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PREFATORY NOTE

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The manuscript Volume has been mended and is in a fair state of preservation.

EGMORE,
4th November 1941.

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

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

MANILHA CONSULTATIONS, 1764

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[From March 28 to April 10]

DIARY AND CONSULTATIONS OF ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE ESQ^r. PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR &^a. COUNCIL OF MANILA.

Commencing [28th. March 1764].

Ending [10th. April 1764].

Received the following Letter from Mr. Drake requesting leave to resign the Government.

1764
March
28th.
In the
Evening.

To MESS^{rs}. HENRY PARSONS
W^m. STEVENSON
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Gentlemen,

As I find the Spanish Government make objection to having any communication with this Government in consequence of some false and scandalous aspersions thrown [on] my character, which the short time of our stay will not permit to be refuted the Duty I owe to the Crown [. . .] request leave to resign my seat and to forward a card [. . .] Pococke for Madras, where I shall be enabled to vindicate my character from the aspersions of my Enemies.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) DAWSONNE DRAKE.

MANILA
MARCH 28TH 1764.

This was accordingly comply'd with & the following address'd to Mr. Dal- Granted.
rymple.

To ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE ESQ^r.

SIR

Several scandalous aspersions having been thrown on Mr. Drake, which
time will not permit him to refute, his regard for the honor of his country &
the service he is in will not suffer him to act any longer as the chief representa-
tive of the Nation in this place and he has therefore returned his authority
to the Council your seniority in the service pointing you out as the properest

Mr. Dalrym-
ple desired
to accept it.

person for a such a Trust, we are to request the favour of your accepting the Government & as it will be but for a few days & will not retard your voyage we flatter ourselves you will comply therewith.

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

HENRY PARSONS

(Signed) WILLIAM STEVENSON.

FRANCIS JOURDAN.

RECEIVED Letters from the Spanish Commissaries & forwarded one to the Spanish Governor as follow:

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL AND THE BRITISH CHIEFS BY SEA & LAND.

Letter from
the Spanish
commis-
saries.

The Commissioners of this Superior Government desire the Evacuation of Manila & Cavita by virtue of the superior orders of his Britannick Majesty & in conformity with the 23^d. & 24th. articles of the definitive treaty, and as it will be necessary to treat of many points which cannot at present be determined, we hope your Worships will depute some with proper powers & characters that every thing may be concluded with that good harmony our Monarchs have shewn us. Santa Crus 27th. March 1764.

NICH^s. EDANS BEAUMANT [*sic*].

FRANCISCO XAVIER SALGADO.

MARIANO TOBIAS.

RAYMUNDA ESPANOL.

TO THE SPANISH COMMISSARIES.

Francis Morales attorney to the Misericordia says that as soon as he was informed that Don St. Iago Orendain was indebted to the said Peons work in the sum of 27,270 Dollars and wanted to withdraw from hence, he gave in a petition to the Governor & Council requiring that he should not upon no account be permitted to go away; since the month of August, he has given in divers Petitions to the same purpose but could get no other answers than that a copy of the same should be remitted to said Orendain who sent in a frivolous answer. Now as said attorney is informed that Orendain has asked & got leave to go away he begs the commissaries will please to apply to the Governor & Council for the papers given into them that they may compell him to pay said sum or upon no account consent to his leaving the place before he has given entire satisfaction.

He further desires an acquittance for the Money & Jewels taken out of the said Misericordia and given towards the contribution, which said attorney's often begged the Governor & Council would give him but could never obtain.

F. MORALES.

TO THE SPANISH COMMISSARIES.

Placido Pigolotti humbly sets forth that in the Voyage he made in the year 1762 to Batavia he had on board his ship about 10,000 Doll^s. worth of Merchandize belonging to Mr. Faillet besides 120 Peculs of Pepper & as said Faillet has not hitherto paid the freight for more than the Pepper he begs that before he withdraw from hence he may be obliged to pay the Freight which comes to 8 per Cent and he will for ever pray.

DON PEDRO ASTAGUIETA EX^or to the deceased Don John de Aristorena says that Diego Pequa owes the deceased 3600 Doll^{rs}. the late Cabcicilla 320 Domingo Tucco owes 600 & John Nopomuceno above 200 Doll^{rs}. & as he is afraid said Chinese may go away he begs the commissaries will use their Interest & Endeavors to prevent their withdrawing until they have paid the said sums.

PEDRO ASTAGUETA.

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

We have certain Intelligence that Don St. Iago Orendain has requested leave of your worships to embark & that you have granted it—this man is indebted in this City for more than 60,000 Doll^{rs}. for he owes to the Royal Misericordia 27,000 as appears to your Lordship's from the representations, which have been made to you on behalf of the said royal House & not having had due satisfaction has induced them to have recourse to the protectors of this Superior Government, whose authority, we represent, for which reason we demand that said Orendain & his goods be secured & delivered to us, and in default thereof we protest with all form against the East India Company and their Council who shall be answerable for all the said debts & we expect that without loss of time this demand be comply'd with or the reason of the neglect be made to appear to us.

SA. CRUZ 23^o. MARCH 1764.

N. DE ECHAUZ BEAUMONT.
F. X. SALGADO.
M. TOBIAS.
R. ESPANOL.

TO THE SPANISH COMMISSARIES.

Father Malaza Procurer General to the Jesuits Desires payment for the 2 Houses burnt at Naptaham for 101 Buffaloes which besides the 40 Cows the English took from the Farm of St. Pedro Macati 50 Peculs of wheat taken from the Farm of Columbo they likewise should repair the Damages and losses sustained by having burnt the village of St. Pedro Macati whose Inhabitants made no opposition and consequently it was contrary to all reason and Justice to have burnt said village 6 Months after the taking of Manila, he likewise calls for the repairs of Nona Landing Place & in short a Number of other things which were destroyed at said village after they had published the suspension of arms he likewise desires payment for all the losses sustained at Maregoudon which the superior of the Jesuits has already called for in 2 Petitions which he gave in & were not taken any notice of.

TO THE BRITISH GOVERNOR & COUNCIL.

Having acted with that politeness due to good harmony & the merit of a Nation so generous as the English in having permitted an officer to go to Pelo and see if any of the Desesters [*sic*] had a mind to return to their colors and having given as many other Instances of our respect as our powers permitted us we cannot but be concerned that after these actions are notorious & having even so late as to day permitted you to affix your proclamations for the Deserters you should deny us leave to go and see the king of Sooloo we therefore insist upon an Interview with him & desire you will appoint the hour in which we may go.

