

ABSTRACT OF LOSSES SUSTAINED BY THE ENGLISH COMPANY FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DUTCH SINCE THE TREATY OF 1622 (*Public Record Office: C. O. 77, vol. vii, no. 15<sup>1</sup>*).

Losses recounted in sixteen Articles formerly delivered, 74,638*l.* 15*s.* Estimated value of the crops on Pulo Run (retained in defiance of the agreement), 50,000*l.* Goods, victuals, etc., taken by or supplied to the Dutch, 20,158*l.* Customs on Dutch goods laden and landed in Persia from 1624, 20,000*l.* Compensation for the burning of the English factory at Jakatra, 50,000*l.* Satisfaction for pepper taken forcibly out of the *Endymion* in 1649, 6,000*l.* Loss of trade owing to the Dutch blockading Bantam for six years, 600,000*l.* The English share of the Moluccas trade, from which they were expelled by the massacre of their factors, which from 1622 to this present year, 1650, at 25,000*l.* per annum amounts to 700,000*l.* Satisfaction for a sum of 102,959 rials of eight, taken from the English at Suai by the Mogul's officials; the Dutch prevented the former from retaliating upon the native junks, and thereby caused the loss of the money, which, at three for one, would have yielded in Europe 77,200*l.* Satisfaction for half the customs of Persia granted to the English in 1624 and accounted from then to 1629 to amount to 8,000 [80,000?] rials of eight, according to which proportion 4,000*l.* per annum is to be allowed from 1629, 'which is 21 yeares' and amounts to 84,000*l.* This makes a total of 1,681,996*l.* 15*s.* Interest will amount unto far more than the principal. (2 *pp.*)

ORDER OF PARLIAMENT, NOVEMBER 14, 1650 (*Public Record Office: C. O. 77, vol. vii, no. 131*).<sup>2</sup>

That the petition of the East India Company now read be referred to the consideration of the Council of State. Henry Scobell, Clerk. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, NOVEMBER 17, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 20).

Captain Blackman reports that the *Blessing* has been bought from the Fourth Joint Stock. Before entertaining a master and purser

<sup>1</sup> The next document in the volume (151) is a duplicate of this. The list of losses should be compared with the accounts given in the 1635-39 volume, p. 303, and that for 1640-43, p. 52.

<sup>2</sup> See also *State Papers, Domestic: Interregnum*, I. 88, p. 50, and *Commons' Journals*, vol. vi, p. 496.

for her, the Committees, in consideration of the great prejudice the Company has sustained by the negligence of masters and pursers in allowing such great quantities of private trade to be exported and imported in their vessels, order that all such officers employed by the Company shall be bound by good securities to give a detailed account of all goods received into or delivered from their ships for the Company or for any other person in England or in India between port and port upon every voyage. Adam Lee, Robert Tindall, and Gilbert Grimes offering to go as master in the *Blessing*, Grimes is chosen, at a salary of 6*l.* per month, on the Company's conditions. George Ivatt, who is entertained as purser, comes into court and promises to obey the Company's orders, Mr. Moyer standing security for him. Mr. Davison and Captain Strong, master of the *Recovery*, bound for Assada, promise to entertain the planters the Company intends to send aboard the said vessel. The *Blessing* to be repaired, and Thomblings to pay for and keep account of all money disbursed for this purpose. The request of Captain Blackman that a minister may be sent in the *Eagle* is referred for consideration. At the desire of Nathaniel Andrews, liberty is given to the Victuallers of the Navy for the State to use the Company's slaughter-house at Blackwall, when they have no occasion for it themselves. (1 $\frac{1}{4}$  pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, NOVEMBER 20, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 46).

The Deputy is given permission to sell at the next court of sales the fifteen bales of silk sent to him by President Merry. Certain Committees are desired to attend the Committee of Parliament about Alderman Fowke's business. The Governor and George Price accepted as securities for pepper bought by the former. Thomas Andrews to be allowed for increased tare for cotton yarn. Certain Committees are requested to examine and price the Company's calicoes. The Governor reports that Sir Peter Richaut desires interest for 42*l.*, also that the word damages may be inserted in the assignment which the Company makes to him and his son for recovery of the 1,600*l.* paid to the Parliament; the Court hereupon desires Mr. Acton to consult Mr. Newdigate about the latter request,

but refuses to allow any interest, and orders that 42*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* be paid to the Knight and his son Peter Richaut in full of a bill sealed by the Company dated February 9, 1643, for payment of 1,656*l.* to Sir Peter on the 10th August, 1643. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, NOVEMBER 22, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 22).

Officers and mariners to be entertained for the *Blessing*. John Lenthwaite to be paid 200*l.* for beef he is to supply for that ship. Captain Blackman to procure an able, orthodox divine to go in the *Eagle*. (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, NOVEMBER 27, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 48).

The Governor intimates that about 400 bags of pepper are wanting to make up the Voyage's division of 25 per cent. and in his opinion it would be well to buy this quantity from the Joint Stock. The Committees present for the Voyage being of the same mind, this amount, or as much as shall be wanted, is bought from the Committees present for the Stock at 12*d.* per lb. from the 1st December. The masters and pursers of the *Eagle*, *Greyhound*, and *Farewell* to be paid their wages, etc., but their goods now in the Customhouse to be detained until further order. An injunction is presented on behalf of Cuttler from the High Court of Chancery touching the suit depending between Jones, the City Garbler, and Cuttler, the 'pretended' Garbler, requiring certain particulars; the Committees, while thinking that this business does not concern them, resolve to be guided by Counsel in the matter. Richard Sweeting is admitted to the freedom on payment of 5*l.*, of which sum the Court is pleased to remit 40*s.* Andrew Baines, late minister at Surat, who returned in the *Eagle*, to be paid 218*l.* due to his account. Daniel Andrews buys four of the *Greyhound's* guns, and leaves two belonging to the *Farewell* in the Yard at Blackwall. Captain Ryder buys ten of the *Greyhound's* guns, and Captain Blackman four of the large guns lying in the Yard. Tomblings is directed to sell seven more of the *Farewell's* guns at the best possible price. Captain Blackman informs the Court that the Committees for the United

Joint Stock intend to appoint Tindall, late master of the *Farewell*, to be prime mate in the *Blessing* if there is nothing against him, reply is made that Tindall, like others, was guilty of private trade, but of nothing else. Sir Job Harby this morning told the Governor and others that he was 'outlawed' at the Company's suit, and earnestly desired that this may be revoked, and then he would acknowledge a judgement to the Company concerning the debt he stands engaged for [i.e. the pepper debt]; hereupon Acton is directed to consult with Counsel, and if the outlawry may be dissolved without prejudice to the Company, then it is to be done, but not otherwise. Calico shirts sent by Thomas Chambers, a factor at Masulipatam, to be delivered to his father, Felix Chambers, on payment of half freight. (2½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, NOVEMBER 27, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 51).

Sale of silk, cloves, sugar, stick-lac, pepper, cinnamon, gum-lac, indigo, morees, sallampores, gingham, longcloth, hummums, coasaes, a dagger set with diamonds and rubies,<sup>1</sup> one ruby ring,<sup>2</sup> pearls, coral beads, a bracelet set with pearls, two bundles of silk with small seed pearls, a box containing gold and pearl studs for a hatband, a parcel of gold, rubies, and emeralds, earrings, studs, cross, and gold chains, various jewelled and seal rings, counterfeit pearls, 'one christall with a bodkin', broken watches, 'one small case picture', silver rings, and 'assayes for gold and silver', with prices and names of purchasers. (3 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, NOVEMBER 29, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 23).

The Treasurer reporting a difference with the Guinca Company about the assay of gold bought from them, he is desired to make the best agreement possible. It is resolved to send to the Coast 20,000*l.* in money, 100 pigs of lead, 20 cloths, 10 tons of alum, 3 or 4 chests of the best coral, 1,000*l.* worth of quicksilver and

<sup>1</sup> This was put up at 100*l.* and fetched 130*l.* It was the one presented to the Surat President by Shāh Jahān in 1644 (*English Factories*, 1642-45, p. 230), and was sent home by the *Eagle* in January, 1650 (O.C. 2147).

<sup>2</sup> Also received by the *Eagle*. It was a present from the King of Pegu (O.C. 2147). The price now realized was 28*l.*



vermilion, and 2 tons of brimstone. Tomblings to be paid 100*l.* disbursed by him for repairs to the *Blessing*; a like sum for imprest to be paid to the owners of the *Welcome*, and to Lenthwaite, the butcher, for beef. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, DECEMBER 4, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 54).

Thomas Bewly, whose subscription of 500*l.* to the policy of assurance on the *Eagle* was annulled because of his failure, is allowed 12*l.* 10*s.*, 'being halfe provision,' the said ship having arrived safely at the Canaries before he failed. The sale of several ships' guns, etc., at Blackwall is approved, and directions are given for any unnecessary stores there to be sold. Certain Committees are desired to attend the Commissioners of Customs concerning a letter lately sent to the Company about strangers shipping their goods. Mr. Apsley is allowed tare for ginger bought in jars. Mr. Hanson promising to clear his debt 'sudainely', he is to be allowed the same tare for benzoin he bought as was granted to Mr. Tryon. The Court resolves upon the freight to be charged for calicoes brought home as private trade and delivered into the Company's warehouse, but decides that calicoes which have been seized shall not be delivered until further order. Rilston is directed to distribute 80*l.* between several persons who have done the Company good service in discovering parcels of private trade. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, DECEMBER 6, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 24).

The owners of the *Welcome* frigate to be paid 100*l.* in full of imprest. Permission having been given, in accordance with the Assada Articles, to Mr. Davison to send the *Recovery* to 'the Eastwards', the Committees think that before she departs he should give security not to trade contrary to the said articles; therefore he and Captain Strong, master of the vessel, are required to give a bond of 2,000*l.* to this effect. John Prowd is entertained as master of the *Eagle*. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, DECEMBER 11, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 56).

Resolved that the owners of the calicoes seized at Dover, Rochester, Gravesend, Leigh, and elsewhere shall pay half as much more freight as those who delivered their calicoes into the Company's warehouse. John Prowd and George Tash to be paid for what they supplied to Colonel Deane in the Downs. The request of George Tash for remission of freight on certain goods, in regard of his long service, is refused, but the Court resolves to show him some favour later on. John Prowd, who came home master of the *Eagle*, is allowed to have his nutmegs, cardamoms, and benzoin delivered free of freight, but is directed to pay for his calicoes. He is also given a gratuity of 100 marks for making the Downs his first port, and his wages are ordered to be paid. Silk sold to Mr. Vincent to be examined and reported on. George Clarke, applying about a bill of exchange drawn upon him by the Vanderwoits at Venice, is told that, as he has accepted the said bill, the Company expects the money from him, and if he does not pay he will be sued. Mr. Acton and some Committees are desired to treat with the steward of the Manor about getting two more lives inserted in the lease for Blackwall Yard, which it is thought will advance its sale. Committees to attend the Committee of Parliament about Alderman Fowke's business. Cuttler to be allowed to buy damaged pepper at  $9\frac{1}{2}d.$  per lb. at six months, or at  $9d.$  per lb for ready money. The *Greyhound* is sold without her stores to William Wood and Henry Roach for 500*l.*, half to be paid in fourteen days, the rest at three months. George Pryor is given 20*l.* for drawing up five policies. All goods belonging to the Voyage being sold, with the exception of about 50,000 pieces of calicoes, motion is made, in order to bring the said Voyage to an end, for the Joint Stock to buy these; but the said Stock owing a great sum at interest, the purchase by it of such a quantity of goods is not thought right; therefore another motion is made for the United Joint Stock to buy out both the Fourth Joint Stock and the Voyage, but here again it is thought fit that the new Stock should first show some returns. Finally the Governor puts it to the question whether the Committees

for the Fourth Joint Stock are willing to buy, and those for the Voyage willing to sell the said calicoes, on conditions to be agreed upon hereafter, and answer is made in the affirmative. Hereupon certain Committees are chosen on behalf of both parties to treat and report concerning this business. ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, DECEMBER 13, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 25).

Longcloth belonging to the Second General Voyage is sold to Peter Barre. Two 'halfe scarletts' to be sent to Assada for 'traffique and trucke'. Messrs. Bence and Pye desire the Company to let them 600 acres of land on Assada, and John Thomson and John Collins desire 400 acres with permission to send eight planters there now and the rest within a year, after notice of the proceedings on the said island has been received. They also expect that after the men have served their time they should have another thirty acres per man. The Court consents to let the land desired, but refers all conditions as to the time of sending out the men, etc., to the Committees appointed for the Assada plantation. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, DECEMBER 18, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 60).

