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PREFATORY NOTE.

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CHITTOOR,
6th July 1942.

B. S. BALIGA,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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1. Companys General Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George directing them to appoint Supravizors for the West coast dated 24th. Janry. 1753. This Letter is pasted in Book of Papers rece'd from Europe 1753 N. 18 as is also a Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlbro dated 1st. December 1752 N. 22.

Report of the Committee for Affairs of the West Coast dated 8th. October 1753 Enter'd after Consultation of that date.

Commission appointing John Walsh and John Pybus Esq^{rs}. Supravizors of the West Coast—Vide Cowle & Commission Book 1753.

Instructions to the Supravizors dated 15th. October 1753 *Vide* Book of Letters Sent 1753 N. 142.

General Letters to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro dated 15th. October 1753. *Vide* Book of Letters Sent 1753 N. 143.

D^o. to D^o. dated 7th. Febr'y. 1754 *Vide* Book of Letters sent 1754 N. 18

D^o. to D^o. dated 16th. March 1754 *Vide* D^o. N^o. 43.

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Beaulieu. | 1. General Letter from the Supravizors & Council dated 12 th . Febr'y. 1753. |
| | 2. Copy General Letter from the Supravizors & Council to the Court of Directors dated 26 Decem ^r : 1753 ☞ Walpole. |
| | 3. Copy Letter from the Resident of Manna to the Court of Directors dated 16 th . January 1754 ☞ Walpole. |
| | 4. General Letters from the Supravizors dated 12 th . Febr'y. 1754. |
| | 5. Copy General Letter from D ^o . to the Court of Directors ☞ Walpole dated 26 th . Decem ^r . 1754. |
| | 6. General Letter from the Supravizors & Council Dated 12 th . May 1754. |
| | 7. Copy General Letter to the Court of Directors ☞ Dragon dat ^d . 6 April 1753. |
| | 8. General Letter from the Supravizors dat ^d . 12 th . May 1754. |
| | 9. Copy General Letter from D ^o . to the Court of Directors ☞ Dragon dated 6 th . April 1754. |
| | 10. Copy Letter from the Assistant at Manna to the Court of Directors ☞ Dragon dat ^d . 13 th . April 1754. |
| | 11. Gen ^l . Letter from the Supravizors and Council dat ^d . 7 th . Aug ^t . 1754. |
| | 12. Do. from Supravizors 6 Do. |
| | 13. Gen ^l . Letter from the Supravizors and Council dat ^d . 24 th . D ^o . 1754. |
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15. Letter from Mr. Daniel Tottie dated 2nd. Febr'y. 1754 enclosing Copy of a letter from D^o. to the Depty Gov^r. & Council dat^d. 27th. Sept^r. 1753.
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17. Letter from Mr. Tho^s. Combes dated 3^d. August 1754.
18. Account produce of Pepper at Fort Marlbro & Dependencies for 1751 & 1752 Compar'd with an Account of what rece'd from ☞ D^o. May to Ult^o. Dec^r. 1753 & remains of pepper ☞ D^o. Janry 1754.
19. Account produce of pepper at Marlbro & c^a. for 1752 & 1753 compar'd with an Account of what rece'd from ☞ D^o. May 1753 to ult^o. March 1754 & what shipp'd on the Dragon for England.

20. Indent for Stores dated 11th. Febr'y. 1754.
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35. Copy Surgeon of the Walpole his Complaint against the Captain for Ill treatment dat^d. 21st. Decr. 1753.
36. Copy of the Answer given by Captain Fowlers Passengers to his Vindication dat^d. 26th. Decr. 1753.
37. Resident of Natal (Roger Carter) his Memorial shewing the Invalidity of the Dutch Claim to Natal dated 4th. April 1754.
38. Paymasters Abstract of Charg^s. for March 1754 dat^d. Ult^o. April 1754.
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44. List of Slaves and Transports at Marlbro & a return of those at our Settlements.
45. Gen^l. Abstract of the Survey of Cattown Districts in April 1754.
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50. Do. Croee 1754.

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51. Copy of a Letter from the Supravisors to the General & Council of Batavia dated 11th. Febr'y. 1754.
52. Extracts of General Letters from the Court of Directors & the Presid^t. & Council of Fort St. George relating to an Exclusive trate [*sic*] in the West Coast.
53. Copy Letter from John Massey to the Supravisors dat^d. 29th. July 1754.
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56. Do. Ⓢ Orange Tree Sloop 6th. Augst.
57. List of the Supravizors Packet Ⓢ Prince George Edward 13 May.
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59. List of Books in the Packet Ⓢ Prince George 12 Febr'y.
60. List of Books in Do. Orange Tree 13th. May.

MEMORANDUM

SURVEY OF THE BUILDINGS AT FORT MARLBRO LIST OF THE MILITARY, TRAIN BUGGUESSES &C^a. ARE IN THE BUNDLE LABELL'D "DUPLICATE LETTERS &C^a." PAPERS RECE'D FROM THE WEST COAST IN 1754.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS, ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &^{CA}. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRS,

By the Prince George importing here the 12th. Dec^r. we were favor'd with Your Commands of the 15th. October last. The same day come on shore John Walsh & John Pybus ESQ^S. with your Commission as Supravisors, which being Publicly read to the Inhabitants & due Obedience shewn, they took their Seats at the Board, conformable to Your Appointment, and then proceeded to Business.

2. Before we begin our Reply to Your above mention'd Favor, we must beg Your Excuse, for not entering on so full a Narrative of the Transactions here, since the Departure of the Delawar, as you will doubtless expect from Us, and we at first intended, but the death of Our Secretary, Mr. William Smith at this Busy Time, and having no one sufficiently qualified to supply his Place, is the Occasion of it, which we flatter Ourselves you will dispense with, as our last Letter to the Honble Court of Directors fully sets forth every material concurrence which has happen'd; copy whereof comes in this Ships Packet. In hopes therefore of your favorable Imputation, we shall proceed to answer your Letter to us ¶ Prince George, under the establish'd Heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3^d. Our Honble Masters Ship Walpole, after having taken on board all the Pepper, we had on hand here, sail'd for Manna the 28th. Dec^r. to fill up, which Place she was dispatch'd from the 10th. Ult^o. with a full Loading for Europe: We at first intended she should have taken all the Manna Pepper, except seventy or eighty tons, and have kept about one Hundred & fifty in our Godowns here, for the Ship expected from Coast, but the President there, representing the great want he shou'd be in of sampans to give her a quick Dispatch, and the Impossibility of procuring them in Time, by which means, there would have been great danger of incurring Demorage, had we pursu'd our first Intention, we came to a Resolution to reserve the Pepper at that Place, for the latter ship, as we shou'd be able by that Time to furnish a sufficiency of Sampans to send thither with her. The Walpole took from thence about Forty six Tons, & there remains near two Hundred & sixty on the coast for the expected ship, which shall on her Arrival, be immediately shipped on board her, & the utmost Dispatch possible given to her, to avoid all unnecessary demorage. 13TH JAN^R. 13TH DEC.

4th. In the 7th. Paragraph of your Letter ¶ Prince George you remark to us, That the number of Sloop's Boats & Vessels in the service of this Coast, appears very large: The Books indeed confirm it, but the Hawke, Fame & Louisa Sloop's which are inserted in the Remains, have long since been lost or broke up, although omitted to be wrote off. Those now in being are the Mary & Swallow Sloop's & One Hoy, three Long Boats, two of which only are serviceable & a Panchallong: This last being a constant Charge, & of little Use, we purpose shortly to put to sale. The Sloop's & Hoy are chiefly employ'd in bringing Pepper from, & supplying the Subordinancies with Stores, and the Long Boats in lading & unloading the Company's ships: We shall be careful at the Close of this Years Books, to write off all such as are not in being; and in General be particularly attentive in employing the remaining Ones, as shall be most advantageous to our Honble Masters.

5th. The Master of the Swallow Sloop not having contracted to serve any limited Time, quitted his Employ, when the Vessel was under Dispatches for Natal, which obliged us to apply to Capt^t. Fowler with a Person out of his ship: to prevent which in future & the bad Consequences which may attend it, at Particular Junctures, We came to a Resolution to oblige the Masters of 21ST DEC^R.

all Sloop's & Vessells in Our Honble Master's service on this Establishment to contract at engaging not to quit their Command without giving three Month's Previous notice, that we may not hereafter be distressed.

19TH
JAN^{RY}.

6th. Captain Burman presented us two Bills for the dieting the Military & Transports you supply'd us with by him, which were accordingly discharged.

24TH DEC^R.

7. Complaint having been made to the Board in November last by Capt^t. Fowler's Passengers of Ill Treatment during the Voyage; we call'd upon him to give in his answer, which he complied with; The Parties were brought Face to Face, and what the Gentlemen alledged against him, appeared, by the very Indifferent defence he made, but too well founded: We therefore in Justice to them and as consistent with Our duty have represented this Affair fully to, Our Honble Masters, that a suitable Resentment may be shewn to such Behaviour. A Complaint likewise made against him, by the Surgeon of the Ship, served to corroborate that of his Passengers; This last was deliver'd into Us just on the Walpole's Dispatch, that it was not enter'd in Our Consultations, but a Copy transmitted in that ship's Packet; We have also enclosed one in this for your perusal, likewise Copy of an Answer given in by the Gentlemen, to Capt^t. Fowler's Vindication, which for the above Reason was not enter'd.

8. We have in Obedience to your Commands advanced Capt^t. Burman of the Prince George five Thousand dollars (£5000) which he represented was the least that would be wanted for the Repairs of his Vessell, & purchase of his Timbers & Plank Cargo, his first Receipt for which comes in the Packet, and in Our Dispatches & Instructions to him, copy whereof comes also herein, your Honour &c^a. will observe, we have recommended to him the utmost Dispatch possible, in returning to the Coast.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE, OR ONE PART OF INDIA
TO BE DISPOSED OF AT ANOTHER.

13TH DEC^R.

9. The Walpole brought Us from Batavia supplies of Arrack & Rice, for which We paid Capt^t. Fowler his Bills amounting to two Thousand nine Hundred & thirty nine dollars two Sooca's & four Cash.

10. We are Glad to find the Sample sent of our Sugar Manufacture by Delaware proved so satisfactory We have now on Hand at three Hund^d. & thirty Peculs & the Undertakers have about one Hundred Pecul more in readiness to deliver. We should have put on board this Ship the greatest Part of it, but the necessity there is for her refitting at Batavia, would make it attended with great Loss & Inconvenience, from the Wastage which must unavoidably happen in unlading & reshipping it, & the Jealousy it would naturally excite in the Dutch, who, by the severe Prohibitions laid on the Exportation of all material & Utensils necessary to promote this Work, too plainly prove the Umbrage it gives them, & their Designs to frustrate it by all possible Means, although We now flatter Ourselves it will not be in their Power to give any Interruption to its Success.

19TH DEC^R.

11. By the Walpole we sent to St. Helena by way of Trial twelve Basketts of this new Manufacture & proposed to Our Honble Masters the furnishing that Settlement with an Annual supply of it, shou'd it meet with their Approbation.

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24TH DEC^R.

12. That we might by that Ship give Our Honble Masters as perfect a state as possible of this Undertaking; we appointed a Committee to survey their Works and Plantations. The report of which is enter'd on our Consultations. The Undertakers at the same time presented Us with an Indent and Musters of several Utensils, they were in want of, which the Dutch Prohibitions prevented their procuring from Batavia, and requested, we would forward them to England to be supplied from thence, which on their engaging to take at 25 [¢] Cent on Prime Cost, we indulged them in, and took the Liberty of recommending the compliance therewith to our Honble Masters.

13. In our Book of Consultations You will find entered a Letter from the Undertakers, wherein they set forth the many Losses they have sustained by the death of Buffaloe's the detention of several Praws with Utensils for their Works, & the Prohibitions at Batavia for exporting them from thence, by which Means they were prevented bringing away many they had Purchased there, in consideration thereof, they required we would indulge them with further Advance of fifteen Hundred dollars (₹ 1,5000). This we thought proper to grant and were the more readily induced thereto, as the Quantity of Sugar, they then had on hand to deliver, would immediately replace above Half of it, & what wou'd be shortly in readiness far exceed it, exclusive of the Arrack we may now expect Monthly to receive from thence, which Reasons we hope will have their due weight with Your Honor &c^a.

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JAN^{RY}.

14. As the former Contract made with them for the Articles of Arrack & Sugar, is in many Points very defective, we thought this a proper Opportunity to draw up an additional One; which they consenting to, was accordingly done, & is entered in our Book of Consultations.

9TH JAN^{RY}.

15. Our Store of Powder in Garrison being but very small, we requested of Captains Fowler & Burman to spare us as much as they could: Capt. Fowler went away without Assisting Us with any, & Capt. Burman could only supply us with five Barrels, for which we have given Acco^t. Curr^t. Fort St. George due Credit.

DEC^R.
JAN^{RY}.

16. On Examination of the Military Slops, sent us by this Ship, by the Military Paymaster he reported to us a deficiency of two Shirts in Bale No. 1; but as by referring to the Bill of Lading signed for them the Bales only were mentioned, & not their Contents, we could not call on the Captain for the Amount, and have therefore carried it to the debit of Acco^t. Current Fort St. George, being two Soocas & ninety six cash wch. at 16½ P for 10 Pag^s. is Fans. 16-11^{ca}.

JAN^{RY}.

17. On measuring & weighing the Rice and Salt consign'd us by this Ship, there was found deficient of the former Article two Hundred & forty nine

7TH JAN^{RY}.

Mercals

Mercals (249) & of the latter one Garce & three Hundred & forty three Mercals Gao. Merls.

(1:343) as by the Storekeepers Report of them, by which it Appears that two Hundred & forty Bamboos of Salt were lost by being wetted in bringing on shore; These we wrote off to Profit & Loss, and the Captain has accounted with Us for the amount of the rest, so that his Bill of Lading is endors'd in full, every thing else turning out right. But as probably there may arise some difference by our Method of computing the Garce at twelve Hundred Bamboes We have sent by Capt. Burman a sealed Bamboe from our Standard One, that the Measurement may be exactly adjusted thereby.

18. On looking into the Military Officers Account of Slops supplied the Garrison, & inspecting their Musters, they appeared to Us exceeding high charged; We therefore came to a Resolution to restrain their issues of them, & gave directions to our Warehouse keeper to supply the Military therewith, on Account the Company at 25 ₹ Cent on the Invoice Price; But as this regulation deprived the Captains of an Opportunity of disposing of what remain'd on hand, we engag'd to take them off at 30 ₹ Cent on the Madrass Invoice, which, to avoid any Irregularity in the Sales here, on account of the different Prices we have sent to Moco Moco, for the Service of that Garrison; This has Occasion'd us to enlarge Our Indent for those Articl^s, and will we hope induce Your Honor &c^a, to supply us fully therewith Musters of the several Articles come by this Ship amounting to, as ₹ Invoice in the Packet, to one Dollar, three Sooca's & twenty four cash, (₹ 1:3:24) for which we have debited Account Current Fort St. George.

19. Your Honor &c^a. will observe by the Ballance of our General Books sent by this Ship there appears to be remaining Copper Cash to the amount of

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25TH } JAN^{RY}.

four Hundred & ten Dollars & sixteen Cash. This led the Supravisors into an Enquiry where it was lodged, but none of the Members of the Board being able to give any Account of it refered them to Mess^{rs}. Massey & Beach; Their Letters on this Subject are entered in our Consultations, & the latter has paid into Cash thirty six Dollars & one Sooca (₹ 36-1^{sc}-) being the amount of what exchang'd by him during his Secretaryship: As the Prosecution of this Enquiry would at this Time, have interrupted our more material Business, we have pospon'd (*sic*) it till after the Prince George's dispatch, when we shall again enter upon it, and be better enabled to judge in this Matter.

20. We have compared the Account of Adjustments transmitted in this Ship's Packet, relating to the Stores taken out of the Delawar, & short deliveries from her, with our Books here, & debited Account Curr^t. Fort St. George, for the amount of Blocks & Cordage, though we must beg leave to remark, that two Coils of the Cordage Viz^t. Those of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ & 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Inches, which the Captain acknowledged to have been apply'd to the Ship's Use, do not appear in her Invoice. The Reason the Endorsement on the Bill of Lading did not correspond with the Account transmitted in the Packet must be owing to the Irregular method practical here, of endorsing Bills of Lading by the Accountant, instead of the Storekeeper or Warekeeper who receive the several Articles into Charge; This we have now regulated, and hope Your Honor &ca. will in future have no reason to charge us with Remissness in this, or any other Points of Our Honble Masters Business.

21. As we find the Entries in our Books here, do not entirely correspond with the Account of Adjustments Your Honor &ca. have sent Us we directed our Accountant to draw out an Account Current, particularizing the several Receipts and Deficiencies ₹ Delawar which now comes in this Ship's Packet and as there has been no regular List of Adjustments, between the Presidency & this Place since the taking of Madrass as was formerly practiz'd, we must request Your Honor &ca. will please to furnish us therewith by the next Opportunity, that we may settle the same with our Books here.

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JAN^{RY}.

22. Our several Indents for the yearly Supplies of Wares & Stores with Copies of those transmitted to England ₹ Walpole, comes in this Packet, under their respective Numbers, by which Your Honor &ca. will Observe, we have not requested any Rice, and increased our usual Indent for Salt. The reasons for which, although given fully in our Book of Consultations we shall here again briefly mention—That finding according to the best calculation we can make, Rice may be apply'd Us on more reasonable Terms from Batavia by the Store Ship, than the Coast, We have forwarded a Letter by this Ship to be lodged there, addressed jointly to the Captain and Mr. Peter Garden requesting them to purchase Us forty Batavia Coyan of that Article, with Powers to stop the amot. out of one of the Chests of Treasure consign'd Us by that Ship, and as we have thoughts of increasing the Issues of Salt, as well by sale as other Methods, we judge the Quantity Indented for at least, may be annually taken off on this Coast, as the Natives cannot do without it and have no other means of supplying themselves than from Us; and as we build great hopes of making a very advantageous Use of this Article, we must beg your Honor &ca. will, if possible, furnish Us fully therewith: The Regulations which have already passed relative thereto, we must request leave to refer you to our Consultations for.

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JAN^{RY}.

23. We shall be careful to observe that a proper ₹ Centage be put on Our Retales of Wares and Stores, to make good any Deficiencies which may arise from damage or Wastage, that our Honble Masters be no sufferers thereby.

24. Our Honble Masters we observe in their Letter to us ₹ Exeter, have directed us particularly to Indent to Your Honor &ca. for all Cumbersome Articles, such as Gun Carriages &ca. and as those Our Guns are new mounted on are so bad, that even the Weight of the Cannon have broke down many. We must earnestly Request to be supply'd with the number specified in our Indent, as soon as possible.

25. In our Indent by this Ship Your Honor &c^a. will observe, we have inserted ten Pipes of Madeira Wine, which being solely for the Use of the Settlement, We request you will be pleased to supply us with, as the Captain's of the Store Ship's frequently disappoint Us, and charge us exorbitant Prices, when Our Necessities oblige us to purchase from them.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS and FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

26. We come now to that Important subject to Our Honble Masters, Their Pepper Investment on this Coast, which although We have fully treated on, in our Letter to them ^{of} Walpole, we cannot pass over, without adding something further thereon.

27. By the Ship Walpole we sent, agreeable to her Charter party Terms, four Hundred & twenty four Tons, three Hundred, and twenty three Pounds

Tons Ct. qrs. lb.

of Pepper (423-3-23) and we have now remaining at this Place and its Subordinacies, upwards of two Hundred and fifty Tons more, as ^{of} Account in this ships Packet, wherein the Years Investment for 1751 is compared with that of 1752, by which your Honor &c^a. will observe, there is at some an Increase, & at others a decrease: but a decrease on the whole of eleven Hundred & sixty Hundreds, three Quarters & twenty one Pounds, or seventy two Tons, eight Hundreds, three Quarters & twenty one Pounds. We shall not fail to shew a proper Resentment to such who have been found negligent, to give suitable Encouragement to the Industrious.

28. That we in future may Arrive at a more perfect Knowledge of the State of the Pepper Plantations on this Coast, & be better enabled to Judge of the Industry, or negligence of the Inhabitants belonging to each district, we are determin'd that Annual survey's at least, shall be taken by the Resident or his Assistant, of their respective Settlements; or in case of sickness some other of Company's Servants to be sent on that Business, with such Encouragement for their Trouble, as we shall think their services deserve. We have appointed Ensign Tatam to the Survey of Anak Soongey, and allowed him fifty dollars for his travelling charges. He set out from Moco Moco the 26th. Ultimo. Our Instructions to him, are entered in Our Book of Letters sent. Mr. Charles Hampton is likewise Ordered the survey of Tallo Residency, & Mr. Rob^t. Hay will set out, on that of Cattown, so soon as he has finished some Business, we have sent him upon at Laye: Those of the other Residencies also, we shall hereafter give directions about; By this method we shall be able to know the exact Number of Doosoons, the Number of Inhabitants & Vines belonging to them, & distinguish the Industrious of them from the Indolent, the salutary Effects of which, will, we hope, in few Years be very Apparent.

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29. Your Honor &c^a. will observe there appears a considerable Increase in the Investment at Cawoor for, 1752, which from the Residents late Representations to Us, we fear will fall far short in this. One of the Pangran's being here, belonging to that district, we summoned him to appear at Consultation, and acquainted him with the purport of the Residents Letter & how much we were dissatisfied with the Behaviour of him & the other Head men, That nothing but a hearty Zeal in them to promote the Increase of Pepper in their Districts, could induce Us to continue them Our Honble Master's Protection, which they had so earnestly & repeatedly solicited and that a contrary Behaviour could not fail of drawing on them Our severest Resentment: His Promises were fair, & we hope this Publick Rebuke, will be attended with good Effects. We at the same Time addressed a Letter to the rest of the Proatteens, to the above Purport, & directed the Resident to summon them together, & read it Publickly to them. We shall take the same measures with any others, who may be alike Faulty, and in general exert ourselves by all methods the most probable to promote Our Honble Masters Interest.

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17TH &

19TH
JAN^{RY}.

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30. We transmitted to Nattal a Copy of the Paragraph in your Honor & cas. Commands relating to Sultan Ooloo Deen, and by a Letter lately receiv'd from thence, we find he is gone on a Trading Voyage to Tapanooly. We apprehend there will be some difficulty in getting his children from the King of Acheen, not on account of the money they were pledged for, but the Alliance his eldest son has contracted with him by Marriage, & the Favor and Station he is in there; We shall nevertheless use our Endeavours to comply with the Orders given us on this Subject.

6th FEBY. 31. On the arrival of Mr. Carter from Natal, we judged necessary to meet in Order to come to a determination with regard to the Claims made by the Dutch, which from the best Information we have been able to get, appear to us very Ill founded, we therefore resolved to keep Possession, and strenuously support our Honble Masters Right thereto; The Supravizors address the General & Council of Batavia on this Subject, to whom we beg leave to refer you for furth Particulars: We shall hereafte take into serious consideration what methods it may be necessary to pursue for rendering it for most advantage to Our Honble Master's: An Investment of Pepper there, we cannot flatter Ourselves with the least Hopes of.

8th JANY. 32. The beginning of last Month we had Information given us that some disturbance was likely to happen, through the means of Raja Lakeetan, eldest Brother to Pangran Raja Calippa. The Occasion of it is This: On the death of the old Pangran their Father, Rajah Lakeetan, the eldest Brother, was settled at Laboon Adje a Place in the King of Acheen's Territories, where he was repeatedly wrote to, to come and take upon him the Pangranship then vacant; but he declin'd it on pretence of having devoted himself to a Religious Life, and averse to engaging in any Publick Affairs; The second son was accordingly Appointed to that Rank by the Governor & Council which he continued in quiet Possession of upwards of two Years; His Brother coming here some Time after the Appointment was made, it was again offer'd to him; and he declin'd it; but being lately instigated by a turbulent Party, has laid Claim to it as his Right. We therefore summoned him, and those whom we suspected to be chiefly Concern'd in this Commotion, to Consultation, and gave them a severe Reprimand, with Assurances of our highest Resentment, in case they did not immediately desist from promoting such Disturbance, as we were determin'd to support Raja Calippa in his Appointment. They promised a compliance with our Injunctions, but we are not yet out of doubt, whether or no, we may not be obliged to take other measures with them.

33. Dupatty Comallo Rattoo, who was last Year advanced fifty Dollars in consideration of his Promises to prevail on his people to come and settle in the Laye Districts, & promote the Culture of Pepper, has lately offer'd to return the Money: His Reasons for so doing we are at a loss to Guess, but suspect them to be owing to some discouragement the Pangran of that Place may have given to his designs. We purpose writing to him in a few days on this Subject, and shall not fail to make the strictest Enquiry into it, shewing proper Resentment, to the Pangran. if it shou'd appear he has been any way Instrumental in frustating this Business.

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34. In a Letter lately received from Manna we were inform'd that some Bugguesses going to Crole, had been robbed on the Road of their Letters & Creeis's: The suspected Parties were immediately sent for & secured by the Resident. As this is an extraordinary Circumstance, & if lightly passed over, may render it unsafe travelling from one Settlement to another, we have directed that they be sent up hither, that we may make a strict Examination into it.

35. We shall have a strict Regard to the Orders you have been pleased to give Us, relating to payment being made in Cloth, and prevent any such Practices in future, either here or at the Subordinates.

36. As the Supravisors have separately addressed the General & Council of Batavia, We beg Your Honr. &c^a. will be pleased to be referred to them for Particulars relating to Our Concerns with the Dutch.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

37. The Orders we have so lately received from Our Honble Masters, & Your Honor &c^a. on the subject of Buildings makes it unnecessary to say any thing further thereon, than to assure You that all possible frugality shall be shewn, in making such temporary Repairs to them, as may be absolutely necessary, & that none shall be made but what are immediately so.

38. On the Expiration of the present Contract with the Brick & Tyle Makers, we shall use our utmost Endeavours to lower the Prices of them, though the excessive high Rate of Labourers Hire here, gives us but little Reason to hope they will be effectual.

39. Your Honor &c^a. will observe in Our Book of Consultations, the Information given by the Supervisors of an offer made them to Farm the Arrack Licence at three Hundred Dollars p Month, which having hitherto been let only for one hundred & thirty, they enquired into the Reason of it, and finding it had been for many Years made a Private advantage of, and might always have been let at the same Rate, the then Licence was annulled the first of this Month, & a new one drawn out on the abovemention'd Terms; The Accountant was then directed to draw out Bills on Robert Hindley, Esqr. & the Attorneys of Joseph Hurlock, Esqr. for the difference from primo May 1746 to Ultimo January 1754; but as yet no money has been paid in on that Account; The former referring Us to his Trustees, into whose Hands he had given up his Affairs; & the latter having then no money of Mr. Hurlock's in their hands, but promise to deposit all they may collect on his Account into Cash here, which we shall be careful to see comply'd with. 12TH &
14TH JAN^{RY}.

40. We have lately made some Regulations for promoting the Increase of Revenues on this Coast, which being fully set forth in our Consultations, we must take the liberty of refering Your Honour &c^a. thereto for Particulars. 23RD
JAN^{RY}.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS MILITARY OFFICERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

41. Immediately after the Dispatch of the Walpole, the Supravizors acquainted Us with that Part of their Commission from Our Honble Masters relating to an Enquiry, whether Robert Hindley, Esqr. had not made his Predecessor, Mr. Hurlock, some Pecuniary Consideration for the Government, & directed every Member of the Board to give them what Information they could on that subject, which they accordingly did in writing, as enter'd in Our Book of Consultations, with a Letter also from Mr. John Massey, whereby the fact was pretty plainly proved. Mr. Hindley being questioned thereon, promised to lay before the Board a faithful Narrative of the whole Proceeding, with the several Papers relative thereto, which was done as Your Honor &c^a. will find entered at large in our Consultations. The 32^d. Paragraph of the Honble Company's Letter of the 23^d. January, 1752, was then again communicated to the Board, by the Supravizors, & their several Opinions asked, whether Mr. Hindley's Transactions with Mr. Hurlock did not amount to what is there termed a Pecuniary Consideration; which being given in the Affirmative, they have, in conformity to the express Orders contained therein, dismissed Robert Hindley, Esqr. from their Service. Security being then demanded of him, in behalf of the Honble Company. He deliver'd up his Affairs into the Hands of Trustees, who were therofe sworn to satisfy all demands they might have on the Estate, as far as it should be Responsible. 28TH DEC^R.
31ST DEC^R.
8TH JAN^{RY}.
12TH Do.

42. A few days after Mr. Hindley's Dismission, he sent in an Address to Us, representing his being deprived of all Means of subsistence, by having given up his Affairs to his Trustees, and requesting in consideration of his circumstances & long services, some Allowance might be made him. As we were 14TH
JAN^{RY}.

well convinced of the Justness of his Representation, and having no Reason to accuse him of any dishonest Practices, towards Our Honble Masters, we have granted his fifty Dollars $\frac{7}{8}$ Month, to be continued till Your Honor &c^{as}. pleasure be known.

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JAN^{RY}. 43. On referring to the several Papers deliver'd in by Mr. Hindley it was observed that Mr. Combes had not only signed as Witness to the contract entered into by Mr. Hurlock, but that the same was in his Hand Writing. It was therefore enquired of him, how he could reconcile the not making Publick Remonstrance against this Transaction, with the duty he owed his Masters: He has deliver'd in a Letter in vindication of himself, which is entered in Our Consultations, where Your Honor &c^a. will likewise find some remarks thereon by the Members of the Board. As he has refered himself in his defence to Our Honble Masters, we have left it to their Determination, how far he may be judged culpable in this Matter.

18TH
JAN^{RY}. 44. Mr. William Smith, agreeable to Your Commands, has repaid into Cash the money he borow'd belonging to the Estate of Robert Trumbell, deceased. The Children of whom, having some time ago made application to Us for subsistance, we judged it most proper, to nominate two responsible Persons as Guardians to them, and Mr. Combes & Cap^t. Morrisset being willing to undertake that charge, we purpose paying the Amount of the Estate into their Hands.

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JAN^{RY}. 45. On the 24th. Ultimo died Our Secretary Mr. William Smith, & Resident of Laye; We immediately appointed Mr. Hay to take The Company's Remains at his Residency, and shall be careful that any deficiencies, or other demands Our Honble Masters may have on the Estate, be made good. We shall hereafter Nominate some capable Person to succeed him in the latter. In November last died at Crooe Mess^{rs}. Percival Say & John Saul We have appointed Mr. William Teshmaker Joint Resident there with Mr. Preston; he left this Place the 5th. Ultimo. On the 7th. Instant died Mr. John Garnsey, Sub Secretary & Military Paymaster.

14TH DEC^R.
No. 495. 46. Mr. Thomas Bright, Factor, having received repeated Reprimands for neglecting his Business, to very little Purpose, & refusing to attend on being sent for by the Secretary, We were obliged to use compulsive means with him, on which he resigned his Covenants, He has since however made acknowledgment of his Bad Behaviour & promised Amendment, We have therefore employed him to Assist in the writing Business, being in want of Hands, and continued to him his Allowances, but refer the Re-admission to his Covenants to Your Honor &c^a.

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JAN^{RY}. 47. He has since given us Occasion; as likewise have Mess^{rs}. Samuel Kingston & Bastion Smith, to reiterate our Rebukes for Neglect of Duty; They were summoned to Consultation and warned not to give any future cause for complaint on pain of Dismission from the Service, which we are very Apprehensive they will shortly oblige us to put in Execution.

23RD
JAN^{RY}. 48. Captain Lieutenant Gabbett has addressed Us on the Subject of succeeding to the vacant Company here, a Promise of it, as he there Asserts, having been made him by the Governor & Council, unless an Appointment was made from St^t. Helena, or the Presidency; but as your Honor &c^a. have reserved to Yourselves the Power of granting such Commissions, we can only say in his behalf, that we Judge him, worthy Encouragement, & a good Officer. The Supravisors observing by the Miliary Paymaster's Accounts, that Mr. Gabbett had received Captains Pay from the Month of October 1752, and having a Commission only as Cap^t. Lieutenant they directed him to refund the Surplus, and in future to receive the Pay his Rank entitled him to; On which he deliver'd in a Letter to the Board, setting forth, the difficulty he shou'd find to raise the money, as his Pay was now reduced, & that his having receiv'd it, was in consequence of Orders from the Dep^y. Governor. As we are pretty well convinced that the Payment of this Money, would a good deal Distress him, & considering

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JAN^{RY}.

his long Services & Merit We have left this Matter to Your Honor &^{cas.} determination; but Ordered that he receive only Cap^{t.} Lieutenants Pay, till advanced to the rank of Captain.

49. We have drafted from Our Military a Company of Artillery, agreeable ^{21ST DEC.} to directions sent us by Prince George, and given the Command of it to Captain Lieutenant Pero; The Gunroom Crew was in consequence thereof abolished, but Mr. William Jobison, our Gunner, being willing to serve as Lieut^{t.} of the Train we have given him a Commission accordingly, as he is esteemed duly Qualify'd and has a very fair Character.

50. On the new Establishment of a Train, we judged proper to appoint a Military Storekeeper, and nominated Mr. Daniel Tottie to that Employ, with Orders to open a set of Books, with the several Articles that consequently come under his charge, so soon as he had completed the Account Remains.

51. The Recruit of Military sent us ^{21ST DEC.} Prince George we received, & have acquainted the Topasses, who had applied to us for re-entrance money, with your directions on that Head.