N. DE ECHAUZ BEAUMONT.
FRAN. XAVIER SALGADO.
MAR: TOBIAS.
RAMY: ESPANOL.

SA. CRUZ 27 MARCH 1764.

TO DON FRANCISCO DE LA TOWN,
GOV^r. PRES^t. OF THE ROYAL AUDIENCE & CAPT. GENL.
OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Letter to
the Spanish
Governor.

We have received your very extraordinary Letter and were we not desirous of obviating every thing that good harmony so strongly recommended by our Sovereigns, it gave great room for a reply of asperity, however we flatter ourselves our conduct will stand approved in the opinion of our superiors. We are sorry to say Sir, that general reflections and Invectives on a part of that Nation from whom you confess to have received so many civilities, carries with it very little mark of that regard you express for it, where they are not well founded, they instead of having then [*sic*] desired effect on the persons they are intended to wound, reflect back with greater force on the authors of them however Sir as we wish to restore that Friendship which before this war subsisted between the subjects of their Britannick & Catholick Majesties, we will dismiss the subject & proceed to acquaint you that in obedience to the royal orders of our Sovereign we have this day embarked part of our Troops & that we shall certainly deliver up to you the City of Manila the 31st. Instant in the Morning & Cavita as soon as possible, depending upon you for a supply of every thing we may after that time want we are to request receipts for the Places and Stores may be prepared.

As there will be many things left behind belonging to the British Nation, besides the sick in the Hospital whom we beg leave in the most particular manner to recommend to your protection, we must also beg your permission to leave Mr. Quintin Craufurd as our agent we flatter ourselves you will assist in the transportation of the sick when they are in a Condition to follow us, with such effects as may remain and as we foresee he will be put to Inconveniences in the Payment of necessaries &^a. for want of the Current coin, we having none but Rupees, if you will do us the favor to advance him money/ he will give you Bills either on the East India Company in England or on the President & Council of Fort St. George.

Several scandalous aspersions having been delivered into the Council against Mr. Drake by your Commissaries he has denied their assertions and given an obligation that he will be answerable for any charge that may be proved upon him on his arrival at Madras; the shortness of the time not admitting of their being examined into here, but as it would be inconsistent with the honor of our Nation as well as our own that he should act in so public a character while under such aspersions he has retired on board the Poocke & resigned his authority to Alexander Dalymple [*sic*] Esq^r.

We must observe that the most expedient Method for satisfying those who think themselves injured will be to depute Commissaries with proper powers to prove the said charges and you may be assured of their being treated with the utmost politeness.

We are with respect

SIR

Your most obedient Servant [*sic*].

HENRY PARSONS.
W^m. STEVENSON.
FRAN^s. JOURDAN.

MANILA
28TH. MARCH 1764.

TO THE GENTLEMEN IN COUNCIL AT MANILA.

GENTLEMEN

I have received your Letter—the office & occasion are equally disagreeable, however as you are earnest in your application from an opinion that it may be use of to the Company I acquiesce.

Mr. Dalrym-
ple accept
the Govern-
ment.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most obed^t. Serv^t.

A. DALRYMPLE.

MANILA

29th. MARCH 1764.

In the morning Mr. Drake embark'd giving out the following order:—

Proceedings
of the
Military
officer in
Command
and
Protest in
Conse-
quence.

Several scandalous aspersions & false accusation having been lodged against Mr. Drake, which however the shortness of the time will not admit of refuting the regard he has for the honor of his Country & his Employers will not suffer him to act in so conspicuous a character in the chief representative of both while unable to obviate such charges he therefore retires on board the admiral Pococke & wait with Impatience to vindicate his conduct before the President & Council of Fort St. George to whom alone he can with propriety give an account of his actions.

By his Departure his power & authority devolve upon Alexander Dalrymple Esq^{re}. the Company's Senior Agent here. Alexander Dalrymple Esq^r. is accordingly declared Deputy Governor and is to be obey'd as such.

Which he directed the Town Major not to publish till he was gone off—this step of Mr. Drakes gave the commandant an opportunity to this order being given out publicly alledging that Mr. Drake's authority was expired and therefore that no orders could come from him to obviate this the Council altered the latter part of the order as follows:—

By this departure his power and authority devolve upon the Council who appoint Alexander Dalrymple Esq^{re}. the Company's Senior agent here to be provisional Deputy Governor and he is accordingly to be obeyed as such.

And gave it out signed by the Secretary, but Captⁿ. Sleigh refused still to let it be entered on the orderly books or to be published and assuming an authority himself went to the Citadel & released Captⁿ. Backhouse a Prisoner there. In consequence of these steps it was resolved to protest against Captⁿ. Sleigh & deprive him of the Command and accordingly the following was sent by Captⁿ. Stevenson.

We the provisional Deputy Governor & Council of Manila depriv'd of the power of executing our Functions committed to our charge by the appointment of the representatives of the united Country [*sic*] of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom his Majesty has been pleased graciously to commit the charge of this place and it's Dependencies. In the Name and Behalf of his Majesty and the said United Company reserving to ourselves all objections to the want of due form therein do by those presents protest against you Jeremiah Sleigh Esq^{re}. Commandant of the Troops in consequence of Captⁿ. Tho^s. Backhouse being in arrest and all others concern'd in countenancing or assisting you in depriving us of our legal authority & in all other illegal proceedings of you the said Jeremiah Sleigh and all others your abettors declaring you and such persons answerable for all consequences and do further

declare you Jeremiah Sleigh so far as rests with us depriv'd of all authority and that the next officer in turn shall take the Command of the Troops and obey such orders as he may receive from us. Given under our hands & the seal of the said united Company in Manila this 29th. March 1764.

A. DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
W^m. STEVENSON.
FRAN^s. JOURDAN.

But Captⁿ. Sleigh would not receive, nor hear it as express'd in the following Declaration annexed thereto.

We whose names are under written are witnesses that Captⁿ. Stevenson in our presence did tender the above protest to Captⁿ. Jeh^b. Sleigh as commandant of the Troops in the name & by order of the Provisional Deputy Governor which he repeatedly refus'd and afterwards Captⁿ. Stevenson read it with an audible voice, but Captⁿ. Sleigh went away declaring that he would have nothing to do with him Captⁿ. Stevenson or the Provisional Governor & Council. Quintin Craufurd John Watson Wm. Thompson Lt. 79th. Reg^t. Th^{os}. Davies Lt. Roy^l. Art^y.