Richard Clutterbucke offers to buy all the Company's Jambi pepper (about 2,500 bags) for 12*d.* per lb. at twenty-eight months, and Richard Waring renews his offer to buy 500 bags for 12*d.* per bag at twenty-four months; the latter offer is accepted, and Clutterbucke is told that he may have 500 bags on the same terms, but this he refuses. After some debate it is resolved that any of the Company shall be allowed to subscribe for the 2,000 bags of the said pepper, lifted for transportation, on the above terms from the 1st instant, no man to underwrite for less than 100 or more than 200 bags, and unless the 2,000 bags are underwritten for by the end of the month then all subscriptions shall be considered void. Richard Waring and Michael Herring accepted as securities for pepper bought by the former. Mr. Vincent allowed for damaged silk. Tomblings to be given 10*l.* to pay for repairs to the *Blessing*. Certain Committees are requested to examine and report on the

account, now presented, of Thomas Owen, a factor deceased at Bantam, by which there appears due 500*l.* more than the 950*l.* formerly ordered to be paid. Some objections, signed by Ralph Cartwright, against the said Owen are also read. The account of Benjamin Robinson, who died in India, is presented, showing that 415*l.* is due for services rendered by him to the Second General Voyage; the Court remembering that Robinson was fined 1,000*l.* for buying indigo without commission, and that 500*l.* of this has not yet been paid, and his widow submitting herself wholly to their decision, resolves to detain only 100*l.* and to order payment of the remainder to her. The Court orders 10*l.* to be distributed between the widows of poor East India men, and 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to 'the poore of the hamlett of Blackwall'. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, DECEMBER 20, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 26).

Mr. Andrews reports that the gentlemen to whom the Company let 1,000 acres of land on Assada have agreed to send half the number of their men now and in the spring, the remainder in twelve months' time; that they are to have land only according to the number of men sent out, and if all do not go then the land is to revert to the Company. Captain Strong to be paid 300*l.* for the passage in his ship, the *Recovery*, of thirty planters to Assada. The Court thinking to send a young man conversant with the Portuguese language with Captain Blackman to Surat, two now apply for that post, but decision is deferred. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, DECEMBER 24, 1650 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 62).

Several Committees for the United Joint Stock being present, one moves for the lessening of the stock designed for the Coast, 'in regard 25,000*l.* was a great adventure to runne upon one shippe', and that it would be well to detain part and send it to Surat. After some debate the Committees present for the said Stock resolve that 6,000*l.*, viz. six chests of silver, formerly designed for the Coast, shall be kept back, and the Treasurer is desired to provide by March foreign coin and bullion to the value of 48,000*l.*

besides the six chests already mentioned. Mr. Boone to be paid 150*l.* for chirurgery stores provided this year for India. By the report of the Committees appointed to examine Thomas Owen's account it appears from their perusal of the Bantam books that the extra 500*l.* claimed is due, and that Owen was cleared from Cartwright's accusations by a letter from the President and Council of Bantam dated in April, 1647; the clause concerning the same is read and the Court orders 1,450*l.* to be paid to Sambrooke, as administrator, in full of Owen's account. On information that the 2,000 bags of pepper have been underwritten for, and that Mr. Burnell and Mr. Kerridge have each subscribed for 100 bags over and above the said 2,000, the Court allows their subscriptions to stand in case there shall be a surplus. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE. JANUARY 2, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 63).

Nathaniel Wych to be allowed to have 100 bags of pepper upon the same terms as the rest has been underwritten for, if there is an overplus above 2,200 bags remaining. Mr. Baker, the broker, offers 12*d.* the lb. at eighteen months for the remaining parcel of pepper and is told that he shall have it for that price at twelve months; whereupon he desires time to consider. Lead belonging to Lord Lisle and offered for sale to the Company by his steward, Mr. Turbridge, to be examined and reported on. Calicoes sold to Messrs. Knight and Griffith. The division of pepper belonging to Thomas Kerridge is, by his desire, to be kept and not sold with the rest. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JANUARY 8, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 65).

Mr. Plummer's division in pepper to be kept back and not sold with the rest. Jambi pepper sold to Mr. Baker, on behalf of Mr. Clutterbucke, for transportation, at 12*d.* per lb. at fifteen months, and Malabar pepper at 14*d.* per lb. at the same time from the 1st February. Mr. Baker is given a gratuity of 20*l.* The six Committees appointed for the Stock and Voyage are unable to

agree concerning the purchase of calicoes belonging to the Voyage. Mr. Vivian being absent, Mr. Waring is appointed a Committee in his place, and a motion is made to add another as umpire to the number; ultimately it is decided to add two or three, and so the Governor, the Treasurer, and Sir Jacob Garrad are desired to assist the six Committees, and if they are unable to come to some agreement, then, to report to the Court. The said Committees are requested to meet next Friday at eight o'clock in the morning. On information of the arrival of the ambassador from the King of Portugal<sup>1</sup>, the Deputy and Captain Blackman are desired to treat with him touching the peace formerly made between the English and Portuguese in India. An order is received from the Commissioners for the Advance of Money sitting at Haberdashers' Hall, requiring the Company to certify what property they have belonging to Abraham Reynardson<sup>2</sup>, hereupon the Secretary is directed to inform them that a warrant was received by the accountant last November from Mr. Reynardson, intimating that he had made over by deed of gift all his right and interest in the East India Company to his son, that the said Reynardson has an adventure of 1,200*l.* in the Fourth Joint Stock, on which there can be no division yet, as that Stock is in debt. The Court, being informed of the death of Bowen, appoints Samuel Sambrooke to his post at a salary of 120*l.* per annum. An inventory of all goods at Leadenhall to be made. The Company intending to sell Blackwall Yard, the charge of the warehouse for indigo and drugs, etc., formerly under the care of Blount, is offered to and accepted by Tomblings, who is to keep on his present work as clerk at Blackwall and officiate in this new capacity until Midsummer at his present salary. (2½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JANUARY 15, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 68).

A certificate drawn up by the Secretary touching the adventure of Abraham Reynardson is approved, and ordered to be presented to the Committee sitting at Haberdashers' Hall. The request of

<sup>1</sup> Don João de Guimaraes, who had been dispatched to England to negotiate a peace with the Commonwealth. His mission proved a failure, and he left for Portugal in May.

<sup>2</sup> See *Calendar of the Committee for Advance of Money*, part iii, p. 1188.

Adam, son of the late Adam Bowen, to be employed as assistant to the officer appointed to his father's post, is refused, he not being thought capable; but he is told that he may attend at the counting-house and the calico warehouse, in order to qualify himself for future service. Two gentlemen applying for what is due to the account of the late Crispian Blagden, one of the Company's factors long since dead, they are told that his account shows that it is he who is indebted to the Company; therefore it is hoped that his security will make satisfaction for the same. Trevehan, who came home master's mate in the *Ruth*, petitions to have delivered to him certain calicoes brought home as private trade; it is thought best to consult Mr. Thomson, part-owner of the said ship, about this. John Bradbent, who went out as a youth at 10s. per month, becoming a writer at Surat, his salary has been increased to 20*l.* per annum; he being well recommended, the Court confirms this increase, and orders his account, now presented, to be paid. A gentleman appearing on behalf of Lady Wylde<sup>1</sup> about Blackwall Yard, 'for putting in of two lives', 300*l.* is offered on behalf of the Company, but the said representative standing out for 350*l.*, this matter is left to the discretion of Thomas Andrews. After much discussion, and through the mediation of the Governor, the Treasurer, and Sir Jacob Garrad, the calicoes belonging to the Voyage are bought by the Stock. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
JANUARY 17, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 27).

The Secretary is requested to take the Speaker [i.e. William Lenthall] a warrant for 50*l.*, due in pepper upon his adventure in the Second General Voyage, which he desires may be paid in money. Andrew Baines, who was for many years minister at Surat, is, at his desire, entertained again in the same capacity for that place, at a salary of 50*l.* per annum, and is to go in the *Eagle*. The *Eagle*, the *Anne*, and the *Blessing* ordered to be ready to set sail from Gravesend on the 20th February. The Committees, not wishing to augment the Company's expenses, decide not to send a young man with Captain Blackman to Surat, but think it would be a good

<sup>1</sup> Lady Frances Weld. She was the widow of Sir John Weld or Wild. The site of their town house is now occupied by Wild Court and part of Wild Street.

thing if one of those who went out last year were sent to reside among the Portuguese and learn their language. Provision to be made of wood for gun stocks, pieces of ashwood, guns, powder, 'bows of ewe', a striking watch, paper books with leather covers, gold lace, and some velvets and satins, all desired by the King of Jambi, for which he will pay either in money or pepper. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JANUARY 22, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 70).

Mr. Vincent is permitted to return a bale of defective silk. Thomas Andrews reports that it has been agreed to give 350*l.* to Lady Wylde 'for renewing of two lives' for the lease of Blackwall Yard, if on the advice of counsel the title is found to be good; at present the Court does not think fit to nominate any one. An inventory is presented of the goods in the warehouse at Leadenhall, and Samuel Sambrooke is authorized to receive and deliver goods from the same. Resolved that of the sum of 200*l.* owing to John Yard, half shall be paid by the Stock and half by the Voyage. At the request of Mrs. Bowen, everything in her husband's office belonging to him is ordered to be made over to her. No goods to be delivered from any of the Company's warehouses before they are paid for, or before security has been accepted for them in court and the buyer and his security have subscribed to the bargain in the book of sales. Calicoes sold to Richard Land. Calicoes sent as a present to Mr. Greene and some of his family to be delivered free of freight. Daniel Andrews is refused abatement in the price of the stores he bought or of the sum he is to pay for the *Farewell*, but is allowed 5*l.* for the difference in her guns; and Steevens is ordered to satisfy the Court concerning the price of the timber. A bill having been exhibited in Chancery about two years ago against Thomas Steevens and others, he now desires that his affairs may be examined by two or three Committees and his account be cleared; hereupon it is resolved that a Court of Committees for the Fourth Joint Stock shall be held to consider this business. (2½ pp.)



A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JANUARY 24, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 28).

Messrs. Methwold, Shute, and Oyles accepted as security for benzoin lately sold to Mr. Methwold. Ten tons of saltpetre to be delivered to Mr. Pennoyer. Several Committees for the Second General Voyage being present, it is decided, after serious debate, that, as it is impossible to make 'a finall end' (there being several debts owing to this Voyage and not yet due), a division of 25 per cent. in money payable the 2nd February shall be made to the adventurers in the said Voyage. Stephen Flower, 'who had bin bred at Lisbone', is entertained as purser's mate for the *Blessing*. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JANUARY 29, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 73).

An inventory to be taken of all money, books, etc., belonging to the late Mr. Bowen. Certain Committees are desired to inform the Commissioners of the Navy of the Company's intention to put Blackwall Yard up for sale, but first to offer it to them, and if they have power to treat, the Company will then put a price upon it and leave it to the Committees to do as they think fit. Mr. Acton acquaints the Court that in the opinion of counsel the Company may safely deal with Lady Wylde about Blackwall, and the sooner the better; so at the request of the Court, Anthony Bateman and George Smith consent to their names being inserted in the lease. Henry Roach, John Wright, William Wood, and Edward Atleberte accepted as security for 250*l.* remaining due for the *Greyhound*. (1½ pp.)

ANOTHER COURT OF THE SAME COMMITTEES, JANUARY 29, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 74).

The heads of a bill exhibited in Chancery against Thomas Steevens and others are read, and the Governor intimates that Steevens has been a great private trader, and when last he returned in the *Eagle* he left behind calicoes belonging to the Company, yet brought for himself and others over 700 bales of private trade; that

he has also cost the Company a great deal by refusing to answer their bill. Steevens is called in; and, he submitting himself to the court, it is unanimously agreed to stop the suit against him and to fine him 100*l.* for private trading and other misdemeanours, on satisfaction of which his wages and all that is due to him shall be settled. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JANUARY 31, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 30).

Certain Committees are desired to assist Sambrooke in framing the Company's letters to India for the Stock and the Voyage. Henry Revington (a young man educated by Mr. Fox, 'a writing maister'), who is to go as servant to Captain Blackman, is entertained at 20*l.* per annum for three years and given 10*l.* for fresh provisions. Captain Blackman's son John, who is to accompany his father to Surat, is to be allowed 10*l.* per annum and promised an increase according to his ability when capable of doing the Company service. Adam Lee, formerly master of the *Greyhound*, desiring re-entertainment, is told that, if the Company sends out a small ship of their own, he, being an able man and an ancient servant, may stand a good chance of entertainment. The Court having resolved to send forty planters this spring to Assada, and men being scarce, it is decided that some land men shall be engaged at small wages who can serve in India on all occasions, in case there is no use for them at Assada. ( $1\frac{1}{4}$  pp.)