52. Mr. John Broff being a very necessary Person to attend the service of the Boats, & shipping Off & landing of Goods, we had Entertain'd him again for that service, before the Receipt of your Commands ^{21ST DEC.} Prince George, in which we hope he will have Your confirmation.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

53. On counting over the Cash upon the Arrival of the Supravizors, there appeared a Surplus of six Hundred ninety nine dollars & three Sooca's (P. 699-3-). The Reasons of which being enquired into by them, it appeared to have arose from an irregular Method many Years practised here of estimating each Bagg of Dollars received from England, grossly at one Thousand, which was brought to account at that Rate; whereas it generally turned out three or four more. The Surpluss has been usually applied to the Purchase of House Furniture, Horses &^{ca.} on account the Company, & disbursed on particular Occasions to writing Assistants in the Offices, though not inserted in the Books. We have now brought the Surplus Cash to Account, and give directions for the same to be done by all Necessaries, which have been purchased therewith. 12TH
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21ST } DEC^{r.}

54. In passing the Monthly Accounts of November & December for this Place & the several Subordinates, The Supravizors have judged proper to make several Reductions in them, and Regulations thereon, which being minutely mentioned in our Consultations, we must beg leave to refer Your thereto. 23RD &
26TH
JAN^{RY}.

55. The Certificates which we have drawn on Your Honor &^{ca.} by this Ship, are agreeable to Your Orders for sixteen & a half Dollars for ten Pagodas.

56. The Ballance of Cash remaining here this day is in Dollars, Sooca's & Cash; Fifty five Thousand & sixty nine Dollars, two Sooca's & fifty five Cash (P. 55069. 2. 55).

SUPPLEMENT.

57. In June last we consigned Jointly to Mr. James Stephens & Mr. Peter Garden at Batavia, two Thousand Spanish Dollars for Repairing the Sloop Swallow, which has yet not been accounted for, though we imagine it has been employed towards discharging the money taken up by Mr. Stephens from the Honble Netherlands Company on that Account, we have however now addressed Mr. Peter Garden on that subject, requesting likewise, that he would advance for us, the Ballance which may be due them. We have also desired him to advise us of the disposal of the twenty four Bags of Salt and two Coyan of Chunam left with him in 1750, by Cap^{t.} William Parks of the Ship Malborough.

58. A few days since Arrived here Mr. Joseph Darvall, Resident of Manna, whom we have employed as Provisional Secretary, and shall detain him till we can make an Appointment to that Employ.

59. This morning Anchored in our Road the Adventure Snow, Stephen Bunyan, Master, Private Trader, from whence he came directly here, and brings no news. We are, with Respect,

FORT MARLBOROUGH

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

FEBRUARY 12TH. 1754.

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants,

ROGER CARTER.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.
JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
THO^S. COMBES.
ROB^T. JACK.
R^H. MARRIOTT.

POSTSCRIPT

The Certificates we have drawn on Your Honor &^{ca}. for money received into Cash here, are at sixteen Dollars & a half for ten Pagodas, & Payable to the following Persons Viz^t.

	Dolls.	Soc	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca
1 One Sett Payable to Mr. Hen ^y . Vansittart in favor of John Walsh, Esq ^r . for	5500	—	—	3333	12	—
1 One Sett Payable to Mess ^{rs} . Walsh and Vansittart in favor of John Pybus Esq ^r . for	3250	—	—	1969	25	5
1 One Sett Payable to Mr. Hen ^y . Vansittart in favor of Mr. Thomas Combes for	2418	—	51	1465	19	12
1 One Sett Payable to Mr. Cha ^s . Bouchier in favor of Mr. Thomas Combes for	2296	1	36	1391	25	27
1 One Sett Payable to Mr. William Burton in favor of Hodgee Haumad for	200	0	0	121	7	50
5 Five Setts of Certificates amos. to Dollars	13664	1	87	Pag ^s . 8281	17	14

or eight Thousand two Hundred & eighty one Pagodas, seventeen Fanams & fourteen Cash being thirteen Thousand six Hundred & sixty four Dollars one Sooca & eighty seven Cash. We are

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FEBRUARY 12TH. 1754.

Your most obedient & most humble Serv^{ts}.

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DANIEL TOTTIE.

TO THE HONOURABLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

Since our last advices, under date of the 16 June forwarded ¶ Godolphin Capt^t. William Hutchinson, which left this Place, the following day, after

Receiving ^{Tons.} 200 of Pepper, We have been favour'd with Your Commands of the 1st. Decr. 1752, whereto we now take leave to tender a Reply, and at the same time, give your Honours Information of the most Material Transactions, that have ocured, since the beforementioned address, in the Management of Affairs, entrusted to our care on this Coast, under the prescrib'd Heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2nd. The Walpole Capt^t. Francis Fowler, arriv'd here the 10th. of Sept^r. last, and after delivery of the Consignment, you were pleas'd to make on her, sailed, as usual, to take in the Northern Pepper, the 10th. of the followg. Month with sundry stores for the Residency of Moco Moco, from whence she return'd the 28 Novemb^r. having recd. on board the produce of the Seasons Crops, amod^d.

Tons, C. qrs. lb.

to 274. 3. 2 20 where upon in obedience to your Honours Injunctions, laid down for our Guidance, concerning the returning the Cargoe of this Ship, in the 11th. Para. We came to a Resolution of sending her to Manna in order to make up her Charterparty Tonnage, to w^{ch}. Place she now sails, where the Resd^t. has directions to be as expeditious as possible in putting the same on board, and immediately when that's being compleated to give us advice thereof, purposing case no Ship arrives from the Coast, before then conformable to your Orders to forward as much Pepper as We are able from hence, and order off, as much of the Remainder in the Godown there, as can be shipped within the limited time of her stay, on this Coast, that she may sail, with as much Surpluss as can be put up on board.

3^d. In our last advices to the Residency, We duly advis'd them that this Season would afford Us ^{Tons.} 200 Pepper more than would suffice for one Ships Charter Party Tonnage and are therefore now in daily expectations of some orders from thence concerning the same which has induced us, to the beforementioned step of sending the Walpole to Manna, that in case a Vessel should be intended to Compleat her Cargoe here she might receive the same out of our Godown at this Place without any Deviation, and the Walpole return directly to Europe with the proper Tonnage.

4th. When occasion offers, to have Regard, to the Loading of any Ship with her Charterparty Tonnage in future, We shall punctually observe to add as much Pepper, as will make up for the deficiency, which generally arises in weight on its being deliver'd agreeable to your Honours Directions for that Purpose.

5th. The Boat which we advis'd ¶ Onslow to have purchased on your Honours Acco^{ts}. for the use of this Settlement thro' the want of proper People to work on her and other unavoidable retardm^{ts}. prevented the Compleating the necessary Works that was then wantg. still last July when she was lanch'd under the Name of the Marlbro' Hoy and sent immediately to Pooloo Pissang with such supplies as y^e. Settlement stood in need of and Return'd to Us with a Cargoe of Pepper since when she has made several Trips to the southerd, We purpose to keep her constantly employ'd and dont doubt but she will prove a very serviceable Boat.

6th. The Sloop Mary w^{ch}. intimated in our last was laid on shore at this Place for Repair still continues under the Carpenter's Hands, thro' the want of proper Materials to go on with the Work, however We hope this obstacle will soon be remov'd having taken the Necessary steps for that purpose, and she will soon, be fitt for service again.

7th. Your Honours Ship the Prince George, mentioned to be under dispatch when the Godolphin sailed, left this Place the 26th. June for Batavia in order to lay in a Cargoe of Timber there, for the use of the Presidency, and We have since had intelligence of her sailing from thence, in July.

8th. The Delawar Capt. Tho^s. Winter return'd thither from Batavia the 2^d. July when all Possible expedition was used in getting on shore the Stores she bro^t.—but meeting, with indifferent Weather, it prevented our Returning her to the Coast, so soon as We at first intended, however We made shifts to get her away the 12th. of that Month, by her, We rec^d. a Letter from the General & Council the purport of w^{ch}. was Chiefly on the so often repeated subject of the Seizure of Vessells belonging to this Place, endeavouring not a little, to sett of those unjustifiable proceedings to their advantage, telling us among other things it was to ourselves we should impute the delay of Restitution, They having made Repated Offers to return such part of their Cargoes as came to their Hands, in Order to keep up a good Harmony and strict union with us, for w^{ch}. purpose had also Relinquish'd [*sic*] their right, to the forfeiture of the Surprize and Cargoe and that there might be nothing Wanting on their sides to Repair the breach made, between our Settlements had likewise readily assisted Capt. Winter, in refitting his Ship supply'd Mr. Stephens with every thing he Required and offorded [*sic*] the Sloop Swallow w^{ch}. we observ'd in our last, had been drove to Batavia, thro stress of Weather, with every thing she stood in Need of, this Vessell arrived here the 17th. of July after having made some Repairs at that Place but to enable Mr. Stephens who return'd on the Delawar, to do that, defray her Monthly expences, and lay in Cargo, w^{ch}. we shall remark more particularly, under its proper Head, was necessitated to borrow, on your Honours Acco^{ts}. of the Netherlands Company R.D. 3000 on Condition of being Return'd them the first convenient opportunity. as the loan of w^{ch}. was absolutely necessary to be required, We shall duly comply therewith and repay the same as soon as a Conveyance offers.

9th. On the 4th. October We dispatch'd the aforementioned Sloop to Nattal with supplies for that Place, where she arrived the 18th. of the same Month from whence the resident was obliged to order Her to Nias for a Cargo of Rice not being able to procure a Sufficiency for the subsistence of Your Honours Servants residing there even at any rate she return'd hither the 2^d. Instant with advice, that the place she was order'd to, contrary to the Assurances of the Mallays was so shallow as not to permit her going within 3 or 4 Leags. of & the time limited for her stay being near expired & the Master did not think it prudent to beat up to any other place, We are likewise informed that in order to obtain a present supply y^e. Resident immediately sent away a small Boat of his own

10. On the 9th. July there arriv'd a Sloop call'd the Phenix William Bonady Master from Bengal bound to Batavia, and on the 15th. of y^e. same Month another named the Orange Tree William Dogan Master both private Traders, imported with us, and sail'd hence the 20th. on their intended Voyages, the Master of the latter mentioned vessels deliver'd us a Remonstrance which is enter'd after Consultation of the 25th. July setting forth that in his Passage from Nattal, a Dutch Cruizer mounting 14 Guns obliged him to carry his Sloop into Padong whereupon he was immediately sent for a shore by the Governour, & a Military Force order'd on board, who took possession of the Sloop in all respects, except hoisting their Colours, after examining his Pass, he was told in Council that having been at their port of Nattal, where the English had no right to hoist their Flagg, they would send the Fiscall with some other Officers of Justice on Board to search, when, if they found, she had not broke bulk, they would permit him to proceed on his voyage, accordingly the sloop was examined and finding no sales had been made after another Council, was restor'd to his Vessel, and told he might proceed with her as he thought proper.

11th. This unwarrantable procedure of stopping Vessells on the high seas, We could say nothing to, and acquainted the Master thereof, but at the

same time assured him, the first opportunity We should demand the reason so great an Insult to the English Flag, as well as Represent the Affair to our superiors w^{ch}. was the utmost We could do in an Affair of this Nature agreeable thereto purpose addressing the Gentlemen of Padong on this subject as soon as a Conveyance offers.

12th. In our advices, by Capt^t. Hutchinⁿ. We mentioned the having empowered Capt^t. Edw^d. Burman to adjust the Affair, of the two Praws formerly cutt off to the Northward, and Sloop Surprize, with the Govern^t. off Batavia, conformable thereto ¶ Walpole we rec^d. a Letter from that Gentleman advising of his having given the General and Council, full acquittance agreeable to the Powers Rec^d. from us, and the several Owners concerned therein, from any further demands on this Head, in consideration of having paid down, a sum of Money, as Restitution for the same, w^{ch}. has been duly remitted, and delivered the Proprietors, tho the regency of Batavia have not thought proper as yet to give us an Estimation, concerning the Determination of this Affair.

13th. On the 26th. Aug^t. a Dutch Ship anchor'd in our Road, Call'd the Goudverstyn, Frederick Vandalet Commander, from Batavia bound to the Northward in want of some supplies with w^{ch}. We readily assisted her, and she sail'd on her Voyage the 28th.

14. We have duely Call'd upon Capt^t. Fowler, agreeable to y^r. Honours Injunctions, & shall observe the like with all other Commanders henceforward to comply with his Charter Party Instructions concerns. the private trade laden on his ship, conformable thereto he has deliver'd us an Acco^t. of the same w^{ch}. is enter'd in the Register now transmitted and take leave to refer thereto for the particulars.

15th. In obedience to your Orders in the 14th. Page have deliver'd Capt^t. Fowler a Copy of his Bills of Lading and shall punctually take care in future to furnish the Master of such Vessells as Load here with the same, that they may not plead inability thro' the want thereof, to comply with the Directions rec'd from your Honours as we observe Capt^t. Hind did.

16th. Mr. Peter Garden, has not forwarded or acknowledged to us the Receipt of the Salt & Chunam, that Capt^t. Parks says he delivered, We therefore shall the first opportunity, address that Gentlemen concerning the same and see it duely accounted for.

17th. Under Cover is a List of the Walpoles Men Arms, Ammunition &c^a. found upon a survey taken here.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE, FORT ST. GEORGE & OTHER PARTS OF INDIA.

18th. The supply of Stores your Honours were this year pleas'd to make us have been deliver'd and Answer the Invoice except in some few particulars w^{ch}. we have deleted Capt^t. Fowler for as ¶ Acco^t. enclosed.

19th. The Gentlemen of St. Helena wrote us, that they had no Occasion to make use of the Liberty granted them, for taking any Money out of the Walpoes. We therefore Rec^d. the twenty chests Laden on y^e. Ship and upon its being weigh'd as Usual, in the presence of the Capt^t. turned out agreeable to the Invoice transmitted, We must here beg leave to tender our thanks for the ample supplies made us this Season and assure you at the same time, that in y^e. managem^t. of w^{ch}. shall embrace all opportunities, that Will any Ways add to your Interest, and the greatest Regard to Frugality shall be observ'd throughout our whole Conduct.

20th. We mentioned in our last the motive that induc'd us to order Captain Winter to return hither, before he proceeded to Fort St. George, therefore 'tis needless for us to add any thing More than that she brought us as many of the supplies wrote for as Mr. Garden &c^a. he could procure, consisting of a about six coyn Rice, some Arrack and other stores amountg. to ¶ 1405-2-.

21. By Sloop Swallow we Rec^d. 20 Leagrs. of Arrack w^{ch}. was laid in by Mr. Stephans at Batavia out of the Money before taken notice of Borrow'd this proceeding he was induced to by the Vessells being empty w^{ch}. he thought a good opportunity to forward a supply, imagining us in want thereof.

22^d. In April being apprehensive we should be distress'd for want of Arrack, and Rice, having then Rec^d. none of the Latter, from the Coast, and no notice of any intended us, and but little of either in the Godown, therefore to prevent w^{ch}. as much as possible, We came to a Resolution, to lodge with Mr. Garden at Batavia a Letter for the Cap^t. of the Store Ship, bound to this Place for the Year 1753 giving a Commission to bring 50 Coyn of one and Twenty Leagers of the other, but soon after receiving ample supplies of Rice from the Presidency, immediately wrote to Mr. Garden desiring him to acquaint the said Cap^t. of our annual Ship, that as we were no longer in want of that Grain to omit bringing it and only comply with our Indent for Arrack however Cap^t. Fowler brought us the whole agreeable to our first Intentions, not having been advis'd to the contrary, so that we have now so large a stock of both those Articles, remaining, on hand, that it will be some time before we shall need any more.

23. In Consultation the 21st. June our Storekeeper Reported a Deficiency in the Prince George's Cargo of

Garce. Marks,	1	190
of Rice	and	8
190	of Salt	190

 whereupon in obedience to the Presidency's Orders that all Masters of Vessells in future, should be immediately debted for short delivery of any Consignment We sent Captain Burman a Bill for the same amount^s. to

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 upon w^{ch}. he wrote us a Letter requesting the Determination of this Affair might be refer'd to Fort St. George as the weight and Measure of the whole Cargo, was unknown to him, we therefore acquiesced therein imagining this Particular Case would not give room to censure us for neglect of Orders, and considering the Plea made use of thought it was the properest to be settled where the Cargo was put on Board.

24th. There being a Parcell of damaged Cloth in the Warehouse, w^{ch}. became so, thro' its long duration there, We Ordered it to be put up to Publick Sale, and it was dispos'd of to the best bidders as appears by the Warekeepers Novr. Accounts.

25th. We last Year p Exeter transmitted your Honours an Acct. remains of Stores at this Place, and now likewise do the same, w^{ch}. we shall be careful is not omitted Annually hereafter.

26. The Stationary Consign'd us this year, answered in every Respect, with the Muster enclos'd in the Pacquet, and proves very good Sortments, however if we should have occasion to complain in future of this Article, shall punctually observe Your Directions, and transmit Samples with the Particulars, of the faults so found.

27. Under Cover are Indents for the several Stores, Medicines &c^a. this Settlement will stand in need of, for the Year 1755 and take leave to recommend them to your Honours Consideration and Compliance.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS AND FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

28. This Head gives us Room, with pleasure to advise Your Honours that the several Places on this Coast, under our Inspection are in a tranquil state and that we have the greatest Reason to expect from them, a plentiful Investment of Pepper, for by the Surveys and Acco^{ts}. which have been transmitted us of the Garden they in general appear to be in an Encreasing way, and every one inclusive inclinable to make up for their Past Neglect, the Obstacles w^{ch}. were the occasion thereof, With the apprehension of that disorder so fatal, to Numbers of the Inhabitants before Related in our Letter p Onslow, being intirely efaced, the Sultans of Moco Moco and the Heads of the other Places, seem heartily inclined to promote the same, in w^{ch}. good undertaking as our Duty dictates nothing shall be wanting of our sides to encourage them therein

and tis a singular satisfaction, We can here add, that the Kingdom of Annack

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Soongey, has this Year offorded, [<i>sic</i>] an Encrease of 49.	7.	3.	16	more

than last, that the other Northern Residency's in general have likewise exceeded the former in their Crops, the Settlement of Sallomah has gain'd upon the last season and have good Reason to expect the other Southern Places, will not fall short, so that upon the whole the several Places are in a flourishing Condition and have not the least room to doubt but they will still improve from w^{ch}. consequently flatter ourselves, to be able in a short time to send a larger Investment of Pepper annually from hence.

29th. Dupatty Comawlo Rattoo who enterd into Engagements in February 1752/53 to remove part of his People from the Hills into the Districts of Laye and Plant Pepper for w^{ch}. purpose was advanced him ₧ 50 the Resident of that Place advised us in June Last was not remov'd the reason he alledged for it was he was fearful of ill treatment from some of the Heads of the Mallays at this Place, upon w^{ch}. he caused a Letter to be wrote inviting him down and assuring him that nothing of that kind would be allow'd while under your Honours protection, however he has not yet been with us, but expect him when we shall take care to satisfy and remove his Objections.

30th. In June last We had advice from Croee, that one of the Sultans of Pullimbong's Sons was arriv'd there with about 50 Attendants, who gave out he was Commission'd from his Father to treat with the Resident on Matters of Consequence, whereupon he was publicly Rec^d. and Ceremony paid him as an Ambassador, when he acquainted the Gentlemen there he had no Letter but produced a piece of Paper on w^{ch}. was the Sultan's Chop and said the purport of his Embassy was, That his Father being in want of Pepper had sent him to prevail on some of his Subjects who live adjoining to your HONOURS districts to make Plantations, and to request the Assistance of the English to oblige his People to Cultivate that grain and had brought with him some Goods to present amongst the Planters but on his being interrogated concerning the same immediately contradicted what he had before said, making many trifling excuses w^{ch}. seem to carry no meaning and at last intimated his whole design was only to see the Resident, His first approach into the Territories of that Settlement put the Inhabitants into a great Consternation and many of them betook themselves to the Woods calling to mind the great Acts of Cruelty formerly Committed on them by those People, w^{ch}. obliged the Gentlemen there to entertain some extraordinary Bugguesses, to remain at the Principle Doosoons, in order to pacify the People, We immediately on Receipt of this Intelligence wrote an Answer directing them, to order a Party of Bugguesses to see them out of their Dominions, as his presence gave so much uneasiness to the Inhabitants, who had already engaged to sell to your HONOURS exclusive of all others the whole Quantity of Pepper produced in the Country and that consequently the Sultan of Pullimbong could reap no Profits from the Cultivation of that Grain from them, however before our said advices could reach them he was retir'd out of the bounds of that Residency accompany'd by a sufficient force of Bugguesses to prevent any insults upon the Natives and soon after return'd home again to the great satisfaction of the People in those Parts.

31. The Sultan of Moco Moco having often signified a desire that a White Person might survey the Plantations in Annack Soongey, which we were inabled to Comply with thro' want of a proper Person. Your HONOURS Covenanted servants, being fearful of undertake Journeys as they have mostly, hitherto prov'd fatal to those that have undergone them, but Mr. Roger Carter in June last being then on the spott, prevailed on one Thomas Holloway, a Serj^t. to undertake it and he accordingly set out, accompanied with two Mandareens deputed to that business by his Highness, with necessary Instructions for their Guidance and after inspecting the Gardens return'd the 11th. of the following Month, with a good Account of their Proceedings w^{ch}. inabled, the Resident to distinguish the Negligent, from the Industrious, who accordingly with the

Sultan took the necessary Methods for improve^m. the growth of Pepper in those Parts for the Particulars of w^{ch}. beg leave to refer you to the Books that accompany this, and shall only add that the Death of Serj^t. Holloway soon after his return, prevented the Residents having the Journey repeated, but as we are sensible, that many good Effects would arrise to the Plantations from a Continuance of the same, have given him Directions to endeavour as obtaining a proper Person out of the Military there to proceed on that Business and in case he does not succeed therein We purpose sending one from hence.

32. In Consultation the 30th. June Mr. Thomas Combes deliver'd a Letter setting forth, in his passage from Fort St. George, the Vessell put in at Nattall w^{ch}. afforded him an Oppertunity, of a Conferance with the Head Men there, the purport, agreeable to a promise made them, he then laid before Us, and submitted to our Consideration, the perusal thereof, gave us to understand, their chief discourse turn'd upon the subject of Customs, requesting they might be indulg'd with the same, as were granted to the Pangarans & Head Men here, w^{ch}. they seem'd to think were very considerable, To dissipate these Notions, they were then told, that no Duties or Taxes were allow'd them, that your HONOURS only paid a gratuity on the Pepper their Country produced, and whenever their's did the like might depend on the same Indulgence, they then added that before the English settled amongst them, the Master of every Vessell, that traded there always made some present but since discontinued and desired it might be renew'd, Mr. Combes then assur'd them, that in regard to your HONOURS Vessells it was never usual to make presents to the Chief of such Places, as were in your Possession, as to others, We could not compell them thereto, that if they found it for their Interest, would probably do it and intimated to them, the great surprize he was under at their seeming to regret the Loss of such a trifle without once calling to Mind the many advantages that would accure [*sic*] to their Country from the Mild Government and Protection afforded them by the English Company who had put themselves to great Expence on this Account and that it was their Interest to set heartily about cultivating the Investment they at first assured us of, for unless their dominions soon promised a large Quantity it was to be doubted wether [*sic*] the Protection would be continued, they there upon repeated their former assurances, to sett immediately about Planting.

33. We at the same time Rec^d. a Letter from Sultan Ooloodean son to the late Sultan of Moco Moco, who we beforemention'd was at Nattall assuring us of his Peaceable Disposition and thorough Attachment to the Interest of Your HONOURS which and his great Necessitys induced him to represent, that since the Loss of Madrass, had been deprived of the stipend you were pleas'd to allow him and by that means, had not the Sultan of Atcheen kindly afford'd, to the amount of £800 to support himself and family, should have been drove to the greatest distress imaginable, but that a security for the same, his wants obliged him, to Pledge his Children He therefore represented and beg'd we would take his case into Consideration, that if we had any Regard still left for him, hop'd to be indulg'd with the payment of Arrears, due from that time, and be enabled thereby to redeem and remove his Family, to live quietly under the Protection of the English at Nattall.

34. His Request was accordingly taken into Consideration, and reflecting on the Consequences, that might attend his Children remaining in the King of Atcheen's Possession, We agreed to discharge the same, for by their Marriages with his subjects in time might give room to form Pretentions to the Kingdom of Annack Soonney, and by that means, disturb the Tranquility of the Pepper Trade, this together with his having made himself very useful since our settling at Nattall by which, and other circumstances, that prove his good Will and Inclination to render any service in his Power to your HONOURS We thought Motives sufficient to induce us to comply therewith and flatter ourselves they will be esteem'd so with our Superiors at Fort St. George, who have been duly advised thereof and meet your Approbation.

35. Nattall Residency being vacant by the appointment of the late Resident to Moco Moco, as before set fourth in our last, Mr. Roger Carter was accordingly appointed thereto, and proceeded thither in October We then took that opportunity to signify to the Head Men there, that the purport of their above conference had been laid before us, and confirm'd what they were then told by Mr. Combes concerning the Priviledges enjoy'd by our Head Men here, and also wrote to the Sultan Ooloo Dean, advising, that in consideration of his before recited circumstances, had paid his Arrears and that if he was inclinable to return to Madrass to advise thereof, and we would assist him with a Passage where he would be entertain'd as he formerly was.

36. Mr. Carter wrote us that upon his arrival he found, that the several Tribes of People settled there, had carried their Disputes so far as to come to an open Rupture, and several on both sides had been kill'd and wounded, that he thereupon immediately sent for Dattoo Bassar the Head Man of those Parts. in order to prevail on him to assist at an Accomodation thereof which he at length was induc'd to acquiesce in, and they accordingly sent to the Heads of the Party concern'd desiring them to refer their Grievances to be adjusted by the Dattoo and Himself which on one side was readily agreed to, but the other absolutely refus'd insisting upon the total Banishment of their Antagonists which put an entire stop to their good intentions, and the Resident thereupon requested our Directions in what Manner he should proceed to establish Peace, immediately on Receipt thereof, we came to a Resolution to enjoin him strictly to endeavour by the mildest Methods, he could think of to terminate their Broils, but that in case after he had try'd all efforts to accomodate the same amicably and not succeed, then to take such Methods as he thought would most conduce to that end by espousing the Cause of the Party which was most likely to promote the Pepper Trade, and end the Affair soonest, however tis with Pleasure, we can hear add, a few days ago we received advice that all uneasinesses were adjusted and the Settlement in Peace and Tranquility.

37. In July Mr. Watson, Resident of Cawoor transmitted us a copy of the Survey, taken of the Gardens under his Inspection, whereby it appeared that many of the Planters, had been very remiss in performing their agreements, We thereupon came to a Resolution and order'd him to inflict fines on the most Remarkable Negligent, to deter others from the like, and make them more observant of their Contracts in future, several other proceedings of this Kind, which we judg'd would terminate in an Increase of the Investments of Pepper are at large inserted in our Consultations, that accompany this, and as they are not very Material, shall wave [*sic*] making a Repetition of them, presuming that it will be agreeable our referring thereto for Particulars as if inserted here.

38. The Gentlemen wrote us from Croee, some time ago, that they had intelligence, of the Dutch being settled, at an Island, called Lagoondee, and intended to remove to Semanko, a Place little distant from your Honours bounds to the Southward We directed them to keep a Watchful eye over their Proceedings, and give us early advice, if any Motions were made for that purpose, so that We might be enabled to countenance the Inhabitants under your Protection from any Insults who are terribly effected with their having as it is reported, seized two or three of their small craft that we are inform'd none can be prevail'd on even to go for Intelligence, the truth of these Reports wants further Confirmation, and think it has only arose from the timorous and fearful Disposition of the Lampoons, however shall be careful that it is of no determent to the growth of the Pepper, in those Parts.

39. In July last, We had advice of the Death of Pangarang Ecootan of the Districts of Manna whose eldest Son succeeded him, being the most agreeable to a Majority of the Planters much about the same time the Resident of Lave set forth, the Laboon People settled in his Districts by the Death of Key Mass,

were destitute of a Chief which he was apprehensive, would affect the Plantations and therefore summon'd them in order to choose another they accordingly fixed on one of his sons, who as we had no Objection to was confirmed, on his promising to enter into the same agreement as his Predecessor.

40. In Aug^t. Mr. William Smith wrote us, that the Proateens of Laye had made Application, and Required him, to lay some Affairs, relating to the Concerns, of that Settlement, before the board, which could not well be done otherwise than by his being personally present, and therefore desired Permission to come hither for that purpose We readily agreed thereto, and at a Consultation the 25th. of that Month he explained the same, being a Complaint against Mr. Marriott, for none Payment of one Seasons Customs, while Resident there, to the said Proateens, however, the better to enable Mr. Marriott to clear the affair up, and that no mistake might arise in the Representation, as it was very prolix, We desir'd Mr. Smith to give us the same in Writing comformable thereto, at the next ensuing meeting a Letter was deliver'd, representing that in Febr'y. last, the Customs being two Years due, were discharg'd when the Proateens said, there was another Year owing but as that did not appear, either by the General Books here, or Accounts there, Mr. Smith imagin'd they were under a Mistake, and acquainted them thereof, upon w^{ch}. they added, that Mr. Marriott, only paid them, once while he was there and promis'd to pay the other Seasons, then due the following Year, for a Proof of this assertion, they said they had but one Buffaloe at each Qualloe, which was well known by every body in the Place, however both Customs & feasts being charg'd in the accounts Mr. William Smith told them he could not comply with the demand, upon which, they urged the Hardships it was, they should be deprived of the Indulgence intended them by your Honours and desir'd him to apply in what manner he thought proper to gett them redress, accordingly soon after, he coming hither, had an Oppertunity of seing [*sic*] Mr. Marriott, and inform'd him of the above, who was surpriz'd thereat and declar'd he had discharg'd the whole but that he would proceed to Laye, in Order to satisfy them, for which the Proateens waited some time, and finding themselves disappointed, earnestly intreated Mr. Smith again, to lay the said Complaint before the Board, from whence made no doubt, but if meeting with proper Redress for the same, as well as, for his forcibly taking away, their Attop Leaves without satisfying those whose property they were, which was likewise alledged against him by the said Proateens while Resident there.

41. As soon as the above was made known to us, We immediately caused a Copy thereof, to be transmitted Mr. Marriott, and required his Answer to the same, which he gave us under date of the 22^d. Sept^r. setting forth his great surprize at the first demand, having, he declared paid the Proateens, the whole of what enserted in his Accounts during his being Resident, the not bringing Circumstances as to Witness the same, hoped time and absence would be allow'd sufficient Pleas, that he was ready to Attest the same on Oath, and nothing would have prevented his proceeding to Laye agreeable to his first intention signified to Mr. Smith, which was not so much on Account of this Affair, as to settle some private Concerns, had he ever imagin'd so vile an Accusation would have laid to his charge, having all along he says, been so happy as to preserve his Character unsullied therefore submitted the cause to our Consideration and did not doubt, but Justice would clear him from an Imputation that (if provd) would render him unworthy longer your Honours Countenance and Protection.

42. He likewise observ'd to Us, at the same time, that in regard to the other complaint. It was carried formerly to Mr. Hurlock, to which he reply'd by Letter, and upon his coming up to Marlbro soon after, talk'd to him on the same subject, who not only Reprimanded the Chief Accuser but also clear'd him from any blame in the Affair.

43. We are at present unable to give our Sentiments of these Affairs, however as soon as this Ship sails, and the Seasons' Crop of Pepper gott in, shall

summonds [*sic*] the Head People concern'd to a Conference, when we dont doubt but shall be able to come at the Truth, and adjust the same, to the satisfaction of all sides.

44. In Sept^r. last, We judg'd it necessary, to issue Orders to the several Residency's of the Southern Settlements neither to send or permit any body to transport Slaves or Debtors from their parts, As practices of that Kind were too much follow'd whereby a Number of the most useful Hands were taken off from cultivating Plantations, to the great prejudice of the Growth of Pepper, this precaution we don't doubt. in a little time but will answer fully, the purposes intended, an Increase in our Investment.

45. The Proateens of Serangy having for some time past, been very uneasy, at receiving Directions from the Resident of Cattown, they being directly under Pangaran Munko Raga, who was answerable for their Performances We thought it would be a means of satisfying them and ordered the Resident to Laye to receive their Pepper in future that they might have no excuse for not giving due attention to their Plantations.

46. We intimated in our Letter ¶ Exeter that there was then but small prospect of the Nassaws affording any Quantity of Pepper and since from late Intelligence find that thro' the Idle and Lazy disposition of the Inhabitants we can expect no improvement in the Cultivation thereof unless a larger Force was maintain'd there than the produce would admit of, We therefore came to a Resolution in Sept^r. as the People who were to take Care of the Plantations were obliged to Remove to Moco Moco not to send any more thither esteeming it the most prudent step we could take to run your Honours to no further Exence on so precarious a footing.

