

dent and Council of Surat, Thomas Kennon is elected a writer there. Resolved that Messrs. Aungier, Gray, and James shall live at Surat, and the President be directed to remove Mr. Grigsby there, or to some healthier place than Calicut, in accordance with the desire of his friends; it is also resolved that in the event of the death of Aungier (who is already appointed to succeed Sir George Oxinden), the Company's affairs shall be carried on by the joint advice of the rest of the Council, Mr. Gray to preside until the pleasure of this Court shall be known. William Kennon, haberdasher, and Robert Pond, milliner, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Thomas Kennon. On information that two warrants have been passed for 1,000*l.* with interest, due to Sir Thomas Hooke, one dated February 16, 1669, the other December 7 following, and the money paid upon the latter, order is given for the first warrant, now produced, to be cancelled. The Accountant is told not to make out any warrant for money due for bullion, or any goods or merchandize sold to the Company, without written directions from the Committees who bought them, nor for any money to be imprest to the Husband, Warehousekeepers, Paymasters, or any other of the Company's officers without written directions from such of the Committees as are appointed to look after such officers' accounts; and the Auditor is directed to peruse the accounts of the said several officers and refer them to the Committees for examination and adjustment. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 14, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 615).

Robert Kidwell is allowed to have from the Company's warehouse a parcel of red earth he bought from two sailors in the *Return*. Richard Hutchinson, Junior, is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. Captain Fisher acknowledging that about six tons of lead has been found under the ship's palatine belonging to his mates and gunner, he is told to acquaint the Court next Monday of the true quantity and with the names of those to whom it belongs, also to produce a copy of the cocket, in case the said lead has been entered at the Customhouse. Payment to be made to the assigns of Thomas Nobbs. Some coffee bought at the last sale by Mr. Aboab to be delivered to Matthew Plowman, in accordance with directions written by the former dated October 20 last (which was long before Aboab's insolvency). On information that a considerable quantity of cloth and other prohibited goods have been found in the *Loyal Subject*, order is given for Captain Arnold Brown to attend the Court next Monday. Payment to be made to Robert Hopper, and to the

owners of the *Constantinople Merchant*. Mr. Arrundell's account to be examined. Edmond Taylor's petition is referred to the Committee for Shipping. Thomas Davis and his son are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for George Davis. Certain piece-goods to be delivered to Mr. Delavere, who is to be desired to take away some sallampores bought for Mr. De Perin and Monsieur De Longes. On hearing that the 8,750*l.* for which a bill of exchange was accepted by the Company and paid to Mr. Lethulier has been received into the Company's cash in Bengal, order is given for Lethulier to be discharged of his promise touching the same. Some necessary repairs to be done at the Blue Warehouse, the cost of which is not to exceed 10*l.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 17, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 617).

Captain Arnold Browne comes into Court and avers that neither he nor his mates have any interest in the cloth said to be laden in his ship, and that he has no knowledge of any lead being put under the palatine; hereupon certain Committees are desired to go aboard the *Loyal Subject*, examine into the matter, and act as they think best; and it is resolved that the fine on any prohibited goods found on board, contrary to charter-party, shall be placed to the account of the owners, of which the captain is to take note. Permission is given to Captain Risby to take with him to Bantam a piece of scarlet and some Norwich stuffs or perpetuanoes. The letters from Surat touching the losses and sufferings of Alexander Grigsby, the account of his salary, and his security, to be examined and reported. It is resolved that a lease of thirty-one years shall be taken for the Exchange vaults. The Shipping Committee to provide a chest of medicaments for Surat and one for Bantam; also a cook for the latter place, and such provisions as they think necessary. (1 *p.*)

TREASURY MINUTE, JANUARY 17, 1670 (*Public Record Office : Minute Book* DCXXIV, p. 228).

Sir John Bankes called in about 3,300*l.* of the East India Company. Ordered that the money be borrowed to pay them. The answer of the Customs Farmers about the dust of pepper is to be sent to the Company.

A MORE PERFECT ESTIMATE OF TREASURE AND GOODS TO BE SENT TO SURAT, JANUARY 18, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 73).

Lead, copper, coral, alum, quicksilver, cloth, cloth rashes, and perpetuanoes to the value of 49,344*l.*; gold and bullion to the value of 35,000*l.* The gold and bullion to be shipped as follows: in the *Loyal Subject*

10,500*l.*, in the *Hannibal* 8,200*l.*, in the *Berkeley Castle* 10,500*l.*, in the *Experiment* 5,800*l.* Treasure to the value of 30,000*l.* to be sent to Bantam and shipped as follows: in the *Constantinople Merchant* 6,000*l.*, in the *Rebecca* 5,000*l.*, in the *Ann* 8,000*l.*, and in the *Loyal Merchant* 11,000*l.* ($\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 19, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 618).

A letter from Lieutenant Francis Chuseman is read, in which he prays for a loan of 200*l.* or 300*l.* for relief of his present necessities; this the Court refuse, as they have no power to lend the Company's money. The Committee for Lawsuits are instructed either to take proceedings against the Lieutenant for property of the Company's which came into his hands, or before doing so to await the return of the commission lately sent to examine affairs at the Coast. A paper is read from the Farmers of the Customs, touching the half impost demanded by the Company on the exportation of pepper-dust, and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. A letter from Mr. Arrundell is read and referred to the Committee examining his account, to consider what service he has done the Company, and report. An addition to the orders given on the 12th instant to the Accountant is now made, directing that for all moneys which become due for principal or interest, bills of exchange, over-payments on goods, salaries of officers at home, rent of the Company's house and warehouses, he is to make out warrants as formerly without waiting for any special directions and to be answerable for the truth of the said warrants. Half the fine on some sallampores belonging to an officer in the *Constantinople Merchant* to be remitted. The Deputy reports that he and some Committees went aboard the *Loyal Merchant* yesterday, when the mate and other officers confessed they had eight tons of lead under the palatine, and pleaded to be favourably dealt with; they were told that, if they revealed the full quantity of prohibited goods shipped in the vessel, the Committees would mediate with the Court on their behalf. The sum of 16*g**l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* to be paid to Alexander Grigsby, or his assigns, upon security for repayment with interest, if it shall appear to be more than is mentioned in the present account. Resolved that a 'cargo' to the value of 85,000*l.* be sent this year to Surat. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 21, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 619).

Mrs. Bowtell's bill for printing to be examined. Translations of the letters from the two Kings of Jambi and the draft of an answer prepared

to be returned by King Charles are read, and order is given for the Shipping Committee to provide such arms and ammunition mentioned in the said letters as they shall think fit, and make such alterations in the draft answer as they see to be necessary. Thomas Winter states that he has received complaints from his brother of the hard usage he receives from the Agent and Council at Fort St. George, and desires the Court to write about it; he is told that the Court have received 'a relation of things otherwise'; still, if he will leave copies of the letters, the matter shall be written about, although it has already been referred to Commissioners. It appearing from the Surat books that some broadcloth has been wrongly charged to the account of the owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* as undelivered and 50*l.* deducted for it, order is now given for the money to be repaid. The Husband reporting that the parcel of red earth claimed by Kidwell was not bought from the persons named, the matter is referred to certain Committees. A petition from William Clough is read, praying to be allowed to go to Bantam as purser in the *Loyal Merchant*; and Sir John Lewis offering to give security for his return to answer any demands the Company has against him and proposing that the net proceeds of the pepper he claims shall remain in the Company's hands until accounts are adjusted, the Court consent, provided Sir John enters into bond for 1,000*l.*; the Agent and Council at Bantam to be written to and directed to transmit the covenants and bond entered into by Clough at his leaving that place. The Shipping Committee to report what salary was due to Mr. Peachy, late minister of Poplar, at the time of his death. John Wodder to be allowed to send wine, paper, glasses, and looking-glasses to Lawrence Chambers at Bantam. Ordered that in case there shall be a want of kentledge goods at Jambi for the *Constantinople Merchant*, these are to be supplied by the captain with guns or ballast, the Company to allow one-third of the freight for kentledge wanting, which they are obliged by charterparty to lade. At the request of Mrs. Dutell, executrix to Thomas Leaver, the matters depending between the Company and herself are referred to arbitration and the referees named, to whom her further request to be allowed 50*l.* on account is also referred. Payment to be made to William Arrundell, or his assigns, for what he has spent for the Company, and for an additional 10*l.* as a gratuity for his care and pains in the Company's affairs. No payment to be made to the adventurers in the United Joint Stock until further order. (2 pp.)

