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Lately exhibited to the

States of HOLLAND and WEST-FRIEZLAND,

BY THE

Dutch EAST INDIA Company;

Against the SERVANTS of the

English EAST INDIA Company

IN BENGAL.

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High and Mighty Lords,

THE Directors of the *East India* Company, of this Country, had the Honour on the 5th of *March*, of this current Year 1761, to exhibit to your High Mightinesses, their most precise and final Representation concerning the Memorial of the Honourable Mr *Yorke*, Minister Plenipotentiary from his *Britannic* Majesty, some Time before presented to your High Mightinesses, and containing *Complaints of very extraordinary Acts of Hostility, committed by the Servants of the* East India *Company of this Country, upon the Subjects of his* Britannic *Majesty in* Bengal.

IN that Representation, the Directors hope they have not only shewn, that the Complaints, contained in the said Memorial, were groundless; but at the same time proved, that the Servants of the *Dutch East India* Company were not the Aggressors, in beginning Acts of Hostility against the Subjects of his *Britannic* Majesty; but that, on the contrary, the Servants of the *English East India*

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Company had in a hostile Manner attacked, and outrageously treated the Subjects of your High Mightinesses.

It was further shewn in that Representation, that the Company of this Country, and their Servants, were in various Respects highly injured and wronged by the Servants of the *English* Company.

The aforesaid Directors then took the Liberty of laying before your High Mightinesses, with the utmost Respect, the Consequences to be apprehended from the violent Conduct of the *English* Company's Servants in *Bengal*; as on the Precautions to be taken against it, depended entirely either the Preservation or total Ruin of several important Settlements belonging to the *Dutch* Company, and of their Commerce, in many Parts of *India*. And moreover, the Directors, founded on that Proof, and on the further Consequences to be apprehended from the Conduct of the *English* Company's Servants, to the Detriment of the *Dutch* Company, did, in their aforesaid Representation, with all Humility, yet in as strong a Manner as the Importance of the Matter required, implore *your High Mightinesses' particular Protection and effectual Assistance, in order to cause past Injuries to be redressed according to Right and Equity, and to secure the Company's Settlements in* Bengal *and elsewhere, from farther and total Ruin.*

Your High Mightinesses were pleased, in your Resolution of the aforesaid 5th of *March*, to *commit* that Representation, and in that of the 7th of *April* following, to send a Copy of the same to M. *Hop*, your High Mightinesses' Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of *Great Britain*, and at the same time to write to him, to exhibit the said Representation, when, and in what Manner he should judge most for the Service of the *East India* Company, and also to second, in all proper Ways, the Requests contained in the said Representation.

The said Envoy, M. *Hop*, hath executed this Resolution and Order of your High Mightinesses. But the aforesaid Representation having been, after some

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ſome time, returned to his Excellency, it was afterwards tranſlated into *French*, and again put into the Hands of the Miniſters of His *Britannic* Majeſty, without any Anſwer being, ſo far as the Directors know, hitherto made thereto.

THINGS continued thus, at Home, in the ſame State; but in *India*, they proceeded, meanwhile, from bad to worſe: For, in *Bengal*, the Company was obliged to pay, once and again, very conſiderable Sums of Money to the *Moors*, who, depending on the Aid and Aſſiſtance of their Friends and Allies, the Servants of the *Engliſh Eaſt India* Company, and apprized of our Inability to maintain our Rights and Privileges, and to ſecure the Company's Settlements, rapaciouſly availed themſelves of theſe Circumſtances, in order, as well from their own natural Temper, as at the Inſtigation of others, to extort, from Time to Time, large Sums of Money, from the *Dutch* Company.