47. We last Year forwarded a Sample (the produce our new Factory of Sugar) then afforded and have since Rec^d. of the Undertakers 288 Peculs, they have now about 115 more on hand, with every thing in readiness for making Arrack and seem to go on in the several Branches of the whole Work very regular and with great diligence so that we are not under any great apprehensions but it will answer our first Expectations which has induced us to comply with their request in the Loan of ¶ 1000 more than was first Contracted for and flatter ourselves it will not be disapproved of by your Honours when We assure you that both principal and Interest of the Whole Sum advanced on this occasion, we think is very Safe and will duely be Repaid, they Promising us in a few Months about one Hundred Leagers Arrack.

48. By the Delawar we consigned to the Presidency about 21 Peculs and now retail to any Persons that require it out of our Godown at ¶6-¶ Pecul imagining that what so disposed of would be more advantageous to your Honours than sending it to foreign Parts.

49. Having now advis'd your Honours of the most essential Particulars that fall under this Head have only to assure you it has been our constant Maxim punctually to shew obedience to the Orders Receiv'd from our Superiors at Fort St. George and shall be duely Mindful to observe the same in future as well as make it our Chief Study to improve the Growth of Pepper in these parts being sensible that from a plentiful Investment thereof our Services can be only render'd worthy Your Favour and Protection.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES

50. We some time ago advised your Honours the Bricks, which were made, for the new Houses at Bientoonan and Laye Proved so bad we were oblig'd to turn them on the Owners Hands and having waited a good while for another Parcell in hopes of Better to carry on the said Works were at last disappointed, upon a survey of the Condition it appearing thereby they were but little better than the first so that we were at a Loss in what manner to Erect those buildings, Chunam having been sent for the brick Work, and all the Materials purchased in Readiness against its being rais'd which Mr. William Smith advised us in June unless speedily made use of would be unfit for Service, some having been

laid in several Years, and at the same time assured us, that many of the Bricks, tho in general condemn'd were really very good and desir'd a Person might be sent to pick them on some Method found out to go on with the Works, there being no Godown at Bientoan and the Houses at both Places, so very bad as to be unsafe Inhabiting, We thereupon came to a Resolution to order our Bricklayer thither for that purpose and enjoyn'd him particularly to make choice of only those that were fit for Service as soon as he had separated them We directed Mr. John Ogier to proceed and survey their Quality and Number which he reported to be about 28,000, fit only for a Slight Building under Cover. the absolute Necessity there was for immediately setting about the before mentioned Buildings made us conclude to take those Bricks, if the owner would accept Rs 4-2 P Milln. which he agreed to, and Godowns have accordingly been Erected in the most Substantial Manner, that could be contriv'd, With them. This We judg'd the most prudent method, as by waiting for another Parcell the Materials would have perished we should have been oblig'd to purchase more and perhaps after all the Bricks have turned out no better than the others, so that your Honours most otherwise have been at a large Expence thereby as well as in repairing the old Houses, to make them Tenatable.

51. Mess^{rs}. Roger Carter & William Norris wrote us, in June last that having almost compleated taking the Remains in Specie of Bricks at Moco Moco they observ'd by what counted and the appearance of those remaining they would not exceed 250,000 broken ones included, except two small Parcells were reckon'd in which were greatly under Size this Account surpriz'd us much as by the Books there should have been upwards of 1,000,000. We therefore immediately wrote the Resident, that he in conjunction with the several Gentlemen then on the Spott to see them carefully recounted and advise of the exact Number of such as were fit for your Honours Service but thro' the small Number of Slaves at that Place, and their being Chiefly very Infirm, Mr. Marriott wrote us lately he had not been able to compleat the whole tho' he had kept such as were able constantly to it who had told about 500000 being he thinks the better part, this confirms us in our first opinion that there is some mistake in the Matter.

52 The Resident of Poolo some time ago requested our Permission to erect a small House at Sillebar on Account of the unhealthy Situation of the Place, he resided at and upon his setting forth that the Expence would not exceed Rs 200—We agreed thereto, being sensible of the Justness of his Remark and that it would require a more convenient House to make it otherwise than we could think of erecting till we had orders from Your Honours or the Presidency for so doing, being then in Expectation thereof, and which We still flatter ourselves daily shall be favour'd with according to our Representation for that purpose.

53. Having had repeated Complaints of the badness of the Old Buildings at Moco Moco, the last from the present Resident, who not long ago, assured Us that unless the Walls of the New Lodgings were soon finish'd would require to be done over again, being expos'd to all Weathers, We therefore had thoughts of sending our Bricklayers on the Store Ship to compleat those Works, but unfortunately, loosing our Head Artist in that way, a few days before she sail'd put a Stopp to our Design, and we were oblig'd to give Mr. Marriott directions to secure them, as well as he could by a Covering with Attops, upon Notice of which he wrote us a large Expence must unavoidably fall on your Honours in Repairing the Old Lodgings unless People were immediately sett about compleating the New and as they requir'd only about 7 Feet height in the Walls. to be fitt for the Carpenters, to go on with their Part, he thought the Slaves would be able to finish that very well and submitted it to our Consideration, but being now in daily Expectation of a Vessell from the Coast We think it most prudent, to wait a little longer in hopes of her Arrival as it's very probable the President & Council may send some Person to survey the Buildings in the Whole Coast, and perhaps to Continue to see the same Compleated.

54. In Augt. the Paymaster represented that several of your Honours Buildings here, were in great want of Repair; and that he was at a loss were [*sic*] to lodge the tyles, on Hand, so as to secure them from the Weather, and Accidents, which by their laying expos'd happen'd daily and occasion'd great breakage, proposing without Approbation a shed to be erected large enough to contain the whole Quantity Remaining, and what might hereafter be receiv'd as well as any Parcell of Bricks, that might be purchas'd this seem'd to us to be the only Method, to prevent the Wastage, which consequently ensued from the Before mentioned Accidents as well as Pilferage, We acquiesced therein and intended to have made a shed big enough for the Reception of those Articles in a durable Manner with Brick Pillars, cover'd with Tyles, but have been prevented from going about it, thro the before mention'd loss of our Brick-layer tho' the Necessary Repairs were immediately made to the several Buildings as appears by the Paymasters Accounts.

55. We at the same time were advis'd that but few Bricks remain'd on Hand, and not above 4 or 5 Coyⁿ. of Chunam, the former having then an opportunity, We purchas'd a Parcell, least when there should be a Call for them, We should be in want thereof, and the latter our present Paymaster, declaring he could not afford to make at the usual Price, unless Indulged with the use of a Kiln as his Predecessors had been which we were unable to comply with, as the Old one belonging to your Honours was no longer in being, and the New One deem'd as ₧ Consultation of the 25th. August to be the Property of Mr. Massey, We thought would not be prudent without first using our utmost [*sic*] endeavours to obtain a supply on easier terms and for that purpose gave Publick Notice, that whoever was willing to undertake supplying our wants of Chunam might propose the lowest Price, that would induce them to make the same, but as yet no body has thought well to offer any Terms.

56. Being in want of a Godown for the Reception of the Sugar daily brought in, we made a purchase of one that was offered to sale for ₧ 200 being upon a Survey, reported very fit for that purpose.

57. The House at Cattown, requiring a good deal of Repairing Mr. Hay requested Permission to make the same, We have given him Directions to forward us an Estimate of the Expence, that would arise in doing it, and shall upon Receipt thereof consider on the same, and give Orders for Securing the Building.

58. These, are the most Materials Alterations that have been made in the Buildings on this Coast, since our last and whenever we find any New Works absolutely necessary to be Rais'd shall duely observe the Commands lay'd down for our Guidance in the 29 Paragraph by transmitting Plans, and Estimates of the Charges that will attend compleating the same, to the Presidency, whose Determination thereon shall wait for and punctually adhere to.

59. With regard to the Price of the flatcovering Tyles, which your Honours seem to imagine were high, we beg leave to observe, that the undertakers stood out along with for ₧ 12 but with much persuasion Agreed at last, to accept of 9 which considering their kind and durableness in Competition with Attops and Coolit Coys, and that this is little more than the usual Price at Batavia, from whence we get these Workmen, We thought it was not very dear, however we shall desist from taking any more than what were contracted for, unless at a lower Rate, which We shall do our utmost endeavours, to obtain when there is occasion for them.

60 Our Sea Customer has this Year collected and paid into Cash ₧795. 1. 48 on Account Freight and Customs of Goods landed here from Sundry Vessells and can only assure Your Honours we are duely mindful to embrace every Opportunity that will admitt our Augmenting the Revenues of this Settlement.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT AND MILITARY SERVANTS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

61. In the hurry of Business which attended upon the Arrival of several Consignments just as the Godolphin was on Dispatch, find that We omitted in cert^s. in our General advices, by that ship, an Affair which happen'd between Mr. John Beach and Captain Hutchinson, however as it was fully sett forth in Consultation of the 13th. and 14 June then transmitted, your Honours were enabled to judge of the same, and we shall on that consideration, wave making mention of it here, flatter ourselves that the Omission will be excused as the occasion was some what Singular, and only Remark, that the separate opinion of the Gentlemen of Council being Required in writing of his Conduct, by the Deputy Governour, they accordingly gave in the same, which being enter'd at large after Consultation dated the 18 June you'll be pleas'd to observe, the Resolution We took thereon to dismiss him the board, as an unworthy Member, and Reduce him to the Station of Factor for the high Insult then offer'd and general bad Conduct which we are sorry to say, had long render'd him a very useless Member, We have since Received several Letters from him, but as they are all duely enter'd in the Book of Consultations, that accompany this, We must as they are not very Material, beg leave to refer your Honours thereto for particulars, with only observing, he has hitherto refused taking the Pay of a Factor tho' he has acted in the Station.

62. To fill up the Vacancy occasion'd by the above procedure conformable to your Honours Injunctions, We immediately appointed Mr. Daniel Tottie, the next in standing 8 of Council who took his Seat at the Board accordingly.

63. In our last, We mention'd the appointment of Mr. Rand Marriott to the charge of Moco Moco Residency soon afterwards a Letter from Mr. Rob^t. Jack was Receiv'd setting forth, that having heard of Mr. Combes taking upon him the Paymaster's Employ, and Mr. Beaches dismission desir'd that he might, agreeable to his Standing, have that Residency but the Deputy Governour, Mess^{rs}. Gunn and Tottie, being of opinion, he was not properly Qualified for that trust, the same was denied him, tho' Mr. Thomas Combes, the other Member, then Present, declared, that as it appear'd to him, by the Consultation when Mr. Marriott was chose, to that Station it was upon the footing of standing, he had no objection to Mr. Jack, as a Senior Servant to the said Mr. Marriott, This occasioned two more Letters from Mr. Jack on the subject of Moco Moco Residency one likewise from Mr. William Smith, and another from Mr. Roger Carter as well as one from the Gentlemen who were for the before mentioned Appointment which we think to incert here would too much swell the bound of this, and as they are enter'd at large after Consultation the 25th. July meet your Approbation, and conclude with submitting the whole to your Honours superior judgment and Determination.

64. We are concern'd to say Mr. Arthur O'Niels behaviour ever since his arrival on this Coast being so very bad and unbecoming a Clergyman, the Deputy Governour could not avoid, seeing no hopes of his Amendment of Life to require the opinion of the Board whither he was deserving of the Gratuity your Honours were pleas'd to allow his Function conditionally who declaring his Conduct, to be so bad as even to render him a Disgrace to his Cloth, judg'd him not entitled to it and We therefore came to a Resolution to suspend him from the same until such times as We could have directions of the Presidency, for our Guidance in the Affair who we can only say have been duely advis'd thereof and expect their Orders the first Oppportunity.

65. In Consultation the 11 September we Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. John Massey chiefly Relating to the proceedings transacted against him on dismission from your Honours service expatiating so very largely thereon, that to Repeat the whole here, we are fearful would far exceed the bounds of this, and therefore as it would be only making repetition of what is at large enter'd after Consultation of the beforemention'd Date together with his Reply to the Charge exhibited against him, shall wave making any Remarks hereon, further than submitting the whole to your Consideration.

66. The Appointment of Mr. Roger Carter to the Residency of Nattall, as before taken Notice of occasion'd a Vacancy of Manna, which the Majority of the Board, at Consultation the 14 September last fill'd by appointing Mr. Joseph Darwall thereto, in opposition to Mr. Daniel Tottie, occasion'd by that Gentleman having been some time ago Assistant there and quitted that Employ, in order to be Accomptant here, upon promise of succeeding in case of a vacancy but the Deputy Governour, Mess^{rs}. Gunn and Tottie were of Opinion that no such private Promises (if such there were) ought to be so much regarded as to deprive a Senior Servant from succeeding, agreeable to his Standing more especially when the whole Board made no Objection to his Qualifications, and your Honours having been pleas'd to signify that every servant would rise in his turn, if no Objections were made to his Abilities, and at the next ensuing meeting, being the 29 of the same Month, a Remonstrance was deliver'd by Mr. Tottie against the aforesaid Proceeding as also one on the same subject from Mr. Richard Wyatt likewise a Senior Servant to Mr. Darwall which are both enter'd after that Consultation and in Consultation of the 30th. October following Mr. Thomas Combes deliverd an Address to the Board taking Notice of an unfairness and irregularity in the three Dissents from the Deputy Governour Mess^{rs}. Gunn and Tottie and giving a particular Account of the Promises made to Mr. Darwall which being all enter'd after that Consultation will enable your Honours to Judge thereof, and dont doubt but you'll be pleas'd to pass an Impartial Determination thereon.

67. We formerly advis'd your Honours that the Brilliant Snow in her Passage from the Coast, brought hither a Mallay Man, who was taken up at Sea between Nattall and this place, in a Prow on suspicion of Murdering the Crew, and was thereupon continued close Prisoner, in August last the owner of the Boat being here, he was examined by the Pangarans and Head Men, and confess'd the Fact when conformable to the Law he was condemn'd and Executed for the same accordingly.

68. It being Represented that the allowance of Buffaloe to the Coffry's was much too small for the Number who were to partake thereof, occasion'd by the Supplies receiv'd this Season from the Coast, it was agreed by the Majority, to augment it to Eight ? Mensem, but Mr. Gunn was of Opinion that six was sufficient, as many of them Lived in private Houses and did not partake thereof, he was thereupon desir'd to particularize their Number, which at the ensuing Consultation, dated the 9 July he accordingly comply'd with, and it being found to be more than we could approve of diminish'd the Number to Eight he at the same time propos'd a Regulation of the Coffry's which the Paymaster thought Reflected on his Employ, and therefore address'd us, as by his Letter after Consultation the 25 July chiefly Relating to the aforesaid Augmentation, and expences of the Slaves, which induced us to lessen their Pay, so that there might be little or no Increase of charges on that Head to this Mr. Gunn thought necessary to Reply which is enter'd after Consultation the 25 August as well as another on the same Subject from Mr. Combes the 4 September their Letters being very Prolix our not making Repetition of their Contents here. We hope will be esteem'd no omission, or meet with Censure when we assure your Honours they are at large in the Books that accompany this.

69. At the same time, Notice was taken that 4 Buffaloes were Monthly charg'd for about 35 Coffrys at Moco Moco which being even with the before mention'd Augmentation a much larger Allowance than was given ours here, We caus'd it be reduced to one ? Mensem.

70. The large Recruit of Arabs which We Receiv'd from the Coast ? Success Galley, rendering it absolutely Necessary that an Officer of superior Rank to what we have hitherto had upon this Coast should be appointed to head them and Serj^t. Ilogie Amat being an old Servant and demeaning himself well. We presented him with an Ensigns Commission and advanced his Pay to ? 20 ? Mensem.

71. On the 6th. July died Ensign James Smith who left a Will nominating Mr. Babington Stodart his Heir, the vacant Commission occasion'd thereby was given to Ser^t. Jacob Spears.

72. The Factors your Honours were pleased to make choice of, and order hither on the Walpole arrived safe four of whom Viz^t. Mess^{rs}. Gillson, Douglass, Gregory & Harries deliver'd in a Complaint against Captain Fowler of ill treatment during the Passage but not particularizing the same, we order'd them so to do, which they accordingly did, and is enter'd at large after Consultation the 30th. Ultimo to which we take leave to refer you and submit the whole to your Consideration.

73. On the 27th. September died, George Dobbs our Bricklayer, and left a Will appointing Mr. George Freeth sole Executor, for settling his Affairs in India, who accepted the trust accordingly. We must here Remark to your Honours that we are now greatly at a loss, for a proper Person to direct in that way, and therefore beg you'll be pleas'd to consider that the want thereof, will much distress us, and give direction, for our being supply'd with one, as soon as possible.

74. We had advice from Moco Moco, that on the 2^d. Ultimo died Mr. Robert Swinton and on examining his Papers, two Wills were found, much of the same Tenour, the last nominating Mr. Thomas Combes, Alex^r. Gray & George Freeth his Executors, but being made at Bantal was without Witnesses, none being on the spot, however the before mentioned Gentlemen accepted the trust, agreeable to the Appointment, We deeming the last Will valid.

75. On the 18 Ultimo Mr. Robert Dunckley laying dangerously ill at the House of Mr. Joseph Darvall and no Person therein to take care of his Effects, except a Buggess and a little Boy, the Deputy Governour hearing thereof, and knowing he was indebted to your Honour order'd the Secretary to seal up his Escrutor and Chests and a Person to take care of the same, that Evening he died and the next day the Council was advis'd thereof, and their opinion requir'd how to act to secure the said Debt as no Will was found upon his Papers being examin'd which was accordingly deliver'd, and that Night a Declaration was put into the hands of Mr. Richard Wyatt, our Secretary by the Attorney of Mr. Darvall, signifying that by the aforesaid action, they were no longer in Possession and Charge of the said House and Effects appertaining to Mr. Darvall and therefore least any Embezelment Damages or Losses should happen, declared the same to be on his Account & Risque, of this the Deputy Governour was immediately advis'd and as soon as possible, Protested against thereof before said proceedings, as no person had taken charge either of the House or any of the Effects, except such as belong'd to the Deceas'd Mr. Robert Dunckley, On the 20th. the Attorneys deliver'd a Letter to the Board setting forth the before recited Action and making some Remarks on the Protest they were served with concluding with a Request to have Mr. Darvalls House and Effects Restor'd to them, upon which the Deputy Governour gave answer that Mr. Dunckley's Effects should be remov'd the next morning which being the 21 a Consultation was held that Day when the Deputy Governour deliver'd another Answer, intimating the great Surprize he was under at their extraordinary procedure in the above Affai as he had only taken the Necessay and customary Methods of securing a Dead Persons Effects, till such time as a proper Administrator could be appointed, adding that to see, his most innocent Intentions thus misrepresented, great was his astonishment, and more so, when in consequence thereof to see a formal Address made to the Board as if a Seizure had been made of Mr. Darvall's Effects, expatiating largely thereon and Remarking they never were undr Custody by his Order, however to end this Affair, we caused the said Attorneys to be acquainted that the aforesaid House &c^a. were at their Disposal, the Board deeming the taking proper Care of the Deceas'd Mr. Dunckley's Estate to be no seizure of Mr. Darvall's House and Effects.

76. On the 19th. we received a Letter from Mrs. Mary Dunckley setting forth her Surprize at the Secretary's sealing up her Husbands Effects even before his Death, and claiming the management of his Concerns with Possession of all Matters relating to the Estate, promising to answer every just demand as far as the produce would reach which was agreed to in Consultation of the 21st. upon Condition of her giving Security for the Payment of his debt to your Honours, as appears upon the Books, and the Estate to be answerable for any Demand causing an Inventory of his Effects, to be taken by Mess^{rs}. Daniel Tottie, and Richard Wyatt, jointly with her.

77. The ensuing Consultation Mr. Thomas Combes deliver'd in a Letter, the purport of which related to the Deputy Governour's aforementioned and proceedings above, set forth in a very Ample manner, but as that and the several other Papers tending there to are enter'd at large after Consultation of the 21st. 22^d. and 30th. Ultimo, we beg leave to refer you thereto for the particulars and leave the whole to your Consideration.

78. The Military your Honours were pleas'd to send on the Walpole arrived safe, except two, which elop'd before the ships leaving Gravesend, and we are oblig'd to continue our Request for a further Recruit as soon as an opportunity offers having this Season lost many by Death, which with the supply sent to out Places, has reduc'd our Garrison so much, that notwithstanding those receiv'd by the Onslow and Exeter we are now but in a weak Condition.

79. Your Orders in the 37th. Paragraph shall be punctually observ'd by transmitting Copys of all our Books henceforward to the President and Council of Fort St. George.

80. On Perusal of the 44th. Paragraph Conformable to your Injunctions, We immediately caused Publick Notice to be given of your Honours disapprobation of the Council acting in their Public Capacities, as Executors to any Wills and signify'd at the same time that no such Appointment would be accepted, which we hope will have the desir'd Effect of preventing any of this kind happening hereafter.

81. We are much concern'd to observe that our taking up Money on your Honors Account when the Onslow arriv'd at ten $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent for twelve Months certain, should be thought to have arose thro private Interest but we flatter ourselves that by the Books that went last season you'll be convinc'd of the Justness of our Apprehensions which occasion'd it for had not we embrac'd the Offers that were then made should long before the Exeter arriv'd have been much distress'd for Money and we can assure you that Mr. Hurlock paid 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Interest from the time of the Death of Robert Jones to the Estate, it being only the Current Premium here.

82. The 4000 at Interest in our Cash here belonging to Raddin Toomoon-goon was directly paid off, upon Receipt of your Orders, for that purpose.

83. By this Ship our Secretary transmitted the Necessary Information relating to the Money which was in our Cash, belonging to the Estate of Robert Jones deceas'd to his Representatives with a Certificate on your Honours for the Ballance agreeable to your Directions in the 46th. Paragraph.

FORT MARLBRO

11TH. DECEMBER 1753.

We are

HONOURABLE

Your Faithful Humble Servants

ROBERT HINDLEY.
THOMAS COMBES.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.

SUPPLEMENT.

Since writing the foregoing Your Honours Ship Prince George, Captain Edward Burman imported with us, from Fort St. George and by her we receiv'd a General Letter from the Presidency dated the 25th. October enclosing Invoice and Bills of Lading for Sundries consign'd hither by her, and advising of having appointed John Walsh and John Pybus Esq^{rs}, to supervise all Affairs on this Coast, the 12 Instant they arriv'd when in Obedience to Orders then receiv'd their Commission was publicly read, to which all due Deference was paid, and they directly proceeded to Business by inspecting the Cash in Specie, and comparing it with the Cash Account when a surplus appear'd of Rs 699-3- which led them to further Inquiries in order to find how it could arise and what had become of the surplus during Mr. Hurlock's time, but we shall wave troubling Your Honours with a long Detail thereof, as they are regularly remark'd in Consultation the 12th. 14th. 17th. 19th. and 21st. Instant.

By the first part of this Letter, you'll perceive, our Intentions were to have sent the Walpole directly to Manna to compleat her Cargo, and were accordingly just in readiness to send her away when We receiv'd a Letter from the Resident, representing his great want of Sampans, and the impossibility of procuring them there and that unless supply'd with three or four, the Ship must incur Demorage. The Paymaster at the same time inform'd us that notwithstanding his utmost endeavours he had been able only to procure One, and as no more could be expected in time for the Ship, We came to a Resolution to load on her all the Pepper in our Godown, when she would have only about 46 Tons to take in at Manna and consequently be in no danger of incurring Demorage, We were the more enduced to this Proceeding, as the Ship expected from the Coast would be oblig'd to go to Manna, even if the Walpole was to load the remaining part of her Tonnage of 130 Tons there as the produce of that Settlement this Season is estimated at 200 Tons so that 70 would still remain, which must be taken in by the other, and as it will be some time, before she arrives, We hope to get a sufficient Number of Sampans, and be able to Compleat her Cargo, as expeditiously, there, as at this Place.

There being a large Deficiency of Salt sent to Moco Moco on Ship Walpole, Captain Fowler on his return from the Northward was Call'd upon to make good the same but he alledg'd he deliver'd the right Number of Bags in the condition'd he receiv'd them and that the Salt was never measur'd off to him, nor he call'd upon to see it done.

The Supervisors thereupon requir'd of Mr. Gunn, then Storekeeper the meaning of such Neglect, and giving no sufficient reasons, he was order'd to make good the Difficiency, being first allow'd a remeasuring at Moco Moco, apprehending there might be a difference between the Measures of that place and this.

Captain Fowler having objected to the Weights at Bentall, was sent for and his reasons for it requir'd, who said that he found them deficient, half a Pound in one hundred Weight when try'd against a new pair of Stilliards, so that your Honours will observe the Bills of Ladings for the Quantity of Pepper put on Board the Walpole there amounting to Cwts. Qrs. lb. 739 2 10 is sign'd with an exception as those Weights are old and there may very probably be such a Difference, But to prevent the like in future, have been order'd by the Supervisors to be regulated by a Sett. now in the Store house.

On the 14th. Instant, we had advice from Croce of the Death of Mess^{rs}. Percival Say and John Saul who have died Intestate and their Affairs are now under the management, (by our Appointment in Consultation the 14th. Instant) of Mess^{rs}. Richard Preston and William Tushmaker which latter Gentleman will set out in a few Days for that Place in the Room of Mr. Saul.

Captain Fowler deliver'd a Letter in Consultation the 13th. Instant setting forth that Mess^{rs}. Edward Gillson and Gregory, refus'd Payment of the Passage Money promis'd in England, We thereupon call'd them, together with the

Captain before us in order to enquire the Reason thereof, when we found it was entirely owing to his not performing his part of the Contract, and had been extremely ill treated during the Voyage, as fully appears by that Consultation and the Letter before remark'd in the 71st. Paragraph of this to have been receiv'd from His Passengers, it was never the less agreed that they should pay the contracted Sum, that your Honours might be enabled to require such Redress as the Injury they receiv'd seems to require, and since then we have receiv'd his Answer to their Complaints but can say nothing further than submit the whole to your Consideration.

The Presidency in the 25th. Paragraph of their Letter to Prince George having desir'd that Sultan Ooloo Dean's Children should be redeem'd and that we should use our Endeavours to prevail on him to return to Madrass, accordingly having an Opportunity to write to Mr. Carter a few Days ago We transmitted him a copy of those Directions and enjoin'd him to be assiduous in getting the same comply'd with, at the same time gave him permission if he found it absolutely necessary for obtaining their Redemption to advance any other Sum tho to be as frugal therein as possible, the case would admit of.

On the Walpole Mr. Randolph Marriott sent up a large Parcell of Damag'd Piece Goods which upon being landed were order'd to be survey'd by Messrs. William Smith and John Beach who deliver'd in a Report of their Condition, being excessive bad, this consequently led the supervisors to enquire in what time they got damag'd and it appearing to be during the Deputy Governour being Resident there, he was requir'd to give a Particular Account how it arose, In Consultation the 21 Instant he accordingly set forth the same as by his Letter there inserted but the Business upon the Dispatch of this Ship has prevented any further Enquiries for the present.

The Presidency having order'd a Train to be establish'd here, and for that purpose sent our Captain Lieutenant Pero, the Men have accordingly been draught'd out of the Military, and are now incorporated into a Company by themselves, so that at the end of this Month our Gunroom Crew will be intirely struck off.

In Consultation the 21 Instant we Receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Thomas Price, late Surgeon of the Walpole, who we were induc'd to entertain on this Establishment by the absolute Necessity there was of having one of This Profession at Nattall, advising of having been illtreated by Captain Fowler during the Voyage and requesting we would forward the same to your Honours which is accordingly enclos'd in the Pacquet.

The Dutch at Batavia having prohibited under very secure Restrictions the exportation of all kinds of Utensils used in Distilling and making Arrack and Sugar, has intirely put a stop to all hopes of being supply'd with them from thence, In Consultation the 24th. Instant the Undertakers of our Manufactory represented this to us and requested we would write for some of the most material Things requir'd to carry on the works, which they engaging to purchase on their arrival here at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent advance. We have taken the Liberty to enclose in the Pacquet an Indent for the same and your Honours will be pleas'd to comply therewith.

A few days ago we caus'd a survey to be taken of the whole Works, which being enter'd after Consultation the 24th. Instant, we take leave to refer your Honours thereto for particulars, the better to enable you to form a Judgment of the Progress made therein.

Having a Quantity of Sugar on hand We now consign to St. Helena 10 Basketts by way of Sample and in case the same meets with the Approbation of the Gentlemen there your Honours think it convenient, the flourishing State our Works are in, will enable us to furnish them with an Annual Supply as well as Arrack.

Our late Gunner here William Tobison being desirous to serve in the quality of Lieut^t. of the Train and esteem a capable Person, We propose giving him a Commission in a few Days.

We have taken the Liberty to grant certificates on your HONOURS for 23628 1 41 at the request of the undermention'd payable as follows Viz^t.

414	2	75	The Attorney of Captain William Furnell, payable to Captain Furnell or order	£	103	13	3
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15400	—	—	The Attorneys of Joseph Hurlock Esq ^t . payable to the said Joseph Hurlock Esq ^t .		3850	—	—
200	—	—	Mr. John Ogier, to Mess ^{rs} . Peter Thomas Abraham, & Lewis Ogier or either of their orders		50	—	—
120	—	—	Mr. John Broff to M ^t . Charles Nevil..		30	—	—
120	—	—	Mr. George Freeth, to M ^r . Thomas Stephans		50	—	—
1120	—	—	Mr. Thomas Price to M ^r . Charles Wildbore		280	—	—
200	—	—	Attorneys of M ^r . Randolph Marriott to M ^r . Benj ⁿ . Marriott		50	—	—
80	—	—	Mr. Idell to M ^r . Richard Washington.		20	—	—
5613	2	66	Estate of Rob ^t . Jones, to William Jewster		1403	3	4
200	—	—	M ^r . Babing ⁿ . Stodart, to M ^r . James Spagg		50	—	—
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Which We beg may be Honour'd.

FORT MARLBRO

26TH. DECEMBER 1753.

We are

HONOURABLE

Yours Faithful Humble Servants.

JOHN WALSH.

JOHN PYBUS.

ROBERT HINDLEY.

THOMAS COMBES.

WILLIAM SMITH.

JOSEPH GUNN.

DANIEL TOTTIE.

LIST OF THE PACQUET WALPOLE BOOKS VIZ^t.

- No. 1 Duplicate Journal and Ledger, F.F. commencing Primo May 1751 and ending, Ultimo April 1752.
- 2 Copy Journal and Ledger G.G. commencing Primo May 1751 and ending, Ultimo April 1752.
- 3 Journal Parcels commencing Primo May 1753 and ending, Ultimo October 1753.
- 4 Copy Moco Moco Journal and Ledger commencing Primo May 1752, and ending Ultimo April 1753.
- 5 Croee Journal and Ledger commencing Primo, May 1752, and ending, Ultimo April 1753.

- N^o. 6 Paymasters Accounts commencing Primo November 1752 and ending Ultimo October 1753.
- 7 Military Paymaster Accounts commencing Primo November 1752, and ending Ultimo October 1753.
- 8 Storekeepers Accounts commencing Primo November 1752, and ending Ultimo October 1753.
- 9 Warekeepers Accounts commencing Primo May 1752, and ending Ultimo April 1753.
- 10 Sea Customers Accounts commencing Primo December 1752, and ending Ultimo July 1753.
- 11 Cash Book commencing Primo November 1752 and ending Ultimo October 1753.
- 12 Pepper Godown keepers Accounts commencing Primo November 1752, and ending Ultimo October 1753.
- 13 Original Consultations since the sailing of the Godolphin commencing June 1753 and ending 24th. December 1753.
- 14 Duplicate Consultations \mathfrak{P} Exeter commencing 11th December 1751, and ending 20th. December 1752.
- 15 Duplicate Consultations \mathfrak{P} Godolphin Commencing 28th. December 1752, and ending 16 June 1753.
- 16 Letters sent commencing 20th December 1752 and ending 24th. December 1753.
- 17 Letters receiv'd commencing 14th. December 1752 and ending 20th. December 1753.
- 18 Register commencing 20 December 1752 and ending 26 December 1753.

PAPERS.

- N^o. 1 General Letter dated the 26 December 1753.
- 2 Duplicate General Letter \mathfrak{P} Godolphin dated 16th. June 1753.
- 3 Seperate Pacquets from the Supervisors.
- 4 List of Covenanted-Servants on the West Coast 1753.
- 5 List of Coffrys on the West Coast 1753.
- 6 Account Remains of Stores Primo November 1753.
- 7 Abstract of the Paymasters Accompts.
- 8 Chaplain's List.
- 9 List of Certificates.
- 10 General Muster Roll.
- 11 Calculate of Quick Stock.
- 12 Mr. Tho^s. Price's Complaint against Captain Fowler.
- 13 Cash Account for November 1753.
- 14 Cash Account for December 1753.
- 15 Indent for General Stores.
- 16 Indent for Labatory Stores.
- 17 Indent for Warekeepers.
- 18 Indent for Stationary.
- 19 Indent for Medicines.
- 20 Abstract Shewing the Difference of two years Charges at Fort Marlbro as appears by Books F.F.G.G. 1751 to 1753.
- 21 Invoice of Pepper laden on the Walpole.
- 22 First Bills of Lading \mathfrak{P} Walpole.
- 23 Duplicate Invoice of Pepper \mathfrak{P} Godolphin.
- 24 Second Bill of Lading for D^o. D^o.

