french [ . . . ] sending a prudent bramine [ . . . ] should be one not known to y<sup>e</sup> French people or to be[lo]ng to us w<sup>ch</sup> is what presents from us

Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To Y<sup>e</sup> HON<sup>ble</sup>: FRANCIS MARTIN  
DIRECTORE GENERALL AT POLLICHERRY.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 10 MAY 1688.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Your Commands are always welcome it being my inclination as well as obligation to serve you and in althings so to deport o<sup>r</sup>: selves to yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: and nation as may oblige you to a lasting frinshipe and obligin corresspondance wich is and shall be mye studdy and practis upon all occations soe one yo<sup>r</sup> part I must belive you weare a Christian a Genteelman and Loyall subject then to doe or permitt anything against the great a[m]ity of our mighty Soverain & nation either by protectin or assisting o<sup>r</sup>: enemies. I am much obliged to yo<sup>r</sup>: perticular relation of the Syam shipp under what coulers, at Portonova as alsoe o<sup>r</sup>: peoples imprudence therin w<sup>ch</sup>. I cannot commend them for; though undoubtedly designs of y<sup>e</sup> Syamers was very badd against them & y<sup>e</sup> ffactory but since your prudence has accomodated the business I shall more of it only this that I belive that owld be most acceptable to o<sup>r</sup>: King and company that we live in amity and what wee can prevent their subjects to serve and fight in y<sup>e</sup> wars of the heathen princes against Christians; our practicees weare much otherwise when the French made war against the King of Golconda &c<sup>a</sup>: & your Hon<sup>r</sup>: canot forgett our frindly assistance therein w<sup>ch</sup>. will be very unkoind to be returnd in contrary actions wich I belive yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>. is juster & wyser then to consent to or connive at since it can produce noe good conclusion; and this w<sup>th</sup> my humble respects and service is all I shall Trouble yo<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>: with at present assuring you I am

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Honors most faithfull  
obliged servant  
ELIHU YALE.

TO MAHOMED SADEEK  
SEERKEEL ATT CONGEVERONE.

I rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: Letter and gladly rec<sup>d</sup>: [y<sup>e</sup> good] news of your health w<sup>ch</sup>: God continue I shall discourse Appo [ . . . ] when he arives about what you write and in all things endev[or to] maintain a frindly good understanding and correspondance w<sup>th</sup>: you as I hope and doubt not twill also be practiced [by you] here is nothing of news worth your notice soe I [wish you] success and happiness.

[Fort St. George.]

ELIHU YALE.

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHEIF  
& C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL CUDDALOOR.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup>. 23 MAY 1688.

By yours of y<sup>e</sup> 15: we gladly read yo<sup>r</sup>: accomodation of y<sup>or</sup>: troubles & forwardness of yo<sup>r</sup>. investment w<sup>ch</sup>. has ben soe very tedious that we should have now concluded it with yo<sup>r</sup>: Merchants but o<sup>r</sup>: intention of dispatchin a shipp hence in july next makes us continue y<sup>e</sup> contract till that tyme but if you cannot finish it by y<sup>e</sup> 20 july that the goods may be redy here to send home you must rec<sup>d</sup>. noe more from the merchants after that tyme upon the contract but make up accounts w<sup>th</sup>. them advising us therof and we shall pay the ballance. In the mean tyme to encorage them in their business we have sent you bye the sloop Sophia Pa: 10000 and 3 Chests silver amounts as per Invoyce to pa: 17158-35-0 w<sup>ch</sup>. Crd<sup>t</sup>. [us] for; and improve well it being more than we can convenian[t]ly spare and you must faithfully observe to supply yor merchants at least w<sup>th</sup>. their due proportion of Europe goods and hasten to us an account therof. That we may be satisfyde how much goods and mony hath been deliverd and what callicoos &c rec<sup>d</sup>: from them upon this contract att Cuddaloer and Porto Nova w<sup>th</sup>: coppye of yo<sup>r</sup>. contracts as they weare made by M<sup>r</sup> Davis &c: these we suddainly expect and yo<sup>r</sup> books as soone as possably the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Complain much of yo<sup>r</sup> blue cloth for its thinness and paleness verye ill makin up that constanlye mileness [*sic*] damagees it all w<sup>ch</sup>: you must strictly avoyd in what you rec<sup>d</sup>. [upon] s<sup>d</sup> contract w<sup>ch</sup>: let be as much and good as you can oblige them toe send us also a muster of the best bleu cloth procurable ther both for Cloth and dye advising what quantaty may be had and in what tyme and we shall give o<sup>r</sup>: orders accordingly according to yo<sup>r</sup> desier we have sent you arrack butter oyl wine &c<sup>a</sup>: for your factorye expence w<sup>ch</sup> [p]ray you husband well and frugallye but for Gunneys hers none procurable therefore you must make the best shift you can till we can furnish you.

Concerning what you write about yo<sup>r</sup>: want of accomodation att Portanova for the convenient carrying of your business, and the ofer of a sale of a sutable house for it, at a reasonable price w<sup>ch</sup> thoe we intend to withdraw Portonova factorye soe soone as the contract is ended yeat the commendation you give of the house makes us consent to yor perchasing it at the lowest rate you can upon a good title w<sup>ch</sup>. you must strictly examin into that noe disputes or troubles may arrise about it hereafter either from the Government or others.

We give your ser [jeant and] Richard Stoute leave to return hither at their own [cost . . .] have sent Serjeant and 3 more soldiers to yo<sup>r</sup>. suc [. . .] we hartely wish success to your treatye w<sup>th</sup>: E[cc]oge about his [. . .] but we have had toe much reason to belive yo<sup>r</sup> bramine Egib [. . .] naughty avaritious fellow and will not manage [. . .] w<sup>ch</sup> pray strictly enquier intoe and if you find his [. . . other] and discharge him the Companies service w<sup>ch</sup> is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

P.S.—There is one Edwards Taylor already with you, whome we apoynt Serjeant in Alexander Woodward's room. To yours of the 2<sup>th</sup>: Instance wee can only leave itt to your discretion to present Chasua Pontolo as acustomary and as his condition and your affaiers requier only we recomend certainty and frugallity to yo<sup>r</sup>. consideration. The foregoing sufficiently answers yo<sup>r</sup>. desiers for many wherin we have streind beyound o<sup>r</sup>: ability to furnish you w<sup>ch</sup> we hope

will satisfie your Merchants to be patient till we be able w<sup>ch</sup>: will not be long. We here there has latly bene an English pyrate at Trimlivas who we would you spedely enquier about and advise us what you here.

ELIHU YALE &c<sup>a</sup>:

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN WILCOX CHEIFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL AT CONOMEER.

MAY Y<sup>r</sup> 23, 1688.

We approve your negotiation w<sup>th</sup>: Harge raja and procure of his Cowle for the fortifying and defence of your factory and we wish it may be of sufficient authority with succeeding Subidars or next Government it apering but a slender commision: only confirm'd by Harge however twas a good peece of service and we allow yo<sup>r</sup>: takin ashore those greate guns &c<sup>a</sup>: from y<sup>e</sup> Rochester for w<sup>ch</sup>: you must C<sup>rd</sup>: us for Pag<sup>s</sup>: [ 570 ]: 34 being what payd Cp<sup>t</sup>: Bromwell for them, and tho you doe well to fortifye in these troublesome tymes as well for defence as to confirm your priveleges yeat you must be as frugall therin as possible well considering these chargeable improfitable tymes and that your small stock and business will beare but little charges for its security whilst of necessity we must be att great ones to defend the place and all our dependancees.

We shall give you due credit [ . . . ] Invoice p<sup>y</sup> the Rochester and pray you hasten what more goods [you can] procure to be sent us bye middle of Julye or soner intending by [then?] to dis [patch] a shipp for England and we must still press yo<sup>r</sup>: utmost indevors [and] yo<sup>r</sup>: merchants to provide 5 or 6000 peeces of good deep blue [cloth] the troubles of this country not permitting it to be done [ . . . ] therefore they must not refews us now and assure them [that their service] shall be considerd in the future and to incorage [ . . . ] have now sent you refresment of [ . . . ] well and frugall nott knowing what we shall be able to supply with farther y<sup>e</sup>: Invoice am<sup>o</sup>: 3115 pa: w<sup>ch</sup>: C<sup>rd</sup>: us for and hasten yo<sup>r</sup> books you had done well to [have] advisd us of yor debts before to have seased the interest upon them however discharge them now upon the receite of the mony; and procure us what Chenam and woode you can keeping it bye you for an opportunity of sending it w<sup>ch</sup>: is all presents from

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To MAHOMED SADICK  
SERKEEL &c<sup>a</sup>: WANDEWAS.

I rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: letter and gladlye read y<sup>e</sup> news of your good health wich God continue and increase yo<sup>r</sup> happiness and honor you cannot but be sensible of mye Keiness to y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls people in protectin them from his and their enemyes as also preserving thousands of them from the famin by o<sup>r</sup> Charretye and whye should tax me with protectin yo<sup>r</sup>: people and debtors from justis I cannot Imagin knowing noe reson for it nor shall You ever find me guilty of such a bad action but in all things endeavor to promote the Kings honor and the good of his counterye w<sup>ch</sup>: we have formelye been very instrumentall toe and benefitall in, upon strickd enquieryes I find bramine Madapa in our town tho tis a difficult matter to find ought a single person in soe large a place and among soe many strangers. I also trulye find him very full of boyls and distempers wich excusees waiting one you at present but as soon as he is able I shall dismis him from the towne wich though tis free to all persons yeat

since they create soe much trouble to you and me I wish they would avoyd coming or weare all with you for they are noe ways benefitall to the place: thus having fullye Satisfyed yo<sup>r</sup>: desiers and doubts I hope the continuance of yo<sup>r</sup>: frind Shipp being yo<sup>r</sup>: assured frind to serve you to mye power

Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George 24 May 1688.

ELIHU YALE.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: LAWRENCE PITT  
GOVERNOR OF POLLICATT

FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>E</sup> 30 MAY 1688.

I received y<sup>e</sup> honor [of y<sup>r</sup>] letter and desiers about relesing a Negapatam boat [ . . . Paddy] come into the port w<sup>ch</sup>: I might very well excuse for [many reasons] and from coming voluntary into the road with [pretensions] to make sale of his grain w<sup>ch</sup> I doubt y<sup>e</sup> great [benefit] of pullicat price makes him now deny and apply [ . . . ] next the great scarcity in these parts of [ . . . ] and but little liklehood of bettering this yeare, then there hath bene boats of Grain belongin and desing'd to this place forcably brought to Pullicatt; and their paddye sold there notwithstanding our pasports, but considering necessity has noe law we excused it and to oblige you farther we have also releast this same boat and graine not doubting upon the same occasions you will gratify my desiers w<sup>ch</sup> with my best wishes for yo<sup>r</sup> health & happiness concludes this from

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

Your hon<sup>rs</sup>: most humble servant

ELIHU YALE.

TO M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN WILCOX  
CHIEFE & C<sup>o</sup>: COUNCILL AT CONOMEER.

FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>E</sup> 5 JUNE 1688.

We have long expected advice of y<sup>e</sup> management & posture of affaiers in yo<sup>r</sup>: parts and much wonder at yor silence or neglect therein thoe we are Sorrye to heare the Chiefe continues ill yeat that will not excuse y<sup>e</sup> rest of you from a frequent correspondance especially those gloomy dangerous tymes w<sup>ch</sup> pray you give us noe more reason to complaine of for the future.

We have y<sup>e</sup> uncertain report of about 20 English that fled from a pyrate shipp lately at trimlyvas; and that one or tow of them are entertain'd at yo<sup>r</sup>: factorye if soe or that you can meet with anye of them send them Guarded to us w<sup>th</sup>: w<sup>t</sup>: you have or can enform yo<sup>r</sup>: selves from them; their Shipp having comitted a late cruell Piracye one a goe shipp bound hither therfore we would know the force of their Shipp and men that we may provide for them accordinlye w<sup>ch</sup> we cannot yeat prosecute for want of due information, w<sup>ch</sup> you must noe more omitt in such or any other importancies.

We latly rec<sup>d</sup>: a letter of complaint from yo<sup>r</sup>: late enemyes Samadoo Ballagee against y<sup>e</sup> fortifying, and mounting guns in the ffactorye, and that if you doe not desist he hath orders to reduce by force the translate of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>r</sup>: letter we send you now and would have yo<sup>r</sup>: opinions thereon before we answer it (since we must own y<sup>t</sup> action to be chiflye yo<sup>r</sup>: own) therfore be as suddain therein as possable his servants being impatient for a return.

We must also readvise you to [hasten y<sup>e</sup>] conclusion of yo<sup>r</sup> investment since we shall have soon and [ . . . ation] for your goods w<sup>ch</sup>: pray you increase what you can and [advise] how many bales it may amount to by the ult<sup>o</sup>: july and we shall [send] a shipp for them, in w<sup>ch</sup> tyme if you could perswade [y<sup>e</sup>] Merchants to provide the blue cloth we last desierd we [shall take] it very well and kindly [from] you [ . . . ] we sent you a good supply of mony & c<sup>a</sup>

necessaries by the Sloop Sophy w<sup>ch</sup>: we hope is safely arrived, and will encourage yo<sup>r</sup>: indevors about the blue Cloth w<sup>ch</sup>: is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.

Mr: Gray gone to S<sup>t</sup>:

Thom: M<sup>e</sup>:

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THOMAS WARELL.

NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.

WILLIAM FRASER.

TO Y<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: WORP<sup>LL</sup>: JOB CHARNOCK ESQ<sup>r</sup>:

AGNT & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL IN HUGLEY.

FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 6 JUNE 1688.

The accompanying letter is duplicate of what we wrote to you by the Phenix to w<sup>ich</sup> we have little to add having rec<sup>d</sup>: noe advices from your parts since february last w<sup>ich</sup> we are much concernd for since it leaves us strangers to yo<sup>r</sup>: affaiers and condition w<sup>ich</sup> are great subjects the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: companie depends upon yo<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>o</sup>: being now y<sup>e</sup> most acceptable and substatial part of their trade w<sup>ich</sup> is Chiefly recommended to you and us to improve therfore to be prosecuted with all possible care and dilligence, and we hope y<sup>e</sup> Government hath bene so just to their faith honor and us as to confirme their treaty and articles with you at Hugely if soe we may conclude you in some way of settlement and trade soe as to have well invested the Stock sent you; and dispatch a shipp from you directlye for Europe w<sup>ch</sup> would be a most welcome and acceptable service to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: but if yo<sup>r</sup> sercomestances has not allowed that we hope they will for sending home a shipp this next august or September w<sup>ch</sup>: pray you use all possible indevors for as we shall also from hence and hope to doe it bye y<sup>e</sup> 20 next month thoe we would willingly see the English Shippes first w<sup>ch</sup>: we daly expect being desing'd ought early and we are advised by the french shipp that she mett y<sup>e</sup> Royall James and marye Cp<sup>t</sup>: James Cooke Comander near Cape Comorone bound for Bombayn w<sup>th</sup>: 300 soldiers who were mostly sicke by a long passage of 8 months from England as yeat we have noe farther news of them but suddainly expect it by sea or land since we heare the Generall suddainlye designes a Shipp from Surratt where he now is as private advice tells us and that he hath made a peace w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>t</sup>: Gover<sup>nt</sup>: and procured y<sup>e</sup> [Mogulls] Phirmaund for it but whither you or we are included in [ . . . ] are not certaine but hoping the best we have desisted from prosecuting a Generall Phirmaund from henc w<sup>ch</sup>: we had great [hopes of] as our Egybe advised from Golconda that near [propo-salls] were allowed of by the Nabob who was then going to the camp [ . . . have] y<sup>e</sup> Phirmaund affirmd bye the Mogull when this news of [ . . . ] success was sent him w<sup>ich</sup> stopt his proceeding till [ . . . double] or an unnecesarye charge but if it happen that we are forgotten in y<sup>e</sup> Generall phirmaund we doubt twill greatly encrease y<sup>e</sup> trouble and charge to procure it now the Generall has made peace in those parts where we have y<sup>e</sup> greatest power and Check one y<sup>e</sup> Mogull his subjects trade.

The Bengall arived with us y<sup>e</sup> 13 Aprill last from Callicutt only with Europe goods and Goa arrack and duplicates of former letters soe y<sup>t</sup> her the Rochester and the Dragon still with us but the Dragon is discharg'd not being capable of a voyage to England and for y<sup>e</sup>: other two we intend to dispatch one for England and the other to y<sup>e</sup> west coast where we hope she will meet a lading of pepper since we have not goods sufficient for one of them.

We now retourne you y<sup>e</sup> recovery who we could have employd upon an advantageous freight for about 40 days voyage but her comander assuring us it



would hinder her repairs in the Bay w<sup>ch</sup>: she greatlye wants we desisted that and now orderd her to take in solt at Kissimapatam wich with her freight hence we hope will well help to pay her charges a list wherof comes enclosed w<sup>ch</sup>: you are to re<sup>cd</sup>: 5 <sup>pp</sup> C<sup>t</sup>: for and pray be strickt therin since y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: are at great Charges in their Shippin, for w<sup>ch</sup>: and yo<sup>r</sup>: selves we have now sent you all the provisions we can spare for y<sup>e</sup> am<sup>o</sup>: of their Invoice Pa: 2066: 15: 3 C<sup>rd</sup>: us for acc<sup>o</sup>: Cur<sup>t</sup>: as we have you for her Cargo w<sup>ch</sup>: tho very sesonable and acceptable to us yeat we must also acquaint you that most of the butter and oyl was old ranck and much damnefied so that we find it difficult to dispose of it to any considerable profit therefore for the future pray order that greater care be taken therin both for its qualitty and due quantety in each Jar many of them wanting much of what they ought to contain by y<sup>e</sup> Invoice and we must also desier you if possible to send us an yearly supplye of goods provisions and stores particularly of packin stuff wich is very deare and scarce here and we doubt Grain and provisions will scarcelye groe cheaper the famin and wars still continuig and destroying soe that y<sup>e</sup> countery is very beare of people grain or many ffactories and we doubt will not recover to any considerableness in many years.

In compliance w<sup>th</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: obligation to y<sup>e</sup> Government we now send you y<sup>e</sup> Rochesters Lascars w<sup>ch</sup>: if possible avoyd for y<sup>e</sup> future tyme it may occation trouble.

We are heare in great want of Masoola boats and Cp<sup>t</sup>: Hamton enforms us that mango boards are very cheap and plentiful in yo<sup>r</sup>: parts but very scarce and deare heare therefore send us a thousand if procurable by y<sup>e</sup> next oportunity theire dementions must be viz<sup>t</sup>: lenght from 10 to 20 foot breadth from 9 to 18 inches or broader thickness of half y<sup>e</sup> number 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and the other half 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Inch besides wich send 200 or 300 mango plancks of  $\frac{3}{4}$  Inch thick wich being what offers at [present] we recomend you and yo<sup>r</sup>: affaiers to devine protection and [remayn].

R<sup>t</sup> Worp<sup>n</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup>:  
Your faithful frinds  
to serve you  
ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

P.S.

Inclosed comes [a jugment from . . . Admirallity]  
about [Arther . . . observe].

ELIHU YALE & C<sup>a</sup>:

TO CP<sup>t</sup>: WILLIAM PEARCE COMANDER  
OF THE BENGALLA MERCHANT.

Having thought convenient to lett y<sup>e</sup> shipp to freight to M<sup>r</sup> John Afflack merchant here for Trincambar to lade paddy these are to order your Imediate sayling thither where you are to remaine but 20 days after yo<sup>r</sup>: arrivall and noe more laden or unladen and then to return to Portonova and Cudduloore to take in what bales shall be in redyness there of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> companies for which you are only to stay 5 days and thence to proceed to Conimeer to lade what goods they have provided for the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: to remain noe more than three days and then return hither where we shall resoule yo<sup>r</sup> farther dispose the agrement with M<sup>r</sup>: Afflack is to load your shipp full to y<sup>e</sup> Gun deck or pay for what is deficient therof of w<sup>ch</sup> a due calculation must be made heare at yo<sup>r</sup> return therefore pray

make y<sup>e</sup> best stowage you can to better the freight and ease the great charge of yo<sup>r</sup>: demorage, the paddye he is to lade and measure aboard you & we unlade it heare therefore you must be very carefull in receving it & that you bring y<sup>e</sup> measures sealed you take it bye and in y<sup>e</sup> voyage be as expeditious as possible that you may at farthest be here by the midle of july to be dispatch'd that month hence as we design and shall provide for.

If you meet with any pyrates or Syam ships that way we order you to use yo<sup>r</sup>: utmost indevors to take them and send or bring them under charge of some of yo<sup>r</sup>: offecers of whose care and fidellity you are satisfyed in and will be responsible for, soe wishing you a good voyage we date these presents att Fort S<sup>t</sup> George in y<sup>e</sup> City of Medrass y<sup>e</sup> 8 of june anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

To C<sup>p</sup><sup>t</sup>: JOHN HAMPTON  
COMANDER OF SHIPP RECOVERYE.

Having laden aboard yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp what stores &c<sup>a</sup>: we intend as alsoe what freight can be procured for the bay, these are to order yo<sup>r</sup> imediate repaire aboard and sayling for the port of Kishnapatam where you are to take in a lading of salt provided for you of w<sup>ch</sup>: you are to take a due account of its measure and advise us therof keping the measure sealed by you after wich you are to proceed to the port Ballasore where you must follo the orders of the R<sup>t</sup> Worp<sup>l</sup>: Agent and Councilll soe wishing you a good voyage we date these att Fort S<sup>t</sup> Georg in the [City of] Medrass this 8 of june anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
WILLIAM FRASER.

JUNE Y<sup>r</sup> 18, 1688.

Since y<sup>e</sup> foregoing we are advised that yo<sup>r</sup>: shipp has taken in soe much goods upon freight for the bay that there will be noe occation for yo<sup>r</sup>: going for the salt and little roome for it there for the freight being more advantageous to R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: we herby order yo<sup>r</sup>: proceeding directlye for the bay not touching any where by the way but at yo<sup>r</sup>: arrivall into Ballasore road to take a good pylott to carry you to Hugley.

ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
JOSEPH HADDOCK.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLYE.

TO MAHOMED SADICK  
SIRKEEL AT WANDEWASH.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 8 JUNE 1688.

I rec<sup>d</sup>: your letter and cannot but wonder at the contents mye respects and service to your King and assistance and Charrrity to his subjects deserve a better opinion from you what I wrote to you about Madapa was truth and noe fained excuse as you fancy but being now recoverd he willingly comes w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup>: people therefore I hope and desier that you will offer him nothing but reason and Justice wherby you will pu[r]chace a good name in this world and happiness in the other.

ELIHU YALE.

TO M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS CHEIFE  
OF CUDDULLOOR & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 13 JUNE 1688.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: of 27<sup>th</sup> and 8 just rec<sup>d</sup>: with the severall encloseds and hope long before this the Sophye is arrived and that from her supply you have clered your Cuddulloor Merchants and that you will suddenly end w<sup>th</sup>: Portonova Merchants too wherein pray use yo<sup>r</sup>: best endeavors w<sup>th</sup>: them to chang their fine goods for cource or at least to encrease in them since y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company are only desieorous of them as most vendable in Europe, and convenient for filling up their great tonage upon our hands therefore whatever notwithstanding M<sup>r</sup> Davis idle contract was they must alter it in this case and possable hereafter fine goods may be in most request when they shall have advantage of it but now y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company prohibits all sorts of them perticularly beteelaes w<sup>ch</sup>: they complaine are much to deare & have been great loosers by them we question [not] all your goods will be in a rediness to be loaden aboard the [Bengall] at her return from Trin-cambar w<sup>ch</sup>: according to [our orders] to him and you she must be detaind not longer [then . . . ] which prepare for accordingly we also rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> severall [en . . . ] accounts wich after perusall shall give our opinions theron [ . . . for] yo<sup>r</sup>: Merchants unreasonable demands of [ . . . ] whilst indebted to the company [ . . . ] Davis his weak contractt Therefore asure yo<sup>r</sup>: Merchants from us that if they doe not condesend to that and the other charge of y<sup>e</sup> goods lost at the washers we shall have noe more to doe w<sup>th</sup>: them.

You make a mighty difficulty of makin up your little books one months business of ours being almost as volluminous & more intricate then all yours, and we wonder M<sup>r</sup> Ingrame who ought to be a merchant by his long service is soe backward in them wich pray lett be noe longer delayde to wich we shall send you y<sup>e</sup> best assistance we have.

We must reminde your great care of dying your blue cloth deper and better and that it be well dried before packed both w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company much complains of having greatlye suffered therby wich pray prevent for the future; and then the new blue longcloth y<sup>e</sup> better but you must also put of goods with yor mony as formely or a proportionable abatement of the price one w<sup>ch</sup>: termes agree with them.

You to long delayd the advice of the pyrate at Trimlivas had you given us soner notice we might have surprized him and prevented the great mischife he has since done however we yeat hope to meet with him [how]ever pray endeavor what you can the recovery of those that left him who you may heareby assure of a pardone provided they come to us voluntary.

We have orderd the accomptant to enquier into and rectefy y<sup>e</sup> mistake of the corral w<sup>ch</sup>: o<sup>r</sup>: next shall advise you of.

As to Cossa Puntoloos weddin you must doe what is necessary and convenient as to a present in respect to his great interest and authority but pray be as frugall as requisite therin and all other matters. We have perchased [sic] yo<sup>r</sup>: Egyd Bramenyas letter about his negotiation wherin we find but small hopes of success tho he talkes of great chargees soe pray order his return at present & shall consider farther on it.

The 11 we just rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> unwelcome sadd news of M<sup>r</sup> John Willcox his death wherby y<sup>e</sup> Cheife shipp of Conomeer is now vacant but that the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company business there may not suffer therby, we herby appoynt and order M<sup>r</sup>: John Nix Cheife of conomeer ffactory and withought any delay or excuse to repair thither within 20 days to take that Charge and to hasten the conclusion of the investm<sup>t</sup> in w<sup>ch</sup> tyme we hope he may conclude y<sup>e</sup> business att Portonova and Cuddaloor or soe settle it that M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram may doe it in a little tyme after w<sup>ch</sup>: we are resolved to withdraw both those ffactoryes since conomeer will be sufficient for the companyes business only intend to leave some black people and one factor and writer at most at Portonova Cheify for advices but you must be prudent and [private] herin and leave the place silent gradually least we offend or [incence] the Government against us.

We have also wrote to Conomere of our settlement where the Cheife will be recevd with [respect and] welcome [who] we desier to be kind and assistin to honest M<sup>r</sup>: Willcox his widdoe and Children and in setling their concerns since [there] he dyed.

In answer to yours one [y<sup>e</sup> . . . . Inst: ] we shall satisfie y<sup>e</sup> Don Pole for the freight of the [ . . . . ] his shipp and advise you accordingly to [ . . . . ].

We straind hard for the late supply we sent you and shall farther doe your utmost to clear your engagements if you hasten your business as we desier.

We shall of Cp<sup>t</sup> Bromwell and Davis Attorney's what is Due from them for cordage and Cr<sup>at</sup>: you for it.

We have allready sent you arms and amenition by the Bengall Merchant wich will be sufficient for your short stay for we would have M<sup>r</sup> Nicks take most of them to Conomer with him.

We shall also enquier the error of the Cuddulore Book.

The 9 Ins<sup>t</sup>: it please god to arrive Princess of Denmarck Cp<sup>t</sup> Hadock Commander who brought the good news of y<sup>e</sup> nations peace o<sup>r</sup>: R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters prosperity and very good stock and some alteration in our Councill, and other matters w<sup>ch</sup>: we shall hereafter acquaint you but shall say noe more at presant but to assure you of our respects and that we are

Your most faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 15 JUNE 1688.

To SOUNDE BOLLOGEE.

I have thus long delayd answering yo<sup>r</sup>: letter in expection of hearing from M<sup>r</sup> Wilcocks about the business you wrote me aboute but his sickness and death prevented as to your complaints of M<sup>r</sup> Wilcocks securing our ffactory of Conomeer against the many troubles and dangers that the Country now abounds wich was done only for our people and concerns there by the just authorryty of his Excellency Harge Ragas Cawl vader the Kings copy wich I have satisfyed your servants in and I doubt not will fully satisfy you to and engage your assistance and to keep a good corresspondance with our new Cheif M<sup>r</sup>: John Nicks who upon his arrivall I have orderd to treat you with all respect and civillity as I know he will and not be wanting to oblige his hiness to his power and since our settlement and trade is for y<sup>e</sup> honor and profit of y<sup>e</sup> Duan tis your duty and interest to encourage it all you can otherwise we must withdraw both w<sup>ch</sup> will not be to your reputation or advantage w<sup>ch</sup> I refer to yo<sup>r</sup> serious and wise consideration wishing your happiness and prosperity

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 15 JUNE 1688.

To Y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> W<sup>or</sup><sup>ll</sup> JOB CHARNOCK ESQ  
AGENT & C<sup>a</sup> COUCELL IN BENGALL.

Since our last of the 6 Inst: p<sup>r</sup> this conveyance the Almighty and our R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters have sent us a most [welcome] and seasonable supply of every thing desierable by [Ship Princess] of Denmark Cp<sup>t</sup> Joseph Haddock Comander who we may [possible] send to you as soon as unladen and you are alsoe to expect [ . . . new] defence Cp<sup>t</sup> Heath Comander Therefore pray you endeavor what [you can y<sup>e</sup>] dispose of your Europe goods and [lacuna] of your remaining [stock] as soon as possible in goods for Europe and grain to fill up [ . . . ] sending the mesure sealed by w<sup>ch</sup>: you delever [ . . . ] shipp and if you can avoyd it [ . . . ] they suffer by that Dishonorable unjust government that basely recant their sollume ratified treaty agremet and articles with such unworthy people there is noe truth nor faith and you and the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies affayers are very unsaf upon thos uncertaine termes.

The R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup> have upon manye ocattons permitted their servants freemen or natives to send home upon their shipping China or Bengall goods paying the usuall freight and 2 p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> for their permission but it must be in those goods they have enlisted to you and noe other and there is a very great stock privatly concerning out upon that design wich with what hence and with you will be a great help to their great tonage and saving dead freight w<sup>ch</sup> otherwise must inevitably fall upon them therefore both you and ourselves are comanded to give that design all the encouragment you can and favour to the persons employd therin it being now of great concern to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and what many of them are Concern'd in.

We intended to have sent you a laden of solt upon the Recovery but the stores and freight has soe fild her that Cp<sup>t</sup>: Hamton tells us she is capable of carrying very little more being out of repair; and will loose the oportunity of doing it if she arrives not the next M<sup>o</sup> upon w<sup>ch</sup> necessary considerations we dispatch her directly to you intending to dispose the solt for some other and this with our respects is what presents from

R<sup>t</sup>. Worp<sup>ll</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup>:  
Yo<sup>r</sup>: most faithfull affectionate  
frindes to serve you  
ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAULY.

FORT ST: GEORGE y<sup>e</sup> 16 JUNE 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: SYMON HOLCOMBE  
AND JOHN DEVETT ATT CONOMERE.

We received yours one y<sup>e</sup> 9 and 10 Ins<sup>t</sup>: hartely condoling y<sup>e</sup> sad news of the death of your worthy Cheife M<sup>r</sup>: John Wilcocks wherin y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company and our selves have great loss God grant His successors and you follow his good examples of his most engenious faitfull managree of their afaiers there to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies great advantage and satisfaction who have been often pleased as this year to give him his due praise by their acknowlegment of his due and good service all our requitall is now to honor his [vertuous memory] and assist his disconsolate widdoe and orphanes wich we engage and requier you to doe to your power since we heare he dyed intestate and his concerns in some disorder what we [can doe for] them heare shall be done with great readiness and fidellity and [kindeness herein] as also your resolv'd dilligence in the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: business wich pray you continue and as soone as possible conclude yo<sup>r</sup> investments and



accounts with your merchants hastning your Generall books to wich [we] hope M<sup>r</sup> John Nicks will suddenly come to [their assistance] having apoynted him to succede that Cheifeshipp and order[ed] him thither within 20 days who upon his arrivall we order [you] [to receive] and respect accordingly and we hope his care and [ . . . successors] to wich he wants not our best [adv . . . ]

We cannot yeat desist from pressing you and your merchants to a provision of good blue longcloth they must be perswaded to doe something for the company as well as for themselves wich shall not be forgotten in better tymes of wich acquaint them and enforce with your best arguments and for what you write about a late contract at Cudduloor for fine goods tis a great mistake we having orderd nor know of any such thing nor shall allow it.