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SIR G. DOWNING TO SIR R. LONG, JANUARY 21, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters General II, p. 204*).

For a certificate of the fragments of the 16,000*l.* ~~per month~~ payable into the Exchequer by the Customs Farmers over and above what is appointed to be paid out of the said moneys, and that you do issue no part thereof without my Lords' particular direction, they intending it to supply the discharge of the East India Company's order.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 24, 1670 (*Court Book, vol. xxvi, p. 621*).

Sir Andrew Riccard and Christopher Boone report concerning the Company's cash, but consideration of this is deferred until after the departure of the ships for Surat and Bantam. Ordered that none of the officers or clerks of the Company's house, except the Auditor, shall be permitted to read any books or letters kept by the Secretary or Sambrooke, and that no copies of letters or orders be given without special direction from the Governor or Deputy. John Searle is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The Committee for Private Trade to consider Dunkin's request touching the fine on goods belonging to the children of the late Quarles Brown, and what was allowed to the owners of the *Madras* for fines and overtonnage on the said goods and report. Captain Arnold Brown is given permission to ship out some scarlet and other cloth. Thomas Leaver's account to be stated before any money is paid to Mrs. Dutiel. Thomas Place, mason, to be paid for work done about the Company's house. (1 p)

JOHN SMITH AT MARGATE TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JANUARY 25, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S P. Dom., Car. II 272, no. 105*).

The East India ship has gone up the river with a fair wind. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 26, 1670 (*Court Book, vol. xxvi, p. 622*).

William Jelley to be paid for candles. Permission is given to Sir Francis Clarke to export some amber to Bantam; also for various provisions to be sent out by Mr. Fleetwood, by Mr. Gray to Gerald Aungier, and by John Stracey to his son. Payment to be made to the assigns of Captain Samuel Smith. Coral offered by Mr. Woolley to be examined and bought. Deborah Lord's petition is read, in it she prays to be paid two months of the wages of her husband, James Lord, who went out in the *Madras Merchant* and was engaged as cook at Bantam; order is given

that she be lent 3*l.*, to be repaid if her husband is no longer in the Company's service, or it will be deducted from his wages. Canvas to be bought to mend the saltpetre bags returned in the *Blackamoor*. Captain Arnold Brown, commander of the *Loyal Subject*, produces a cocket for fifty-six pigs of lead in the *Judith*, Thomas Currant, for Roan [Rouen] dated November 29, 1669, and according to endorsement shipped in the *Loyal Subject* December 23; ordered that a copy of the said cocket be given to the Committee for Private Trade. Information is given of a parcel of lead under the *Hannibal's* palatine, and Captain Hill appears in Court and asserts that he had no knowledge of it until yesterday, and has no interest in it; he is directed to let the Court know next Friday the true quantity there is on board, to whom it belongs, and produce the cocket taken out for it. The several commanders in Court are told that it is judged advisable (because of the Turkish men-of war about) for not less than three ships to keep company and sail together twenty or thirty leagues to the westward of the Madeiras. If any of the ships are detained in the Downs, consideration shall be had of their demurrage; order is given for letters to this effect to be written to the respective commanders. Captain Arnold Brown to be allowed to ship for Surat eighteen copper guns, provided he does not exceed the tonnage allowed in other goods. The President and Council of Surat to be directed in the next general letter to rectify the errors in their accounts, particulars of which have been drawn up by the Auditor. Captain Limbry to inform the Court next Friday of the names of those persons to whom the cloth found in the *Experiment* belongs, and to produce the cocket for its lading; the Captain to be allowed 8*l.* a month, and the Shipping Committee are desired to examine his account as purser, also what time he spent in fitting out the *London*, and when his half-pay in the *Experiment* is to begin. The Company's seal to be affixed to their answer to the Lord Bishop of London's bill of complaint in the Exchequer. Captain Conny, Governor of St Helena, to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions. John Samayne, who on June 3, 1663, transferred to the Company a subscription of 500*l.* in the New General Stock, of which 187*l.* 10*s.* was to be paid towards his debt for saltpetre bought of the Company (if no other payment was forthcoming), but he having cleared his account and paid up, the said 500*l.* with all profits is to be re-assigned and transferred back to him; this is done accordingly, and directions given for a copy of this order to be entered in the book of transfers attested by the Secretary. (2 pp.)

TREASURY MINUTE, JANUARY 26, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Minute Book*, DCXXV, pp. 82-3).

The 14,669*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* on old tallies is ordered to be disposed of as follows: viz., . . . then about 1,400*l.* to complete the East India Company's order.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 28, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 624).

A petition from Mary Plumley is read, in which she states that her husband, an old servant of the Company and gunner in the *Constantinople Merchant*, died during the last voyage to the Indies, and that her son, Francis Eastgate, who came home a mariner in the said vessel on a voyage to Malaga was taken prisoner by the Turks and carried away captive to Algiers; the widow is given 30*l.* towards the redemption of her son. Sir Henry Oxinden to be allowed to send his brother, the President, several goods and provisions; also foreign bullion to the value of 3,761*l.* 16*s.*; and to be paid 9*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* for tea he sold to the Company. Major Robert Thomson and Mr. Jollife are given permission to export cochineal and broadcloth. The Committee for Lawsuits to ascertain from the Surat advices the facts about Major Robert Hardy and his brother, mentioned in the petition of Mrs. Bridget Hardy and referred from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and to prepare a report for presentation to Their Lordships. Captain William Hill presents the names of the officers and men to whom the lead found in the *Hannibal* belongs. Mr. Marshall to be given a transcript of a clause in the general letter from Surat relating to Mr. Lambton's business. The petition of Henry Roberts is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to give him what allowance they deem fit, in consideration of the pension granted by the Court. Mr. Canham is given permission to ship out some broadcloth for the account of Mr. Bouchier. Sir William Hooker desires to know what the Court intend to do with regard to a ship of his commanded by one Doughty, and damaged at Gravesend by the *Experiment*; he is told that the matter can be determined either by the Masters and Brethren of Trinity House, or by two indifferent persons (William Wood is named on behalf of the Company), or by the Admiralty Court. Permission to export goods and provisions (a note of which is read), is given to the following persons, viz.: Messrs. Marshall, Gyffard, Gray, Peirce, Clough, Andrews, Adams, and Ward, and to Captains Risby, Young, and Hill; but the Court, noting that there are some remnants of

scarlet said to be for wearing apparel for their factors, order that henceforth no permission is to be given for exportation of scarlet or green cloth on any such pretence, and that the factors must obtain what scarlet they want for apparel from the Company's store at its invoice price. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE TREASURY
[JANUARY 28, 1670] (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 33).