- 25 Duplicate Invoice ꝑ Exeter.
- 26 Duplicate Bill of Lading ꝑ Exeter.
- 27 Captain Winters Second Bill of Exchange.
- 28 Captain Fowlers Bill for Sundrys Short deliver'd of his Cargo.
- 29 Copy Captain Fowlers Sailing Orders.
- 30 Copy Captain Hutchinsons Orders.
- 31 Copy List of the Pacquet ꝑ Captain Hutchinson.
- 32 Copy Captain Winters Vouchersat Gallee.
- 33 Muster Ship Walpole.
- 34 Indent of Sundrys for the Sugar & Undertakers.
- 35 Consultations on dispatch dated 26 December 1753.
- 36 Mess^{rs}. Gillson Douglass, Gregory & Harries Answer to Captain Fowlers reply, to their Complaints against him.
- 37 List of the Pacquet.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES HUTCHINSON ESQ^R.
GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF S^T. HELENA.

WORSHI^{PL}. SIR & SIRS

We were favour'd with yours of the 3^d. April ꝑ Ship Walpole, and the several inclosed Papers, the Letters shall be duely Transmitted as directed ꝑ first Opportunity.

We have consigned you by this Ship by way of Sample, Twelve Baskets of our New Sugar Manufactory, which we shall be able to send you a large Supply of Annually, if it Proves of proper Sortment or your Consumption: this we must request you will be pleas'd to signify to Our Hon^{ble}. Masters Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same comes inclos'd and Duplicates for the Consignment of Arrack sent you ꝑ Godolphin, Captain Fowler will deliver you on Account, The Honble Company a Mallay Prisoner whom we have been Necessitated to transport to your Settlement a Slave for Life.

We are
WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT MARLBRO
26TH. DECEMBER 1753.

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
ROBERT HINDLEY.
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TO CAPTAIN FRANCIS FOWLER
COMMANDER OF THE SHIP WALPOLE.

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Manna, Where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to Our Resident M^r. Joseph Darwall, Whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings.

We now deliver to your Care a Paquet directed to The Honble Court The of Directors for Affairs of The Honble The United Compy of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street

London which at the first Port you arrive at in England you are to forward, Immediately to them by Land under the charge of your Purser. You will likewise receive a small Pacquet for the Governor & Council of St. Helena, which on your Arrival there you will take care to deliver.

Dated in Fort Marlbro' this 26th. day of December 1753.

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
ROBERT HINDLEY.
THOMAS COMBES.
WILLIAM SMITH.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRS,

As we have wholly Acted in Conjunction with the Gentlemen of Council here, in regulating & conducting the Affairs of this Coast, the General Letter from hence will fully inform you of all our Proceedings, however we think it necessary to recapitulate some of the most Important, and such as fall more immediately under Our Management, as well as to present your Honor & c^a. with some General remarks, on the Situation of our Honble Masters Affairs on this Establishment: The short time we have been here, will not admit of our doing it in so compleat a Manner as we could have Wished, which your Honor & c^a. will please to make proper Allowances for.

2. Within a fortnight after our Arrival we Addressed the Honble Court of Directors by their Ship Walpole, at which time we gave them some Account of the universal Confusion that reigned throughout all the Branches of Business at this Settlement, copy of our Letter is enclosed for Your Honor & c^a's. Inspection.

3. The Disorder we found the Offices in, particularly the Secretary's, is not easily conceivable. The Consultations & Letter Books without Indexes, imperfect, and copied in a very Slovenly Manner; the former not Signed for two or three years past, several Books missing, Original Papers & Letters thrown promiscuously about the Office, and many lost. In short every thing carried on in a most shameful careless Manner, and all Method banished & forgot. You will immediately conclude that when such Irregularities are practiced in one Branch, the others cannot properly be conducted. Indeed, the Confusion was too general, & all flowing from the same Spring, loose Administration in the Gentlemen intrusted with the Government, & more particularly the late Deputy Governor. These Evils required our immediate Attention, and have prevented us from making a more considerable Progress in the other Points of our Commission.

4. We now take the Liberty to pursue our Address, under the usual Heads.

FIRST concerning SHIPPING.

5. As yet we have not determined the number of Vessels, necessary for the Service of the Coast, nor whether they may not be conveniently Repair'd here upon Occasion, but We are collecting all possible Information on the Subject.

6. We should have wrote to Batavia for Naval Stores to be brought us by the Storeship, instead of Indenting for them to England; but it is uncertain if such as we want could be procured from private Hands, and to take them out of the Dutch Company's Storehouse, we must pay extravagant Prices for them.

7. We have made a small Reduction in the Charges Marine, by striking off the Allowance for Provisions to the Lascars ashore here. This whole Charge will be taken into Consideration, when we enter on the Enquiry concerning the Sloop's & Vessels At the same time we shall think of Means for reducing the great Charge of Boath hire, if practicable.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE, Fort St. George, or one Part of India to another.

28TH.
JAN^RY.

8. On comparing the Price of Rice at Fort St. George & Batavia, we found we could be furnished with it at a much cheaper Rate from the latter and have therefore determined to trouble Your Honor &c^a. for no further Supplies of that Article. By this Means we may be furnished more largely with Salt, and have accordingly increased our Indent to sixty Garce, which you will please to comply with as occasions offer. That Quantity may be vended with ease at this Place & its Subordinancies in a Year, and even more could it readily be sent us.

Do.

9. The Sale of Salt had been almost entirely restrained, and hardly any disposed of but in exchange for Grain. This was a great Impediment to the Issues of so profitable a Commodity; and a needless One, as there was a Sufficiency of Rice in store for one Year for the Garrison & Slaves. The Stock being Considerable of Salt, we ordered it, instead of keeping it to waste, immediately to be sold indiscriminately to all Persons, but took the Opportunity of raising the Price from twelve Bamboes for a Dollar, to ten. The Exchange of Salt for Rice was raised at the same time to one & a half Bamboes of Rice for one of Salt. We take the Liberty to refer you to the Consultations for a fuller Account of the several Regulations on this Head.

Do.

10. The Issues of Iron & Nails may be increased on this Coast, and we have accordingly Indented for a larger Quantity. Some Chinese Smiths complained to us of the exorbitant Prices they were obliged to pay for several Articles, they had occasion for, out of the Company's Storehouse. This we took notice of in Consultation, but have not had time to prosecute the Enquiry since. If it Appears that they have been overcharged, we shall be Careful to make the Store-keeper refund such dishonest Gains.

11. As yet we have not enter'd on an Examination of the several Deficiencies in the Storehouse and other Employs, but have ordered a general Account Remains to be taken, not only at this Settlement, but at the several Out Residencies.

THIRDLY touching INVESTMENTS.

12. No particular Scrutiny has been hitherto made into the Reasons of the Decrease of Pepper, indeed, they are too apparent to be searched after. Want of Surveys, and Inattention to the Investment in every other Respect, has been the true occasion of it's decline. We have taken some preparatory Steps to discover what servants have deserved well for their prudent Management, and who ill, and shall shortly bring it to a publick Enquiry.

13. The proper Season for Surveys is in May or June, when the Weather is fair, the Fruit Ripe, and little or no call to other Business. At that time every Resident, or his Assistant will be requir'd to proceed on the Survey of his own District.

14. Mr. Hay, Resident of Cattown, is already set out on the Review of his Country, as is Mr. Hampton on that of Saloomah Ensign Tatam is gone the Survey of Anack Soongey, being the properest Person who could pick out for that Service, which will take up some Time to compleat. We would willingly have sent a Covenanted Servant, but the Gentlemen at Moco Moco was either disqualify'd by sickness, or want of the Language, or else engaged in other material Business.

15. We have wrote to the Sultan of Moco Moco, to encourage him to increase the Pepper Plantations in his Country, and have taken some other occasional steps of the same Nature, in other Quarters. But this grand Concern, the Increase of the Pepper Investment, is not the work of a Day; it requires a long and a constant good management to attain; however we have very certain Assurances that with proper Attention & Care, it will admit of a very considerable One, to promote which your Honor &c^a. will please to be persuaded, we shall use our utmost Endeavour.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

16. On the Resident of Natal's Arrival, we called an extraordinary Consultation to consider of the Validity of the Dutch Pretentions to that Place: which on a full and impartial Examination appeared evidently groundless. We have Ordered a memorial to be drawn out, shewing the nature of our whole dispute with the Dutch; & the Insufficiency of the several Claims made by the General & Council of Batavia, in their Letter of the 10th. October 1752, which was transmitted to your Honor &c^a. by the Delawar.

6TH. FEB.
RUARY.

17. We should have been glad to have presented you with the memorial at this Opportunity, but the shortness of time will not permit it, & obliges us to request your Patience till next Conveyance. It will be in readiness to forward to our Hon^{ble} Masters by the Ship expected from the Coast.

18. As the Letters from the General & Council of Batavia, both of the 10th. October 1752, and 30th. May 1753, were unanswered, we thought it Necessary to Address them by this Conveyance, & now enclose Copy of our Letter for your Inspection, wherein you will observe, we have remonstrated against their illegal Procedure with Respect to the Sloop Orange Tree.

Do.

19. The Inscription set up by the Dutch at Chocco, shews how diligent they are in Establishing themselves at all Posts they possibly can, to the Exclusion of the English; but at the same Time it discovers a great diffidence of the validity of their former Pretensions to that Country, when Croee was under dispute between Us, in whose neighbourhood it lies. We mentioned this Circumstance to them, with no other View, than to shew we were not Ignorant of what they were transact^g.

20. We shall think on proper Regulations for Judiciary Proceedings at this Settlement, hitherto we have been so taken up with other Business, that we could not consider that Subject, with the Attention it Merits.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

21. We have appointed a Committee to Survey all the Hon^{ble} Company's Buildings at this Place, but their Report is not yet deliver'd in.

22. If no Engineer arrives here on the Ship expected shortly from your Honor &c^a. We shall set about giving you the best Account we are able, of what is necessary to be done, with respect to the Fortifications, and all other Buildings. Accomodations for the Servants are much wanted, but we shall defer erecting any till receipt of Your Orders, indeed we would willingly have them done under the Direction of a skilful Person, and at present we have none capable of undertaking that Business.

23. It is Necessary on many Accounts that the younger Servants should reside in the Fort, which makes it improper to give them a monthly Allowance for House rent. Those of higher standing do not so immediately require any.

24. The Buildings at the Subordinates shall be another Subject of Inquiry, and we will do our utmost to discover if any Abuses have been Practiced in erecting them.

25. The Materials for Buildings at this Place and the Out Settlements shall be attentively considered; as no Works are going on here at this Time, they have not fallen immediately under Notice.

12TH. &
14TH.
JAN^{RY}.

26 We have Set the Arrack Farm for three Hundred Dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ Month, which before produced only one Hundred & thirty. As it appeared that it could have Let for so much during the Administration both of Mr. Hindley & Mr. Hurlock and in fact did, the rest being applied to private Emolument, We have insisted on the difference being refunded being thirteen Thousand seven Hundred & seventy Dollars (13770). It appears to have been an old Practice, & in that respect those Gentlemen are somewhat excusable.

28TH.
JANUARY.

27. As there is not constant Employment for the Slaves, we have permitted the Inhabitants to hire them at a Stated Rate which will bring in some Gains to our Honble Masters, & help to relieve the great Charge they are at, under the Head of Slaves.

Do.

28. We have laid a duty of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on all Imports, at this Place & the Subordinates, except Piece Goods and Opium manifested at Fort St. George, & Europe Commodities sent out on our Honble Masters Indulgence. The latter consisting almost wholly of Provisions & Necessaries for the use of the Servants on this Establishment, we left without a Tax; and the former pay only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent. Mr. Macrae while Supravizor fixed the Duty of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on manifested Piece Goods, and we thought it improper to raise it, as such Goods already have paid Customs to our Honble Masters at Fort St. George, The Case is the same with Respect to Opium that comes manifested from thence.

29. Our Honble Masters thought proper to forbid in their Letter of the 31st. December 1723, all Importation of Callicoos or Piece Goods to this Place; but by a particular Indulgence to the Servants here, in consideration of their limited Trade, the prohibition was alleviated with Respect to them, as appears by the General Letter from the Presidency of the 4th. October 1724, under this Head. Of late years some private Traders from Bengal, have made a Practice of coming this Way, & selling Piece Goods, contrary to the Express Orders of our Honble Masters, in the Letter abovementioned, We must therefore request your Honor &c^a. will be pleased to write to Bengal concerning it, or take what other Measures may seem necessary for preventing it. If any such vessels arrive here, we shall acquaint them with the Prohibitions, that they may not make their Goods liable to seizure by landing them.

30. The Customs at Natal are confined to Goods imported on English Bottoms, as levying any on the Country Boats, would breed Uneasiness & possibly Disturbances there.

28TH.
JANUARY.

31. We have now revoked the Prohibition of Bugguess, Java & such like Cloathing, and instead, laid a Duty of 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on them. We cannot very well gather how these goods came to be forbid, unless they were thought to be Included in the general Term of measurable Goods made use of by our Honble Masters in the foremention'd Restriction; but on refering to it we apprehend from the preceeding Matter, that Coast & Bengal Piece Goods, are only there intended. It is certain the others were always Run in, and if it was necessary to restrain their Importation, we thought the best way would be by a high Tax, in which our Honble Masters would at the same time reap an Advantage.

23RD.
JANUARY.

32. We have ordered all private Merchandize shipped on board Company's Vessels to be manifested & pay Freight, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent to or from Natal & Batavia, & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent to or from Moco Moco, Croee and the other Settlements. All private Merchandizes shipped on board Company's Vessels for Fort St. George are likewise ordered to be manifested for your Honor &c^{as}. Information.

SIXTHLY COMPANY'S SERVANTS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

33. On our Arrival here we found the Council board consist of only the Deputy Governor & Mess^{rs}. Combes, Gunn & Tottie, which made it necessary for us to write to the other Members at Out Residencies to come up, if the Business of their Respective Settlements, would admit of it.

34. We beg leave to refer your Honor &c^a. to our Consultations for a particular Account of our Proceedings, with Respect to the late Dep^y. Governor & his dismissal from the Company's Service. 12TH. JANUARY.

35. Mr. Thomas Combes delivered us an Address, requesting to be appointed Deputy Governor by Virtue of his Standing, as well as Services to the Company, of which he gave Us a short Detail; but as we saw no immediate necessity for filling up the Vacancy, as we at present Act in that Capacity, we declined doing it till we know your Honour &c^{as}. Resolutions in this Respect.

36. We have not as yet entered on any Examination of Mr. Massey's Conduct nor that of Mess^{rs}. Beach, Dunckley, Say & Preston. Mess^{rs}. Say & Dunckley are dead.

37. There has been a great Mortality among the Servants this Year, no less than four have died since our Arrival, and unfortunately for us, two of them were the Secretary & Sub Secretary, which has been of great Interruption to the Business & to this Dispatch in particular.

38. As yet we have made no Computation how many Servants are Necessary for carrying on the Affairs of the Coast, however its certain a greater number will be required, than what we have at present, especially as they will now be obliged to go the Surveys.

39. We shall compute the Number of Military, Arabs, Bugguesses & Slaves wanted for the Service of this Coast; This we shall be the better enabled to do by a longer Experience, at present it appears to us that more Servants & less Military are required for carrying on the Company's Affairs in a proper manner.

40. The Payments to the Bugguesses and Arabs are made to each Man in Hand, & we have perceived nothing of Payments of Cloth in any of the Employs since our Arrival. Your Honor &c^a. may be assured we shall be attentive to discover such Abuses, if practiced.

41. Mr. Thomas Bright, Factor threw up his Covenants some Time ago, but afterwards requested to be readmitted to the Service, expressing much Concern at his Rashness, and promising more Assiduity in his Business in future, we agreed therefore to refer his Request to Your Honour &c^a. & in the mean Time to allow him his former Pay; He has since been so Negligent of his duty, that we cannot at all recommend him to your favor.

42. Mess^{rs}. Bastion Smith & Sam^l. Kingston having been likewise very remission their Writing Business, they were called up to the Council Board, & threat'ned with Dismission, if they were not more assiduous in future; which has had very little Effect on them, & by their misbehaviour they have not a little retarded this Dispatch. We are very Apprehensive they will oblige us to Suspend them from the Service, & indeed, was there not such a Scarcity of Servants at this Time, we would recommend it to your Honor &c^a. to Order them to England together with Mr. Bright, as they are Persons that our Hon^{ble} Masters can never Expect any Benefit from, & may not a little contribute to Corrupt others by their bad Example. 23RD. JANUARY.

43. Mr. O'Neil, Chaplain, has made Application to us concerning his Gratuity, but we have not hitherto come to any determination about him.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

44. Your Honor &c^a. will doubtless be surprized at the Irregularities practiced here, when you observe our Proceedings, with Respect to the Surpluss Cash discovered on Our Arrival, as well as the Copper Cash, that stand on the Books but can neither be found, not any Account given how they were disbursed.

28TH.
JANUARY.

45. In the Consultations are particulariz'd the several Reductions we have made in the constant Monthly Charge of this Settlements & its Subordinates, amounting as follows:—

In the Paymaster's Accounts	..	..	..	..	318	3	71
Military Paymasters	..	..	..	..	30	—	—
Moco Moco Accounts	..	..	..	..	96	1	90
Natal Do.	..	..	..	..	81	1	—
Croce Do.	56	3	86
Tallo Do.	22	—	—
Laye Do.	16	—	—
Manna Do.	10	—	—
Cattown Do.	11	—	—
Cawoor Do.	14	2	—
Sillebar Do.	6	—	—

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making ₹ Annum seven Thousand nine Hundred & fifty seven Dollars one Sooca & sixty four cash (₹ 7957. 1. 64).

SUPPLEMENT.

46. The Acheen People having at Times raised Disturbances at Natal, We take the Liberty to request your Honor &c^a. to write to the King of Acheen on that Subject. Perhaps it may be practicable to enter into some Contract or Alliance with him relating to an exclusive Trade at Sinkell, & his other Territories to the Southward of that Place, which will invalidate many of the Dutch Claims, and strengthen our Right even to Natal, for it was formerly Part of his Kingdom, & he was preparing to settle there by Invitation just before the English took possession. We are far from thinking that any Settlement should be made at Sinkell, and all that any can be proposed from This, is to extend Our Honble Masters Navigation, and frustrate the Daily Attempts of the Dutch to exclude the English as much as they can from all footing here to the Eastward.

47. When Natal comes under Our Consideration, we hope to find some means of making it at least defray the Expences of the Settlement. To withdraw it at this Juncture we apprehend would look too much like a submission to the extravagant Pretentions of the Dutch.

48. We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Sugar Manufactory bears a very flourishing Appearance, & demands Our Honble masters utmost Encouragement. If your Honor &c^a. shall think proper to dispatch the Prince George, immediately back to us, with the Several Wares & Stores indented for, we shall have by our Computation about seven or eight Hundred Pecul of Sugar & twentyfive Leaguers of Arrack to put on board her at her Arrival, supposing it to be in July or August. The Quantity of Arrack would be considerably more, was it not for the smallness of the Still, but the Dutch Restrictions have prevented us from procuring a larger.

49. We have wrote to the Captain of the expected Store Ship to receive on board such Chinese as shall apply for a Passage from Batavia to this Place, & to give them all the Countenance in his Power; for it is to the Chinese Industry we are indebted for this promising Manufactory, and on them alone we must rely for the Prosecution of it.

50. Having some large Maracooley Timbers of thirty feet long & twelve Inches Square, which are particularly proper for Piles by not admitting the Worm. If your Honor &c^a. have, any Occasion for such, We can supply you with twenty five or thirty of them. They cost five dollars each.

51. As by July or August, Affairs here will be brought under proper Regulation, at least so as to require the Presence of but one of us, to compleat, Mr.

Walsh proposes at that Time to return to the Coast to give your Honor &c^a. a particular detail of our Proceedings.

We are, with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient & most humble Servants,

JOHN WALSH.

JOHN PYBUS.

FORT MARLBOROUGH
FEBRUARY 12TH. 1754.

P.S.—We have enclosed Extracts of the Letters above refered to prohibiting the Importation of Piece Goods, for fear Your Honor &c^a. should by any Accident be unprovided with Copies of them.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

On the 3^d. Instant imported here Your Honours Ship the Walpole, Captain Francis Fowler, from Fort Marlborough. By her I received a Letter from the Deputy Governour &c. Council, with orders to Ship board her ^{Tons Cwts.} 46–3– Pepper, and dispatch her directly to your Honours Consonant thereto, I have loaded that quantity on board her, and now send her accordingly with the necessary Papers to Your Honours.

It gives me much pleasure to acquaint Your Honours, that this Country still continues to Flourish, and that the Investment of Pepper this year is somewhat Increased, tho not quite so much as was expected, a considerable quantity having been lost by many of the Vines turning Yellow and dying, a distemper incident sometimes to them, and by the Country being Infested much by Tygers, in so much that many People have been kill'd while gathering their Pepper in the Gardens, by which means, those Doosoons who had been most troubled by them, were so much intimidated thereby, that they neglected taking the Remainder of their Pepper, so that much has been lost.

In September last the Deputy Gov^r. and Council thought proper to appoint me to succeed, the late Resident, Mr. Roger Carter, here; in which Station, I hope to approve myself both to Your Honours, and their Satisfaction.

The Paddong Goochee People, mentioned in Mr. Carter's Letter by the Exeter to your Honours, are now under the direction of the Resident of Cawoor, agreeable to their Contract with the above Gentlemen.

The Quantity of Pepper yet Remaining in Our Godowns here, is one hundred and sixty Tons two quarters and fifteen Pounds and what loaded on the Walpole, makes the whole Produce of this Settlement for the last Year, amount to two hundred and twelve Tons, five hundred two quarters and five Pounds.

A List of the Walpoles Crew, together with her Guns and Ammunition Your Honours will Receive herewith.

Upon enquiry made of the Captain and Officers, if they have taken any private Trade on Board, since leaving Mart Marlbro they Assure me they have not.

I sincerely wish the Walpole may Arrive in due Time and Safety being.

HONOURABLE

Your faithful & Obedient Servant,

JOSEPH DARWALL.

MANNA
10TH. JANUARY 1754.

COPY.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONOURABLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

By the Delawar you are advised of our being Commissioned to Supravise your Affairs on this Coast. She sailed from Fort St. George the 30th. Octr. and we left it in your Ship the Prince George Cap^t. Edward Burman the 3rd. Novr. during which Interval nothing material happen'd there. We called at Fort St. David to land some Treasure and sailing from thence the 6th. Novr. arrived here the 11th. Decr.

12TH.
DEC^R.

We found in this Road the Walpole within few days of her dispatch to Manna to take in her Complement of Pepper. That your honours Business might suffer no kind of Interruption by a Change of Administration we continued the Deputy Governour, and the Gentlemen of Council in the Management of Affairs as before only under our Inspection, and forbore to engage in any other than the current Business of the Place and what immediately concerned the Dispatch. Indeed as no less than four Members of the Board were absent on our Arrival. whose Assistance might be highly necessary to Us, we thought we could not proceed to more Important Points of Our Commission till at least the Major Part were arrived, Mess^{rs}. Jack and Smith were shortly expected from their Residencies of Saloomah and Lave, and Mr. Marriott at Moco Moco and Mr. Carter at Natal were wrote to likewise to come up if the Affairs of their Settlements would admit of it.

12TH.
DEC^R.

On examining the Cash here we found a surpluss of ₨ 699 3 which upon Enquiry appears to have arose from an irregular Practice at this Place in bringing to account the Treasure received from England by reckoning each Bag grossly One thousand Dollars whereas they usually contain one with another about four Dollars over, You will observe in the Consultations to what use such surpluss money had been employed both by the present Deputy Governour and his Predecessor Mr. Hurlock and we must do them the Justice to say that neither can be taxed with having embezzled any part of it. What they laid out was for House necessaries or otherwise for your service, and the Remainder was deposited in the Cash Chest, which is now brought to account, We propose to appoint a Steward shortly when we shall be carefull to have those necessaries inserted in your Stock.

17TH.
DEC^R. 21ST

This Enquiry into the Surpluss Cash discovered to us other Irregularities equally to be censured Particularly a mistake of One hundred Dollars in an Advance to the Paymaster never taken notice of in Consultation or brought to account tho' known.

17TH.
DEC^R.

13TH, 14TH.
19TH.

We already perceive that a General Confusion runs through Your Affairs here, to account for which in the most favourable manner we must impute it to negligence, and want of method; Confining Ourselves to a few Instances that have presented themselves in the Current Business, we observed stores to have been shipp'd without first calling on the Cap^t. to be present at the Measurage, Cloth embaled wet, and the Invoice erroneous, Damage of Cloth never reported. Servants coming up from Out Residencies without leave, The Books of both Offices dispersed and mislaid, with some other Particulars of the like nature remarked in Consultation; The Secretarys Office is in great Disorder, The Consultations and Letter Books without Indexes, which occasions us much Trouble in Our References, after this dispatch we shall model the whole Business, and put the Offices in particular on the Fort St. George Plan, as much as the nature of this Settlement will permit.

Your Honours will be pleased to admit of the Excuse made in Consultation for deferring to read the Novr. accounts till next Month, It had been the usual

Practice here to omit passing any Accounts near the dispatch of a ship for which Reason these had not been brought up, and indeed if they had been ready, we should not have had Time to give them the proper Inspection.

For want of sampans the Walpole must have incurred considerable Demorage had she taken in all the Manna Pepper which made it necessary to put on board as much as we possibly could at this Place. Sampans can be procured against the Arrival of the Ship from the Coast & she can then load Pepper as expeditiously at Manna as here, your Honours may be assured we shall give her the quickest Dispatch possible to prevent all unnecessary Demorage.

14th.

We visited the Arrack & Sugar works, and were pleased to find them in so flourishing a Condition, We venture to recommend this manufacture to your Honours particular Encouragement as it must in Time not only prove highly beneficial to the Place in General, but of especial Advantage to Your Honours. This and Your other settlements may be furnished with Arrack at cheaper Rates. Your Customs here will be increased, and as it will draw a Concourse of Chinese to the Place other Taxes may hereafter be levied as is practised at Batavia, no better means can be used to invite over those useful People, who at the same time that they increase the Consumption of Your Stores will by their Industry reduce the Price of many Articles that now swell your Expence; The interruption the Dutch endeavour to give this Undertaking is a sufficient argument of its Consequence. The Undertakers being in want of several necessaries for their works which the Prohibitions at Batavia prevent their getting from thence, We have to request Your Honours Compliance with their Indent on the Terms they Propose which they will esteem a signal Mark of your Protection & Encouragement.

24th.
Dec^r.

Some Canisters of Sugar are now sent to the Gentlemen of St. Helena and if your Honours shall judge it convenient they may henceforward be furnished with an Annual Supply from hence.

Do.

We cannot at this time enter on the Subject of your Pepper Investment. The Gentlemen here have made a fair Representation of it in their General Letter by this Ship, but we are somewhat apprehensive it is not on a sufficient Foundation. We shall require from each Resident a particular account of the State of his Settlement with his Reasons for the Decrease of Pepper, and the Method to be pursued for improving the Trade.

In turning over the Consultations of this year Your Honours will find them crowded with Disputes among the Council, and with Proceedings against some of them, which by the Heat & Severity they are carried on with may be concluded not to have sprung wholly from a Zeal for Your Interest. We shall give all these matters a full and Impartial Examination and hope by the Ship expected from the Coast to acquaint you with the Issue of this as well as our Enquiry relating to the Deputy Governour; at the same time we expect to advise you that the Affairs of this Coast in General are in great measure revised and Regulated We are with great Respect,

HONOURABLE

Your Faithful humble Servants

JOHN WALSH.

JOHN PYBUS.

FORT MARLBRO
26th. DEC : 1753.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^a.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR, & SIRS

1. We addressed you in February last by the Prince George, in Answer to your Commands by that Conveyance, since when, Our Honourable Masters Ship Dragon importing here the 18th. March, brought us your Letter of the 7th. February and by the Prince Edward a Country Ship from Batavia, we received another from you bearing date the 27th. May, 1753, which by some accident had not been forwarded to us from thence before; The several Papers enclosed were conformable to the list of the Pacquet, By this Vessel we are inform'd that our Masters Ship Prince George is not likely to leave Batavia for some time yet, On Account the Repairs necessary for her; We therefore take this Opportunity of transmitting duplicates of our Letter, as well as the most essential Papers contained in her Pacquet; And Copy of our Address to the Court of Directors by the Dragon, which will give Your Honour & c^a. a summary Detail of our Proceedings from the arrival of the Supravisors to her Dispatch, What other occurrences have since happened worthy notice, we shall now acquaint you with; But in an abridged way, as we are in expectation of another opportunity of paying our Respects to you in July next when we purpose being more Particular.

2. The Dragon after delivering the Rice and other Articles consigned us by her, and taking on Board the Pepper on hand here, sail'd for Manna to fill up with what was lying for her there, from whence she was dispatch'd the 13th.
Tons. lb. Qrs. lb.

Ultimo, with 170. 12. 1. 22; The lateness of the Season makes us apprehend some hazard of her getting round the Cape, but we beg leave to assure you, no time was lost on our parts to her a quick dispatch.

3. We cannot as yet write with any Certainty as to the Quantity of Surpluss Pepper we may have on hand in January next, as the Crop is always precarious; We have however no reason to doubt having as plentiful a one, this as last Year, on which Supposition, there will be at least two hundred Tons, but this Subject shall be more fully treated on in our next, when we shall be better able to judge.

4. In this Pacquet we transmit an Account of the two last years Pepper compared, and have adjoined the Remains of that Article, at the several Subordinacies to the last of March; we have sent Vessels to bring up what is lying at Cawoor, and shall dispatch the Swallow Sloop to Croee for a loading from thence, when she returns from Moco Moco, where she is gone with supplies of Stores wanted there, but as there will be more than she can take in, we shall endeavour to get the Remainder upon a reasonable Freight.

5. Agreeable to what we wrote in our Letter by the Prince George, the Resident of Nattal has delivered us in a Memorial, wherein is sett forth the nature of the Dutch Claims; It comes in the Packet for your Perusal; The means of rendering it of Advantage to Our Honourable Masters is a point not yet determined.

6. Your Honours & c^a. will observe by our Letters now forwarded, that Surveys of all the Northern Districts are taken by Europeans which are nearly compleated, the same shall be done by the Southern & Marlbro, which last Mr. Jack has made a Voluntary Offer of undertaking, & will sett out on that Business in three or four days. This Method we shall strictly adhere to, and doubt not its Salutory Effects.

7. Agreeable to Regulations made in Consultation just before the Dragon's Dispatch for England for reducing the Military Force on the Establishment, and our Resolution to send the Supernumerary to the Coast, we requested the Supracargoes of the Ship, to receive on board a Detachment of thirty Men, which they were very willing to comply with, provided we could take out a sufficient Quantity of Timbers as would make Room to Accomodate them, and pay for it on the Terms, that Article should sell for at Madrass. which, as there was great want of, we agreed to, and have landed three hundred of different

dimensions; A Particular account of which comes in this Pacquet, to enable Your Honours &c. to Account with them for it; We have laid in two months Provision for the detachment, and have referred the Allow^{ce}. of their Passage to be settled by you; Invoice of their Arms & what ship'd on board comes enclosed, with the Capt^{ns}. Bill of Lading, the Adjutants List of the Names, & the time the Military have to serve, comes in the Packet.

8. Being greatly in want of Gunpowder, and the Captⁿ. of this Ship having a Quantity to dispose of, We Directed the Military Storekeeper to procure Musters, and if reasonable to purchase it, but as he would abate nothing of twelve Dollars p Barrell, we declined taking any.

9. By a Letter received from Cap^{tn}. Burman of the Prince George from Batavia, we are informed that Malbro Hoy was by stress of Weather drove thither, in endeavouring to beat up from Croee; He represents her to be in great want of Repairs, which when compleated he purposes dispatching her to us, the first favourable Opportunity.

10. As the Dragon has brought us a sufficient Supply of Rice from Bengal, we shall countermand the Orders we have lodged at Batavia for the Captⁿ. of the storeship and Mr. Peter Garden to purchase that Article, and in lieu thereof procure us a quantity of Timbers and Plank which we are greatly in want of.

11. The Long Cloth white, which we indented for last Year, was to perform the Moco Moco Contract with the Pepper Planters; We have therefore now made an additional Indent for that Article, which, (as its necessary to have two Year's supply on hand) we request your Compliance with. The damaged Long Cloth & Salempores white sent us p Dragon being of no use to us, We shall dispose of at Outcry, and now forward our Indent for slaves Cloathing.

12. As by the supply of Coffree Women receiv'd by the Dragon, Their Number greatly exceed that of the Men, and as they are of little Service to us being unfit for our hard Labour we request no more may be sent us; but if twenty more Men could be spared they might be very usefully employ'd here.

13. The Supravisors have acquainted Us that Application being made to them by Pangaran Raja Calippa, Mahomed Shaw & Nata De Raja &c. Head men, in behalf of Raja Lakeeton, and the Party confin'd with him on account of Disturbances who were willing to be bound for their future good Behaviour, they had accepted their Security, and released the Prisoners, on their making Oath publicly not to interrupt the Peace of the Country, or the Pangaran in the Government we had appointed him to.

14. The Committee for examining into the Complaints of the Military at this Place, with Respect to their Cloathing and Stoppages, have delivered in their report, by which it appeared they had due to them 34 Suits and p 66 Dollars, the Cloaths have been delivered them and the money paid; We have given directions for the like Scrutiny to be made at the Subordinates, where there are Military and shall be careful to see Justice done the Injured.

15. About six weeks ago, The Arrack and Sugar undertaken begun to distill Arrack, and have already made about Eight Leaguers. We have sent three Casks by this Ship as Musters, which we hope will be approved.