You did well in ceasing and sending us the tow seamen belongin to the Pyrate at Trimlywash whoe are arrived [with] us and secured pray you continue your indevors to get the rest and if it canot by force doe it by invitation and perswation assuring them of a pardone heare the relation you give of the Shippes force and companie agrees much with that we had from their Surgeon brought hither upon D[on] Theodores shipp.

We glad there is not soe much danger of your huffin avaldore Sounde Bollogee as his idle letter threatned, wich the president has answered accordinglye copy whearof comes hearwith for your perusall and that you may correspond and treat with him at the same rate wich is what presents from

Your affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANAEL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAULY.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 23 JUNE 1688.

TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: FRANCIS MARTIN  
DIRECTOR GEN<sup>l</sup>: FOR THE ROYALL  
FRENCH ESTINDIA COMPANY.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: S<sup>r</sup>:

I must first intreat o<sup>r</sup>: pardon for my thus long delaying answer to your last letter wich proceeded from noe dissatisfaction or disrespect but the arrivall of a shipp from Europe and severall other ergent affaiers that inter[v]end as also the consideration that some of mye former letters might have been admitted an answer to many of your objections; but to give your Hon<sup>r</sup>: farther satisfaction and to avoyd & prevent all misunderstandings betwixt us I shall with all truth and Candor clear and disipate y<sup>e</sup> seeming resentments of your letter w<sup>ch</sup>: I hope and doubt not will conclude y<sup>e</sup> dispute and engage both to such just and amicable action and correspondence as becomes us from y<sup>e</sup> alliances and comands of our sovereign and masters and to permit noe little mistakes to divert it for y<sup>e</sup> future to wich I shall contribute all in mye power being most desierous of an entier frinshipp.

And first to answer your Hon<sup>r</sup>: [objections] against our shipp takin y<sup>e</sup> King of Syam sloop out of your [road wich] action was thus reported and proved to us by the comānder [ . . . ] deserying a vessell ought at sea with Syam Coulers he by vertue [of His] majesty y<sup>e</sup>: King of Englands comission pershued her into [pullicherry] road where she had scarcely cast anquer before they [surrenderd...] and after bringin hither was some mo [ . . . ] prize in expectation of your [ . . . recd] all due satisfaction but none apering, the court of admirallity proceeded according to evidence and justis wherin they weare very favorable to their people and her small value dulye registered wich proceed[ings] in our Juges opinion can admitt of noe censure or objection by the

laws of y<sup>e</sup> nations & therefore noe offence, then our men of warr wishing some of your shippes w<sup>ch</sup> was but in a just obedience to his Ma<sup>ties</sup>: comission who commands their e[n]quiries into all shippes on this side y<sup>e</sup> cape least they should be enemies or Pyrates for either weare what coulers you please therfore that can be [noe] afront nor protection since nothing is more comon then srowding themselves under false coulers but when ever they appeared otherwise or to belong to your King and companie they have always been treated and discharged with great respect and I belive you canot [accuse our ?] shippes with any wrong or inceivillity to yo<sup>rs</sup>: but one the contrary have been kind and assisting to them therfore where is y<sup>e</sup> injury or disobligation of such vissits and we shall not take ill y<sup>e</sup> like from yours notwithstanding your resolute expression.

Thoe I doubt I have to much reason to complain that our comandars have been to remiss in their duties to their comissions and by their hon<sup>r</sup>: and respect to y<sup>e</sup>: Kings coulers have discharged and excused severall shippes that had noe right to weare them w<sup>ch</sup> is much doubted by y<sup>e</sup> black Eagle attatcheine w<sup>ch</sup> was known to have been y<sup>e</sup>: King of Syams shipp and ownd still to be soe by severall of her seamen and attchein tho we were satisfied with your hon<sup>rs</sup>: protestation to the contrary.

And tho we canot comend the prudence of that action of our people latly at Portonova yeat we may the legalityty of it; that shipp tho under french coulers w[as] soe apparantly & indisputably y<sup>e</sup> King of Syams that we have y<sup>e</sup> very originall comissions to her officers in french under y<sup>e</sup> Mandareens seals; therfore very unfitt to be mentioned being therin most evident that yo<sup>r</sup>: people have spared their coulers for a protection to our enemies w<sup>ch</sup> I canot belive his majesty of France will comend or allow of and we have great reason to thinck y<sup>e</sup> shippes company had some ill design upon our people at Portonova by the confession of some of them and their secret bringing armes ashore nor were their number soe few but might have done much mischief by serprize or treachery but none hapning I shall say noe more concerning it, but give your hon<sup>r</sup>: thancks for favour or kin[dn]ess you did our people therin.

Nor will I speack more of our faithfull frindship in your S<sup>t</sup>: Thomas troubles; your hon<sup>r</sup>: was an eye wittness and can never forgett it besides the repe[tition] of a Kin[dn]ess is a great demination of it however I must acknowledge still yo<sup>r</sup>: courtecy of passes to our Manilla Shippes who weare necessitated to goe under Portugues coulers since ours nor any other Europeans are alowable there, but I must also acquaint your Hon<sup>r</sup>: that y<sup>e</sup> inhabitation of the place whilest under our Government are realy subjects to the King of England and his laws both civil & conicall [sic] and therfore not [lyable] to the seisure of any Europe nation in amity with y<sup>e</sup> Crown of England; being [vassel to] noe other Government whatever and this [ . . . enjoy] by good authority from y<sup>e</sup> Kings of England and Goleo [ . . . ] come at possession & customs w<sup>ch</sup> I doubt not will [ . . . ] inhabitants.

I could also [ . . . in ] M<sup>r</sup> Jearsyes Shipp and goods ought of S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma Road; and sending [her] to France for w<sup>ch</sup> there hath been [ . . . ] noe reason or satisfaction given and of severall other unkindnesses w<sup>ch</sup> I forbear least it raises disputes to noe perpose and disturbs our frendshipp w<sup>ch</sup> I am rather willing to encrease then deminish being upon all occasions ready to approve my selfe,

Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: most faithfull  
freind and humble servant,

ELIHU YALE.

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup>: SIMON HOLDCOMB  
AND JOHN DEVETT.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 26 JUNE 1638.

In yours of y<sup>e</sup> 20 Ins<sup>t</sup>: we observe your dilligent endeavours to bring your Merchants to a compliance with our desiers and occations for blue longcloth but

we find by their terms proposed to us that they are resolved against it first by their refusing to take of Europe goods next their imposing Betelaes upon us not only contrary to our desiers; but possatively opposite to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: express orders wich forbid y<sup>e</sup> byeing any more Betelaes of any sort they being already sufficiently clogg'd with them to supply y<sup>e</sup> Europe Merketts for many years soe that in all respects your merchants are unreasonable and very idle to thinck that their conveniency must rule our contractts here equely rationall to pay them lead for mony so that if you canot make their stubborn humors more flexible we have done with them since we must serve y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: occasions and not theirs wich pray acquaint them with and our resentments of their unusuall backwardness.

And pray conclude your last contract with them as soon as possible that all may be in rediness for y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Merchant where she is not to stay above 3 days endeavor also y<sup>e</sup> return of your neglected accounts that all t[h]ings may be delivered and well settled to M<sup>r</sup>: Nicks and we have your bookes to accord with ours.

The 2 pirates are secure with us and pray endeavor y<sup>e</sup> seizure of y<sup>e</sup> rest we wanting men as also prevent the scandall they may bring upon us; the 3 English & 3 Dutch runaways are also arived and in custody you doe very well to apprehend such straglers by y<sup>e</sup> Peons that brought them hither we sent you 20 musquets &c<sup>a</sup>: according to y<sup>e</sup> enclosed list w<sup>ch</sup>: Cr<sup>dt</sup>: us for as also those sent <sup>to</sup> the Bengall.

We are well satisfied with your managry of Bollogees & we shal not treat with him but bye you.

Advise us what progress y<sup>e</sup> Comissary makes in your parts and what he designs for these parts also enquier what the french doe att Pollichery and what news they latly hard from Europe and Syam and what preparation they are makin for those parts. John weight may come to y<sup>e</sup>: ffort provided you can spare him wich is all presents from

Your affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THOM: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL<sup>a</sup>: CAWLY.

FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 26 JUNE 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL AT CUDDULLOOR.

Your last was of y<sup>e</sup> 14 from Cuddulloor whose complaints for want weare ansur'd by y<sup>e</sup> arrivall of y<sup>e</sup> Sophy wich was as large as [our ability] and we hope you will manage it to their content and our satisfaction and conclude accounts and investments with them and what remains therof pray endeavor to let it be in blue long Cloth but it must be very good full dyed and dryed & in soe doing you will deserve our commendations.

You did well to hasten y<sup>e</sup> Bramenyas return since there is little hopes of affecting y<sup>e</sup> business and he is an expe[n]cive fellow. We rec<sup>d</sup>: your consultations cash &c<sup>a</sup>: to may but we most want your Gen<sup>l</sup>: Books wich pray hasten that we may ajust account before we quitt those ffactoryes.

We have at your desier brought that house at Portonova you recomended it cost 300<sup>Rs</sup> wich you must Cr<sup>dt</sup>: us for twas bought in Don Theodores name who assignd to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: company as by enclosed bill of sale soe you must take possession of it and I hope twill offend [*sic*] y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: occation well and prevent y<sup>e</sup> greater charge of house rent and building whilst you stay and serve a sufficient accomidation for a writer and ffactor at small charge, who we shall hereafter appoynt.

We must advise M<sup>r</sup>: Nicks of going to his charge and you also take great care of what business remains in his absence w<sup>ch</sup>: is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate frinds

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WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 28 JUNE 1688.

TO MAHOMED SADEEK.

I receved your letter and made strickt enquiry about the [person] you wrote about but can by noe means hear of any such name or man and tis a great question whether there ever was such [an one] at least that he never was heare you should send some people that knew those you send for or how can it be expected to find them and such persons also that will carefully keep them when they are delivered to them and not lett them goe for bribery. I take all y<sup>e</sup> care I can to prevent strangers coming hither & forbid them too, but [it is as] impossable to hinder them as to keep the Jacalls from [. . . owld] gardens or keep y<sup>e</sup> Birds flying att their own [pleasure . . . you] being a wise man cannot but understand y<sup>e</sup> [. . .] those things.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE JULY Y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1688.

TO COJE ABANUS OUR VAKEEL  
ATT GOLCONDA.

Our last to you was one y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> of April to wich we have yeat receved noe answer, but your last letter acquainting us that y<sup>e</sup> Mogul had sent up his Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for y<sup>e</sup> settlement of y<sup>e</sup> English afaiers, to our Generall att Suratt and that you belived this place and Bégall were included therin and that therefore you had desisted going to y<sup>e</sup> Camp or to prosecute our orders for y<sup>e</sup> procuring a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for y<sup>e</sup> English free trade and settlement in all y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls Dominions but beliving this already done in y<sup>e</sup> Phirm<sup>d</sup>: sent to y<sup>e</sup> Generall thinck it nedless to be att a farther and unnesessary charge wich would be realy soe if y<sup>e</sup> business be already done therfore according to your desire we have drawn 1000<sup>rs</sup> from you ordering your payment of it upon sight of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Freemans bill to you for wich this shall be your discharge and for what you have been in disburse upon our business, I shall pay it your brother here upon rec<sup>t</sup>: of your account with many thancks for all your care and trouble therin but if by advices from our Gen<sup>l</sup>: att Surratt or by use of y<sup>e</sup> Phirm<sup>d</sup>: sent him by y<sup>e</sup> Mogull you certainly find that this place nor Bengall are not included therin [we] herby order you to take up mony and to prosecute our former instructions and orders for the procury of a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: from y<sup>e</sup> Mogull wich shall be then fully allowd and repaid you, wich is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate

Frindd  
ELIHU YALE.



MADDRASS Y<sup>e</sup> 10 JULY 1688.

To COGE ABNUCE OUR  
EGYB ATT GOLONDA.

I gladly rec<sup>d</sup>: yours and Ettber Cawn welcome letters for the good news they brought us of y<sup>e</sup> Generall good Phirmaund sent his Excellency our Generall to Surra<sup>t</sup> as also an accomodation of our differancees and troubles in those parts & in reguard y<sup>e</sup> Mogull and our worthy frinds declare that a sufficient and authentick Phirm<sup>d</sup>: for all our settlements privelédges and trade in india under the Moguls Dominion and Government we thinck you have done well to desist from y<sup>e</sup> procury of another [Phirmaund] twice tooold [*sic*] be but an unnescery charge and trouble hower [. . .] we have somethinge to show for our proceedings here in case [. . .] or differancees with the Governors of these parts I [desire . . .] would procure tow] authenticque coppyes of s<sup>d</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: one for [. . .] business] upon y<sup>e</sup> coast and another to send to Bengall to be al [. . .] all y<sup>e</sup> secretaries Mullees &c<sup>th</sup>: that [. . .] and y<sup>e</sup> more y<sup>e</sup> better to [. . .] Govern-ments] who are apt to raise them without reason for their own private or advantage I also desier you will procure y<sup>e</sup> Nabobs Phirmaund to the severall governors in those parts Metchlepatam Maddapollam and Gingerlee for y<sup>e</sup> incouragement of just and peaceable trades as formely that we may return to our severall factoryes and follow our business to y<sup>e</sup> Kings Hon<sup>r</sup>: and advantage y<sup>e</sup> good of y<sup>e</sup> countrey and poor and our contentment I have rec<sup>d</sup>: severall kind letters and i[nv]itations from many of those Governors to come and settle and trade as formely but their power not being sufficient for our security I shall forbear till y<sup>e</sup> Nabobs sends us the authority of his Phirmaund wick we shall observe and rely upon I latly wrote you about paying our mony to w<sup>ch</sup>: referr you desiering your compli-ance therewith your good Brother is going to Metchlepatam about y<sup>e</sup> Syam business wherin I shall give him all y<sup>e</sup> assistance he desiers and I am capable of as also to any thing concerne you and when your occasions will permitt you shall be most welcome to your

Assured Loving frind  
ELIHU YALE.

FOET S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 12 JULY 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN STABLES CHIEFE OF VIZIAGAPATAM  
M<sup>r</sup>: WILLIAM HALL 2  
M<sup>r</sup>: DANNIELL DUBOIS 3  
M<sup>r</sup>: CHARLES FLEETWOOD 4

Your chiefe is soo well acquainted with all our debates and orders concerning y<sup>e</sup> Government and trade of Viziagapatam that we shall not repete them here but leave you to him and our Generall letters where you will also find a dislike of M<sup>r</sup> Browns late management of that business; the Cheife wherof are y<sup>e</sup> great loss by y<sup>e</sup> farm of y<sup>e</sup> town and Government of Viziagapatam the large expences charges & present one very small investments and smaler vend of Europe goods all wick y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company make just remarks and complaints of but we hope y<sup>e</sup> alterrati<sup>o</sup>n we have made here will make a cōsiderable one there by reforming and regulating y<sup>e</sup> many errors, & neglects of your prediceessors, and make the place more servicable and profitable to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: then formely, otherwise we must of necessity desolve that factory and others whose [trad] and consumption will not equal! y<sup>e</sup> charge therefore it must be your gretest care and studdy to improve all oportunityes for y<sup>e</sup> good of [. . .] and our R<sup>t</sup>: Honorable masters wick we still must belive it [. . .] capable of from those undenia-ble advantages as first [. . .] nerousness] and poverty of y<sup>e</sup> people y<sup>e</sup> felicity of the soyl y<sup>e</sup> [plenty of grain] and provisions and y<sup>e</sup> cheapness of labour the [abundance of] handicrafts and micannicks and the quanteties [. . .] and



necessaries for many factoryes so that there appers nothing wanting but money prudence and industry to employ all those benefitts to a great advantage the first we supply with, and we hope you carry y<sup>e</sup>: other here with you of your own however our directions may assist you therein w<sup>ch</sup> pray you observe as near as possible and first for y<sup>e</sup> Government of y<sup>e</sup> country you must be very cautious of them, being yeat not well settled and somthing molested by y<sup>e</sup> night to wring [*sic*] Rajas who not being yeat conquered make invasions and often plunders y<sup>e</sup> country towns and people the polligars in adjacent wooddy parts comitt also many robberyes upon travelers and some tymes upon houses tooe soe that you must take more care in sending and securing your money and goods up the country but rather engage the merchants to doe it upon their own accounts, and resgoe who know the safest way better then you can.

Then for yo<sup>r</sup>: correspondencies with the seer lascar &c<sup>s</sup>: they must be as seldom as possible since they must be accompanied with presents and charges besides now all Governments and employments are so various that there is noe dependance in them notwithstanding we doubt twill be unevoydable to present him att your arrivall for the better carrying on your business wherein be as frugall as y<sup>e</sup> case will admitt of but first consult y<sup>e</sup> ability of y<sup>e</sup> person & y<sup>e</sup> duration of his employ with your own circumstances & whether tis convenient to send M<sup>r</sup>: Fleetwood up to him he being of longest standing and greatest experience in those parts w<sup>ch</sup> the cheife occation of our continuing him of the councill a perticular favour to him since preferd before many of his superiors, but we hope his good advice fidellity and diligence will deserve it, and if you send him up we thinck it would be expedient that you order him to engage some trusty good frind of reputation either Merchant or braminye inhabitant of Cheericoll to be in y<sup>e</sup> nature of our vagueell to whome you may advise your occations or agrevencees and him to apply them to seer lascar and not directly from your selves w<sup>ch</sup> will avoyd much charge and that he be punctuall in his correspondancy about all things relating of trade or Government that you may take your measures accordingly y<sup>e</sup> service you may allow him a yearly stipead. And for [ . . . ] litle Governments that may be serveable to you you must [make] their frindshipp upon reasonable termes but by noe [means truckle] to their injustice or comply with their exaction [In w<sup>ch</sup>] cases money is much better spent [against these . . . ] in General for y<sup>e</sup> [Comp . . . ]. The next consideration is that of y<sup>e</sup> Town wherein y<sup>e</sup> most essentiall parts are justis and cercomspexion, the first to encourage y<sup>e</sup> place, people and trade and the other to make it benefitall to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: company who have hitherto lost consi[de]rable thereby w<sup>ch</sup> we hope will be recover'd by your care and industry and tho we desier noe such oppressions or exactions therein as y<sup>e</sup> Mores soe much use yeat we would have you contrive all just and reasonable ways att least to indemnefy y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: company from loss thereby and herin the cheif branches of the revenues are the customes quitt rents for y<sup>e</sup> houses and somtymes poole money or in lew of that a tax for y<sup>e</sup> conveniency of the town or some necessary building, and whereas we formerly orderd 2½ % C<sup>t</sup> importation and same for exportation to be paid by all English trading to that part and y<sup>e</sup> usuall customes by other Europeans and natives &c<sup>s</sup>: but it being objected to us that such a publike custome may introduce y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies paying y<sup>e</sup> same to future farriners of the place by our example w<sup>ch</sup> having something of reason and probability in it, we therefore doe appoynt all English to pay only 2 % C<sup>t</sup> consolage as att Persia but that a faithfull exact account be duly kept thereof by M<sup>r</sup> Daniell Dubois who is to read and pass his accounts monthly in councill and y<sup>e</sup> amount thereof brought into the account Chash under the head of Viziagapatam town revenues. And for y<sup>e</sup> town duties it will never be man[a]g'd rightly well till you extripate all those corrupt Dubashes, Bramenyas that were employd before, & herin we thinck twere better and safer to entrust some of their town people therein who we thinck would serve us with more honesty and secrecy for certainly y<sup>e</sup> people of that place will be accountable in all particulars to y<sup>e</sup> seer lascar who thereby will learn the increase of y<sup>e</sup> town revennuese and soe enhance y<sup>e</sup> rent or be

troublesom and exact presents from you and to prevent this you must endeavor to procure a longer lease at least for twenty years upon good secure terms and if you be at some charge herin twill be worth a small expence to prolong the tyme and secure the benefitts, and encourage our improving the place.

Then as to your [trade] it must be your first care to make choyce of a company of [knowing] responsible Merchants free from all obligations to y<sup>e</sup> Government [ . . . ] will greatly intregue and disturbe your affaiers the [ . . . you] take y<sup>e</sup> better but you must incorporate them into a [Joint Stock] of 100 shares and 10 cheif Merchants to man[a]ge the [business . . . ] Vizagapatam the rest to be disbursed into severall parts of [ . . . ] goods as you shall order the [ . . . ]. We cannot expect any great fund from them whoever somthing of a stock must be deposited for y<sup>e</sup> security of the companies trade with them they will be otherwise under noe engagement nor our business safe for y<sup>e</sup> sort of goods for your investments you must keep stricktlye to y<sup>e</sup> list y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company requier wich accompanyes this only you have y<sup>e</sup> liberty of makin or bying some new sorts of callicoos tho you must observe y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies order most cource goods whoever provide what striped betelaes you can as possible as also y<sup>e</sup> rest of your goods wheron we expect and doubt not of your makin some abatement in consideration of y<sup>e</sup> reasonableness of cloth in those parts as also y<sup>e</sup> great proportion of ready mony you pay them tho we also hope you will dispose of more Europe goods y<sup>n</sup> formely and in proportion to other ffactories wich we earnestly press and charge upon you, it being a rationable business and most acceptable service to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company & wich they constantly and importunatly requier and our best endeavours for and therefore must be yours; M<sup>r</sup>: Hall is much comended to us for his judgement and ability in linnin drapery and other measurable goods therefore we cheiffly rely upon his care in y<sup>e</sup> business and that he will study to promote such varietytes of goods as will be most acceptable in Europe and if any more sort y<sup>e</sup> cloth besides him self tis y<sup>e</sup> Companies order that he puts his marke upon what peece he sorts wich we requier you to observe.

We have now laden upon y<sup>e</sup> Shipp Princess in chash and Europe goods &c<sup>r</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup> amount of Pa: [lacuna] as <sup>pp</sup> Invoice we order you to unlade and give ought to your Merchants as soon as possible that y<sup>e</sup> shipp may sail for Bengall from your port within 6 days after her arivall to Vizagapatam except some extraordinary troubles happen there and then to act as necessity shall requier tho we belive there is noe danger of it being lately that y<sup>e</sup> Government is in good order and that they were likly to be blest with a great plenty this year if soe and that Grain and provisions are very cheap there we would have you rather then lett your stock lye idle by graine with wich you cannot invest upon y<sup>e</sup> inlisted goods also what redd wood and ebbony you can possibly procure within 500 tune for centilge for our large tonnage the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: company being not so desierouss of saltpeter as formely have great quantetyes by them.

Upon your arivall we would have you take an exact account of the true remains of the ffactory hastning the ballance of the books to your takin the charge advising overland the condition of the place and state of affaires in that country wich is all that presents from

Your faithfull affectionate ffrinds

ELIHU YALE.  
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JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT [FREEMAN.]  
THOMAS [WAVELL.]  
WILLIAM [FRASER.]  
WILL [IAM] CAWLY.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>R</sup> 13 JULY 1688.

TO THE WOR<sup>SH</sup>: JOB CHARNOCK  
AGENT &C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCIL IN BENGALL

This brings you duplicate of our last by Shipp Recovery to wich we have little to add nothing of moment since intervening but y<sup>e</sup> confiration of y<sup>e</sup> moguls sending his Phirmaund to y<sup>e</sup> Generall at Surratt who we here is return'd to that ffactory and dd up y<sup>e</sup> the severall Mores prizes taken on that side, but as yeat we have noe nêws from Surrat nor any certain account of y<sup>e</sup> q<sup>ts</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> Moguls Phirm<sup>d</sup>. but dayly expect it when rec<sup>d</sup>: shall forward it to you by the first opportunity with what other advices may concern you.

We begin to thinck the Defence stays long but possable storees [*sic*] past our port to yours as also some of y<sup>e</sup> free Shippes intended thither if soe pray hasten our letters to us with what other news imports us.

We wonder att your long silence but possable your letters are miscarried pray let us here from you frequently advices being a most sensuall part of business and extremely necessary in juncture of affaiers and Government.

We hope y<sup>e</sup> Nathanaell gain'd her passage to pershia but yeat hear nothing of her arrivall tho a duche shipp came lately thence to this coast we would have you send one or tow of y<sup>e</sup> Companies Shippes to pershia if possable this year either upon freight or laden on y<sup>e</sup> companies account we are not possitive wich to send not knowing their conditions but propose y<sup>e</sup> Willeamson and Princess and we hope you will be able to send 2 for England one directly home and another to touch here with y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company and permissive goods wich encourage and assist what you can since twill be a great hope to y<sup>e</sup> tonage and dead freight and keeping o<sup>r</sup>: great shippes soe long in y<sup>e</sup> country till they are disabled from returning; a sad instance wherof we have here of y<sup>e</sup> Rochester who proves so leaky that she is unservisable and we have ben force[d] to discharge from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies service till she is made capable for it for wich perpose Cp<sup>t</sup>: Bromwell designs to carry her to Trincomala to repair and return hither in november next wich we doubt we shall be forced to send her to west Coast for a lading for want of it here we intend God Willin to dispatch y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Merch[ant] for England y<sup>e</sup> next Month and we hope to give her a good [ . . . ] lading and doubt not to procure for one more by January [next] wich is near the utmost our stock is yeat capable of besides y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ] in y<sup>e</sup> country makes our investments dangerous and difficult however we shall use our utmost endeavors to prevent dedd freight and if it soe happens that you cannot find other ladings [ . . . ] be filed with rice and [ . . . ] and was not vendable here pray by all shippes that brings us grain send a sealed measure y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Cp<sup>t</sup>. receive it aboard by, that we may doe y<sup>e</sup> same heare and prevent y<sup>e</sup> many disputes y<sup>e</sup> want of it occations pray also send us a good quantety of all sorts of packin stuff & some good wheat wich is much wanting here wich with our respects in w<sup>th</sup> offers from

P.S.—Having settled M<sup>r</sup>: John Stables Cheif of Vizagapatam & orderd a consi[de]rable investment to be made there you mus[t] order y<sup>e</sup> shipp you intend hither to touch there and take in their goods [more] espesually y<sup>e</sup> early-est.

Yo<sup>rs</sup>:  
ELIHU YALE.

Your affectionate frinds to  
serve you

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WARELL.  
WILLIAM FRASEE.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.

To CP<sup>r</sup>: JOSEPH HADDOCK COMMANDER  
OF SHIPP PRINCESS OF DENMARCK.

Having noe longer occasion to stay your Shipp here these are to order your repair aboard and to sail for y<sup>e</sup> Port of Vizilagapatam where after your delivery of our people and goods safely ashore you are to proceed for y<sup>e</sup> bay of Bengall and upon your arrivall there to hasten our pacquett to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Worshipfull Agent and counccill to whome you goe consignd, and must follow their orders for your farther dispose soe wishing you a good voyage, we date these presents att fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in y<sup>e</sup> City of Medrass this 18 of july anno 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>. JOHN NICKS CHIEFE  
& C<sup>t</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 20 JULY 1688.

We were satisfied of y<sup>e</sup> arrivall and kind reception of M<sup>r</sup>: Nicks to Conomeer factory whose care and industry in that charge we hope will at least equal his predecessors who as our R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters had a perticular regard and respect for him and his good service soe we must still preserve a gratefull rememory of him, and we hope M<sup>r</sup> Nicks will give y<sup>e</sup> same satisfaction and [deserve] as great a plause, who did well to conclude y<sup>e</sup> investments and [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> investments at Cuddiloor and Portonova, and we are well satisfied with his shortning the contract since there was soe [much more] goods to come in, wich y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: forbidd for y<sup>e</sup> [future] as we should have before could we have hansomly avoyded [ . . . ] that precontract by M<sup>r</sup>: Davis in President Gyffords tyme [ . . . ] for y<sup>e</sup> future we must keep more close to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> [Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: musters ?] and you to ours. We hope by this y<sup>e</sup> Bengall is takin in your goods at Portonova and Cudduloor w<sup>ch</sup>: will be very seasonable for his cargo for England upon her dispatch to Conomeer we would have M<sup>r</sup> Swinock and M<sup>r</sup> [Croke<sup>r</sup>] take their passagees one y<sup>e</sup> bengall hither where we shall [employ] y<sup>m</sup> according to their stations, and by reason that the Books are nott finished by M<sup>r</sup> Ingram we order him and M<sup>r</sup> Grifith to reside att y<sup>e</sup> Companys house att portonova to finish his accounts since they cannot be done soe well from that place and to look after y<sup>e</sup> Remaining business there as also to prevent the noys of y<sup>e</sup> Government & country for leaving both ffactoryes however you must clear all things from Cudduloor delivering y<sup>e</sup> house to y<sup>e</sup> avalders care discharging those peons bramenyes conicopolyses & all others from y<sup>e</sup> Companies charge and service and y<sup>e</sup> same must be done at portonova reserving just soe many peons as are necessary for soe small a company & business and we doe hereby positively order that you doe not exceed 20 p<sup>a</sup>: p<sup>a</sup> month in dyet servants wages and all other chargees if you doe you must certainly expect to have it charged to your account & repay it.

And for Conomeer we have appoynted M<sup>r</sup> Daniell Gyfford to be second to M<sup>r</sup> Nicks wich will be suddainly with you and take his charge of the books, and since your ffactory is grown numerous we order you to keep a generall table and therein to be as frugall as necessary avoyding both excess and begury and since your guard of soldiers are soe large and chargeable you may lessen y<sup>e</sup> charge of peons and we thinck 50 or 60 may be sufficient for your business for more only [serve] for show since you can expect noe Mertiall service for them in tyme of trouble or danger.

You must have great care in intermedlin with y<sup>e</sup> Government tis safest to stand nuters our business being trade not conquest lett them dispute that, and when desided we have only to claim our right and priveledges wich if duly observed and our trade encouraged tis much at one to us who Governs therfore nither assist nor offend either. You answered y<sup>e</sup> revolted Sevagean well, however avoyde as much as possible such occations, least we disoblige.

Use your utmost endeavors to gett your goods in a reddyens to lade onn y<sup>e</sup> Bengall [or you] will greatly disopoynt [us] in y<sup>e</sup> want of them [ . . . ] mits ] of your contracts being expier'd wich if your merchants [ . . . ]



in they must make due satisfaction for according to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: order in that case besides tis now tyme to treat of a [ . . . ] contract wherein we thinck to joyn the Cudduloor and [Portanova] merchants with yours since they are persons of great [credit] and estates wich will asascertain and encrease your [ . . . ] expeditt our investments wich by the [contract . . . ] encrease the business of yours therfore use your interest prepare them for it. We shall supply your loss of M<sup>r</sup>. Grugild by y<sup>e</sup> supply of another sirurgion as one as a fitting one and medicines are procurable till wich we wish you well.

Herwith comes our summons and pardon for those stragling English men att Wandywash with a letter of encouragment for one of their [crew] you forme[r]ly sent hither wich we would have you to forward to them with a letter from yourselves and some money to some trusty peon to defray their charges you may also wright a letter to the abolder to deliver and send them to you and when arrived forward them hither.