Peter John Poveny Town Major.

As Captⁿ. Sleigh would not receive this Protest it was thought necessary to address the corps of officers and Captⁿ. Backhouse having withdrawn the Fort in Guard, by which the Parian was exposed to the resentment of the Spaniards and a stop put to all communication with or assistance from thence, this was also mentioned in the address but before this was published on a report that it was intended to give up the Parian Gate in the afternoon the following order was sent:—

TO LIEUT. GORDON COMMANDING THE PARIAN GATE OR THE OFFICER
COMMANDING THERE.

SIR,

You will in no consideration without an order in writing from us or the Deputy Governor deliver up or withdraw your Post or admit the Spanish Troops to approach nearer thereto.

SIR,

Your most obedient Servants

A. DALRYMPLE.
W^m. STEVENSON.
FRAN^s. JOURDAN.

MANILA MARCH 29TH. 1764.

This to be delivered to the relieving officer.

And one of the London's Boats was dispatched to Cavita with an order to Captⁿ. Flint to obey no commands but those of the Deputy Governor & Council.

A Letter was also sent to Captⁿ. Mathew Home Commandant of Artillery as follows as was likewise one to Captⁿ. Abraham Taizan Commanding the Company's Military at Manila to the same effect.

To CAPTⁿ. MATHEW HORNE.
Commanding the Artillery.

SIR

You are hereby directed on no consideration to obey any orders but such as you receive from us or the Deputy Governor.

SIR

Your most humble Servants

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE
Provl. Dy. Govr. &^a. Council.

MANILA 29TH. MARCH 1764.

In the afternoon, on the report of a party intended for Cavita a commission was delivered to Mr. Stevenson as Deputy Governor there & he dispatched thither in the admiral Poccocke's Boat.

Mr. Stevenson appointed Dy. Govr. of Cavita.

And as Lieut. Richbell was reported to be ordered by Captⁿ. Backhouse into arrest for his Behavior in seizing the said Backhouse a Letter was sent to him as follows:—

To LIEUT. RICHBELL OF HIS MAJESTYS 79TH. REG^t.

SIR

You are on no account to obey Captⁿ. Backhouse or Captⁿ. Sleights arrest, both of them being ordered into arrest by the legal Government of Manila.

SIR

Your most obedient Servants

A. DALRYMPLE P. D. Govr.
HENRY PARSONS.
FRANS. JOURDAN.

MANILA
29TH. MARCH 1764.

But this miscarried. Too much however cannot be said in favor of this Gentleman's officer like behavior.

In the afternoon the orderly Serjeant was sent with the following Letter to the officers.

To CAPTⁿ. FARN CIS DUPONT.
JOHN MURE.
THO^s. SIFTON.
ABRAHAM FAIZAN.
MATHEW HORNE.
JOHN DERPLANS.
CAPT. LT. THO^s. SANDERS.

William Russel &^a. officers of the Garrisons of Manilla & its Dependencies.

GENTLEMEN,

Whereas Dawsonne Drake Esqr. having on application to the Council obtained leave to resign the Government of this place the administration of affairs devolved upon us the Provisional Deputy Governor & Council upon

Captⁿ. Jeremiah Sleigh then Commandant without our leave or permission rescuing or releasing Captⁿ. Tho^s. Backhouse then a Prisoner, and aiding the said Captⁿ. Backhouse in withdrawing the guard & giving up the Fort in. We did in the name & behalf of his Majesty & the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, protest against the said Jeremiah Sleigh & all others concerned, by the hands of Captⁿ. Stevenson; but the said Captⁿ. Sleigh refusing to receive or hear the protest as appears by a Copy of the Declaration thereunto annex'd we the Provisional Deputy Governor & Council do enclose the said protest to you repeating the same in as full & ample a manner as is herein literally inserted—desiring your aid and assistance in support of our legal authority against all persons who do or have opposed it, agreeable to the articles of War protesting against you in case of neglect or Refusal.

Given at Manila under our hands & the seal of the said Company.

A. DALRYMPLE *P. D. Govr.*
HENRY PARSONS.
W^m. STEVENSON.
FRAN^s. JOURDAN.

And at Roll Calling on the Parade the provisional Deputy Governor attended by the Council address'd the officers of the 79th. Reg^t. and all others that he had something to communicate on the part of the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, the adjutant of the regi^t. having refused to call the officers together for that purpose; and then the Provisional Deputy Governor read the letter to the officers and the Protest against Captⁿ. Sleigh, and declared that he left them to act as they thought proper.

Having taken every measure which we could conceive prudent & due to our Employers, there remain'd nothing more but removing as soon as the Companys Treasure was embarked and accordingly the 30th. in the afternoon went aboard the Revenge. It is necessary to observe in favor of the Corps of Artillery & Companys Military that they would receive no orders from Captⁿ. Backhouse but were ready to obey any sent from the Board.

In the Evening before sent a Letter to Captⁿ. Brereton as follows:—

TO WILLIAM BRERETON ESQ^{re}.

Commanding his Majestys ship Falmouth &^{ca}.

SIR

In consequence of the complaints lodged by you against Mr. Drake that Gentleman having been called upon has deny'd the charge & has given an Engagement to be responsible at Madras—as there was not time to clear them up before our Departure—he also to avoid any difficulties to the service from these reflections on his character obtained leave to resign his office and the Government has devolved upon us.

As Captⁿ. Backhouse & Captⁿ. Sleigh are under arrest, we must request that in case of their going in any of the ships under your Command they may be secured in such manner that they may be brought to a Tryal on their arrival on the Coast of Choromandel & we think it our Duty hereby to protest against you or any other who may be countenancing or assisting in their Escape from Justice.

We have received your Letter, but think it more eligible that the Revenge & Admiral Poocke be left at liberty to take such measures as their Commanders may judge most convenient—the others are under the Direction of Mr. Dalrymple.

We are

SIR

Your most obedient Servants,

A. DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
.....
FRANCIS JOURDAN.

MANILA

29TH. MARCH 1764.

And this Morning had his answer.

TO MESS^{RS}. DALRYMPLE, PARSONS, STEVENSON & JOURDAN

Agents for the East India Company's affairs at Manilla.

GENTLEMEN

I received your Letter of yesterday's Date and am sorry to find you let Mr. Drake escape the full conviction it is in my power to produce against him, however I shall not fail to have proper Vouchers for the charge I have lodg'd against him—in the meantime you will send to him for the two obligations given him by the deceased Mr. Noreiza which ought and must be deliver'd up as the Money is paid.