ORDER OF PARLIAMENT, FEBRUARY 5, 1651 (*Public Record Office: C. O.* 77, vol. vii, no. 14<sup>1</sup>).

That the East India Company be and are hereby licensed and authorized to transport the sum of fifty thousand pounds in foreign coin and bullion. Henry Scobell, Clerk. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, FEBRUARY 5, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 75).

Pepper now in the Exchange cellar to be offered to Mr. Clutterburke at the price he paid before. Sugar belonging to the Voyage

<sup>1</sup> See also *Commons' Journals*, vol. vi, p. 531.

to be examined, priced, and put up for sale. Acton reports that he finds from the Court Roll that the lease of Blackwall is made out to William Garway, his heirs and assigns for ever; that he consulted with Serjeant Glyn, who is of opinion the Company would do very well to put in two or three lives, which might be done for a smaller fine than formerly, that he also spoke with Mr. Winstanly, who promises that Lady Wylde shall be approached concerning this business and the Company have a speedy answer from her. The dock at Blackwall to be repaired. On receipt of a warrant from the Excise Office requiring payment of excise for 'grocery and saltery', the Secretary is desired to apply to the Commissioners for a particular charge. The Committee of the Navy to be attended about certain money due to the Company for 'Argeir' duty. Sir John Gore and the lawyer, Mr. Fountaine, acquaint the court that Sir John Wolstenholme has been declared a bankrupt and his adventure assigned by the Commissioners to his creditors, who desire that the Company would 'make a present appearance to their accion'; after some debate answer is returned that the Company does not think fit to be the first to appear against Sir John, who is an adventurer with them, for not only would it be a great inconvenience, but also a discouragement to other adventurers if they see that the Company does not try to defend them. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
FEBRUARY 7, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 31).

Edward Cason, formerly apprenticed to Thomas Andrews, is admitted to the freedom by service, paying 10s. to the poor-box. The charter-parties of the *Eagle* and *Annc* to be perused, and suitable provision to be supplied for Assada. James Martin and John Bathust accepted as securities for calicoes. Beef, pork, and wine to be provided for store at Bantam and Surat, and Swanne, master of the *Annc*, is desired to ship four butts of beer to be delivered to the President and Council at Bantam. Ten men to be sent in the *Anne* to Bantam for supply of the shipping there. Violet and yellow satin and five faggots of steel to be procured for the King of Macassar. Weights to be provided for Surat. Captain Blackman desires to know whether, if the factors at Bantam shall send to Surat for goods, etc., the President and Council shall take

up money at interest to supply the same, in case there is nothing in hand. The Court decides in the negative, as it is proposed to send 5,000*l.* to Surat to be invested and dispatched yearly to Bantam, from whence the ship is to be reladen with pepper and other goods fitting for a Persia voyage to the value of the investment desired to be returned the next year, and so annually. To prevent the taking up of money at interest at Surat, it is also thought that the factors there should be supplied with a larger stock than usual, the *Eagle* be laden home with saltpetre, sugar, etc., and the greater stock left for trade in India. Hereupon Captain Blackman promises to use his best endeavours to keep the Company free from payment of interest, but at the same time submits, in regard the trade to Persia is very profitable, whether, if occasion arise, it would not be well to take up money at interest to supply those parts. Accordingly this is left to the discretion of the President and Council, the sum to be taken up not to exceed 20,000*l.* (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, FEBRUARY 12, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 77).

Mr. Clutterbuck buys the greater part of the pepper brought home in the *Bonito*. A gratuity of 5*l.* is given to Lazarus Weeden for past service and encouragement for the future. Phineas Andrews presents an assignment of Sir John Wolstenholme's adventure in the Fourth Joint Stock to his son, dated July 19, 1649, and desires the same may be passed over in the Company's books; he is informed that, as a statute of bankruptcy is out against Sir John, and Sir Peter Rychaut claims the said adventure, the Court has resolved to leave the matter to the law to settle. Mr. Vincent is allowed 18*d.* per great pound for two bales of silk, which proved on examination to be mostly Mazandran. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, FEBRUARY 12, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 78).

Sale of Persia silk, cloves, sugar, pepper, dust of pepper, and brown merculees, with prices and names of purchasers. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, FEBRUARY 14, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 33).

Permission is given to Edward Payte, 'a young gentleman who was desirous to travell', to take passage in the *Eagle* or *Blessing* for Surat and thence to Persia, he to pay for the same and for his diet, etc., both on board and ashore, and to give bond not to engage in trade. Captain Blackman desires to know whether, on the appointment of a new President at Surat, it is requisite to give a present to the Governor there; this is left to the discretion of the President and Council. He also wishes to learn the Court's pleasure as to whether, after the dispatch of the ships to Europe, he is to go to Assada to further the Company's business there. After some consideration it is decided to leave this also to his own and his council's discretion. Rilston is ordered to give in an account of the stores, etc., provided for the *Supply* and *Bonito*. Four pieces of ordnance to be bought and sent to Assada. All officers receiving money to disburse for the United Joint Stock are to give account of the same every month, and their accounts to be audited every three months. Samuel Browne, late purser in the *Greyhound*, requesting to be re-entertained, he is told that if occasion arises he shall be employed 'so soone as another'. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE. FEBRUARY 19, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 79).

Certain Committees are requested to attend the Council of Trade about the Company's petition for enlargement of the time for exportation of their goods imported, or the mitigation of custom inwards. George Willan to be paid 10*l.* for money disbursed by him at Zante about fifty chests of quicksilver returned in the *Scipio*. Six ironbound butts, presumably containing wine and thought to belong to William Bonner, master's mate in the *Blessing*, and Robert Kirby, mate in the *Eagle*, having been brought into the yard of Houghton the brewer and there seized, taken to the Excise Office and opened, were found to be filled with broadcloth, kerseys, and lead; this is much resented, as the Company reserves so few commodities for itself and allows so great a latitude in a moderate way of trading to its servants. William Bonner is questioned but

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denies all knowledge of this business or that the goods belong to him, but still he is thought to be 'faulty' and is temporarily dismissed from the service, and Grimes, master of the *Blessing*, is cautioned not to let him aboard and to take care that nothing is taken out of his ship. Kirby is also suspended and forbidden to go aboard the *Eagle*, and both men (also Mr. Houghton, his cooper, and Mr. Tindall) are ordered to attend next Friday, when the pursers of both vessels are to have ready an exact account of all goods, stores, and provisions, with their quantity, quality, and marks, received into the said ships. Richard and Thomas Allen and Nicholas Alvey accepted as securities for defective pepper. Edward Backwell<sup>1</sup> is admitted to the freedom on payment of 5*l.*, and Edward Barnardiston, late servant of Thomas Barnardiston, is admitted by service, each taking the oath and paying the usual 10*s.* to the poor-box. Allowance to Mr. Barnardiston for certain Mazandran silk found in a bale of silk sold to Mr. Vincent. Calicoes sent by Greenehill, a factor at the Coast, to be delivered, the freight to be charged to his account. Calicoes brought home in the *Ruth* for account of her owners to be delivered. Captain Blackman gives it as his opinion that the factors at Surat have wronged the Voyage in charging six per cent. 'provision' upon charges of custom, interest and exchange, as by agreement the Voyage is to give to the Stock six per cent. upon the prime cost of goods to be laden for Europe. The said agreement is read, and after some debate it is generally resolved that the factors at Surat should take off the account of the Voyage whatever is charged for 'provision' on money by exchange, at interest, charges of custom, and for 'provision' on goods sent from Surat to Bantam; but some question arising concerning a bill of exchange for 43,000*l.* and other matters, further debate is deferred. (2½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
FEBRUARY 21, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 35).

Rilston to make up his account for stores, etc., provided for the *Supply* and *Bonito*. The accountant's books to be examined. The owners of the *Welcome* to be paid 100*l.* for the passage in her of

<sup>1</sup> Probably the well-known banker, with whom the Company afterwards had an account.

ten persons to Assada. Mr. Davison, one of the owners of the *Recovery*, is also to be paid 40*l.* for four passengers sent in that ship to Assada. Tindall, Bonner, and Kirby are questioned concerning certain cloth and lead; Tindall absolutely denying any knowledge of it, he is believed and is merely cautioned not to meddle in any business of the kind; Bonner also asserts that he knows nothing, but Major Taylor (to whom the cloth belonged) having declared that Bonner had a share in it, the latter is dismissed the Company's service. Kirby confesses that he had bespoke 40*l.* or 50*l.* worth of cloth from Major Taylor, and that part of a butt marked R. K. belonged to him; but he desiring pardon and promising not to transgress again, he is only suspended until the business is further considered. Francis Meynell is admitted to the freedom, paying a fine of 5*l.* and 10*s.* to the poor-box. The Deputy is allowed to send some scarlet cloth as presents to Surat, and some wine and beer to the President there. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, FEBRUARY 26, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 82).

After renewed debate concerning the allowance to be made by the Stock to the Voyage, three Committees for the former and three for the latter are desired to retire to the little parlour to settle this matter, the Governor to accompany them as mediator. On their return the Governor reports they have resolved that the factors at Surat shall deduct from the Voyage's account whatever is charged for 'provision' on money taken up at interest, for 'provision' upon charges of customs, and for 'provision' on goods sent from Surat to Bantam, and that the Voyage shall be allowed one-third of the 'provision' charged on money sent home by bill of exchange; to all this the Court unanimously agrees. Peter Lupart and Nicholas Corsellis accepted as security for dust of pepper bought by William Hooker. The Court orders that all goods sold and left in the Company's warehouse shall be weighed by the purchaser, or that information shall be given of the amount bought, that the same may remain at the owner's risk. At the request of Messrs. Abdy and Williams, the bonds given by them for their two brothers are ordered to be given up. The charge

against Knipe, formerly a factor at Surat, to be drawn up to enable him to answer it. Robert Kirby confessing his share in the private trade in the six butts seized in the brewery yard, he is re-admitted to the Company's service. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, FEBRUARY 28, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 36).

John Lenthwaite to be paid an additional 100*l.* for beef. Two chests of coral now in town to be bought. The Company lets thirty acres of land on Assada to John Smith, who intends to go there with six servants in the *Blessing* and to pay 70*l.* passage money. Christopher Cletherowc asks for an increase of salary for his brother Anthony, who has been a factor at Surat for about eight years, his covenanted time having expired three years ago, when his salary was 60*l.* per annum; this request is referred to Captain Blackman and his Council. At the desire of Robert Abdy, the Court resolves to settle a salary of 20*l.* per annum, for three or four years from the arrival of the *Eagle* at Surat, upon Anthony Daniell, a youth who went out last year and has been well recommended in the letters home. On information that searchers from the Customhouse have opened several packs of the Company's cloth on board the *Blessing* and found and seized eighteen pieces which were not theirs, the Court sends for the packer, Mr. Boylston, but he denies all knowledge of this, therefore certain Committees are desired to go aboard the *Blessing* and the *Eagle* and make what discoveries concerning this matter they can, and Spiller is ordered to attend them. Steps to be taken about renewal of the lease of Leadenhall warehouse, which has expired. Captain Blackman presents an indenture made February 8, 1650, between Nathan Wright, Maurice Thomson, Thomas Andrews, Robert Burdett, Nathaniel Andrews, Jeremy Blackman, Robert Spaven and James Bridgeman on the one part, and William Thomson and Thomas James (all London merchants) on the other, to the effect that the said persons 'did intend, according to an agreement made with the Company the 21th of November last, to settle a plantation of 600 acres of land at the island of Assada in Africa, for the manning of which plantacion all the said parties have made and layd one equall joynt stocke of 1,000*l.*, one tenth part whereof



bond is found to be security for Mr. Collyer and Company and an account of what has been consigned to the said factors has not yet come to hand ; but he is promised that no more goods shall be sent out upon his security. The sum of 11*l.* 10*s.* is allowed to Daniel Andrews on account of stores and timber for the *Farewell*, he to pay 90*l.* for the said ship and 100*l.* for stores. John Prowd, master of the *Eagle*, is allowed remission of freight on some calicoes, and Andrew Baines, minister, who came from Surat, is granted a like favour for his goods. Mr. Acton is directed to insert in the lease for Blackwall Yard the names of Anthony Bateman, Daniel Andrews, George Smith, Junior, and Thomas Cokayne. Walter Pell, an adventurer in the Second General Voyage, having lost his warrant of 112*l.* 10*s.* for his division, another is ordered to be supplied in which the said loss is to be mentioned. Edward Pearse, who has served a long time as a factor at Surat, desiring in a letter that 200*l.* of his wages may be paid to the Deputy for the benefit of his mother and sister, this is ordered to be done. The Court directs that the order, dated February 18th, received from the Commissioners for Compounding, requiring the Company to pay no more rent for their house to Lord Craven, be punctually obeyed. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
MARCH 14, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 40).