The widdoe Wilcox desiars our recommending her affaiers to you to your care wich we doe earnestly; & enjoyn you to use your utmost indevors for y<sup>e</sup> discovering and recovering her right of her worthy decesd husbands estate wich report speakes to much short of expectation or what might have justly been belived frō soe enjenious a man and soe long a tyme as near 15 years in y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies service but we question not your kind assistance herein soe remayn

Your faithfull affection Frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.

FORT ST GEORGE 28 JULY 1688.

TO Y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: HON<sup>ble</sup>: LORD HENRICK ADRIAN VAN REEDE

COMMISSARY GEN<sup>l</sup>: FOR Y<sup>e</sup> AFFAIERS OF Y<sup>e</sup>

R<sup>t</sup>: HON<sup>ble</sup>: HOLLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY

Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

I was honour'd and obliged by your Lordships Generous kind returnes to my late due respects wich much exceded y<sup>e</sup> desing or expectation of that small performance wich if any ways defitient in or any other I hope that goodness wich has soe greatly obliged me will pardon it since I shall be ever ready to make reperation by my punctuall obedience to your Lord [shipp's] Comands being in all points

Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Your Lord Shipp's most obedient servant  
ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> AUG<sup>r</sup> 1688.

TO M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>  
COUNCILL AT CONOMEER.

These are cheifly to order your imediate sending away to M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram at Portonova to agree with Cp<sup>t</sup>: Inglish to bring your bales one his shipp hither [since] it seemes that y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Merchant has brought but 12 of them pretending that his shipp was soe fully laden that he had no roome for more tho we doubt we shall much want them to fill her for England; therefore fail not of procuring some convayance for them hither before her departure you should also advise y<sup>e</sup> number of bales you have in readiness [as] near a calculate of y<sup>e</sup> whole as you can y<sup>e</sup>



we may order our [tonnage] accordingly.

Your Letters one y<sup>e</sup> 28 Inst<sup>t</sup>: having little [meterial] in it a short answer will serve; we are pleased with y<sup>e</sup> Cudduloor and Portonova merchants desier of joyning with y<sup>e</sup> Conomeer merchants in that trade y<sup>e</sup> addition will make y<sup>e</sup> trade more capatious & reputable and we design to make a new settlement of them; but first we must endeavour [to finish?] with the old Mer<sup>o</sup>: before we can treat of a new contract therefore hasten your Generall books att least their acc<sup>o</sup>: that we may know what we owe, and how to proportion our little stock.

Tho we have permitted your mounting great guns yeat you must manage them prudently and not make such a noys with them as to disoblige our friends there is great diffarence betwen permitting their injurys & directing them courtuously and you must be very cautiows not to offend nither y<sup>e</sup> Maretteas or Mores but carry it as equal as possible betwen both tho y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls party are most likely to prevail wich you must have some regard to and therefore keep frinshipp with them.

Can you possibly imagin that 15 Englishmen can pass incognito from an inland moores Garrison; or can leave y<sup>e</sup> place without the Governors permission; therefore you did ill not to write to Avaldore for them wich y<sup>e</sup> want of will now serve him for a pretence to keep them there or possible send them farther before your demandes can reach them.

Hadd y<sup>e</sup> widdoe Wilcox known any more of her husbands concern att Conomeer she would undoubtely have enform'd us of it; wich we requested his assistance but she is soe far from [knowing] her condition that she can find none of her husbands accounts [but . . . ] those that unconsiderately undertook y<sup>e</sup> perusuall of his books papers [may enform] her of them [wich] we shall requier of you to examin.

We hope [ . . . ] you will practice w<sup>t</sup> you write about retrenchments since twas never more [ . . . ] then now when trade is soe extream dull and our stock soe small [ . . . y<sup>e</sup> ] hasty dispose of your factors provition we may judg your [ . . . ] of your liquor. We thought we sent sufficient for a years expence, and thear is noe mention to recruit you however you must not encrease that charge without our order always and be assured that we take due care that you shall fare as we do and always participate of what sent us and more you must not desiere or expect wich is all

From Your faithfull affectionate Friends

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILL FRASER.  
WIL: CAWLY.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 13 AUG<sup>st</sup> 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>. JOHN NICKS CHIEFF  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEERE.

This brings answer to yours of y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>: past month and 7 Inst the cheife in port of your first being y<sup>e</sup> Bengall disapoynting you att Portonova and Conomeer by his want of roome for your goods wich you did well to repair by engagin Cp<sup>t</sup>: English his Shipp to take them in as we orderd. Tarpollins shall be sent you as soon as possible and we suppose those we forme[r]ly sent you may serve y<sup>e</sup> remains of 33 bales.

And to supply your many pressin wants we have sent you a thousand Pagodes wich pray you husband with your best Industrey and frugallity.

In y<sup>e</sup> next letter we observe y<sup>e</sup> avaldor of Portonovas request in marajas name for a [pass] port and coulers w<sup>th</sup>. probably may be only a pretence that prince having other affaiers to mind then the quest of raretyes; the Mogulls war and invasion upon his cuntry you know already threatens and presses him with trouble and danger however Marajas having been and continues still a great frind to English soe concluding it his desier you may give [a pasport] and permitt him wearing our coulers or send them one, but for pylots we must be excused [ . . . because] none procurable or if there were tis nott convenient to [recomend . . . ] least they charge y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company with their reall [ . . . rigees] & pretended owne[r]s and therby create a charge at least [ . . . ation] therfore not to be allowed.

We have perused y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ation] about Mr. Willcocks concerns and those that to much [concern themselves] with them; wich was really a very unacceptable action [ . . . ] of intestate papers before administration wich y<sup>e</sup> law would take great [cognizance] of and tis still wonder to us that Ingeniows [Mr. John . . . ] industry shoudl conclude soe [ . . . ] Whowever still doe what you can for y<sup>e</sup> poore widdoe and [orphans].

You doe extreemly well to resolve and practice frugallity tis always [our duties] but now more then ever you having little service for your stores sell as many of them as you can conveniently spare their keepin these hard tymes [being] chargeable.

[Be]sure to cleer all demands upon y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: att Cudduloor & discharge y<sup>e</sup> place since we thinck we shall have noe more occation for it: if [you] manage Conomeer factory as it ought & may be; pluralities are very unnecessary where the same business may be done att one place.

The 5 fugitive English you are advised of are arrived with us and gives us hopes of y<sup>e</sup> rest; it seemes they were forced to produce their pardon as a letter from us to y<sup>e</sup> Generall Mahomed Sadick or he would not have discharg'd them we are sorry to here that [some of] your soldiers are fledd from you pray endeavor what you can for their [recovery] and punish them severly espeesually ringleaders or him that decoyd them or send them hither to be hanged; wich is all presents from

Y<sup>or</sup>: faithfull affect. Frinds

ELIHU YALE.

NATT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THO: WAVELL.

WILLIAM FRASER.

WILLIAM CAWLY.

FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 16 AUG<sup>st</sup>: 1688.

TO Y<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup> WORTH<sup>th</sup> JOB CHARNOCK

AGENT & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL IN Y<sup>r</sup> BAY OF BENGALL.

We send you enclosed y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Honorable Companyes Letters and orders to you as likewise what they [wrote] and orderd us concerning you; wherein you will find their great dissatisfaction of [the management] of their late orde[rs . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> warr with y<sup>e</sup> Mogull & takin Chittagam being still resolv'd upon [ . . . ] have] a fortified settlement or leave y<sup>e</sup> Country and trade; and y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: doubting that their late ill success proceeds from some [private] interests of their servants they have therfore referd y<sup>e</sup> sole resolution [of the] conduct of the affaier to Cp<sup>t</sup>: William Heath whome you are fully to [enforme] of your late proceedings with a true state of youre condition and [ . . . ] as also of y<sup>e</sup> cuntry, & we hereby requier you and all [persons . . . ] observe and assist his orders in that [all . . . ] & that it may conclude for the Honor

and interest of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: [Comp<sup>a</sup>:] and we have been very perticular in our Comission to him to [referr] desiering you to cr<sup>dt</sup>: acco<sup>t</sup>: Curr<sup>t</sup>: for the am<sup>o</sup>: of the Invoyce and to use all possible means for y<sup>e</sup> Ladeing the shippis hither with goods or grain ordering one [or] two of [y<sup>e</sup>] lightest [to touch] att Viziagapatam to take in their goods then we are in hopes you will send one or two shippis for Europe or Pershia or the truth is we know not well how to dispose them by this Shipp Defence we have sent you two Companies q<sup>t</sup>: 120 soldiers whose officers you must apoynt as you thinck Convenient we have agreed with Cp<sup>t</sup> Heath to vittell them whilst aboard his Shipp at 6<sup>d</sup> Ψ: diem each soldier but you must provide for them after their arrivall wich with our salutes is all presents from

R<sup>t</sup> Worp<sup>l</sup>:

Your most faithfull friends  
to serve you

ELIHU YALE.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS,  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

COMMISSION & INSTRUCTIONS TO CP<sup>t</sup>: WILLIAM HEATH  
COMANDER OF SHIPP DEFENCE ON HIS VOYAGE TO  
EXPEDITION IN BENGALL &C<sup>a</sup>: VIZ<sup>t</sup>.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: being greatly dissatisfyed and displeased with their servants management of their orders about the warr against y<sup>e</sup> Mogull in Bengall having put them to very great charge expence and loss without affecting any thing agreeable to their orders and designs; wich they are still resolved vigerously to prosecute till [they] have either conquered or prevailed for a fortified Settlement in [ . . . ] to secure their servants, goods & trade from accustomed affronts [ . . . ] and oppressions; to their past great dishonor prejudice and disapoyntment wich they nither can nor will suffer longer [ . . . ] their concerns in fensless ffactoryes; without some [ch. . . . that] exacting government and therefore the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: [ . . . ] possatively ordred the withdrawing their ffactoryes and trade if [they cannot] obtain such a fortified settlement as may secure it well for the future [ . . . ] R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: reposing great trust and [confidence . . . . ] have order'd us to committ [one line lost] Requiering our best advice and assistance therein wich we have hitherto done to our power whereat you are wittness, being present att our severall debates and results of Councill Coppeys of which we herewith deliver you for your fuller enformation and authority as also transcripts of the severall generall letters of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies and orders about the afaier which you must have perticular Consideration of and regard to; and according to our agrement in Consultation tis our advice that immediately upon your arrivall att Ballasore you proceed to y<sup>e</sup> Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: att [Suttanutta], takin with you all y<sup>e</sup> Commanders of the Europe Shippis delivering y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies and our letters to them after which that a Generall councill be call'd consisting of the Agent &c<sup>a</sup> and y<sup>e</sup> Commanders of y<sup>e</sup> Europe Shippis where their proceedings and the whole state of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: affaiers are duly to be recounted; with their present condition force stores Armes Amunition, and provitions with all other necessary circumstances duely represented as also of the Constitution of the present Government their enclination to us, & present power the strenght of Chittagum and forces therein, and access therto for our Europe Shippis, the alteration of the Government by y<sup>e</sup> removall of Shasta Cawn, & placing that great soldier of y<sup>e</sup> Royall blood, Cawn Johan Badhur, the nature and method of his Government the treatyes they have had with him upon y<sup>e</sup> Hudgly articles

and what Conclusion made therin, also y<sup>e</sup> considerations of y<sup>e</sup> Generalls Concluding a peace with the Mogull who as we are advised from Golconda has sent him his Phirmaund to Surratt.

And all these severall considerations to be fully discours'd and debated in Councill from whence you are fully and singly impowred to draw a conclusion and make such resolves thereon as you shall Judg requisite and necessary for the honor and interest of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and the good of their affaiers and future trade in Bengall & whereas y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have directed us to apoynt you a Councill, we doe here authorize you to Chose and make of your perticular Councill for y<sup>e</sup> affaier only as you shall judg most usfull and propper for it and freest from any engagement of trade in the Countrey or any other interest [or] prejudicious enclination which might otherways byeass their advice & Councils too partially.

But if upon serious consideration you doe not find it expedient to enter upon hastily and to attack any forfeited place; then you must take other measures endeavoring to obtain such a settlement as is required by a treaty with the Nabob wrighting to him att dacca that except he will grant the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: a forfeited settlement in Bengall to secure their servants and trade from y<sup>e</sup> oppression of y<sup>e</sup> Government they have possatively ordered you to leave the Countrey and holy to [desert our] factoryes and trade and endeavor to right themselves where they can for the many wrongs, and injuryes done them and if nither of these [measures] prove affectuall for y<sup>e</sup> obtaining such a forfeited settlement [ . . . ] R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: requiers then y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup> and we doe order your [ . . . mons] and Command y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup> servants and other English ta [ . . . ] aboard their Shippes and come hither first lading the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Treas . . . and] concerns the Agent and you &c using your utmost endeavors to [lade . . . ] Hon<sup>a</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Shippes with goods grain and provition Consignd to this [ . . . ] except they can dispatch any of them for England or Persia which [you . . . ] chiefly promote and that one or two of y<sup>e</sup> lightest of them touch att [Vizagapatam] to take in what goods shall be in a readiness there And [ . . . other] design that may advantage the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: [ . . . ] limited in nothing [a line lost]. We have ordered two Companies of soldiers aboard your Shipp Defence who [if you] proceed upon any warraire are to follow your Commands as likewise those already in y<sup>e</sup> Bay and we doe hereby strickly require and Command all persons both Civill and military as well as y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Servants as freemen both officers soldiers and seamen to observe and obey your Commands in y<sup>e</sup> afforesaid affaier, and they give you all the aid and assistance and service in their powers as they shall answer it at their perrill Dated at Fort St George in y<sup>e</sup> City of Medrass y<sup>e</sup> 16 august 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THO: GRAY.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 17 AUG<sup>r</sup>: 1688.

TO Y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> WORP<sup>ty</sup>: JOB CHARNOCK  
AGENT & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL IN BENGALI.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have upon due consideration, permitted this Shipp James M<sup>r</sup>: Rich<sup>d</sup>: Gough Cape Merchant and Cp<sup>t</sup> Abraham Roberts Commander to voyage and trade in India and to China according to Charter party Covenants wherin we are enjoyn'd and orderd to advise favor and assist them in what we can to y<sup>e</sup> encouragement of their just proceedings w<sup>ch</sup>: we also desire and requier

from you and soe to Countenance their business as may engage them and their owners to acknowledg your kin[dn]ess wherby you will also oblige

R<sup>t</sup> Worp<sup>n</sup>:

Your most faithfull freinds  
to serve you

ELIHU YALE.  
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WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THO: GRAY.

To THE Worp<sup>n</sup>: BENJAMIN BLOOM  
CHIEF & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT BENGOLEN.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 17 AUG<sup>r</sup>: 1688.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have upon due consideration Permitted this Shipp James M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Gough Cape Merchant and Cp<sup>t</sup>: Abraham Roberts Commander to voyage and trade in India and China according to charter party Covenants wherin we are enjoyned and orderd [to advise] favor and assist them in what we can to encouragement of their just proceedings w<sup>ch</sup>: we also desier and requier from you and soe to Countenance their [business as] may engage them and their owners to acknowledg your kindness whereby [you] will also oblige

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To THE Worp<sup>n</sup>: CHIEFE  
& C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL IN CHINA.

FORT ST: GEORGE THE 17 AUG<sup>r</sup>: 1688.

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To CP<sup>r</sup>. WILLIAM HEATH  
COMANDER OF SHIPP DEFENCE.

Having unladen what of your Cargoe we thinck necessary. It being also late in the season and noe farther occation for yo<sup>r</sup>: Shipp's stay here these are to order your repair aboard and weighing Ancor for Bengall when upon your arrivall at Ballasore you are according to our instructions to proceed up to Hugley delivering our Pacquet to the R<sup>t</sup> Worp<sup>th</sup>: Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: to whome you and your Cargoes goes Consign'd Pray take Care of our soldiers aboard you that they be not disorderly nor want for anithing necessary for w<sup>ch</sup>: according to agrement we or the Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: in Bengall are to allow you six pence  $\text{p}^{\text{r}}$  head a day during their stay aboard your shipp so writing you a good voyage we date these presents at ffort S<sup>t</sup> George in the Cittye of Madras this 21 August Anno 1688.

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
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JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

CP<sup>r</sup> ABRAHAM ROBERTS.

S<sup>r</sup>: If you arrive in Bengall before Cp<sup>r</sup> Heath please by the first oportunity to advise the Agent &c<sup>a</sup> to send for the thirty soldiers aboard you who will also according to our agreement pay six pence  $\text{p}^{\text{r}}$  diem for each soldier from going aboard that day to the day of their delivery but if Cp<sup>r</sup> Heath arrive w<sup>th</sup>: or as soon as you [we] have orderd him to take Care of them and pray you lett them want for nothing thats necessary for them during their voyage nor severity if there be occation to keep them in order so wishing you a good voyage we date these at ffort S<sup>t</sup> George in y<sup>e</sup> City of Madrass y<sup>e</sup> 22 August anno 1688.

In case you cannot obtain your passage to the Bay you may put our thirty soldiers ashore on the Coast or else send them from attcheen on any Shipp Bound to the place.

ELIHU YALE.  
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JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
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THOMAS GRAY.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL.

FORT S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE.

Having now settled our Joynt stock Merchants here we would have you proceed upon a contract with yours in such goods as the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: requiers as by their list sent you herewith of w<sup>ch</sup>: sorts they may take what in proportion they thinck convenient to the amount of 60000 to be provided and brought in by the 20 of January next upon penalty of 25  $\text{p}^{\text{r}}$  C<sup>t</sup>. for what they shall fall short of their Contract and for their encouragement we shall pay them  $\frac{1}{2}$  in pagodoes  $\frac{1}{2}$  in silver and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in Euroope goods and we hope you will prevai'll w<sup>th</sup>: them to make some abatement upon the former pricees w<sup>ch</sup>: pray you indevor what you can since our chargees are great and all sorts of India goods very cheap in England and if they Conomeer Merchants refuse y<sup>a</sup> you may treat w<sup>th</sup>. Cudduloor and Portonova Merchants with you and possibly betwixt them you may make your Contract upon better termes after w<sup>ch</sup>: your Chief care must be y<sup>a</sup> receiving and sorting your goods that they be every way equal to muster each

person putting his Chopp upon each pece he sorts you must also see that the blue Cloth be well and fully dried and that and all your other goods well dried and packt the defect wherof hath been a great loss to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companie and much Complaind of bye them w<sup>ch</sup>: pray you prevent for the future since it only proceeds from carelessness.

Upon your next advice we shall furnish you w<sup>th</sup>: money and by the first sea oportynity w<sup>ch</sup>: is much the safest w<sup>th</sup>: silver and w<sup>t</sup>: goods you requier, we have thought fitt to appoynt Madree Amo to be your duebash who has pro[m]ised us his most dilligent and faithfull service wherein you may encourage him according to his merriits.

Tis strange Cp<sup>t</sup>: English appeers not yeat pray you hasten your goods least they come to late for the Bengall Merchant.

We have not hard from or Concerning M<sup>r</sup> Ingram since his departure we doubt his silence argues his backwardness in the Generall Bookes Pray forward him therein and lett him or you write us weekly the occurances of those parts w<sup>ch</sup>: is one end of his being there; we here of the arrivall of English and other Europe Shippes at Trinckambar Portonova and Pullicherrye you should advise us of all these things and the Countrey affaiers w<sup>ch</sup>: is all from your

Your faithfull affectionate friends

ELIHU YALE.	THO: WAVELL.
NATH: HIGGINSON.	WILL: FRASER.
JOHN BIGGS.	[WILL: CAWLY.]
JOHN LITTLETON.	[THO: GRAY.]
ROBERT FREEMAN.	

FORT ST<sup>e</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 31 AUGUST 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS

CHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

Yesterday arrived Cp<sup>t</sup> English and brought us yours of y<sup>e</sup> 27 Ins<sup>t</sup>: w<sup>th</sup>: an account of their neglect in not sending the Cuddulore goods by him for want of a small presant to Clear them w<sup>ch</sup>: was an imprudent action since twill [create] us more charge and hazard the loss or damage of the goods to; but M<sup>r</sup> Swinock tells us that yo<sup>r</sup>: orders therein not being perticular was the occation of it they being doubtfull w<sup>th</sup>: they might return to give us such caces [sic] you must leave it to their discretion advising them only to be as frugall as possibly or the occasion will permitt.

But tis possible that will detain the goods now for Cap<sup>t</sup>: Greeck [*lacuna*] takin Eugees Shipp from Portonova w<sup>ch</sup>: was cleered soe soon as we understood to whome she belonged & our pass and Coulers given her which we have now advised in our answer to that letter came enclosed in yours w<sup>ch</sup>: forward to them and desier thier order also to the avaldore of Cudduloore for the Clering and Shipping of[f] of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: goods thence. M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram to provide some oportunity for it that we may be ridd of the nedeless charge of that ffactory.

You must take some Cource to draw away the English from the Camp and if nothing else will doe to assure them of our pardon w<sup>ch</sup>: shall be either sent them under our hand or performd here but Certainly you are misinform'd as to their numbers they must be most Dutch French and Portugues. Pray you hasten the makin your Contract upon the best termes you can that noe more time be lost therin but advise us of the terms before you Conclude you mention nothing of the Quantety or Cost of the wood sent hither upon Cp<sup>t</sup> English w<sup>ch</sup>: remember in next w<sup>ch</sup>: is all from

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ROBERT FREEMAN.	

FORT ST: GEORGE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SEP<sup>R</sup>: 1688.To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKSCHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup> COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yours of the last past and are very sorry to read your Merchants backwardness to what the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and we requier w<sup>ch</sup>: must be observed if they serve them but we doubt there is a Combination betwixt our Merchants here and yours that they will doe nothing if they cannot doe what they please but that we must by noe means Condecend to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: will be served in their own way and oocations or not at all therfore you must bring them to the termes and sorts we proposed or imploy those that will Comply with them which we hope the Cuddulore and Portonova Merchants will be readily perswaded to, they now wanting employment since the withdrawing those factoryes but you must make hast to Conclude your Contract it groeing late in the year and tho we cannot alter the spediness of goods sent you in y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: List yeat encourage their expeditious compliance we allow of paying them half ready mony; one sixth silver, and one third Europe goods part wherof to be Corral Gregus [and] lead w<sup>ch</sup>: they mention not in their List but for Quicksilver and virmillion we have no[ne] and but little fine Broad Cloth, which goods if you cannot perswade them to advance upon may be deliver'd at the last rate sold them as also your [ . . . ] formely if you cannot bring them to an abatement. But you are mistaken [ . . . ] Comcaloos there are but two thousand peeces orderd, and noe more must be [provided . . . nor] more than one thousand peeces of fine neckcloths of sixteen in a peece [ . . . ] not selling for its prime cost in England it being only fitt for [ . . . painting] and not being fitt dying blue cloth but if any of a much [finer . . . ] procurable with you send a muster and its price and we shall give our [order . . . it] but to help them you may contract for the 2000 peeces of Camezaes [ . . . ] the said List and for the 9000 p<sup>s</sup> in neckcloths we suppose they mean the [other . . . sorts] of red and white mentioned in the Comp<sup>a</sup>: List and of those [ . . . ] will not am<sup>e</sup>: to that [ . . . ] our merchants being very refractory and factious and we doubt will influence and infect yours if you give them time for it therefore hasten the conclusion of your contract which is all from

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WILL: CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 13 SEP<sup>R</sup>: 1688.To HIS EXCELENCY S<sup>r</sup>: JOHN CHILD BAR<sup>TT</sup>: GENERALL

OF ALL THE ENGLISH FORCES ATT SEA AND LAND IN

THE EASTINDIES & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAYN.

By Shipp Bengall Merch<sup>t</sup>. whoe arrived here the 13 April we received your Exce<sup>n</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup> letters of the 30 November and 8<sup>th</sup>: february w<sup>th</sup>: [two] from M<sup>r</sup>: John Shaxton & C<sup>a</sup> from Carwar and Tellicherrye of the 15<sup>th</sup> December and 19<sup>th</sup> february last wherin we are greatly obliged to your good advice and perticular large account of your intreagued troublesome affaiers and most prudent managem<sup>t</sup> of them which we pray and hope will conclude in an Honorable advantageous good peace and settlement that may reward the great charge and disapoyntment our R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters have been att, and we greatly rejoyce at the success of your arms in takin soe many of the enemyes shippes and goods w<sup>ch</sup>: undoubtedly are the best arguements to bring the Mogulls to reason and Justiss they have given us few such oport[un]ities here the only Considerable prize we mett with was upon

your Coast taken by the Dragon w<sup>th</sup>; was Condemd by admirallity and the shipp Nugdee and goods apprised by severall unconcerned Indifferent persons to the amount of Pag<sup>as</sup>: [lacuna] the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup> part therof duely brought to their account according to your Excelency order we remitt a list of the admirallity fees in such Cases as also S<sup>r</sup>: John Biggs opinion about Enemyes goods on free Shippis; with a Booke lately sent us from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: of our articles of Peace with all Europe nations which will be of great Satisfaction and use in all disputes and differences with them we also intreat your Excellency &c<sup>a</sup> will please to spare us a rowl of all fees, and rules in your severall Courts of Judicature being very desierous to give a mutuall agreement therin.

We hope your kind usage to Nugdees men something repaiard the debarbarity of the Dragons Comp<sup>a</sup>: they wanted not our good Instructions for their Civility; but tis a great difficulty to keep them to the practis of it but we shall be more strickt in our orders therein for the future the reason of our sending her to Pershia was from necessity having noe goods th[e]n to lade her for England nor was she sufficiently man'd or fitted for that Voyage, and we procured the best freight and upon the best termes the place afforded; the returns whereof amounted to about 1600 pag<sup>as</sup>: which may recompence her demorrage since which she was Cast and arrested by the shippis Company for wages, and by the order of the admirallity sold at a publick sale for Pa<sup>as</sup>: 2030 an account wherof shall be sent her ow[ners . . . ].

We have made strickt enquiry about Harbins scurrilous letters to his idle [Correspondants] but can by noe means discover with whome they were left but [ . . . ] pected D<sup>r</sup>: Heathfield at whose house he lodg'd w<sup>a</sup>: here and was his [ . . . ] intimate but he Cleared himself by oath that he [knew . . . ] letters; nor that any were left w<sup>th</sup>: him the same protestation [ . . . ] each of us, and we enclined to belive such letters might be [sent . . . ] by the Prudent Mary his other vain storyes of the great offers [made . . . ] as also his idle reflections upon the Josias Georges and Shrewsbys [ . . . ] were equally falce they amounting to Pag<sup>as</sup>: [lacuna] in goods and [money . . . ] He was sharply reprehended by us for his [many negle . . . in] his charge and particularly for his [imp . . . ] utterly denyed, and [one line lost] flor Complaining against them.

His Excellency may be assured the sence of our duty and respect are to great to pass any dishonour to his person or Authority unpunished. The Garrison is well Govern'd and disciplined as is most requested these dangerows troublesome times and we are as frugall therin and all other matters as Possible however we are much obliged to your good Instructions and method w<sup>th</sup>: are mostly observed as also the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: order sent us about the paying one rupee at one or a quarter of a Pagoda tonnage each year w<sup>th</sup>: w<sup>th</sup>: the sea Customes imposed here occations some discontent it falling heavy one our dull trade these hard tymes however it goes Currant on which w<sup>th</sup>: severall other duties have the last year greatly encreased the revenues which we doubt not will groe better w<sup>th</sup>: the times w<sup>th</sup>: certainly must mend since they cant be much worse.

We send Copy of M<sup>r</sup>: Chinas Diary, and account of his Mindano voyage which the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup> being very desierous to procecute and improve by our private Shippis and giving good encouragement which their arguments, prevaild with us to send a Shipp and suitable Cargo thither; in charge of M<sup>r</sup> Moody who is well acquainted there by his Voyage with M<sup>r</sup> China and Cp<sup>t</sup>: Goodlad and we have great hopes it may succeed well if the English Pyrate that left 2 of his men there w<sup>th</sup>: their Comander Cp<sup>t</sup> Swan has not disoblighd them tho we also learnt by some of their Companions that left their shipp Trimliwas one y<sup>a</sup> Coast to the southward that upon their leaving Mindano they hard the king had entertained Cp<sup>t</sup>: Swan & all the men with him into his service and treated them well and kindly, this Shipp will questionless be a great scandall, and reflection upon our nation wearing English Coulers and most of her men soe shee Came through the streights of Magelan from thence to China Manilla and mindano where they robbed severall vessells after w<sup>th</sup>: disagreeing left severall of her men at Mindano and from thence Came to this Coast where sixteen of her men also left her and the shipp after few



days stay to recruit at Trimliwas sailed thence and soon after robed a Goa Shipp off Zealooan bound hither where the proprietors report to have lost and most in gold to near the Amount of 20000 to the ruin of some of our Inhabitants the Pyrate is supposed since to begon to Maddagascor to victuall and fitt for Europe we here of severall other English Pyrates in the south seas besides that which run from Bengall which has done great mischief Perticularly to the Chineses which we wish may prove noe prejedicte to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: trade there; there were also severall of the Royall James is [*sic*] men runaway comitting severall villanyes, and Pyracees on many boats one this Coast most of whome we toke who were tryed and Condemned by a Court Martiall three wherof were exemplary executed and the stigmatized and sent to the west Coast but not withstanding those sadd exampples of justice; there is lately seven men of the Defences run away with the Pinace from this road who we here have robed severall boats to the vallue of about 4000 we sent immediatly alway to apprehend them but cannot yeat tho we doubt not justice will over take them we are the more perticular herein since possable they may creep to your parts; these notorious wicked actions occations great Complaints to us by y<sup>e</sup> Poore looseing Merchants whome since we cannot satisfy apply themselves to the Country governm<sup>t</sup>: and gives us much trouble and will render us odious in India if some cource be not taken to exterpet them and our Europe Commanders take more care to prevent thier running away.

We shall Cr<sup>dt</sup>: account Curr<sup>t</sup>: for the 200 X[er]aphens lent M<sup>r</sup>: Bowdlar and the 12 serjants who shall make it good from their pay and Cp<sup>t</sup>: Perce for the 4 granado-shells.

We are extremely sorry for the loss of our worthy frinds Agent Ward and M<sup>r</sup>: [Zinzan the] Almighty preserve the rest and fitt us for our ends which brings [ . . . answer ] yours next of y<sup>e</sup> 8 ffebruary.

Wherein we are first acknowledg your [ . . . ] Kindness to furnish us with a good Stock which our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters [have been] pleased to doe abundantly not only to clear all debts and Complaints [but . . . ] thier other occations toe which we more want goods then [mon . . . being] able to prevail with our merchants to undertake the provition [ . . . ] R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company requier they are soe discouraged by the calamity [ . . . unsettled ] ill government of the Country; the first having destroyed [in . . . w]eavors and other necessary Mechanicks for thier trade and business [what . . . goods] scarce and dear, and the other makes thier trade and traveling [ . . . dangerous ] however we shall use our utmost endeavors to [promote . . . ].

The muster of the Taffety you sent us was by the first oportunity forwarded to Bengall with order to provide 1000 p<sup>s</sup>: agreeable to it at the best rates they could which they proceed to endeavor.

The President renders the Generall all thanckfull acknowledgments for his Congratulatory good wishes of Success in his employment which as he endeavors (soe he hopes) to discharge to the duty his charge and Satisfaction of our hon<sup>ble</sup>: employers we all also give you our due thancks for the good advice in the performance of our duties which shall be our unanimos studdy and practiss in all respects that may promote the Honour and Interest of our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: masters and the peace and good of the place.

We have not only enquired at Trincambar but all other places on this Coast about your lost Manilla Shipp but by noe means can hear any news of her tis extremely sadd and strange she should be lost after her touching att Callicut without any [men]tion of storme or heard of accident if she was there she must be undoubtedly taken and sunck by some Europe or Mallabar Pyrate but we here the dutch at Malacca much Complain of a Surrat Manilla Ship that had great Concernes of theirs [that] was missing and thoe she came from Manilla before o<sup>r</sup>: (y<sup>e</sup> Prospect) [ . . . ] she is not yeat past Malacca, and is doubt'd to be taken by the south sea [Pyrates] whether this be not the same you write of is questioned however we are extremely sorry for the Generall and all yo<sup>r</sup>: losses in her we meet with little else but loss and disapoyntment here but Gods will be done he that gives mony takes.