In compliance with Their Lordships reference of January 25 last they have examined their letters, etc., from India touching the petition of Bridget Hardey, widow of Major Robert Hardey and, in a letter from Surat of November 2, 1668, and another of January 15, 1669, find the two clauses following, viz.: (1) there is deposited at Bombay 536*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* and 300*l.* belonging to Captain Hardey, Sir Gervase Lucas's brother, who died possessed of the same and left a will constituting his brother in England his executor and assigning these moneys to be sent home. But Captain Gary, upon what pretence they do not know, except that Sir Gervase Lucas died indebted to the King to a like amount, would not be satisfied until he had caused the 300*l.* to be deposited for Counsel to decide concerning it; so it lies under the seals of Captain Gary and the Commission Officers. This has already been advised into England by both parties, who await a final determination as to whom the money belongs, that so it may be brought to account accordingly. (2) The Company have been informed of the deposit of about 3,467 zerapheens belonging to the deceased Captain Hardey, half brother to Sir Gervase Lucas, which money belonged to the latter, who at his death was found to be indebted 500*l.* to the King, but Captain Gary deferred making Captain Hardey satisfy the debt in his lifetime and the said sum was alienated by will and given to a brother, who they hear is since dead. The Bombay authorities know not who will claim it and meanwhile it is there, awaiting the decision of His Majesty's Counsel in Law whether it belongs to His Majesty, or to the heirs of Sir Gervase and of Captain Hardey. This has been advised home to Lord Arlington by Captain Gary on the one part and by Gerald Aungier on the other. They desire Their Lordship's order for settling the matter, so that those concerned may be told, and then the said money shall be placed in the Treasury or otherwise disposed of according to Their Lordships' order. The Company will send by their ships now bound for Surat directions to their President and Council to pay the 300*l.* to those who shall be lawfully

empowered to receive it, or else to pay it into the Company's cash, in India and it shall be made good in London when the right owner shall be proved, the advices hitherto having been very obscure. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 2, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 626).

Captain Arnold Browne states that there were brought home aboard the *Loyal Subject*, for account of Anthony Smith of Surat, under colour of two chests of wine, two chests filled with cloth rash; hereupon the captain is told to ascertain exactly the contents of the chests, inform the Court, and take care to secure the fine due; order is also given for a clause to be inserted in the Surat letter touching the said Smith [*in the margin*: 'to be removed from Surat']. John Culmer to be paid 25*l.*, according to a bill of exchange drawn by Jonathan Aston on the Company. Captain Limbry to be given 5*l.* for his care and pains in dispatching the *London*, and to be allowed half-pay in the *Experiment* from October 1 to the time of her departure from Gravesend. Jane Cooper, whose husband is a soldier at Bombay, is given 10*s.* from the poor-box. Dr. Butler to be given 40*s.* and his servant 10*s.* for curing Henry Roberts, a mariner. The petition of Thomas Palmer is referred to the Shipping Committee. On consideration of the great loss and sufferings of Philip Gyffard, Chief at Kārwar, who has been ten years in the Company's service, order is given for 20*l.* of his salary to be paid to his father. The sum of 20*l.* to be paid to the assignee of Mr. Ward at Jambi, on account of salary, for his present relief. John Hamson, Junior, is given 20*l.* for his pains in the Company's service, paid his disbursements, thanked for all he has done, and told that there being little occasion for correspondence the Court will not trouble him for the future. Isaac Reynardson petitioning to be entertained as a factor at Surat, he is told that no more are to be sent out this year, but if he applies next year he shall be entertained. Mr. Burges, employed as secretary at Bombay, to be given a yearly salary of 25*l.* A letter from Mr. Van Overbeek of Hamburg is read and referred for consideration until advices from Surat relating to copper are received. Henry Spencer, attorney to Ralph Scrivener, to be paid according to an award now read. The owners of the *Rebecca* and *Constantinople Merchant* to be obliged by their charterparty to dispatch the said ships from Gravesend by the 10th instant. Permission to export certain goods and merchandise is granted to the following persons, viz.: Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir Henry Oxinden, Captain Arnold Browne, Oloff Swen-

son Bargue, Messrs. Graves, Carpenter, Gray, Smith, Sambrooke, Junior and Crawley. Captain Browne gives in an account of eighteen half pieces of scarlet found in the two chests for account of Anthony Smith. (1½ pp.)

PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF CORAL, FEBRUARY 3, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 74).

Thirty-one chests of coral bought, whereof three of Barbarisco, three of Riccaduty, and eight of Terraglia are reserved for Fort St. George; three of Barbarisco and five of Terraglia to be shipped in the *Loyal Subject*; and three of Riccaduty and six of Terraglia to be shipped in the *Berkeley Castle*. Annexed is a list of presents to be sent to Surat, Bantam, and Jambi, viz.: amber, silver, and carved ivory-hafted knives, also razors, tweezers, and scissors. One dozen amber-hafted knives to be sent as presents to the Kings of Bantam and Jambi. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 4, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 628)

The owners of the *Loyal Subject* to be paid 1,000*l.* imprest. The accounts of John Powell, Robert Hoare, Mrs. Harris, and George Smith to be examined. John Eades, administrator to the late John Peachy, to be paid 20*l.* in accordance with a report now read Ordered that a general court of sales be held on April 12 next James Mariner, chief mate in the *Rebecca*, confesses that he has some cloth rash and scarlet cloth aboard, and asks to be allowed to take it to Bantam; this is granted on condition that at his return he shows a certificate from the Agent and Council that the said cloth was landed there, he is promised that if he behaves well during the voyage consideration shall be had as to the fine. At the request of Mrs. Bridget Hardy, directions are ordered to be sent in the Surat letter for the money she claims, which is in deposit at Bombay, to be received into the Company's cash, so that it may be paid out to those appointed to receive it. Payment, in accordance with a report now read, to be made to Nathaniel Turpin, administrator of the late John Forrester John Bathurst to be paid 40*s.* for drawing patterns done by Mr. Hall to be sent to Surat. The commanders of the Surat and Bantam ships to bring in an account of all 'mulctable' goods aboard their vessels Captain William Limbry to be allowed 14*l.* for fresh provisions. Permission money, due on musk and other fine goods brought home in the *Madras* and *Richard* and *Martha* belonging to the orphans of Quarles Browne, is remitted. Two letters from St. Malo and

Morlaix, dated January 28 and 29 are read, in which ~~is an account~~ of what ships are setting out for the Indies; order is given for the gentleman who received these letters to be desired to request his correspondents to continue their intelligence, for which due acknowledgement shall be made. The Company's seal to be affixed to their answer to Mrs. Hallet's bill in Chancery. (1½ pp.)

TREASURY WARRANT, FEBRUARY 4, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters Customs*, II, pp. 68-9).

To the Auditor of the Receipt to cause payment to be made out of certain months of the Customs farm, detailed, of the order drawn (on the money warrant of September 24 last) for 3,309*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* to the East India Company, and of the further order drawn on the Treasury warrant of 1668, October 11, for 112*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* for one year's interest to September 5 last on the sum of 1,869*l.*, part of said 3,309*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*: it appearing that neither of the said orders has been executed nor any money issued thereupon.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 9, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 629).

Sir William Bolton desires to be paid 100*l.* from the proceeds of goods belonging to Mr. Mainstone, being so much owing to him by Mainstone which Sir John Lewis had order to pay; the Court reply that if Sir John writes them a letter to this effect and undertakes that the sum shall be allowed by Mainstone on his account, order shall be given for its payment, and Sir William must give a written discharge for its receipt; the Court further declare that no more payments are to be made on Mainstone's assignments until his account with the Company is cleared. Mr. Daniel's request to have delivered to him fourteen chests of taffetas sent home by Mr. Powel in the *Blackamoor* and *Unicorn* is referred to certain Committees. No payment from the two months' wages allowed yearly to mariners in the Company's service is to be made to any but near relatives, masters, or mistresses. Captain Arnold Brown to have delivered to him twenty pounds weight of beads; and the Captain stating that the cloth found in his ship is not broadcloth but cloth rash, the Husband is directed to examine it and bring a pattern to show the Court. Treasure and cloth for shipment in the *Loyal Subject* to be sent down by coach or water, accompanied by a guard. Michael Godfry is admitted to the freedom by service. Jacob Moleski to be allowed to take his son, a child of five or six years, with him to Surat in one of the Com-

pany's ships, on paying his passage. Sir William Hooker to be allowed 25*l.* for damage done to the *Friendship* of Hull (of which ship Sir William is part-owner) by the *Experiment*. John Orton's petition is referred to Captain Brookhaven. George Papillon to be allowed to send 10*l.* in bullion to Surat permission free. A draft of a bill, which William Legate intends to exhibit in Chancery against the Company, is read, and the Committee for Lawsuits desired to instruct Moses what answer to make to it. (1½ *pp.*)

A MEETING OF THE ARBITRATORS TO END ALL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND THE OWNERS OF THE *GREYHOUND*, FEBRUARY 9, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 75).