Letter from
Capt.
Bretton.

You know my sentiments were that your Government was dissolved when I received the King's sign Manual which absolutely superceeded the authority you were invested with by General Draper's Instructions and you also know I have protested against your usurping any authority by Force of arms, therefore I can never acknowledge you as Governor & Council Mr. Drake's refusing to relinquish his Government and Employing the Champans in carrying away his ill gotten gains has greatly retarded our embarking the Troops. I must now acquaint you that the Commandant of the Troops and I have resolved to deliver up the City of Manilla tomorrow being the 31st. Instant, so that you will do well to embark the Civil Department without loss of time leaving on shore proper persons to deliver over the archives &^a. that you were charg'd with at receiving the Place—agreeable to the 22^d. article of the Definitive treaty.

Was I to be influenc'd by such selfish views as you seem to be I should have gone to China to repair my ship/which is represented in a very bad condition or taken on board as many of the kings Troops as, I could accomodate and sailed the 12th. Instant which would have secured my passage to India the common Track but on your representing the Company's affairs in a dangerous situation in India I have/at the hazard of his Majesty ships under my Command & at the hazard of a large ship and Cargo the property of the captors in which the Company are nearly concerned/undertaken to transport the Troops thither without loss of Time and as we must go a very dangerous Track I think it necessary the Ships should all go together that in case of any accident happening they may be assisting to one another, and as the small vessels in particular may be of infinite service in this undertaking I desire and demand that they are all immediately put under my Commandant protest against any of you at your perils to give orders to the contrary and should you so far forget the Duty to your Majesty or your Employers I hereby make you

answerable in case of any accident be falling the Falmouth and Siam for the Damages the Crown may sustain or the Captors as she has been detained on account and at the risque of the East India Company.

I am now to acquaint you that I have no clerks and that the Pen is not my Province. I must therefore decline carrying on any further correspondence as I have affairs of moment to attend to, therefore if you have any business with me I beg you will depute a proper person to Communicate it to me who shall receive my immediate reply.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servant

W^m. BRERETON.

MANILA

30TH. MARCH 1764.

P.S. I desire each of the Company ships and vessels may be supplyd with a white & blew Flag each for sounding signals as also with leads & lines for the same service.

TO WILLIAM BRERETON ESQ^R.

Commanding his Majestys ships Falmouth &ca.

SIR,

Mr. Craufurd is left agent for the East India Company at Manila, but he has no charge except of the Company's affairs for as we have been depriv'd of the power of executing our public Functions as Provisional Deputy Governor of Manila, the Company are no longer responsible for any thing there and we have protested and do hereby protest in the Name and Behalf of his Majesty and the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies against all such persons concerned in such arbitrary and unjustifiable proceedings & do declare such persons alone answerable for any thing belonging to Manila.

We have already informed you the small vessels are on another Establishment tho' we may observe in answer to your letter that the Company have paid enough for them to be entitled to their services.

As you inform us you have affairs of moment to attend to, we shall only observe that we do not pretend to enter into a discussion of your duty and we shall be directed in ours by our own Judgement and the Instructions of our Superiors, to whom we leave the Examination of our conduct but as Britons we are engaged to oppose every Incroachment of arbitrary Power, in which we shall shew, in the most sincere manner, our attachment to his Majesty who has declared himself the Patron of Liberty and as such can never be hurt in the affections of his subjects, but thro' the presumption of his officers.

We are

SIR

Your most obedient Servants

A DALRYMPLE.
HENRY PARSONS.
W^m. STEVENSON.
FRAN^s. JOURDAN.

ON BOARD THE REVENGE
AT CAVITA MARCH 31ST. 1764.

April 1. Received a Letter from Mr. Quintin Craufurd appointed resident for the Hoñble Company at Manila.

TO ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE ESQ^{RE}.

PROVISIONAL DEPUTY GOVERNOR & A. COUNCIL AT CAVITA.

GENTLEMEN,

I have just received certain Information that Captain Backhouse has sent an order to Captain Sleigh to land as many men as he can from the Siam to take possession of Cavita. Letter from Mr. Craufurd.

I shall be much obliged for my Instructions as soon to morrow morning as possible.

I propose to give out a publick notification that as the Governor and Council have retired to Cavita whoever have any just claims on the East India Company do make them there.

The Spanish Governor has applyd in the most pressing manner for all the Military stores you can possible [*sic*] spare they complain of being left without powder and destitute of every necessary for their defence. I wish you will let him have the powder that is on Board the Falmouth and acquaint me with the price that ought to be charged for it as Captain Brereton & Backhouse seem to take every advantage to throw an odium on the Conduct of the Company—the not granting them this request may afford them an opportunity.

I am with much respect,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obed^t. humble Servant

QUINTIN CRAUFURD.

MANILA

31ST. MARCH 1764.

2^D. SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO QUINTIN CRAUFURD ESQ^{RE}. AS FOLLOWS:—

TO QUINTIN CRAUFURD ESQ^R.

SIR

We have appointed you to remain here resident on behalf of the Company. Instructions to Mr. Craufurd.

Any representations that may be made to you are carefully to be forwarded to Fort St. George and we persuade ourselves you will not fail to make proper remonstrances to the Spanish Government against any thing that may be done by them derogatory to the honor of the nation, or the credit of our employers; and you are by no means to enter into engagements or contracts [*sic*] with them on the Company's Account.

The Commissaries having protested against us for protecting 1st. Iago Orendain you will acquaint the Spanish administration that his effects were before delivered to them, and we enclose you the several demands made upon him.

Mr. Morales attorney for the Misericordia having applied to us for a receipt for the money paid towards the contribution you are to inform him that the Company did not receive it and that he was before directed to apply to the agent for the Captors.

At Cavita is a Sloop belonging to the Company she must be forthwith repaired and at a proper Season she will serve to bring away the Sick that are left behind.

There are also a Gatty [sic]. Timber and Stores. These will be delivered by Mr. Nodes and you are to endeavour to dispose of. If any Military Stores remain, they may be brought away in the Sloop, or in any Ships that may call here.

At Manila are Paddy, arrack &^{ca}. Stores at Pasig about 200 cavans of Paddy. These must be sold off to the best advantage.

Should any of the Companys Ships arrive with Orders or letters from England, or any part of India, you will open the dispatches for Manilla, and send the said Ships to China; if there are no particular directions how they are to be disposed of and deliver any Packets they may bring for the Spanish Government.