We shall duly observe one our own Shipping and Encharge it to all that Carry our passes to pay the Cheifes of all Ports they trade to on  $\text{P}^{\text{C}}$ : for their protection and favorable assistance which is but a reasonable gratitude.

We well approve your method about the Charterparty Shippes and their men in keeping them up to their obliged numbers espesually these troublesome tymes as to engage their greater care of them to prevent their running away to turn Pyrates to the great reproach of our nation, but twill be very difficult to perswade our Comanders to Carry Toppasses for  $3^{\text{d}}$ : each  $\text{P}^{\text{d}}$  diem the practice having been  $6^{\text{d}}$  a head for all Christiás and  $3^{\text{d}}$ : for peons but our English are too few and we have too much occasion for them to spare any to the Shippes except some fugitives the rest they compleat with Toppasses or lascars.

We kindly resent your commiseration of us from the danger you apprehend we may be in from the Mogulls forcees but the garrison is now soe well fortified and prepared for defence that we fear none of them our trade and suburbs they may possibly disturbe & robb but to assault us they dare not we are [to] warme and strong for them or any surprize therefore pray lett not any [thoughts] of us any ways lessen your articles of Peace with the Mogull and since you now hold the Ballance of the war by the many Shippes and goods you have taken which we can never expect an opportunity for their trade and Shippes being very few and inconsiderable on this side we rather entreat that your Excellency &c<sup>r</sup>: will include all the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Settlements in your Phirmaund which you may doe by vertue of your Prices upon better then tis possible for us to doe.

And as for [Bengall] since the Generall is pleased to mentione it there is noe [man living] fitter to reduce that ill Government and settle our trade [than] himself by his great authority experience and resolution; [it would be] a most eminent service to the Comp<sup>a</sup>: and nation if his affaiers would permitt.

According to your order we advised the [Agent] &c<sup>r</sup>: [Hughly] what due from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: to M<sup>r</sup>: Bird Surgeon [to . . . President] which they advised is payed viz: Rupees 23<sup>00</sup> principall and [ . . . ]: 6 for interest from the 9 December 1684 to the 6 July 1686 which [ . . . ] 735: 7: 6 which President Yale intreats the Generall to make [ . . . ] M<sup>r</sup>: Bird and charge it to his account.

The next Letter is from [ . . . ] Shaxton Mitchell and Clifeton from Telli- [cherry . . . , recount] Mangalore expedition and success in [to . . . ] Mores Shipp they were Commissioned for they also [se . . . ] of 97 butts goa arrack 4 Brass [Brantaccoes] and 400 Iron [ . . . ] amount to R<sup>t</sup>: 3259: 34 $\frac{3}{4}$  which with the Europe Invoeye we [ . . . ] account Currant London for supposing that is your [ . . . ] tho you write us to Crd<sup>r</sup>: Bombay which will [ . . . ] the arrack arrived very oportu [ . . . ] of it, Part wherof sold to good advance but their proveing soe much [leakey] and addulteration that the 97 butts produc'd us noe more then 60 and many of them sower and salt which we caled the Cp<sup>r</sup> to account for who having made soe large an exception in his bill of lading against their Condition and q<sup>ts</sup> and offering their oaths that none had been embezzled or addulterated aboard shipp we could gett noe other satisfaction at presant but shall advise the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: therof to dispute it with the owners; your former letters and intentions gave us hopes of a loading of grain or Pepper by the Bengall which would have been of great service and benefit to us here but we suppose the war fair att Mangalore as it occasion'd for it will reward the disapoyntment.

We are also obliged to our friends at Surratt for 4 letters from them viz: of the 9<sup>th</sup> may 6<sup>th</sup>: 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>: June advising of the Generalls arrivall and negotiation at Swally with the suspected treacherous designs of the Mores against his person and narrow escape as also the Nabobs doubts of fowll play in the interview from the English and since of the arrivall and return of the Mogulls Phirmaund and that their late news was a new Phirmaund on the way Corrected to your desiers. Which if soe noe doubt twill be Hon<sup>ble</sup>: and advantageous, God grant us a suden and happy accomodation of all our differences that the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: business may return to its safe and Currant Chanell.

That Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> : june brought us a packet from Bombay with duplicates from our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: masters and promises of hearing suddenly from his Excellency &c<sup>a</sup>: which we passionatly desier and expect and this being what we have to say in answer to the severall letters from your parts we shall proceed to give your Excell<sup>y</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: an Epitome of the most metieriall transactions here since o<sup>r</sup>: last advice.

President Gyfford &c<sup>a</sup>: and after our selves wish some addition long since sent your Excellency &c<sup>a</sup>: their severall letters to the Mogull and Nabob with our proposals and articles for peace and his generall Phirmaund for the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies resettlement of their ffactoryes and trade in all parts under his Dominion with our directions to our Vakeell Coje Abnuse at Golconda for the management and procury therof, and his progress therin which was soe succesfull that most of the Materiall Poynts we allowed of and agreed to by the Mogull, and were upon drawing into a Phirmaund with engagements that it should be Confirm'd by him, which accordingly we expected but instead of that we rec<sup>d</sup>: a letter from our P: Egybd that the Mogull had sent your Excellency &c<sup>a</sup>: a very full and ample Phirm<sup>d</sup>: to Surratt including the priveledges of the place and all former settlements in the Golconda Countrey and Bengall which made him desist farther expence and prosecution in our business as being an unnecesary charge and trouble and very importunately desiers us to draw back the mony we had sent him one that score which accordingly we did by exchange and suppose long err this duly paid; which will be soe here to upon its first advice; and tho we prest and hastned the business as much as possible, yeat it has been little expence to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: nor would have been till the delivery of the Phirmaund when the Nabob and some other Courtiers weare to be gratefeyd for their favors and trouble but we are glad that expence is saved by your procury of a Generall Phirmaund upon more easye and honourable termes only we have had this advantage by our negotiation to prevent<sup>r</sup> or direct the troubles we might have otherwise have been disturb'd with by their armes or demands which at least would have been of much greater prejedic to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: then the expence it has cost us.

We shall gladly receive an authentique Copy of your P: Phirmaund for the satisfaction of this Countrey Government [wh . . . ] intreat may be remitted as soon as possible. But for Bengall the [R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>] have most expresly and poss[i]tively orderd the Continuing [ . . . ] the Bengall Government except they will allow us a ffortifica[tion . . . ] which if they refuse then to assault and take Chittagam if possible or [some other] fortified settlement there which if they cannot obtain by treaty [ . . . ] then the Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: are to Embark themselves, and [ . . . ] estate there aboard their shippes and [ . . . ] come up hither, [and . . . ] Comp<sup>a</sup>: being dissatisfyed with the late management of their [orders . . . ] have orderd us to Comission and empower Cp<sup>t</sup>: William [Heath . . . ] Shipp Defence to have the sole order and Direction of [this . . . ] which we have accordingly done, and requier all persons [both civil & military] to assist and obay his orders therein but for your being [ . . . ] Your Excell<sup>y</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: our Consultation [ . . . ] what advices we [a line lost] of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: affaiers there at that time; but what affect these orders will have upon your late agreement with the Mogull [we] cannot Judge but doubt.

The 9<sup>th</sup> June arrived shipp Princess Ann of Denmarck Cap<sup>t</sup>: Haddock Comander from England and the 4 August Cp<sup>t</sup>: Heath with the new Defence in Company with the James a free Shipp Cp<sup>t</sup>: Roberts Comiander and Mr: Gough Supra Cargo all gone for the bay and designed thence for China with stock of 44000 £ the Ann a free shipp is alsoe arrived here bound for Atchien Maddagascar and the Coast of Mustambeaque.

We also expect the Dorrothy friggatt belonging to the Generall, design'd to touch at the Canaryes and thence directly hither Consign'd to his Excell<sup>y</sup> or the President whoe when she arrives will take all due Care to follow the orders Concerning her and her dispose, and Cargoe the Mary alsoe another free shipp we are advised is designed hither via west Coast and after for Mocha or China.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>as</sup> : two shipp brought us a good supply of near 200 soldiers and a stock in treasure and goods near the Amount of 140000£ Sterling which we feared great Danger and difficulty to invest the Countrey is soe harrast and depopulated by warr and famin the Government unsettled and all over in troubles the Mogull and savogeas Army being within 8 Leagues of us and both sides pilligein what they Can however noe endeavors shall be wanting to obay our Hon<sup>ble</sup> : masters Comands and expectations in that and all things elce recomended to us and have been allready very succesfull in advancing the Citty revennues which when time and trade returns to their pristine state we doubt will more than bere the Charge of the place.

By His Majestyes permission the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company have been pleased to send us a Charter for the establishing a Corporation Consisting of Maior Aldermen Record: and Burgesses for the town of Fort St: George and Citty of Madrass with two Guilt macees to be carryed before the Ma[y]or, and a sword and larger Macee to be carryed before the Generall or President upon sollem times and occations also a silver Oar to march before the judg of the Admirallity and all these Ornaments and orders to be used and Practiced upon the 29 of September next which we rather wish might be referred till more suitable times trade and business being very dull in town and the Generallity of the Inhabitans very pore in purce and spiritt but the Comp<sup>a</sup> : are possitive in their orders for this also, and tiss our parts to obay where they are soe we suppose your Pacquett brings you Cappy of the Charter if not shall upon advice send it by the next opportunity.

The R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company from some encouragement by the Rainbow have renewed and heightned their esteem of the west Coast Settlement and trade resolving to prosecute it and cultivate it with great vigor for which purpose they have sent more people and necessaryes thither by severall free Shipp and others with strickt orders to us to supply them with all things requisite therto which we shall observe to our power and are more encouraged to it then ever by late advices thence from M<sup>r</sup> Bloome &c<sup>a</sup> : the success frigatt being arrived att Bengall from thence with a loading of round pepper acquainting us that the place is now more healthfull to them and that their trade is more free and secure by the great Authority and frinshipp of the Emperor Jonapatwan who now resides with them att Bencoolen and has most generously enga[g]ed his frindshipp and Protection against all our Enemyes and disturbers whatever either Dutch or Natives offering to settle and fortefye us att Pryaman or any other place on that Coast which M<sup>r</sup> : Bloom is greatly enclined to as also our selves and therefore shall give the greatest encouragement and assistance to it we can the only remorse is want of People, neither promotion nor salary will perswade them to it and thoe there is [many] that scarcely know how to live yeat are affraid of their [healths . . . ] wish you could prevaill with any of your English to goe upon [honorable] termes twold be worth the charge of Sending [a small vessell thither] with them, and provition, and slaves alsoe Goa Arrack [ . . . ] or any frames of Buildings or Bricks the Vessell [may remain in their?] service which they are greatly wanting of, [and . . . ] that the topasses being soe numerous and pore [ . . . ] gladly accept] the Companyes service to goe soldiers thither [ . . . ] been soe ill an account of the many sent hence none yeat [ . . . ] we can prevaill with very few to goe willingly and [to . . . not] and if we did what service [could we expect from . . . ] the Dutch by the first opportunity [ . . . ] English soldiers finde some willing to serve the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>a</sup> : there as writers or factors as severall here have done we design to dispatch a sloop thither this Month with what people we can procure and other necessaryes and when the Rochester returns fitted from Trincomla who we discharged from the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>a</sup> : service y<sup>e</sup> being by her many great leakes unakable of serving them till repaired; her we intend for the west Coast to lade with pepper for England as also two of those shipp now in Bengall which are y<sup>e</sup> [Iacuna] Williamson Resolution y<sup>e</sup> Princess and Defence supposeing if they give us any assistance from Bengall (for which they have

sufficient Stock) we shall be able to lade two shippes hence for England besides the Bengall we are now lading thither and hope to dispatch by the end of this Month the only impediment will be for want of Mussoloes which the last storme and the late famine has destroyed many of and their Maquas the first we cannot yeat recruit those sorts of many & Angelee Planck being not now procurable in these parts if any in yours pray send some by the first opportunity but for [men] tis only time and experience can supply us in the mean time tis a great delay and discouragement to the business of the place: President Gyfford M<sup>r</sup>: Lucus and severall others intend to take their passage on the Bengall to whome we wish a good Passage We have heard nothing from Tenascery or Syam since our last of that most Barberous Massacre and M<sup>r</sup>: Hodges and M<sup>r</sup>: Hill &c<sup>a</sup>: going up to Syam but upon what Authority or necesstety we know not or for what end or design except to expose themselves &c<sup>a</sup>: to the scorn and Cruelty of y<sup>t</sup>: Treacherous Tyrant Phaulkon but wheather they are living or murder'd or what become of their frigatt y<sup>e</sup> Pearle God knows but doubt the worst Certainly the King and Comp<sup>a</sup>: will never put up soe great & unheard of a villany as soe Inhumanly to surprize and destroy our people in Cold blood under the pretended security of a truce which instead of excusing; y<sup>e</sup> great and Base wretch impudently owns and vindicates the Action and tis also well known twas done by his private expresse order without the Kings Privietee; the Inocent Blood of these were 80 Strangled English Cryes allowd for vengeance and we doubt not but just heaven and our Masters will see it revenged in the mean time we intreat your directions what to act therin since the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have given us noe farther orders about Syam not having yeat heard of the wicked Tragedye.

Late Letters from Golconda from our vauceill tells us of y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls still being att Vizapooore and the King Golconda and Vizapooore still priwers with him and that the news of his sone Ex[p]ects from Pershia putts him to a great Consternation and that suddainly after the rains he designs to march the greatest part of his Army towards Ca[boo]ll and Candahar leaving the Government of these parts to [ . . . weloo] Cawn whome he has orderd to admitt noe [Pershia . . . his] Councill but send them all to his camp Least they [ . . . ] Prejudice but of these things you are better [enformed than we] Can be.

The french and Portugues we here [have . . . Phirmau[n]ds] from the Mogull for their settlement [ . . . ] parts according to the Sallabad and the [Priviledges enjoyed] in the King of Golcondas time, the [ . . . ] Generall att Pullicatt are also Providing [Ag . . . ] for the Mogull reported to be near 40000 Pag<sup>t</sup>: [in . . . ] Pallankeens Plate Jewells &c<sup>a</sup>: to be carryed upon [ . . . ] his second [by . . . ] which [ . . . ] The Mogulls Generall Phirmaund for their free settlement and trade but we belive he understands them better then to grant it; the French have only two Shippes from Europe this year and two men of warr gon to Syam, and the other 2 gon for Mergee, and a Countrey Shipp gon lately to the Bay with Mouns<sup>r</sup>: De Laudrees to negotiate their affaires there tis reported they have now full possession of the parts of Syam, and Mergee and are Carryng on great designs there.

The Portugues are much exalted from the report of the Mogulls granting them S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, which have put them upon many great expensive vaneties; and at last come to little or nothing; they having been three times [lacuna] of the Government since their late advancing their flagg and as often Cost them mony to the unreasonable Government, which will soon reduce them to a pore Condition having little trade to recruit themselves and we doubt not our next advices will acquaint you that we are in possession of that Government of S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma; having already the Sear Lascurs Cowll for it and only wait a fitting time to put it in execution.

Till we have some good security or the Mogulls Phirmaund for our peaceable secure settlement and trade we thinck not to return to our desolved ffactoryes: Metchlepatam and Maddapollam, and to save charges we have also recaled Pettipolee Cudduloor and Portonova only Continueing Conomeer to the southward and



Viziagapatam to the Northward which is indeed sufficient for our Present business which with our humble respects is what offers from

P.S.

This is duplicate of yo<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: by  
Cp<sup>i</sup> English by home comes the  
R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Packett &c<sup>a</sup>:

Yo<sup>rs</sup>:

idem

Your Excellency &c<sup>a</sup>:  
Most faithfull freinds and obedient  
servants

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JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
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THOMAS GRAY.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 20 SEPTEMBER 1688

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN STABLES CHEIFE

&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT VIZIAGAPATAM

We gladly received your[e] welcome letter of y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>: past y<sup>e</sup> 14 Ins<sup>t</sup>: for the good news it brought us of your successfull proceedings in your investment wherin we shall own your good service to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: and that you have ought done your predecessors as well in the quantety of Such Course goods as the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and our great tonnage requier as also in the dispose of your Europe goods wherin you exceed our expectation by their exteromary prices which we wish may not be a discouragement to the uses and vend of those Comodities which the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company are desierous to introduce at any reasonable rate being a nationall benefitt and service; but if you finde that an impediment you may moderate the prices, and oblige your Merchants when you [*lacuna*] by it; it being much more easy to fall [then to rise:] your complaint of the green cloth as a disagreeable Coulor in that Counte[ry is] just but you know the necessity we are under to proportion [them and the] reds three quarters of the Broad Cloth sent us ought these five [last years being] greens notwithstanding what we have by all oportunities [wrott . . . it] which occations soe great remains by us which we doubt [ . . . ] soe for the Merchants on this Coast will not be prevaill [with to . . . with] it and if yours resolve the same that you Cannot [dispose of it otherwise] you may send it up by the first oportunity with those [ . . . debited to] the place all the doubt we are under is you[r] Merch<sup>ts</sup>: [ . . . their] Contract but we hope yo<sup>r</sup>: assistance and encouragement [ . . . from to is] haveing mony sufficient to pay for what you [ . . . ] you shall not want more for another early investment [ . . . ould] have sent you now being well supplied but [that . . . convenience] are very dangerous the [ . . . examples] of and the other [ . . . ] may be assured of 20000 and therefore order your buisnesse accordingly looseing no time in the procurey of goods, and pray use your farther endeavours for a quantity of ordinary neckcloths since by what we have seen of y<sup>m</sup>: they may be made more acceptable and beneficiall to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company y<sup>n</sup>: on this Coast; your stript Bettelaes are also in good request in England.

Wee shall so be in great want of Gunney's ropes and kire since they are nott procurable here and we doubt shall be disappointed of them from the Bay; therefore pray encrease their goodness and quantity as much as you can sending them by the first opportunity, and since there is noe red wood procurable gett 2 or 300 Candy of the larger Ebbony you can, twill serve well for Quentellage, since the H: C: are in little want of salt Petre; and possibly your woody Country may afford Stick lack, if soe send 10: or 20 Candy for a Tryall.



You did well to resolve upon sending M<sup>r</sup> Fleetwood to treat with the Seer La[s]car, about accomodateing y<sup>e</sup> buisnesse of y<sup>r</sup>: trade, which wee hope he will effect well having had Experience in those affaires.

As for y<sup>e</sup> loss of y<sup>e</sup> Towne Government wee are nott much concernd att since itt has been hitherto only a Charge to the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C: though we were in hopes y<sup>r</sup>: carefull managery would have improved itt, and without you can have itt upon such termes, as will cleer it selfe, attempt itt noe farther if you can manage y<sup>e</sup>: buisnesse safely and well without itt since small Investments will nott bear the Charge and since y<sup>e</sup> Government is now under another we can expect noe benefit from it then freedome of trade; and therefore till we again rent it you are not [to requier] Custome or Consolage of any.

We have late news that the Mogull has sent His Gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirmaund to his Excellency att Bombay which made us desist prosecuting the procury of one from hence but have sent for an authentique Coppy of that sent to Surrat [which shall] be sent you when received as also all other Phirmaunds [ . . . ] Priveledges.

We approve [ . . . dismissing] the Bramenyas and any other [alterations that may] Conduce to the good of your trade and the R<sup>t</sup>: [Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies] advantage we must alsoe comend your [frugallity in retrenching] the charge of your Peons which [we hope you will] likewise doe in all other superfluous matters.

[When . . . ] oportunityes serve we shall send you a Couple of [ . . . ] you but we thinck [ . . . ] of which advise us in your next.

M<sup>r</sup>: Duboys complains of his want of Convenient accomodation if see pray lett it be remedied that he may live Comfortably and Contentedly and serve the Company well and Chearfullye but you must be as frugall therein as possably we have little news since your departure but the dispatch of the Defence and the James to the Bay and that we hope to dispatch the Bengall Merchant this month for England and a small Shipp for the west Coast when any of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies Shippis arrive with you from the Bay or elce where fill them up with grain or packin stuff rather then lett them Come emptey which is all that offers at presant from

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P.S.

upon the request of M<sup>r</sup> Oneels friends  
we permitt his Coming to y<sup>e</sup> Fort by  
next oportunity att his own charge.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE 20 SEPTEMBER 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHEIFE  
&c<sup>t</sup>: COUNCILL AT CONOMEER.

The expectation of hearing of your farther Proceedings in Conclusion of your Contract made us forbear answering yours of y<sup>e</sup> 8 and 10 Instant since we can by noe means reeced from y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company and our last orders about it: they will have noe more fine goods then they write for and we must not disobay and displease them to oblige your merchants avaritious humors, and if they will not serve our occation discharge them from their employs and your favor and protection; the Contract upon the settlement of them and y<sup>e</sup> place was to give six  $\Psi$ : C<sup>t</sup>: more for Europe goods and sell their Callicoos att six  $\Psi$ : C<sup>t</sup>: Less then these merchants in Consideration of their charge and Custome which they are now see much fallen from that they equall them in nither which we doe not

understand y<sup>e</sup> reason of except it be their rebellious obstinacy or base [avarise] which may prove their destruction.

And for your Portonova Merchants they appear as unreasonable in their insisting upon the old Contract since themselves broock it, as to time for which they ought rather to pay 25  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$  C<sup>t</sup>: for [ . . . ] disapoyntment then urge the benefitt of it now; and [for y<sup>e</sup> Europe] goods deliverd them they are little more then their agreed [provision] tho they exceed in fine goods therfore we shall allow [nothing more upon] that score then the Ballance of their accounts which [when we rightly] know shall be paid them; nor must the [Cuddalore Merchants] Carrye us where they please; and as it [appears . . . but] we thinck we have great demands one them [ . . . ] a most strange unreasonable entrey we finde in [ . . . ] received thence; which is that they are Crd<sup>t</sup>: for near 2,000 Pags: [ . . . ] one Europe goods above twelve months after they were [sold . . . ] and Charged to their account what the reason of it [ . . . ] comprehend] therefore pray enquire into it and [satisfy . . . are] also many other [irregularities . . . receive] a List of from the account which alsoe must be answered by you or M<sup>r</sup>: English that enterd them.

You did extreemly well to bring away y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup>. remains from Cuddulore ffactory as well to ease y<sup>e</sup> Charge as to secure them from [*lacuna*] and exaction [*lacuna*] it and now they are clear deliver up the house and withdraw all persons and Charges therin.

The wood sent by Cap<sup>t</sup>: English falls much short of y<sup>e</sup> number for which we forbear paying his freight till you satisfye us of y<sup>e</sup> truth of which he affirms he sent 2 boats ashoare at Conomeer which we much question since you mention nothing of it, M<sup>r</sup>: Cranwell Complains of his being wrongd in that account sent us but promises to state it rightly and make due satisfaction.

We herwith send you 1000 p<sup>a</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> Charges of y<sup>e</sup> ffactory &c<sup>a</sup>: which we hope will last you longer then y<sup>e</sup> last did else twill falle heavey upon an idle ffactory.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: forgot to send us any factors provisions this year and our Stock is soe small and noe supply in town that we cannot furnish you with much therfore you must make the best shift you Can till we have more.

Upon Closier of this we received advce of some unsufferable disorders in your ffactory to y<sup>e</sup> great dishonour and danger of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: affaiers and y<sup>e</sup> delay of their business which now requiers your greatest haste; we doe therfore hereby possitively order M<sup>r</sup> Symon Holdcomb to repair hither upon receipt herof which if he refuses to doe: that the Cheife doe send him to us with a sufficient guard of soldiers; or peons to prevent further mischeife and if M<sup>r</sup>: Devet Continues his Insolent rebellious carriage then we order the Cheife to Confine him in y<sup>e</sup> ffactorye till our farther order which is all from

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FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 29 SEPTEMBER 1688.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR  
EXCELLENCEY.

This accompanyes duplicate of our Generall of y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ]  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$  y<sup>e</sup> French conveyances as also y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup> Pacquett with what other peticular Letters we

received from England for you which we wish the safe delivery; they being more strickly recommended to our care than ususal; which made us rather make choyce of this surer Conveyance than those overland or by y<sup>e</sup> french would in probability have been.

This Ins<sup>t</sup>: arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Bowery from Atcheine via Bengall [ . . . acquainted] us he Left M<sup>r</sup>: John Hill and severall there upon y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . frigatt] we sent in September Last one y<sup>e</sup> Merge Exp[edition . . . ] were ever since detained there and at Syam; but [by . . . ] accident or stratagem he gott free we cannot Learne having [ . . . them,] only M<sup>r</sup>: Bowery tells us he hard M<sup>r</sup>: [Hodg. . . . 100] more englishmen detained prisoners at [Syam . . . ] treated, and the King of Syam or his [tiranicall . . . had sent] two embasedors or Envoys upon a french [ . . . ] but what theirs of [ . . . ] but when he arrives shall Satisfy your Excell<sup>ty</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: therin, and if not agreeable to honor and Justice we hope you will resolve upon some Cource to have satisfaction for the most barbarous murder of neare 80 of our Countremen most of whome were with a juditiall formallitye Cruelly Kild in Cold blood which greatly agravates the inhumanity.

We send you Coppy of our Bengall advice wherin you see their unhappy Condition is in little hopes of bettering but we hope this last expedition will have better success God grant it or send them all up hither till a more Convenient time for settlement or war.

This Ins<sup>t</sup>: we rec<sup>d</sup>: a short letter of y<sup>e</sup>: [lacuna] from Mess<sup>r</sup>: Harris & Ansley at Surratt advising that the mogull had Conceeded to your articles to y<sup>e</sup> grant of his Generall Phirmaund which was daily expected when it arrives we intreat a Coppye to Confirme our settlements and Governme<sup>t</sup> here and possibly in Bengall to they also doubtfully mention y<sup>e</sup>: Excell<sup>ty</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: being at open difference with y<sup>e</sup> [lacuna] Portugues which is Confirmed by those here; and that you designe a war upon [lacuna] and that in the attempt y<sup>e</sup>: Portugues kild 4 or 5 English and tooke 25 more prisnors but this sounds like one of their idle bravadoes, they also tell us of three gallions with a new Vice Roy, & 300 Soldiers arriv'd from Europe to Goa and one y<sup>e</sup> other hand we here that he designes to bring his Armye against Goa to take it but you that are nearer have more the Certainty of these storyes than we can have.

The Bengalle Merch<sup>t</sup>: is near laden and we hope to dispatche her in 4 or 5 days with a full and good lading God grant her a good voyage.

This day according to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: order and appoyntment in their Charter the Major oldermen and burgesses met at the ffort in due sollemnitye; where the Charter was read and deliverd to them by y<sup>e</sup> President as alsoe y<sup>e</sup> Maceese &c<sup>a</sup>: after which they were duly sworne to their severall charges and handsomely entertained withe a good dinner and all requisite to it after which they marcht in their gownds with great gravety and decorum to the towne hall to Confirme their new establishment and Consult the good of the Cittye which God grant it may redound to and that all the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Settlement and affaiers may be more auspicious and prosperous then forme[r]ly is y<sup>e</sup> petitione of

Your Excell<sup>ty</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>:

Most faithfull humble Servants

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVEIL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THO: GRAY.

To <sup>r</sup> WOBB<sup>ll</sup> : CHEIFE

FORT ST : GEORGE 21 SEP<sup>r</sup> : 1688.

&C<sup>a</sup> : COUNCILL AT CALLICUTT.

Wee were glad to here of your welfare by y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Merchant who arrived with us y<sup>e</sup> 13 aprill and is now dispatching for England this Comes by Cap<sup>t</sup> : Edward English and is Cheifly to accompany our Pacquett to his Excell and which we desier you to forward to them with all care and expedition it Containeth both Gen<sup>ll</sup> : and perticular Letters for y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>a</sup> : &c<sup>a</sup> : which we rec<sup>d</sup> : from England by Shipp Princess and Defence and undoubtedly are of great importance to their affaiers being recommended to us to be remitted the suddainest and safest way we could contrive which we Judg'd to be this sea Conveiance since y<sup>e</sup> : Roads are soe greatly infested that few of our Letters pass unrifled this with our respects is what offers from

Your faithfull affectionate frinds

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THO : WAVELL.  
WILL : FRASER.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
WILL : CAWLY.  
THO : GRAY.

FORT ST : GEORGE 21 SEPTEMBER 1688.

To THE CHEIFE &C<sup>a</sup> :

COUNCILL ATT RUTTERA.

Wee were glad to here of your welfare by y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Merch<sup>t</sup> : who arrived with us y<sup>e</sup> 13 aprill and is now dispatching for England this Comes by Cap<sup>t</sup> : Edward English and is cheifly to accompany our Packett to his Excell : and which we desier you to forward to with all care and expedition it containeth both Gen<sup>ll</sup> : and Perticular Letters for y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company &c<sup>a</sup> : which we Rec<sup>d</sup> : from England by Shipp [Princess] and Defence, and undoubtedly are of great importance [to their] affaiers being recommended to us to be remitted the suddain [est and safest] way we could contrive which we Judg'd to be this [sea conveiance since] the Roads are soe greatly infected that [few of our Letters pass] unrifled this with our Respects is what offers [from]

[Your] faithfull affectionate frinds

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JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THO : WAVELL.  
WILL : FRASER.  
WILL : CAWLY.  
THO : GRAY.

FORT ST : GEORGE Y<sup>a</sup> 21 SEP<sup>a</sup> : 1688.

To THE CHEIFE &C<sup>a</sup> :

COUNCILL ATT CARWARR.

Wee were glad to here of your welfare by y<sup>e</sup> Bengall [Merch<sup>t</sup>] who arrived with us y<sup>e</sup> 13 Aprill and is now dispatching for England this comes by Cap<sup>t</sup> : Edward English and is Cheifly to accompany our Packett to his Exce<sup>n</sup> : and which we desier you to forward to them with all care and expedition it containeth both

Gen<sup>l</sup>: and perticular letters for y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company &c<sup>a</sup>: which we Rec<sup>d</sup> from England by Shipp Princess and Defence and undoubtedly are of great importance to their affaiers being recommended to us to be remitted the Suddainest and Safest way we could contrive which we Judged to be this sea Conveighance since y<sup>e</sup> Roads are soe greatly infested that few of our Letters pass unrioleed this with our Respects is what offers from

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THO: GRAY.

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LIST OF FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE PACKETT OF BOMBAY.

- pp<sup>m</sup> N<sup>o</sup>: 28 The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: to Bombay  
N<sup>o</sup>: 1 Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George Gen<sup>l</sup>: dated y<sup>e</sup> 12 Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1688.  
2 Comission and instructions to Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Heath.  
3 Coppy of Consultations belonging to the Bengall affaiers.  
4 List of y<sup>e</sup> Court of admirallity fees.  
5 Coppy of y<sup>e</sup> King of Syams Declerations.  
6 Coppy of Bengall papers.  
Chuttanutta Gen<sup>l</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup> Fort dated y<sup>e</sup> 30 June 1688.  
D<sup>o</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Fort y<sup>e</sup> 27 D<sup>o</sup>:  
D<sup>o</sup>: Generall to Dacca dated y<sup>e</sup> 29 D<sup>o</sup>:  
Dacca Gen<sup>l</sup>: to Chuttanutta y<sup>e</sup> 22: D<sup>o</sup>:  
N<sup>o</sup>: 29 7 Coppy of severall Bengall papers 22 D<sup>o</sup>:  
A paper given to M<sup>r</sup>: Haggarston y<sup>e</sup> 15 Nov<sup>br</sup>: 1688 by M<sup>r</sup>: :  
Haggarston to indemnefy y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
Protest against Cap<sup>t</sup>: Consett.  
Bengall Generall to y<sup>e</sup> Fort dated y<sup>e</sup> 16 [ . . . uary] 1688<sup>7</sup>.  
D<sup>o</sup>: to R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: 16 D<sup>o</sup>:  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Consetts Protest against the [Agent &] Councill in y<sup>e</sup> Bay.  
Attestation of words spoken by Cap: [ . . . Co]nsett.  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: March his attestation.  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Bromwells Letter [ . . . ] Councill.  
8 Coppy of Bengall Gen [ . . . . . ] 20 Decem<sup>br</sup> 1688.  
9 Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George Gen<sup>l</sup>: dated [ . . . ] 1688.  
10 Bengall Generall dated [ . . . . . ] 1688.  
11 Dacca [ Gen<sup>l</sup>: . . . . ] 29 D<sup>o</sup>:

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FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup>: 21 SEP<sup>r</sup> 1688.