Resolved that the owners' demands touching the loss of a cable and an anchor shall be allowed; also interest at fifteen per cent. per annum for 400 rials of eight (one half of what is alleged was not paid in time), from December 20, 1666 to the time of payment, being in September and October, 1668; that the demand for a dock for the ship not concerning the Company, no notice shall be taken of it; the owners to allow the Company 3*s.* 3*d.* the rupee for the 8,392 rupees taken up of the Company's factors in the Bay, for which the commander of the ship signed an obligation to allow 3*s.* 9*d.* the rupee; a verbal report to be made to the Court concerning the fine on calicoes belonging to Browne, the purser, also that certain calicoes be allowed to Captain Vincent, his wife, and child, and to Captain Gunn; the owners to allow the Company for saltpetre delivered short of what was laden in the ship, and they to be allowed for waste of saltpetre at the usual rate; nothing to be allowed the owners for port charges. On February 11 it is agreed that the interest to be allowed to the owners for the 400 rials of eight shall be passed to their credit at 6*s.* 8*d.* the rial, or 3*s.* the rupee. (¾ *p.*)

PRIVATE TRADE DELIVERED FROM ABOARD THE *BLACKAMoor*, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN PRICE [*undated*], (*Ibid.*, p. 75).

Calicoes and taffetas landed at Falmouth, and some cowries delivered aboard a Canary ship, all belonging to the gunner, Mr. Daniel, one of the mates, and the purser; also 100 pieces of calicoes belonging to Mr. Brewster and delivered aboard the Canary ship. (¼ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 631).

Sir William Warren is given permission to send forty brass plates in the *Hannibal* to Surat. Colonel Blount applying about the adventure of

the late Captain Ashly, to whose widow he is executor, the Accountant is told not to make any transfer of the said adventure without special direction. Captain Arnold Brown presents an account of the cloth and lead shipped in the *Loyal Subject*, and alleges that part of it was taken aboard by the King's officers and others; the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. John Goodyer is admitted to the freedom by service. The account of tares on saltpetre bags returned in the Coast shipping to be stated in the same way as in the accounts for the *Rainbow* and *Loyal Merchant*. Isaac Foxcroft requests that the letter lately sent by his father touching some further encouragement may be taken into consideration; he is told that the Court have a due sense of the Agent's care and faithfulness and although he cannot be gratified in the manner proposed, yet as opportunity occurs his sufferings and services shall be remembered. Payments, in accordance with reports now read, to be made to John Bird, administrator of John Powell, to William Gross, and Simeon Freeman, or to their respective assigns. Arundel Westfield's petition to be examined. The Committee for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to the contract made with the Commissioners for His Majesty's Ordnance, which Harbert is to present to them to-morrow morning and receive the counterpart, the former contract to be withdrawn and cancelled. Captain Arnold Brown takes leave of the Court. Sir John Austen to be allowed to send out to his brother 300*l.*, or thereabouts in bullion, and some wine, the permission for which is to be placed to his account. Directions to be given to the captains of the Surat shipping to buy at Johanna or Madagascar (if they touch there) a young male and a young female negro and leave them for service at St. Helena on their return. The owners of the *Anne* to be paid imprest. Permission is granted for exportation of goods (particulars of which are now read), to the following, viz : Thomas Sheriff, Stanhope Mill, James Barker, Isaac Reynardson, John Mascal, Mr. Wynn, and Mrs. Powell. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ARNOLD BROWNE, FEBRUARY 11, 1670
(*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 312).

The Turkish men-of-war are now sailing in greater force than formerly, not only within but without the Straits; therefore no ship of the Company's is to sail alone from the Downs, but all are to keep company as much as possible till past the Canaries. On arriving in the Downs, Browne is to summon aboard his ship such other captains of the vessels

designed for Surat as shall be there, and agree with them how best to keep together in their voyage to India, making Bombay their first port. All are to sail 20 or 30 leagues to the westward of the Madeiras, to keep their guns mounted and their ships clear and ready for defence against the assault of an enemy. Hear that some ships of force are setting out from France for India, but do not know what they may attempt, even to the breach of the treaty between the two nations; therefore the captains are to be on their guard, keep together while in India, as well as on their homeward voyage, and be careful what passengers they take on board and give them good accommodation. Desire Browne to buy at Johanna, or any other place he may touch at, two young blacks, one male and one female, and bring them back to St. Helena. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.) *A letter to the same effect is written to each of the other commanders of the Surat ships.*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 16, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 632).

John Fenn requests to be allowed to transfer his adventure of 1,400*l.* (which formerly belonged to Sir George Smith), and declares he is ready to pay the 900*l.* claimed by Mr. Beacham for the use of Smith's children, if he may be secured from the attachment of Mr. Andrews; the Court, not wishing to interfere in the dispute between Fenn, Andrews, and Beacham, and understanding that Sir George is security for Page and other factors who are indebted to the Company, refer the matter to the Accountant, Secretary, and Auditor to examine and report upon. Payment to be made to Edmond Biggs. Henry Wyat's petition to be examined. The Husband is told to deliver the saltpetre lately bought by the Commissioners of the Ordnance and give in to the Court an account of what it amounts to, that a further assignment may be made for the rest of the money due, besides that already made for 15,000*l.* according to contract. The report of the Committee, to whom the request of Mr. Daniel concerning delivery of taffetas sent home by Mr. Powell was referred, is read, and it appears that the Company have been at considerable charge in maintaining the factory at Kāsimbāzār during the making of the silk, and that Powell is employed there as a factor and so not allowed to trade in that commodity; nevertheless, the Court consent to the silk being delivered on Daniel paying 7*s.* 6*d.* for each piece, which is only three-fourths of the usual penalty. The Committee for the Coast and Bay to consider what sorts of silks made in the Bay are fit to be appro-

priated for the Company's use. Permission is given to Sambrooke to send out to Bantam some paper and some copper lace, and to the Secretary to send out olives and anchovies. Mr. Northey informs the Court of the trouble he has had about the adventure of Sir William Bateman, which was decreed to him in the Exchequer, and that he has been advised to take out a bill in that court against the Company; here-upon Moses is desired to confer with Mr. Northey and appear for the Company. Captain Fisher to be allowed to ship out for account of his owners some cloth and guns. Borax, striped stuff, and ebony wood brought back by William Mitchel in the *Unicorn* to be delivered to him, if Captain Harman approves. Captain Zachary Browne to be allowed to send cut some broadcloth to Bantam. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 18, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 634).