16. The detachment of Military sent on this Ship Prince Edward, have receiv'd their full pay for this month.

We are

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

FORT MARLBRO
12TH. MAY 1754.

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
THOS. COMBES.
ROGER CARTER.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.
RICHARD PRESTON.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE
THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST
INDIES.

HONOURABLE

Our last Advices were to you ☞ Ship Walpole Duplicate whereof comes enclosed. We then acquainted you with arrival of your Ship Prince George from the Presidency, with John Walsh & John Pybus, Esqr. Supravisors, and off their Several transactions to that time: We shall now proceed to give a narrative of the state of your Affairs since, But must take the liberty of referring you in Great measure to our address to the Presidency ☞ Prince George, as the want of a Person properly acquainted with the Secretaries Business will We hope excuse Our not being so full as might be expected; What We have now to offer you will find under the Established Heads.

FIRST concerning SHIPPING.

2. The Walpole after having taken on board the remainder of Her Loading at Manna sailed from thence the 10th. January. In our Letter by her, We gave Our reasons for putting on board all the Pepper at this Place, as it prevented the Risque of her incurring demorage and the Ship expected from the Coast to fill up, might be as expeditiously loaded at Manna as here, by which time We could furnish a sufficiency of Sampans for that Business.

3. Your Ship Dragon was destined by the Gentlemen at Bengall for this Service, and Imported with the 12th. Instant We immediately landed the several Articles consigned Us on her from thence, and the Presidency, put on board the pepper remaining in our Godowns here, amounting to

Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lb.
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 and despatched her for Manna the 27th. with four Sampans and Four Tombongons to Assist in the Loading her; There is lying ready for her at that Place

Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lb.
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 which we have enjoined the Assistant Mr. Dutton to use the utmost dispatch in Shipping it off, and sent Mr. John Williams thither on the Ship to forward that Business, as the lateness of the Season requires our utmost Attention in this matter, on account the hazard of gaining her Passage round the Cape.

JANRY.
28th.

4. The Prince George in consequence of Orders from the Coast, sailed hence for Batavia, the 13th. February. The Captain of her requested to be furnished with five thousand ☞ 5000 dollars for the repairs of his Vessel, and purchase of his Timbers & Plank Cargo for the Presidency which was accordingly advanced him. In our Instructions and dispatch to him We recommended all expedition in returning to the Coast.

DEC^r.
21st.

5. As it had not been Customary for the Masters of Vessels in your Service, on this Establishment to contract for any limited time. The Captain of the Swallow Sloop resigned his Command when she was under dispatches for Natall which had not the Walpole been here to have furnished us with another would greatly have distressed Us, We have therefore determined to engage all such in Future on Terms of giving three months Previous notice before they quit to prevent the like Inconvenience hereafter.

6. The President and Council of Fort St. George in their Letter to us ☞ Prince George remark, that the number of Sloops and Vessels on this Coast appears very large; Their reference to our Books, We imagine has occasioned it. We have already Advised Your Honour in Former Letters of the Loss of the Howke & Louise Sloops & The Fame has been many years broke up But neither of them yet wrote off Thos remaining are the Mary & Swallow Sloops. The Marlbro; Hoy and Two Long Boats; The Mary continues still on shore not having been able to get Boards and other materials to compleat her. The Swallow and Hoy are occasionally sent to Natal, Cedee, Cawoor and other your Honours Settlements with Stores and for Pepper, The Long Boats employed in shipping off and Landing Stores to or from any of your ships or Vessels: Such as stand on the Books and are not in being We shall on closing those of this year write off and be carefull that the others are usefully employed.

7. The Panchallong built some time Ago for your Service having almost ever since laid on shore useless and at a Constant Monthly Charge The Supra- JAN^{RY}.
23RD. visitors ordered her to be put up at Publick Outcry when she was sold for seventy two dollars (₹ 72).

8. The Cuddalore Sloop sent over here for the Service of this Coast in October 1749, returned to the Presidency with Mr. Hunter, and is detained there for the Convenience of receiving Advices from and sending supplies to the Neggrais.

9. The Swallow Sloop on her return from Natal in Febr^Y. last, where she was sent with Stores, being represented by the Master to be in want of some repairs, We ordered Her into Poolo Harbour where on examination she was found in very bad Condition; We have however refitted her and she will be on float again in Few Days. We then purpose sending her to Moco Moco with Supplies of Salt and other necessaries for that Settlement, and on her return to Croee and Cawoor for Pepper. FEB^Y.
18TH.

10. Captain Kent requested of us an Advance of two hundred ₹ 200 dol- MAR. 23RD. lars for the use of his Ship which has been made him. His first receipt for the same comes in the Packet.

SECONDLY of Goods from EUROPE FORT ST. GEORGE or one Part of India
to be disposed of at ANOTHER.

11. In our letter ₹ Walpole, We advised of Captain Fowler's having JAN^{RY}.
19TH. objected to the Weight of Bantal account deficiency's in them; To avoid the like in future; We appointed a Committee to regulate Those of this Settlement, which were found very defective, as will appear by their report entered in our Consultations they have been since regulated and setts sent to Moco Moco and Cattown to adjust theirs by with Orders to forward them to the other residencies for that purpose. The same shall be done to Saloomah. Those at Manna are new and Exact.

12. You were likewise acquainted by the Walpole of some damaged cloth JAN^{RY}.
12TH. &
14TH. being sent up on her from Moco Moco the Irregularities in the Invoice and bad Package of it. The enquiry into which on Account her dispatch was then deferred: but on the residents Arrival here, he was directed to give his reasons for them, which he did, as entered in our Consultations, wherein he sufficiently clears himself from any blame account the Package, and apologises for the Omissions in the Invoice. It was put up at Publick Outcry and the Account Sales thereof is entered in our Book of Consultations.

13. The deficiency in the Salt sent to Moco Moco by that Ship is not yet accounted for. But shall be done when the Gentlemen there advise us of the outturn on remeasurage.

14. On receiving a Letter from the Military Captain's for Payment of the off-reckonings due them, We enquired at what Prices they retailed their Slops to the men and directed them to produce Masters of them with the Prices which being done We judged them on Examination to be two [*sic*] high charged, and restrained their Issues of them, giving Orders to the Ware-Keeper to dispose of those received from Fort St. George on your Account at twenty five ₹ JAN^{RY}. 3RD. Cent on Invoice. But as this regulation deprived the Captains of all means of disposing of what they had remaining We came to Terms to take them off their hands at 30 ₹ cent on the Madrass Invoice and shall send those so purchased to the several Out Settlements to avoid any Irregularity in the disposal of them here.

15. The want of Powder in Garrison induced Us to Apply to Captain MAR. 26TH. Kent to assist Us with some, he has spared Us three Barrels for which the Military storekeeper has given him a receipt.

JAN^y.
12TH.

16. Your Honours will find in Our Consultations The Particulars of an Enquiry made by the Supravisors relating to a Parcel of Copper Cash standing on the Books but no appearance of them any where else amounting to \$ 410-16 dollars; The Present Members were severally questioned by them on this subject but could give no Account of them referring to Mess^{rs}. Massey & Beach for further Information who left them still to seek, in this matter except for a very trifling part amounting to \$ 36. 1 dollars exchanged by Mr. Beach when Secretary which has been paid in They have deferred the further Prosecution of this Enquiry till more liesure time.

JAN^y.
17TH.

17. There being a very large deficiency in the Rice and Salt received from the Presidency ¶ Prince George We apprehend it might in some measure arise from the Method practiced here of computing twelve hundred Bamboos to the garce, We have therefore sent thither a Standard Bamboo that the Measurage may be exactly adjusted.

18. Copies of our several Indents for Wares and Stores to Fort St. George ¶ Prince George and duplicates of those forwarded by the Walpoles with some Additional Ones by this Ship Your Honours will find under their respective number in the Packet.

19. In the Letter to Us from the Presidency ¶ Prince George There are several Irregularities taken notice off with regard to the Stores landed here from the Delawar and an Account of Adjustments enclosed Us which not corresponding entirely with our Books we directed the Accountant to draw out an Account Current particularizing the several receipts and deficiencies by that Ship which We transmitted in our Packet and requested at the same time an Annual list of Adjustments might be sent Us of the Accounts between this Place and the Presidency that our Books might be made to agree.

JAN^y.
18TH.

20. On referring to our Consultations your Honours will find the several Regulations We have made relating to the Issues and Price of your Stores, When it was likewise Agreed for reasons there fully given that as more Rice should be indented for to the Presidency and our Indents for Salt from thence largely increased, as We might be supplied with the former Article on much cheaper Terms from Batavia and the latter be disposed of here in much greater Quantities and to every Considerable Advantage and wrote accordingly to the Captain of the expected Storeship and Mr. Peter Gordon at Batavia to purchase for us Forty Batavia Coyan of Rice on a Commission of 5 ¶ cent taking the amount out of one of the chests of Treasure consigned Us by her and have lodged an Order there for the Captain to receive the same on board But the Gentlemen at Bengal having sent Us by your Ship Dragon upwards of forty two Bencoolen Coyan of that Article We shall countermand the beforementioned Order the first Opportunity.

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25TH.

21. In January last the supravisors Acquainted the Board that Complaints had been made to them by the China Smiths of the Enormous prices they were obliged to pay for Iron Steel and such other of your Stores upon which they directed the Storekeeper to produce his Book of prices from whence it appeared that those Articles had been retailed at much higher Rates than the Stipulated Premiem of fifty ¶ cent. His reasons for such an Imposition were there upon demanded which are enter'd on Consultation and as it was found from this Enquiry that his Assistant Mr. Idell had for these last two years chiefly managed the Business of the Storehouse he was called before the Board and directed to deliver in an Account of what Iron and Steel & other Stores had been sold to Chinese or Mallays and at what Rates since his acting therein which he accordingly produced and the amount of Over charges on those Articles from Jan^y. 1752 to Ult^o. Octor. 1753 being ¶ 500-3-21 was Ordered to be refunded by the Respective Storekeepers during that time ¶ 391-1-96 have been paid in. But Mr. Beach representing his Inability to discharge his Proportion being one hundred and nine Dollars One Succa and Twenty five cash it will be stopped from his Arrears due to him Account of

Salary and Diet since his dismission from the Board from which time he has declined receiving either Orders where then given by the Supravisors that In future that they should be sold to all Persons indiscremenately except your Servants at fifty ƒ cent whom you have been pleased to Indulge with them at 25.

22. Mr. Combes having likewise had charge of the Storehouse was directed to give in an account of what money he had received during that Time over and above fifty ƒ cent which he has done in a letter to the board, setting forth that what Iron & Steel were issued at fifty ƒ cent when he held that employ he purchased himself and paid ready money for them retailing them afterwards to Chinese and others on a long Trust. As what Mr. Combes has therein asserted appeared to be true, The Supravisors have agreed to refer how far he may be excused in this matter to the determination of your Honours and the Presidency.

FEBY. 25TH.
FEBY. 26TH.

23. Before the dispatch of the Walpole a Survey was taken of the Arrack and Sugar Works to give you a full account of their Condition, and We have lately taken another as entered on our Consultations whereby your Honours will perceive the flourishing state of them. The want of another still and several other utensils greatly impeeds The Progress in the distilling of Arrack which induces Us again to request your Compliance with the undertakers Indent for Sundries necessary for that Business forwarded in the Walpoles Packet as the Prohibitions of the Dutch leave us no room to hope being furnished with any from Batavia.

MAR. 30TH.

24. In January last We received a letter from the Undertakers setting forth the Losses they had sustained by the death of Buffaloes, Seizure of Prows by the Dutch with several of their utensils and many which they had purchased at Batavia but could not bring away account of the Prohibitions laid on them and requesting a further Advance of ƒ 500 the better to enable them to carry on the Works, which We have complied with in consideration of the foregoing Reasons and that the large quantity of Sugar they then had ready to deliver would immediately repay the half of it, and We hope in a few months their debt will be considerably decreased by the delivery of that Article and Arrack which they have lately begun to distill. As the Former contract with them was in many Points defective We have drawn up an Additional One which is entered on our Consultations.

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JANY. 24TH.

25. We have received from the Presidency by this Ship 31 Women Coffrees which shall be as usefully employed as Possible Eight Bales of damaged Long Cloth and Salempores were likewise consigned Us on her for Slaves Cloathing for which due credit will be given in your Books.

26. Having observed by the Store keepers Accounts that Sugar had been issued to the Chinese at ƒ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ƒ Pecul without any Orders from the Board who had fixed it at ƒ 6 and as such a distinction was judged a Hardship, We gave Orders that in future it should be delivered alike to all at that Price.

FEBY. 27TH.

27. As the late regulations made of discontinuing the drams to the Military and Coffrees will greatly lessen the Consumption of Arracks We have given Orders that what remains in the Storehouse shall be sold out at Seventy dollars ƒ League in no less quantity than half a League at a time and that only to your Covenanted Servants and Military Officers to prevent its getting into the hands of such who would make a benefit of retaling it in Prejudice to the Arrack Farmers.

MAR. 14TH.

28. As there was great want of a Cooper in Garrison as well for keeping in Order the Casks in the Storehouse as the Powder Barrels, and for the Service of the Arrack and Sugar Works a Person of that business on board the Dragon being willing to stay on the Terms of sixteen dollars ƒ month. We have entertained him half of which to be at your charge the other to be paid by the Arrack & Sugar undertakers We endeavoured to persuade him to contract for a limited time. But he declined doing it on Account of his being a stranger & uncertain how the Country might agree with him, but Promises to give a determinate answer on the dispatch of the next Storeship.

MAR. 26TH

MAR. 26TH.

29. Captain Kent having a Parcel of Cash Slaves & Sloops to spare which will be wanted for the Sugar Works We have taken them out of him for which he has the Storekeepers receipt.

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30. There being likewise on board his ship a Pair of Fan Organs, which he represented to have little occasion for And as they may be very serviceable at some of the out Residencies he has, at our Request left them, on the Military Storekeepers giving him a receipt for them.

JAN^Y.
23RD.

31. As many Private Vessells from Bengall and other Ports have of late years come trading this way in Prejudice of your Servants on this Coast We have in consequence of Orders received from the Presidency in their General Letter of the 4th. Octobr 1724 prohibited the Importation of all Piece Goods on English Vessells except such as are Publicly manifested at Fort St. George on Account your Servants and Officers Privileges on Pain of seizure. The Adventure Snow Private trader from Bengall has since This Prohibition imported with us, But as the Master of her came here with hopes of selling his Vessell to the Gentlemen of the Place and engage in their service and the Quantity of goods he had on board were very trifling We permitted him to land them on Conditions of his selling them only to Covenanted Servants and paying a duty of 5 % cent.

32. On the Prince George's Dispatch for the Presidency we had on hand about 330 Peculs of Sugar which by the Price the Parcell we sent thither % Delawar sold for We believe would have gone to a very Advantagious Market had We put it on board her but as she was going to Batavia to refit where it must necessarily have been landed and in Consequence a great Loss arise from shifting it which added to the Umbrage it would give the Dutch as seemingly done by way of Triumphant in our Success and induce them to be more carefull in putting their Prohibition which this manufacture has given Rise to in more force We judged it most proper to let it remain here till her next Trip from the Coast when We hope to have nearly sufficient of that Article and Arrack to give her a full Loading.

THIRDLY of INVESTMENTS and FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

33. The subject of your Investment on this Coast being We are sensible a most Interesting one We shall be as particular in our Account of it as we are able advising of such steps as have been taken for promoting the Increase of it.

34 The Walpole carried you in January last upwards of Four hundred and twenty four Tons of Pepper and this Ship brings you above two hundred We have still remaining at the several Out Residencies upwards of one hundred and Fifty Tons more, which makes the Produce of last Years Investment appear to be near Eight hundred Tons Though it is in reality but Six hundred and Sixty four, near fifty Tons of the Remains being of the Proceeding Year's crop and one hundred of this which lies entirely at the Southern Settlement and as We have not been able to get it brought up as the having so large a Tonnage remaining in India must doubtless be a considerable Loss to your Honours We shall make it our Particular Attention to think upon some good method for bringing it to Marlbro ready for shipping off on the Ship that may be sent Us from the Coast to fill up should We succeed in this and the Current Years produce be equivalent to the last We shall be able to dispense with the whole Tonnage of two Charterparty ships by February next. But of this We shall be better Judges before another Conveyance offers for the Coast when We shall advice the President & Council there accordingly We have already wrote to the Residents of the Southern Settlements to inform us whither or no the Pepper from thence might not be freighted us securely on Private Vessells at a stipulated Price pr. Bihar when We receive their Answer We shall know what steps it may be proper to take.

35. The most effectual Method for arriving at a true state of the Pepper Plantations on the Coast and to enable us to distinguish the Faulty from the deserving of the Inhabitants and which has been so frequently recommended though but little observed hitherto is by Ordering The Surveys of the several districts to be taken by the respective Residents or their Assistants except sickness or any such Accident should incapacitate them for the task. This We have now set about and for the above reason have Employed Ensign Tatam to take that of Moco Moco. Mr. Hay is set out on the Survey of his Residency of Cattown, and Mr. Wyatt on that of Laye. Mr. Hampton is also now taking that of Moora Allum and We purpose having the same done by all your other Settlements. The Instructions We have given to those already set out are entered in our Book of Letters sent; when these surveys are compleated they will be produced at the Board and a suitable Resentment shewn where it may appear to be due; They will be continued Annually and We flatter ourselves the Effects will be most Salutary.

36. On a Complaint made by the Resident of Cawoor of the Pangarans and Callippas belonging to that district Account their backwardness in Promoting the Cultivation of Pepper there and assisting him in making Examples of the Indolent Inhabitants We summon'd one of the Pangarans there here before the Board, and acquainted him with the purport of the Residents Letter and how much We were dissatisfied with such Behaviour which but a bad return for the Large Expence you had been at in fixing a resident there, at there repeated Importunities, and that We should not only discontinue them our Favour and Protection but take such other Methods as We might Judge most proper to signify our disapprobation of their Conduct if they gave any reason for such Complaints in future, as their Promises to Promote the Pepper Investment where our only inducement for favouring them with your Protection by establishing a Settlement there; His Assurances of amendment were We fear not so sincere as fair though We hope so Publick a reprimand will be attended with good Consequences. We did not confine these remonstrances to him only, But addressed a Letter to the Pangaram & Callippas General acquainting them with our Sentiments of their Conduct and recommending their Particular Attention in future to the Pepper Business. As the only means they could take to deserve our favour and Your Protection: This We enclosed to the Resident with Orders to summon them together and have it read Publickly to them which We hope will have the desired Effect.

37. On Passing the Pepper Godown Keepers Account for January, We observed he had made a Profit & Loss entry on the debit side of Pepper having brought to account a Parcell which he had collected on regarbling, such as had been thrown out of the Mill for some month's past; As it seldom happens if proper care is taken in the garbling that any sound good Pepper is out cast. We sent for Masters of it which being on examination found to be very light and unsound He was Ordered to write it back with directions to see that all outcast Pepper in future was destroyed taking care to have what was brought to the mill garbled in a proper manner as it has been suspected that the Coffrees have purposely turned the Mill with Violence to throw out as much Pepper as Possible they could which was generally a Benefit of theirs. The same Orders have been sent to the several Subordinates For the Satisfaction of the Planters that they may not imagine themselves unfairly dealt by.

38. Dupatty Coomallo Ratto whom you were Advised in our Letter by the Walpole had made Promises of bringing down his People to settle in the Laye Country, and Cultivate Pepper and received fifty dollars as an Encouragement thereto, has lately offered to return the money without giving any Particular Reason for so doing. Though We suspect the Pangaran of that Country has either giving him disguise or by some means or other intimidated him from Prosecuting his design We shall endeavour to come to a certainty in this matter, and if it can be proved any such measures have been taken by him We shall shew a proper resentment.

MAR. 11TH. 39. As the pepper collected for some Years past at Sillbear has been very trifling and the maintaining a resident there very expensive We have discontinued that Appointment and sent a Trusty European to reside at Poolo upon Serjeants Pay to receive what Pepper may be brought down and prevent the Country Vessells from smuggling there with a small guard of Arabs to assist him in that Business.

Do, 4TH. 40. The Supervisors acquainted the Board that having Observed the large decrease in the Laye Investment for these several years Past they had summoned the Proateens to discourse them on the subject and at the same time enquired into the nature and the Truth of their Complaints against Mr. Marriott when they found that what related to their Pepper Customs appeared to be a mistake, and that Mr. Hurlock had settled the rest before his departure.

No. 14TH. 41. Agreeable to Orders from the Presidency & Prince George we sent directions to the resident at Natal to endeavour to persuade Sultan Owaldeem residing at that Place, to return to the Coast as the Gentlemen there did not seem to be quite satisfied of his Religious disposition and Indifference for Government empowering him by the same Authority, to Advance the money his children were Pledged for to the King of Acheen that they likewise might be sent thither, Our Letter Arrived in the Sultans Absence who was gone in a small Vessell on a trading Voyage along the Coast, and the resident informed Us, he apprehended some difficulty in getting his children from Acheen, not on account The money due, But the Credit and Favour his Eldest son was in with the King who had given him a relation of his in Marriage, Promising, nevertheless his Endeavours to comply with the directions sent him on this Subject.

JAN^Y. 8TH. 42. In January last We had Information given Us of an intended disturbance here on Account the Pangaran ship of the Fort Marlbro district which was for a long time kept vacant and then Publicly given to Raja Calippa Younger Brother to Raja Lakeetan on his declining to accept it having devoted himself as he then pretended to a religious Life; He has since been instigated by a Malevolent Party to insist upon it as his right and seemed bent upon taking offensive measures for gaining his point: We therefore summoned him & his Partisans to Consultations and reprimanded them for such their Intention which should they pursue would be severely resented by Us as We were determined to support Raja Callippa in the dignity he was appointed to, they Promised to desist But the Supravisors have informed Us that they had been obliged to secure them in the fort finding they still persisted in their malicious designs, and had promoted divisions among the Inhabitants; They are now under confinement and will remain so till Proper Security is given for their Good Behaviour.

FEB^Y. 6TH. 43. On the Resident of Natal's Arrival here the Prince George being just then on dispatch for the Coast We had an Extraordinary meeting to consider on the nature and Justice of the claims made by the Dutch to that Place which from undoubted Information We found to be intirely groundless and the Supravisors have addressed a Letter on this Subject to the General and Council of Batavia in Answer to one received from thence dated 10TH. October 1752 wrote in French a Translate of which you will find entered in our Book of Letters received for this Year under No. 32. The reason of its not being inserted before are given in our Consultation: that your Honours might be thoroughly acquainted with the validity of the Dutch claims and our reasons for deeming them so We have drawn up a Memorial which is entered on our Consultations whereby We flatter ourselves Their Extravagant Pretentions and our just Right, to that Settlement will very plainly appear, for further Information on this subject We refer to the Supravisors.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

44. Our Orders from the Presidency on the Subject of Fortifications and Buildings are so particular that We have little to say under their Head but to promise our Compliance with them and all Frugality in making such Temporary repairs as may be absolutely necessary.

45. The Committee Appointed to take a Survey of your Buildings have delivered in their report of them which We have made a number in this Ship's Packet. JAN^Y. 5TH.

46. The Paymaster having represented a difficulty in procuring Boards to compleat the Mary Sloop and making occasional repairs We have ordered One thousand be purchased at Moco Moco and sent us. FEB^Y. 27TH.
N^o. 25.

47. The Secretaries Office being at some distance from the Fort House and on that Account very inconvenient for the Supravisors in transacting Your Business We have fitted up two of the Godowns under the House for that Purpose and removed it thither.

48. The Supravisors on Enquiring into the nature of your Farms and other Revenues remarked that the Arrack Licence Let only for ₧ 130 Dollars ₧ month which they had been offered three hundred for and thereupon questioned the Board for an Explanation of that matter and whither they imagined it might before have been let at that rate which was answered in the Affirmative. The reasons why it had not being then asked, and the Surplus found to have been appropriated to Private Emolument They Ordered the Accountant to make out Bills for the difference on the Attorneys of Joseph Hurlock Esqr. and Robert Hindley during there respective Governments which on the whole amounted to ₧ 15,810 — They have been accordingly presented but nothing yet paid in on that Account. The Gentlemen acting for Mr. Hurlock alledging they had no money of his in there [*sic*] hands but promising to discharge it from what they may collect on His Account which We shall be carefull to see complied with and Mr. Hindley referred Us to his Trustees from whom We shall demand it. The Former grant of it was accordingly cancelled and another ccmgs. Primo Feb^Y. last at three hundred Dollars ₧ month for two years drawn out and delivered. JAN^Y. 12TH. & 14TH.

49. The means of Increasing your Customs and revenues on this Establishment being taken into Consideration several Regulations relative thereto were Agreed on which being minutely specified in our Consultations We take the liberty of referring you thereto for Particulars. JAN^Y. 23^D.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANTED SERVANTS MILITARY OFFICERS and their ACCOUNTS.

50. Immediately after the Walpole's dispatch the Supravisors acquainted the Board with that Part of their Commission relating to an Enquiry how far Robert Hindley Esqr. might be said to have made his Predecessor a Pecuniary Consideration for the Government, enjoining the several Members of Council to give them what Information they could in that matter which they separately did by Letters, as did likewise, Mr. John Massey by their directions, who being a Party connected was the better enabled to particularize the Facts. From these the charge was plainly proved, and the Deputy Governour himself by way of Extenuation Delivered in a narrative of the whole Proceeding imputing his Engagement in this unfortunate Contract to his Friendship for Mr. Charles Smith whose pathetic Representation of bad circumstances induced him to it, not in the least suspecting any fatal Consequence would have attended it. The Supravisors then communicated to Us the 32 Paragraph of your Commands to the Presidency dated 23^d. January 1753 and directed us to give our Opinion whether Mr. Hindley's Transactions with Mr. Hurlock amounted to what is there termed a Pecuniary Reward, which being delivered on the Affirmative, as separately inserted in Consultation they had in Obedience to the positive Orders therein contain'd dismissed Robert Hindley Esqr. DEO. 25TH.
D^o. 31ST.
JAN^Y. 8TH.

- JAN^y.
12TH. &
14TH. from your Service, Security was then asked him for any demands there might be made on him. Account of his former Transactions upon which he delivered up his Affairs into the Hands of Trustees, who have made oath to discharge all such, from the first month they collect on his Account. The Supravisors on referring to the several Papers relating to this Agreement observed Mr. Combes had drawn the Contract out and signed as witness to it: He was therefore asked by them, how he could reconcile the not making publick Remonstrance against it, with his duty to you. He has delivered in an Answer in vindication of himself in writing to which we beg leave to refer you, & agreeable to his request shall submit to your Decision how far his Conduct in this Affair is Excusable The several Letters & Papers on these Subjects, are entered at large on our Consultation.
- JAN^y.
14TH. 51. Soon after Mr. Hindley's Dismission he addressed a Letter to us, setting forth his being deprived of all means of Substantance, by having given up his Affairs into the Hands of Trustees, and requesting in Consideration of his long Services, some Allowance might be made him for his support. We have therefore agreed to allow him ₧ 50 ₧ Month till your Pleasure be known.
- JAN^y. 5TH. 52. Mr. William Smith by Orders from the Presidency has repaid into your Cash the money lent him on his Bond, Account the Estate of Robert Trumbell deceased. He is since dead, and as he acted in the station of Secretary, his Loss has a good deal distressed us, having no one who has been Educated on, or acquainted with the Forms of that Office to supply his Place. Mr. Joseph Darwall lately come from his Residency of Manna, being judged the most proper, has hitherto acted Provisionally in that Station.
- FEB^y.
13TH. 53. The residency of Laye being Vacant by the death of Mr. Smith, we have appointed Mr. Richard Wyatt to that Station, who we hope will exert himself for the Reestablishment of that Settlement to its former flourishing state. He is now set out on the Survey of it which will better Qualifie him for that Work.
- JAN^y.
12TH. 54. Mr. Bright having given frequent Occasion for Rebukes for neglect of duty with very little Effect on being sent for compulsively resigned his Covenants, He has since made proper submission, & applied to be reinstated, but that is a favour he can receive only from your Honours. We have however Employed him again on his full Pay, and stationed him under the Paymaster.
- JAN^y. 23^D. 55. Mess^{rs}. Samuel Kingston and Bastian Smith have likewise obliged us to reprimand them several times on the same Occasion. The latter has lately applied himself pretty closely to Business, and We hope will continue to do so; But the former We fear will never merit any share of your Favour
- MAR. 11TH. 56. Mr. John Ogier having likewise given the Secretary repeated causes for complaint, of Remissness in his Business the Supravisors have dismissed him from your Service.
- DEC^R.
27TH. 57. Conformable to what We wrote you by the Walpole the Gunroom Crew was abolished the first of January last, and a train of Artillery established. Mr. William Tobin late Gunner here being desirous of serving in that Corps a Lieutenant's Commission has been accordingly given him.
- D^O. 58. We have appointed Mr. Tottie Military Storekeeper who has taken charge of the Ordnance and Military Stores.
- MAR. 4TH. 59. Your Honours will observe by our Consultations, That the Supravisors have begun on an Enquiry into the Conduct of Mr. John Massey when Paymaster, and will find entered there some remarks given in by Mr. Gunn by their Order on the Reply he made to his charge in September last, which he has desired leave to answer, before they proceed any further.
- D^O. 13. 60. We received from the Presidency by the Prince George, a supply of Ten Military for the Service of this Coast.

61. On the 7th. February last died Mr. John Garnsey Military Paymaster FEB^Y.
in which Employ he is succeeded by Mr. John Douglass. 13TH.

62. The Supravisors have ordered the Gratuity stopped from the Reverend MAR. 4TH.
Mr. O'Neill to be repaid him, with the Arrears from the time it was taken off
for reasons given in Consultation.

63. On the Second February last one of your female Slaves was found
murdered near Coffree Paggan and, Josiah Smith, Soldier, being suspected
to be the Perpetrator, he was confined & Publicly examined, when the Fact FEB^Y,
was plainly proved on him, but as We did not think ourselves authorized in 20TH.
such cases to inflict capital Punishment he remains under close confinement in
Irons, till we receive Orders concerning him from the Presidency.

64. Your Honours will observe by our Consultations, the regulations that JAN^Y.
have been made relating to the Service of your slaves, who being more can be 23^D.
constantly Employed on your Business, We have permitted the Inhabitants
to hire them at Stipulated Rates, which will bring in some Gains and help to
ease the heavy Charge of them. But as this method greatly encreases the FEB^Y.
Attendance of the Guardians who look after them, We have been obliged to 25TH.
increase the Pay of the upper One from fifteen to twenty, & of the Under one
from eight to ten dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ month.

65. As We judged it necessary you should have a knowledge of all Military MAR.
as well as Civil Transactions, We have forwarded in this Ship's Packet 18TH.
copies of all Courts Marshal and Courts of Enquiry, from p^{mo}. January last,
and directed the Adjutant to have them regularly kept up, to be transmitted
by every ship.

66. As the number of Assistants employed in the Secretary's and Account- MAR.
ant's Offices were not sufficient for keeping the Business regularly up, We 11TH.
have entertained two monthly Writers at ten dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ Month each; till We
receive a Supply of Servants.

67. The Supravisors in making the several Regulations in the Accounts of D^O.
this Place & its Subordinates, thought proper to discontinue the daily Allow-
ance of Drams to the Military, as a Practice peculiar to this Settlement and
acquainted the Board that on the 9th. Ultimo, when the Guards were relieving,
the Garrison shewed some signs of an Intention to Mutiny, demanding in
disorderly manner, to have their Drams as usual, and complained of some
Injustice done them on Account of Stoppages for Cloathing, when they had
positively told them, that Allowance of Arrack should be made them; But that
if it appeared their Complaint of Stoppages was just, Redress should be given
them.

68. We have Appointed a Committee to examine whether Cloathing has MAR.
been delivered them, and Stoppages which have been made on that Account, 11TH.
directing the several Residents of outsettlements, where Military Detachments
are to do the same and transmit us the Account when We shall be careful to see
this Matter equitably adjusted.

69. That your Honours by this Ship might have a perfect Account of MAR. 23^D.
the Covenanted Servants & Military necessary on this Establishment, the
Supravisors summoned an extraordinary Consultation to have those Points
determined when it was agreed that thirteen more Servants would be wanted
to compleat our List, and an Annual Supply of six to fill up Vacancies by
Deaths or Removals. But that a much less Military force would be sufficient
for the defence of this Coast, and that the Supernumeraries should be sent to
the Presidency by the first Opportunity where they may be of singular Service;
as these Regulations are very minutely specified in our Consultations we beg
you will be pleased to refer thereto for Particulars.

70. At the same time the number of Slaves necessary for the Service of the D^O.
Coast was taken into Consideration, when it was agreed that twenty more Men
Slaves might be usefully Employed, but that We had already too many Women,

their number being double that of the Men; As they are of little use in the hard Labour our Service chiefly consists and very chargeable, we shall request the Presidency to confine our future supplies to Males only, till such time as they begin to bear some proportion to our Females.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

FEB^y. 26th. & 27th. 71. The Estate of Robert Trumbell deceased having sometime ago being paid into your Cash & lain there ever since to the great detriment of the children, who having applied to us for subsistence, we judged it most for their Interest to appoint them Guardians, & Mr. Thomas Combes & Captain James Paul Morriset being willing to undertake the Trust, it has been paid into their Hands. The Account Current of the Estate is entered in Consultation.