TO THE R<sup>t</sup>: WOR<sup>th</sup>: JOHN SHAXTON  
AGENT &C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT GOMBROONE.

After kinde congratulations & salutes to Agent Shaxton wishing him health and success in y<sup>e</sup> discharge of his employ as each of you in your severall places these are to acknowledge yours of y<sup>e</sup> 15 february y<sup>e</sup> Shipp Dragon who arrived here y<sup>e</sup> 17 Aprill foll: from M<sup>r</sup>: George Cook &c<sup>a</sup>: giving acc<sup>o</sup>: Currant due Crd<sup>t</sup>: for what rec<sup>d</sup>: one y<sup>e</sup> Bengall acc<sup>o</sup>: and Dragons freight which in y<sup>e</sup>: s<sup>d</sup> Letter mentions to be Chs: 1258 and y<sup>e</sup> Invoice 1268 but M<sup>r</sup>: Levissons acc<sup>o</sup>:



agrees with y<sup>e</sup> Letter and soe much we Rec<sup>d</sup>: of him we also send you Coppy of your Invoice & Shipp George where in you may be Satisfyed of its error which is rectefyed to your Crd<sup>r</sup>: the Invoice from Bengall was not sent us soe we cannot answer your desiers therein but shall advise them to send it you. Your Pershiane Ambassadors were y<sup>e</sup> occasion of great charge and trouble; and we doubt what Lent y<sup>e</sup> Syam Ambassadors on their score with their passagees &c<sup>r</sup>: will be very difficult to procure; but since it was done cheifly to oblige y<sup>e</sup> Persian King we hope he will be soe just and generouse to see y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and us paid what lent and furnished him at the Request of his Ambasadore we desier you would forward y<sup>e</sup> President letter to him tis to mind him of his obligations here and to make satisfaction for y<sup>m</sup> to you which we doubt not you will alsoe press which we wish success to.

We doubt not by next opportunity you will recrote the Ballance of y<sup>e</sup> Bengall Acc<sup>o</sup>: which have long Stood open for it.

The Dragon upon her arrivall here was soe out of repair as rendered inkapable of being Servisable to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and upon serveigh was cast, and attacht by y<sup>e</sup> sea men for their wagees and sold at a publike sale for pago: 2300, An Acc<sup>o</sup>: wher[of will] be remitted her owners by our Court of Admirall[ity and we are] extreemly sorry it proved soe badlye. We are very [ . . . that] Cap<sup>t</sup>: Willdyes mistake or mischarging should pro[ve trou]blesome but we hope y<sup>e</sup> delivery of the shipp &c<sup>a</sup>: [ . . . ] our Comission'd Cap<sup>t</sup>: occasion us much [trouble . . . ] our frends by bringing their shipp [ . . . ] way because they doe not the truth is [ . . . times] to affront and injure oure frinds [we . . . ] of them.

We shall [ . . . ] oblige you with our Consignment but [ . . . ] upon the Dragon that [ . . . ] first for y<sup>e</sup> little advice and assistance they gave young Mister Levinson in the dispose of their goods but Left it sooly to himselfe whereby undoubtedly they Sufferd for his inexperience the intent of Comission being for care and service then they have Comitted a great errour in charging Comission upon all charges even for freight and Consullage which being due to R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: was the duties to Rec<sup>d</sup>: in Consideration of their Sallaryes, then the proprietors may if they please pay the freight in spetie, on which there can be noe Comission from y<sup>e</sup> owners therefore if its due from any it must be from y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: which we Suppose you will not Judg reasonable or requesite to charge the Custome of India and your place has been to charge only Comission one y<sup>e</sup> net proceed of Sales only; which we shall willingly allow but no more.

Possible this may find our Shipp George at your Port since we here she unfortunately lost her voyage from China to Persia and winterd at Bombayne which we doubt will prove a great charge and disapoyntment to her owners; which we intreat you to relive by your Cordiall good advice and assistance to our people in the sale of her cargoe; and chargees and expencees thereon or we shall be quite discourag'd from another adventure she comes more particularly recommended to the Agent whose favor we desier therein as alsoe to y<sup>e</sup> bearer hereof Cap<sup>t</sup>: Edward English Comander of y<sup>e</sup> Tarter who also brings you a small cargo of Sugars &c<sup>a</sup>: tis his beginning and therefore pray encourage and assist him in all lawfull occasions being an inhabitant & famlyt [sic] of y<sup>e</sup> City we shall require y<sup>e</sup> Curtecy to yo<sup>r</sup>: Recommendations.

We wonder we here nothing thus late of the Nathanaell that came last year to you from y<sup>e</sup> Bay we conjecture noe other but that she has lost her passage or she would have undoubtedly arrived with us before this. When she comes directly hither pray send us 4 or 6 good [Com . . . young] horses.

Our latest news from England [was in] February last & y<sup>e</sup> new Defence when [all their . . . ] well as to the nation and Comp<sup>a</sup>: there is alsoe arrive [ . . . ] the Princess & 2 free Shippes y<sup>e</sup> James and [A . . . bound] for China the other for Mosombeque Coast.

[ . . . country] still Continues under y<sup>e</sup> [Calamity . . . ] the Savageans Still [ . . . warr] both in the duan and in the Cou[ . . . ] undoubtedly be a more diffult [ . . . ] both Viziapora and [Golcondah . . . ] here of Sultan [ . . . ] Persian King and

that he is one y<sup>e</sup> march with 30000 horse to invade his Fathers Territoryes in soe much that it has put the old Gentleman into a great consternation and tis reported that he is resolved after the raines to march with his Army towards Ca[b]ull and Canda[h]ore to supress rising sunn. Pray in your next give us some account of his Progress it having a great influence on this unsettled Country. Grain is still very scarce with us therefore pray you forgett not to send us a good parcell of wheat by y<sup>e</sup> first oportunity which with our respects is w<sup>t</sup>: offers from

R<sup>t</sup>: Wor<sup>th</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>:

Your most faithfull frinds to serve you

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHRIFF &c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL. FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 4 OCTOBER 1688.

The Conclusion of y<sup>e</sup> contract with your Merch<sup>t</sup> was welcome news to approving the termes thereof wishing it had been larger only you have not duly proportioned your Europe goods we having not Suffitient of those Sorts your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: requier there being not three bales of Scarlitt in y<sup>e</sup> Godowne nor near the quantity of Auroras which they make up in ordnary broadcloth Cloth-rashes Perpetuanoes and Corral than you mentione not the prises which must not be less then these Merch<sup>ts</sup>: give in any Perticular wherein we doubt you are in a great mistake about the Auroras those Sold them forme[r]ly being ordnary at 11 £ the peece and these now are 16£ & 17£: 10 <sup>p</sup> peece which is near 40 Pag<sup>s</sup> prime cost which you must acquaint your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: with, and Satisfye them in you did also well to breake of that ill began custome of the extravagant toshreefs of G [ . . . ] haines which we are sure the late Cheife &c<sup>a</sup>: had noe authority for and therefore aught to be charged to their acc<sup>ts</sup>: and that [you may] loose noe time in your Investment we now [send you ten thousand] Pagodoes by 20 Peons which we wish may [arrive . . . ] in safety the rest Shall soone follow when [we have news] of y<sup>e</sup> others arrivall.

ffor y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . proposall] we have nothing to object against [ . . . ] which as we often wrot you, we can by [noe . . . ] of, tis soe expresly against the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>ts</sup>: [ . . . ] if you can not perswade them to provide the [ . . . ] of goods required in the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company [ . . . them] farther, and for [ . . . ] Since they first broach it themselves and were supplied with mony when they requierd, besides you may remember, y<sup>e</sup> late condition was that noe more goods should be Recieved from them after July last, soe you nor they must not mentione any more of that but if they will not be perswaded to bring in their goods to Conomeer we are willing to accept them att Portonova upon the premention'd termes and not otherwise.

Gunnys &c<sup>a</sup> Packin stuffs are soe very scarce here that we cannot gett Suffitient for our owne use soe you must Supply your Selves in those parts we have wrott to the bay and Viziagapatam to be Supplied thence whence if any comes you shall Shair in them which is what offers from

Your faithfull affectionate frends

ELIHU YALE. ROBERT FREEMAN.  
NATT: HIGGINSON. THOMAS WAVELL.  
JOHN BIGGS. WILLIAM FRASER.  
JOHN LITTLETON. WILLIAM CAWLEY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: GOVERNOR OF POLLICATT. FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 5 OCTOBER 1688.

I was obliged by two of your kinde Letters with their enlosed to severall persons from Golconda the other from our Shipp att Trincomala whose comander advises me of y<sup>e</sup> great Kindness he Receives there; for which we are greatly obliged to his Honor the Comissary Generall to whome pray give my most humble thancks, and service I shall dispatch a Shipp for Europe within 5 days which if may be any ways Servicable to his Honour or your good selfe your comands shall be most welcome to

Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Your most obliged humble Servants

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JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVEILL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
WILLIAM CAWLY.  
THO: GRAY.

TO M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 19 OCTOBER 1688.

&c: COUNCILL.

The dispatch of Shipp Bengall which shee Rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 16 Ins<sup>t</sup>: but still in y<sup>e</sup> Roade upon her owne occations delayd our answering yours of y<sup>e</sup> 13 Ins<sup>t</sup>: aboute your Proposed Contract with the Portonova Merch<sup>t</sup>: wherein as with you the price of your Europe goods are too low and less than owrs and you exceed in the quanteties of fine neckcloths and Comzaloos 2000 of which will be Suffitient and more then y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: List which we must keep as close to as possibly; But you may instead thereof agree with them to provide 50000 ordnary red striped Neckcloths one y<sup>e</sup> best rate you can, & your Salampores must be all white-ned alsoe a quantety of single thredded cotten yarne pressing them to a greater Investment as alsoe your owne Merchants but if you cannot prevaile, we agree to the proposal; having now sent you tenn thousand Pagodoes to begin their Investment which they must be sure to conclude at the prefixt time or twill be little service to us; therefore the more to oblige them thereto, you must remember to incert y<sup>e</sup> 25 <sup>p</sup> C<sup>t</sup>: penalty upon failure; and before y<sup>e</sup> goods are redy for sorting we shall send you assistance for it you being very thinn & weake to carry on two charges; and we also must be att as little expence as possible what you want of Europe goods to make up their proportion send us a List of, and we shall send it them, and y<sup>e</sup> Silver by the next safe Sea oportunity except they apoynt the delivery of it to anny their correspondance here.

The Portonova Complaint about John y<sup>e</sup> Dutch butcher shall be duly examined and rectefyed by y<sup>e</sup> Justecees; The accomptant sends you M<sup>r</sup>: Wilsons acc<sup>o</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> Paddy also a list of severall irregular enteryes by M<sup>r</sup>: Davis and M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram in y<sup>e</sup> Last Bookes which we requier the Reasons of from him wee being greatly dissatisfied therein he also returnes M<sup>r</sup>: Cranwells acco<sup>t</sup>: you may clear M<sup>r</sup>: Wilcoxes Debt by our Acco<sup>t</sup>: Curr<sup>t</sup>: and we shall rec<sup>d</sup>: it here.

This comes by M<sup>r</sup>: Daniell Gyfford your apoynt'd Second; [wh . . . ] must respect accordingly delivering him y<sup>e</sup> Books and all [papers relating] to them giving what Convenient accomodations [y<sup>e</sup> . . . ] affords which is all <sup>p</sup>sents from

Your affectionate faithfull frends

ELIHU YALE.	ROBERT FREEMAN.
NATT: HIGGINSON.	THOMAS WAVEILL
JOHN BIGGS.	WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON.	WILLIAM CAWLY.
	[THO: GRAY.]

TO THE WORSHIP<sup>full</sup>: BENJAMIN BLOOMEFORT ST <sup>:</sup>: GEORGE THE 29 OCTOBER 1688.& C<sup>a</sup> : COUNCIL AT BENCOOLEN

Tw<sup>s</sup> most acceptable news [to] here of your health and greater prosperity ; and y<sup>e</sup> arrivall of y<sup>e</sup> Success frigatt in safety to you after soe dangerous & tedious a passage which made us very doubtfull of her. the Madrass frigatt narrowly escaping the storme with the loss of her [masts] and some of her men and goods but we hope She with the Royall James are long since with you and y<sup>e</sup> James dispatcht full laden for England which will be a most welcome service as that of the Rainbow was esteemed by y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>a</sup> : to your great Reputation and their encouragement to procecute their Interest and settlement one y<sup>e</sup> west Coast which by y<sup>e</sup> Almightyes blessing, M<sup>r</sup> : Bloomes care and Industry and that great reviving and protecting Geniows of Jenapatwan sent by good providence to espouse our Right & correct the insuperable inhumane wicked practices of the engroseeing Dutch, and doubtlesly heaven will severely reveng the Inocent Blood of the many worthy Persons and others: their trechery has soe basely murdered.

Your Gen<sup>l</sup> : letter of y<sup>e</sup> January we Rec<sup>d</sup> : from Bengall the success not being able to reach this Port proceeded thither where we hope she may be well repair'd and fitted for another voyage to you her cargo you shall be Crd<sup>t</sup> : for as also for y<sup>e</sup> stores and mony spared her ; we wish you could send us y<sup>e</sup> Priaman and Charles to repair before they are past it pray take it for a generall order to keep noe more vessells nor noe longer with you then there is an absolute occation for it being but destruction both to them and their men ; the Honorable Comp<sup>a</sup> : Direct that noe Europe Shipp be kept longer than 2 months which that you may be the more able to doe we shall send you what possible assistance we can procure and as often that our Correspondance and supplies may be frequent which is y<sup>e</sup> encouragement and life of trade and new settlements therefore on your parts you must endeavor it alsoe to your power.

We are also extreamely glad to hear of y<sup>e</sup> good quantety of Pepper by you [ . . . ] plentifull recourse to you which we hope has already given [ . . . ] a quick dispatch and will provide for y<sup>e</sup> many that [ . . . ] her, which trade that you may be y<sup>e</sup> better assured of [an . . . ] you must by all means and ways preserve [Jenapatwan . . . frind] shipp & Interest who appears now y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ] affaier ; therefore oblige him in all reasonable [ . . . ] to generows to make any others, [ . . . ] faithfull, and dilligent we refer y<sup>e</sup> mana [ . . . ] ment of y<sup>e</sup> new settlement, and what rela [ . . . ] our selves to resolve and act [ . . . ] for y<sup>e</sup> honour [ . . . ] and well esestablishing the pepper trade ; noe ways limiting or prescribing you either as to place or termes since such restrictions may be a great detriment to y<sup>e</sup> settlement considering y<sup>e</sup> circumstances we are all under and y<sup>e</sup> many Politick treacherous enemies we have to encounter ; all which being present and obvious with you ; it better enables you to Judg both of necesseties, and Conveniences ; & to resolve & act accordingly, and the Almighty direct and bless your Councils & actions, that they may redound to honor and benefitt of our nation and our R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Masters which you must be the more vigerouse in & animated to ; The Dutch every where designing & labouring y<sup>e</sup> engrosing the pepper trade to themselves as they doe y<sup>e</sup> Spice ; all we shall say on this affair is to give our opinions one what you write about Priaman & Bongoose ; and Jenapatwans charecter thereof seemes to prefer the latter for many good considerations which inclines us to doe soe to, beliving it may be affected with less trouble ; and charge ; but as before referr it to you, only if you settle at either place, we think twere best to withdraw all y<sup>e</sup> Companies servants and Concernes from Indriapore ; to Bencoolen as well to strengthen that in your absence as to ease y<sup>e</sup> great charge and trouble of that ffactory which has been of farr greater loss then benefitt to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>a</sup> : either by neglect of their servants or badness of y<sup>e</sup> place ; however you may leave some Black servants to keep Possession of the ffactory ; and to encourage the People either to send their pepper to Bencoolen or Bongoose according to y<sup>e</sup> Monsoone Indriapore lying betwixt both for we must undertake noe more settlements then we can well manage and defend, since to be defeted will be our discredit, & y<sup>e</sup> Peoples discouragement both which we must avoyd in althings as much as possible.



We send you transcript of our Articles with y<sup>e</sup> Orumkeys of Pryamand which we could wish you might better and improve those priviledges but we much doubt you [ . . . ] able to obtaine therein, however use your [utmost indeavour] for it but rather then break with [Janapatwan . . . ] that] you can thoe tis very poore for him to [ . . . ] revennues] and y<sup>e</sup> Company be att y<sup>e</sup> charge to defend [ . . . ] it; tyme many improve them and [give . . . ] oportunities; for we cannot expect [ . . . ] are well rooted but this certainly [ . . . ] when we lye under y<sup>e</sup> nourishment [ . . . ] of y<sup>e</sup> great Sultans protection who [ . . . ] espouse our interest faithfully [ . . . ] his frindship to us. [ . . . ] They certainly will omitt noe ways either to gain or destroy him.

Therefore he nor you can well expect any safety from them and their Engins without some fortification that may defend you and the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: concernes from surprize therefore what ever it Cost see that affected since o<sup>r</sup>: p<sup>re</sup>sent and future trade cheifly depends there on, this has been long the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: order and ours, and wherein we doubt you have been to remiss tho we also belive it proceeds from an erronious frugallity, and likewise for good Convenient Lodgins & necessaries for your selves and soldiers the want whereof we doubt has been fatal to many therefore pray delay it no longer upon noe pretence or excuse whatever, for which as we have see we shall Continue to supply you to our power by all oportunities and take it for a Judicious maxime, that sparingness or an over frugallity in essentiall matters that tend to security or encouragement, is ill husbandry in any new designe or settlement, especially such as are publickly good and nationall, besides y<sup>e</sup> [deth] of ten men, are realy of a more valuable loss then y<sup>e</sup> building healthy conveniences &c<sup>a</sup>: would Cost them and see forr Godowns too: to preserve their goods in for want whereof the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: comp<sup>a</sup>: have suffered much both by fier and weather.

And next to fortifying yo<sup>r</sup>: perswation of Chinees & other forrainers to cohobitt with you, will bringe many advantages to the place; from their force, and trade therefore pray invite all you can as we shall doe from hence and other parts.

We have great reason to belive M<sup>r</sup>: Gibbon very negligent or worse in y<sup>e</sup> management of y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: business at Indriapore, keeping or wasteing their treasure shippes stores and provitions, withought the least service from thence; therefore pray call him to a strict Acco<sup>t</sup>: that y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: be not injur'd by him or others there as also about the Concernes of M<sup>r</sup>: [ . . . ] other decesed p<sup>er</sup>sons advising how their severall [ . . . ] in their bookes or yours herering that [M<sup>r</sup>: . . . ] considerable Crd<sup>t</sup>: there M<sup>r</sup>: Woolhouse Inventory [ . . . ] are Rec<sup>d</sup>: which shall examined, and deli [ . . . ] here his 190 &c<sup>a</sup>: brought into the [ . . . ] Crd<sup>t</sup>: us for as we shall Acco<sup>t</sup>: Curr<sup>t</sup>: London [ . . . ] to his frinds in England.

This [ . . . ] William Rider master and brings [ . . . ] the] Hon<sup>ble</sup>: comp<sup>a</sup>: she is a new good shipp [ . . . ] be servisable tho [ . . . ] as your [ . . . ] keeping her with you; shee may stay as long as the Compa<sup>ns</sup>: business requiers her tho as before we shall now be often sending to you therefore y<sup>e</sup> shorter their stay are with you y<sup>e</sup> better twill Save our men and Shippes; by her we send you all y<sup>e</sup> assistance force stores provitions &c<sup>a</sup>: we can at present procure or spare the Invoice am<sup>t</sup>: you must Crd<sup>t</sup>: us for; The Companyes servants their names sallaries, and stations are as p<sup>er</sup> List, but for the disposall of them and employing we refer it solly to you and as your occations shall requier give all due encouragement according to their precedencey & merritt wherein you must first respect y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: mediate covenant servants since under bonds and security to them, tho we would have you countenance the others also who for their recommended good qualletyes we have entertained from our guards which favor we hope they will requite by their dilligence, M<sup>r</sup>: Milton we have entertained as a factor at 20£ a year upon his engagement of great reformation and dilligence which when you see the settled good effects of you may employ and prefer him according to his merritt, being a reasonable good accountant and Capable of business. Pray make strickt enquieries, & send us a true remonstrance of the nature, and occations of worthy M<sup>r</sup>: Ords & y<sup>e</sup> many other untimely [v]oyolent deaths; who there is to great reason to belive were murdered by y<sup>e</sup> Bloddy Instigation of y<sup>e</sup> Dutch as severall here from your parts have reported and conffirm'd



to us by two probable Circumstances. which possibly his Majesty & y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: may in due time requier as great satisfaction for, as y<sup>e</sup> Amboyna business.

By next shipp in January we shall further supply your desiers as far as we can, but are not provided to doe [ . . . ] att present but for timbers & board you say [they are procureable] att cheap rates at Indrapore and [ . . . many] also make Chinam in those parts [be . . . ] full a Cuntery of wood and stone and noe [ . . . too,] which may employ your slaves makin [ . . . materials] being very scarce and dere here [but . . . ] you cannot procure them we [shall . . . ] with more but hope what now sent [ . . . ] in y<sup>e</sup> accomodations.

We hope [ . . . by] the Madrass frigatt arrived to Jenap[atwan . . . ] & kind acceptance but considering [ . . . ] and service to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: [ . . . engage] him for [ . . . ] and desiers sent him a more Considerable present which we mentione not y<sup>e</sup> Particulars of in y<sup>e</sup> Presidents letter to him: referring it to your discretion to deliver all or what part of them you Judge convenient; or to reserve part for another occation, but soe order it that we may thereby oblige him constantly advising, what may be most acceptable and pleasing to him, it being our greatest studdy as it must be yours to engage his frindshipp firmly to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Interest, the good and safety of their affaires depending soe much upon him.

We now also dispatch y<sup>e</sup> Dorrothy frigatt for Attcheine Cap<sup>t</sup>: James Thwaites Comānder with 20 soldiers in quest of our enemyes the Syammers which we hope he will be succesfull in to the Bringing you a prize or two if soe we would have you lade & dispatch them, and [him] with pepper, as soene as possibly to us if you have noe urgent occation for him to serve you longer there, but tis y<sup>e</sup> Companyes order as before that you keep noe Europe shipp above 2 months if you can conveniently avoyd it.

The soldiers on her and the Bencoolen are sent for your assistance, and to reside with you, of whome pray take care; and give all due encouragement; since we finde it very difficult to perswade them to goe, and if things are soe dere with you that their usuall pay will not maintaine them, you must make it sufficient till provisions are more plentiful and you better settled, and by all shipp send us a List of your soldiers, and how and where they are employ'd, also y<sup>e</sup> names of all persons that dye in y<sup>e</sup> service as well those belonging to y<sup>e</sup> shipp as those ashore that we may remitt you accordingly. Soe wishing you health and prosperity we remayne

Worp<sup>u</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: most faithfull affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.

[NATT: HIGGINSON.]

[JOHN BIGGS.]

[JOHN LITTLETON.]

[ROBERT FREEMAN.]

[THO: WAVELL.]

[WILLIAM FRASER.]

[WILLIAM CAWLY.]

FORT ST: GEORGE 29<sup>th</sup>: OCT<sup>br</sup>: 1688.

TO HIS EMPERIALL MAJESTIE JENAPATWAN

SULTAN HAMMETT SHAW EMPEROUR OF THE

RICH & GREAT ISLAND OF SUMATRA y<sup>e</sup> MAURCANBA

& c<sup>a</sup>: TERRITORIES AND KINGDOMES APPERTAINING

THERETO: LONG LYFE, PEACE, AND HAPPINESS.

May it Please yo<sup>r</sup>. Majestie

Tho' I am a stranger to yo<sup>r</sup>: Majesties Person I cannot be soe to yo<sup>r</sup>: gloryes and goodness the world is soe much filled with their fame, the Eckoies of yo<sup>r</sup>: Praises Circulate and penetrate the most secret and remotest parts, and tis o<sup>r</sup>: greatest fortunes, and happiness to be blest with soe great shair of yo<sup>r</sup>: frendshipp and favor which tho wee cannot yeat Pretend any rights too but only y<sup>e</sup> leaning

pleasure of heaven and divine Providence, but it shall be our greatest studdyes, and endeavors, to merritt yo<sup>r</sup>: Majesties good opinion, and kindness, and we hope our people have deputed themselves with that due respect, and Civillity as becomes their duties and English men.

Yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie is well satisfied that we were courtuosly invited by your Priaman Subjects to come, and settle & trade in those parts and that we sought not them but they us coming voluntary to y<sup>e</sup> place where they were generously treated and used to their great contentment and satisfaction, they also made a Contract w<sup>th</sup>: me for y<sup>e</sup>: termes and priviledges of their Settlement, which I hope yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie will gratusly confirm to us, in consideration of y<sup>e</sup>: great charge y<sup>e</sup>: hono<sup>ble</sup>: Company have been at besides the many benefitts our peoples mony trade & shipping will yearly bring to yo<sup>r</sup>: Maj<sup>ty</sup>: & country by supplying you with all necessaryes for Pepper the yearly fruit of yo<sup>r</sup>: Countrey but we have privately sufferd so much from y<sup>e</sup> cruell wicked Dutch & their bad instruments, by poynsing and [burdening] our people, and burning & Robbing our goods that we were almost discouraged from settling, till [now your] Majestie appears for us both a generous faithfull frind [& protector] which cause being just and good we pray and hope [the Almighty will bless] and prosper yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie & us therein [and I in . . . ] will please to enquier strictly after [those . . . ] untimely destroyed soe many of o<sup>r</sup>: [people . . . undeserved] punishment.

[I have . . . ] to follow yo<sup>r</sup>: advice about a new [settlement or Pryaman] or Bungoose where I humbly [request you . . . ] and assist him, I have also wrott [him to . . . majestie] about affaiers wherein please to [ . . . yo<sup>r</sup>:] Majestie many thancks for [your King . . . ] your favorable acceptance [of a . . . ] Majestie will greatly oblige me ever to [ . . . ] and happiness.

[ . . . ] most faithfull obedient serv<sup>t</sup>:  
[ELIHU YALE].

FORT ST: GEORGE 24<sup>TH</sup> Octo<sup>BR</sup>: 1688.

TO HER ROYALL MAJESTIE THE QUEEN OF  
ATCHEINE & TERRITORYES THEREOF, FROM  
THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: ELIHU YALE GOVERNER OF  
MADRASS FOR Y<sup>E</sup> R<sup>T</sup>: HON<sup>BLE</sup>: ENGLISH  
EAST INDIA COMPANY.

By a shipp lately Arrived from yo<sup>r</sup> Majesties Port of Atcheine report enformes me of yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ties</sup>: displeasure against us for some small acts of hostility Comitted by o<sup>r</sup>: shippes upon our most treacherous Inhumane enymes the Syammers at or near the dominion of yo<sup>r</sup>: Ma<sup>ties</sup>: Port which was noe ways intended out of any disrespect or affront to yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie or to invade the Right of your prerogative, & when yo<sup>r</sup>: Ma<sup>ties</sup>: will please to here the insufferable wrongs & affronts done to o<sup>r</sup>: people & affaiers without any just reason or provocation, only desiering o<sup>r</sup>: owne that we lent y<sup>e</sup> King his Ambasadore & servants and that o<sup>r</sup>: people and concernse might justly, & peaceably depart his Countrey which contrary to all right & Laws of nations he refused and most unjustly detaines our due from us but notwithstanding all which injustices we from our good enclination to peace & (truth) endeavor'd al ways possible to bring him to a right understanding by fair means and thereupon sent two small shippes to Tenacery with frindly Letters to the king of Syam to doe us right, in y<sup>e</sup> ordering the payment of what mony we had lent him and his servants as appears by y<sup>e</sup> severall bills. Ordering our people to act nothing of hostility or unfriendly till they knew the Kings absolute pleasure therein, and accordingly made a Truce with the Governer of Tenacery for 40 days by which time the kings answer could be returned to them, & then to act accordingly but before the expedition of 14 days, on people living quietly and unguarded ashore suspecting noe rong or treacherous designe

against them) near 100 English were in y<sup>e</sup> night most barbarously surprised & murderd by the King of Syams servants, and as they reported by his order too; which is so notorious [wicked] and monstous a crime, as cannot be parraleld by y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ] barbarouse people nor excused or forgiven by any [nation what] ever, nor by y<sup>e</sup> Almighty himselfe who is all [ge. . . ] mercy, yeat requiers Justice and [vengeance . . . being] of Inocent Blood which I hope will [ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> Justness of o<sup>r</sup>: quarrell, & excuse y<sup>e</sup> [fault . . . harshness] in attac[k] in them in yo<sup>r</sup>: Port [ . . . ] provoked to by the many Imparaleld [Injures . . . rec<sup>d</sup>:] from them as also from that [ . . . ] ashore which threatned to take [ . . . ] after departure of o<sup>r</sup>: man of war [ . . . ] upon them which undoubtedly [ . . . ] Cap<sup>t</sup>: Having the Kings Comission for [ . . . ] with him but I shall trouble yo<sup>r</sup>: Ma<sup>ty</sup>: [ . . . ] wishes for your health and happyness [ . . . continuance] of your frindship [ . . . ] their affaiers & I shall be [ . . . ]

[ELIHU YALE]

FORT S<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>n</sup> 29 OCTOB<sup>r</sup>: 1688.

TO THE R<sup>t</sup>: WORP<sup>LL</sup>: JOB CHARNOCK

AGENT & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCELL.

The 23 last month brought us yo<sup>rs</sup>: of 21<sup>th</sup>: Aug<sup>st</sup>: last y<sup>e</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>: Bowery, yo<sup>r</sup>: promises gave us also hopes of one of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: [too], but none yeat appears.

Since o<sup>r</sup>: last we have noe more news from Surratt tho which advised you, but are in great [expectation] of a Coppy of y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls Phirm<sup>d</sup>: to the Gen<sup>l</sup>: , and we hope tis a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Phirm<sup>d</sup>: , & includes us all, or we have lost a great oportunity to provide for o<sup>r</sup>: selves, & you, but o<sup>r</sup>: Vekeel desisted upon the news of y<sup>e</sup> Phirmaund sent to Surratt, not to be at [a double] needless charge, & tis most certaine; they are best able having greater oportunityes at Bombay to reduce the Government to better termes their shipping and forreign trade in yo<sup>r</sup>: and these parts are very inconsiderable & those frightned into security. God send things well settled [lacuna] ways you lying at a vast expence to little purpose and tis o<sup>r</sup>: great wonder that y<sup>e</sup> Surratt stock soe long in yo<sup>r</sup>: hands should be invested in a tyme when there was soe great a plenty & cheapness of goods, if you had taken the season for it but to neglect it for near 18<sup>m</sup> till y<sup>e</sup> Dutch French & Portugues arriv'd to [heighten] the marketts is a strainge managery, espesually when the prospect of the Government & yo<sup>r</sup>: affaiers could give you noe hopes of a peaceable good accomodation & settlement & that you might from thence well Judg either a revenging & Continuance of the warr or a removall thither which y<sup>e</sup> Agent had Suffitient hints of, & if soe what necessity was there for buying goods at one place more then another since upon y<sup>e</sup> same termes of freedome and charge, then to fling more money away after a poore and hoop [ . . . ] treaty was as inadvised, but y<sup>e</sup> charge haveing been soly [ . . . ] titted to be acted by you, you can best satisfy yo<sup>r</sup>: [hon<sup>ble</sup>: masters] therein who certainly expected better effects [ . . . ] great encouragement to this fatall design.