If you should want money you are to apply to the Spanish Government who we doubt not will advance you any Sum you may require, for which we do hereby empower you to Draw on the Court of Directors or the Presidency of Fort St. George.

Mr. Emison is to remain you with his former Allowances.

Your appointments are to be 6 Rs. per day we are however convinced your expences will be greater, and shall accordingly represent it to the Presidency, that they may make you any further allowance they think reasonable for incidental Charges. Dated on Board the Revenge April 2^d. 1764.

A. DALRYMPLE &^{ca}. COUNCIL.

Agreed to write a letter to Mr. Quintin Crawford as follows.—

TO QUINTIN CRAWFURD ESQ^r.

President at Manila.

SIR

We have received your letter of the 31st. Ultimo it may be proper to have the sanction of our approbation to any claims made to you before our Departure, it is by no means eligible to refer these people to us. Your representation will be sufficient—but in the instance of the Paddy &^{ca}. brought by our Troops from Mariondon and the adjoining places you will acquaint Mr. Salgado that you have our directions to pay such accounts for Grain and cattle as he will vouch to be just.

You are to settle with Mr. Salgado for the rice it being now all received. That Gentleman has been advanced 3000 Dollars on that account.

The great want of all Military Stores in India puts it out of our power, without betraying the trust reposed in us, to supply the Spanish Government in the manner they desire; we shall however with much pleasure permit the 59 barrels of powder on the Falmouth to be landed but We must observe that powder is dust. The remainder on board that ship being fixed ammunition, which cannot be spared; however to shew our good inclination we consent to leave them what spare small arms & musquet ammunition we have you will acquaint the Spanish Government that we are much concerned we have it not in our power to assist them more effectually and that if it be agreeable to them we will leave this to be accounted for with our Superiors at Fort St. George as we have no authority to dispose of Military Stores. You will take their receipts for the quantity specifying the number and nature of the barrels many of them if not all having copper hoops. You will desire that a proper person may be immediately appointed to receive the small Arms & Ammunition which are at Cavita.

Letter to
Mr. Crawford.

Notwithstanding our former directions concerning the sloop if you find any great difficulties in repairing her you may sell her and send away the sick in the first Vessel that calls here in her way to China.

ON BOARD THE REVENGE
IN CAVITA HARBOUR 2^d APRIL 1764.

We are,
SIR
Your affectionate friends
A. DALRYMPLE.

Yesterday Evening signed the following to Captain Stevenson.

TO WILLIAM STEVENSON Esq^r.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF CAVITA.

SIR

In consequence of Senor Treates application you may acquaint him that p^o. Voda shall be given up to him on condition of his giving his honor that no persons shall in any manner be molested during our continuance here.

REVENGE OFF CAVITA
APRIL 2^d. 1764.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate friends,
A. DALRYMPLE & C^a. COUNCIL.

Received by Mess^{rs}. Tobis [*sic*] and Reymundo a letter from the Spanish Governor is also one from the Commissaries as follows:—

TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF THE COMPANY OF MADRAS.

GENTLEMEN

By a letter dated today which I received from Mr. Crawford I see that you are inclined to pay some attention with respect to the King of Sooloo and the permission you have granted for his being seen and altho' this should have been done some time ago in consequence of my just representations yet I am ready to return that respect which corresponds with that due to my Sovereign & send the Captains Don Mariano Tobias and Don Raymundo Espano with Don Ant^o. Abad that they may in my name see the said King and know from his own mouth whether it is agreeable to him to forsake the royal protection of his Catholic Majesty and put himself under that of his Britannick Majesty.

I cannot do less than represent to your Worships the bad proceedings of the Chinese and the Irregularities in which they live, without considering their being under the protection of the King my Master, and their lives pardoned in His name by me; they neither ought nor can be absent from the Parian without my leave—and I doubt much whether you gave them permission to remove in such a licentious manner to that port & to take by force many Vessels to carry them to Sooloo or Madras, which proceeding is very hurtful to harmony for which reason I expect that you will take measures for their immediate return to this Capital and on the contrary I shall find myself under necessity to use the most vigorous measures to the end that they may proceed with that regularity which they ought. God preserve you many Years.

MANILA APRIL 3^d. 1764.

FRANCIS DE LA TORRE.

An answer was immediately forwarded as follows:—

TO DON FRAN^{co} DE LA TORRE
PRESIDENT GOV^r. & CAP^t. GEN^l. OF THE PHILIPPINA ISLAND.

SIR

Letter to
the Span^{ish},
Governor,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 3 April. As the Sultan of Sooloo has not for some time been under the immediate protection of this Government Mr. Dalrymple will reply to you on that subject.

In regard to the Chinese we beg leave to inform you that 3 of them have been Murdered at Cavita since we have been here and as they have been unable to get any satisfaction it is very natural for them to be under great apprehensions of the Indians and these apprehensions will prevent their placing that confidence in the Edict of your Government which they ought but as they are under the protection of the british flag & have by their attachment to the [*sic*] raised the resentment of the Indians we are under the necessity of obeying the orders of our superiors to afford them every assistance to those who are desirous of removing from hence.

We have the honor to be

SIR

REVENGE OFF CAVITA

APRIL 4, 1764.

Your most obed^t. hu^e. Serv^{ts}.

A. DALRYMPLE &^{ca}. COUNCIL.

Received last night the following letter from Cap. Sleigh.

TO MR. ALEX^r. DALRYMPLE & THE AGENTS FOR THE HONBLE EAST INDIA
COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN

I have received Orders from Capt. Brereton of his Majestys Navy & Capt^r. Backhouse Commander of the land forces acting jointly by virtue of his Majestys Royal sign Manual for delivering up to his Catholic Majesty the Conquest of Manila and its dependencies and Cavita being part of those dependencies you will therefore evacuate the Citadel of Cavita tomorrow morning at 7 O'clock that their Britannick and Catholick Majestys Orders and Instructions may be most faithfully fulfilled & you will embark such Troops on board the respective Ships they are already destined for that are ready to receive them (as you will be answerable for disobedienc of his Majestys Orders and every other consequence that may happen, as I shall embark the detachment of his Majestys 79th Reg^t. tomorrow morning and that his Catholic Majestys Troops may be put in possession of the Citadel of the place which you hold by force/a copy of my Order I herewith inclose to you.