The *Eagle* is appointed admiral, the *Anne* vice-admiral, and the *Blessing* rear-admiral, and Sambrooke is directed to notify this. Certain Committees are desired to proceed to the Downs, attended by Samuel Calcott. The Court lets 300 acres of land on Assada to William Moore on the same conditions as formerly, and on hearing that he is a son-in-law of Colonel Thomson, 'to whome the Company was so much engaged', orders that, in case he does not like living at Assada, Captain Blackman shall have liberty to take him into the Company's service at Surat at a suitable salary. At the desire of Thomas Andrews, the Court orders it to be registered that he relinquishes his right to the share in the private plantation at Assada concerning which a deed was presented to the Court the 28th of February last, the said share to fall and accrue to the other persons named in the said deed. Captain Blackman is given 60*l.* for fresh provisions. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, MARCH 19, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 88).

The Governor intimates that Job Throgmorton and others are very willing to stand security in the room of Mr. Langhorne for the Leghorn factors. The ships for the year being all dispeeded, the accounts of Thomas Rilston, John Young, and Samuel Calcott are to be examined. On information that the Council of State is displeased concerning the cloth found packed among the Company's bales, thinking it their act, the Court again utterly denies the same and desires that the Council of State would question them about it. Being acquainted that divers goods have been shipped in the *Eagle* and *Blessing* in the names of the Deputy and Samuel Moyer, but that the latter denies this, while the Deputy asserts that he only shipped some scarlets and satins, which he had leave from the Court to send, and some 'snuffe tobacco' in the *Eagle* for which he has agreed to pay freight to the owners, the Court directs the Husband to obtain a note from the Customhouse of all goods laden in the said vessels. Tincal [borax] sold to Peter Vandermarsh at 7*l.* 10*s.* per cwt at twelve months and two months in, from the 25th March next. Allowance to be made on cinnamon bought by Daniel Andrews and William Vincent. The poor-box being full, 20*l.* from it is ordered to be paid into the Treasury. (1*3*/<sub>4</sub> pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, MARCH 26, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 90).

The sum of 1,300*l.*, due last September, is demanded from John Frith; and he is also desired to seal a bill for payment of an additional 800*l.* for which he stands security for goods bought by Thomas Hanson and others. Certain Committees are desired to see about the delivery of the effects of the late Adam Bowen to his widow, and to examine his accounts. Anne, widow of Giles Shephard<sup>1</sup>, is given 30*s.* from the poor-box. Tomblings is ordered to have the wharf at Blackwall repaired, to sell the remaining stores and provisions, and to pay the almsmen from the money so obtained and from what he has already in hand. Payment of Mr. Wood's

<sup>1</sup> Porter at Blackwall Yard He died in 1646.

bill for cordage to be deferred until the return of Captain Ryder from Dover. Allowances made to the Governor and Deputy for defective silk. On perusal of a letter from the President and Council at Bantam dated December 23, 1647, the Court orders payment to be made to John Yard of money disbursed by him at Balasore, with interest at the rate of six per cent. Richard Chambers's son, who was entertained five years ago for Surat, his father to pay for his diet, etc., having been given a salary last year by the United Joint Stock, the Court now resolves that Mr. Chambers, who when a Commissioner at the Customhouse was always ready and willing to do any office of courtesy for the Company, need only pay for his son's maintenance for the space of three years. Resolution concerning the disposal of the Company's servants in London and at Blackwall is deferred. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, APRIL 3, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 92).

A lease of 'this house' to be desired from the Commissioners sitting at Goldsmiths' Hall, it being under sequestration and in their power to dispose of. An account of everything in the Company's warehouses that is for sale is ordered to be made out, and a general court of sales to be held on Wednesday sennight. Defective calicoes to be examined and priced, and the old wrappers measured ready for sale. Sambrooke is directed to give in an account of all debts due to the Company, with the names of the debtors and the dates for payment; also an account of all goods sold but not delivered. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, APRIL 4, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 41).

Care to be had about renewing the lease for Leadenhall warehouse. A list is presented of several parcels of quicksilver, vermilion, and elephants' teeth shipped in the *Eagle* and *Blessing* for the account of private men; hereupon letters are ordered to be written to inform Captain Blackman and Messrs. Prowd and Grimes of this, and to advise them at their arrival at Surat to ascertain the names of the owners and detain the goods until the freight and penalty imposed by the Company have been paid; the dispatch of,

these letters to the ships, which are supposed to be near the Isle of Wight, is entrusted to Messrs. Andrews and Ryder. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, APRIL 5, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 93).

Mr. Acton intimates that the Committees appointed to consider Alderman Fowke's business have resolved to report their opinion to Parliament; therefore he, conceiving that the Company should also have a petition ready, presents one now; this is read, approved, and the Governor and other Committees are desired to solicit members of Parliament that it may be read. Allowance is made to Mr. Martin for defective shellac. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, APRIL 9, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 94).

Resolved that, as Captain Thomson has already been paid freight for the several parcels of calicoes brought home as private trade in the *Ruth*, the owners of the said calicoes shall pay the freight ordered the 4th December last, deducting from it what they have already paid to the Captain. The Secretary is allowed remission of freight on thirty pieces of longcloth. Thomas Rich moves for some insurance to be made upon behalf of the Fourth Joint Stock, in regard of the danger of sea pirates; this is approved, but no resolution is come to. James Martin's offer to buy all the Company's shellac at 40s. and 50s. the cwt. is refused, the price not being approved. Thomas Thetcher and John Frith desire forbearance for their great debt and promise to confer with Sir Thomas Soame and Mr. Hanson, and then to attend the court. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, APRIL 16, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 95).

A list of the Company's debts and debtors is read; and it appearing that many debts have been incurred without the knowledge of the Treasurer, Sambrooke is directed in future to enter at the end of every sale in a separate book an account of all goods sold, and to deliver the said book to the Treasury for the Treasurer's use.

Action is desired to enter an action in the Sheriff's court against Cuttler, formerly the City's Garbler, for recovery of 700*l.* Certain Committees to examine the accounts and ascertain how much is owing by Messrs. Handson, Thetcher, Soame, and Frith, and find out from them how they intend to give satisfaction to the Company for the same. Anthony Pantan, a poor minister who has been in India<sup>1</sup>, is given 40*s.* from the poor-box. Calicoes sold to James Martin. Allowance to be made by the Second General Voyage to the Stock for 1,120 pieces of Sinda 'gumbutts', valued by mistake in the inventory at 10*s.* instead of at 8*s.* 6*d.* per piece. (1½ *pp.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES. APRIL 18, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 96).

Sale of cossaes, gurras, dustatois, sallampores, kersywale, Persia silk, pintado quilts, small quilts, coarse pintadoes, baftas, wrappers, striped stuffs, calicoes, cotton wool, bundles of rope, gunnells, wax cloth wrappers, sugar, Lahore and Sarkhej indigo, indigo skins and shirts, cloves, and seed-lac, with prices and names of purchasers. (1¾ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, APRIL 18, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 42).

The present danger of the seas by French pirates and rovers being considered, it is resolved to insure the ships expected home this year for account of the United Joint Stock for 40,000*l.*, viz. the *Love* for 15,000*l.*, the *Aleppo Merchant* for 10,000*l.*, the *Bonito* for 7,500*l.*, and the *Lioness* for 7,500*l.*, accounting the rial at 7*s.* 6*d.*; the premium to be five per cent. and no man to write for more than one-third of his adventure. To avoid all friction Sambrooke, in whose custody the policies are to remain, is ordered 'to even' each sum underwritten; and that every adventurer may know of this, it is decided to call a general court of all adventurers in the Fourth Joint Stock and in the United Joint Stock. Certain Committees for the United Joint Stock are desired to meet some to be appointed for the Fourth Joint Stock, to consider what part the former Stock is to bear of the Company's charges for salaries, rent of houses and warehouses, etc. Richard Bye's bill for travelling to Portsmouth

<sup>1</sup> See the 1640-43 volume, pp. 236, 336.

and the Isle of Wight with letters for the ships is ordered to be paid and he to be given an additional 30s. Mr. Thomson reports that the Council of State sent for him about a contract it desires to make with the Company about saltpetre, as mentioned in the Assada Articles; the Court replies that, in accordance with the commands of the Council, a good quantity of saltpetre has been sent for from India, which at the arrival of the ships it is hoped to sell at such reasonable price as will content the State. (1¼ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, APRIL 23, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 98).

Two suits brought against the Company, one by the creditors of Sir John Wolstenholme, the other by the creditors of William Courteene, are referred to Acton, who is directed not to make any 'dilatory defence' to the former. Four Committees appointed on behalf of the United Joint Stock and four on behalf of the Fourth Joint Stock, with the Deputy as 'moderator', are desired to meet and consider what part the United Stock is to pay of the Company's charges for salaries, rent of houses, warehouses, etc. Two bags containing about 200*l.* in money, belonging to the late Adam Bowen and found in his office, to be delivered to his widow. Charles Blount to be paid 20*l.* towards the maintenance of his brother at Oxford from money belonging to him in the Company's hands. Philip Mead taking exception to some calicoes bought by him, he is released from his bargain. An order allowing the *Dolphin* (at the request of her owners) to be sheathed in one of the docks at Blackwall on payment of all charges, is referred for consideration. Mr. Knipe's business to be heard this day sennight. The request of Captain Thomas Steevens for mitigation of the fine of 100*l.* imposed upon him is refused. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, APRIL 25, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 44).

The Fourth Joint and the United Joint Stock having each resolved to insure four ships expected home this summer, a general court of all adventurers in the said Stocks is appointed to be held next Wednesday, that notice may be given hereof. Mr. Thomson's

offer to buy all the saltpetre that shall be returned for account of the United Joint Stock this summer and during the continuance of the said Stock is referred for decision to the generality next Wednesday. The Committees chosen by the two Stocks to consider concerning the charges to be borne by the United Joint Stock present their opinions in writing to the following effect:—That the United Joint Stock should have a secretary (who should also take charge of the Exchange Cellar), an accountant, and a cashier subordinate to the Treasurer, 'a writer of letters upon all occasions' (who is also to take care of the calico warehouse), and some one to attend to the Customhouse affairs and take care of the other warehouse; and a housekeeper who is to warn Committees, present debtors, pay sailors on their return, and pay imprest, etc. Debate hereon is deferred. (1¼ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF THE ADVENTURERS IN THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, APRIL 30, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 45<sup>1</sup>).

The Governor intimates that the cause of the meeting is to acquaint the generality that the Committees for the two Stocks have resolved to insure eight ships expected home this summer, four for account of the Fourth Joint Stock for 50,000*l.*, viz. 15,000*l.* upon the *Willham*, 15,000*l.* upon the *Golden Fleece*, 10,000*l.* upon the *East India Merchant*, and 10,000*l.* upon the *Advice*; and four for account of the United Joint Stock for 40,000*l.*, viz. 15,000*l.* upon the *Love*, 10,000*l.* upon the *Aleppo Merchant*, 7,500*l.* upon the *Bonito*, and 7,500*l.* upon the *Lioness*, reckoning the mahmūdī at 18*d.* and the rial at 7*s.* 6*d.* for all goods laden at Surat and Bantam, and 12*s.* per pagoda<sup>2</sup> for goods laden in the Bay of Bengal or upon the Coast of Coromandel. Any adventurer who pleases may underwrite in these policies, for account of the Fourth Joint Stock for one-half of his adventure and for account of the United Joint Stock for one-third of his adventure. The Governor states that the reason for making these policies is that with them there will be sufficient to pay all debts. He then puts the proposal to the question and it is

<sup>1</sup> Entered also in vol. xxi. (p. 100).