Pray [ . . . ] large quantety of Packin stuff the [ . . . mortality] having destroyed most of those [persons . . . ] which makes those things very scarce [ . . . ] them o<sup>r</sup>: Investments signifye nothing [ . . . ffactoryes ] all wanting them.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: [ . . . ] his opinion & story twas Ma [ . . . ] of which are those proper for o<sup>r</sup>: [ . . . are ] to heavy for that use But [ . . . ] send them [their] being ma [ . . . ] & all sorts of boards and tim[ber . . . ] shippes compleat [their tonage] with [ . . . ] other goods, Provisions or grain nay [ . . . right] & is now scarce here [ . . . ] severall letters to us bo[ . . . ] & all their [ . . . ] And encouragement to the permissive trade we Possibly can; which they have engaged to y<sup>e</sup> severall adventures shall be duly performed by y<sup>m</sup>: & us which has occationed these free shippes Coming ought upon that designe &

they are under noe limitations, but may bye and sell what they will, and where they will, & we are obliged to countenance & protect them therein to o<sup>r</sup>: power which if you doe not but hinder or obstruct them you may be answerable to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: for the loss of freight & permission & y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors for their disapoyntment, and loss; the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: having obliged themselves to give them all fredome of trade and it may be [well] doubted we are not wiser then our masters, they well weighed their order before they gave it and when y<sup>e</sup> acco<sup>t</sup>: of Bengall demorage & dead freight is reckned they may possible finde the want of such permissive goods Cap<sup>t</sup>: Bowery tells us he offred to lade 50 or 60000 Rupees on y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>a</sup>: termes but was denyed which we wonder at it being soe possetively oposite to their Honours orders and desiers, and undoubtedly interest too; for who could imagine you could have any of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: stock remayning invested after soe many seasonable oportunityes for its dispose. And we wish tis not more from private interest or prejudice that has raised these simples to obstruct y<sup>e</sup> Private trade then otherwise which if you pleased might be managed without that destruction you make. By y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: orders by y<sup>e</sup> Defence you will see how possetive they are for a fortification or noe trade; therefore yo<sup>r</sup>: treatyes or contracts will not serve them & we must allow of their disposall of their owne when they say they will have it soe be the event what it will the Almighty direct your Councils & resolves for y<sup>e</sup> best.

If for warr to conquest if for peace an honourable secure settlement & trade, but if to come hither may it be with full laden shipp but if you cannott buy ought all your mony lett the first shipp which you must dispatch for Viziagapatam carry them about 10000 Surrat and Golcondah Rupees if Procurable or such as will pass there for the Investment.

Notwithstanding the Judgment of y<sup>e</sup> admirallty the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: charges upon Seymores shipp must be duly paid & Salvage too and if you have an absolute occation for her [you may continue] her in the service allowing what is [Just & reasonable] for it. The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: having [some . . . and] other stores att Pettipolee pray order one of o<sup>r</sup> [ . . . ] you to all there and take them in.

[Mr: Samuell Barron] having some acc<sup>ts</sup>: with the Comp<sup>a</sup>: [which . . . examination] in the court of admirallty [ . . . ] left the place which we have reason to [ . . . ] contrivance of Mr: Richard Gough [Supra cargo . . . ] and that he went upon her for Ben[gall . . . ] inquier into and if you find [ . . . ] to conclude his depending. [The . . . ] Bengall merch<sup>t</sup>: for England [God send . . . ] arrived the Dorrothy ffrigatt [ . . . ] great supply of 100 Pipes of [refined . . . news] y<sup>n</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> Defence Brought we [shall . . . ] Attechein & the west Coast and [ . . . ] with supply of men, mony, Prov [ . . . is] all that offers from

[ . . . frinds to serve you]

ELIHU YALE.

[NATHANAELL] HIGGINSON.

[ . . . ]

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN STABLES CHIEF

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 29 OCTO<sup>br</sup>: 1688.

&C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT VIZIAGAPATAM.

Our last was of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo by yo<sup>r</sup>: Peons since which have rec<sup>d</sup>: none from you but hope yo<sup>r</sup>: Investments goes on currently and will be redy for a shipp from Bengall that we have ordered to be with you early in Decem<sup>br</sup> and since their demorage was high wee must studdy always to repair that charge; therefore pray fill up all the shippes that come to you either with graine [packin] stuff tymber or any thing upon freight that may turne to acco<sup>t</sup>: & not keep them to long we greatly depend upon you for Gunnyes &c<sup>a</sup>: therefore be sure to supplye us.

The weather being clean and fair we dispatch not the Bengall Merch<sup>t</sup>: till y<sup>e</sup>: [*lacuna*] Ins<sup>t</sup>: God send her and her Passengers a good Voyage.

The Dorrothy frigatt arrived with us from y<sup>e</sup> Canaryes y<sup>e</sup> [*lacuna*] Ins<sup>t</sup>: with a good supply of wines whereof you may expect a considerable shair by y<sup>e</sup> first opportunity we are dispatching her & y<sup>e</sup> Bencoolen to west Coast in few days.

The Countrey & Government is still unsettled but hithertoo very fair with us we hope tis y<sup>e</sup> same with you but we have yett no farther news of the Mogulls Phirm<sup>d</sup>: from Surratt. God send it may include us and the bay and quietly settle the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: affaiers.

Pray lett us know what sort of Rupees are most Currant in yo<sup>r</sup>: Parts, and whether them or Pagodoes are best for yo<sup>r</sup>: trade that we may supply you accordingly and you may Possable have some from Bengall which is all presents from

Yo<sup>r</sup>: faithfull Affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.

NATHANARLL HIGGINSON.

JOHN BIGGS.

JOHN LITTLETON.

ROBERT FREEMAN.

THOMAS WAVELL.

WILLIAM FRASER.

WILLIAM CAWLY.

THOMAS GRAY.

FORT : S<sup>t</sup> GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 30 OCTOBER 1688.

TO MAHOMED SADICKE SRKRELL  
AT CONGEVEROM

The news of yo<sup>r</sup>: good health & fortune is alway [ . . . ] to me as for the towne rent mony I doe not deny [ . . . ] as its payment except Allumgeers out of his [great . . . ] generosity has been pleas'd to forgive it by his [ . . . ] sent to o<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: at Bombay, desiering yo<sup>r</sup>: forbearance [ . . . ] an authentique Copy thereof which [ . . . expected] to be sent us in a short time besides [ . . . ] well know, that we never paid the rent [ . . . ] of Golcondah or by his express Phirm<sup>d</sup>: [ . . . ] Nabob Assur Alle Cawne is coming [ . . . ] Countrey, with great Power [ . . . desier] yo<sup>r</sup>: Patience till his coming [ . . . ] obey his orders about o<sup>r</sup>: rent not [ . . . ] acquainted with o<sup>r</sup>: business and [ . . . ] us soe hoping a few days [ . . . ] and great friendship I wish you [ . . . ].

[ELIHU] YALE.

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> : 30 : OCTOBER 1688.

TO MADRANTA PONTULO ATT CONGEVEROINE

I thought our long acquaintance, and frindshipp, and the late kindnesses shewd you and yo<sup>r</sup>: famely would not have been soe soone, and easely forgotten since you may possablely have occation for it againe, I noe less wonder at your importuniye about the rent, as if I were unwilling or unable to pay it if due I only desierd forbearance till we knew Allumgeers pleasure in his Phirm<sup>d</sup>: to us besides you well know that by our severall Phirm<sup>ds</sup>: we were only to pay the rent to the King or by his spsiall order which we yett see nothing of however Asser-alle Cawn is coming nabob of this Countrey, I only desier yo<sup>r</sup>: patience till his coming when I shall readily obey his order about the rent beleiving he is fully acquainted with the Mogulls Phirmaund to us, when I shall act accordingly soe desiering the Continuance of o<sup>r</sup>: frindshipp I wish you all happyness,

ELIHU YALE.



FORT ST: GEORGE 9 NOVEMBER 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE &c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL.

Wee rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: of the [lacuna] advising yo<sup>r</sup>: forwarding y<sup>e</sup> Pag<sup>a</sup>: 10000 to Portonova, and lett it be yo<sup>r</sup>: gréatest industry to hasten yo<sup>r</sup>: Merch<sup>ts</sup>: to an early compliyanse with their Contracts the time being short, and hasty and the more to encourage them you may give them hope of another Investment when this is concluded; we have also sent them their due proportions of silver, and goods, & to each 2000 p<sup>a</sup>: more with one thousand for the charge of yo<sup>r</sup>: ffactory and soldiers [which] you must manage with yo<sup>r</sup>: greatest frug[al]ety & [ . . . ] Hon<sup>ble</sup>:] comp<sup>a</sup>: charges now in India we doubt [ . . . ] which must be o<sup>r</sup>: great consideration [ . . . ] for their comfort, and our reputation [ . . . ] will in few days bring you the [ . . . ] invoices and bills of lading that for [Con . . . a] shore the other to Portonova [ . . . sent] severall Persons assistance [ . . . ] be employ'd accordingly you [ . . . ] Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>:] list of goods sent to you of [if a . . . upon] any alteration [there . . . ] and not see much in [favor . . . ] our duties & Consienies are [obay . . . ] yo<sup>r</sup>: next send us a list of your [Soldiers . . . any] fugitive & doubt [you keep them to a strickt] comānd and duty [which is all that offers] from

[ELIHU YALE &c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL].

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 13 NOVEMBER 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE &c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

This comes by Shipp delight with our goods and treasure for your and the Portonova Merch<sup>t</sup>: to the Am<sup>o</sup>: of Pag<sup>a</sup>: 25199:6 which lett be deliverd them as soone as possible that they may the earleer conclude their contract and you gett the goods in readiness for the first shipp that comes to us for England and that you may not want assistance to yo<sup>r</sup>: business we have at presant [sent] M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Bett M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Owen M<sup>r</sup>: Levison to Portonova to be employed in the bookes and measuring and sorting the cloth also M<sup>r</sup>: Charleton M<sup>r</sup>: Price for the Comp<sup>a</sup>: service at Conomeer and [p]ray see they mind their business. As to what you writt us in yo<sup>r</sup>: of the 5 Ins<sup>ts</sup>: about the Portonova Merch<sup>t</sup> offers of Providing those severall other goods to which we answer that we approve of their single reeld cotten yarne at reasonable rates; which make as cheap as possible and as large a quantety sending us a muster thereof that we may Judg of the service.

But for the rond peper wee cannot meddle with it at that rate y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: having limited us to 17 p<sup>a</sup>: p Candy and not to exceed it upon noe pretence whatever; see that if you cannot procure it at that rate proceed noe farther in but toe be bought soe, engage for 500 Candy if procurable and for the Indigo tis the same sort forme[r]ly sent the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: which they much complaine of for its Courseness requiering a much finer sort, which if you can meet with send a muster thereof & its price, and we shall send it the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: for their approbation but they absolutely forbid this sort figg Indigo telling us its only fitt for Postpainting. You did well to provide for the Bencoolen necessities and the french were also frindly in it but she apperes not yett tho the Dorrothy that sail'd out with her at the same time is arrived; but we here her to be about Sedraspatam and have sent her succours. We have sent you what ffactors provisions of Paper &c<sup>a</sup>: we have or can procure but for wheat [ . . . soe extream scarce] & dere that you must continue [ . . . ] of rice and Pellowe till we are supplied [ . . . will] be suddainely.

Pray see the acco<sup>t</sup>: [ . . . ] that we may not want them to bring  
[ . . . ] also satisfie us about those notorious [ . . . ] acco<sup>t</sup>: that we  
may rectefye them [ . . . by next] shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: is all y<sup>t</sup> offers from  
[your faith] full affectionate frinds

ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
[WILLIAM] CAWLY.  
[THOMAS] GRAY.

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>B</sup>: 13 NOVEM<sup>BR</sup>: 1688.

TO HIS EXCELL: S<sup>R</sup>: JOHN CHILD BARR<sup>TT</sup>  
GENERALL FOR THE R<sup>T</sup>: HON<sup>BLE</sup>: COMP<sup>A</sup>:  
AFFAIERS IN INDIA & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCILL.

Our last was by Sloop [*lacuna*] which accompanied the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
Generall and severall other letters to yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell & c<sup>a</sup>: which we hope were  
seasonably received; since which is arrived the Dorrothy frigatt with Soldiers and  
stores, and the lateness of y<sup>e</sup> season not permitting her to goe to Bengall  
Tenacery or Pegue, we therefore design her as soone as unladen for Attcheine and  
the west Coast where we hope she will gett a Syam Prise or a lading of Pepper  
which is the best way we can employ her, to defray her Demorrage. The 16 past  
M<sup>o</sup>: we dispatch<sup>t</sup>: the Bengall Merch<sup>t</sup>: for England with a cargo of Pag<sup>a</sup>:  
116998-7. God send her a welcome arrivall [to] o<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: masters; and her  
passengers President Gyfford M<sup>r</sup>: Lucas, and severall others well home and we  
hope to dispatch a shipp or 2 home in January if o<sup>r</sup>: Bengall frinds give us  
any assistance otherwise our last remedy for lading is the west Coast whether  
we are dispatching a small shipp with assistance stores and other supplies they  
requier; M<sup>r</sup>: Bloome & c<sup>a</sup>: giving us greater hopes of a Prosperous settlement  
then ever; The great Manocobba Emperour takeing them and their affaiers under  
his peticular care & protection which allredy is a great benefitt and security to o<sup>r</sup>:  
People, and trade the Dutch and their instruments not daring to appear against  
us; or act those inhumane trecheryes they secretly practiced upon o<sup>r</sup>: people and  
Concernes. The Emperour Jenepatwan offers to settle and forfeite us where we  
please on Sumatra and particularly Proposes Bengeose which we have approved  
of and accordingly orderd M<sup>r</sup>: Bloome & c<sup>a</sup>: to settle it being a place well recom-  
ended for trade and situation; The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: also from this encouragement  
have taken new resolutions to procecute that designe and to spare noe  
charge [from] England or hence to promote and cultivate [ . . . ] in  
those parts, The Dutch on the [ . . . ] always possible to engrose the pepper  
[ . . . ] been to succesfull therein, [but . . . ] force & polittiques  
can never [attain . . . previously] dispersed in India.

Wee [ . . . in] hopes to send you some Bengall [ . . . ] yett  
wee take this opportunity [ . . . ] them some time longer in exp[ . . . frinds]  
from Bengall may [ . . . ] suddainly to advise their Proceed [ . . . currant]  
may be to the honour [and . . . ].

These parts of [ . . . Governments] are still unsettled and [ . . .  
chainging] their Gov<sup>rs</sup>: and [ . . . the Maratteas] in the [Chengy. . .  
strengthening] them [*one line lost*] which they have hitherto done with great  
advantage upon the Mogull; surprising & Plundering their Cheifest townes so  
that betwixt them, the few and pore Inhabitants the gredy famin has left, are so  
harrest & oprest that all trade is almost quite ruin'd; three quarters of the  
most usefull handicrafts being dead and removed soe that we find it a great  
difficulty to perswade our Merchants here, and at other factories to undertake

any Investment, there being soe much Dainger & trouble therein soe that o<sup>r</sup>: Complaints are for an over pluss stock rather y<sup>n</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> want of any but we shall use our utmost endeavors to improve it for the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: greatest advantage and the lading y<sup>e</sup> great Tonnage upon o<sup>r</sup> hands.

As to this place thancks be to y<sup>e</sup> Almighty we still live in peace, and noe apparent danger of an alteration, tho we some times receive huffin letters from y<sup>e</sup> Camps but more from designe of Pishchases then other Injury but they gett nothing from us but fair words and notwithstanding o<sup>r</sup>: many Calametyes & dulnes of trade we have soe Improved the Citty revennues that this last year has exceded any formers by Pag<sup>a</sup>: 25900 and doubt not their Improvall as trade betters for it can scarcely be worse o<sup>r</sup>: Corporation also for its time is well establish'd & approved by y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants who are well plesed to shair in y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>mt</sup>: and undoubtedly will freely contribute to its charge tho we are yett Cautious of pressing upon their necessetyes least it provooke their Clamours to draw more Country troubles upon us or make them leave y<sup>e</sup> Place.

Noe farther news from Syam then what we had of M<sup>r</sup>: Hills Coming to Attecheine upon the Pearle ffrigatt and that whilst there they quarrelld with a Syam sloop mañd with French and forced her to Cutt and runn ashore takin her Cap<sup>t</sup>: Prisoner which act of hostility in her Port has soe greatly [offended] the Queen that she imediately confin'd all [y<sup>e</sup> English . . . ] who Continued soe till the Pearls [departure . . . ] intended hither but suppose she is [ . . . ] tho we have noe Acco<sup>r</sup>: of this action [ . . . ] twas occasioned by y<sup>e</sup> french [threat . . . English] vessells after his goeing where [ . . . ] to Know if she would protect them [ . . . ] for answer that the Siam [ . . . ] liberty in her Port which the [ . . . ] of our ships had taken [M<sup>r</sup>. . . ] as obliged to destroy them that [ . . . upon] onswedd[*sic*] the fray w<sup>th</sup>: the [ . . . ] Letter to the Queen representing [ . . . ] we have had to make war [ . . . ] abuses and injuries [ . . . ] which we hope will [ . . . ] has fitted out two [*one line lost*] and take our China Shippis but we hope they will be two many for them espesually if they joyn their forces as ours was ordered from hence.

We lately rec<sup>d</sup>: our mony from our Egibd from Golconda who has holy [*sic*] desisted prosecuting the procurey of a Phirm<sup>d</sup>: soe that our dependance is upon yours not in the least doubting but we and all the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: places and affairs are included which is all at presant from

Your Excell<sup>t</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>:  
Most faithfull frinds and  
servants  
ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

FORT ST<sup>r</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>r</sup> 30 NOVEM<sup>br</sup>: 1688.

I enjoy good health and shall be glad to here the like from you; the frindly letter you wroitt me I rec<sup>d</sup>: but your horsemen being well satisfied with the contents thereof wherein ordering the payment of 1200 pag<sup>a</sup>: [rent mony] to them which I must acknowledge [ . . . but did never] pay it without a discharge [ . . . which] as soon as I receive a Pherwanna [ . . . Cawn] I will readely Submitt soe [desiering our continued] frindshipp I wish you all happ [yness . . . ].

[FORT ST:] GEORGE 30<sup>th</sup>: NO<sup>th</sup> 1688.

I enjoy good health [and shall be glad to here] the like from you; the frindly [letter you wrott me I rec<sup>d</sup>: but] yo<sup>r</sup>: horsemen being well [satisfyed with the contents] thereof wherein ordering [the payment of 1200 pag<sup>r</sup>: rent money to them [which I must acknowledge but did] never pay it [without a discharge which as soon as I receive a Pherwana . . . ulla Cawn] I will readily submitt soe desiering our continued frindshipp.

I have here enclosed Madenanantos rec<sup>d</sup>: and according to your desier have sent you the 12 bottles of wine which I desier your Acceptance of.

ELIHU YALE.

FORT ST: GEORGE PR<sup>a</sup>: DECEMBER 1688.To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKSCHIEFE & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL.

The 26 past brought us yours without date advising the takin ashoare what consign'd you by shipp Delight and her dispatch to Portonova where we hope those there will soe well manage the business as to complete their contract in due time and that your Merchants will exceed it having had more time for it; you should have concluded the Acco<sup>s</sup>: with the Portonova Merchants before you had paid y<sup>m</sup>: any mony upon the new Contract to have avoydded future pretentions and disputes which you have to much argued for them, we having much more reason to complain of their delays then they of our noncompliance with our Contract besides many other unhard of allowances as that of the loss of cloth at the washers which both here and all other places fals upon the Merchants or them, then y<sup>e</sup> strange abatements upon goods sold them twelve months before, upon p<sup>r</sup> tence of y<sup>e</sup> Merch<sup>ts</sup>: returning them after that time, w<sup>ch</sup>: they could not justifi [ . . . ] if sold them and charge to their acc<sup>o</sup>: then the not complying with their Contract as to the sorts of goods exceeding in the fine to their great advantage and the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: prejudice, these are such enormous errors or wrongs that must be rectefyed somewhere by a reasonable satisfaction, which we mind you of that you may not fall [in . . . ] which we strictly warne you from we [can . . . merchants] noe interest for the ballance [of . . . ] ready upon demand besides they [ . . . ] of Europe goods to the mony p<sup>d</sup>: them [ . . . ] mony for their goods which you [ . . . ].

You [ . . . ] of single Cotten yearne being [ . . . ] but for the Pepper and Indico we [ . . . ] they come much cheaper an [ . . . ] ill effect.

The [ . . . ] Merchants are viz<sup>t</sup>: Scarlet at 52 aurore [ . . . ] perpetuanoes fine at 12 y<sup>e</sup>:  $\frac{1}{2}$ : p<sup>cc</sup>: [ . . . ] 10 p<sup>ca</sup>: Silver 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ : dollars p<sup>ca</sup> 10 [ . . . ] according to their form [ . . . ] but lower you must not fall our merchants paying great customes to the Company both for what they buy and sell; and are at greater charge in bringing their goods hither (by Juncans and distance) which duly considered they gett less by their trade then yours espesually since our late abatement on their Callicoos; before we allowed of any Contract with your Merchants you and they well know we had not 5 bales of fine good broadcloth, therefore an idleness to except or mention it now, and you seem to much to indulge and espouse them and their interest to argue for them, you must suppress such scruples in their beginning least they grow upon you.

We approve of John Price his being steward provided he be frugall and faithfull therein and lett the Purser and him send us their acco<sup>s</sup>: as soon as possibly that we may be satisfied of your expences since your mony [flees] so fast which will fall heavy on your small investments therefore you must advice them at Portonova to frugallity too.

You must keep your soldiers strictly to their duties to prevent their idleness or flying and now you are settled in the nature of a Garrison you must allow

them only the pay they Rec<sup>d</sup>: here and soe for those sent to Portonova only paying their travelling charge. We shall peruse and duly consider M<sup>r</sup>: Ingrams reply to the accomptants exceptions and act accordingly.

We should have sent you a supply of mony but that the wayes are very dangerous and [troubulous] to travail but shall send you 1000 p<sup>o</sup>: by the first [sea conveyance] or sooner if the ways mend.

We are in great want of bricks and chinam to send to the west Coast the mortallity in these parts being soe great that they are both scarce and [dere therefore] doe you provide and engage for 4 or 500 p<sup>a</sup>. of each to be [ . . . ] the next oportunity for which mony shall be [ . . . ].

Our merchants having [ . . . ] their Invest<sup>nt</sup> near your Countrey [ . . . ] intercept their goods coming [ . . . ] permit their securing them [ . . . ] con]veyance offers we gratefye [ . . . ] them Godown rome for [ . . . ] her.

Widdowe Grugfeild [ . . . ] the payment to her husband [deceased . . . ] and make good to her or her [ . . . ] from you if the Ben [ . . . ] &c<sup>a</sup>: supply their occ[upation] . . . ] whilst [one line lost] she staves lade what bricks Palmeers Chinam you can procure advising us & M<sup>r</sup> Bloom &c<sup>a</sup>: thereof which is all that presents from

Your faithfull affectionate friends

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THO: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

P.S.

One Narran Chitte late Conocopy to your factory in M<sup>r</sup>: Wilcox time complaines that there is wages due to him from the Company which if you find soe upon examination lett him be paid.

I<sup>d</sup>: E: Y&c<sup>a</sup>:

FORT ST: GEORGE 1<sup>st</sup> [lacuna] DECEMBER 1688.

To M<sup>a</sup>: JOHN NICKS  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL.

Tis our dutye to mind you of yours and more p<sup>t</sup>icularly these troublesome hard times to press your care and dilligence therein findeing business every where backward and incumbered nor must you trouble your selves with the repetitions of your merchants dialogues we know well their circumlocutions and plausible pretences and stories to gain their ends but you must only abstract the Substantiall part for us your representing the other trash given it Cr<sup>dt</sup>: and makes it appear yo<sup>r</sup>: beliefe and soe argue for it which you must avoyd for the [future].

Your merchants are very unreasonable to refuse [giving] the same price ours doe for the Europe goods [since their] first settlement they are obliged to give more [and your . . . ] Letters tell us the Silver and Corral were agreed soe [ . . . ] which if they refuse lett them immedeately upon [re . . . ] returne our mony and goods and discharge [them . . . service] they are impudent unreasonable [ . . . ] better to be without their small in [ . . . ] to be abused by such base fellows.

[ . . . ] the Portonova Merchants [ . . . ] doubt] not you will also perswade [ . . . ] one [ . . . ] Europe goods to that Pag<sup>r</sup>: 2007: 31: 4 [ . . . ] ad] justed. Continue your endea[vours] . . . ] quantety of bricks and chinam [ . . . West] Coast it being very scarce [ . . . ] quantety of fier wood [ . . . ] and [cheap] with you and keep [ . . . in case] of



troubles here that [ . . . ] you may lade [ . . . ] shall touch at if your merchants will not procure the cotten yarn requierd procure others that will which certainly can be noe great difficulty great quanteties being made in those parts.

I will not be worth the while to build a new Godown for the accomodation of our Merchants goods lett them doe that themselves but if you can otherwise assist them without charge pray doe. You must examin well and take attestation of the damage of the aurora sent you and make the Merch<sup>ts</sup>: a proportionable abatement for it.

We approve the order of your people at Portonova but you must hasten them and those merchants to a performance of their Contract which it seems they are very backward in; and since they are in soe great want of a Dubash to assist them in that & with the Government; we have therefore entertaind Samson for that service at the usuall Sallary of that place 50  $\text{P}$  annum who is experienced in that business.

A reasonable Pishcaish cannot be avoyded given to the Avaldore but they must be as frugall therein as possably & in all other matters that their charge runs not to that height as formerly but that it be moderate [to] what is necessary & convenient only; but some [show] being necessary you may allow them one [flagg . . . ] & 2 Trumpets and noe more else the Government [ . . . small] notice of them.

We observe [ . . . ] for want of liquor which we [ . . . ] with before Christmas [ . . . ] your business. We find [ . . . ] at Portonova which if you [ . . . ] ought to pay him. We [ . . . ] with money but that [ . . . ] Mogulls and [Morattaes . . . ] and severall of our [ . . . ] send you 3,000 by a [ . . . ] you may returne [ . . . ] also furnish you [ . . . ] boat which is a [ . . . ]

FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>R</sup>: 12 DECEMBER: 1688.

To M<sup>r</sup>: RALPH INGRAM &<sup>CA</sup>:

RESIDENT ATT PORTONOVA.

We Rec<sup>d</sup>: yours of y<sup>r</sup> [lacuna] Ins<sup>t</sup>: with our Bengall letters and [now] returne your peons Pray take all care and dilligence in hastning the Investment the Rochester being already here and dayly expect more shippis from the Bay; & the want of your Tonnage will be a great disapoyntment to us which can never be excused your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: You must also be very frugall in your charges & expences that they exceed not what is necessary and to encourage your industrious services and cheer your complaints we shall suddainly furnish you with a comeftorable Supply of liquor observing in your letter to M<sup>r</sup>: Nicks & your great want of a Dubash to assist in your business with the Government & your merchants we have therefore entertained Samson at the usuall Sallary of fifty Pag<sup>s</sup>:  $\text{P}$  anfi: who is well experienced therein. as to other matters we reffer you [to] M: Nicks &<sup>CA</sup>: & Remayn

Your affectionate friends

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB: FREEMAN.  
THOM: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THO: GRAY.

[ . . . ] was lately honoured & obliged [ . . . ] obliging kind letters, by your [ . . . ] from the Comtander of our Ship [ . . . ] whose] kind assistance from your [ . . . ] favourable Commands I cannot [ . . . ] be always ready to requite [ . . . ] of those Parragrafes from the [ . . . sary] Pitts by President Gyfford [ . . . truly] renderd into your lan [ . . . ] notwithstanding what is [ . . . ] in justice assure [ . . . ] interlopers transact [ . . . ] Portonova or Cuddalore and forced them down to Bengall where I doubt they were to much favored by that interest nor did they at their returne effect any thing but at Dorumpatt and Covelan which was by the Duans and Lingaphaes assistance & authority tho I believe some of the interlopings factions by what they write had hopes of assistance from those they mention upon presumption of their Perticular old acquaintance in india but realy I know nothing of any effect it had with them.

Your Honours last letter greatly obliges me by the generous assurance of your [hon':] continued continued frindshipp to o': affaiers which shall ever be most gratefully acknowledged and retaliated upon all occasions your hon': shall comānd me in being very ambitious of your honours frindly Correspondance and to be esteemed

R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>:

Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: most obliged  
faithfull Servant  
[ELIHU YALE.]

Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in y<sup>e</sup> City of  
Madrass the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1688.



ADDENDA.

[From the Factory Records, Fort St. George, Vol. XXI.]

Page 1 *supra*, lines 16 to 28.—For “To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN NICKS &<sup>ca</sup> OF CUDDULLOOR  
w<sup>ch</sup> is [ . . . ]”

Read—

“FORT ST: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 23 FEBE. 168<sup>7</sup><sub>8</sub>  
“To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN NICKS CHIEF &<sup>ca</sup>:  
OF CUDDULLOOR.

Wee rec<sup>d</sup>: Sev<sup>ls</sup>: with y<sup>e</sup> Goods Sent us by y<sup>e</sup> Curtana and Maddrass frigatt w<sup>ch</sup>: came very oppertunely for the Beauforts Ladeing pray hasten y<sup>e</sup> rest of your Goods by y<sup>e</sup> first oppertunity that Presents hither as well to Secure them as to be in rediness for an early Shipp wee design in April or May for England and tho we are very low in Cash yet that consideration and your many complaints for want of it for y<sup>e</sup> concluiding your investm<sup>ts</sup> we have Prest our necessities to Supply you by this Shipp Maddrass Merch<sup>t</sup> Christop<sup>r</sup>: Fox Master and have sent for y<sup>e</sup> Porto Nova and Cuddulloor Merch<sup>ts</sup>: Pag<sup>ts</sup>: 10000 w<sup>ch</sup>: credit us for and divide Proportionably to them first delivering them their due proportions of Europe Goods Least they refuse or dispute it afterwards & that we may be satisfied how their Acco<sup>ts</sup> stand, send us them duely stated, as to what am<sup>t</sup>: of goods they have brought in to y<sup>e</sup> mony & Europe Goods they have Rec<sup>d</sup>: at both places, w<sup>ch</sup> make up w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup>: befor you deliver any mony to Prevent Errours of each side (thes troublesome Times) and conclude as soon as Possibly that we may at least eas y<sup>e</sup> charge of one of thes Factoryes w<sup>ch</sup> is all Presents from Your affec<sup>t</sup>: Faithfull Friends

ELIHU YALE.  
JOHN GRAY.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THOMAS WAVELL.  
NAT: HIGGINSON.  
W<sup>m</sup>: FRASER.”

Page 2, lines 1 to 7.—For “FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBE 168<sup>7</sup><sub>8</sub> [About three lines lost] more observeable . . . graunt”

Read—

“FORT ST. GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBE 168<sup>7</sup><sub>8</sub>.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY S<sup>r</sup> JOHN CHILD BARR<sup>TT</sup>:

GEN<sup>LL</sup>: OF ALL Y<sup>e</sup> ENGLISH FORCES ATT SEA & LAND  
IN EAST INDIES AND PRESIDENT FOR Y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: HON<sup>BLE</sup>:

COMP<sup>AS</sup>: AFFAIRES IN BOMBAY & C. COUNCILL.