Permission to ship out certain goods is given to William Peake, John Bird, Captain John Cox, and Sir John Austen. The Court order that for the ensuing year a book is to be kept in Aston's office in which the Secretary is to register all goods permitted to be sent out, and the Husband all parcels he allows to be sent out for account of owners, commanders, and seamen. The account of Hugh Cooley, seaman, who died at Surat, to be examined. Payments to be made to Captain John Prowd and Henry Wyat. At the request of Ion Kenn his dispute with the Company is referred to arbitration. Sir William Bolton to be paid 100*l.* on the account of William Mainstone, in accordance with the desire of Sir John Lewis. On a report from the Committee for the Treasury that, upon examination of the cash account since the beginning of this Stock, it appears that above 300 payments have been made by the Cashier without any warrants to vouch for them, the matter is referred to the consideration of the Committee for General Accounts, and Cossens, assistant to the Auditor, is told to examine the Court Books and ascertain what warrants or orders have been passed, and report. Edward Turney, purser in the *Constantinople Merchant*, to be repaid half the fine on some salloes found to be shorter than usual. Harbert to give in a certified statement of what is owing to the Company by the late Sir George Smith; and the Secretary to state in writing what bonds of security Sir George entered into for any of the Company's factors. Sir Thomas Bludworth and William Gunn, owners of the *Greyhound*, to be paid 1,311*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, in accordance with an award now read. William Hope to be paid for books. Mr. Clough's covenants of arbitration to be delivered

to him. Certain Committees to examine the breach in the battlements over the wool hall in Leadenhall. Treasure to be shipped aboard the Bantam ships. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 23, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 635).

Permission to ship out certain goods to Surat is given to Thomas Pettit, Richard Bass, Richard Fisher, William Harvey, and Mr. Lucy. A petition is presented from the inhabitants of Poplar, praying the Court's favourable approbation of Mr. Samuel Peck to be curate of the chapel there, he being 'a person of orthodox principles, edifying example, and civil deportment'; they are told that their desires shall be taken into speedy consideration. A warrant to be made out for payment to the Farmers of the Customs of half the customs payable on the twelve ships returned last year, and for 800*l.* more on account of what customs shall become due from the Company. Broadcloth and lead to be shipped in the *Berkeley Castle*. Captain Price, commander of the *Blackamoore*, inquiring what information has been given against his ship's company, he is told that an order has been issued for an account to be drawn up of goods landed privately from his ship. On reading reports from the Accountant and Secretary of what is owing to the Company by the late Sir George Smith, and what bonds of security he had entered into, and Mr. Fenn stating he has cleared the account and is willing, if he may transfer the adventure, to leave 500*l.* with the Company for any demands that may be made by Paige, for whom Sir George stood security, the Court consent to Fenn transferring 1,000*l.* of the said adventure and decide to consult with counsel about his proposal. Humphrey Faircliff reports the finding of some red cloth in a beer puncheon on board the *Berkeley Castle* and two pieces of red 'sarges'. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 25, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 636).

Permission to ship out goods mentioned in bills of particulars now read is given to John Moore, Thomas Gray, John Graunt, Paul French, and Sir Francis Clarke. Captain William Badiley, commander of the *Rebecca*, takes leave of the Court. On learning that some persons are waiting without to testify to William Cooley being brother to Hugh Cooley, and to his having taken out letters of administration, the Court, having heard 'one Williamson' and Mr. Cox touching this matter and received no satisfactory information, but on the contrary grounds to suspect some collusion, declare that no money will be paid to William

Cooley until clearer proof is given of his being brother to the intestate. The Court, understanding that Cox has of late frequented the Accountant's office, give order that only those who have business concerning the Company's affairs are to be allowed to go into that office, of which only Herbert and Altham are to have the keys. Aston is directed to ascertain who stood security for Hugh Cooley when he was entertained in 1658 to serve in the *London*, and the Secretary to find out what security was given in the Prerogative Court by William Cooley on taking out his letters of administration; also upon what grounds John Cox was made administrator to John Spencer, who died in 1657. Dr. Herman Van Klenck and his family to be permitted to take passage in the *Constantinople Merchant* for Bantam in accordance with an order of November 29 last. (1 p.)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO CAPTAIN ARNOLD BROWNE, FEBRUARY 25, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 337).

Browne's letter of yesterday to the Company came too late to be communicated to the Court; so no answer can now be given concerning the transgressing seamen. Humphrey Lush has been entertained for Bombay and is to go in Browne's ship. The Company's packet has been given to Mills, the purser, who has promised to leave by the morning tide and so should arrive to-morrow. Browne and the rest of the commanders are to sail at the first opportunity. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE BANTAM FLEET, FEBRUARY 25, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 338).

Giving them instructions similar to those already given to the commanders of the ships bound for the Coast and Surat. But in a postscript Captains Badiley and Horseman are told that, if they are in the Downs and none of the Company's other ships are there and the wind is fair, they are to set sail at the first opportunity. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO THE KING OF JAMBI, [FEBRUARY, 1670] (*Ibid.*, p. 347).

Have conferred with the gunmakers and find there are no muskets or blunderbusses made of the length mentioned in his Majesty's letter to King Charles, nor any such small brass guns, and that these would take some long time to produce; therefore have sent the nearest procurable, viz., two pieces of ordnance, forty shot to each, two blunderbusses with bandoliers, six swordblades, ten yards of green satin, ten yards of scarlet cloth, two parcels of gold lace, six amber-hafted knives, one fowling-

piece, and three barrels of gunpowder. Hope that when the King sees how neat, light, and serviceable the iron guns are, he will not desire any brass, which are dearer and very difficult to obtain. His Majesty can be supplied with as many of these neat, iron guns as he likes to order from the Company's factors, also with anything else, at reasonable rates. Should His Majesty still desire some brass guns, these shall be made as cheaply as possible and sent, but in case he should be in want of any now, the Company have sent some to their factors, and of these His Majesty is to have the first refusal. Have heard that their factors have received 'some unkindnesses' and that, through some mistake, 1,000 peculs of the Company's pepper have been seized. Being confident the King will before now have seen justice done and the pepper, or its value, restored, they forbear to enlarge on the matter. His Majesty will find the Company's trade to his country much to his advantage. They have directed their factors to behave with all due respect, and hope they may receive the same in return, with protection for their trade, and no abuses in future, for the Company specially desire to maintain a good correspondence with all the Princes of the East. (1½ pp.) *A like letter was written to Pengran de Rattoe.*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 2, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 637).

Permission to export certain goods is given to Messrs. Andrews, Freeman, and Cradock. Captain Arnold Browne sends a list of cloth and lead belonging to some of his ship's company and still on board, and prays that some favour may be shown to the owners; the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, and the Captain told that the persons concerned shall be shown favour according to their behaviour in the present voyage. Samuel South, a young man related to, and recommended by Lord Ashley, is entertained to work in the Company's office, and is promised that, when he shall be sent to India, a salary shall be given to him. The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* to be allowed to ship out 5,000 rials of eight permission free. Goods to be delivered to Captain Price. Payment on account of freight to be made to the owners of the *Blackamoor*. The accounts of Francis Fletcher and Richard Napier to be examined. Payment to be made to George Smith. Captain Zachary Browne and Captains Horsman and Fisher take leave of the Court. At the request of Francis Chamberlyn, the dispute about his brother Richard's account is referred to arbitration. Certain Committees to adjust

and report on the Auditor's account of disbursements. Goods returned in the *Blackamoor* to be examined, that it may be ascertained what to return to the owners in respect of damage received during the voyage. Order is given for one-third of all seamen's wages to be reserved in India for the relief of their wives and relations in England. The petition of Jane May is referred for consideration. No assignment of any adventure is to be entered in the transport book till Harbert is satisfied that the persons concerned are duly qualified, according to the rule of the Court, both to assign and accept of such adventures. The request of Mr. Richardson for allowance of tare on bags of saltpetre lately bought from the Company is referred to the consideration of certain Committees. Some Committees to meet at the Leadenhall Warehouse on the 10th instant to value calicoes for sale. (2 pp.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN BROWNE, MARCH 2, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 348).