FEB^y. 27th. 72. The method practiced here peculiar to any of your other settlement of inserting in the Paymasters Accounts all Payments of Cash, though many of them are properly the disbursements of other Employs which Occasions great Irregularity. It has been Ordered in Consultation, that every Employ shall keep a separate sett of Books to be opened the first of May next, and that Advances of Cash shall be made to such for defraying the disbursements belonging to it.

73. The Gratuity usually allowed to the Coffrees at Christmas at the Subordinate Settlements, for want of being Stipulated, having been run up to a Large sum, We have Ordered that in future it be fixed at a satally each.

JAN^y. 19th. 74. Captain Burman of the Prince George presented us with two Bills for the diet of Military & Transports; and Captain Kent has delivered in one for the thirty-one slaves sent us from the Presidency which have been discharged.

MAR. 26th. 75. The Supravisors have lately made several very considerable Reductions in the Expences of their Place and its Subordinates, which being particularized in our Consultations, we beg leave to refer you to for a more Minute Account of them. We are, with Respect

HONOURABLE

FORT MARLBRO

Your faithfully humble Servants

6th. APRIL 1754.

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
THOMAS COMBES.
ROBERT JACK.
ROGER CARTER.
JOS. GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Certificates We have drawn on your Honours for money received into Cash here are Payable to the following Persons Viz^t.

		£	s.	d.
1 Sett in favour of Cap ^t . Henry Kent Payable to himself or Order for ..	₧2000 —	500	—	—
1 D ^o . in favour of M ^r . Tho ^s . Combes Pay . to Mess ^{rs} . George Higginson & Rich ^d . Combes or Order	3000 —	750	—	—
1 Sett in favour of M ^r . Henry Gregory payable to M ^{rs} . Mary Gregory or Order	100 —	25	—	—
3 Setts Certificates amounting to ..	₧5100 — or £1275 —			

Five Thousand one hundred Spanish Dollars or One thousand two hundred & seventy five Pounds sterling.

The Ballance of your Honours Cash remaining here this day is in Dollars, soocas & cash (£47923–56) forty seven thousand nine Hundred & twenty three Spanish dollars and fifty six Cash, We are very Respectfully,

HONOURABLE

Your faithful humble Servants

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.
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ROBERT JACK.
ROGER CARTER.
JOSEPH GUNN.
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No. 8.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

By the Prince Edward's calling here in her way to the Coast, We have an unexpected Opportunity of writing to Your Honour & C^a. and transmitting duplicate of our Letter by Prince George, as well as copy of what we wrote the Honble the Court of Directors by the Dragon, under Date of the 6th. Ultimo, These and the Gen^l. advices from hence give a very circumstantial Acco^t. of your proceedings to the Dragon's dispatch, & for the rest we must request your Honour & C^{as}. Patience till another Conveyance we are in Expectation of in July when we shall not fail to present you with a full detail of our Transactions.

The principal regulations we have made that are not advised of, are lessening the Price of Boat hire from Six dollars a trip to five, advancing the rent of the Opium Farms, reducing the number of Bugguesses and Arabs at this place & its Subordinates, withdrawing Bantall Residency, appointing the Surveys of Cawoor, and Manna, & Marlbro districts, and regulating the Judiciary proceedings of this Settlement.

We have no Answer as Yet from the General & Council of Batavia to our Letter of the 11 Febr^y.; nor has anything new happened in our Concerns with the Dutch. The necessary orders are given for keeping the Garrison of Natal prepared against Alarms, tho we can hardly suspect any attempt to be made upon it. The Expectation we were in of hearing from the General & Council, and knowing for a certainty what measures they intended to pursue, has prevented our settling the Trade of that Place upon a fixed Plan however this will be determined shortly, and in the meantime if your Honor & C^a. shall think proper to order 50 Chests of Patna Opium to be provided for that market they will always sell to great advantage. It may perhaps be proper to prohibit the Importation of all Opium to this Coast on private Accounts.

In our Letter to England we represented the most Convenient means, that occurred to us, for shipping the surplus Pepper from hence; should the Scheme be approved of by Your Honour & C^a. and an opportunity offer for putting it in practice this Season we can only Promise you 150 Tons in readiness for September. If we have no Vessell before January, 200 Tons may be counted, on, but of this we can advise with more certainty hereafter.

The Distilling of Arrack goes on very successfully; The flavour appears to be good, as far as can be judged of new Arrack; and the strength greatly exceeds what is usually exported from Batavia a small Quantity is now sent by way of tryal. The undertakers will have delivered us Twenty Leaguers by

January, according to their Accounts; and we shall then have about 500 Pecul of Sugar on hand. We mention this Circumstance, that Your Honour &c^a. may determine whether it will be proper to send the Prince George to be loaded here, without proceeding to Batavia, or have his call for this Cargo in her Return from thence.

In our advices of the 12 Febr^y. we reckoned on Seven or Eight Hundred Pecul of Sugar against August, but we shall fall short of that Quantity by the number of Crimes that have rotted on the Ground, for want of Buffaloes to carry them to the mill; for there has been a great mortality among the Cattle. The Sales of Sugar for the Consumption of the place have been likewise pretty large, and we were not for restraining them, as at the rate of six dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ Pecul, Sugar must answer we apprehend as well here, as at Fort St. George.

In a March last, we took into Consideration the Military Force necessary on this Establishment and found that we had about 50 Europeans & 25 Topasses Supernumerary. Thirty of the Europeans take passage on this ship, which will Considerably ease the Expence of the Settlement, and we hope prove an acceptable supply to Your Honour &c^a. The rest shall be sent as opportunities offer.

The Speedwell Ketch, Private Trader from Bengal, is lately arrived here bringing a few Peice Goods, which the master requested leave to import, pleading Ignorance of the Prohibition against them. It is too Certain, that it had been very ill enforced of late Years, so we complied with his request, on his paying 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent duty for them, and obliging himself to sell them to none but Company's Servants. We called for his pass, and found it to be a general Licence for Trading at any Ports within the Limits of the Honble Company's Commerce in India. How far an exception is necessary with respect to this Coast, your Honour &c^a. are best abled to determine. We are with great Respect,

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most hum^c. Serv^t.

JOHN WALSH.

JOHN PYBUS.

FORT MARLBRO
13 MAY 1754.

DUPLICATE.

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE
EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

We addressed you by the Walpole under date of the 26th. December last, when we could Advise you of little more than our Arrival on this Coast.

2. The Consultations and General Letter from hence contain a full Account of our Proceedings since that Time, for we have transacted no Business but in Concert with the members of Your Council. We shall therefore confine ourselves here to giving your Honours some General Account of the most material Regulations we have made, together with our Reflections on the situation of Your Affairs on this Establishment & The Prince George carried our Advices to the Presidency as far as the 12th. February Copy of which Letter being now Enclosed, We shall forbear troubling Your Honors with a repetition of the Contents, except sometimes in a summary way, where the connection requires it.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. We have not hitherto determined the number of Vessels necessary for the service of this Coast Those now in Use are only the Swallow Sloop of 50 Tons and the Marlbro Hoy of 10. The Mary Sloop Continues still ashore for want of Boards to compleat her repair If there is a necessity for bringing up the Croee & Cawoor Pepper in Your own Vessels, We shall want another Sloop at least We waite for the Arrival of the President of Croee to see if we cannot fix on some safe method of Freightning up the Pepper from thence, which if Practicable must save you a great Expence in maintaining vessells of Your Own that are always chargeable but more especially if employed to Croee, from whence they make frequent Visits to Batavia either by stress of weather or design & never fail of running you into Exorbitant Charges.

4. The Dragons late arrival here, gives us some room to doubt if she will gain her Passage round the Cape as this will always be the case if the ship designed to take in our surplus Pepper proceeds first to the Bay; The only means of remedying of this Inconvenience as well as saving you a large demorage when she happens to be a Charter party Vessel, will be to have the March ship, if your Honour send any to the Coast, dispatched to us streight from thence in time to arrive here by the Latter end of September when she may Immediately take on board the surplus Pepper, and sail before any Demorage Commences.

5. By this means instead of bringing us Rice from Bengal, which we are in no want of she may fill up on the Coast with salt which yields a very great Profit and may be turned to many useful purposes.

6. As the storeship cannot Contain all the Europe supplies necessary both for this Place and St. Helena, the Rest intended us may be put on board this latter ship without the necessity of shifting them afterwards at Fort St. George. Whether a Quantity of Red Wood & Salt Petre can be conveniently lodged for her on the Coast or whether any other Cargoe proper, for Europe can be procured for her there, we submit to the consideration of our Superiors as we shall the determination of this whole matter in our first Advices.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE FORT ST. GEORGE OR ONE PART OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

7. Finding we could be supplied with Rice at a much cheaper Rate from Batavia than from Fort St. George and that the Store Ship could bring us a Sufficient Stock for a Twelve month without Recourse to our customary supplies from the Country by the Exchange of salt, or procuring from the Paggey Islands or other neighbouring Places, We determined to Indent for no more to the Coast, but to lodge orders at Batavia for a Quantity to be sent us by the storeship which we accordingly did by the Prince George. The dragon has since brought us an unexpected supply from the Bay, so that we shall remand those Orders, if any Conveyance for Batavia offers in Time, Indeed we are somewhat at a Loss if they may not occasion the Ships Demorage to commence the sooner, as the Captain might deem himself under Orders from that Time. Perhaps your Honours may think proper to make a particular Clause on this Account in the Storeships Charter Parties hereafter.

8. By the Dragons Invoice we find Rice is even dearer in Bengal than at Batavia however it must be confessed that the former comes charged to us at an unusually high price.

9. By discontinuing our Indent to the Coast for Rice, we are enabled to receive the larger Supplies of Salt, which costs a Trifle comparatively with the other and sells here at a higher Price. We have encreased the Issues of this profitable Article by taking off the Restraint that was unnecessarily put upon the sale of it; when the Stock of Rice runs low and there is some Appearance of a Time of scarcity, it is very proper not to deliver out salt but in Exchange for Grain but this was not our Case, for we had then a Twelve months Store of Rice in Our Godowns.

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10. Iron is the Article next in Consideration after Salt, the sale of which we have in some measure increased by taking off the Impediments given to it by the Male Practices of the Storekeepers whom we have made to refund their dishonest Gains. The vent of both Salt and Iron will be considerably larger when Natal comes to be put under proper Regulations.

11. The Sales of Sugar and Arrack for the Consumption of the Place bring You in some Profits, and the Exportation of those Articles on your own Account will be pretty large, till the Contractors have paid off their debt, after which Your Customs will reap the Benefit. These are the only sales you make here worth mentioning.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

12. The Produce of the whole Coast for last Season, reckoning from the Exeters dispatch to the Walpoles, was 640 Tons, which tho it is an Increase of about 50 Tons upon the former Year is far short of what the Investment ought to have been, considering the profound Peace that has reign'd of late Years, and the Exemption from Casualties of every kind. It is allowed on all sides that the Coast by a very moderate Estimation might produce one Thousand Tons annually, and that a tolerable share of Prudence and attention would raise it to that state in very few Years. Our Inexperience in the matter will not admit of us to be sufficient Judges ourselves but it is very manifest to us this primary Concern, The Investment has been little Attended to of late Years, and that a contrary management must make it flourish, much beyond its present Limits. One principal step towards effecting this, will be Annual Surveys taken by Covenanted Servants, which we look upon so essentially necessary, that the Investment can never succeed without them, none will be so proper to undertake them as the Residents themselves or their Assitants, who will thereby acquire an intimate knowledge of the Situation of the districts, they are in charge of. The Malay surveyors that have been hitherto sent, instead of examining into the condition of the Plantations, have only encouraged Cock fighting and Gaming, and been a Tax upon the Country, after which by their imperfect and fallacious account of matters they have served to Heighten the Confusion, by their means the residents were kept in an entire Ignorance of the state of the Investment, and the Planters by having no one to look after them, indulged their natural Laziness or if Industrious turned themselves to other more advantageous Employes.

13. Several Surveys are already entered upon, and as the fair Weather is now setting in and a Leisure time will ensue after this dispatch, the rest shall be immediately taken. The Gentlemen employed in this service are furnished with such Instructions, as the nature of their different Appointments require, and we have Encouraged them to hope Your Honours Favour by a careful discharge of their duty. We must do them the Justice to say, that they have all undertaken the Business with great Alacrity, which shows the neglect of surveys to have been entirely owing to those who were at the Head of Affairs.

14. We shall now give You our reflections on the state of Your several Residencies, with respect to the Investment beginning with Moco Moco & from thence proceed Southerly along the Coast. The short time we have been here will not permit us to present You with any perfect draught of them, when the several Surveys are completed, we shall be the better enabled to do it.

15. Moco Moco including Bantah & Ippoe, shipped off last Year 153 Tons but we are somewhat in doubt if this Quantity was all the proper produce of that Season, for Pepper is frequently detained in the Country by one Accident or other. The former Year yeilding only 107 Tons, makes the matter more suspicious. To judge of the real Quantity produced there, it will be necessary to consider the products of several successive years. The seven last

turn out upon an Average 142 Tons P annum, which is a melancholy decrease from the amount of former Investments. From the Year 1736 to 1740 inclusive, the medium Produce of Moco Moco Bantal & Ippoe was 295 Tons P annum, which is above double the present Quantity. We can assign no Reason for the decline, but pure neglect and Inattention in Your servants: as this is the case we may hope a Contrary management will not fail of retrieving matters, at least to their former state. The Resident Assures us that they seem to be greatly on the recovery.

16. Cattown is a small residency producing on an Average for the last seven Years about 50 Tons Annually, The last Year yielded only 41 Tons and the former but little more, so that this Settlement has declined very much of Late, for which the Principal reason assigned is, the Inhabitants turning themselves to the Planting of Paddy & rearing of Buffaloes. This Country is now under survey by the Resident himself, who has the necessary Orders for remedying those Inconveniences. In 1739 its Produce was 82 Tons, and none of the preceeding Years Pepper, could well have been included, as that amountd to no less than 63 Tons.

17. Laye is a large district and was formerly very flourishing. From the Year 1739 to 1742 inclusive, it produced at an Average 147 Tons P annum owing to the good management of Mr. William Coales, who would probably have carried it into higher Perfection, had he continued there longer. By the misconduct of his successors it is now reduced to 76 Tons, taking the medium of the last six Years. The two last Years produced at the Rate of 81 Tons, P annum so that it appears to be somewhat on the recovery. The late Resident Mr. William Smith died before we could get any account from him of his charge. The decrease seems to be owing to the Improper Choice of people for managing Your Affairs there. We have now appointed Mr. Richard Wyatt to the Trust, who is just setting out on a survey of the Country.

18. Marlbro district is next in our Progress. The Investment here is quite trifling seldom exceeding 6 or 7 Tons. The soil may perhaps be improper for cultivating Pepper, but we apprehend the true Impediment springs from the Inhabitants themselves who find a better livelyhood in planting Paddy, and furnishing Provisions & necessarys for the use of this Settlement. The Malady is too convenient to attempt removing it, we must only prevent its spreading beyond the necessary Limits. The Out skirts still produce something and with proper looking after might much more we shall therefore appoint a Survey of this district likewise.

19. Sillebar Investment amounts to about 10 or 12 Tons in a Year a few months past the district of Moora Allum was taken from this Residency, at put under Tallow; we have since entirely withdrawn the Settlement, and the Pepper produced there, will hence forward be included in the Marlbro' Investment, The Produce of this Country is shamefully reduced from what it was formerly, for which we can give no other reason, than mere neglect. The survey of Moora Allum is almost compleated by the Assistant of Talla and the Rest of the Country will pass under Examination at the same time as Marlbro' when the measures will be taken for restoring it to its former state if possible.

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20. Tallow is a large Residency producing on an Average for 5 years past about 60 Tons annually The last Years Investment reckoning from ship to ship amounted to 86 Tons, but that of the Preceeding Year to 36 only, occasioned by an appearance of the Small pox in that Country. As Pepper is gathered & received all the Year round at these Southern Settlements, it is a little difficult to judge each Years precise Produce for a small delay in bringing it down from the Country frequently makes the Growth of one Year appear to be that of the next. The case is different to the Northward where they have only one Harvest for Pepper which is in July. Though the Products of the late Years at this Settlement have been very variable, we perceive on the whole

that it is rather on the Improve than decline and the resident assures us of the Prospect of a larger Crop this Year than the last. The survey of this country is now near Completed.

21. Manna is the most flourishing of all your Settlements, Yielding near a third of the Investment of the whole Coast. The great Increase of Pepper here beyond what it ever produced speaks the good management of the late Resident Mr. Roger Carter, however we are assured it is not arrived to its utmost Perfection, but is still Capable of a large Increase.

22. Cawoor is a new Settlement that has not had time to shew itself. The present resident is the first that was ever sent there, and as we have not seen him or received any particular Account from him, we cannot judge how far it is likely to compensate the Expence of Maintaining it. The present Product is very inconsiderable but it is represented to us as a very fertile Country & capable of great Improvement.

23. Croee has been far from Answering the Expectations that were entertained of it, The bad management of the Residents ever since Mr. Combes time is too visible not only in the decrease of the Investment, but in the Increase of Expence by which means the little Pepper it has produced, turns out Exorbitantly dear. The medium Produce for the last seven years is 70 Tons $\frac{2}{3}$ annum but the two last years bear no proportion in the reckoning, amounting together to no more than 90 Tons. The Present Resident Mr. Preston is shortly Expected up, when we shall Enquire into the reasons of such a decrease and determine whether it is worth while to Continue a Settlement there. This Gentleman has been resident but two years, and it is impossible to judge of his management by the Effects on the Investment yet a while; All his Predecessors except Mr. Combes are dead, so that it will be in vain for us to endeavour at tracing out where to fix the misconduct. We are assured by Mr. Combes in particular, that it is a very improveable Place, and well worth maintaining and indeed we are inclined to think that with proper care, it may hereafter Yield a Considerable Investment, what with the Reductions made in the Expences of that Residency in 1752 & those since made by us, the charges there will not amount to above half what they did before, and sink the cost of the Pepper proportionably.

24. We have now run through the Review of Your Settlements with respect to their Product of Pepper, and none of them appear to us to admit of doubt if they ought to be continued, except Cawoor & Croee, These we must inform ourselves of more particularly before we can come to any Resolution about them.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

25. As Natal produces no Pepper we forbore mentioning it among Your other Settlements under the Head of Investment, its disputed state with the Dutch, gives it a properer Rank here, we held a Consultation purposely to examine into the validity of their Pretensions to that place and found them frivolous and without Foundations That Your Honours may be fully apprized of their Insufficiency we have Ordered a Memorial of the whole Affair to be drawn out and forwarded You by this Ship.

26. The Principal Letter from the Dutch which contains a long Explication of their pretended Rights, and a formal summons to quit Natal we find by Unpardonable Neglect, has never been transmitted to Your Honours. We answered this Letter by the Prince George, and at the same time remonstrated against the Interruption given to the Sloop Orange Tree in her lawful navigation, Copy of our Letter is enclosed for Your Honours further Satisfaction.

27. These repeated acts of Violence on all Vessels found trading with Natal, took as if the Dutch were determined to prosecute their Claim to that

Place we are nevertheless inclined to think that they have lately altered their measures, as the Swallow Sloop in coming out of Natal Road met a large Dutch Ship who past her without offering the least molestation.

28. We are a good deal surprized how the Gentlemen here could ever flatter themselves with the hopes of an Investment of Pepper at Natal when it is well known there is not a single Plantation in that neighbourhood. The Settlement has been a dead Expence to Your Honours & no very inconsiderable one however withdrawing it at this juncture we think would be improper, as it would be construed a passive submission to the extravagant demand of the Dutch whose daily attempts to Confine Your Commerce & navigation, call on the other hand for a Vigorous Opposition. We have a further Inducement to continue it, no less than a prospect of making it turn out an Advantageous Settlement to Your Honours. It is a Port of pretty considerable Trade for this part of India, and takes off among many other Commodities, large Quantities of Opium Salt and Iron, the Importation of which may be intirely in Your Own hands. These Articles may be either retailed to the Malays, or which we think on many Accounts the most eligible, delivered to certain Contractors at a stipulated Price. We shall digest this matter into the best Plan we are able, and lay it before the Presidency for their determination.

29. Among the Advantages of maintaining Natal, we cannot omit the Benefit it will be of to the Private Trade of Your servants on this Establishment, in which you will ever have an Interest not only by the Addition it will make to Your Custom, but in thereby opening them another source for enriching themselves than out of Your Own Estate. Your Honours have in many Instances Experienced the ill Effects arisen of from the too narrow Circumstances of your servants here thro the want of a more enlarged Trade.

30. We have nothing to observe with respect to Your other Settlements, under this Head of Country Government, except that they are all in Peace, and we see no Appearance of disturbances breaking out in any of them. When the old Sultan of Moco Moco dies, should both his sons survive probably some troubles will happen, which however with proper management may soon be appeased. It is impracticable at present to take measures to prevent them without a risque. nay a Certainty of bringing them on Immediately, for the eldest son is supported by his Father, and the Youngest has the suffrages of most of the Proateens & Headmen, Possibly one of them may die before the old Sultan who is still hearty, and thereby, put an End to these Alarms.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES.

31. As no Engineer can be spared us from Fort St. George, we shall set about considering the state of the Buildings both here, and at the Out Residencies and acquaint our Superiors with our sentiments on that Head.

32. With respect to Revenues we have let the Arrack Licence for 2040 dollars ₹ annum more than it produced before. As this Farm might have yielded as much as it now lets for, during both Mr. Hindley's & Mr. Hurlocks Government, and in Eact did, the rest being applied to prvate Purposes, we have insisted on the difference being refunded amounting in all to ₹ 15810, We find upon Enquiry though Mr. Hindley has mentioned nothing of it in his defence that part of this money to the amount of ₹ 840 ₹ annum used to be divided between the Secretary and Surgeon; how far those Gentlemen are entitled to a consideration in that respect, We shall leave to Your Honours to determine.

33. We have laid a duty of 5 ₹ Cent on all Imports, except Piece Goods & Opium manifested at Fort St. George, and Europe Goods sent out by Your Indulgence. The former have already paid you Customs on the Coast and the latter consist chiefly of Provisions & necessaries for the use of Your Servants on this Establishment. These regulations extend to all the Subordinates

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except Natal, where the Customs are confined to Goods imported on English Bottoms, as levying them yet awhile on Country Vessels might possibly breed disturbances. The Exports of Marlbro may be taxed hereafter, when the Contractors for the Arrack & Sugar Works have paid their debt, and Trade on their own Account; at present we have no Export, nor have any of the Subordinates, Natal excepted.

JAN^{RY}. 23RD. ~
CONS. 34. We have revoked the Prohibition of Javah Bugguess and such like Cloutings, and in lieu laid a duty of 15 p Cent upon them. We have likewise fixed a Freight to be paid on all private Merchandizes, shipped on Your Vessels from Settlement to Settlement or too and from Batavia. All these duties together, cannot amount to any great Matter however they are something and serve to ease Your Expences on this Coast.

FEB^{RY}. 25TH. ~
CONS. 35. As we have not always Employment for the Slaves, at such Times we have permitted the Inhabitants to hire them at a stated Rate which not only lessens the Charge you are at in maintaining them, but is a great convenience to the Place, where Labourers are not easily procured.

SIXTHLY CONCERNING COVENANTED SERVANTS MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

DEC^R. 28TH. ~
CONS. 36. Soon after the Walpole is dispatched we entered on the Enquiry concerning the Deputy Governours having given his Predecessor a pecuniary consideration for quitting his Station to him. After a long & impartial Examination we found the fact sufficiently proved & dismissed him the service, Conformable to Your directions. We must do him the Justice to say that it does not appear to have been a Purpose of his own but that he was strongly urged to it by the late Mr. Charles Smith who had an Extraordinary Influence over him. On his dismission he declared himself Insolvent and delivered up his Affairs into the Hands of Trustees who made Oath to discharge in the first Place all demands. You might have on his Estate. As by this step he was left destitute of all means of subsistence, we appointed him an Allowance of 50 dollars p month, which we Request Your Honours will be pleased to continue to him, in Consideration of his Station & long service.

MA^R. 4 & 13TH. ~
CONS. 37. The Enquiry into the Conduct of Mr. John Massey while Paymaster, is not Yet come to an Issue; we shall determine the matter as soon as he has delivered in his Answer to certain remarks made in his former defence, We are likewise in Expectation of an address from Mr. John Beach relating to his Case.

38. When Mr. Hampton arrives from the Survey, we shall Enquire into the Storehouse deficiency in the year 1752. Mr. Prestons Conduct will likewise be examined into upon his Arrival from Crooe. Mr. Dunckley has died insolvent, however we hope there will be enough to discharge all the demands you have on the Estate.

MA^R. 4TH. ~
CONS. 39. Finding nothing materially bad in the Character of Mr. O. Neil, Chaplain, we have restored to him his Gratuity, together with the Arrears that were stoped on that Account.

40. In our Letter to the Presidency we represented the negligence and misbehaviour of Mess^{RS}. Bastion Smith & Samuel Kingston, Factors, the former has since greatly reformed, & we hope will continue to behave well, Mr. Samuel Kingston is not only remiss in his Business but of so bad a Character, that for the good of the Settlement, we recommend it to Your Honours to order him to England.

JAN^{RY}. 12TH. ~
CONS. 41. Mr. Thomas Bright after resigning his Covenants to the late Deputy Governour requested to be reentertained in the Service: being in want of Assistants, we admitted him to his former allowances & employ'd him under the Paymaster, but we cannot in anywise recommend him to further favour.

42. We have been lately obliged to dismiss Mr. John Ogier from the service for neglect of his Business & disregard of our repeated Orders, by means of the Secretary for his better attendance in the Office. We should have preferred suspension, but by leaving him his Allowances the Effect wou'd not have been so immediate nor the Example so strong he has since made a full submission promising great Assiduity in future, & as we are inclined to believe him sincere, we request Your Hon^{rs}. will be pleased to readmit him to his standing, and in the meantime we shall Continue to him his usual Pay.

MAR. 11TH.
CONS.

43. We found Your Honours Observation of the little Attendance given by Your servants to their Business too just, and have had some difficulty in remedying it, We have the pleasure to Informe You that they now begin to exert themselves & the present set in both Offices are particularly dilligent.

44. In our Letter to the Presidency we remarked that this Coast required more Covenanted Servants and fewer Military. We have since taken these Points into full Consideration the result of which was that the necessary number of servants was Computed at Forty two and that of the Military at 146 Europeans and Thirty six Topasses. On turning to our Consultations where this matter is treated at large, you will observe we have left a strong Garrison at Natal in Consideration of its being still in dispute with the Dutch & inhabited by a turbulent People. These reasons may hereafter subside in part, & give you an Opportunity of making a further reduction in Your Military on this Establishment. The Arabs and Bugguesses are still to be regulated, We can only say at present that they seem too numerous particularly the Arabs, who are very Expensive.

MAR. 23^D.
CONS.

45. Your Honours may Possibly be surprised to find so large an Allotment of servants, but with the several Out settlements and the many Books and Accounts kept up in different setts for England Fort St. George and this Place, we are of opinion Your Affairs cannot be properly transacted with Less. The List on Arrival consisted of 36, and we find on looking back that the usual Complement was about that number, We have made an addition to it of six, supposing them Factors the difference in Your expence will be only £ 2160 ^s annum, but if Your Honours should think proper to send out Writers it will be still less, however either way the good Effects must more than Compensate the charge. With this addition the necessary Books and Papers may be duly transmitted the Business of this Settlement & the Subordinates regularly kept up, and annual surveys made by Covenanted servants, we cannot therefore too earnestly recommend to Your Honours, the Complicating the estimated number as expeditiously as Possible.

46. By the List and return of Slaves now transmitted in the Packet Your Honours will distinguish how many of them are effective & how many Superannuated or infirm. With the recruit of 31 Women lately received from the Coast, their number is above that of the men, and as they are very chargeable, and little capable of the hard duty, the service here, requires, our future supplies should wholly consist of Men & Boys till the number of males & Females begin to bear some proportion to each other. We have computed that for the present twenty more men might be usefully employed here, and propose requesting the Presidency for such number.

47. We are a good deal in want of Artificers to instruct the Slaves, particularly of a mason, the Person that came out in that Character being dead. If mechanicks were sent here as Military we might possibly among them be able to pick out some useful People for our purpose.

48. We have enforced an Observance of the Military regulations, and directed a register of all Proceedings of Courts Martial and Courts of Enquiry, to be regularly transmitted in the Packet for Your Inspection. We had some days since a Mutiny in the Garrison which however was soon quelled, and the Ring Leaders being brought to a General Court Martial, Serjeant Collet was sentenced to death, and the rest to Corporal Punishment.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

MAR. 23^d.
CONS.

49. Our Letter to the Presidency specifies in what manner we had lessened the Constant Annual Charge of this Place and its Subordinates near ₨ 8000. The Reductions we have made since of the Military Force will amount to about ₨ 5000 ₨ annum more. This with the Increase of Your Income through Revenues and sales of stores will considerably diminish the amount of Your future Expences on this Coast.

50. We shall Esteem ourselves very happy if the several regulations, we have made in Your Affairs meet with Your Approval. We can assure Your Honours with great truth, that we have transacted them to the best of our abilities. Had there been any Book of Standing Orders in being We might have proceeded with more facility to Ourselves & perhaps in some Circumstances with greater Benefit to You but we have endeavoured to supply this want by an attentive recourse to the transactions of preceeding Supravisors for our Guidance.

51. Our Superiors have enjoined us, in Case the Affairs of this Coast should be so far regulated by July or August, as not to require the Presence of both to Compleat, that one of us should then return to the Presidency to Inform them of our Proceedings; Mr. Walsh proposes to set out accordingly if any Conveyance offers, as by that time we may hope to have all matters settled on a Proper footing, at least all such as are of more immediate Importance.

We are with great Respect
HONOURABLE

Your faithful humble Servants

JOHN WALSH.
JOHN PYBUS.

FORT MARLBRO
6TH. APRIL 1754.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR ALL AFFAIRS OF THE
HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO
THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

On the 10th. of January last was dispatched from hence to your Honours, the Ship Walpole Captain Francis Fowler, having taken in here Tons 46-3 weight of Pepper a Duplicate of the Letter and Invoice by her with the second Bill of Lading comes enclos'd.

2. The 29th. Ultimo arrived here Your Honour's Ship the Dragon Captain Kent from Fort Marlbro by whom came Orders from the Supervisors & Council to shipp off all the Pepper of Manna and it's Dependencies with the utmost Expedition, which I have accordingly done excepting the quantity of

Tons. Cwts. Qr. lbs.

5-9-3-19 weight which Captain Kent informed me he could not take on Board; alledging that his shiu was very deeply loaded for a winter Passage, and now

Tons. Cwts. Qr. lbs

send her to Your Honours with 170-12-1-22 the first Bill of Lading and Invoice for which you will please to receive under Cover.

3. It being so lately since the Resident of this place address'd your Honours and therein acquainted you of the State of the Country committed to his Care, I have only to add on that Head, (and as nothing material has happen'd since) that this Country is still in a Flourishing Way, and that every thing is quiet and Easy; and altho I cannot assertain that there will be the next season an Increase in the Investment of Pepper yet I may from the

Accounts we have of the present Appearance of a plentiful Crop now on the Trees, venture to assure your Honours, that there is no likelihood of there being a Decrease.

4. Captain Kent and his Officers have assured me, that they have not received any private Trade on board since their Departure from Marlbro.

5. A List of the Dragon's Crew together with her Guns and Ammunition as also a copy of Captain Kent's Sailing Orders, and a list of the papers in the Pacquet comes under Cover.

6. The Pacquet for your Honour from the Supervisors and Council of Fort Marlbro, arrived here the 10th, which I have deliver'd to Captain Kent, whose Receipt for that & the Packet from hence is herewith inclosed.

7. May the Dragon arrive in due Time and safety is the Ardent wish of

HONOURABLE

Your Faithful & Obedient Servant

SAMUEL DUTTON.

MANNA

APRIL THE 13TH. 1754.

DUPLICATE

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs

1. We addressed a short Letter to you under date the 12th. May last by the Prince Edward Country Ship and now inclose its Duplicate. We then transmitted duplicates of our Letter and other Material Papers in our Packet by the Prince George and copy of what we wrote to the Court of Directors by the Ship Dragon which contained a very Particular Account of the Management in Affairs here to her dispatch for England. We have since received your Letter of the 16th. March Last by the Sloop Orange Tree importing here the 17th. of last Month and shall be careful to forward the inclosed Packet for the General & Council of Batavia at the first opportunity.

2. We shall now proceed to advise you of our transactions here since the Dragon's departure under the usual Heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. In our Letter abovementioned we advised of the Marlbro Hoy's being drove by stress of Weather to Batavia in her way hither from Croe, we have since heard of her having been there again, on her return to this Place, and that she left the Island Pooloo Pesang the 9th. Ult^o. so that we daily except her Arrival the Accounts of Repairs and charges on her at Batavia as by Captain Burmans Letters received from thereby a private Vessell the 31 Ult^o. amounts to ₧ 363-23 which he acquaints us he shall settle for with Your Honour & C^a. so that we shall credit Account Current Fort St. George that sum The smallness of this Vessell rendering her a very improper one for the Company's Service we purpose on her return to sell her at publick Outcry for the most she will fetch. By the above Conveyance we learn that our Honourable Masters Ships Princess Augusta and Lord Anson who Left England in January bound for China arrived at Batavia in May last and that Captain Burman in the Prince George was to sail from thence for the Coast by the 5th. or 6th. of July so that we hope he is by this time safely arrived with you Our advices from Europe are too imperfect to Depend on and therefore not worth communicating especially as you must be furnished with very Particular and Authentic Accounts of Affairs there by the latter shipping which we doubt not are imported long before this will reach you.