THE Director and Council at *Hughley* had flattered themſelves, that after the Convention, which they were conſtrained to enter into, on the 3d of *December* 1759, with the Servants of the *Engliſh* Company, and on the 5th Ditto, with the then *Nabob*, the *Dutch* Company ſhould have enjoyed in full Quiet, their Settlements in *Bengal*, and been able to carry on their Commerce undiſturbed, without being expoſed to new Extortions, or violent Exactions. *But it ſoon appeared, That the two extorted Conventions were not yet ſufficient to anſwer the deſired Intention.* For theſe Reaſons therefore it was reſolved ſtill more to cruſh the *Dutch* Company, and deprive them entirely of their yet remaining, though feeble, Means of Security. For that Purpoſe, *Kaſim Cham*, one of the *Nabob*'s Commanders, appeared as early as the 11th of *February* after, with a great Army, before the Company's Fort *Guſtavus*; inveſted it, and cut off all Proviſions from the Company's Servants. The Pretext for theſe Acts of Violence was, That the *Nabob* had diſcovered by an intercepted Letter, ſaid to be furniſhed him by the *Engliſh*, that the Company's Servants had tendered and promiſed their Aſſiſtance to the *Mogul* Prince, who was in full March againſt the ſaid *Nabob*. *Kaſim Cham* afterwards gave Orders, that all the Outworks of the Fort ſhould be razed, threatening, if they were not, to order his own Men to do it; and at the ſame Time demanded, by Way of

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Penalty or Fine, and to indemnify him for the Trouble he had been at, a considerable Sum of Money.

THE Pretext was a mere Fiction, void of all Appearance of Truth. The Company's Servants therefore shewed *Kasim Cham* the Falshood of the Charge, and made him sensible of the Injustice of his Demand: But all to no Purpose. They were obliged to raze the Out-works of the Fort, and to buy off further Acts of Violence by paying him 50,000 Florins.

BUT this was only a Fore-runner of what the Company had farther to apprehend: For in the Month of *April* thereafter, the Company's Servants were accused of levying men by the *Nabob*, who sent for the Head Man, or Chief, at *Cassembazar*; but he being unable thro' Indisposition to go to Court, *de Wilde*, the second, repaired thither. The *Nabob*, on admitting him into his Presence, repeated the above-mentioned Accusation, adding that the Company's Servants held a Correspondence and conspired with his Enemies; and on this Account demanded of the Company, by way of Contribution, an immense Sum of fifty *Laks* of *Rupees* *, or two and twenty Tons and a half of Gold; threatening, if this Sum was not immediately paid, to level with the Ground the Company's Settlements. The one as well as the other Accusation was false, and only devised to supply the *Nabob*'s Want of Money at the Expence of the Company. *De Wilde* therefore did not neglect shewing the Falshood of these Charges: He proved that the few *Seapoys*, who were in the Company's Service, were taken into pay, in order to secure the Company's Effects against the threatened Inroads of the *Marattas*; and that, had it not been for this unexpected Investment of the Company's Factory, the Natives in their Pay would have been ere then discharged, and the rest sent back to *Hughley*. He, moreover, employed every Argument possible, to convince the *Nabob* of the Injustice of his Conduct, and to divert him from his unreasonable Demand: But he was scarce favoured with a Hearing, and was himself put under Arrest. The *Nabob* thereupon caused the Company's Factory at *Cassembazar* to be invested by his Troops; planted eleven Pieces of Cannon before it:

* Between 50,000 *l.* and 600,000 *l.*

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Every imaginable Preparation was made for executing the threatened Destruction of the Company's Factory; and the actual Execution thereof could not be warded off, but with the Payment of full seven and a half Tons of Gold *, and under the Promise of discharging the above-mentioned *Seapoys*, and sending back the other Troops to *Hugbley*. On this Foot the Agreement was concluded, and the *Nabob* promised to retire with his Troops. The Company's Servants satisfied to the full the Contract on their Part, but the *Nabob* did not perform his Engagements. The Factory remained still invested by his troops; and when the Company's Servants insisted on their withdrawing, this high Sentence was at length pronounced, *That it was not in the Prince's Breast, but in that of the* English. The *English* then were questioned, about the Reason of such a Conduct, as nothing had happened between them and the *Dutch*, which could give any Rise or Handle thereto. The Answer was, *That they were informed the Company's Servants held a Correspondence with their Enemies: That their Design was to make head against them and the Prince; and that therefore it was natural, that they, the English, should prevent them therein.* The Company's Servants being conscious of the Falshood of this Accusation, endeavoured also to convince the *English* thereof, and to assure them, that the Director and Council at *Hugbley* had not the least Intention either to undertake or execute any Hostilities against them: But all to no Purpose; the *English* continued inflexible, and the withdrawing the *Moorish* Troops could not be brought about, but under the Promise, that Commissioners should be sent to *Calcutta*, in order to terminate the standing Differences with the *English*.

During these Transactions with the *Moors*, the Director *Bisdom* received a Letter from the then *pro tempore* President at *Calcutta*, *Jonathan Zephaniel Holwell*, dated the 15th of *May*, 1760; in which, under the Semblance of Friendship, he advised the Company's Servants, *to satisfy in full the* Nabob's *Demands, and submit to whatever he should in future require of them, as they were not in a Condition to oppose the* Nabob: *Adding, moreover, that it was unnecessary to point out to him, the Director, the disagreeable Part, that they, the* English, *would be obliged thro' Necessity to take in our Differences with the* Moors, *and how*

* About 200,000 *l. Sterling.*

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ardently they wished rather to act the Part of Mediators between us and the Suba. He added thereto some Propositions for an Accommodation, dressed up in the same Taste, which as well as the rest of the Letter, were answered in a proper Manner.

THE Company's servants at *Cassembazar* could not, as was above said, procure the withdrawing the *Moorish* Troops, but under the Promise of sending Commissioners to *Calcutta*. Two Commissioners therefore were sent thither on the 29th of *May*; who, after the Space of some Months, were constrained, as it were, under the Guaranty of the President and Council at Fort *William*, to enter into a more precise Convention with the *Nabob*, dated the 23d of *August*, 1760: Of which, among other hard Conditions, that were violently forced upon them, the sixth Article contains, *That the Director and Council of the* Dutch *Company shall, now and at all Times, whenever the* Nabob *may require it, permit one of his Officers, accompanied by one of the* English, *to muster or visit their Troops and military Stores at* Chintsura *and their other Factories: Or if any other Means can be agreed on between the Governor and Council of Fort* William, *and the Director and Council of* Chintsura, *whereby the Governor and Council of Fort* William *may, to their Satisfaction, be assured of the Number of their Troops, and the Quantity of their military Stores; and be, as Umpires, empowered to give a satisfactory Answer to the* Nabob, *as to the Security of his Country; that then, and in that Case, the* Nabob *would no farther insist on a Muster.*

THE whole of the Convention is hereto annexed; and the said sixth Article only adduced, as from thence it appears what may be expected from the Mediation and Guaranty of the Governor and Council of Fort *William*.

YOUR High Mightinesses however, from the above-mentioned two Cases, may see to what Extortions and Exactions the Company is at present exposed in *Bengal*, and what Consequences are to be thence apprehended in future, now that the *Dutch* Company, by the Alliance of the *English* with the *Moors*, and the open Acts of Hostility flowing thence against them, are incapacitated, and still

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still to this Day restrained from protecting and securing their Servants and Possessions from such Acts of Violence.

LET it only be considered, that the *English East India* Company pays no Toll: That they, or at least their Servants, draw moreover for themselves a Share, as well of the Toll which other Nations pay, as of the other Incomes of the Country. That hereby the respective Governors, great Men, Natives of the Country, and other Servants, are in Part deprived of their usual Subsistence; and hence it is easy to judge, that these People must contrive Ways to supply that Defect of Subsistence by some other Means. And therefore it is no Wonder, that the *Moors*, depending on the Assistance of their Allies, turn the Inability of the *Dutch* Company to their own Advantage, in order from Time to Time to squeeze considerable Sums of Money from them.