<sup>2</sup> These rates, which were roughly 50 per cent. over the exchange value of the coins named, were evidently meant to include a proportion of profit on the cost price as given in the invoices.

unanimously agreed to by a general erection of hands. It is next resolved that the premium for both policies shall be six per cent., that they shall remain open until May 15, and if by then they are not completed an additional seven days shall be allowed. That every adventurer may be informed hereof, tickets are ordered to be left at the houses of any not now present. Only 'good men' are to be permitted to underwrite; and, to avoid friction, Sambrooke is directed 'to even' each man's subscription. The adventurers in the Fourth Joint Stock having withdrawn, those in the United Joint Stock are told that an offer has been made by some gentlemen to buy all the saltpetre that shall arrive for account of this Stock and to make a contract for all that shall come during its continuance. The Deputy declares that the price offered is so considerable as to be an inducement. Debate ensues and it is resolved to accept the offer; therefore Alderman Dethick, Thomas Hodges, Richard Waring, Francis Ash, Anthony Bateman, George Smith, Thomas Brightwell, William Vincent, John Wood, and James Edwards are entreated to join with the standing committee appointed for the United Joint Stock and they, or any eleven of them, to meet the men making this offer and settle such a contract as they shall think fit. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, MAY 7, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 103).

Calicoes sold to Rowland Wilson. James Martin's request for allowance on gingham he bought is referred to the determination of certain Committees. Notice to be given to all men receiving salaries from the Fourth Joint Stock that nothing more will be paid by the said Stock after Midsummer next, but that they must apply to the United Joint Stock. Rebecca, daughter of John Blount, petitioning for what is due to her from her father's account, Sambrooke is directed to examine and report on it. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, MAY 9, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 47).

Thomas Brightwell and Richard Hussey, Junior, are admitted to the freedom by redemption, each paying the customary fine of 5*l*.



Maurice Thomson presents a written proposal on behalf of himself, William Pennoyer, John Berrisford, and Daniel Judd for purchase of all the Company's saltpetre that shall arrive in England this year and the next, and also for 200 tons of refined or 400 tons of unrefined saltpetre for the next three years following. After some debate the following agreement is made between the contracting parties as to the rate of the several specie in India, viz. the mahmūdī to be valued at 1s., the rupee at 2s. 3d., the rial at 5s., the old pagoda at 10s. and the new pagoda at 8s., and it is agreed that Mr. Thomson and his partners shall be allowed to purchase all the Company's saltpetre for the time stated and pay for the same two for one according to the aforesaid valuation as it shall cost in India with all charges put aboard the ship (factors' 'provision' excepted) according to the invoice of each ship within eight months after arrival at the place of discharge in the Thames, eight months' discount to be allowed for ready money after the rate of 8 per cent. per annum; in the event of any difference arising, four Committees are appointed to act as arbitrators, and if they fail to settle the same, then William Cokayne is to be appointed 'moderator' and to conclude finally all matters in dispute; and in case any of those now nominated die, others shall be chosen by the major part of the committee appointed by the generality of adventurers in the United Joint Stock on the 7th of this present month [*sic*] (1½ pp.)

PETITION OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE, MAY 9, 1651 (*Public Record Office. C.O.* 77 vol. vii, no. 16).

Having already petitioned Parliament for relief for the great losses and injuries sustained from the Dutch in Banda, Amboyna, and other parts of the East Indies, and their petition being referred to the consideration of this Council, the Company prays that, as ambassadors are sent from England to the States General of the United Provinces to negotiate such affairs as shall be communicated to them<sup>1</sup>, satisfaction may be demanded on their behalf from the Dutch Company for the said losses, and such a regulation settled for the future as shall not only prevent further complaints, but render the East India trade advantageous to the honour and profit of the Commonwealth. Signed by William Methwold. (½ p.)

<sup>1</sup> The reference is to the mission of St John and Strickland

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, MAY 15, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 104).

Calicoes sold to Signor Anthonio Fernandez de Calvaia. Liberty is given to every adventurer in the Fourth Joint Stock to underwrite to the full amount of his subscription proportionably in the four policies taken out for the said Stock. The factors at Genoa to be instructed to advise the Company constantly what goods they have sold, at what price, and to whom; they are also to be told not to sell any pepper under 13s. and to send their account current every six months to the Company. The factors at Leghorn are also to be advised to send in their account every six months. Allowance made to James Martin for damaged gingham. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, MAY 28, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 105).

Sir Thomas Soame, Messrs. Hanson and Thetcher promise to inform the court next Wednesday how they and Mr. Frith intend to make satisfaction to the Company for their debt. John Case, who went out in the *Loyalty* and returned in the *Eagle*, having refused to pay the 20*l.* he promised for his own and his servant's diet and passage from the Red Sea to Surat, their diet ashore at Surat, and diet and passage back to England, Acton is directed to sue him for the same. An account is presented on behalf of Edward Barnard, late consul at Aleppo, for 199 dollars disbursed for the Company since September, 1647, hereupon 80*l.* is ordered to be paid to Mr. Barnard in satisfaction, and for 'his care and love in expediting the Company's busines in Aleppo'. James Martin is allowed for defective gingham found amongst those he bought from the Company. Captain Ryder shows a letter he has received from Brest, in which it is intimated that there are six great ships with thirty-six guns and upwards apiece and 300 men aboard each ship set out to waylay and take the English East India homeward-bound ships; hereupon the Court, after serious consideration, and understanding also that Prince Rupert has left Toulon with five vessels

whose destination is unknown<sup>1</sup>, resolves to petition and ask for assistance from the Council of State, and entreats certain Committees to be present this afternoon at the presentation of the said petition to beg Their Lordships' favour herein. An inventory to be made of all utensils in the East India House and in all the warehouses. Thomas, brother of Richard Fitch, deceased at Surat, to be paid 200*l.* from the latter's estate now in the Company's hands. Susan Wooder, sister of Robert Wooder, who died long ago in Persia, is given 20*s.* from the poor-box. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, MAY 30, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 49).

Messrs. Soane, Hanson, Thetcher, and Frith desire forbearance until Wednesday next, when they will inform the Company how they intend to pay their debt. The offer of Adam Lee to build a ship of 250 tons to be ready by the beginning of November, if the Court will engage to freight her to the Coast, is refused. In reply to a letter from Daniel Skinner, it is resolved that the coral taken out of the *Garland of Roses* in the Downs shall remain at Dover until further order. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JUNE 4, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 107).

The Committees appointed to examine Kilston and Calcott's accounts report them to be fair and just. After some dispute it is resolved that of the 80*l.* promised to Mr. Barnard, one-half shall be paid by the old Joint Stock, the other by the United Joint Stock. Seed-lac sold to James Martin, dust of pepper to Thomas Rich, and stick-lac to Peter Terrence. Several Committees for the United Joint Stock being present, they request that Mr. Pennoyer and Company may be desired to seal the contract for saltpetre expected from India this year; otherwise the Company will be absolved from the bargain. (1 *p.*)

<sup>1</sup> This was Rupert's ill-fated cruise to the Azores and West Indies, during which he lost his ship and was nearly drowned himself, while later in the same voyage the vessel commanded by his brother, Prince Maurice, was wrecked in a hurricane, all on board perishing.

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, JUNE 4, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 108).

Sale of pepper, defective twisted silk, sugar, cloves, sallampores, baftas, cossaes, sannaes, kersywale, book cloth, brown cloth, and white wrappers, with prices and names of purchasers. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JUNE 6, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 50).

Beresford, the powdermaker, desires a delay of fourteen days before the contract for saltpetre is sealed; to this the Court consents and adds that there is no obligation on either side. Damaged pepper sold to William Bateman. An inventory is presented of goods and utensils in the Company's house and warehouses to be sold to the United Joint Stock, and certain Committees are requested to price these. The officers to be employed for this Stock to be chosen this day sennight. The Committee for the Fourth Joint Stock having ordered 80*l.* to be paid to Mr. Bernard [*sic*], late consul at Aleppo, for postage of letters to and from India, half whereof to be paid by the United Joint Stock, it is now resolved that this Stock shall pay one-third only, which is thought sufficient. Samuel Sambrooke having been ordered to draw up a letter to Surat to be sent overland, certain Committees are desired to read and sign the same. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JUNE 11, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 110).

Richard Waring and Michael Herring accepted as securities for pepper bought by the former. George Tash is granted remission of freight on private trade. The United Joint Stock not being willing to pay more than one-third of the 80*l.* accorded to Mr. Barnard, the Fourth Joint Stock agrees to pay the remaining two-thirds. Calicoes sold to Messrs. Mead, Trotter, Knight, Griffen, Barron, and Martin. At the request of Mr. Knipe, the Court resolves to hear his business this day fortnight. Captain East, a grocer, to be returned certain money paid by him for pepper over and above the cost. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
JUNE 13, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 51).

The following men are entertained for the service of the United Joint Stock: Richard Swinglehurst as secretary, to keep account of all pepper, take bills for all goods in his charge when sold, and perform any other service required, at a salary of 120*l.* per annum, and as this next year there will be business for him to do for the Fourth Joint Stock he shall be given a gratuity for the same from that Stock. Jeremy Sambrooke to be accountant and present a yearly balance of the books the last day in May, to be allowed a salary of 160*l.* per annum and, as he will be employed for the Fourth Joint Stock also, to be given a gratuity of 80*l.* by the latter Stock for that service. Samuel Sambrooke to write all foreign letters and keep account of all calicoes and other goods housed in the calico warehouse, and do whatever else shall be required at a salary of 100*l.* per annum. It is also resolved that a cashier, subordinate to the Treasurer, shall be chosen by the latter. Samuel Calcott is entertained as husband, to enter and ship all goods and keep the Company's warehouses at the waterside, to be careful to discover any private trade and do all else required of him, for a salary of 80*l.* per annum, he to give good security for the performance of these duties. Thomas Tomblings to be entrusted with the care of all other warehouses and cellars, and do what else shall be required of him, at a salary of 80*l.* per annum; he also to give good security for performance of the same. Percival Aungeir to be housekeeper, give warning of all courts, call upon debtors, pay imprest and wages to mariners, and do whatever else is required of him, at a salary of 40*l.* per annum, and to give good security for performance of his duties. James Acton is chosen as attorney and solicitor; to be allowed 20*l.* for this next year with promise of a gratification according as occasion shall require. All these men are to be entertained from midsummer; and being informed hereof they promise to serve with diligence and integrity. Messrs. Markham, Rilston, Younge, and Spiller are called in and told that the Company has no further need of their services and therefore they are dismissed; as likewise all the officers employed at Blackwall except the porter who is to be kept on. (24 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JUNE 18, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 111).

A letter is read,<sup>1</sup> which the Court had intended to send overland by Mr. Tavernier<sup>1</sup>, who 'purposed to travell into India' and had informed the Company of the intention of the King of Scotland<sup>2</sup> to send 'a Messenger to obstruct their trade in Persia'; after some dispute it is resolved not to send the letter by Mr. Tavernier, but to direct Sambrooke to write and thank him for his civility in giving the said information. Mr. Hanson is granted a further respite before making his propositions concerning his debt. The Committees appointed to examine Younge's accounts report satisfactorily and state that 43*l.* is due to him. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JUNE 20, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 53).

The Governor reports that some adventurers take exception to the election of officers made at the last court; after debate this court not seeing fit to alter anything then resolved on, the matter is referred for consideration. All servants employed by this Stock to give security to be approved by the Court for the discharge of their duties. Thomas Burnell transfers to Gualter Frost, Senior, 600*l.* adventure and profits in the United Joint Stock; Peter Middleton transfers to Gualter Frost, Junior, 300*l.* adventure and profits in the same Stock, and Adam Bowen transfers to his mother, Elizabeth Bowen, administratrix to his late father, 100*l.* adventure and profits in the said Stock. Intelligence being received that there is a design to send some one from the King of Scotland or from the late Queen of England to Persia to obstruct the Company's trade, Sambrooke is directed to write to the President and Council at Surat and require them, if any Englishman or other shall

<sup>1</sup> The celebrated traveller, Jean-Baptiste Tavernier, who had just left Paris on his fourth journey to the East.

<sup>2</sup> This was of course the young King Charles, afterwards Charles II. Though the Parliamentarians denied him the title of King of England, they could not but recognize that he had been actually crowned King of Scotland in January, 1651. The mission referred to (the main purpose of which was to borrow money from the Persian monarch) was that of Henry Bard, Viscount Bellomont (see Irvine's *Manucci*, vol. i, p. 72).

arrive with any letter or commission from the King of Scotland or his mother purporting to interrupt the Company's trade, to seize him and send him back to England by the first opportunity. The factors at Leghorn and Genoa to remit all money that they have occasion to send to Venice to the care of Signor Paul de Sera. Richard Bateman to buy 'Messy canvas' to make pepper bags. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JUNE 25, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 112).

All freemen and adventurers in the Fourth Joint Stock to be summoned to attend a general court of election. Sir Thomas Soame offering a considerable sum to clear himself and Mr. Thetcher from their debt for sugar, certain Committees and Mr. Acton are requested to settle with him. Samuel Calcott is given 25*l.* for his services from June, 1648 to June, 1649. The heads of a bill exhibited in Chancery against Knipe are read, with entries from the black book concerning him, and his answers to all; Knipe submitting himself to the Court, certain Committees are desired to examine and report on his said answers. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF ELECTION, JULY 2, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 117).