I am

CAVITA 3 APRIL 1764.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obed^t. hum^e. Servant,

JEREMIAH SLEIGH.

SIR,

Whereas we have signified to the Companys Agents here that their Government & Power was dissolved by the Warrants his Majesty has been pleased to honor us with, & the said Governor & Council having abandoned the City of Manila & forcibly usurped the Command at Cavita in Contempt of his Majestys will & Commands.

We do therefore hereby require and direct you to take upon you the Commands of the Troops at Cavita & communicate your Orders to the Companys agents there and Whereas we give up the City of Manila with its dependencies in Form yesterday morning to the Spanish Governor and the Spanish Troops being on their March to take possession of Cavita you will prepare to embark the Troops on board the ships at Cavita and consult on that head Leu^t. Glassford who Commands the Siam—when the Ships are ready to receive your Troops you are to acquaint the Spanish Castilians with it and on the arrival of the Spanish Troops you are to give up the Ports and Town in form and embark the others.

Should you meet with any Obstruction by the Usurper in the execution of your Orders you are to embark the Kings Troops under your Command on board the Siam and send the party under Lt. Scott in a champan to the Fal-mouth leaving the Companys people to be responsible to his Majestys for their disobedience.

(Signed) WILL: BRERETON.

THO^s. BACKHOUSE.

To which by order of the Deputy Gov^r. & Council the Secretary sent the following.

TO JEREMIAH SLEIGH Esq^r.

SIR

I am ordered by the Deputy Gov^r. and Council to acquaint you that they have nothing to say to you or Capt. Backhouse till he becomes necessary to make good their Prosecution before a proper Court. I am,

SIR

Your most obed. Servant

FRANCIS JOURDAN.
Secy.

AT A CONSULTATION

PRESENT:

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE Esq^r. PROVINCIAL D^y. GOV^r.

PRESIDENT.

HENRY PARSONS.

WILLIAM STEVENSON.

FRANCIS JOURDAN.

Read the following letters from Mr. Crawford President at Manilla.

TO ALEX. DALRYMPLE Esq^r. Provincial Dep^y. Gov^r. &^{ca}. Council at Cavita.
GENTLEMEN

I had the pleasure of receiving your Instructions the 3 Instant dated the 2^d.

The demands upon Mr. Orendain which you mention to have inclosed were not in the Packet.

As I am here with only one Assistant it will be impossible for either him or me to be at Cavita, unless the Companys affairs here are neglected—it will not therefore be in my power to repair the Sloop except at an immense Expence, by being under the necessity of trusting the management of it to some body then I should therefore imagine it will be better to sell her for what she will

immediately sell as in a short time she will not be worth repairing. And as Mr. Dalrymple has agreed to call here in his way to China she will not be wanted for carrying away the sick.

The Stores which you mention are to be left at Cavita I should be glad you will inform me when they are to be delivered over that I may send some person there to take an account of them; but I apprehend it would be better to give them to the Castiliano taking his receipt for them & transmitting it to me.

Mr. Salgado in conversation with me this morning hinted that all the Stores left in the Almagina would be seized for the King of Spain and only a receipt given for them I should think therefore if all those at Cavita could be taken on board, it would be better than leaving them at such a risque.

I have acquainted the Gov^r. you will leave him all the Military Stores you can possibly spare him.

I shall be under the necessity of paying rent for the house I have for myself and that for the Companys effects.

Capt. Breerton yesterday offered me a receipt which he had got from the Spaniards for the Powder and fixed Ammunition of the Companys which was on board his Ship but I acquainted him that as I understood he had landed it without your knowledge I could not possibly intermeddle therein.

The Companys Arrack in the Almagina is far from being full and the Casks leak extremely.

Agreeable to your desire I settled with Mr. Salgado and gave Mr. Desauza an order to pay the people of Marigonda and Judan, as he had money for the Companys in his hands.

I must repeat that notwithstanding Capt. Desplans was advanced subsistence for the Seapoys to the end of May he has paid none to the Sick who are left behind & having had complaints from them thro' Mr. Stout I shall be obliged to pay them you will therefore be pleased to take the necessary means to get it refunded.

I have received from Mr. Desauza agreeable to your desire 2000 Dolls. on account the Honble Company for which I have granted Bills on the Presidency of Fort St. George.

I must earnestly request you will be pleased to send me Invoice of the Timber &^{ca}. Stores belonging to the Honble Company on this Island.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

with the greatest respect

Your most humble & M^t. obed^t. Servant

(Signed) QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

MANILA 5 APRIL 1764.

TO ALEX. DALRYMPLE ESQ^R.
P. Dep^y. Governor &^{ca}. Council at Cavita.

GENTLEMEN

I did myself the pleasure of writing to you the 5th. Instant.

It is impossible to convince how disagreeable my situation is rendered by daily fresh demands on the Company for things which were never before heard of and concerning which I could of course have no Instructions.

Mr. Salgado was with me this morning demanding payment of wheat seized by order of Capt. Backhouse at Columbo 1762 of Paddy which he took at Tunisian and sold for the use of himself & party of Cattle taken by Lt. Thomson at St. Pedro Macate, the amount of which that Gentleman applied to the same use of Cacao taken I believe by Mr. Roberts from Maundugue of Cattle taken by Lt. Spearing for which the notes are produced—in short whatever has been taken by parties or robbed by Individuals before or after the Suspension of Arms is now Charged to the Honble Company.

Mr. Salgado likewise Demands payment for two Champan and two Cascos of his own which were sent on board with Rice and never returned—he says there were besides 2 Champan carried down the river by Chinese loaded with the property of the Inhabitants & Chinese who are greatly in Debt that he acquainted you therewith & desired to put a Spanish guard on board to secure them but that you desired his request and declared you would be answerable for them and that they are now no where to be found—this he says the Company must likewise pay for.

I am

GENTLEMEN

With much respects

Your most obed^t. humble Servant

QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

MANILA 6TH. APRIL.

It was left to Mr. Crawford to sell or repair the Sloop as he might find most expedient and altho' Mr. Dalrymple may stop in the bay, it does not appear a proper measure without the Governors Consent for which he should apply.

Several deserters having been received at Cavita notwithstanding the Castiliano gave his honor that he would return all such. The Board cannot help expressing their sense of this & as nothing but making a just return to any Country they might receive could vindicate their leaving any part of the Military stores they will be obliged to embark unless these People be returned.

If any of the Companys effects be seized Mr. Crawford must protest in their behalf he did right in refusing the receipt tendered by Capt. Brereton.