BUT while on the one Hand the Company is necessarily exposed to Extortions; so on the other Hand they are every where obstructed in the carrying on their Trade; nay totally so.

THE Salt-petre Trade continues still exclusively in the Hands of the *English*; and it is almost quite impossible for the Company's Servants to procure any Cotton Cloths. The Weavers, under severe Threats, are forbid, and actually hindered from working any Cloths for the *Dutch* Company: And if, notwithstanding, some are inclined to work for the *Dutch* Company, yet the Factors of the *English* forcibly cut the Pieces out of the Loom; and what Complaints soever the Company's Servants have made on that Head to the Governor and Council of the *English* Company, no Redress could ever be obtained.

BUT this extravagant Conduct of the Servants of the *English East India* Company is not confined to the Commerce in *Bengal*. The private *English* Traders and Smugglers have, for some Time past, laid it down as a Rule for their Conduct; *that they may lawfully sail to, and trade at all Places, where it has pleased God that Water should run.* Founded on that pretended Right, several

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several of those private Traders have once and again ventured to supplant the *Dutch* Company even in their most appropriated Spice-Trade. The Honourable Government of *India* has not omitted to hinder as much as possible this unlawful Navigation and Trade: And this gave Occasion to the Commander of his *Britannic* Majesty's Squadron in the *East Indies*, without Scruple, to threaten in a Letter, that if the Honourable Government should hinder or obstruct any *English* Ships in their Navigation and Trade, *he would in that Case with his Ships of War pay a Visit to* Batavia, *which would be of the most affecting Consequences to the* Dutch *Company*.

We hold ourselves, High and Mighty Lords, fully assured, that his *Britannic* Majesty will on no Account approve such Conduct of his Officers and other Subjects: Nay, we cannot imagine, that even the Directors themselves of the *India* Company at *London*, will justify the above-mentioned Conduct of their Servants in *Bengal*: And we are readier far to hope from the Justice of his said Majesty, that when he is informed of the Injuries done to the *Dutch* Company by his Subjects, his Majesty will on that Account cause due Satisfaction and Reparation to be made the Company.

But in the mean Time the Company's Settlements in *Bengal* are exposed to the utmost Danger: And as long as the Servants of the *English East India* Company shall assume to themselves, by virtue of the Treaty entered into, in the Year 1757, by the Governor and Council of Fort *William* with the then *Nabob Mier Jaffer Cham*, as Allies of the *Moors*, in a hostile Manner to fall upon the *Dutch* Company, and deprive them of the Means of defending themselves against the Violences of the *Moors*, the Amendment of the Company's Condition in *Bengal* will be far to seek.

The cancelling that Treaty, *so far as* the *English* Servants maintain, *That on this Account they have a Right, as Allies of the* Moors, *to act in a hostile Manner against the* Dutch *Company*, is therefore, under respectful Correction, the first

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first and capital Point, of which the Redress ought to be procured as soon as possible.

As in the above-mentioned Representation of the Directors, it has been undeniably proved, That the said Treaty of the Servants of the *English East India* Company with the *Moors*, directly clashes with the Treaties subsisting between your High Mightinesses and his *Britannic* Majesty; especially with that separate Article of the 8th of *March* 1675; and that, moreover, both the Servants of the *English East India* Company, and the Commanders of his Majesty's successive Squadrons in the *East Indies*, have, before the Date of that pretended Treaty, at sundry Times, and on several Occasions, maintained, That it was not lawful for the *Dutch* Company, *consistently with the Treaties subsisting, to give any Aid or Assistance to the* Nabob *or* Moors: So the Directors trust, that, should it please your High Mightinesses to write to your Ministers at the Court of *England*, in the strongest Manner, to insist with his *Britannic* Majesty on the cancelling the above-mentioned Treaty, and the farther Consequences thereof, his said Majesty would not scruple to make the *Dutch* Company enjoy the Effect of the Treaties entered into and concluded with your High Mightinesses, and at the same Time charge the Commanders of his Majesty's Squadrons, as also the Directors of the *East India* Company at *London*, exactly to behave according to the Tenor of the above-mentioned Treaties; with special Injunctions to the last mentioned, to expedite, without any Delay, the necessary and full Orders to the *Indies*; to the End, they may forbid, and actually hinder their Servants in *Bengal*, and elsewhere in the *Indies*, where it may be necessary, either as pretended Allies of the *Nabob* of *Bengal*, or under any other Colour or Pretext, to undertake any Act of Violence or Hostility against the *Dutch* Company, or to injure them in their Commerce.