William Cokayne vacates the chair as Governor, but it being necessary 'to continue the government as yett as it is, untill the State bee pleased to alter it, for hereafter there wilbee little use of any Governour, in regard they are to sett noe shippes out, nor much other busines but to pay their debts', he is nominated with William Ashwell and Rowland Wilson and by general erection of hands re-elected Governor. William Methwold and Thomas Andrews are next named for the post of Deputy, and the former unanimously re-elected. John Massingberd and Thomas Burnell are nominated for the post of Treasurer and the former re-elected. It is next resolved that no man shall be a Committee who has not 500*l.* adventured in the Fourth Joint Stock; and, six new men having to be elected, the choice falls upon Messrs. Gold, Edwards, Wilde, Bludworth, Spurstow, and Thomas Cokayne. And because

William Ashwell, James Martin, James Mann, and George Smith are not adventurers to the required amount, and Richard Bateman and Ozias Churchman had 'fewest hands', these retire, leaving the following to act as Committees for the ensuing year: Sir Jacob Garrad, Rowland Wilson, Thomas Burnell, Thomas Jennings, Gilbert Keate, Thomas Kerridge, Thomas Mann, Robert Abdy, John Langly, Thomas and Daniel Andrews, Thomas Rich, Andrew Riccard, Thomas Hodges, Nicholas Gould, William Meggs, Richard Davies, William Williams, Anthony Bateman, Richard Wyld, Henry Spurstowe, Thomas Bludworth, Thomas Cokayne, and James Edwards. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JULY 4, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 54).

The petition of Messrs. Rilston and Spiller to be employed in their former positions by this Stock is referred for consideration. Certain Committees are desired to examine and value the husband's stores and consider what will be necessary for this Stock to buy of them. A court of election to be held for this Stock. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, JULY 9, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 119).

The Governor presents a paper, subscribed by several merchants, in which a Frenchman, Monsieur de la Bord, undertakes to procure restitution for goods and ships belonging to 'this Commonwealth' and taken by the French; the Governor alleges that he has sustained loss in this way, and that the Company has also lost six bales of silk in the *Greyhound*, that ship having been taken by the French; hereupon he is desired to subscribe the said paper on behalf of the Company. The Committees appointed to consider Mr. Knipe's affairs make their report; Knipe is asked what private trade he brought home and, not giving a satisfactory answer, he is told to present an exact account of the same at the next court, when his business shall be further considered. A parcel of calicoes bought by the Deputy in 1649 being in excess of the number he bargained for, he is allowed to leave the surplus. Mr. Pennoyer refusing to pay for pepper he bought, the same is ordered to be weighed and



its value put to his account. Calicoes sold to Thomas Hill. Spiller is directed to sue Mr. Brett and others for their debt for indigo, if payment for the same be not made within the week. Certain warehouses found to be useless are given up and the stores sent to Blackwall. A poor 'Grecian' is given 10s. Consideration of Markham's request for a gratuity is deferred. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JULY 11, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 55).

Confirmation of the election of officers to be employed for this Stock having been referred to this court, a petition from Markham, the Company's auditor, is read, and after some debate he is appointed auditor for the United Joint Stock at a salary of 80*l.* per annum for one year from last midsummer, and is told that he must assist in perfecting the books of the Fourth Joint Stock and those of the Second General Voyage, to which he willingly agrees. The choice of Swinglehurst as secretary and of Jeremy Sambrooke as accountant is confirmed. Samuel Sambrooke is appointed warehousekeeper at Leadenhall, and Thomas Tomblings warehousekeeper at Crosby House. The appointment of Acton as attorney and solicitor is also confirmed, and that of Samuel Calcott as husband. Spiller is entertained as housekeeper at 30*l.* per annum, to call in debts when due, to give notice of all courts and perform any other service required of him; while Percival Aungeir is entertained as the Company's servant at 30*l.* per annum to pay wages and imprest to mariners and to undertake such other duties as he shall be directed to perform. Swinglehurst, Samuel Sambrooke, Tomblings, Calcott, and Aungeir are each required to give security in 1,000*l.* for the performance of their several duties. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF ELECTION FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JULY 16, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 59).

After some dispute it is generally agreed that fifteen Committees shall be chosen to manage the affairs of this Stock this year, seven of whom shall form a court, no man to be elected unless he has adventured 1,000*l.* in the said Stock. Decision as to whether the Committees who acted last year and those appointed to act this shall be given any gratuity is deferred until the return of some

of the ships. It is next moved whether the oath shall be taken by every Committee or not, and debate ensues concerning the debt of 95,000*l.* owing by this Stock. It is argued that as the seal of the Fourth Joint Stock 'goes for all debts', and only those free of the Company who have taken the oath are liable to be sued in case of any call, so it is only right that it should be known who is liable for payment of this debt, for it is thought that the Fourth Joint Stock should not be liable for the United Joint Stock nor the United Joint Stock for the Fourth Joint Stock; therefore it is generally agreed that no division shall be made of any of the estate of this Stock until the said debt of 95,000*l.* and whatever else shall be taken up for this Stock's account shall be paid; also that all the Committees for this Stock shall be exempted from taking the oath. The following men are chosen as Committees to manage all affairs appertaining to this Stock this next year: William Cokayne, William Methwold, John Massingberd Maurice Thomson, Samuel Moyer, William Ashwell, Thomas Jennings, Thomas Andrews, Gualter Frost, Thomas Hodges, Nathaniel Wyche, William Ryder, Andrew Riccard, George Smith, and John Robinson. John Massingberd is chosen treasurer for the ensuing year. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, JULY 16, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 121).

Elizabeth, widow of John Cartwright, is given 3*l.* from the poor-box. Knipe presents an account of his private trade, but it is not thought satisfactory and he is told to bring 'a more perfect noate' to the next court. George Forbesse, 'the onely surviving wittnes of the sadd and fatall tragedy by the Dutch committed against the English at Amboyna', is admitted to the Company's almshouse, where he is to be allowed two rooms and 5*s.* a week (double the usual sum), and to read prayers morning and evening to the other almsmen and see that good order is kept. Longcloth sold to Thomas Chamberleyne. Certain Committees are entreated to settle what utensils and stores belonging to the Fourth Joint Stock will be required by the United Joint Stock, and to dispose of such warehouses as will not be needed. Resolution concerning Markham's request for a gratuity is again deferred. (1¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, JULY 18, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 61).

Certain Committees are desired to decide concerning the purchase of utensils and stores from the East India House and the Company's warehouses for this Stock. Friday next is appointed for tender of securities by all employed for this Stock. An officer is sent from the Committee of Sequestrations sitting at Armourers' Hall to ascertain the Court's answer concerning this house; reply is promised by Friday, and meanwhile certain Committees are requested to attend the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall about this business. (1 p.)

THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SEQUESTRATIONS AND COMPOSITIONS AT HABERDASHERS' HALL, JULY 24, 1651 (*Public Record Office. S. P. Dom.: Interregnum*, I. 96, p. 307).

. . . Having met with some packets of letters from the East Indies to that Company here, one of which appears to be written by Fenne<sup>1</sup>, a malignant, to Sir Andrew Cogan, a delinquent, to whom he consigned some goods, we send you that letter, but have returned the packets to the Company, with an order to send you such letters, advices, invoices, and papers as may concern Cogan, Fenne, or any other delinquents, that you may use them on behalf of the State. . . .

THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY TRADING TO EAST INDIA, JULY 24, 1651 (*Public Record Office: S. P. Dom.: Interregnum*, I. 96, p. 307).

. . . Your letters coming from the Downs being visited by Colonel Gibbons, we found one directed to Sir Andrew Cogan, delinquent. We return you the letters; but let all concerning Fenne or Cogan be sent to the Sequestration Commissioners, and advertise them of any goods coming over from the Indies or elsewhere to delinquents.

<sup>1</sup> Apparently Thomas Fenn, a factor in the Bantam presidency.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK,  
JULY 30, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 122).

Of the ships returned, the *Love*, the *Lioness*, and the *East India Merchant* are to be unladen first. Upon intimation that certain goods have been taken out of the Company's ships and put aboard the *Lion*, a vessel belonging to the State, the Court directs that the assistance of the Commissioners of Customs be invoked in the search for and seizure of these goods. Captain Ryder's request that the *Love* may enter one of the Company's docks and a warehouse to deposit her stores may be lent to him, is left unanswered. A friend of Mr. Jennings, who wishes either to buy the Company's interest in Blackwall or to hire the place by the year, is to be desired to attend the next court. The Exchange cellar and other places under charge of the Secretary to be inspected. Order is given that all goods belonging to private men in the Company's warehouses are to be taken away, and if this is not done the said goods are to be removed to some other warehouses and all charges put to the account of their owners. On the motion of the Governor, it is resolved to summon the Committees for the United Joint Stock to meet next Wednesday to decide on the shipping to be dispeeded next year. Richard Clutterbucke and Thomas Andrews accepted as security for pepper bought by the former. Thomas Winter, who returned in the *William* after having served twenty years as a factor in India, is to be given 100*l.* on account of his salary. A great cable belonging to the *Mary* is ordered to be made into small ropes. The Company's warehouse-keepers are directed to take an allowance of 3 lb. for freight upon every draught. The bill of Mr. Budd, the proctor, to be paid. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
AUGUST 1, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 62).

The Governor reports that he and some Committees went to Haberdashers' Hall about the rent of the Company's house, and the committee then sitting promised that none shall be demanded until after the 3rd of September next. Thomas Thomblings is accepted as security for Richard Swinglehurst, Jeremy Sambrooke for Samuel Sambrooke, and Henry Grimston and William Madox for Samuel

Calcott, 'they being his wives brothers'. Thomas Thomblings is permitted to deposit 1,000*l.* as security and is to be allowed 5 per cent. for the same. 'One Mr. Peapes, dwelling in Wood Streete', is tendered as security for Percival Aungeir<sup>1</sup>, 'his wives brother', but, none of the Court knowing him, inquiry is ordered to be made. Captain John Millett to be paid 200*l.* on account of freight for the *Aleppo Merchant*. Bills of exchange payable to William Swanley, Thomas Hill, and Thomas Tomblings, all charged from the President and Council at Bantam upon this Stock, are ordered to be accepted and paid as they become due. Deputy Hobson, on information that the Company intends to quit some of the warehouses at the Customhouse, desires that the former contract may be made good, whereupon he is told that, if he can show any contract, this shall be done, and he is advised to inform himself upon what conditions the said warehouses were taken. The Secretary to be given 100*l.* and the Husband 150*l.* for account of this Stock, they to render an account of the same. The letters to Bantam to be examined for particulars concerning a bill of exchange for 17,000*l.* now sent home. The petition of John Harbert, who has been employed for the last six months as assistant to Samuel Sambrooke, for a settled salary is referred. A court is appointed to be held next Wednesday afternoon to consider what shipping this Stock shall send out. (13<sup>th</sup> pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND SECOND GENERAL VOYAGE, AUGUST 6, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 124).

A division of fifteen per cent. in money is ordered to be made to every adventurer in the Second General Voyage. A box containing jewels, sent home in the *Love* and consigned to the Fourth Joint Stock, is opened, the contents examined, and the inventory read, after which it is sealed with the Governor's seal and delivered to the Treasurer. (1<sup>st</sup> p).

<sup>1</sup> Aungeir is often mentioned in Pepys's *Diary*. His security was Thomas Pepys (see the minutes for August 20, 1652), who was probably the diarist's cousin of that name, a turner by trade. Samuel repeatedly calls Aungeir his cousin.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
AUGUST 8, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 64).

Gifford Beale is to have delivered to him sundry quilts and 'some pearle ware' sent from Agra by Mr. Davidge, but the rhubarb sent with them is to be detained. After inquiring concerning Mr. Peapes, Mr. Robinson reports that 'hee heares very well of him, being a man of good sufficiency'; hereupon he is accepted as security for Aungeir. Private trade brought home in the *Love* and *Lioness* to be examined by certain Committees, who are to decide concerning its delivery. The Treasurer is desired to buy gold and silver to the value of 20,000*l.* A bill of exchange drawn upon the Governor, for 100*l.* paid to Lord Willoughby at Leghorn by Collyer and Company, to be paid at the rate of 4*s.* 8*d.* the rial. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK,  
AUGUST 14, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 125).