Agreed that as soon as the Ships are in Condition to sail to the Merebella & to take in Water The Citadel delivered to the appointed Governor.

As several of the Chinese have been murdered at Cavita and they so far from placing dependence on the promises of the Spaniards have most of them left Manila, one or two having been killed there by the Spanish Soldiers while our Troops were embarking and they having thrown themselves under the protection of the british flag and to abandon them to the resentment of the Spaniards incensed against them for their attachment to the English during the War would be a reflection on the nation, as well as the Companys agents It is agreed that such as are not supplied with Rice and vessels for a passage to the Southward be assisted by the Company as far as prudence will admit.

A Bill for repairing Tanks presented and ordered to be paid.

To assist in carrying away the Garrison it was thought necessary that the Illocoa should be taken up at freight and she now being repairing by the owners for that purpose Agreed that a premium of 20 per Cent be allowed to them on the prime Cost and Charges of the said Vessel & that the difference between the said Prime Cost and Charges & the value of the said vessel at Madras be made up to them by the Company. The Board are sensible this will be a large sum but the necessity of Circumstances made the Spanish Owners insist on a high

Conditions
of freight
for the
Illocoa.

price & the extravagant price of all materials made the small repairs necessary amount to a considerable sum But as there was no removing without this Ship there is no room to hesitate which is the most Eligible.

Ordered that Mr. Watsons Bill for the above be discharged.

Sent the following to Quintin Crawford Esqr.

TO QUINTIN CRAWFURD Esqr.
RESIDENT AT MANILLA.

SIR,

We have received 2 Letters from you to night to which we now reply.—

We left it to you either to repair or sell the Sloop as you found most expedient; and altho' Mr. Dalrymple purposes stopping at the mouth of the bay It does not appear by any means a proper step without the Governours consent, for which you will apply. But should any opportunities offer either on English or Spanish Vessels to transport the Companys effects or the people you will embrace them.

You will inform the Gov^r. that several deserters having been received here within these few days notwithstanding the Castiliano gave his honor that he would return any such we cannot help expressing our sense of this & as nothing but making a just return to any Civilities that might be shown us could vindicate our leaving any part of the Military stores, We shall be under the necessity to embark them unless these people be returned.

If any of the Companys effects are seized you must protest on their behalf.

We think one house is sufficient for all purposes for which you are left at Manila, and the rent of this you may Charge to the Company.

You did right in refusing to accept the receipt tendered you by Captⁿ. Brereton as we gave no permission for any such Ammunition being landed.

We are

SIR

Your affectionate friends

(Signed) A. DALRYMPLE &^a. COUNCIL.

REVENGE OFF CAVITA
6TH. APRIL 1764.

Received a letter from Capt^t. Brereton of his Majestys Ship Falmouth as follows enclosing Copy of one from Capt^t. Mathison of the Panther to the Super Cargoes at Canton.

FALMOUTH OFF MANILA 7TH. APRIL 1764.

GENTLEMEN

I am to acknowledge the receipt of a Packet on his Majestys Service you sent me yesterday, /which came by the Revenge/ and has been here just a month. I enclose you copy of a letter from Cap. Mathison to the Supercargoes at China which will acquaint you with the distressed situation of the Companys affairs in India.

As the speedy arrival of the Falmouth & Siam with the Troops at Madras may be of the last importance to the Companys Interest at this Critical juncture I again demand in their Name and on their behalf that all the small Vessels are put under my direction.

Letter to
the Resident
at Manila.

Letter from
Capt. Brere-
ton.

It has ever been an invariable rule of the Companys Agents in India to comply with the requests of the Commanding Sea Officers when it has been for the good of the Public Service & I am sure the Company has no service so interesting at present for their Vessels as that of conducting the large Ships thro' the Islands towards India with the Troops.

I have received a letter from you this day (tho' it is dated the 31st. March) which I can neither make head nor Tail of, but as it does not allude to any part of my conduct I conclude the Superscriber has mistaken the address; however as it is a curiosity I shall preserve it, otherwise I should have returned it; but I must remark before I quit the Subject that you deprived Yourselves of the power of acting as Agents for the Company at Manila.

And I must not forget to observe that there was time enough between the arrival of the Frigate and your absconding for you to have delivered over to the Spaniards all that you was charged with in the Civil department.

As to embarking the Troops it was not your Province, your violent Proceedings in taking away the Ships & Boats in contempt of my protests has been of great prejudice to the Public Service & I do hereby protest against you for all the confusion & disorder that you have occasioned and flatter myself your Manauvre in general will determine his Majesty never to let people again act out of their own spheres.

On his Majestys Service

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servant

WILLIAM BRERETON.

To Mess^{rs}. Dalrymple Stevenson Parsons & Jourdan
Agents for the Companys Affairs at Cavita

To which was sent the following answer.—

REVENGE OFF CAVITA 8TH. APRIL 1764.

SIR,

We have received a letter from you dated the 7 Instant.

Letter from
Capt. Brereton.

No such packet as you mention was sent by us—we had none committed to our Care by Cap^t. Mathison or it would have been dispatched immediately.

We have repeatedly informed you that the small vessels are not under this establishment and were we to grant that the Administration in India have complied with the request of the Sea Officers when for the public service, we must observe they have always reserved the Privilege of judging when these requests were reasonable as if we mistake not in the instances of sending the Chesterfield home when Admiral Watson desired to carry her to Bengal and in refusing Mr. Cornish the Syren Snow to accompany his Squadron to Manila.

As the Companys Agent informed us you refused to receive our letter as not directed “on his Majestys Service” you might easily have accounted for its being received so late however as you imagine there is a mistake in the direction we repeat that it was directed To You.

As we do not think it can answer any good purpose to enter into altercations with you we have only to repeat that we leave our Conduct to the Judgment of our Superiors and sincerely Join with you in wishing the Transactions at Manila may induce his Majesty never to let people again act out of their own Spheres.

We are

SIR

Your most humble Servant

A. DALRYMPLE &^{CA}. COUNCIL.

To William Brereton Esq^r.
 Cap^t. of H. M. Ship Falmouth.

Mr. John Nodes having applied for leave to remain as Resident for the Company at Manila & been informed that Mr. Crawford had been appointed received a second letter from him to the same effect & claiming a Superior right from his seniority in the service and the detriment his removal would be attended with to him & applying for 400 Doll^s. in answer to which the Secretary was directed to acquaint him that his former request could not be complied with—and that when he delivered in his accounts the sum he desired should be advanced to him.