THE other Articles of Complaint and Grievance, contained in the aforesaid Representation, being no less fully justified and proved, the Directors can expect no less from the Equity of his *Britannic* Majesty, than that his Majesty, as to these also, will cause the proper Satisfaction and Reparation to be made the *Dutch* Company.

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THE Success of this Expectation, how well-grounded soever it may be, yet entirely depends on the Support which your High Mightinesses shall please to grant the Company for that Purpose: And the Directors take the Liberty, moreover, in the most humble Manner, to request your High Mightinesses to recommend to your Ministers at the Court of *England*, to insist in the strongest Manner, on a proper Satisfaction for the Injuries sustained, as also on the actual Reparation of the Damage and Detriment undergone; and at the same Time to write to the said Ministers, above all to insist with his *Britannic* Majesty, that in the mean Time, the necessary Orders may, on the first proper Opportunity, be expedited to the *Indies*; in which, both the Commanders of his Majesty's Squadrons there, and the Servants of the *English* Company in *Bengal*, and elsewhere in the *Indies*, where it may be necessary, shall be expresly forbid, in virtue of the Treaty or Convention, entered into in the Year 1757, with the then *Nabob* of *Bengal*, as Allies of the *Nabob*, or under any other Pretext, directly or indirectly, to commit any Acts of Hostility or Violence against the *Dutch* Company, their Settlements or Dependents; and in which they, on the Contrary, shall be charged to behave in regard to the Company of this Country, according to the Tenor of the Treaties subsisting between his *Britannic* Majesty and your High Mightinesses; and moreover, to suffer the Commerce of the said Company to be carried on unmolested, and without giving them the least Impediment or Lett therein.

THE Heinousness of those Injuries, the Importance of the Damage and Detriment which the Company has thereby suffered, the essential Interest the Company has to obtain, on that Account, the desired Satisfaction, and a real Reparation, as soon as possible; but above all, the critical Circumstances, wherein the Company at present finds itself, and the highly urgent Necessity thence arising, for obtaining from your High Mightinesses your particular Protection for the same, and your effectual, but above all, speedy Aid and Support: All these Considerations, which are of the utmost Consequence, have, High and Mighty Lords, put the Directors under the indispensable Obligation, to prefer a second Time, their respectful Representations on this Head to your High Mightinesses, with this humble Request,

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THAT your High Mightineſſes will once more be pleaſed to take into your ſerious Conſideration the preſent State of the *Eaſt India* Company of this Country; *which* in *Bengal* is expoſed to the Extortions and Vexations of the *Moors*; *whoſe* Commerce is there greatly cramped and injured: *which*, above all that, is, in more than one Place in *India*, involved in Tumults and Seditions, the Iſſue of which cannot be foreſeen, and which ſeem to be as it were in Motion, in order, by a Concourſe of Misfortunes, to overwhelm the Company at once; and *which* beſides, at this Time, more than ever deſerves the peculiar Attention of your High Mightineſſes with the farther Requeſt,

THAT your High Mightineſſes, after weighing the State of the Company, may be pleaſed to take ſuch Reſolutions, on the repeated Application of the Directors, as your High Mightineſſes ſhall in your high Wiſdom judge to be ſerviceable and neceſſary.