Damaged calicoes and gingham brought home in the *Lioness* to be examined. Philip Wild, a factor returned from India, where he has been for fourteen or fifteen years, to be given 100*l.* on account of his wages. Red earth brought home in the *Love* to be delivered to the owners. Dust of pepper sold to Thomas Rich. The Committee of the Ordnance to be desired to appoint some one to examine the Company's saltpetre, when a price for it shall be settled which it is hoped will content the State. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
AUGUST 15, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 65).

Mr. Vandepitt to be treated with about the purchase of fifty bullions of quicksilver. Cloths, elephants teeth, lead, and vermilion to be bought for dispatch to India this year; it is also resolved to send out stock to the value of 30,000*l.* or 35,000*l.* The charterparty of the *Lioness* to be examined, that it may be decided who is responsible for the damaged cloth brought home in her. Gregory Clement desires that the money due to him for his share in the freight of the *Golden Fleece* may be paid to Mr. Methwold. Mr. Thomson acquaints the court that for an experiment the Guinea Company intends to buy for transportation 2,000 or 2,500

of the 14,000 pieces of longcloth in the Company's hands; and Captain Ryder reports that a certain merchant is desirous of buying all their fine cloth, about 20,000 pieces. Mr. Mead, or any other linendraper, to be treated with about the damaged cloth returned in the *Lioness*. Saltpetre to be sold to the State, the fine sort for 4*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., and the coarse for 3*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., payment for the same to be deducted from the custom of the goods now returned; but if the State wishes the coarse refined, this shall be done and it shall then be sold at 4*l.* 10*s.* the cwt. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, AUGUST 20, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 126).

It is resolved to defend the suit brought against the Company by John Guilford, waterman, for the wages of his servant, Robert Collins, who died in India. Calicoes returned for account of the United Joint Stock to be examined and priced. Captain Blackwell is allowed remission of freight on some of the calicoes brought home in the *Love* by his son Joshua. Samuel Sambrooke to be given 40*l.* for services performed in the 'blew warehouse' from last Christmas to Midsummer. Blount's children desiring that their father's account may be cleared, the Court consents to the same on a receipt being given by Charles Blount, the administrator, and orders that, of the 123*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* due, 120*l.* be given to the daughter, the remainder to the administrator, to this all three children consent. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK AND THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, AUGUST 22, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 66).

A petition, presented on behalf of Alice Spavyn and the other executors of Robert Spavyn, who died in India, for delivery of his estate now in the Company's hands, is referred to certain Committees to examine and report upon. Mr. Vandepitt asking 3*s.* 6*d.* per lb. for his quicksilver, this is thought too high a price; therefore purchase is deferred. Calicoes bought by Messrs. Chivall, Hampson, Sartillyon, and Percmont. (1 *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, AUGUST 27, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 68).

Sale of 'sannoos adato<sup>1</sup>', gingham, sallampores, morees, tapseils, niccanees, Guinea stuffs, quilts, brown dutties, chintz, longcloth, one Persia silk carpet, cardamoms, gum-lac, shellac, seed-lac, olibanum, cotton yarn, raw silk, defective pepper, and Jambi pepper, with prices and names of purchasers. ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, AUGUST 27, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 127).

Charles Blourt doubting the correctness of his late father's account, certain Committees are desired to peruse and report on it. George Carleton, who returned in the *William*, petitions for his wages, which are claimed by William Knightsbridge, his late master; the Court, learning that Carleton sued out his indentures in the Lord Mayor's court, orders his wages to be paid to him. The bill of exchange for 17,000*l.* sent by the President and Council of Bantam not having been accepted by the United Joint Stock, Messrs. Langly and Rich are entreated to attend the court to be held by that Stock next Wednesday and desire that the said bill may be accepted or an absolute answer given concerning it. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, AUGUST 29, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 71).

All paying in money before Michaelmas for goods bought of the Company are to be allowed discount at the rate of 8 per cent. A letter to be written to the President and Council of Bantam and sent by the ships leaving Holland. Calicoes sold to Roger Kilvert. Edmund Sleight, who bought twenty-six bales of Bengal silk returned in the *Lioness*, is allowed the wrappers used for the same. The Treasurer is desired to accept a bill of exchange for 17,000*l.* from Bantam, and to pay it when due. Tincal sold to John Vandermarsh, and calicoes to John Bathurst. Quilts bought by some of the Committees to be paid for at the rate of 3*l.* each. The sister of the late Henry Olton to be given 25*l.*, half the sum left to her by her brother. (1 p.)

<sup>1</sup> According to Sir Richard Temple (*Diaries of Streyghsham Master*, vol. i, p. 401) this word is *adhotar*, meaning a loosely woven material used for loin-cloths.



A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 3, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 128).

At the request of Captain Mynors, commander of the *William*, now returned from Bantam, his ship's orlop is ordered to be examined before she is unladen, and the Captain to be paid for fresh provisions bought since his arrival in the Downs. The Committees appointed to treat concerning the Company's saltpetre report that they set the price at 4*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., but were desired by Alderman Allen to abate it, hereupon discussion ensues and it is decided that the saltpetre shall be offered to the State at 4*l.* 8*s.* the cwt. The owners of the *Advice* and of the *East India Merchant* to be paid 2,000*l.* each on account of freight. Gilbert Keate buys the sugar returned in the *Lioness* for 4*l.* per cwt. at three six months, to be allowed discount at the rate of 8 per cent. for all money paid in before Michaelmas next. Calicoes bought by the Fourth Joint Stock from the Second General Voyage to be offered to the United Joint Stock at the original price and time. Edward Steevens, the Company's late shipwright, to be allowed to buy all the timber in Blackwall Yard and to enter ships of 300 tons and upwards in the docks for repair, on making the masters or owners agree to pay the Company 5*l.* for every vessel, and all other charges. Calicoes sent home in the *East India Merchant* to Barbara Kelly by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Dacres to be delivered on payment of freight. Upon reading the account made out by Markham of freight due from Knipe for his private trade, amounting to 525*l.*, the Court orders Knipe to pay 500*l.* and a fine of 20*l.* for breach of his bond for 1,000*l.* given on his departure for the Indies, and then he to receive what remains due to him and his bond to be delivered up. (1  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 5, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 73).

Calicoes sold to Signor Anthonio Fernandez. This Stock buys all the calicoes bought by the Fourth Joint Stock from the Second General Voyage. The sum of 182*l.* 17*s.* due, according to the Bantam books, to the estate of Peter Wightwick, is ordered to be

paid. This day sennight is appointed to consider what shipping to dispatch this year. The owners of the *East India Merchant* to be paid an additional 1,000*l.* on account of freight. (1 *p.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, SEPTEMBER 8, 1651  
(*Public Record Office: S. P. Dom.: Interregnum*, I. 22, pp. 34-36).

. . . Alderman Allein, Colonel Thompson, and Colonel Purefoy to send to Colonel Berkstead, Maurice Thomson, and Mr. Pennoyer and consider how the Scottish prisoners<sup>1</sup> may be bestowed, either at the Tiltyard at Greenwich, or at the East India house and yard at Blackwall, if they can be had; and to speak with some of the East India Company for that purpose. . . .

PASS FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE, SEPTEMBER 10, 1651  
(*Public Record Office: S. P. Dom.: Interregnum*, I. cxi, no. 25).

For William Methwold and one servant beyond seas.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 130).

The sale of calicoes to the United Joint Stock is approved. Signor Anthonio Fernandez buys calicoes. Robert Lewys, who served many years in India and received a dangerous wound from a tiger coming home in the *Mary*<sup>2</sup>, is admitted to the Company's almshouse. The estate of Edward Heningway, deceased in India, to be paid to his mother as executrix. Forty pieces of calicoes to be delivered to Philip Wild for his own use. Henry Newton and Richard Hunt accepted as securities for silk bought by Joas Everson. The damage done to the *William* not being attributed to her men, they are to be paid all wages and debts due to them. (1½ *pp.*)

<sup>1</sup> Taken at the battle of Worcester.

<sup>2</sup> This occurred in 1639. Methwold was bringing home a tiger cub, probably as a present for King Charles. During the voyage, the animal bit Methwold's right hand severely, but was forced off; and on June 15 it attacked a sailor (no doubt the present applicant), fastening on his leg with such tenacity that he could only be released by killing the tiger, which was accordingly done. The sailor, who was sixty-three years old, was so injured that his life was for some time in danger, and it was two months before he recovered. (Mandelslo's *Morgenlandische Keyse Beschreibung*, ed. 1658, pp. 165, 166.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 12, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 74).

Tare to be apportioned to Edmund Sleigh for the silk he bought. The following ships are offered for the Company's service: the *Smyrna Merchant*, burden 450 tons, Captain Hurlestone master, the *Advice*, 350 tons, Robert May master, the *East India Merchant*, 300 tons, Captain Newport master, the *Love*, 450 tons, John Day master, the *Dolphin*, 300 tons, Captain Bodilow master, the *Merchant's Delight*, 350 tons, Captain Harman master, the *Elizabeth and Anne*, 300 tons, Richard Langford master, the *Mayflower*, 250 tons, Captain Bell master, the *Roebuck*, 250 tons, William Hargrave master, the *Endymion*, 300 tons, Jarvis Couchman master, the *Golden Fleece*, 450 tons, Thomas Hill master, the *Fairfax*, 300 tons, Captain Marvell master, and the *London*, 380 tons, Captain John Steevens master. Choice is made of the *Smyrna Merchant* to go to Surat, her owners to be paid 17*l.* per ton for pepper and saltpetre, and 21*l.* per ton for finer goods, Captain Nicholas Hurlestone to go as commander in her: the *East India Merchant* to go to Bantam by the end of February or beginning of March on the same conditions as she went formerly, with Captain Newport as commander: the *Roebuck* to go to Bantam, take Mr. Baker to the Coast, and from thence go on a freighting voyage to Persia. Hargrave, her commander, is to be paid 6*l.* per month, the Court also agrees to give at the rate of 80*l.* per month for her hull, and to victual and man her; but as Hargrave has never been to the East before, he is to be accompanied by a pilot and three mates, the pilot to be paid 5*l.* per month. The *Love* is chosen to go to the Coast and return direct to England, with Captain John Brookehaven as commander, her owners to be paid 19*l.* per ton for pepper and saltpetre and 23*l.* per ton for all other goods. Owners and masters of the said vessels to seal such covenants by charterparty as shall be thought just and fitting. Gifford Beale transfers to John Hobby 500*l.* adventure and profits in the United Joint Stock. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 17, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 131).

No security to be accepted for goods bought unless the buyer stands security also. Mr. Keate to be allowed tare on the sugar he

bought. Goods to be delivered to Captain Mynors on his promise to pay the required freight. Certain Committees are requested to wait upon the Lord General [Cromwell] with the Company's petition, and others to examine and report on Mr. Trumball's business. Lady Wild to be paid 300*l.* for the addition of four lives to the Company's interest on their lands and houses at Blackwall, her man to be given 30*l.*, and Mr. Acton 10*l.*, for which he is to account. Calicoes sold to Signor Anthonio Fernandez and Philip Mead. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK AND THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 19, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 76).

Some demur being made by the owners of the *Smyrna Merchant* to the rate of pay to be made to them as compared with that to be made to the owners of the *Lov*, the Governor intimates that, if they will undertake the voyage to the Coast, payment shall be made to them at a similar rate. The wife of John Leigh, a factor at the Coast, to be paid 20*l.* yearly of her husband's wages, if Mr. Burnell will stand security. The *William* to be docked at Blackwall. Tare for silk allowed to Edmund Sleight. Richard Hill proposing to buy 300 bags of pepper for transportation, it is offered to him at 11½*d.* per lb. at three six months. The Council of State to be desired to give its decision as to the purchase of the Company's saltpetre now returned from the Indies. Certain Committees are requested to give instructions for the drawing up of a letter to be sent overland to Persia and Surat. Adam Lee, late master in the *Greyhound*, is entertained as pilot for the *Roebuck* at 6*l.* per month. Some of the Committees to see to the victualling of the *Roebuck*; others to the manning of the four ships intended for the East this year. Timothy Sutton, who went to India some years ago, to be sent home. Calicoes sold to Signor Anthonio Fernandez and John Bathurst. (2¼ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 24, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 132).

Sir Thomas Dacres to have delivered to him free of freight a jar of nutmegs sent from India by his son. Certain Committees to meet the officers of the Customhouse and determine the tare to be imposed on the goods now returned from India. Warrants for

payment of all insurances to be made out. All the remaining calicoes to be priced. The Committees appointed to wait upon the Lord General report that upon conference with him, His Lordship said that 'hee had soe much busines for the publick as hee neither could nor would meddle with any private busines'. Determination concerning the sale of the Company's pepper is deferred. Thomas Andrews allowed tare for cotton yarn. A bill of exchange is presented for payment of 600*l.* to the estate of the late Richard Wallis, but the Court resolves to confer with Captain Mynors before meeting the same. All goods in the custody of Tomblings to be valued in readiness for the court of sales. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK AND THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, SEPTEMBER 26, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 78).