Have been informed of his desire concerning his officers and men, and though willing to meet them in many ways, yet with regard to the few prohibited commodities the Company must keep strictly to their rules or else give up trade. Have decided to consider the said officers and men on their return, according to their behaviour during the voyage. Hope the *Berkeley Castle*, *Anne*, *Constantinople Merchant*, and *Rebecca*, if not the *Loyal Merchant*, will be in the Downs ready to sail with Captain Browne in a few days, if the wind stays as it is. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ACCOUNTS, MARCH 2, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 76)

The following orders are issued: John Harbert and the Auditor to settle the account of Richard Seaborne, and the old account of the Farmers of the Customs. The account of the late William Daniel to be drawn up and delivered to Mr. Jolliffe, who is also to be reminded about the business of the *Morning Star*. Captain Prowd to settle the account between the Company and Thomas Gould, and Samuel Sambrooke to insert a clause in the letters to Surat and Bantam giving orders for an account of the cost of the ships *Charles* and *George* sent to Surat, and the cost of the ship *Bantam* sent to Bantam, that so it may be ascertained whether the Company gains or loses by the employment of these vessels in the East. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 4, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 640).

Captain Risby, commander of the *Loyal Merchant*, takes leave of the Court. The draft of a commission appointing Captain Conny Governor

of St. Helena, also instructions for the Governor and Council of that island, are read and approved. The commanders of the *Constantinople Merchant*, *Rebecca*, *Berkeley Castle*, and *Loyal Merchant* are told that unless their vessels are hastened to the Downs, they will be proceeded against for breach of charterparty. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle*, Peter Cooke, and Christopher Thomlinson to be allowed to ship bullion, merchandise, and other goods, particulars of which are now read. The saltpetre bought by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Ordnance to be weighed and delivered to James Leece, who has been appointed by Captain George Wharton to receive it. The owners of the *Unicorn* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. Chintz and quilts belonging to Mr. Hobby and Sheriff Edwards to be put up at the Company's candle at the next sale; but the Court order that in future no goods except those belonging to the Company are to be sold at their candle. Being told that William Cooley and others are waiting to vouch that he is brother to Hugh Cooley, the Court, having received information that Hugh Cooley had no brother but left some children, refuse to see the said persons and direct that Moses be consulted with as to how the said Cooley may be prosecuted and punished for fraudulently procuring letters of administration, and that the Judge of the Prerogative Court be told, so that letters may not be granted upon such slight pretences; and it is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits to ascertain what letters of administration have been granted to Cox, upon which any money has been paid to him by the Company. Sir John Banks having procured payment of the 3,309*l.* due to the Company from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, order is given for the account depending between the King and the Company to be referred to Sir John and Sir Samuel Barnardiston, who are to use their best endeavours to adjust and settle it. (1½ pp.)

SHIPS, WITH THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THEIR CARGOES, SENT TO THE INDIES IN 1669-70, MARCH 10, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 76).

To the Coast and Bay: the *Return*, Captain William Whitehorne, with a cargo to the value of 29,223*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; the *Rainbow*, Captain Richard Goodlad, cargo to the value of 36,770*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*; the *Zant Frigate*, Captain Andrew Parrack, cargo to the value of 17,283*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*; the *Coast Frigate*, Captain Thomas Hall, cargo to the value of 21,975*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*; the *Mediterranean*, Captain Richard Goodlad, cargo to the value of 19,858*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*; the *Happy Entrance*, Captain Edward Swayne, cargo to the value of 26,528*l.* 19*s.* For Surat: the *Loyal Subject*, Captain Arnold Brown,

cargo to the value of 28,895*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.*; the *Hannibal*, Captain William Hill, cargo to the value of 21,091*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*; the *Berkeley Castle*, Captain Robert Fisher, cargo to the value of 32,946*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; the *Experiment*, Captain William Limbrey, cargo to the value of 15,635*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*. For Bantam: the *Loyal Merchant*, Captain Henry Risby, cargo to the value of 11,587*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*; the *Anne*, Captain Zachary Browne, cargo to the value of 9,071*l.* 10*s.*; the *Constantinople Merchant*, Captain Nathaniel Horsman, cargo to the value of 6,471*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*; and the *Rebecca*, Captain William Badely, cargo to the value of 5,000*l.*; making a total of 282,339*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 641).

Captain Horsman, Captain Risby, or any other commander of the Company's ships in the Downs bound for Bantam to receive on board Peter Orson,¹ a servant of Dr. Klenck, and transport him and his provisions to Bantam. Captain Price, commander of the *Blackamoor*, stating that the information delivered to him mentions more goods than were landed by any of his ship's company, the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade to settle. Damaged cotton yarn and turmeric to be returned to the owners of the *Blackamoor*. The owners of the *Hannibal* to be paid 80*l.* for ten passengers taken on board for the Company's service. Hannah Blaiklock to be allowed to send out 5*l.* in pieces of eight and other things, particulars of which are read. The petition for employment of Thomas Perrot, whose parents died in India, is read, and order given for inquiries to be made of his uncle concerning his behaviour, and whether he is willing to fit him out for service. Mr. Fulford to be told to attend the Committee for Debts and to take away his goods, or they will be sold and proceedings taken against him for breach of contract. Sir Robert Southwell to be paid 20*l.* for expenses incurred in procuring letters from the Court of Portugal, and to be given a gratuity of fifty guineas for his trouble and care in that business. Examination and report to be made of the damaged goods taken out of the *Unicorn*. It is stated that on March 25, 1667, Thomas Thomlins transferred 1,000*l.* subscription to Captain Robert Brown, half of which was paid, but that the transfer has not yet been approved, as Thomlins was security for Sir Thomas Chambers; that account being now cleared, the Court confirm the transfer. The sum of 5*l.* paid by Captain Brown for his freedom is to be returned to him, in consideration of his former service. (14 *pp.*)

¹ Brother of the Klenck referred to on p. 278. In the *Dagh-Register, Batavia*, 1670-71, he is called Jan d'Ohrsen

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MARCH 13, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S. P. Dom., Car. II.* 273, no. 179).

The fleet of merchant ships have sailed, but five East India ships are yet in the Downs.

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MARCH 16, 1670 (*Ibid*, no. 185).

The East India ships and one for Jamaica are still in the Downs. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 16, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 643).

Samuel South to be employed in the Accountant's office. The Paymaster to examine the certificates returned from the Surat ships, to see how many of the soldiers who received imprest are on board, and take care the securities of those who have not come are prosecuted. A letter from Messrs. Faircliff and Smith is read, touching broadcloth found on board Captain Lumley bound for Guinea shipped by endorsed cockets, and suspected to be prepared for the *Berkeley Castle*, directions are given for the Farmers of the Customs to be informed and such orders as are requisite procured from them. Sir Robert Southwell returns his hearty thanks for the gratuity given to him. Examination and report to be made of Jane Preston's petition. A bill for repairs to the Blue Warehouse is given in, and Papillon states that the roof is very defective and several of the sheds need repairing; the matter is referred for an estimate to be obtained of the cost of the repairs necessary. Saltpetre returned in the *Unicorn* to be offered at the candle at the next sale. The Deputy to be paid 220*l.* for expenses incurred for the Company's occasions, and the great inconvenience sustained. A letter from the Farmers of the Customs to their deputy at Deal about the broadcloth on board Captain Lumley having been obtained, order is given for it to be enclosed in a letter to be written to Messrs. Faircliff and Smith. (1½ pp.)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO NICHOLAS BUCKERIDGE, MARCH 16, 1670 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 35).