MAY the Almighty God bleſs the Deliberations of your High Mightineſſes on this and all other weighty Matters: And may he preſerve your Perſons and Families from all Harms. This is the hearty Wiſh and Prayer of thoſe, who have the Houour to be, *&c.*

Underneath ſtood,

Your High Mightineſſes moſt humble and obedient Servants,

The Directors of the General Dutch Eaſt-India *Company.*

Lower ſtood,

And ſigned by their Order:

AMSTERDAM, the 2d of *December* 1761.

C. VANDER HOOP.

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ARTICLES approved by the underwritten Deputies, drawn up by the Director and Council of the Dutch East India *Company in* Bengal, *in order to be executed in favour of the said Company; as also Conditions, in Consequence of those Articles, granted by the* Nabob Jaffier Aly Chan, Souja Ulmoek Bhadur: *The Execution of the aforesaid Articles and Conditions is, at the Request of the two contracting Parties, guarrantied by the respective under-written President and Council of Fort* William.

ARTICLE I.

THE Director and Council of *Chinsura* shall immediately send away from *Hughley*, and their other Factories here, all the Troops which exceed the Number of 125 Men, allowed them by former Treaties; to continue on board one of their Ships lying at *Culpi* or *Foltha*, till an Opportunity shall offer of carrying them to *Batavia*.

II.

THAT if they have raised any new Works, or if they have deepened, enlarged or widened, their Ditches, from the Day of executing their last Treaty concluded with the *Nabob*, they shall immediately restore them to their former Condition.

III.

THAT, in Case they have encreased the Number of their Artillery, and the Quantity of their warlike Stores, besides what they have ordinarily Occasion for,

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in their Poſſeſſions or Factories, they ſhall, in the ſame Manner, as was mentioned Article I. in regard to the Troops, ſend away the Overplus.

IV.

THAT they ſhall never ſuffer above one *European* Ship at once to come up higher than *Culpi*, *Foltha*, or *Majapur*, without previouſly obtaining of the *Nabob* an expreſs Permiſſion.

V.

THE aforeſaid Commiſſioners, in Behalf of the Director and Council at *Chinſura*, do by theſe Preſents renew, confirm, and ratify all the Conditions, accepted by them, in the Treaty concluded between the *Engliſh* Commiſſaries, together with the *Nabob* on one Side, and the Director and Council at *Hughly* on the other, on the 3d of *December* 1759; and in particular, that Part which limits the military Force in *Bengal* to 125 *Europeans*.

VI.

THE aforeſaid Director and Council ſhall now, and at all Times, whenever the *Nabob* may require it, ſuffer one of his Officers, accompanied by one of the *Engliſh*, to muſter their Troops, and viſit their military Stores at *Chinſura*, and their other Factories: Or, if the Governor and Council at Fort *William*, and the Director and Council at *Chinſura*, can agree on any other Means whereby the Governor and Council at Fort *William* may, to their Satisfaction, be aſſured of the Number of their Troops, and the Quantity of their Military Stores, and be, as Umpires, empowered to give the *Nabob* a ſatisfactory Anſwer, as to the Security of his Country, that then, and in that Caſe, the *Nabob* ſhall no farther inſiſt on a Muſter.

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VII.

THE *Nabob's Duan, Ray Rayan Ameed Raay*, ſolemnly binds and engages himſelf, in Behalf of the *Nabob*, to the aforenamed Director and Council, that as ſoon as they have ſubmitted to the afore-named Conditions, they ſhall be ſupported in all their Rights, Privileges, and Prerogatives, granted them by *Firmans* of the Great Mogul.

VIII.

THAT in future they ſhall not be aggrieved with any new or unuſual Extortions of Money, under what Pretence ſoever; and eſpecially, that they ſhall be freed from paying a Sum, demanded of them for ſome Years paſt by the *Souba* of *Patna*, for the Privilege of the Saltpetre-Trade, under the Name of *Peeſkes*; as it would be unjuſt, the Director and Council ſhould continue to pay for a Privilege, which they now no longer enjoy.