Our last was of y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> past & pr<sup>im</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: by a French Conveyance as this also comes w<sup>h</sup>: wee advis<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> full of Accourrences in those Parts to that Tyme Since w<sup>h</sup> has hapned little more observeable then the Beauforts arrivall from Bengall with advice of their continued unsettledness and Doubts of y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>mt</sup>: Compliyance w<sup>th</sup>: their articles of Peace. But Or Vaqueel at Golconda gives us hopes of Procureing the Mogulls Gen<sup>l</sup> Phirm<sup>d</sup> for all y<sup>e</sup> English Settlem<sup>ts</sup> upon better Terms then ever w<sup>ch</sup> God graunt.”

Page 2, lines 24 to 37.—For “To M<sup>r</sup>: JOHN WILLCOX . . . is all from”  
Read—

“FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE Y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> FEBE: 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.”

“To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN WILLCOX CHIEFE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

We rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup> In<sup>st</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> first yo<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Books of acco<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> being sent home you must Send us their Coppyes for o<sup>r</sup> perusall here and hasten yo<sup>r</sup>: others as soon as Possibly to Adjoust Acco<sup>ts</sup>: with your Factory w<sup>ch</sup> are much behinde hand.

Yo<sup>r</sup> other letter per y<sup>e</sup> Trivelcane w<sup>th</sup> your bales and Baggs of Indico, w<sup>ch</sup> came too late for y<sup>e</sup> Beauford having dispatcht her two dayes before for England very near full her Cargoe Am<sup>o</sup>: to Pag<sup>es</sup>: 148400 w<sup>ch</sup> the Almighty send safe to our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters. Pray hasten y<sup>e</sup> conclusion of yo<sup>r</sup>. Investment to be ready for an early shipp in Aprill or May sending us y<sup>e</sup> goods by the first opportunity which Possibly may offer from Porto Nova, therofor write them about it since y<sup>e</sup> Monsoon being changd, twill be difficult for us to send a vessell from hence however if none is procureable there advise us when your Goods are in redyness and we Shall take care to send one by this Shipp we send you 20 Baggs of wheat w<sup>ch</sup>: Crd<sup>t</sup> us p<sup>a</sup>: 42: 04: 0 for and if any bees wax is procureable w<sup>th</sup> you Send 3 or 4 Candy to Cudduloor they writing us for Some but cannot Supply them w<sup>ch</sup> is all from”

Pages 3 and 4, the last 8 lines in page 3 and the first 7 lines in page 4.—For

“To MAHOMED SEDUK BEAUG . . . ELIHU YALE.”

Read—

“FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE 3<sup>d</sup> MARCH 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.”

“To MAHOMED SEDUK BEAUG  
GEN<sup>l</sup>: OF Y<sup>e</sup> MOGULLS FFORCES  
AT CONGEVEROM.

I gladly rec<sup>d</sup> your kinde letter for y<sup>e</sup> good news of yo<sup>r</sup> health and arrivall with y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls forces to Settle y<sup>e</sup> Countrey & cleer it from those pestifrons people that have soe much troubled & injur’d y<sup>e</sup> poor Inhabitants and rob’d y<sup>e</sup> Duan and all others of what came within their Reach & service to y<sup>e</sup> Grate Mogull by Secureing his People and their Concerns and estates from Plunder & Distruction w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be kindly accepted by him and induce his Maj<sup>tie</sup>: to confirm our former Privelgges and doe us justice for y<sup>e</sup> many unsufferable wrongs and abuses and opprestions we have long been afflicted within that unjust government of Bengall wherein I request your FreindShipp towards y<sup>e</sup> Acceveing [*sic*] y<sup>e</sup> right & obtaining Sattisfaction, w<sup>ch</sup>: I shall requite w<sup>th</sup> my best respects and Services and allways wish you Success and happiness in all yo<sup>r</sup> undertakeings and y<sup>e</sup> mighty allamgeent [*sic*] may daly encrease his bon<sup>r</sup>. & favour to you, and that his concerns may be prosperous under yo<sup>r</sup>. Managem<sup>t</sup>. desiring your continuance of this ffreindly correspondance I Remayn Your Loveing ffreind

ELIHU YALE.”

Page 4, lines 26 to 35.—For “[ ] wheat &c<sup>a</sup>: & now y<sup>e</sup> Pegu . . .  
to Oblige Ebraim Cawn.”

Read—“By Shipp Trivelcane we sent you some wheat &c<sup>a</sup>: & now y<sup>e</sup>: Pegu shippes are arrived shall also furnish you with Some bees wax by next opportunity Possibly the Rochester may furnish you if soe advise y<sup>e</sup> we send none. We have perused your Letter from Ebraim Cawn Seer Cawns Sonn and would have you Send him the Conocopy he writes for w<sup>th</sup> a letter by him, to desire that he will communicate his buisness to him but lett him goe, and manage it as Privately as Possibly lest we draw y<sup>e</sup> Marrettees displeasure and injuries upon us however engage Seer Cawns Sonns ffreindship as much as Possibly without offence to y<sup>e</sup> Present



Governm' tho tis Probable twill not last long notwithstanding they may be of great Prejudice to us before y<sup>e</sup>: alteration, therefore your Correspondance w<sup>th</sup> him must be very Seecrett tho you may Send a Small present by the Conocopy the more to Oblige Ebraim Cawn."

Page 5, lines 4 to 10.—For "Tis long Since . . . y<sup>e</sup> Affec: freinds "

Read—"Tis long Since we heard from you, w<sup>ch</sup> we Something wonder at Since frequent Reports tell us your factory is engaged in Some Troubles w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Government but upon w<sup>th</sup> Pretence not y<sup>e</sup> we may either accommodate it or assist you But we hope own agreement has or will compos y<sup>e</sup> difference.

We lately dispatcht Shipp Rochester for Cudduloor w<sup>th</sup> orders to call at your Port in her Returne, upon whome lade all y<sup>e</sup> goods you can Procure as also Pilletwood and Chinam w<sup>ch</sup>: we are Still in great want of w<sup>ch</sup> is all at Presents from

Y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Affec: freinds'

Page 5, lines 36 to 43.—For "[We rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup>. Martiall] . . . Chèngie ffort,"

Read—"We rec<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Martiall Narrative of your late troubles w<sup>ch</sup> we are glad ended so well & that you have obtain'd some Authority for your Gunns, at least to Strengthen yourselves w<sup>ch</sup> if you could gett better confirm'd and procure Marayas and the other great Subidars Cowl fortyfyeing and free Trade wee are willing to be at some charge thereon since twould be of great Security and advantage to y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: Affaires and Trade in those parts w<sup>ch</sup> we can never expect from y<sup>e</sup>: Mogulls Governm<sup>t</sup> when he has conquer'd y<sup>e</sup> Countrey, w<sup>ch</sup>: cannot long defend itselfe against his invincible forces w<sup>ch</sup> are dayly drawing downe Towards them, and have allredy had some Successfull disputes w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Marettaes whome hear are retyred to Chengie fort".

Page 6, lines 17 to 20.—For "[ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup> demands upon . . . at Present"

Read—"Wee admitt y<sup>e</sup>. reasons for differing your demands upon y<sup>e</sup> Merch<sup>t</sup> at Present but thos strange unusuall allowances of Mr Davis must be Remedyed some tyme it being very unreasonable y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup>: should be at such unresonable charges, Wee shall doe what we can to furnish you with more money or Silver to finish y<sup>e</sup> Old Contract y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: Reputation may not Suffer therein, tho tis very low w<sup>th</sup> us at Present."

Page 7, lines 26 to 35.—For "I rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>as</sup> letter . . . and Trade."

Read—"I rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>as</sup> letter of y<sup>e</sup> 15/25 Ins<sup>t</sup>: advising that a Shipp of o<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters had Stopt a Countrey vessell under french Colours to examine whether she or her Cargo belong'd to our declared Enemyes the Syamers w<sup>ch</sup> was done by vertue of his Matie y<sup>e</sup> King of England Royall Commission to y<sup>e</sup> Capt of our Shipp Severall of the Enemyes Shippis haveing secured themselves under y<sup>e</sup> Colours from o<sup>r</sup> Just Seizure w<sup>ch</sup> is not agreeable to the Laws of Nations nor y<sup>e</sup> Articles of Peace betwixt our Royall Kings nor has or shall be Practiced by us upon any Such occasion you may have in India Such deceipts being contrary to Amity or Law, and will prevent the Recovering of o<sup>r</sup> Right and bringing our Enemyes to a just Compliance and Sattasfaction for y<sup>e</sup> many notorious cruell Murders and great wrongs and Injuries they have done upon o<sup>r</sup> Kings Subjects & o<sup>r</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Masters estates and Trade."

*Pages 7 and 8, the last 7 lines in page 7 and the first 2 lines in page 8.—For*  
 “To His Lord Shipp Mahomed Corcell at Congeverom . . . they could  
 [ . . . ]”

*Read—*

“TO HIS LORDSHIPP MAHOMED CORCELL AT CONGEVEROM.

I wellcomely Rec<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>rs</sup>: Letter by Mam<sup>d</sup>: Jaffer who in hon<sup>r</sup>: to your Good Self I rec<sup>d</sup>: and entertain’d w<sup>th</sup>: our best Respects I being very desirous to create and Preserve a reall freindship & lasting correspondance betwixt us studdying allways that may oblige and benifitt the Duan and this poor harrast countrey w<sup>ch</sup>: noe doubt will all soe be your care to encourage the poor Remynder of y<sup>r</sup>: People that, peace Plenty and Trade may Returne as formerly.

Tis true y<sup>t</sup>: in these last Troublesome Times many People from all Parts came hither to shelter and secure themselves families and concerns from y<sup>e</sup>: voyolent destruction of y<sup>e</sup>: Margettaes who Robd all they could Reach wher they continued in safety”.

*Page 8, lines 25 to 34.—For* [“Since my last] I rec<sup>d</sup>: . . . Prossperrity.”

*Read—*“Since my last I rec<sup>d</sup>: two Letters from you of the same import w<sup>ch</sup>: I have duely consider’d of and shall grattifye your desires therein, being very ambitious of y<sup>e</sup>: Mogulls favour and your freindship therefore you may Rest Sattisfyed y<sup>t</sup> I Shall continue to oblige him and his Subjects & only protect y<sup>m</sup>: from their Enemyes Ruine and not from yo<sup>r</sup> Justice & I have also order’d all your People to Returne to their severall Places assuring them of your kindness & encouragement but our Towne being large and Populous tis Possible Some of them may at Present hyde themselves from my knowledg but they cannot continue soe long and w<sup>n</sup> they are disconered shall certainly follow the Rest, whome I doubt not but your Prudent managem<sup>t</sup>: of affairs will oblige them to continue in your Service, their company being an unprofitable Trouble I am noe ways desirous of. Soe I wish you health & Prossperrity.”

*Page 9, lines 15 to 20.—For* “[ . . . ] y<sup>e</sup>: good success . . . allow’d them.”

*Read—*“Wee gladly Read y<sup>e</sup>: Good success in y<sup>e</sup>: procuery of a Cowle for y<sup>e</sup>: continuance of your great Guns and better defence, w<sup>ch</sup>: wee would have you manage with such Prudence as may not give any offence to y<sup>e</sup>: Govern<sup>t</sup>: nor put y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: to any great charge but if there is a necessity of more force to secure your Place we shall upon your next advice furnish you w<sup>th</sup>: 20 more Soldiers, but then they being to remayn there, they must be brought to y<sup>e</sup>: Same termes of Pay as our Soldiers here, and noe dyet money allow’d them.”

*Page 9, P.S. at the end.—For* “Since Signing . . . [offence]”

*Read—*“Since Signing y<sup>e</sup> foregoing wee Rec<sup>d</sup> yours of y<sup>e</sup>: 30<sup>th</sup>. Past and shall take due notice of y<sup>e</sup>: Mons<sup>r</sup>: letters & carrige & as we shall give no just occation of offence so we must take none.”

*Page 10, lines 18 to 31.—For* “Our last was of the . . . to Prevent.”

*Read—*“Our last was of the 8 Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1687 by y<sup>e</sup>: Madrass and Success frigatts who some tyme after their departure hence mett w<sup>th</sup>: a most Violent Storme w<sup>ch</sup>: forced y<sup>e</sup>: Madrass frigatt to Trineambarr to repair her great damage upon shipp and goods w<sup>ch</sup>: being now finished we Send her in Comp<sup>a</sup>: w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> Royall James, who we hope you will soon dispatch full laden w<sup>th</sup>: Pepper for England w<sup>ch</sup>: will be a most acceptable wellcome Service to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: wherein Pray be as expeditious and full as possible and for y<sup>e</sup>: Success frigatt and her stock w<sup>ch</sup> we:

hope weather'd the Storme and is Safely arrived with you, we would have disposed in Stores of pepper for y<sup>e</sup> great Tonnage we shall be forced to Send you haveing neither stocks nor goods to lade them from hence nor had we mony could we safely invest any quantity soe great has been and are y<sup>e</sup>: troubles famines Mortallity in this Country buisness at Bengall and Surratt still unsettled soe that our whole dependency is upon pepper w<sup>ch</sup>: we hope you will procure sufficient for the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: occasion or they will be great loosers by your settlement and dead freight w<sup>ch</sup>: pray use your utmost endeavours to prevent."

Pages 10 and 11, last 5 lines in page 10 and the first 8 lines in page 11.—  
For "We would have . . . wee Remayn."

Read—"We would have you as soon as possibly send one or both of the frigatt with pepper to us and an acco<sup>t</sup>: of your Condition and wants w<sup>ch</sup>: we shall supply to our ability and pray desist not from still endeavouring a Settlement at Priaman since tis undoubtedly much more healthy and convenient place for Trade y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: doe much resent and blame our not settling them at first as designd, w<sup>ch</sup>: was more Cap<sup>t</sup>: Willshevs fault then those who accompanied him however if Possible Redeem that unhappy mistake for y<sup>e</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: good."

"We shall gladly hear of your wellfair and how Jenapatwan accepted o<sup>r</sup>: letter present & what Service he has done y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>as</sup>: affairs there, therefore pray hasten your advice to us, we have noe acco<sup>t</sup>: of the effects of Mr: Jardins estate left at Indeapoor after his decease nor of the Remaynes of Mr: Ralph Ordes and others or w<sup>th</sup>: acco<sup>t</sup>: they have in the Gen<sup>l</sup>: books w<sup>ch</sup>: pray take great care of or also of all other decest estates and give us P<sup>t</sup>icular Acco<sup>t</sup>: thereof soe Committing you and yor: affaires to y<sup>e</sup>: Divine protection wee Remayn."

Page 11, lines 28 to 45.—For "We have perusd y<sup>e</sup>: Articles . . . and dishonor."

Read—"We have perusd y<sup>e</sup> Articles proposd to us for a Phirm<sup>d</sup>: w<sup>ch</sup>: wee Are Sorry to finde still to lessen from their former Proposals and tho we are contented with y<sup>e</sup>: main y<sup>t</sup>: is to enjoy y<sup>s</sup>: place & Government to o<sup>r</sup>: Selves as formerly in y<sup>e</sup>: King of Golcondas Tyme upon y<sup>e</sup>: Same Terms & priveleges also y<sup>e</sup>: same at o<sup>r</sup>: severell factoryes in these parts & those priviledges perticularly mentioned in all respects to be confirmed to us without alteration then to be custome free in Bengall as in Sultan Suias time only paying 3,000 Rup<sup>s</sup>: a yearly piscash att Hugley for all o<sup>r</sup>: factoryes & settlements in those ports and our several Chiefs Dustucks to pas o<sup>r</sup>: goods in y<sup>e</sup> Country as has been always allow'd from o<sup>r</sup>: first settlement & is noe more then what is practiced by y<sup>e</sup>: Dutch & french w<sup>th</sup>: ought scruple & our March<sup>ts</sup> being as y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>as</sup>: Servants must be under our directions & all disputes & differences about o<sup>r</sup>: acco<sup>ts</sup>: and trade to be devidid among o<sup>r</sup>: selves as was always practiced bye us & all other Europe Nations w<sup>ch</sup>: our Marchants were allwayes content with & there can bee nither peace nor trade without itt that verie business hass been one great occasion of o<sup>r</sup>: late troubles in Bengall & therefore must bee allow'd us as also o<sup>r</sup>: Dustucks to pass o<sup>r</sup>: goods in y<sup>e</sup> baye or there can bee noe safety quiete or expedition in o<sup>r</sup>: trade since our business will be impeded bye every troublesome Governor to exact mony from & may be more chargable to us then y<sup>e</sup>: paying custome which wee can never agree to since tis better to forbear y<sup>e</sup> trade then be soe uncontionably abused in it as wee have been formerly to our great loss and dishonor"

Page 12, lines 25 to 31.—For "Our [ye] . . . and wants."

Read—"Our last was of y<sup>e</sup>: 12 Semt<sup>r</sup>: P<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup>: success frigatt whoe wee hope is arived safely with you and y<sup>t</sup>: according to o<sup>r</sup>: orders you have imployd y<sup>e</sup>: great stock wee sent you in providing pepper for y<sup>e</sup>: large tonnage wee shall bee forc'd

to send you having nither stocke nor goods to lade y<sup>m</sup>: therewith therefore pray procure all y<sup>e</sup>: pepper you possibly can ffor y<sup>e</sup> purpose. This comes bye Royal James & Madrass frigate w<sup>th</sup>: a charge of silver goods Stores &c<sup>r</sup>: am<sup>o</sup>: to Pag<sup>t</sup>: 2103: 08: 03 w<sup>th</sup>: Bencolen must Cred<sup>t</sup>: us for and wee would have y<sup>m</sup>: return y<sup>e</sup>: Madras frigatt as soone as possablye w<sup>th</sup>: pepper hither giving us a perticular accompt of yo<sup>r</sup>: Condition and wants."

*Page 13, lines 3 to 13.—For "Whereas there are . . . or nation."*

*Read—*"Whereas there are more ships then usual now design'd for China upon severall accounts it will requier your greatest care and prudence so to manage yo<sup>r</sup>: affaires that your numbers may not be prejudiciall to yo<sup>r</sup>: buisness and for y<sup>e</sup>: better direction therin I think itt necessary to give you these folloing orders and first as tis yo<sup>r</sup>: Chifest duty soe it must be yo<sup>r</sup>: greatest care to [give] all due reverance & worship to almighty God and to keepe his sabaths holly w<sup>th</sup>:ought whose blessing there is nither safty nor success to y<sup>e</sup>: greatest forces or best designs therefore you must see y<sup>t</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: publick prayers be duly & reverantly read aboard and ashore and y<sup>t</sup>: all Christians y<sup>e</sup>: can be spared from their business doe duly and respectfully give attendance & att all places where you goe strictly to avoyd or punish all insobrietyes quarrillings fightings or any other debaucheryes that may anyways scandalise our religion or nation."

*Page 13, last 8 lines.—For "If you meet . . . Aprill anno 1688."*

*Read—*"If you meet with any of y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Company's shippes or servants you must give them and their affairs all due respect and assistance as yo<sup>r</sup>: Superiors & to prevent disputes of priority amongst yo<sup>r</sup>: selves since none of you now wear his Maj<sup>t</sup>: Commission or Collers since you cannot well maintain y<sup>e</sup>: honor of Chaina I therefore appoynt y<sup>e</sup>: James admirall y<sup>e</sup>: Mouldsford second y<sup>e</sup>: Loyall Captain third y<sup>e</sup>: Rebacca fowerth wherein I requier & expect yo<sup>r</sup>: due observance as also of y<sup>e</sup>: forgoing orders for wich you are to bee accountable at yo<sup>r</sup>: return dated att Fort St<sup>e</sup>: George in y<sup>e</sup>: Citty of Madras y<sup>e</sup>: 23 Aprill anno 1688."

*Page 14, lines 23 to 32.—For "Wee had much [ . . . ] . . . then ours."*

*Read—*"Wee had much rather you had kept and invested yo<sup>r</sup>: treasure then sent it us wheare our troubles and difficultyes in trade are almost equal to yours besides our stock was limited & tis dangerous breakin orders and for our necessetyes y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>y</sup>: have sufficient credit amongst [*sic*] to suply their occations therefore pray procure what goods you can they being much more estemable in England then ours."

*Page 15, lines 9 to 20.—For "Bye yours by y<sup>e</sup>: . . . will fall."*

*Read—*"Bye yours by y<sup>e</sup> Saphier wee find you have just reason to complain of y<sup>e</sup> insolences of some of yo<sup>r</sup>: Comanders & wonder much you doe not suppress such unsufferable irregularityes or dismis y<sup>e</sup> offenders the R<sup>t</sup>: Honorable Company having given us full authoritye for it as is necessary or can be desir'd to wich y<sup>e</sup>: owners and Commanders have subjected themselves by Charterparty; therefore y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Company will ju[d]ge it your own faults to suffer & not to use y<sup>e</sup>: remedy they have impoured you with and offences of that nator are fitter to be examined upon the place wheare they are committed where all persons may be presant & duly examined upon y<sup>e</sup> matter and not refer it to us where you have authority to conclude them your selves."

"Wee are well satisfied w<sup>th</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup> designed voyages for y<sup>e</sup> Nathaniell & Berkly Casle hoping they proceeded sesonably upon them & wee must find ought some way to employ y<sup>e</sup> rest or theire Demorrages will fall ..."

Page 16, lines 30 to 33.—For "The Trobles [ . . . ] . . . opportunities."

"The Trobles dayly increas in these parts twixt y<sup>e</sup> Maguls & Savageses forcees w<sup>th</sup>: will put a stop if not a ruin upon all trade & occasion a famin w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: unseasonable [*sic*] does also greatly threaten; therfor pray you be mindfull of us in supplying with grain by all opportunities.

Page 18, lines 30 to 38.—For "To y<sup>e</sup> worp<sup>l</sup>: William [Hodges] . . . request in England."

"Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George y<sup>e</sup>: 27 Aprill 1688.

Read—"To y<sup>e</sup> Worp<sup>l</sup>: William Keeling Esq<sup>r</sup>:

CHIEFE AND COUNCILL AT TONQUEEN.

Since y<sup>e</sup>: Prospects arrivall from yo<sup>r</sup> port y<sup>e</sup> 2 March 1688 we had noe oportunity to advise you of the Shipp Dragons arival to this port from Syam January 6 1688 w<sup>th</sup>: her cargoe &c<sup>a</sup>: for wich have duly ord<sup>d</sup>: yo<sup>r</sup> factoryes & sent all those goods upon the Shrusbury for England wee have also news of the Rainbows laden w<sup>th</sup>: pepper & dispatch from y<sup>e</sup> West Coast y<sup>e</sup> 31 of March 1688 both home with yo<sup>r</sup>: advices &c<sup>a</sup>: we hope are long since arrived in safty to our R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters to home noe doubt will be very acceptable yor comodities of great request in England."

Page 21, lines 14 to 20.—For "Wee weare just now . . . protection we rest."

Read—"Wee weare just now serprized with the sad news of your troubles and the Syams Shipp under french coulers taking y<sup>e</sup>: prospect and carrying her to Pullicherry but wee hope y<sup>e</sup>: Almighty has and will protect you from yo<sup>r</sup>: feared eneymes and dangers however we have commission'd Cp<sup>t</sup> Bromwell & Cp<sup>t</sup>: Pearce to come to yo<sup>r</sup>: assistance &c<sup>a</sup> we hope will soon be w<sup>th</sup>: you therefore take corage and doe not tamely surrender yo<sup>r</sup>: lives and the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companies estate wich if they will have sell them as deare as possibly soe writing you to Almightyes protection we rest."

Pages 22 & 23, Last 7 lines in page 22 and 1st 3 lines in page 23.—For You" ill tymed . . . presents from us."

Read—"You ill tymed yo<sup>r</sup>: pischas to the Subidar thoe possablie you sav'd something bye it but it had been more honorable to have given it afterward he bein upon his peccavi and acknowledgment should have rather Pischased you for yor frindshipp but the person being inconsiderable tis noe great matter.

We hear the French are about bying a fort att Nagapotam builded by the Euopees son w<sup>ch</sup>: would have you inquier about and send some one privatlye to treat with the Euopees son about it & to assure him wee will give as much as the french for it & to do y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>th</sup> all expedition sending a prudent bramine y<sup>t</sup> will manage it well & secretlye but it should be one not known to y<sup>e</sup> French people or to belong to us w<sup>ch</sup> is what presents from us."

Page 28, lines 33 to 41.—For "P.S. . . . observe]"

Read—"P.S. Inclosed comes a jugment from this Court of Admirality about Arther Seymores shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: we would have you observe."



*Page 30, lines 22 to 28.—For “we question [not] . . . weak contractt.”*

*Read—“we question not all your goods will be in a rediness to be loaden aboard the Bengall at her return from Trincambar w<sup>ch</sup>: according to our orders to him and you she must be detained not longer then 5 days which prepare for accordingly we also rec<sup>d</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: severall enclosed accounts w<sup>ich</sup> after perusal shall give our opinions thereon and for yo<sup>r</sup>: Merchants unreasonable demands of interest upon y<sup>e</sup> Goods whilst indebted to the company is as idle as unjust notwithstanding Mr. Davis his weak contractt.”*

*Page 33, lines 4 and 5.—For “We hope . . . our best [adv. . .]”*

*Read—“we hope his care and dilligence will equall his predecessors to w<sup>ich</sup> he wants not our best advice & direction.”*

*Page 33, 1st 7 lines in the last paragraph.—For “And first to answer . . . due satisfaction.”*

*Read—“And first to answer your Hon<sup>r</sup>: objection against our shipp takin y<sup>e</sup> King of Syams sloop out of your road w<sup>ich</sup> action was thus reported and proved to us by the com<sup>and</sup>er Viz<sup>t</sup>: descryng a vessell ought at sea with Syam Coulers he by vertue of His majesty y<sup>e</sup>: King of Englands comission pershued her into Pullicherry road where she had scarcely cast anquer before they surrenderd her and after bringin hither was some months before she was condemd a prize in expectation of your Hon<sup>r</sup>: demands upon her w<sup>ch</sup>: should have recd, all due satisfaction.”*

*Page 38, lines 30 to 34.—For “And for [ ] . . . for y<sup>e</sup> [Comp . . .]”*

*Read—“And for other little Governments that may be servceble to you you must engage their friendship upon reasonable termes but by noe means truckle to their injustice or comply with their exaction. In such cases money is much better spent against then to them and so much in Generall for y<sup>e</sup>: countrey Government.”*

*Page 39, lines 5 to 11.—For “Then as to your [trade] . . . order the [ ] .”*

*Read—“Then as to your trade it must be your first care to make choyce of a company of knowing responsible Merchants free from all obligations to y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>ment</sup> since such will greatly intreague and disturbe your affaiers the more you take y<sup>e</sup> better but you must incorporate them into a Joint Stock of 100 shares 10 cheif Merchants to manage the business att Viziagapatam the rest to be disburst into severall parts of the country to provide such goods as you shall order them but those Merchants being Generally poore.”*

*Page 40, lines 34 to 37.—For “besides y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . ] . . . vendable here.”*

*Read—“besides y<sup>e</sup> troubles in y<sup>e</sup> countrey makes our investments dangerous and difficult however we shall use our utmost endeavors to prevent dedd freight and if it soe happens that you cannot find other ladings lett all the shippes you send up hither be filed with rice and good provisions, those by y<sup>e</sup>: Recovery proved very bad and was not vendable here.”*

*Pages 41 & 42, Last 3 lines in page 41 and the 1st 8 lines in page 42.—For “Use your utmost . . . wish you well.”*

*Read—“Use your utmost endeavors to gett your goods in a reddyness to lade onn y<sup>e</sup>: Bengall or you will greatly disopoynt us in y<sup>e</sup>: want of them the*

limits of your contracts being expier'd which if your merchants fail in they must make due satisfaction for according to y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: order in that case besides tis now tyme to treat of a new contract wherein we thinck to joyn the Cudduloor and Portanova merchants with yours since they are persons of greater credit and estates wich will ascertain and encrease your trade & expedit our investments wich by the contraction of other factorys will greatly encrease the business of yours therfore use your interest to prepare them for it We shall supply your loss of M<sup>r</sup>: Grugfild by y<sup>e</sup>: supply of another sirurgeon as soone as a fitting one and medicines are procurable till wich we wish you well."

Page 43, lines 27 to 30.—For "We hope you [ ] . . . of your liquor."

Read—"We hope you will practice w<sup>t</sup>: you write about retrenchments since twas never more necessary then now when trade is soe extream dull and our stock soe small by y<sup>e</sup>: hasty dispose of your ffactors provitions we may judg your care of protecting the sowering of your liquor."

Page 44, 2nd para.—For "We have persued . . . and [orphans]."

Read—"We have perused y<sup>e</sup>: consultation about M<sup>r</sup>. Willcocks concerns and those that to much concern themselves with them; wich was realy a very unacceptable action to dispose of intestate papers before administration wich y<sup>e</sup>: law would take great cognizance of and tis still wonder to us that Ingeniows M<sup>r</sup>: John Wilcock his long labour industry & shold conclude soe poorly we have a far different sence of them here Whowever still doe what you can for y<sup>e</sup>: poore widdoe and orphans."

Page 44, the last 7 lines—For "and y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: . . . in that [all]."

Read—"and y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: doubting that their late ill success proceeds from some particular interests of their servants they have therfore referd y<sup>e</sup>: sole resolution & conduct of the affaier to Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Heath whome you are fully to enforme of your late proceedings with a true state of youre condition and affairs as also of y<sup>e</sup>: countrey, & we hereby requier you and all persons both Military & civill to observe and assist his orders in that affair wherein the Allmighty direct you & him for the rest."

Page 45, lines 35 to 38.—For "the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: . . . to committ [one line lost]."

Read—"the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have possetively ordred the withdrawing their ffactoryes and trade if they cannot obtain such a fortiefyed settlement as may secure it well for the future and y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and fidelity have order'd us to committ the sole care and management of that affair to your conduct."

Page 46, lines 31 to 33.—For "And [ other] . . . nothing [a line lost]."

Read—"And if there is any other design that may advantage the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: you must prosecute it since you are limited in nothing therein that may advance the publick interest."

Page 50, lines 20 to 32.—For “But you are mistaken . . . is all from.”

Read—“But you are mistaken in the Comcaloos there are but two thousand peeces orderd, and noe more must be [provided nor] more than one thousand peeces of fine neckcloths of sixteen in a peeece nor any [lacuna in I.O. copy] not selling for its prime cost in England it being only fit for ordinary painting and not being fit dying blue cloth but if any of a much finer sort be procurable with you send a muster and its price and we shall give our order upon it but to help them you may contract for the 2,000 peeces of Camezaes orderd in the said List and for the 9,000 p<sup>r</sup>: in neckcloths we suppose they mean the ordinary sorts of red and white mentioned in the Comp<sup>t</sup>: List and of those they must only take their proportion w<sup>th</sup>: will not am<sup>t</sup>: to that summ. Pray you loose as little time as possible our merchants being very refractory and factious and we doubt will influence and infect yours if you give them time for it therefore hasten the conclusion of your contract which is all from.”

Page . . . paragraph 2.—For “We have made . . . against them.”

Read—“we have made strickt enquiry about Harbins scurrilous letters to his idle Corresondant but can by noe means discover with whom they were left but most suspected D<sup>r</sup>: Heathfield at whose house he lodg'd w<sup>th</sup>: here and was his greatest intimate but he Cleared himself by oath that he knew of no such letters; nor that any were left w<sup>th</sup>: him the same protestation comes from each of us, and we enclined to belive such letters might be sent from Siam by the Prudent Mary his other vain storyes of the great offers made him here as also his idle reflections upon the Josias Georges and Shrewsbyrys Cargoes were equally false they amounting to Pag<sup>ts</sup>: [lacuna] in goods and proper goods He was sharply reprehended by us for his many neglects and miscarriages in his charge and peticularly for his impudent expressions aboard Phulcon w<sup>th</sup>: he utterly denyed, and assured us it was only framed by the Cap<sup>t</sup>: and Purser from their mallice ffor Complaining against them.”