Captain Hurleston and Captain Read, part-owners of the *Smyrna Merchant*, signify that all the owners of the said vessel are willing to accept the Company's terms for freighting her to Surat. Calicoes sold to Henry Hampson, Anthonio Fernandez, and Philip Mead. A bill of exchange for 611*l.* [*sic*] to be paid to the estate of the late Richard Wallis (a like amount having been paid into the Company's cash at Bantam) is ordered to be met. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 1, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 133).

Hearing that some desire to treat for the Company's sugar, the Court, after some dispute, orders that, as a court of sales is to be held the first Wednesday afternoon in every month, no goods whatever are to be sold by treaty, except for transportation, until next Midsummer, and then not less than one thousand pieces of calicoes. The owners of the *Golden Fleece* to be paid 2,400*l.* on account of freight in addition to what they have already received, and the owners of the *East India Merchant* 1,000*l.* Edward Steevens agrees to buy all the timber, plank, etc., at Blackwall. Mr. Bateman and the other three men, whose names have been added to the lease for Blackwall, opining that they could save the Company 500*l.* by letting the lands there for thirty-one years, this is left to them to arrange. Jeremy Sanbrooke is given a gratuity of 100*l.* (1 *p.*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, OCTOBER 1, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 134).

Sale of sugar, benzoin, dust of cloves, long pepper, defective pepper, dust of wet pepper, Jambi and Malabar pepper, 'Keele<sup>1</sup>' pepper, morees, 'sarsnetts', longcloth, sallampores, and pintadoe hangings, with prices and names of purchasers. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 3, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 79).

It being found inconvenient at present to sell goods by treaty, the Court orders that none be sold, except for transportation, between this and Midsummer, but for the convenience of those who wish to buy, a general court of sales is to be held the first Wednesday afternoon in every month. Samuel Browne is entertained as purser in the *Roebuck* and charged to note the number, mark, quantity and quality of all goods shipped in her both in England and in India, with the names of those who ship them and of those to whom they are delivered, as well for account of the Company as for private men, and to render up an account of the same on his return; the boatswain to attend the next court to receive similar instructions. Certain goods from the Customhouse to be delivered to Mr. Trumball. Those mariners and others (officers excepted) who brought home calicoes as private trade this year are to be allowed the same, if they do not exceed forty pieces in a parcel, on payment of the freight agreed upon at a court held the 4th December last. Private trade brought home by Thomas Winter in the *William* to be delivered, with the exception of any calicoes exceeding the number allowed, which are to be sent to Leadenhall. A Dutchman, who presented to the Court a written relation concerning some part of the East India trade, is given 40s. The owners of the *Love* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. On information that there are some refractory men in India who refuse to yield obedience to the President and Council, the Court orders the commission under the great seal of England formerly sent to Surat<sup>2</sup> to be looked up, and resolves to present a short petition to

<sup>1</sup> Possibly Kāyal, near Tuticorin.

<sup>2</sup> See a note on this subject at p. 65 of *The English Factories in India, 1624-29*.

the Council of State to desire the grant of such a commission under the great seal to empower the President and Council to command obedience from all English people in India and to make them conform to the laws of the Commonwealth and to the orders of the President and Council. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$  pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 8, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 136).

The Governor desires some decision as to the disposal of the large parcel of pepper, judging from the account made out by Sambrooke, which shows that when all debts are paid there will be here and in Italy a surplus of 64,000*l.*, he thinks that a division of twenty or twenty-five per cent. in pepper at 12*d.* per lb. might be made to all the adventurers at three six months. Various objections are raised, but finally it is decided that a division shall be made to all adventurers in the Fourth Joint Stock in pepper, four-fifths of which is to be paid for at 12*d.* per lb. at three six months with two months in from the 25th of December next, every man to bring in his money between this and Midsummer, no security to be accepted, nor any pepper delivered till the money is paid, a book for subscriptions to remain open until 'Allhollandtide'<sup>1</sup>. The generality are to be informed that the Court is willing to treat with any one who is ready to take all the said pepper on the same terms. The owners of the *Advice* to be paid 1,500*l.* on account of freight, and the owners of the *East India Merchant* 600*l.* Samuel Sambrooke reporting that some morees are missing from a bale which does not appear to have been opened since it was first packed, the Court orders that all deficiencies in calicoes, where there is no sign of any having been taken out, shall be charged to the account of the factor who embalmed them at the price they are sold. James Anfosse is allowed to buy fifty bags of sifted pepper for transportation at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* per lb. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$  pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF ADVENTURERS IN THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 8, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 138).

The Governor informs the generality that their pepper now returned is equal in value to their whole capital in the Fourth Joint

<sup>1</sup> A corruption of 'Allhallowtide', i.e. November 1.

Stock, which if they please, they can take out in that commodity at 12*d.* per lb. at three six months from the 25th December with two months in, to bring in money towards payment of the Company's debts for four-fifth parts and receive the other one-fifth upon division, and for this purpose a book is to remain open a month for subscriptions; he assures them that this division may safely be made as 'there is in the land and in Italy 64,000*l.* to spare, if the debts bee all good; besides they have good estate in the South Seas to the vallue of 32,000*l.*, and in the United Joint Stock 26,000*l.* adventure'. An objection is raised that this Stock has a very large debt at interest and that until all debts are paid it is not safe to divide. The Governor replies that there are but two ways in which to dispose of the pepper, either by division or by sale. Hereupon Richard Clutterbucke offers to buy it all at 12*d.* per lb. at three six months from the 1st December, and promises to pay 10,000*l.* within three months, not to take any away without payment, and to leave all that he does not take away at his own risk. This is considered a fair offer, but it is thought that the adventurers should reap the benefit rather than a private man, and therefore it is unanimously resolved that each adventurer shall, if he pleases, take out the full proportion of his adventure in pepper at 12*d.* per lb. at three six months with two months in from the 1st December, and that a book shall remain open for subscriptions until the 25th of this month, and all the pepper belonging to this Stock not underwritten for by then may be bought by Mr. Clutterbucke on his proposed conditions; to this the latter agrees, and in confirmation of his contract places 40*s.* in the poor-box. It is next resolved that every adventurer so underwriting must pay for his full share of pepper before Michaelmas next, no security to be accepted, and no pepper to be delivered without payment. Consideration of the disposal of the indigo is deferred to another general court. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK,  
OCTOBER 10, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxii., p. 81).

Resolved that three or four chests of rials be sent in the *Roebuck*. The father of Peter Whitewick, deceased at Bantam, desiring to be allowed at the rate of 5*s.* 6*d.* the rial for property left by his son, amounting to 743 rials, he is told that even the Committees, when



sending out anything with consent of the Court, are only allowed 5s. the rial. Sambrooke is directed to present a list of the factors now employed in the East. The Husband is ordered to attend the next court to answer concerning the loss of a parcel of pepper sent by Mr. Skynner at Bantam to his father at Dover, and concerning complaints made by the 'guardians' of non-payment for attendance aboard the ships, with refusal of diet. The Committees appointed to decide concerning Andrew Trumball's affairs are desired to meet next Thursday morning to hear certain papers read. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 15, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 140).

Permission is given to the Governor and the other owners of the *Ulysses*, she having been lately cast away upon the Isle of Wight, to stow certain guns, etc., belonging to her in Blackwall Yard. The request of the 'guardians' who attended aboard the several ships returned this year from India, for allowance for diet, is refused, but they are promised that it shall be given to them next year as usual. After examination and consideration of the claim for 170*l.* with interest for the same made by Humphrey Weston, who returned from India five or six years ago, and now freely submits himself to the decision of the Court, acknowledging that he can give no account of what is become of the 'screete' given by the Mataran for the money lent to him by Ralph Cartwright<sup>1</sup>, the Committees decide to give him 120*l.* in full of all his claims. John Culmer, a pilot at Deal, petitions for satisfaction for a boat borrowed from his father at the return of Captain Steevens in the *Eagle*, he is promised 5*l.* down, and a similar sum if he will find the two great anchors and an old longboat which have been for many years buried in the beach before his door, the Company to pay all charges of their recovery, and the said boat, if not worth more than 40*s.*, to be given to Culmer. The owners of the *Advice* and of the *East India Merchant* are informed that, because of the damage done to the pepper returned in their ships, an abatement of one ton of their freight is expected; and, as twice as much pepper was found to be damaged in the *Golden Fleece*, her owners will be expected to abate two tons of their freight. (2 pp.)

<sup>1</sup> See the 1644-49 volume, p. 174, etc.

A GENERAL COURT OF ADVENTURERS IN THE FOURTH JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 15, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxi, p. 142).

This meeting is summoned for consideration as to the disposal of the indigo, there being seventy-seven barrels of Sarkhej and Sinda, and sixty barrels of Lahore. A motion is made to sell it all by the candle, the present being a dead time for sale of any goods, though it is hoped that before long trade will quicken, as 'it is likely wee may have peace with the Portugalls'. After some debate, it is agreed that all the indigo shall be sold by the candle, ten barrels of each sort in a parcel, the Sarkhej at 3s. 8d. the lb. and the Lahore at 4s. 6d. the lb. at three six months from the 1st December, and to divide all that is not sold to the adventurers in this Stock. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES FOR THE UNITED JOINT STOCK, OCTOBER 17, 1651 (*Court Book*, vol. xxiii, p. 82).

Resolved that only one chest of rials shall be sent in the *Roeback*. The boatswain in the said ship is charged to give an account on his return of all goods entered in and delivered from her both in England and the East. On consideration of the great abuse suffered by the Company through private trade, one of the Committees promises to endeavour to find a trusty man to go in the *Roeback*, and give account of all goods shipped in and delivered from her. A Galilean perspective glass<sup>1</sup> to be provided for the King of Macassar, and saddles for the King of Bantam. Mr. Wightwick again requesting to be allowed at the rate of 5s. 6d. the rial for his son's estate, he is told that he must be content with the usual allowance, and his son's bond is given up to him. Certain Committees to examine the charges of the *William* and the account presented by Mr. Young concerning the *Blessing*. The increase of salary from 40*l.* to 100*l.* given to Mr. Dacres, principal at Jambi, by the President and Council at Bantam is confirmed; also the salary of 30*l.* per annum accorded to Isaac Holditch. The accounts of the *Lioness*, presented by Captain Gosling, to be examined. Mr. Keeble, a merchant, applying for passage to India for some Armenians, he is told that much prejudice has been

<sup>1</sup> The form of telescope invented by Galileo.

received by such men ; therefore he is advised to persuade them to return by the way they came. Resolved that no factors be entertained this year for India. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  pp.)

PETITION OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE, OCTOBER 22, 1651 (*Public Record Office: C. O. 77*, vol. vii, no. 18).

Stating that they employ many English in the East Indies, some of whom are so refractory as to refuse obedience to the orders of the Company's representatives, the President and Council, who as yet have no power from the State to enforce the same ; the petitioners therefore pray that power and authority under the Great Seal of England may be granted to their said President and Council in India to enable them to enforce obedience from Englishmen and all others under their jurisdiction and oblige them to conform to the government of the Commonwealth and obey the orders of the President and Council, and that the latter may also have power to punish offenders according to the laws of England. *Signed by William Cokayne.* ( $\frac{1}{2}$  p.)

STATEMENT BY RICHARD SWINGLEHURST CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF THREE DUTCH SHIPS AT PORTSMOUTH, OCTOBER 23, 1651 (*Public Record Office: C. O. 77*, vol. vii, no. 19).

In September [1627] the ships *London* and *Reformation*, belonging to the English East India Company, were forced by contrary winds into Portsmouth. They reported that three ships belonging to the Dutch East India Company, the *Lion*, the *Orange*, and the *Walcheren*, had accompanied them part of the way, and it being supposed that, on account of contrary winds, the said three ships might put into some English harbour, the English Company applied to the Lords of the Council for a warrant to detain them. This was granted, and Edward Sherburne, then secretary to the Company, was sent with it to Dover or Deal, another of the Company's servants went to Harwich, and Swinglehurst to Portsmouth, to look out for the three vessels. Swinglehurst found the three Dutch ships at Portsmouth and obtaining a warrant from the Lords of the Council he went, accompanied by Captain Towerson, Vice-Admiral, and delivered it to Sir John Jephson, Governor of Portsmouth, who