IX.

THAT for their Ships and Veſſels they ſhall have a free and uninterrupted Paſſage, yet with the Exception, mentioned Article fourth; as alſo over Land for their Oxen and Carriages, their Foot and *Caſſeds*, going to their uſual appointed Places, yet furniſhed with the Company's Seal, and that of the Director, the Chiefs, or other Servants properly qualified for that Purpoſe, without being ſubject to any Impoſts by *Fauſdars*, *Jagierdars*, *Chokiedars*, *Derrogas*, or other Officers of the Government.

X.

THAT in Conſequence of ſeveral *Firmans* obtained by them, the Trade of the *Dutch Eaſt India* Company in *Bengal*, *Beliar*, and *Orixa*, ſhall be carried-on free and unmoleſted in all Points whatever, except the Salt-petre Trade; which Privilege the *Nabob* hath excluſively granted to the *Engliſh*.

XI. THAT

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THAT the *Nabob* shall give Orders to adjust the Account of their Coinage in the Mint at *Cariemabab*, and issue out or discharge the Balance which shall appear to be still due to them: Further, that in future their Business in the Mint shall be continued to be carried-on, without the least Molestation or Obstruction; and that moreover, the neat Produce shall, without the least Stoppage, Reserve, or Deduction, for the Time to come be paid down.

Underneath stood,

Given at Fort *William*,
the 23d of *August*,
1760.

Signed,

A. J. de Wilde.

And

Joh. Bacheracht.

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RATIFICATION.

ADRIAN BISDOM *Director, in behalf of the Honourable* Dutch East India *Company in* Bengal, Behar, *and* Orixa, *and the Council, make known to all and ſundry, whom it does, or may in any reſpect concern.*

SEEING we have found it expedient and adviſeable to enter into a Convention with his Excellency, *Jaffer Aly Cham, Souja Ulmoek Bhadur, Nabob* of the Provinces of *Bengal, Behar,* and *Orixa, &c. &c.* whereby all Differences, ariſen for ſome Time paſt, may finally be amicably adjuſted, and we again made to feel the Fruits and Emoluments of a free, unmoleſted, and uninterrupted Trade in theſe Parts of the World, ſo far in particular as it is poſſible, and the Circumſtances of the Times will admit: Moreover, this Convention has been concluded, underwritten and ſigned by Deputies on both Sides, provided with ample Powers, on the Day and Year, as mentioned therein; and the above Articles and Conditions, under the Mediation and Guaranty of the honourable Preſident and Council at Fort *William.*

AND in regard, the Tenor of the above-ſaid Inſtrument directs, that the Acts of Ratification of the one and the other Side ſhall be exchanged in due and proper Form, within the Space of twenty Days, reckoning from the Day of ſigning: So we, in order to give convincing Proofs of our Uprightneſs, and to fulfil what our Commiſſioners have promiſed in our Name, have agreed to and ratified the aforeſaid Convention in all its Heads, Articles, and Conditions, in general ſo far as in our Power; yet under Approbation of our Lords and Maſters, and a Saving to their Property in their true Rights, Privileges, and Poſſeſſions obtained here; as by theſe Preſents we agree to and ratify the ſame; engaging in good Faith and Sincerity, that we ſhall in every Point perform and obſerve, and cauſe to be obſerved by all our Dependents without Exception, what was therein agreed on, concluded, and now has been by us ratified, without acting againſt it directly or indirectly, in what Way or Manner ſoever it may be.

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For confirming and ratifying all which, we have signed these Presents with our own Hand, and caused our great Seal to be put thereto.

Underneath stood,

Given at Fort *Gustavus*, at our principal Factory *Hughley* in *Bengal*, this 21st Day of *September*, 1760.

Signed,

A. Bisdom, R. H. Armenaudt,
L. Zuydland, M. Isick,
J. L. v. Schevichaven, S. de Hoog,
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