Received also a letter from him addressed to Mr. Alexander Dalrymple Mr. Henry Parsons Mr. Francis Jourdan acquainting them that as his Enemies would endeavor to hurt him, he resolved to return to Madras—but protesting against them for obliging him to leave Manila in the Sum of 400 Doll^{rs}. for goods he should be obliged to leave behind as well as for leaving Mr. Crawford, in preference to him, a Senior servant. This letter being in reflecting & indecent language Ordered to be returned by the Secretary with one to the following effect—That the Dr. Gov^r. and Council had ordered it to be returned and desired he would address them with more respect That they are surprized his accounts are so backward as they find they are & therefore direct him to lay the whole before them and in case of his neglecting so to do they will be reduced to the necessity of taking such measures as their duty to the Company demands & which his behaviour evinces ought to have been done before.

Philippine
 Snow blew
 up.

Last night by an unfortunate accident the Philippine Snow blew up whereby En^t. Spencer an European—seapoys were killed & wounded—she having sunk with many stores in her the following letter sent to Mr. Crawford.

To Quintin Crawford Esq^r.
 President at Manila.

SIR

It is with great concern we acquaint you that the Philippina Snow by an Accident was last night blown up.

An European Gunner, several Seapoys & many Chinese were wounded & some killed by the explosion the European & Seapoys have been sent to the Hospital of St. John of God from whence they are to be removed to Manila & when an opportunity offers to Madras.

You are to pay the subsistence of these unfortunate people to the brothers of St. John of God or satisfy their demands, if reasonable, and when they are out of the Hospital, they are to be paid as heretofore.

The Castiliano of Cavita has Promised to keep a guard to prevent any thefts from the wreck as she contains many Stores belonging to the Company you will immediately proceed there & save all you can.

You will also forthwith take an account of all the stores remaining on shore concerning which our Secretary wrote to you yesterday.

Capt^t. Sanders has paid the Artillery Man that proceeds in this Champan to the end of May if he should want more after Capt^t. Sanders departure, he or his attorney will account with you for the same.

We shall sail this Evening or to-morrow morning for Marevelis and are

SIR

Revenge off Cavita 11 April 1764.

Your affectionate friends

A. DALRYMPLE & A. COUNCIL.

The Cavita &^{ca.} delivered up in form to the Spanish Govr. sailed the Revenge for Marevelis as also the Illocos freight Ship.

Cavita
delivd. up
11. APRIL

Received a letter from Mr. Crawford enclosing a Bill for Boats supplied by Mr. Kennedy arrived at the Mariviles.

Sent a letter to Mr. Crawford as follows.—

To Quintin Crawford Esqr.,
Resident at Manilla.

SIR

We have received your letter if the Boats employed by Mr. Kennedy were for the public service and not paid for, they should undoubtedly be discharged.

Letter to
Mr. Crawford.

We are unacquainted with any Cascas or Champans belonging to Mr. Salgado or any others that have been taken away. If the Chinese have carried them off they have by their Accounts had goods to a considerable Amount seized in the Pariar; in Comparison with which, the loss of the Spaniards is but trifling.

The Junk which brought the Troops from Manila is not with us nor do we know whether she is returned or gone elsewhere.

We are

SIR,

Your most obedient Servants

A DALRYMPLE &^{ca.} COUNCIL.

MAREVELES BAY APRIL 1764.

To Alexr. Dalrymple Esqr.
Provisional Dr. Govr. &^{ca.} Council Cavita.

GENTLEMEN

I received your letter dated the 6th. Instant the Govr. declares that so far from encouraging Deserters, if those would return who came over to them during the War he would be happy in getting them away.

Letter from
Mr. Q. Crawford.

I expected to have heard from you with regard to Mr. Salgados Champans and Casacs; he insists either to be paid for them or have them returned he says at your request he ordered them down from the Laguna with Rice and afterwards on board the ships with the Troops and stores—that he has been informed from Cavita they were kept there in order to transport the Chinese.

They have likewise complained to me that the Junk which came last from China was seized by you for the same purpose & detained at Cavita; the Captain of which has delivered in a Protest & requires satisfaction for the value of his Vessel.

The Governor is exasperated to the utmost height of Passion against the Company and declares you have left them destitute of every kind of embarkation saying that they were decoyed to Cavita under the pretence of carrying off the Troops and then kept to carry off the Chinese—without the orders being paid for them there are daily other complaints made, many of them too plausible you may consider from thence the disagreeable situation I am in being by my Instructions left entirely ignorant of them.

Your Sentiments on these things will be most acceptable to

GENTLEMEN

Your most obed^t. humb^e. Serv^t.

QUINTIN CRAWFURD.

MANILA 10 APRIL 1764.

Signed dispatches to the Captains of the Revenge, Admiral Pockocke & Illocos to the following effect.

To JOHN WATSON ESQ^r.
Commanding the Revenge.

SIR,

The lateness of the Season making the Common Passage to the Coast very precarious if not impossible we hereby direct you to proceed to Sooloo and thence between Borneo & Celebes. In your voyage to Fort St. George you will make no unnecessary delays as the situation of affairs in India requires to have the Troops conveyed to the Coast as soon as possible.

As you are to go a Passage that has not been frequented by our Ships we enclose you a chart and some observations on the Lands but these are not to be understood as unerring Guides and are only meant to be an assistance to you you will be particular in your remarks during the Passage and deliver these with the Charts/of which you are not to take copies/to the Resident &^{ca}. Council of Fort St. George.

Mr. Dalrymple at our desire will be present at all Consultations you may have with the other Commanders in regard to the steps necessary for your security and Convincing in the Passage so far as he accompanies you.

We recommend to you to keep Company with his Majestys Ship Falmouth if she goes the same Track, till you pass Pulosant and also with the ships which now sail from hence their Commanders have orders to obey your signals.

You will be particularly attentive to Conduct yourself in such manner wherever you go as not to involve the Companys affairs or give a bad Impression of the Nation and you will obey any orders you may receive from the Company's Agents during the Passage as any Place you may touch during the Course of your voyage and on your arrival at Fort St. George you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council whose orders you will obey for your future Proceedings.

Dated on board the Revenge in Marevels day 16 April 1764.

The Companys Business relative to the Dispatch of the ship &^{ca}. being finished Mr. Dalrymple resigns the office of Provisional Deputy Governor.

Sailing
orders to
Capt.
Watson.

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