Page 52, paragraph 3.—For “Wherein we are first acknowledg . . . endeavors to [promote . . . ].”

Read—“Wherein we are first acknowledg your Generous Kindness to furnish us with a good Stock which our R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters have been pleased to doe abundantly not only to clear all debts and Complaints but to provide for their other occations toe which we more want goods then money for not being able to prevail with our merchants to undertake the provision of halfe the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company requier they are soe discouraged by the calamitys and unsettled ill government of the Countrey; the first haveing destroyed most of the weavors and other necessary Mechanicks for thier trade and business what . . . goods scarce and dear, and the other makes thier trade and traveling troublesome and dangerous however we shall use our utmost endeavors to prevent the ill husbandry & loss of a Dead stock.”

Page 53, paragraph 5 and the first 9 lines in paragraph 6.—For “According to your order . . . more then 60.”

Read—“According to your order we advised the Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: to pay what due from the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>t</sup>: to M<sup>r</sup>: Bird Surgeon to the President which they advised is payed viz: Rupees 2,300 principall and R: 435: 7: 6 for interest from the 9 December 1684 to the 6 July 1686 which is R: 2735: 7: 6 which President Yale intreats the Generall to make good to said M<sup>r</sup>: Bird and charge it to his account.

The next Letter is from Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Shaxton Mitchell and Clifeton from Telli-cherry wherein they recount Mangulore expedition and success in takin that rich

Mores Shipp they were Comissioned for they also send us Invoice of 97 butts goa arrack 4 Brass Brantaccoes and 400 Iron shot all amount to R<sup>t</sup>: 3259: 34 $\frac{3}{4}$  which with the Europe Invoice we shall Cr<sup>l</sup>: account Currant London for supposing that is your meaning tho you write us to Crd<sup>t</sup>: Bombay which will not be soe proper the arrack arrived very oportunly for our supply the Towne being in great want of it, Part whereof sold to good advance but their proving soe much leakey and addulteration that the 97 butts produc'd us noe more then 60."

Page 54, paragraph 3.—For "We shall gladly . . . but doubt."

Read—"We shall gladly receive an authentique Coppy of your P: Phirmaund for the satisfaction of this Countrey Government w<sup>ch</sup>: we intreat may be remitted as soon as possible. But for Bengall the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: have most expresly and positively orderd the Continuing the war against the Bengall Government except they will allow us a fortification which if they refuse then to assault and take Chittagam if possible or some other fortifyed settlement there which if they cannot obtain by treaty or force of armes then the Agent &c<sup>s</sup>: are to Embarck themselves, and the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: estate there aboard their shipp and to come up hither, and the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: being dissatisfyed with the late management of their order in the Bay have orderd us to Comission and empower Cp<sup>t</sup>: William Heath Commander of Shipp Defence to have the sole order and Direction of this expedition which we have accordingly done, and requier all persons both civil & military to assist and obay his orders therein but for your better enformation we have sent Your Excell: &c<sup>s</sup>: our Consultation Commission and orders on that affair as also what advices we have lately Received from Bengall to w<sup>ch</sup>: refer you for the state of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: affaiers there at that time; but what affect these orders will have upon your late agreement with the Mogull we cannot Judg but doubt."

Page 55, lines 45 to 51.—For "[and . . . ] that the . . . or factors"

Read—"and we are of opinion that the topasses being soe numerous and pore about Goa would gladly accept the Companies service to goe soldiers thither but their has been soe ill an account of the many sent hence none yeat returning we can prevail with very few to goe willingly and to force any we dare not and if we did what service could we expect from them but to run to the Dutch by the first oportunity you may possibly among your many English soldiers finde some willing to serve the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: there as writers or factors."

Page 56, paragraph 1 and the first 6 lines in paragraph 3.—For "Late Letters from . . . [ . . . ] which [ . . . ]."

Read—"Late Letters from Golcondah from our vauqeell tels us of y<sup>e</sup> Mogulls still being att Vizapoore and the King Golcondah and Vizapoore still prisoners with him and that the news of his sone Exburts Progress from Persia puts him to a great Consturnation and that suddainly after the rains he designs to march the greatest part of his Army towards Cabull and Candahar leaving the Government of these parts to Nabob Raweloo Cawn whome he has orderd to admitt noe Pershians of his Councill but send them all to his camp Least they consult his Prejudice but of these things you are better enformed than we Can be.

The ffrrench and Portugues we here have gott Phirmaunds from the Mogull for their settlement and trade in these parts according to the Sallabad and the Priveledges they enjoyed in the King of Golcondas time, the Dutch Commissary General att Pullicatt are also Providing a great Pishkas for the Mogull reported

to be near 40000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: in Ellephants Horses Pallankeens Plate Jewells &c<sup>s</sup>: to be carried up and presented by the Heer John Vakeerus his second [*lacuna*] which they are in great hopes to procure."

Page 57, lines 30 to 44.—For "but you know the . . . of goods."

Read—"but you know the necessity we are under to proportion them with the reds three quarters of the BroadCloth sent us ought these five last years being greens notwithstanding what we have by all oportunities wrott against it which occasions soe great remains by us which we doubt will continue soe for the Merchants on this Coast will not be prevaild with to meddle with it and if yours resolve the same that you Cannot dispose of it otherwise you may send it up by the first oportunity with those other goods prohibited to the place all the doubt we are under is your Merch<sup>ts</sup>: performance of their Contract but we hope yo<sup>r</sup>: assistance and encouragement will enable them to it having mony sufficient to pay for what you have agreed and you shall not want more for another early investment w<sup>ch</sup>: we should have sent you now being well supplied but that both land and sea conveyance are very dangerous the first from Robbers w<sup>ch</sup>: there are weekly examples of and the other from the aproaching Monssoon stormes but by December you may be assured of 20000 and therefore order your buisnesse accordingly looseing no time in the procurey of goods."

Page 58, paragraph 5.—For "[When . . . ] . . . in your next."

Read—"When stock and oportunities serve we shall send you a Couple of Masolae if they will be servisable to you but we think you may build better and cheaper boats of which advise us in your next."

Page 59, paragraph 1.—For "And for your Portonova . . . that entered them."

Read—"And for your Portonova Merchants they appear as unreasonable in their insisting upon the old Contract since themselves broock it, as to time for which they ought rather to pay 25 P C<sup>t</sup>: for our disapoyntment then urge the benefit of it now; and for y<sup>e</sup>: Europe goods deliverd them they are little more then their agreed proportion tho they exceed in fine goods therefore we shall allow nothing more upon that score then the Ballance of their accounts which when we rightly know shall be paid them; nor must the Cuddalore Merchants Carrye us where they please; and as it appears to Us att present we think we have great demands one them and M<sup>r</sup>: Davis for a most strange unreasonable entrey we finde in the Books lately received thence; which is that they are Cred<sup>t</sup>: for near 2,000 Pags: for an abatement one Europe goods above twelve months after they were sold and delivered them and Charged to their account what the reason of it is we do not apprehend therefore pray enquire into it and satisfy us therein there are also many other irregular extravagant entreyes w<sup>ch</sup>: you will receive a List of from the accomptant which alsoe must be answered by you or M<sup>r</sup>: Ingram that entered them."

Page 60, paragraph 1.—For "This Ins<sup>t</sup>: arrived . . . the inhumanity."

Read—"This Ins<sup>t</sup>: arrived here Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Bowery from Atcheine via Bengall who acquainted us he Left M<sup>r</sup>: John Hill and severall there upon y<sup>e</sup>: Pearle frigatt we sent in September Last one y<sup>e</sup>: Merge Expedition who were ever since detained there and at Syam: but by what accident or stratagem he



gott free we cannot Learne having noe letter from them only Mr: Bowery tells us he heard Mr: Hodges w<sup>th</sup>: near 100 more englishmen detained prisoners at Syam and severely treated, and the King of Syam or his tiranically Ministers had sent two embassadors or Envoys upon a french ship to the King of England but what theirs or Mr: Hills . . . are we are yett ignorant of but when he arrives shall Satisfy your Excell: &c<sup>a</sup>: therin, and then if not agreeable to honor and Justice we hope you will resolve upon some Cource to have satisfaction for the most barbarous murder of neare 80 of our Countrey men most of whome were with a juditiell formallitye Cruelly Kild in Cold blood which greatly agravates the inhumanity."

Page 63, para 2 and the first 4 lines in paragraph 3.—For "The Dragon upon her arrivall . . . to himselfe."

Read—"The Dragon upon her arrivall here was soe out of repair as rendered inkapable of being servisable to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: and upon serveigh was cast, and attacht by y<sup>e</sup>: sea men for their wages and sold at a publike sale for pago: 2300, An Acc<sup>o</sup>: wherof will be remitted her owners by our Court of Admirallity and we are extreamly sorry it proved soe badlye. We are very sorry that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Willdyes mistake or mischarging should prove soe troublesome but we hope y<sup>e</sup>: delivery of the shipp &c<sup>a</sup>: has reconciled itt our Commission'd Cap<sup>t</sup>: occasion us much trouble and disobliging our frends by bringing their shipp out of their way because they doe not the truth is these are not times to affront and injure oure frinds we having soe few of them.

We shall allways be ready to oblige you with our Consignment but there are some of the adventures upon the Dragon that complain of the management of their concerns first for y<sup>e</sup>: little advice and assistance they gave young Mister Levisson in the dispose of their goods but Left it sooly to himselfe."

Page 63, the last 8 lines.—For "Our latest news . . . [ . . . ] Persian King."

Read—"Our latest news from England was of February last y<sup>e</sup> new Defence when all things stood well as to the nation and Comp<sup>a</sup>: there is alsoe arrived with us the Princess & 2 free Shippes y<sup>e</sup> James and Ann one bound for China the other for Mosombeque Coast.

This countrey still Continues under y<sup>e</sup> Calamity of Warr and necessety: the Sevageeans still maintaining their warr both in the duan and in the Contrey and will undoubtedly be a more difficult conquest their both Viziapora and Golcondah. We have great news here of Sultan Ecberts great success and assistance from the Persian King."

Page 64, lines 37 to 46.—For "ffor y<sup>e</sup> [ . . . proposall ] . . . not otherwise."

Read—"ffor y<sup>e</sup>: Porto Nova merchants proposall we have nothing to object against it but y<sup>e</sup>: fine goods which as we often wrot you, we can by noe means admitt of, tis soe expresly against the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: orders therefore if you can not perswade them to provide the sorts and quantiytes of goods required in the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company List tis to no purpose to treat with them farther, and for their pretence about the old contract tis inseasonable Since they first broke it themselves and were supplied with mony when they requierd, besides you may remember, y<sup>e</sup>: late condition was that noe more goods should be Recieved from them after July last, soe you nor they must not mentione any more of that but if they will not be perswaded to bring in their goods to Conomeer we are willing to accept them att Portonova upon the premention'd terms and not otherwise."

Page 66, lines 28 to 37.—For “We are also extremely glad to hear of y<sup>e</sup> good quantety of Pepper . . . the pepper trade.”

Read—“We are also extremely glad to hear of y<sup>e</sup> good quantety of Pepper by you and its plentiful recourse to you which we hope has already given y<sup>e</sup> James a quick dispatch and will provide for y<sup>e</sup> many that are to follow her, which trade that you may be y<sup>e</sup>: better assured of and secured in you must by all means and ways preserve Jenapatwans frindshipp & Interest who appears now y<sup>e</sup>: Intular [titular?] Angell of that affaier; therefore oblige him in all reasonable desiers and we belive him to generows to make any others, and beliving you also able faithfull and dilligent we refer y<sup>e</sup>: management and agreement of y<sup>e</sup>: new settlement, and what relates thereto wholly to yourselves to resolve and act w<sup>t</sup>: your prudence shall judge most for y<sup>e</sup>: honour and Interest of y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: for y<sup>e</sup>: promoting and well establishing the pepper trade;”

Page 67, paragraph 1.—For “We send you . . . or destroy him.”

Read—“We send you transcript of our Articles with y<sup>e</sup>: Orumkeys of Pryaman which we could wish you might better and improve those privileges but we much doubt you will not be able to obtaine therein, however use your utmost indeavour for it but rather then break with Janapatwan gett what you can thoe tis very poore for him to have the revennues and y<sup>e</sup>: Company be att y<sup>e</sup>: charge to defend and maintaine it; tyme may improve them and give as many other oportunities; for we cannot expect to florish till we are well rooted but this certainly is our tyme to plant when we lye under y<sup>e</sup>: nourishment and Sumbrage [sic] of y<sup>e</sup>: great Sultans protection who seems in all his charecters to espouse our interest faithfully and resolutly God keep him constant in his frindship to us and aversion to y<sup>e</sup>: Dutch They certainly will omitt noe ways either to gain or destroy him.”

Page 67, paragraph 4 and the first 3 lines in paragraph 5.—For “We have great reason . . . with you;”

Read—“We have great reason to belive M<sup>r</sup>: Gibbon very negligent or worse in y<sup>e</sup>: management of y<sup>e</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: business at Indriapore, keeping or wasteing their treasure shippes stores and provitions, withought the least service from thence; therefore pray call him to a strict Acco<sup>t</sup>: that y<sup>e</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: be not injur’d by him or others there as also about the Consignes of M<sup>r</sup>: Ord and other decosed P<sup>so</sup>ns advising how their severall acc<sup>ts</sup>: stand in their bookes or yours hereing that M<sup>r</sup>: Ord had a considerable Crd<sup>t</sup>: there M<sup>r</sup>: Woolhouse Inventory and box of papers are Rec<sup>d</sup>: which shall be examined, and delivered to his attorney here is 190 &c<sup>a</sup>: brought into the Comp<sup>a</sup>: Cash you may Crd<sup>t</sup>: us for as we shall Acco<sup>t</sup>: Curr<sup>t</sup>: London to be made good to his frinds in England.

This comes by Ship Bencoolen William Rider master and brings you a Generall from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: she is a new good shipp and we hope may be servisable tho we wold have you returne her soe soone as your occations will permitt butt if there is a necessity for keeping her with you;”

Page 68, lines 3 to 15.—For “By next shippes . . . letter to him:”

Read—“By next shippes in January we shall further supply your desiers as far as we can, but are not provided to doemore att presant but for timbers & board you say they are procureable att cheap rates at Indrapore and certainly you may also make Chinaman in those parts being soe plentifull a Cuntery of wood and stone and noe Doubt shell too, which may employ your slaves making all these materials being very scarce and dere here but iff your next tells you cannot procure them we shall then furnish you with more but hope what now sent will goe a great way in y<sup>e</sup> accomodations.

We hope our last present by the Madrass frigatt arrived to Jenapatwans approvall & kind acceptance but considering his great power friendship and service to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>ss</sup>: affiairs and the more to engage him for the future we have according to your advice and desiers sent him a more Considerable present which we mentione not y<sup>e</sup>: Particulars of in y<sup>e</sup> Presidents letter to him."

Page 69, lines 14 to 29.—For "but we have privately . . . [Elihu Yale]."

Read—"but we have privately suffered so much from y<sup>e</sup> cruell wicked Dutch & their bad instruments, by poysoning and murdering our people, and burning & Robbing our goods that we were almost discouraged from settling, till now your Majestie appears for us both a generous faithfull frind & protector which cause being just and good we pray and hope the Almighty will bless and prosper yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie & us therein and I intreat your Majestie will please to enquier strictly after those bloody villans that untimely destroyed soe many of o<sup>r</sup>: people and give their deserved punishment.

I have ordered M<sup>r</sup>: Bloome to follow yo<sup>r</sup>: advice about a new settlement at Pryaman or Bungoose where I humbly request you will accompany and assist him, I have also wrott him to discourse your majestie about other affiairs wherein please to cred<sup>t</sup>: him I give yo<sup>r</sup>: Majestie many thancks for your kind noble present begging your favorable acceptance of a pore returne where-in your Majestie will greatly oblige me ever to pray for y<sup>r</sup>: health and happiness.

Your Maj<sup>ties</sup>: most faithfull obedient serv<sup>t</sup>:

ELIHU YALE."

Pages 69 and 70, last 2 lines in page 69 and the first 15 lines in page 70.—For "on people living . . . I shall be [ . . . ]. [Elihu Yale]."

Read—"our people living quietly and unguarded ashore suspecting noe wrong or treacherous designe against them near 100 English were in y<sup>e</sup> night most barbarously surprised & murdered by the King of Syams servants, and as they reported by his order too; which is so notorious wicked and monstrous a crime, as cannot be parraleld by y<sup>e</sup> most barberouse people nor excused or forgiven by any nation whatever, nor by y<sup>e</sup> Almighty himselfe who is all goodness and mercye, yeat requiers Justice and vengance for the spilling of Inocent Blood which I hope will satisfiye your Majestie of y<sup>e</sup> Justness of o<sup>r</sup>: quarrell, & excuse y<sup>e</sup> fault of our peoples rashness in attackin them in yo<sup>r</sup>: Port w<sup>ch</sup>: they were provoked to by the many Imparaleld Injuries we had often rec<sup>d</sup>: from them as also from that last Syam sloop that runn ashore which threatned to take our vessels in your Maj<sup>ties</sup>: Port after departure of o<sup>r</sup>: man of war and to murder all the English upon them which undoubtedly they would have done The Cap<sup>t</sup>: Having the Kings Comission for itt w<sup>ch</sup>: we found with him but I shall trouble yo<sup>r</sup>: Ma<sup>ties</sup>: with noe more but my wishes for your health and happyness only requesting the continuance of your frindship and favour to our people and their affiairs & I shall be ready to serve your Majestie upon all occations.

Your Maj<sup>ties</sup>: most faithfull Servant

ELIHU YALE."

Page 70, lines 44 to 54.—For "Pray [ . . . ] large quantity . . . Possibly can;"

Read—"Pray fail not to send us a large quantety of Packin stuff the great famin and mortality having destroyed most of those poore handicrafts which makes those things very scarce and deer & without them o<sup>r</sup>: Investments signiye nothing att any of our ffactor yes all wanting them.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Hampton is mistaken in his opinion & story it was Mango boards we spoke to him, of which are those propper for o<sup>r</sup>: Masoloes Tammerrind boards are to heavy for that use but if they are provided pray send them thear being many other services for them and all sorts of boards and timber w<sup>th</sup>: pray lett the shippes compleat their tonage with that; that is for want of other goods, Provisions or grain nay firewood is better then Dead freight & is now scarce here. The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: in their severall letters to us both Generall and perticuler have orderd both us you & all their servants in India to give all the assistance And encouragement to the permissive trade we Possibly can;”

Page 71, lines 30 to 43.—For “The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: having . . . [Nathanaell] Higginson.”

Read.—“The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Compa: having some timbers and other stores att Pettipolee pray order one of o<sup>r</sup> shippis from you to call there and take them in.

M<sup>r</sup>: Samuall Barron having some acc<sup>ts</sup>: with the Comp<sup>a</sup>: which being under examination in the court of admiralty he clandestinely left the place which we have reason to doubt was by the contrivance of M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Gough Supra cargo of the James and that he went upon her for Bengall w<sup>th</sup>: pray strictly inquier into and if you find him returne him either to conclude his depending. The 16<sup>th</sup>: Inst we dispatcht the Bengall merch<sup>t</sup>: for England God send her safe thither 14<sup>th</sup>: Instant arrived the Dorrothy friggatt from the Canaries w<sup>th</sup>: the great supply of 100 pipes of wine but no more Europe news y<sup>n</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Defence Brought we shall in few days dispatch her to Attchein & the West Coast and another shipp directly thither with supply of men, mony, Provition and stores which is all that offers from

R<sup>t</sup>: Worp<sup>l</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>:  
Your faithfull frinds to  
serve you

THOMAS WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THOMAS GRAY.

ELIHU YALE.  
NATHANAELL HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JOHN LITTLETON.  
ROBERT FREEMAN.”

Page 72, lines 26 to 37.—For “The news of Yo<sup>r</sup>: . . . with you [ . . . ]”

Read.—“The news of yo<sup>r</sup>: good health & fortune is always wellcome to me as for the towne rent mony I doe not deny it being due as its payment except Allumgeers out of his great goodness and generosety has been pleas’d to forgive it by his late phirmaund sent to o<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: at Bombay, desiering yo<sup>r</sup>: forbearance till we received an authentique Coppy thereof which was promised and expected to be sent us in a short time besides you and your people well know, that we never paid the rent but either to the King of Golcondah or by his express Phirm<sup>a</sup>: but being advised that Nabob Assur Alle Cawne is coming downe to govern this countery, with great Power and authority I only desier yo<sup>r</sup>: Patience till his coming when I shall readily obay his orders about o<sup>r</sup>: rent not doubting but he is fully acquainted with o<sup>r</sup>: business and y<sup>e</sup>: Mogulls pleasure concerning us soe hoping a few days will not breack o<sup>r</sup>: long and great friendship I wish you all success & happiness.”

Page 73, lines 9 to 20.—For “Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Com<sup>p</sup>: charges . . . [Elihu Yale &c. Council].”

Read.—“y<sup>e</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: comp<sup>a</sup>: charges now in India we doubt exceed their profits which must be o<sup>r</sup>: great consideration and endeavor to alter for their

comfort, and our reputation Shipp Delight will in few days bring you the above said with their invoyces and bills of lading that for [Con : . . a]shore the other to Portonova as each ffactory sent severall persons assistance who must be employ'd accordingly you did ill to vary from y<sup>e</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: list of goods sent to you if at any time you venture upon any alteration therein lett it be on y<sup>e</sup>: right side and not see much in favor to your marchants since our duties & Consiences are obliged to o<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Masters lett yo<sup>r</sup>: next send us a list of your Soldiers we wonder at yo<sup>r</sup>: many fugitives & doubt you keep them not under y<sup>t</sup>: strickt comānd and duty you ought to doe which is all that offers from

ELIHU YALE & C<sup>a</sup>: COUNCILL."

*Pages 73 and 74, last 4 lines in page 73 and the first 4 lines in page 74.—For "We have sent you . . . affectionate frinds."*

*Read.*—"We have sent you what ffactors provisions of paper &c<sup>a</sup>: we have or can procure but for wheat is soe extream scarce & dere that you must continue y<sup>e</sup>: wholesome foode of rice and Pellows till we are supplied from y<sup>e</sup>: Bay w<sup>ch</sup>: will be suddainely.

Pray see the acco<sup>ts</sup>: are duly carryed on that we may not want them to bring into o<sup>r</sup>: you must also satisfye us about those notorious errours in M<sup>r</sup>: Davis acco<sup>t</sup>: that we mā rectefye them and advise it home by next shipp w<sup>ch</sup>: is all y<sup>t</sup> offers from

Your faithfull affectionate frinds".

*Page 74, lines 39 to 52.—For "The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: . . . upon the Mogull:"*

*Read.*—"The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: also from this encouragement have taken new resolutions to procecute that designe and to spare noe charge from England or hence to promote and cultivate their trade & settlements in those parts. The Dutch on the other hand studdying always possible to engrose the pepper trade in all parts & have been to succesfull therein, but thinck their greatest force & polittiques can never attain it tis a comodity soe variously dispersed in India.

We have kept your Cossids thus long in hopes to send you some Bengall news by them but none coming yett wee take this oportunity to write to you & keepe them some time longer in expectation tho we hope our frinds from Bengall may advise you thence give it us suddainly to advise their proceedings w<sup>ch</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>: Almighty grant may be to the honour and interest of o<sup>r</sup>: Masters.

These parts of y<sup>e</sup>: Country & its severall Governments are still unsettled and in great disorder each month chainging their Gov<sup>rs</sup>: and makin next preparations against the Marattas in the Chengy Countrey who are likewise strengthening themselves and fortifyecations to Defend them & their Countreies which they have hitherto done with great advantage upon the Mogull;"

*Page 75, paragraph 2.—For "Noe farther news . . . orderd from hence"*

*Read.*—"Noe farther news from Syam then what we had of M<sup>r</sup>: Hills Coming to Attcheine upon the Pearle frigatt and that whilst there they quarrelld with a Syam sloop maifd with French and forced her to Cutt and runn ashore takin her Cap<sup>t</sup>: prisoner which act of hostility in her Port has soe greatly offended the Queen that she immediately confin'd all y<sup>e</sup> English upon y<sup>e</sup> place who continued soe till the Pearls departure w<sup>ch</sup>: was in July intended hither but suppose she is fallen to Bengall & tho we have noe Acco<sup>t</sup>: of this action from M<sup>r</sup>: Hill yett wee here twas occasioned by y<sup>e</sup> french threatning to take many English vessells after his goeing whereupon he went to y<sup>e</sup> Queen to know if she would protect them in his absence who return'd for answer that the Siamers should have the same liberty in her Port which the Berkly Castle & severall others of our ships had



taken. M<sup>r</sup>: Hill then replied y<sup>t</sup> he was obliged to destroy them that would destroy us whereupon ensued [*sic*] the fray w<sup>ch</sup>: the President has excused by a Letter to the Queen representing the many just provocations we have had to make war with Siam from y<sup>e</sup> many great abuses and injuries done y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: which we hope will passefy her. Tis reported y<sup>t</sup>: Faulkon has fitted out two men of war maned w<sup>th</sup> french to lye in wait for and take our China Shippes but we hope they will be two many for then espesually if they joyn their forcees as ours was ordered from hence."

Page 75, last 7 lines.—For "I enjoy good health . . . all happ[yness . . . ]"

Read.—"I enjoy good health and shall be glad to here the like from you; the frindly letter you wrott me I rec<sup>d</sup>: but your horsemen being well satisfied with the contents thereof wherein ordering the payment of 1,200 pag<sup>a</sup>: rent mony to them which I must acknowledge was due but did never pay it without a discharge from Golcondah which as soon as I receive a Pherwanna for from Rowalla Cawn I will readely Submitt see desiering our continued frindshipp I wish you all happyyness.

ELIHU YALE."

Page 76, lines 28 to 41.—For "these are such enormous . . . buy and sell;"

Read.—"these are such enormous errors or wrongs that must be rectefyed somewhere by a reasonable satisfaction, which we mind you of that you may not fall into y<sup>e</sup> like faults which we strictly warne you from we can allow y<sup>e</sup> Portonove merchants noe interest for the ballance of their acco<sup>ts</sup>: it being always ready upon demand besides they must take a due proportion of Europe goods to the mony p<sup>d</sup>: them otherwise they have ready mony for their goods which you must not allow.

You must still endeavor y<sup>e</sup> procury of single Cotton yearne being much requiered by y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: but for the Pepper and Indico we cannot meddle with them except they come much cheaper and finer w<sup>ch</sup>: we hope you will effect.

The prizes we have made with our Merchants are viz<sup>t</sup>: Scarlet at 52 aurora at 28 ordinary broad cloth 22 perpetuanoes fine at 12 y<sup>e</sup>:  $\frac{1}{2}$  p<sup>ce</sup>: D<sup>e</sup>: Ordin<sup>ry</sup>: p<sup>a</sup>: 7 y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ce</sup>: corral 80 per m<sup>d</sup>: Lead 10  $\Psi$  C<sup>a</sup>: Silver 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ : dollers  $\Psi$  10 pg<sup>a</sup>: but we hope yo<sup>r</sup>: Merchants will according to their former customes & obligation advance upon these rates but lower you must not fall our merchants paying great customes to the Company both for what they buy and sell."

Page 77, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.—For "We are in great want . . . that presents from."

Read.—"We are in great want of bricks and chinam to send to the west Coast the mortality in these parts being soe great that they are both scarce and dere therefore doe you provide and engage for 4 or 500  $\Psi$ <sup>a</sup> of each to be ready for the next opportunity for which mony shall be also sent you.

Our merchants having mett with some trouble in their Invest<sup>nt</sup> near your Country & fearing y<sup>e</sup> Army may intercept their goods coming to them permit them securing them at your factory till a safe conveighance offers we gratefy them therein & order you to give them Godown rome for such goods as they shall send thither.

Widdowe Grugfeild advises us y<sup>t</sup> there is some months pay due to her husband deceased w<sup>ch</sup>: enquier into and make good to her order with what else due to her from you if the Bencoleen touches at your Port for water &c<sup>a</sup>: supply their occations & hasten their dispatch but whilst she staves lade what bricks Palmeers Chinam you can procure advising us & M<sup>r</sup> Bloom &c<sup>a</sup>: thereof which is all that presents from."

Pages 77 and 78, last 12 lines in page 77 and the first 4 lines in page 78.—For “Your merchants are . . . in those parts.”

Read—“Your merchants are very unreasonable to refuse giving the same price ours doe for the Europe goods since by their first settlement they are obliged to give more and your own Letters tell us the Silver and Corral were agreed soe by them which if they refuse lett them immedeately upon rec<sup>t</sup>: hereof returne our mony and goods and discharge them y<sup>e</sup>: Companyes service they are impudent unreasonable fellows to dispute it, Tis better to be without their small investments then the Comp<sup>s</sup>: to be abused by such base fellows.

You have done well in satisfying the Portonova Merchants without interest and we doubt not you will also perswade them to a proportion of Europe goods to that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2007: 31: 4 paid them if it was not before adjusted. Continue your endeavours for y<sup>e</sup> procury of a large quantety of bricks and chinam upon occation to furnish y<sup>e</sup> West Coast it being very scarce and dere here provide also a large quantety of fierwood billets rather it being plenty and cheap with you and keep it in staks bye you to furnish us in case of troubles here that being generally y<sup>e</sup> first thing we want you may lade [it upon such of y<sup>e</sup> Comp<sup>ms</sup>: shippes as] shall touch your Port without lading if your merchants will not procure the cotton yearn requierd procure others that will which certainly can be noe great difficulty great quantetyes being made in those parts.”

Page 78, lines 24 to 27.—For “We [ . . . ] with mony [ . . . ] boat which is a [ . . . ].”

Read—“We should have sooner furnished you with mony but that y<sup>e</sup> Roads are very dangerous both by y<sup>e</sup> Mogalls and Morattaes who are encamped by y<sup>e</sup> way and severall of our Merchants robbed w<sup>ch</sup>: makes us now send you 3,000 by a Cattamaran w<sup>ch</sup>: after rec<sup>t</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> mony you may returne them with fierwood in a reft [sic] we shall also furnish you w<sup>ch</sup>: some Gunnyes & ropes by a Country boat which is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate friends

ELIHU YALE.  
NATT: HIGGINSON.  
JOHN BIGGS.  
JO<sup>n</sup>: LITTLETON.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>: FREEMAN.  
THO<sup>m</sup>: WAVELL.  
WILL: FRASER.  
WILL: CAWLY.  
THO<sup>m</sup>: GRAY.”

Page 79, lines 1 to 9.—For “[ . . . ] was lately honoured . . . effect any thing ”

Read—

“Right Honourable

I was lately honoured & obliged w<sup>th</sup>: two of yo<sup>r</sup>: honours obliging kind letters, by your first I rec<sup>d</sup>: severall enclosed from the Comander of our Ship at y<sup>e</sup> port of Trincomala whose kind assistance from your Cheife &c<sup>a</sup>: thereby your honours favourable Commands I cannot too much acknowledge & shall be always ready to requite by my best services y<sup>e</sup> copy of those Parragrafes from the inturlopers letter sent to Comissary Pitts by President Gyfford are returned your honour as truly renderd into your language as we are capable of but notwithstanding what is wrott therein of any Person I must in justice assure your honour y<sup>t</sup>: we disapoynt y<sup>e</sup> interlopers transacting anything of moment either at Portonova or Cuddalore having these factoryes at both those places and forced them down to Bengall where I doubt they were to much favored by that interest nor did they at their returne effect anything.”



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