MAY 24TH. 4. The Swallow Sloop after having made a Trip to Moco Moco with Salt and other Stores that Settlement was in want of, was dispatched to Croe for Pepper whence she arrived with a full Loading the 11th. of June, and as there was nearly sufficient remaining for a second Cargoe, we thought the sending her for it the best service to employ her on, and accordingly dispatched her away-again the 19th. of the same month; The Letters from thence of the 8th. Ult^o. making no mention of her arrival there, gave us some reason, to be uneasy for her safety as it blew very hard at North west the night after she sailed. But our Batavia Advices likewise brought us an Account of her having been obliged to bear away for that Port, from whence after a stay of few days she sailed again for Croe and was left there by the Vessels which brings us this Intelligence, so that we are in daily expectation of seeing her here.

JUNE 12TH.

5. As the Stores usually supplied the Sloops with on this Establishment have never been hitherto accounted for by the Masters of them when others were wanted which left great room for abuses, the Paymaster is ordered in future, to take their receipts for all he supplies them with and to demand at the end of every Trip an Account of the Expence of them when all such as are useless are to be returned, and that the real Charge of maintaining the Companys Sloops and Vessells on this Coast may be exactly ascertained we have ordered them to be debted the hire of the Lascars employed on board them hitherto brought to account under Charges Marine which will greatly reduce the heavy Charge that head now appears to stand at.

6. The Letters from Croe adviseing of the Marlbrō Hoys Arrival at the Island intimating likewise a report of some Appearances of the Small Pox being on board we have ordered that a Surgeon go off immediately on her arrival in the road to examine the people when we shall give directions that no Person be suffered to Come on shore from her or any Boat from hence have intercourse with her but such as may be sent off by our Authority with any supplies and may be in want of the same. Orders are likewise lodged at Pooloo in case she would put in there and the Residents or Salmouh Manna and Cawoor cautioned not to let a Sampan go off to her should she call at either of those places, that we may if possible prevent this distemper from communicating among the Natives the fatal Effects of which were too severely felt here in the year 1749.

7. The Master of this Vessell Orange tree has presented us with a remonstrance setting forth the danger he was in of falling a sacrifice to the Mallays at Sinkell who after having quietly traded with him for sometime at Last made an attempt to cut him and his people off. One they murdered, wounded him and several others on board, but the alarm being given before they were quite prepared to put their bloody design in Execution prevented its success as this is a port belonging to the King of Acheen who we have some reason to suspect is generally the Instigator, of such Proceedings we recommend it to your Honour &c^a. Consideration whether some method may not be taken to put a stop in future to such acts of Barbarity and Villany.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOSED OF AT ANOTHER.

APRIL
29TH.

8. The Deficiency in the Salt sent to Moco Moco by the Walpole in October last which was ordered in Consultation of the 13th. December to be made good by the then Storekeeper has been since permitted to be wrote off as it appeared on comparing the Bamboo it was measured by at Moco Moco with our Standard one here that the deficiency arose chiefly from the Measurage there being a difference, of one eighth in the size of them, on which computation the real loss was only five hundred and eighty six Bamboes, which might be reasonably expected on transporting so large a quantity.

9. Our stock of Gunpowder in Garrison being very small we could have purchased a quantity which was offer'd to sale out of the Prince Edward but as we could get no abatement of 12 dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ Barrel we declined it, and must therefore request that our Indent for this Article by the Prince George may be Comply'd with. MAY 7TH.

10. Our Honble Masters in their Letter to us $\frac{1}{2}$ Walpole directed us to require from Mr. Peter Garden at Batavia an account of the disposal of some Chunam and Salt left with him by Captain William Parkes, We accordingly wrote to him on the subject by the Prince George in Answer to which he informs us that Capt. Parkes having made no account of them when left there, he had given them away, as no satisfaction can be obtained from him on this account we shall advise our Honble Masters thereof that they may demand it in England. MAY 1ST.

11. Captain Parkinson of the Prince Edward having privately disposed of a parcell of Gunpowder and some arms to the Natives, the Supravisors on receiving Intelligence of it, Ordered them to be seized and confiscated to the Companys use, as it is directly contrary to Our Honourable Masters Orders, and what he could by no means plead Ignorance of, having been detected in the Like Practice some years before, They are brought to account under the head of Fines and Forfeitures. MAY 16TH.

12. Our stock of Rice on hand being very large which is subject to damage and Waste, we have restrained the Issues of Salt for that Article both here and at the subordinates, as we shall be able to supply their wants from our store here. We have likewise given Orders for its being retailed out of the Companys Storehouse as the dearness of it in the Country will we are in hopes induced the People to purchase from us, as they may be furnished with it at Cheaper rates, by which some small Gain will accrue to the Company, and a Great Probability of very large Deficiencies, by keeping so large a stock on hand, be removed. MAY 18TH.

13. The undertakers of the Arrack and Sugar works began to deliver Arrack in May last musters of this Manufactures we sent your Honour &c^a. by the Prince Edward, We have received none but what was of the proofs agreed on, of which they have now delivered into the storehouse sixty five Thirds of Leaguers, and have twenty eight more ready for delivering. They still continue distilling and compute that there is Molossus enough on hand to yield about Sixty Leaguers more. The sales of sugar here are pretty large which we do not think it necessary to restrain as our Honble Masters reap as large profits by it as they would do was it to be sent to the Coast, we shall however have ready for the Prince George's next trip as near as we can compute, about four hundred Pecul of that Article, and twenty Leaguers of Arrack which if it meet with your approbation we purpose putting on board her. MAY 27TH.

14. Although this Undertakeing flourishes as much as can possibly be expected under the present disadvantageous Circumstance of the Dutch Prohibitions, Yett the Considerable Losses sustained by the undertakers since it being first set on foot by the death of Buffaloes seizure of Vessells at Batavia, Detention there of several utensils which they had provided, added to the large dead stock they were obliged to have on hand for carrying on this Work, subjects them to many difficulties and Inconveniences, and we are of opinion they will speedily have recourse to us for a further advancement which if not Exceeding TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS we think may be very securely made them, as they have more than paid off the fifteen hundred Dollars advanced them in January last, This likewise as the first heavy Cost is now over, and there are near seventy thousand Sugar Canes ready to cut in about three Weeks' we may Expect will be shortly cleared, and tho perhaps it may yet be three or four years before their Debt to the Company is entirely paid off we do not see the least reason to doubt their being able to do it in that time, or any danger of our

Honourable Masters being sufferers by any Encouragement they may from time to time afford them, till that is accomplished, which indeed seems to us the only Effectual means that can be taken to avoid it, and support this Valuable undertaking.

JUNE 3RD. 15. The Supravisors in June last acquainted the Board that having observed little Progress made in taking the Storehouse remains as ordered in Consultation of January 3rd. and finding on Enquiry that several perishable commodities such as Arrack Rice, Salt & Paddy belonging to Private Persons were Lodged in the Companys Storehouses, and intermixed with the like Articles of theirs, by which means our Honourable Masters not only furnished them with Godown room gratis but made good to them the full quantity deposited, and consequently bore all Deficiencies, They had appointed Mr. John Beach jointly with the Storekeeper, and his two Assistance to take an exact account remains in Specie to be delivered in to them which was done and presented by them to the Board with Accounts Current and remains of those Articles belonging to Private People as entered on our Consultations signed by Mr. Henry Idell who had the Principal Management in the Storehouse by Comparing of which with remains there appeared on some Articles a surpluss and on others a Deficiency from these Accounts it Likewise appeared to have been the Practice to lend the Companys Stores to Private Persons on trust. The Orders given on this occasion were that Mr. Idell the Assistant should make good the amount of all outstanding debts due to the Company for Stores Issued by him on trust, standing to all such as were bad, That all surpluss should be immediately brought upon the Books, and the deficiency taken from what belongs to Private People, the remainder to be delivered out to the Proprietors with a deducting of ten $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on rice and fifteen $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on Salt, for wastage on those Articles several small stores being reported useless and damaged were sold at Publick Outcry.

JUNE 20TH. 16. On Settling the Account Remains & Deficiencies at Moco Moco durement the Management of Mr. Hindley at that Settlement the subject of damaged Cloth received from thence by the Walpole in November Last became a part of the Consideration, when after the best Enquiry it appeared to have arose in a Great measure from his Neglect. The Supravisors therefore judged proper to fine him one hundred Dollars for his Inattention to our Honourable Masters Interest in that Result.

JUNE 3RD. 17. Captain Kent of the Dragon having a large Parcel of Cash Hoops & Staves on board which were useless to him and much wanted here for our Arrack and Sugar Works we took them out and the Storekeeper gave him a receipt for them, But as he could not determine the Price of them we were obliged to put a Value on them here by which Estimation they amounted to £ 50-25- and we have accordingly credited Account Current Fort St. George that sum. He likewise spared us a pair of Fan Organs which he represented to be but of Little Service in his Vessells and are proper kind of Arms for our out Settlements, we have sent them to Nattall where they will be most useful and the amount being $\frac{1}{2}$ 40 is carried to the Credit of Account Current Fort St. George.

18. A Copper being much wanted here as well to attend the Business of the Storehouse and our Magazines, as to assist the Arrack and Sugar Undertakers in fitting up their Cask's we entertained one out of the Dragon at Undertakers.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS & FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

19. Your Honour &c^a. will please to observe by our address to you $\frac{1}{2}$ Prince sixteen Dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ month half to be paid by the Company and half by the George and that to the Court of Directors by their ship Dragon, That our Attention has been particularly employ'd in promoteing the Pepper Investment; by all such means as seemed to us the most Effectual towards it, Surveys

of Moco Moco, Cattown Laye, Marlborough, & Sillebar, & Saloomah Districts, have been all taken by Europeans most of them by the Residents themselves of their Assistants, That of Manna is now we believe nearly Completed likewise Mr. Charles Hampton having been sett out on it upwards of a Month, the Resid^t. of Cawoor purposes undertaking that of his residency himself so soon as the wind will admitt of his dispatching to us with safety the Tombongons which are lying there with Pepper; We have thought fitt to bestow small rewards on the few they found had any Tittle to them, and the Surveyors assure us they very severely reprimanded such of the Inhabitants whom they found negligent; Their promises in General have been fair, but we purpose sending again to see them Complied with at the Expiration of the time allowed for preparing the Ground. Abstracts of the Surveys which have been taken come in the packet for your Perusal which will give you a pretty perfect knowledge of the state of the Country; This Method must we think be attended with very Salutory Effects and we beg leave to assure you it shall be our particular care to see it continued, And here it will be proper to remark in Justice to Mr. Jack that his willingness in undertaking the Survey of Marlborough and Sillebar Districts bespeak his Zeal for our Honourable Masters interest and his Example cannot but have a very good Effect on others.

20. The Survey of Moco Moco being a tedious Work and undertaken by one Person only has made it likewise a very expensive one, We did at first intend to have made Mr. Tatam some Gratuity for this Service, but we think he has charged too Exorbitantly to deserve any, and to prevent the like in Future, as well as to have the Business of Surveyor a fixed Establishment we have stipulated the Allowance of all Surveyors hereafter at one dollar $\frac{7}{8}$ day in lieu of all other Expences whatever, except the Indulgence of a few Coffries to carry their Baggage which considering the Inconvenience and Fatigue, that must attend them, we think not unreasonable. JUNE 4TH.

21. The Duppattys of Allass who have lately been very industrious in promoting the Cultivation of Pepper in their districts were with us some time ago to demand, in consequence of agreements entered into with Mr. Hurlock, half a dollar additional Custom $\frac{7}{8}$ Bahar on the produce of Pepper there, promised them as they alledged, when the Investment, should be increased to one hundred Bahar; on Examining their Contract we found their assertion to be just and have therefore agreed to pay it them, as the two last years Products exceed that Quantity, But as it was observed on Looking over the Survey lately taken of that Country there were still many Inhabitants without plantations, we obliged them to enter into an additional contract with us signifying that unless every Family plants the stipulated number of one thousand vines each the Gratuity then granted of half a dollar additional custom should be discontinued we made them a small Present on this occasion. They went away satisfied and we hope will use their endeavours to bring their country to that state of Perfection. The dupattys of Saloomah having been particularly industrious in promoting the Investment there we gave them a small present as a token of our favour and an Inducement to continue so. MAY 16TH.

22. The Custom hitherto practiced of obliging the pepper Planters to keep their Pepper in the Country till a particular time of year before it was allowed to be brought to the Scale, having been represented as a great inconvenience to them, we have given General Orders to all our Residents to receive it from them at all times they may choose to bring it, paying them for it immediately on its being Weighed of. APR^L.

23. The Method hitherto practised at the out settlements in drawing out their Surveys being almost Everywhere different which is attended with many Inconveniences we thought it necessary to put them on a more regular footing in future and pitched upon the most distinct form we could for doing it, which has been forwarded to all the residencies for their observance & Guidance. JUNE 8TH.

24. The Supravisors being doubtfull Whether the directions hitherto given to Surveyors to insist on the planters renewing their Gardens every five year were proper to be observed indifferently at all places, as they last much longer at some than others, whereby the Inhabitants must be sometimes subject to great distress as a Plantation of one thousand vines, if well looked after is esteemed full sufficient to employ one mans care, They propose the subject for a debate at the Board when it was concluded that the most proper Rule to go by as there was no determinate age to Pepper Vines was to order the Planter to renew his Garden when the Vines were arrived to half their age which generally soon after their being in full Prime In our future Instructions to our Pepper Surveyors we shall direct their observance of this rule.

APRIL 8TH.

25. As we were under some apprehensions of not being able to gett all the Pepper up from the Southern Settlements before the setting in again of the North West Winds we gave the Resident of Croe directions to send up what he could on a secure freight, and at the same time dispatched the Swallow Sloop, there for as much of it as she could take in, Mr. Preston in consequence of our orders laded on board two Country Vessells about fifty two Bahars one of them tho with much difficulty arrived here safely, but the other from the unusual force and long continuance of the Westerly winds was unfortunately drove from her anchors on some Rocks near Cawoor and all the Pepper on board except 150 Bamboes entirely Lost with the Vessel. The Tambongons which were sent from Manna for the Cawoor Pepper are lying there loaded waiting for a fair Wind.

JUNE 14TH.

26. In our Letter by the Prince Edward we promised to acquaint you as nearly as possible with the quantity of Surpluss Pepper, We should have on hand for a ship from your side which though not to be done to an absolute Certainty as none of this seasons Crop is yet brought in, We may venture, on a supposition of having as Plentiful a year this as last to reckon or about two hundred and fifty tons by the Latter end of January next We have now remaining near two hundred Tons at this place and the Subordinates, and we compute this years Investment at about six hundred more, so that making allowances for an over Calculate and what may be left on hand at out Settlements for want of Opportunitys of transporting it to Marlborough, we shall have near seven hundred Tons ready by that time. The Inconveniences we labour under here for want of Proper Boats and People to employ in Loading and unloading of Vessels will not admitt of our giving such dispatch to that Business we could wish and therefore take the liberty of recommending to your Honour &c^a. an early dispatch to the ship intended us from the Coast that we may be enabled to send her away in such time, as not to endanger her Passage round the Cape.

27. The people who were sent up from Manna in January last under suspicion of robbing the Croe Bugguesses after haveg been long confin'd were released as no Proof could be brought of the Fact, and their Pepper Plantations were neglected by their detention.

APRIL
15TH.

No. 68.

28. We have lately had no transactions of any kind with our Neighbours the Dutch, They seem to be apprehensive and Jealous of our Extending our southern Possessions still farther, haveing lately sent Vessells to most of the little Islands in the Streights of Sunda to fix Stones or Blocks of Wood upon them with their Companys Arms ingraved on one side & Sultan Bantams on the other, designed as we conclude to serve in support of their Claim to them hereafter one of the like kind has been fixed lately at Choco a Plate on the Southern part of this Island in the Neighbourhood of Croe which you will find inserted in our book of Letters received. Captain Burman in his Letters to us from Batavia speaks of a prohibition there of al trade with Foreigners but the Copy of the regulations relateing to it being in his Letter ^{to} Marlborough Hoy leaves us at an uncertainty as to the Nature of it.

29. Nattall is a subject we shall not touch upon as the Supravisors will doubtless treat it at Large in their Seperate Address.

30. The Inhabitants here finding many Inconveniences attending the not having a Court of Judicature to apply to for determining Cases of Property. We have thought necessary to establish one under certain Restrictions and Regulations to Consist of the Members of Council or any three of them to sit every Tuesday or often as they may see occasion; have all in consequence been sworn to the Justice and Impartial Execution of their Office. The Particular Rule to be observed in this Court you will find at Large in Our Consultations.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILD^g. REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

31. The Strict Injunction laid down to us from the Court of Directors and Your Honour &c^a. on the Subject of Buildings have confined us wholly to Temporary Repairs and such little additional Works as were most absolutely necessary, we have therefore only to advise of what has been done to them and represent what further is necessary.

32. The New House at Laye is a work which has been long in hand the Resident lately sent there, transmitted us an Estimate of the Expençe for compleating it which amounting only to \$ 606-1-25 and being a necessary work we permitted to be done.

33. The House intended to be erected at Bientoan being judged needless we have put a stop to Carrying it on, and ords. the Pepper Godown which wanted only covering to be immediately compleated. The Materials which had been prepared for the House and were lying there we directed to be transported to Laye or sent hither by the storeship as can be most Conveniently done.

34. The House and Godown at Manna have been long represented to be in a very bad Condition, The Boards and Timbers being gone to decay; There is lying there a large parcel of Bricks and we purpose to make use of them in building up the Walls of the Pepper Godown and did intend to have sent thither a quantity of Tyles for covering the House with, but the hoof not being substantial enough to bear them we have ordered it to be done with Coolit Coys The Pepper Godown at Peeno being so bad as to render it unsafe for lodging this seasons Pepper there we have ordered an immediate Temporary repair to be given to it of Bamboos & Coolit Coys.

35. The Paggar and Lodgeings at Moco Moco have been represented to us in a very bad Condition to set about repairing them would be attended with a large Expençe, and to think of Compleating the new Fort without a director of the Work, would be highly improper an Estimate of the Expençe has been transmitted us but we do not think entirely to be depended on, indeed we deferred the Consideration of it intending to wait your orders on the Subject. Almost all the Buildings on the Coast are old & decayed and the Materials they are built of being boards bamboos and Coolit Coys and subject to constant Decay that it is entirely an endless work to think of repairing them.

36. The Resident of Nattal representing the Powder there to be very insecurely lodged and that a sufficient quantity of stone was to be procured near at hand, for making a small Magazine for it, we sent down some Coffree Bricklayers to set about that Work with orders to be returned when finished.

37. The Centry Boxes on the points being of wood and often wanting repair which was a constant and endless charge besides the Inconvenience of not affording sufficient shelter from the Weather we have removed and built brick and Chunam ones on the Angles of each Bastion, which though attended with a Large expençe at first will be a saving in the end.

38. The Supravisors having remarked that the Paymaster not only had the purchasing of all Materials on the Companys account but the application of them likewise as well as the sole director and Payment of the Cooleys

employed in any of their Works or business which left great openings for abuses and Frauds, they judged it proper to appoint a person in the Character of Superintendent of the Works as a Check upon that employ till the arrival of an Engineer, whose business sho^d. be to have the applying of all materials used on the Companys account and the appointment of all Cooleys and Artificers to their daily Labour, for which he was to apply to the paymaster by way of Draught or Indent delivering him an account daily of their Expences & Employment as Vouchers for him and direct him in bringing them properly to account and at the end of every Month to give a summary account of the same to the Board for their Consideration. Captain Lieut. Pero being judged the most capable for this employ has been appointed to it at an Allowance of twenty Dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ Month.

JUNE 25th.

39. The Committees report of the State of the Buildings at this Place, (Copy of which we forwarded in our Packett by the Prince Edward) has been since taken into Consideration, and our resolutions thereon are explicetely sett forth in our Consultations, We shall only recapitulate here the great want we are in of proper Accommodations for the Companys Servants. The bad Condition of most of our Material Godowns are in, The Pepper Godown Particularly, and to refer you to the Intendant Report and Estimate of the Expen^{ce} of such Works as appear to us necessary to be done.

40. Having a large quantity of Tyles on hand and Bamboes and attops being very improper coverings for buildings within the Fort as an accident of fire might be of the utmost bad consequence we have sett about Tying the North West Barrack which has been hitherto covered with those Materials, and Giving Orders for pulling down the Bamboe Barracks near the Fort House, as they are but in bad repair and became unnecessary by our late Reduction of the Garrison.

41. The Garden house we purpose selling at outcry and should do the same by two other Houses called on our Books Freemans House & Compound but they are occupied by Companys Servants whom we could not otherwise accommodate Salop House is appointed for the service of the Deputy Governour.

42. The Constant and heavy Charge our Honourable Masters have been at for so many years past for Bamboes attops Coolit Coys Boards, and such like Perishable Materials, and which makes no inconsiderable part of the Expences of this Coast induces us to recommend erecting all their Buildings with Brick and Tyle, as we are persuaded it would be the saving of Large sums to them in a Course of years. The Workmen we have here indeed are not quite sufficiently qualified for lining out or directing the More material parts of such Works, but are some of them Tolerable Labourers, and with the help of a few skilful Artificers, (which we imagine can be supplied us from the Coast) and an Engineer or some such Person to line out their Work, would we are of opinion be able to carry on any business of this Kind, that we shall have occasion for in a strong and substantial manner, and as your Honour &c^a. will perceive by our Representations of the Buildings on this Coast, that some thing be speedily sett about to Prevent their being entirely ruined and rendered Irreparable we leave to your Consideration, what methods are most proper to be taken and request to be favoured with your directions concerning them.

43. What relates to Mr. Masseys management when Paymaster with regard to Buildings, and Materials, we purpose treating hereafter under the head of Accounts.

44. A Considerable Increase has been made to the revenues of this Coast, by the Sales of opium Licenses, They were all put up at Publick outcry and

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some sold, but the Supravisors, being of opinion that the rest might be disposed of to more advantage privately would not let them go at the Price which was offered for them. They are now rented Monthly as follows Viz^e.

Fort Marlborough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£100
Moco Moco	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Laye	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Tallo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Manna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Croe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50

the amount of them last year was only £ 147 2 — so that a gain will accrue to our Honble Masters of £ 173 2 3 month.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANTED SERVANTS MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

45. John Walsh Esqr. takes Passage on this Vessell, In consequence of which the Management of affairs will devolve on John Pybus Esqr.

46. Several members haveing been admitted to the Board without nominating their Securities in England which being contrary to orders The Supravisors thought proper to require it of them which was immediately complied with. JUNE 17TH.

47. The Dismission of Robert Hindley Esquire from the service and death of Mr. William Smith late of Council occasioning a Vacancy at the Board, and Mr. Richard Preston being the next in standing was appointed to it by the Supravisors Enquiry being first made into the complaint against him when Resident of Cattown, and his conduct since, when it appeared to them that circumstances had been Extreemely aggravated in the former; and that he had acquitted himself without censure in his Management at Croe.

48. Mr. John Ogier whom the Supravisors thought proper to dismiss from the Service for neglecting his Business, haveing since made Acknowledgement of his Fault and promised more Assiduity in future has been employed again in the Secretarys Office, but the readmission of his Covenants is referred to our Honble Masters. APR^L. 16TH.

49. The Monthly Writer entertained some time ago in the Secretarys Office has been discharged but our want of Servants obliges us to continue the one appointed to assist in the Accomptants office. Do.

50. It being Judged unnecessary to continue a Resident at Bantall as an Assistant may occasionally be sent from Moco Moco and weigh off the Pepper there, we have appointed the former resident Mr. William Norris to the Charge of Ippoe, and Mr. Thomas Cole Assistant at Moco Moco. 25TH.

51. The Supravisors being of opinion that the Number of Arabs and Buggesses on this Coast might be Considerably reduced appointed a meeting to have those points determined when such a Number was allotted to each settlement as was judged necessary for the service of it, The Reductions on that Plan, Croe included (which has been determined on since the Resident's arrival) were twenty four of the former and seventy six of the latter, which will be more particularly explained to you by our Consultations. APR^L. 27TH.

52. As many of the Discharged Arabs ent^d. into contract on the Coast to serve a certain limited time we were under a Necessity of allowing them half Pay till an Opportunity offered for their return thither which will now be discontinued, Eight of the others have been entertained to attend the deputy Governor & second on Buggesses Pay.

53. We should have sent by this Conveyance another detachment of our Military but are uncertain what supplies we may received by the Storeship and in case of a disappointment our present supernumeraries are barely sufficient to make up the deaths and other Casualties.

MAY 27TH.

54. Mr. Samuel Dutton Assistant at Manna being much indisposed, the Supravisors sent Mr. Thomas Price, one of our Surgeons to attend him. He was unfortunately taken very ill himself soon after and died there. He has left no Will that we can find and have therefore directed the Paymaster and Secretary to take charge of his affairs.

55. Mr. Duttons Illness prevented his undertakeing the Survey of Manna District which indeed the Resident Mr. Darvall w^d. have chearfully done but he could not be spared from his Employ of Secretary. We therefore appointed Mr. Charles Hampton to that Service who has rendered himself very useful in this Branch, and we daily expect to hear of it's being compleated.

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56. The Supravisors have thought proper to establish the Council here agreeable to the Resolutions passed in Consultation of the 23^d. March last and have accordingly given directions for calling Mr. Marriott from Moco Moco to take his seat at the Board, and appointed Mr. Robert Jack Resident of Salomah to take charge of that Settlement in his stead, Mr. Charles Hampton assistant to Mr. Jack to succeed him in his residency.

JULY 8TH.

57. Mess^{rs}. Gunn & Beach appointed sometime ago to collect Standing Orders haveing made but little Progress in that work, The Supravisors have nominated Mess^{rs}. Combes, Carter & Dutton a Committee for doing it, and we shall take care to have a Copy of them in readiness to transmitt to Our Honble Masters in January next agreeable to their Orders.

58. Several Books of Consultations which the Supravisors have occasionally had reference to being unsigned and many Materials papers not entered, They directed the Secretary to send them to the several Gentlemen then in Council to be signed by them, which they have all declined doing on Account their Irregularity and incorrectness.

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59. As the Young Male Slaves at the Subordinate Settlements may be more usefully disposed of here under our Artificers we have ordered all from ten years old and upwards to be sent us up as opportunity offers.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

60. The Remains of our Honble Masters Estate at the several Out Settlements on this Coast not haveing been settled for many years, We appointed a Committee to adjust them to the time of the Residents now in Charge, with the remains, in specie delivered over to them by their Predecessors and the Remains by the General Books, with orders to do the like by those of the different Employs here; They have accordingly delivered in the Particular list of Deficiencies and Surplusses at the Subrocinacies, and of each separate office here Except the Paymasters which being more complicated than the rest is not yett compleated; They have been very minutely considered at the Board, and as they are most of them by Long standing, and many of the parties dead an Explanation of them by Letters would be impracticable, we have therefore transmitted to each Settlement Lists of their defficiencies & supplies with orders to debit and Credit Account Current Fort Marlborough their amount and have ordered a separate head for each Settlements deficiencies and Surplusses to be opened in our books here, by which means we can adjust them conformable to the Resolutions passed on them at the Board, great part have been permitted to be wrote off, and the respective Residents charged with the rest, to Explain this matter fully would swell this head to a needless length, as it is very explicitly particularized in our Consultations, to which we beg you will please to be referred, where you will find entered each Settlements separte abstract as well as those of the Employ here.

61. The Storehouse deficiencies and surplusses adjusted & brought upon the General Books in 1761 said to have arose durning the Management of Mess^{rs}. Raine Massey, Coales, & Hampton were likewise taken into consideration at a meeting appointed for that purpose by the Supravisors, when many circumstances, relating to time, Management Receipts Issues, and other such Particulars durning the charge of each Storekeeper, were very maturely considered and several deductions made for Articles supposed to be wasted or Expended for the Companys use, but as it was impossible to ascertain absolutely what part of the amount each person ought to be charged with, we could only from the above considerations, divide it in the most equitable Proportions we were able which Resolution you will find more fully settforth in our Consultations. The Accountant was ordered to present Bills conformable to the Allotment we had made, But as yett no money has been paid on this account except a small sum due to the Estate or Robert Raine, on a private account and the Ballance of his Account Current by the General books which is Ordered to be wrote off to his amount deficiencies. The Accountant produced us the answers he received from the several Gentlemen on sending their Bills to them, Mr. Massey on being called upon to give security for satisfys, that or any other demands which might be made upon his account the Company nominated Mess^{rs}. Douglass and Nairne making oath at the same time deliver into their hands all his Effects of whatever kind to be disposed of by them, they were accordingly accepted, takeing oath to discharge in the first place all the Companys demands on Mr. Massey so farr as his Estate and Effects would go. The Executor of Mr. Henry Coales excused themselves from Paying our demand not deeming themselves properly authorized for so doeing, as they acted in behalf of the Heir in England. We were well assured there was to a sufficient amount in India to discharge it, and that they could give us Information where it was to be had, which we required of them and received for answer, that they had in Trust to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars which was lent on Bond to Mess^{rs}. Alexander Hall & Robert Hay the Bonds were then demanded of them but refused. We therefore thought ourselves obliged in duty to our Honble Masters to make use of forcible methods to get Possession of them, and accordingly sent the adjutant and subsecretary to search their Papers for them, if not given up otherwise. They returned with them and Mess^{rs}. Hay & Hall have been directed to discharge them when they will be delivered up to their Order, We cannot however in this Place help observing in Justice to Mr. Henry Coales that on Examination we find the Account Remains of the Storehouse were not taken till six Months After his death, although he is charged with the deficiencies to that time, That he always bore a fair character and was esteemed very exact in his Business and had he been very well able to acquit himself, We could not nevertheless in Equity charge others with his Deficiencies merely on his upright Character. Mr. Charles Hampton Addressed a letter to us on the subject setting forth that Mr. John Cranmer haveing had Joint Charge of the Storehouse with him he hoped we would consider that circumstance favourably and make him equally accountable for the deficiencies, but on Examining the accounts, and the Remains delivered over to his succession, we do not find Mr. Cranmar has signed to either, neither does he appear to have been considered as accountable by the Board in May 1751 when the list of deficiencies were adjusted. We therefore have made Mr. Hampton responsible for the whole, and he has executed a Bond for the Payment of it in two years makeing Oath to alienate no Part of his Estate till that is discharged.

JUNE 3RD.Do. 4TH.
Do. 5TH.JUNE
12TH.JUNE
12TH.Do. 10TH.

62. Mr. Masseys Conduct when Paymaster and the charge exhibited against him for Overcharges and other abuses are points which the Supravisors have determined on. and their Resolutions relative to them are very minutely specified in our Consultations to which we beg leave to refer you.

- APRIL 27TH. 63. We have made some Regulations relateing to the hire of Boats which will in some Measure ease that heavy charge, and the Companys are ordered to be let out on the same terms when their business will admitt of it.
- MAY 1ST. 64. Mr. Peter Garden haveing charged ₧ 15 in his Account Current with the Honble Company which wanted some explanation we wrote to him on the subject in answer to which he informed us it was the amount of the Cashiers fees of $\frac{1}{2}$ ₧ Cent on settling accounts with him but as it has not been customary to pay it in transactions between the two Companys we have acquainted him that it must not be allowed in future. The Consignment of ₧2000 to him and Mr. James Stephans in June 1753 not being sufficient to pay the amount of what disburs'd there the ballance being ₧400. We have at his request paid to his Attorney here.
- MAY 13TH. 65. The Estate of Mr. Robert Duncley deceased standing on the Books indebted to the Company in the sum of ₧ 325-58 we directed the Accountant to present Bills to the Widow, for the Amount requiring at the same time security of her for any other demands which might be made on him on their Account. He brought us for answr. that her present Needy Circumstances would not admit of her discharging it Immediately, but that she promised faithfully to Pay it so soon as she Could Collect in her outstanding debts.
- JULY 29TH. 66. The deficiency of Copper Cash before advised of being no [*sic*] how to be accounted for the several Members of Council when the enquiry was set on foot are ordered to make it good.
- Do. 12TH. 67. The Storehouse Books have been put on a New Model as the head of General Stores was before too complicated for keeping a compleat set of Books which were opened the 1st. May last from that time the Paymaster and Ware-keeper are ordered likewise to do the same.
- MAY 27TH. 68. Charges Marine in the Paymasters Accounts appearing to stand at a heavy expence under which were usually included the Lascars employed on board the Sloops, and then appointed to the Train of Artillery for looking out at the Flag Staff and other service, we ordered the Sloops in future to be debted the hire of their Lascars, and those employed in the Train to be brought into Account under the Head of Charges General, so that there will only remain the Expence of maintaining such Lascars, as are wanted for navigating the Long Boats and doing occasional service to the Sloops when in Harbour which cannot well be ascertained.
- MAY 27TH. 69. It had been a Practice of long standing here for the Accountant to Correct any mistakes which appeared in the Accounts of the Subordinacies before they were brought to the Board without giving Information of such corrections by which means there have been always disagreements with Ours and their Books, We have therefore in future given Orders that any Errors he may find in them be reported by him to the Board that we may give directions for making the necessary adjustments in the accounts at the Out Settlements.
- JUNE 14TH. 20TH. 70. The Trustees of Robert Hindley Esqr. have deposited into Cash the sum of Five thousand two hundred dollars.
- JULY 1ST. 71. On reading the Accounts of the Honble Companys Cash for June and comparing the Ballance with the Chest there appear'd a Deficiency of ₧579-83- The Accounts of the Out Residences and those here were immediately examined with all possible accuracy, but no mistake could be found. The Supravisors thereupon with the rest of the Members of Council who had each of them a Key immediately made it good, Oath being first taken by them & the Secretary that they knew nothing either directly or indirectly how such deficiency arose.