Is commanded to acquaint him that, if he does not speedily pay the money awarded to the Company, they will proceed against him 'as shall be most agreeable to right and justice'. Appended is an account of several matters with which Buckeridge is to be further charged by bill in Chancery for transactions during his being in Persia. These consist of fines on goods received from London and sent to India, on others sent

from India to England, and on goods sent from port to port in India; for freight of goods laden in the Company's ships from port to port in India; for exchange of moneys in Persia. A note by Edwin is appended, to the following effect: Sent the aforesaid paper to Mr. Moses with three bonds or covenants of indentures from said Mr. Buckeridge to the Company, the one for 2,000*l.* dated April 4, 1660, another. . . dated September 15, 1658, another for 2,000*l.* dated December 16, 1663, with a paper of old instructions and a bill in Chancery against the said Mr. Buckeridge. Dated March 29, 1670, and signed by Humphrey Edwin. (3 *pp.*)

HEADS IN ANSWER TO THOSE IN BUCKERIDGE'S BILL [? 1670] (*Ibid.*, p. 39).

Neither Nathaniel Wych nor any other of the Company's agents ever compelled Nicholas Buckeridge or any other to enter the Company's service, as is suggested, for only those who wish are entertained; neither is it true, as is alleged, that Nathaniel Wych encouraged Buckeridge to seal the covenants mentioned, saying that notwithstanding the contents he might freely trade in India in the commodities mentioned in his covenants, provided he did not send them from England. The Company never heard of any such promise made to Buckeridge or others, neither had Wych power to give any such liberty, and those who have traded so, contrary to their covenants, have made or given the Company allowance or satisfaction freely for the same. They never increased Buckeridge's wages after the death of Mr. Garraway, neither were they, or their President and Council satisfied with his proceedings in the management of their affairs, for in March, 1662, they ordered that he should be called to account, upon complaint of the President and Council. Nor do they believe that any such declaration was made, as he alleges, upon his sealing new covenants. It is true that upon his arrival in England the Company did about August, 1663, refer the examination of his account to Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Mr. Jolliffe and other Committees, who inspected the extravagant charges only and reported. In December, 1663, he was entertained to serve the Company in a voyage to Fort St. George, where he was very disingenuous and did nothing, but only minded his own private interest and acted contrary to the instructions given to him, to the great loss and damage of the Company, of which at his return they complained and also of his unfaithfulness and irregular behaviour. They have none of Buckeridge's accounts or papers, neither have they at any time refused to let him see any books or papers relating to his accounts.

At his desire to have all matters between himself and the Company concluded they used no threats and consented to his desire for a reference, when he chose Robert Thompson and Nathaniel Herne, and they chose John Page and John Morden. These arbitrators, after hearing both parties, awarded that Buckeridge should pay to the Company 537*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, which is far short of what is due to them, for his accounts in Persia were not just, as he has acknowledged some moneys he received for goods which were not brought or allowed to the Company's account. (1½ *pp.*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MARCH 18, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 274, no. 2).

. . . The five East India ships have left. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 23, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 644).

The petitions of Elizabeth Hutchins and Ann Waters are referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Certain Committees to make inquiries as to the ability and qualifications of Samuel Peck, recommended by the inhabitants of Poplar to be minister of the chapel at that place. Damaged cotton yarn and turmeric that came back in the *Unicorn* to be returned to her owners. On report that the rooms over the Gatehouse in the backyard are much out of repair and have not been used of late years, but could conveniently 'be layd' to the small tenement adjoining (which also belongs to the Company's house), to make it more commodious, some Committees are desired to view the said tenement and obtain an estimate of the cost of the necessary repairs; also to look at 'some few things that were set up by Mr. Duke', and report their opinions as to whether these should remain. Goods in Mr. Papillon's warehouse to be priced in readiness for the sale. The account of the late Kenrick Edisbury to be examined. On a report from Moses touching an award, the Court request the Secretary to remind them after the next election to appoint a time to consider about a form for awards which shall be effectual in obliging those concerned to perform their part; also how their President, Agents, Chiefs, and factors may be made liable for what is committed to their charge. Daniel Sheldon is admitted to the freedom by service. Moses's bill for disbursements to be examined, and 100*l.* given to him on account. Taffetas sent home by Mr. Powell in the *Black-moor* and *Unicorn* to be delivered to William Daniel. The Farmers of the Customs to be told of the letter received from Messrs. Faircliff and

Smith about the endorsed cocket, and desired to give orders for prevention of such practices in future. Being informed of some discoveries which may prove beneficial, made by their surveyors, the Court refer the matter to the Committee for Private Trade. Mr. Buckeridge to be prosecuted for his debt to the Company. The Company's seal to be affixed to their answer to Mr. Legate's bill in Chancery now read. The covenant entered into by Ursula Drax to be delivered to the Secretary. Mr. Fenn to be permitted to transfer his whole adventure on leaving 500*l.* in the Company's hands to answer Page's debt, and to be allowed five per cent. if the latter satisfies the Company's demands; Moses to draw up a covenant to this effect. (13 pp.)

DIRECTIONS FOR DRAWING UP THE COMPANY'S ANSWER TO THE BILL OF WILLIAM LEGATT, ADMINISTRATOR TO HUMPHREY BROOME [MARCH 23, 1670] (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 34).

William Drax executor to the late Sir James Drax, appeared at the East India House on August 10, 1664, and requested, on behalf of the children of the said Sir James, that the Company would permit a parcel of redwood to be sold at their candle on the 30th of that month. This was granted, and accordingly the redwood (about twenty-three tons) was exposed for sale and bought by Humphrey Broome on certain conditions, as will appear by the contract signed and sealed by him. But no money was paid on account of the wood either by Broome or any other until August 5, 1665, when 106*l.* 7*s.* was paid, and further payments amounting to 220*l.* were made on December 12 and 14 following; since then no more has been paid for it. The Company state that their custom is quite different to what is set forth in this bill, for at the appointed time they do not deliver any part of such goods and reserve ten per cent. or more upon the remainder, but order the whole quantity to be cleared and paid for before any part is delivered. That Humphrey Broome, though obliged by his contract to pay in 30*l.* within fourteen days after the date of the same and to clear the wood on or before March 30, 1665, paid nothing until August 5 following, and refused or deferred to take away the wood, so that it was burnt in the late 'dreadfull fire of London'. The Company state that before the said fire neither Broome nor any other demanded the wood, it being in some warehouse or other place belonging to William Drax and not in the keeping or custody of the Company; that the 300*l.* of the 326*l.* 7*s.* paid to them on account of the redwood they paid to William Drax, and have remaining in their hands

only 26*l.* 7*s.*, which they are ready to pay to any person this court shall think fit to appoint to receive it. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 25, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 648).

John Dymond, one of the Company's almsmen, petitions for some relief, he being ill and weak; he is given 40*s.* Calicoes and indigo bought by Messrs. Aboab and Smith to be resold; also some cotton yarn belonging to Mr. Leshire. A satisfactory account being received of the 'ministerial abilities and good conversation' of Samuel Peck, he is elected chaplain at Poplar at an annual salary of 20*l.*; he is also to have the use of the Company's house, garden, and field there until further order. Payment, in accordance with a report now read, to be made to the executors or administrators of the late Richard Napier. Red pepper to be delivered to Charles Aston. Pepper bags to be made larger. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Greyhound*. Richard Harris to pay Harbert for Customhouse bills, and Harris's account to be examined. Ordered that the six months' time to be inserted in the contracts for the next sale is to begin from May 12, and that notice be given in the preamble that no other sale will be held until after August 12. Moses to read and report his opinion of the draft of the lease prepared for the Exchange Vaults. Notice to be issued that all votes for the election of Governor and Deputy are to be brought in on Monday, April 18, and a general court held on the following day in the afternoon to declare the choice made; also that votes for the twenty-four Committees are to be brought in on April 20 and 21, and a general court to be held on Friday, April 22, in the afternoon, to publish the names of those chosen. Thomas Winter to be paid 6*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, being half the cost of taking out a commission for examination of affairs at Fort St. George. A report touching goods landed from the *Blackamoor* is read, and the owners told that they may pay their mariners without any deduction, except for goods in the Company's warehouse. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ *pp.*)