72. The Ballance of their Honours Cash remaining here this day is JULY 1TH.
 \$38920-2-50 Thirty eight Thousand nine hundred and Twenty Dollars two
 Soocas and fifty cash.

7th. August 1754.

We are very Respectfully
 HONOURABLE SIR & SIRs
 Your most obedient & most humble Serv^{ts}.

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 JOHN PYBUS.
 THOM^s. COMBES.
 ROGER CARTER.
 JOSEPH GUNN.
 DANIEL TOTTIE.
 RICHARD PRESTON.

P.S.—Since closing the above one hundred and fifty dollars have been
 paid John Walsh Esqr. for the Expences of his Voyage.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Certificates we have drawn on Your Honour &c^a. money
 received into Cash here are payable to the following Persons viz^t.

			Dols.	So ^s .	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
1 Sett in Favour of	Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart or Order.		1650	—	1000	—	—
1 Sett d ^o .	Chas. Bouchier Esqr. d ^o . ..		1943	— 81	1177	25	11
1 Sett d ^o .	Capt. Edward Masculine d ^o . ..		1200	—	727	9	64
1 Sett d ^o .	d ^o . of Wm. Dogan d ^o . ..		3600	—	2181	29	36
1 Sett d ^o .	Tho ^s . Pelling D ^o . ..		400	—	242	13	21
1 Sett d ^o .	John Walsh Esqr. d ^o . ..		825	—	500	—	—
6 Six Setts Certificates amounting to.			\$9618	— 81	Pgs. 5829	7	52

Nine Thousand Six hundred and eighteen Spanish Dollars and eighty-
 one Cash, or five Thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine Pagodas,
 seven Fanams and fifty two Cash.

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TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
 OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last Advices were by the Prince Edward under date of the 13th. May. We have now the satisfaction to acquaint your Honour & c^a. that we have executed all the Capital Points of the Commission we are charged with and brought the Affairs of this Coast into a regular and promising Channel. It will be unnecessary for us to sum up our several Proceedings, as the general Advices from hence give you a particular Account of them; We shall therefore chiefly appropriate this Address to offering to your Consideration some Reflections for the further Advancement of our Honourable Masters Affairs on this Establishment.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. In our Letter to England by the Dragon, We mentioned the bringing up the Croee & Cawoor Pepper on Freight as preferable to keeping Sloops for that purpose, Could it be done on good Bottoms it would certainly save Expence, but the Vessels employed in this service being only Malay Praws & Boats meet with such frequent Accidents that we cannot at all recommend the Use of them. The Northerly Winds blow for so great a Part of the Year on this Coast, and bringing up the Southern Investment even on our own Sloops, is attended with so much Risque and Inconveniency, that we think it absolutely necessary, the Ship that comes for our surplus Pepper should proceed herself to Cawoor & Croee, and after taking abroad the Pepper of those Places, be dispatched directly to England from the latter. She will arrive here in right time to make her Passage to the Southward, let her come in March or April as usual, or not till the latter End of September, agreeable to the Scheme in our last Letter to your Honour & c^a. Indeed the Southerly Monsoon is seldom so strong or constant, but Ships may work to the Southward even in that season.

3. Cawoor is represented to us as a fine safe Bay, where Vessels may conveniently load, and we have Accounts of two or three good Harbours in Croee Limits [among] which Billimbing seems to have the preference; this will be determined soon by a Survey we propose to have taken of that part of the Coast. Whatever Place is fixed on, a Godown must be built there for collecting all the Croee Pepper, that as little detention as possible may be given to the ship. A Lodging for an Assistant will be likewise wanted, but these Expences will be greatly overpaid by the Benefits arising from them. The fair Prospect of a considerable Increase in the Investment at Croee makes these measures the more necessary.

4. Till the Scheme can be put in execution the present method of bringing up the Southern Pepper, partly by Freight & partly on the Company's Sloops, may be pursued, unless your Honour & c^a. shall think, proper to permit the Prince George to be employed in that Service which she may Effect in one trip, and would be by far the most safe and certain Conveyance for the Purpose; for even our Sloops expensive as they prove, are for the generality ill navigated, and experience frequent Accidents & Miscarriages.

5. It will be always proper to have two Sloops for the Service of this Coast. They will be wanted for carrying Salt and other Stores to the Out Settlements as well as occasionally transporting the Resident & others to & from and upon particular Emergencies, Detachments of Military. If the Sale of Salt is properly encouragd at all the Residencies and a Trade carried on to Natal on our Honble Masters Account, more Vessels will probably be wanted, Less cannot suffice in any Case, as one or other of them must be frequently under Repair and useless.

6. With Respect to repairing these Vessels, if they do not exceed fifty Tons, they can be hawled up & refitted at Marlbrō, tho with little dispatch for want of sufficient Workmen and materials, which is too visible by the Mary, who has been ashore sixteen Months and is not yet compleated. The Wood of this Country is not at all durable except the Marracooley which serves very well for sheathing; For the Rest it will be proper, and indeed cheapest to have annual supplies of Teak Timbers & Plank by the Store Ship from Batavia. We are at an equal Loss for Workmen; It is true we have one European Carpenter, but the People we are able to pick up in this Character, are seldom proficient in their Business. Some Coffrees are training up under him, and may perhaps in time turn out tolerably expert; as for the Malay Carpenter they are in general wretched workmen, and do not deserve their Hire.

7. On the whole, we conclude, that small Repairs may be executed passably at Marlbrō, but where any considerable Ones are wanting, it will be necessary for the Sloops to proceed to Batavia, where, by the best Accounts we can gather, they may be refitted cheaper than at most Ports in India. It is more than probable, that great abuses have been practiced upon these Occasions, but they might have been discovered and remedied by a narrow scrutiny into the Matter.

8. As for Pooloo we should avoid sending our Workmen there as much as possible, for it generally gives them Illness that last a long Time, and often prove fatal to them. There is a necessity indeed for repairing Vessels of above fifty Tons at that Place, for they draw too much water to come into the Carrang at Marlbrō but the Occaion will probably happen so seldom that it is not worth the expence of erecting Storerooms, or other conveniece for them.

9. Under this Head we must remark that it is proper to have two or three Long Boats at Marlbrō which may be partly navigated by the Crews of one or other of the Sloops, while out of service, this will save a large expence of Boat hire, and be particularly useful, when an expeditious Dispatch is required. The Long Boats we procure out of the Europe Ships soon decay and if any could be sent us from the Coast of Teak, they would answer our purpose much better.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE, FORT ST. GEORGE OR ONE PART OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

10. We have already mentioned in former Advices, that it is better for us to have our Supplies of Rice from Batavia than from Fort St. George. The Storeship should likewise bring us from thence some Teak Timber and Plank, as well as Quantity of Salt, when it can be had at a reasonable Price: for our Consumption is now so large, that we shall hardly be able to be furnished with a sufficiency from the Coast, where it is certainly much cheaper. As we are apprehensive the Dutch Restrictions will prevent our procuring any for the Java Praws as usual, we have been obliged to restrain the sales in some degree and must therefore Request as trival supplies as possible, both by the Prince George and Europe Ship intended for our Surplus Pepper.

11. The present Stock of Gunpowder at this Place is very low. Our indent by the Prince George was for two hundred forty six Barrels, but as we cannot immediately furnish ourselves in cases of necessity, it is proper to keep a Store here of at least four Hundred Barrels. Our Annual Consumption barring extraordinary Accidents may be estimated at about sixty or seventy Barrels, your Honour will therefore please to proportion our Supplies accordingly.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

12. Abstracts of the several Surveys already compleated are now transmitted in the Packet, by which you will have a distinct view of the state of those Residencies, and the Expectations that may be entertained of them; Manna

and Cawoor Surveys are not quite finished; That of Croee was taken by a Malay Looreetoolies and we cannot say how far it may be relied on. The Assistants ill state of Health, and an absolute necessity for the Residents presence at Marlbrō have prevented us hitherto from having it executed by a Covenanted Servant, for the extraordinary Business of this Place, would not admit of our sparing any from hence. Upon the Resident's return which will be by the first Conveyance, it shall be immediately entered upon.

13. The Surveys of Arrack Soongey yield a very fair prospect. At Moco Moco, Bantal & Ippoe the amount of Vines is fourteen hundred Thousand, twelve hundred Thousand of which are under six years of age. Such a disproportion between the vines coming to their Perfection, and those on the Decline must afford a very great Increase in the Investment, and what adds to the satisfaction an immediate one Catteron is almost in as flourishing a situation, out of five hundred Thousand vines, no less than four hundred Thousand under six years of age. The Inhabitants of the former Districts have one with another, about their stipulated number of Chinkareens and young Vines. At Cattown they are deficient about one in six.

14. Laye discovers a few less agreeable Prospect. The Expectations from thence must be built entirely on the measures now taken, for no care has been Employed to renew the Plantations as they declined above 3/5^{ths}, of the Vines are of seven years old and upwards and as they decay they must be an annual decrease, till the Gardens now planted come to perfection, which at these Northward Settlements may be generally expected in five years. The People here fall very short of their stipulated number.

15. Sillebar and Marlbrō Districts are still in a more melancholly Condition; not one Family in five having any Plantation at all, and even those deficient of half their number of Vines. In short near a thousand Families are without Gardens, exclusive of the Inhabitants of Bencoolen, and the suburbs of Marlbrō.

16. At Tallo Residency there must be an immediate, as well as annual Increase for some Years, by the great number of Vines coming forward in proportion to what are going off. The People here have not above half their due number of Vines.

17. Croce has a fine shew of Chinakarcens and young Vines, so that a very considerable Increase may be expected at this Settlement. The Resident ventures to assure it us in two Years. Here likewise they fall short of about half their due number of Plants.

18. In our last Address to our Honble Masters, we expressed some doubt if their Residencies of Croee and Cawoor would answer the Expence of maintaining them but we have since had reason to think, that with proper management they will turn out in time very flourishing Settlements.

19. We have the Pleasure to acquaint your Honour &c^a. that the country People are turning themselves in good Earnest to planting of Pepper. We have Accounts from all sides of their being hard at Work in felling of Trees, and clearing out their Ground for Plantation. These are the good Effects of Surveys by Covenanted Servants, which if duely prosecuted, we can venture to promise your Honour &c^a. a very prosperous Investment, will infallibly ensue.

20. We propose having frequent Visits made to such Places as have been most neglected till they begin to recover some order; after which, an annual Survey will be full Sufficient. The Gentlemen employed in this Service should be always indulged with one of the Military to assist them in counting the Vines, and be occasionally dispatched to little inconsiderable Plantations, that lye at a distance from the Doosoons, as is often the case, The Fatigue of Surveys will be very much lessened by this means, and the Companys Servants encouraged to undertake them with readiness.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

21. The Reformation that has been introduced in the Country gives us the more Satisfaction as it is brought on without Disturbances, which new Measures are too apt to create. We have all along paid a careful Regard to this particular, preferring a gentle Progression, and leaving the Work to be rather perfected by time. The Country is now in profound Peace, nor can we discover any Prospect of future Troubles in any Quarter, unless upon the Death of the old Sultan of Moco Moco, some disputes should arise about the Succession; but a prudent Administration will easily prevent their running into great Lengths. Nothing can be done at present by way of prevention.

22. This Country being very thickly inhabited, it should be strongly recommended to the Gentlemen in the Management of Affairs here, to encourage the People from the Hills to come and settle upon the Sea Coast. There were some Families came down to Laye a few years ago, where they Cultivated a good deal of Pepper, for they are in general a very Industrious People; but finding themselves oppressed by the Pangran, many of them returned to the Hills again. We have been treating with two of their Chiefs, who have promised to bring down all their subjects to the number of about five or six hundred Families; Pangaran Monks Raja gives them a Part of his Country, where they are to reside under the Government of their own Chiefs, for which Grant, we agree to pay him a Gratuity of Half a Dollar a Bahar, on all Pepper that shall be produced there. As there are many Clans of these Hill People settled at the Backs of all the Residencies, who find it difficult to subsist themselves in the Country they now Inhabit, we are in hopes the Example of these two Chiefs will be followed by others; Their fears of being Oppressed by the Government of the District they settle in, has been the Chief Obstacle hitherto, which if due Care be taken to obviate, and a proper Invitation made, we do not doubt, but many of them may be prevailed with to come down, to the great Benefit of the Pepper Investment.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

23. We are sorry to observe that after the great Sums laid out on Buildings at this Place, and the Out Settlements, there should still remain so much to be done. It is owing to the perishable Materials they are composed of, as well as to their being for the most Part ill contrived and executed, for want of capable Persons to direct the Work.

24. If your Honour &c^a. can send us an Engineer as intended, he will be particularly useful at this Time, when several Buildings must necessarily be undertaken. These should be all erected in a substantial manner of durable Materials which will by far turn out the cheapest in the End. It would be in vain for us to attempt making Estimates of the Expence, as it is impossible to do it with any degree of Exactness, for want of People about us sufficiently versed in these matters; all we can do is to acquaint you what works we think absolutely necessary to be entered upon, and your Honour &c^a. will please to determine what Latitude may be given to the Gentlemen here in the Execution.

25. At this Place Lodgings are wanted for the Company's Servants both Civil and Military; All the Godowns excepting two or three are in a bad Condition, and some of the most considerable of them Irreparable. As at present they lye dispersed and are inconveniently situated, we think it will be advisable to take this Opportunity of making them all Contiguous & Uniform.

26. With regard to the Fortification the Northwest Curtain wants to be thickened and a Parapet built to it. The Parapets all round want raising. The Fort being without a Ditch, and the Walls low, is liable to a surprize, and some means should be used for its better Security. It is likewise necessary to have a Granary & some Store houses in the Fort, for without they are liable, to be burned by the Natives on any Disturbances.

27. As for the Buildings at the Out Settlements the Residents have represented several of them to be in bad Condition, and in want of rebuilding or a thorough Repair. They are mostly built of Wood, which perishes very fast in this Country, and making them at once of Brick & Chunam would be found not only more Secure and Commodious but much less Expensive in the End.

28. The Houses at Ippoe, Cattown & Allass require the most immediate notice, as they are in the most ruinous Condition of any. Moco Moco, Croce & Natal are very expensive in their Pallisadoes, instead of which it would be better to have a Brickwall at once of about ten Feet high & two thick. At Moco Moco indeed, we learn by the best Accounts, that it will be cheapest to remove into the new Fort, for the old Lodgings are not capable of standing much longer.

29. By what we have said on this subject, your Honour &c^a. will perceive, that there is a good deal to be done at this Place, and its several Subordinates, under the Head of Buildings; and that besides an Engineer, we must be in want of one or two Head Bricklayers to manage the Work under him.

30. We have nothing to observe under the Head of Revenues, having already improved them as far as the Circumstances of this Settlement would admit.

SIXTHLY OF COMPANYS SERVANTS, MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

31. The Enquiries we were directed to make into the Conduct of particular Servants, who had been charged with Misbehaviour, are all finished, and appear at large on the Consultations, except with respect to Mr. John Beach, who being dismissed from the Board on account of his general bad Conduct, without mention of Particulars, could not be proceeded against in the manner the others were. We shall only say of him that from our own Observations we find him a very improper Person for a Seat in Council.

32. Mr. John Massey has requested us by Letter, for some Mitigation of the large Demands made on him, on Account of his Deficiencies in the Store house, and Transactions in the Paymasters Employ; desiring at the same Time, a continuance of his Salary and Allowances, from his dismissal by the late Deputy Governour & Council to our Determination with him. We now enclose Copy of his Request, having referred him to your Honour &c^a. for his Answer, and shall add, that with respect to his Conduct in the Storehouse, we cannot upon the best Enquiry find any signs of Embezzlement on his Part, and rather suspect that deficiencies arose through a careless Management, and inaccurate Accounts; Our Sentiments of him in the Paymasters Employ are fully expressed in Consultations.

33. The Number of Covenanted Servants Military, Arabs, Buggesses and Slaves, necessary on this Establishment, have been determined, with as great Exactitude as possible. As to the latter, we have reason to think they have been ill managed, and seldom kept sufficiently Employed. Some great Work should be always carrying on for them to turn to, when other Business fails, such as a Ditch round the Fort, or running out a small Stone Pier, instead of the wooden one we now have. The Proper Employment for the Slaves ought to be a matter of Frequent Debate in Council, and the most useful and pressing Services to engage them on, be there determined; The greatest part should be brought up Artificers of one kind or other, as it is no impediment to their acting as Cooleys when required; with this View we have turned over as many as we conveniently could, to be instructed under the Carpenters, Smiths & Bricklayers, which will greatly facilitate the carrying on the new Works, as well as the Expence. We have given some Attention to this Branch of our Honble Masters Concerns, & hope by our Regulations to prevent its being neglected in future.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

34. We shall make no Observations on the deficiencies that appeared on settling the Remains of this Place, and the Out Settlements, nor on the great Irregularity discovered in the Accounts; We shall only remark, that every Employ being now obliged to keep a compleat sett of Books and Ballance them, nothing more of that kind can be apprehended hereafter. Before, taking the Account Remains in Specie upon entering on an Employ, was of very little service, as it was seldom the Accountant would be prevailed on to extract a List of Remains from the General Books to compare it with.

35. The following is a Calculate of the Reductions we have made in the Constant Expences of this Place and its Dependencies Vizt.

Fort Marlbro Vizt.—

Charges Garrison	..	..	..	..	₧ ann	4547	2	44
Charges Country Guard	..	..	..	..	..	1548	—	—
Charges General	..	..	..	..	..	1826	—	40
Charges Slaves	..	..	..	..	..	96	—	—
Wages & Allowances	..	..	..	..	..	1336	—	8
Account Boats	..	..	..	..	..	144	—	—
						9497	2	92
Natal	..	..	..	..	..	1390	2	60
Moco Moco, includ ^d . Bantal & Ippoe	..	..	..	..	..	4555	—	32
Cattown	..	..	..	..	..	372	—	—
Laye	..	..	..	..	..	582	—	—
Sillebar	..	..	..	..	..	732	—	—
Tatto	..	..	..	..	..	480	—	—
Munna	..	..	..	..	..	468	—	—
Cawoor	..	..	..	..	..	336	—	—
Croce	..	..	..	..	..	1780	3	8
						₧ 20194	—	92

36. The fixed Revenues are Increased four thousand one hundred Twenty two Dollars ₧ annum. Those of Customs, Freight, Hire of Slaves are variable & not to be computed, but at the Years end will be found Considerable. By this means the net charge of this Coast will be greatly diminished, at least one Third.

SUPPLEMENT.

37. Having had no Letter from the General and Council of Batavia, we remain under the same uncertainty whether or no they intend to prosecute their Pretentions to Natal, as when we Addressed you last We shall nevertheless proceed to lay down such Measures as appear to us the most feasible, for making it turn out an advantageous Settlement to our Employers. As it is a very beneficial Port to the Private Trade of this Place, if it can be made but to clear its Expences, we are persuaded our indulgent Masters, would not averse to Maintaining it. This is an easy Point to compass; a Profit only of fifty ₧ Cent on sixty Chests of Opium & two thousand Bars of Iron will nearly do it, without taking into the Account the immediate Customs of Natal, as well as the great Part of ours at Marlbro that owe their whole rise to a Communication with that Port.

38. In order to keep up Opium at a high Price, in the manner the Dutch do, it would be necessary to prevent Private Traders from importing it to this Coast which would not only be difficult but dangerous, by inviting Forreigners to come this way, over whom our Restrictions could not extend; selling at a low Rate will soon occasion a large Opium Trade to centre at Natal, and draw Gold from all Quarters to purchase it; this will have its secret Advantages, as well as the apparent One of making it a considerable mart, and introducing a Circulation of Trade to the Benefit of the Company's Customs. All Circumstances being therefore Considered, we judge it best to Open the sales of Opium

at only fifty Ɔ Cent advance on the prime Cost, the amount to be paid in Silver or Gold. Our Reasons are some of them of such a Nature, that we take the Liberty to refer you to a private Explanation of them by Mr. Walsh, who proceeds to Fort St. George by this Conveyance.

39. Iron may in the same manner be sold for silver or Gold at fifty Ɔ Cent advance or more if procurable; being not at all circumstanced like Opium We have taken no notice of Salt, tho' it would sell there to great profit, if we could be conveniently supplied with more than is wanted for the Consumption of the Settlements this way.

40. We have more than once taken notice of the flourishing state of the Arrack & Sugar Works, and what advantages must accrue to this Settlement from their success. The Undertakers are men of small Capitals and must be furnished with money to carry on the Work, or the whole would fall to the Ground. See Jibbs miscarriage, and the Balance he stands indebted on the Books, makes us cautious of lending out the Company's money on such Occasions, tho' we can assure your Honour &c^a. that upon sufficient Enquiry, we find no Ground for apprehension in this Undertaking. They have brought in Arrack & Sugar to above the amount of their last advance, and their necessities requiring a further sum we have promised to let them have fifteen hundred Dollars. For the future we have agreed to pay them down regularly, two thirds of the amount of what Arrack & Sugar they may bring in, with which they are perfectly satisfied, and assure us, it will be quite sufficient to defray their Expences. By this means their debt will be gradually diminishing, and, as we compute, wholly paid off in about four years. The Interest of ten Ɔ cent that this money is charged with bears very hard upon them, and we take the Liberty to request your Honour &c^a. to remit them a Part, or the whole as you may judge they deserve; They must necessarily have disbursed much money in dead Stock, and other Particulars, before any Fruits could be reaped from it, which joined with the Difficulties that usually attend new undertakings, but were more especially experienced by this, from the Opposition that was given to it by the Dutch entitle them to very particular Consideration.

41. By Mr. Walsh's proceeding to Fort St. George the Commission rests with Mr. Pybus, who takes this Opportunity of assuring Your Honour &c^a. of his utmost Endeavours to acquit himself satisfactorily of the trust he is left in. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

JOHN PYBUS.

FORT MARLBRO
6TH. AUGUST 1754.

N^o. 13.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &c^a. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

By the Orange Tree Sloop which left this Place the 8th. Instant, with John Walsh Esq^r. Passenger on board, We transmitted our General Advices to her Departure, The Speedwell Ketch bound for Bengal gives us an Opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of them and advising of such other Occurrences as have since happened necessary for your Information.

We hear from Batavia that Our Honble Masters Ship Grantham arrived there from St. Helena, bound thither the 17th. Ult^o. so that we daily expect to see her. From her we have Advice that the Godolphin Captain Hutchinson

from this Place, Delawar Captain Winter from the Coast, and Portfield Captain Le Geyt from Bengal had passed St. Helena on their Passage homeward bound. Capt. Kendall whom Our Honble Masters have been pleased to remove from St. Helena to a command in the Military here came on the Speedwell, but we must wait the arrival of the Storeship to know the Nature of his Commission.

The Marlbro Hoy in her way hither from Croee was obliged to put in at Cawoor where by strong North West Winds she was unfortunately blown ashore, the Damage she may have received by that Accident will we fear be a small part of the Loss Our Honble Masters are likely to sustain from it, For by a Letter dated the 7th. Inst. from Mr. Watson Resident there, he gives us an Account that the Small Pox had broke out on a Slave Girl which came on shore there from that Vessel, as that disorder has never yet been in those Parts we apprehend the most fatal Consequences from it, Our only hopes are that the Precaution taken by the Resident of removing the infected Person to a House at a considerable Distance from any other under charge of one of his own People with Orders not to quit the Place or suffer any one to come near it till there is no Danger of its spreading further, will have the desired Effect, should it communicate with Manna and from thence Northward a great Part of this Seasons Pepper will probably be lost for want of People to bring it from the Country; We shall in such case particularly recommend to the Residents the looking out for People who have already had that Disorder to send to the Doosoons for it being the only means that can be taken to save it. We have given directions for posting Guards of Bugguesses at the Southeren and Northern Passes of Cawoor districts to prevent any Inter-course of People from those Limits, and guards are likewise placed from Manna to intercept any who may have escaped those of Cawoor that the Infection may at worst be if possible confined to one Place only. Some Tombongons are lately arrived here with the Cawoor Pepper, and though we imagine the People belonging to them have for their own security kept themselves as much out of Danger as possible yet we thought the Risque too great to suffer them to land here and have therefore ordered them to Pooloo to perform a Quarantine of Twenty one Days with a Party of Arabs on board them to prevent their escaping from the Vessels, and an addition to those already stationed there, to take care that no one be suffered to land from them. We still flatter ourselves that we shall have two hundred and fifty Tons Surplus Pepper for the ship you may send us from the Coast.

The Swallow Sloop is arrived from Croee with a Loading of Pepper, and the Master has represented her to be in very bad Condition, a Survey has been taken of her by which it appears she may still be made serviceable and at no very Considerable Expence, she is on shore at Pooloo under the Carpenters Hands, but as we have but one and he came up Sick three days ago, we cannot say how soon she may be compleated. We cannot however too earnestly request that one good Sloop at least of about seventy or eighty Tons may be sent us for the Service of this Coast as those we have are too small and constantly in want of Repair.

An Opportunity will offer in few days for Batavia when we shall take care to forward your Packet for the General & Council. We are very Respectfully,

FORT MARLBRO
24TH. AUGUST 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

JOHN PYBUS
THOS. COMBES.
ROBT. JACK.
ROGER CARTER.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.
RICHARD PRESTON.

No. 14.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

On the Orange Tree Sloop which left this Place the 8th. Inst. took Passage John Walsh Esq^r. agreeable to your orders & permission to give an Account of Our Transactions here; The Speedwell Ketch bound for Bengal gives me an Opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of Our Joint address by that Conveyance What other Occurrences have since happened deserving notice I shall now advise of.

The Publick letter from Us will give you an Account of the small Fox being unhappily broke out at Cawoor and of the measures which have been taken to prevent as much as possible its Communication with any other parts. The terrible alarm and Consternation which must unavoidably attend this unfortunate Accident and the Consequences that may attend it give me the utmost Concern I can only assure you that my attention shall be particularly employed to prevent them.

By Private Information from Batavia I hear there are no Covenanted Servants on the Storeship for this Settlement: Our Business with those we have at present is with much difficulty kept up and should any deaths happen within the Year, we shall be extremely distressed: Two or three who now fill our List are almost useless Mess^{rs}. Kingston & Bright are entirely so, & past all hopes of ever being made otherwise, Mr. Smith is with very great difficulty kept to his Business and gives me daily reason for Complaint and as monthly writers are to be had at ten dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ Month who may be made very serviceable I purpose easing our Honble Masters of the Expence of maintaining our such unworthy servants discontinuing them all Allowances from the time of their dismissal till I have Your Orders on this Head The two first I shall immediately put on this footing, and proceed in the same manner with Mr. Smith should he give me any room for Complaint in future. Their examples do more harm by Corrupting others than they will ever any of them be capable of doing service. Mr. Teshmaker assistant at Croee arrived from thence this day in so weakly a Condition that there are but small hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Jack is arrived from his residency of Saloomah and will proceed to take charge of Moco Moco in five or six days. Mr. Carter will in about that time return to Natall and Mr. Darwall is on his return to Manna, His service here as Secretary is extremely wanted, but his Residency being the most flourishing on the Coast, and in some danger of suffering by having the small pox so near it, makes his presence there more particularly necessary, I have appointed Mr. John Douglas to act in his stead.

The Sloop Swallow is on shore at Pooloo under the Carpenters Hands, when she is repaired I purpose sending Lieutenant Tobison in her, who is reputed a good Seaman on a Survey of the Southern part of this Coast there being by report some tollerable Harbours in the districts of Cawoor & Croee should it prove so, and a Europe ship be able to enter them with safety they will be attended with many Conveniences.

As I imagine the Commisson I have been jointly Honoured with as Supravisor will not be of much longer Continuance, Affairs here being now brought into a pretty regular Channel and that You will think of filling the station of Deputy Governour now vacant by Mr. Hindleys dismission, I flatter myself my request to be appointed to that Rank will not be deemed unreasonable But to Your Judgment I shall submit this and only add that it would give me particular satisfaction to remain four or five years to perfect the work which has been so successfully begun; being perswaded that it will be more

in my Power to render my self serviceable to my Employers here than in any station my present standing on the Coast can give me room to expect I am with Respect,

FORT MARLBRO

24TH. AUGUST 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most hum^e. servant

JOHN PYBUS.

N^o. 15.

HONOURABLE SIRs,

It is with all imaginable duty and Submission that I presume to recommend the Accompanying letter to your perusal, the contents thereof Represent my grievance, and it is from your HONOURS only I can hope for Redress.

I am most respectfully,

HONBLE SIRs

Your most Humble and Faithful Servant

FORT MARLBRO

2^D. FEBRUARY 1754.

DANIEL TOTTIE.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQUIRE
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBRO.
WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRs

In Justice to myself I can by no means let Pass unremarked the Proceedings of Last Consultation I mean so far as Relates . . . to the Appointment of a Resident of Moco. A Proceeding so very Extraordinary, unpresented and Partial calculated, I am afraid, to Gratify the sinister views of Private men without the least regard to Merit or Priority of standing & in direct opposition to the Repeated Orders of our Honble Masters, who always did, and I am persuaded ever will take Pleasure in doing Justice to all their Servants.

You will be pleased to observe Gentlemen that I did not presume to ask for the Residency of Manna until every Gentlemen Prior to me in standing had refused the Acceptance of it, I then thought it my Right and solicited it accordingly and was supported in this my Just Request by the Deputy Governor and Mr. Gunn and as every member then Present declared that they had no Objection to my Conduct or Capacity, I own I was very much surprized to hear Mr. Darvall proposed as a candidate, and for no other Reasons but that he had formerly been assistant to Mr. Roger Carter when Resident of Manna, and that he had the Promisses, of some Gentlemen, then at the Head of Affairs, that in case he would quit his assistant ship at Manna, and come into the Accountants Office he should succeed the then Accomptant in his Employ. As to the first Reason offered in Mr. Darvall's favour, give me leave Gentlemen to observe that I might with as much Justice & Propriety have laid Claim to the Presidency of Moco Moco, because I had the Honour to be assistant to the Present Deputy Governour when Resident there In regard to the Second Reason alledged in Mr. Darvall's behalf I shall expatiate more largely; It was said at last Consultation that Mr. Darvall was judged the most Capable Person to take upon him the Accountants Employ, in case of the Removal of, or any accident happening to Mr. Charles Smith the then Accomptant, and here Permit me to observe, that the Gentlemen then at the Helm, must certainly have

forget that there were such Persons upon this Establishment, As Mess^{rs}. Gunn, Forbes & Garnsey, each of which I believe every member of this Board, will allow to be equally well Qualified for the Accomptants employ, if not better than Mr. Darvall however Mr. Darvall was made Accomptant, and for part of the time was Indulged and believe me Gentlemen no small Indulgence it was with the benefit of the Arrack License over and above the £50 ^{per} annum, annexed to the Accomptants employ: these were great advantages to so young a Man, and more than so Junior a servant had Reason to Expect, but not satisfied with this, his unbounded ambition pushes him still further, even to the invasion of anothers just Right & Property, which Right & Property by my standing in the Honble Companys service, and I think some Regard ought to be paid to a Member of the Board, I esteem due to me, and therefore I now write in support of it, not in the least doubting but I shall obtain Justice after having had an Opportunity of appealing to Higher Power.

It was mentioned last Consultation, thô but fairly supported I own that Mr. Darvall had a sort of Promotion of succeeding to Manna Residency by whom was such Promotⁿ. made? Or what sort of Gentlemen then at the Head of Affairs (whose Duty it was to see justice administered to all) could take upon them to make a Promise of that sort to Mr. Darvall in prejudice to so many Gentlemen Prior to him in standing but as Promises were brought upon the Carpet I must beg leave to Observe that I had a Promise likewise of a very late date from the Present Deputy Governour who assured me that in case no Gentlemen Superior to me in standing was appointed I should certainly go Resid^t. of Manna which Promise I am humbly of opinion ought to have greater weight, than those unwarranted ones, made by Gentlemen that are now no More, or out of the Honble Companys service. I can produce a Letter from another Gentleman, who has likewise the Honour of a seat at this Board in which he is Extremely Liberal of his Promises, & I should have been very glad to have found this the appointed time for the accomplishment of them.

If Gentlemen are to be Superseded in this Manner, there will be but small Encouragement for us in our several stations to Exert ourselves as we ought, I speak this in Regard to others, for my own Part, I have been so long accustomed to disappointments, that this affects me the less, and let what will happen, I am determined to discharge my duty to my Honble Employers in every Condition and Circumstance.

I am with great Respect,

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble servant,

DANIEL TOTTIE.

FORT MARLBRO

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