CERTIFICATE TOUCHING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DUTCH IN 1654, MARCH 26, 1670 (*Public Record Office. S.P. Holland*, vol. 186, f. 65).¹

Sir William Thomson and Sir William Turner, chosen as arbitrators for the English Company and joined with the arbitrators chosen by the Dutch Company to end all differences between the two Companies, certify that the English Company demanded from the Dutch Company satis-

¹ See also *Dutch Records* (I O), vol. vi, p. 124

faction for a quantity of pepper taken out of the *Endymion* by the Dutch at 'Padognee' [Padang] on the west coast of Sumatra in 1649, and that the arbitrators acting for the Dutch declared it was one of the clearest demands the English had against the Dutch, and that the 85,000*l.* awarded to be paid by the Dutch to the English was (amongst other things) in satisfaction for pepper taken out of the *Endymion* and for damages sustained thereby. That the arbitrators on behalf of the Dutch Company proposed that a clause should be inserted in the draft of the award then drawn up to exclude the English from trade and commerce on the west coast of Sumatra for the future, but this was wholly rejected by those acting on behalf of the English Company, who insisted that the English were as free to trade with all governments and nations of India as the Dutch. 'All which is very well known to the worthy Dutch arbitrators that are yet alive.' Signed by William Thomson and William Turner, in the presence of Robert Blackborne, Notary Public. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 30, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 646).

The bills of the apothecaries, Messrs. Whitchurch and Cooke [? Clarke], to be examined. Private trade brought back in the *Blackamoor* and *Unity* to be delivered. A demand of 42*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* by the Officers of the Exchequer, for fees on 3,421*l.* 16*s.* lately paid to the Company, is referred to Sir John Banks to settle. The ground warehouse in Leadenhall, next to Gracechurch Street, to be obtained for the Company's use on the best possible terms from the Committee for Christ's Hospital. Matthew Andrews asks that the 444*l.* 3*s.* 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* in the Company's hands, the proceeds of part of some tutenague mentioned in the report made on November 3, 1668, may be paid to him, if he gives security to save the Company harmless from Sir John Cloberry and his wife, whose discharge he has not yet procured; he is told that if he will buy an adventure of 400*l.* in the New General Stock and pledge the same for the Company's security, the amount he claims shall be paid. Thomas Toll's account to be examined. Captain Prowd to survey the ship being built by Captain Potter and advise how she may be made suitable for the Company's service if required; and do the like for the three ships being built by Captains Seaman, Cooley, and Wildy, if they wish. Goods returned in the *Blackamoor* to be delivered to John Brewster. Mr. Daniel reporting that some of the taffetas for which he paid the fine are missing, order is given for the same to be repaid to him, and for a letter to be written to the Bay to advise the

Chief and Council of this matter, that they may try to discover the perpetrator of the fraud. A person calling himself William Cooley, who claims to be brother of the late Hugh Cooley and, having obtained letters of administration for the estate of the latter, demands his wages, appears in court and alleges that Hugh Cooley was born in Herefordshire but can produce no proof; Edward Osborne and Jasper Dalby also appear in court (being well-known inhabitants of Stepney parish), and bring with them the daughter (as they affirm) of the late Hugh Cooley, whom Osborne, her uncle, has brought up from infancy, and he and Dalby state that Hugh Cooley was born in Stepney and had no brother at the time of his death; hereupon the Court, thinking that the letters of administration have been wrongly obtained and believing the person produced to be Hugh Cooley's daughter, give order for a certificate to be drawn up to this effect and signed by the Secretary; and, in order to prevent such practices in future, direct the Accountant to take care that no intimation is given to any one employed under him of what is due to any person deceased in the Company's service until order from the Court. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvi, p. 650).

On hearing that the Committee for Christ's Hospital agree to let the ground warehouse in Leadenhall from the 'loop-hole¹ southwards next Grasschurch Street', and also a little warehouse on the east side of the Hall, for so long as the Company shall retain the rest of the warehouses, for a fine of 25*l.* and a yearly rental of 20*l.* to begin from Lady Day last, the Court desire those who are in treaty to conclude the agreement accordingly. Mr. Lucas states that he is building a ship of 240 tons, to be commanded by Mr. Bennet, and offers her for the Company's service; he is told that such small vessels are not wanted; that four new ones are being built, and no more will be freighted this year; but that, if any small ships are entertained, his shall be the first chosen. William Wight is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Payment to be made to the assigns of Francis Fletcher, and to Messrs. Whitchurch and Clarke, apothecaries. The petition of Alexander Buckler, who returned in the *Loyal Merchant* from St. Helena, is read, and certain Committees are desired to speak to the owners touching what is demanded for Buckler's passage. The covenants of arbitration in the cases of Ion Kenn and

¹ The opening in the wall by which goods were craned into the warehouse.

Francis Chamberlayn to be renewed, and the time extended to May 10, according to their desire. Moses to prosecute the suit for debt against Henry Paige. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, APRIL 12, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 651).

Sale of Jambi and Quilon pepper, light and mixed pepper, dust of pepper, cotton yarn, round Sarkhej indigo, sticklac, turmeric, saltpetre, brown and white longcloth, sallampores, parcaltees, morees, betteltees, Oringal betteltees, allejahs, derebauds, taffetas, sayes, quilts, broad chintz, cotton wool, calico wrappers, sovaguzzees, with prices and names of purchasers. A ruby hatband, set up at 6*l.*, sold to Joseph Lory at 9*l.* os. 6*d.* (4 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 15, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 655).

Mr. Sowton offers to procure copper at Stockholm at cheaper rates than it can be had at Hamburg, and promises, if the Company will employ him, to give due security for performance of what he undertakes; hereupon the Secretary is directed to remind the Court of this offer after the next election. Mr. Delavere to be given some allowance for damaged betteltees. Sir John Langham to be repaid what he has spent in the repair of the Blue Warehouses. The Committee for Private Trade are desired to meet this afternoon and dispatch all business referred to them. Warehousekeepers to give in at the first sitting of the Court after the election an account of goods remaining in their custody and sold before the 12th instant, and of those still unsold. The accounts of Moses, Edwyn, and Captain Prowd are reported by the Committees to whom they were referred, and approved by the Court. The draft of a lease of the Blue Warehouse from Sir John Langham to the Company is read and delivered to Stephen Langham to be perused. Edith Harris to be given an additional 40*s.* a year for her care and pains in looking after and keeping clean the Company's house. Mr. Wyldbore to be allowed the use of such papers concerning private trade returned in the *Coronation* as may be helpful to him in his trial. Saltpetre bags to be made of a uniform size. (2 pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 19, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 1).

Sir William Thomson expresses his thanks for the honour done him by the generality in counting him worthy to fill the post of Governor for the past two years. He then gives a brief account of some of the Company's affairs, and the reason why no dividend has been declared in

answer to expectation. He announces that, as a result of the scrutiny of votes, Sir Andrew Riccard has been elected Governor, and Robert Thomson Deputy, for the year ensuing. Sir Andrew thanks the generality for choosing him, but pleads his inability to discharge so weighty a trust, on account of his age and many bodily infirmities, and desires that some fitter person may be chosen; but the Court pressing him, and the Committees promising their best assistance, he accepts the post and takes the customary oath. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 22, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 2).

The Governor causes the names of those elected Committees for the ensuing year to be read. They are as follows: George, Lord Berkeley, the Honourable Robert Boyle, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir John Banks, Sir Francis Clarke, Sir John Robinson, Sir William Thomson, Sir William Turner, Benjamin Albyn, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Thomas Bromfield, Michael Davison, John Goodier, Nathaniel Herne, James Houblon, John Jolliffe, John Morden, Thomas Papillon, John Paige, Maurice Thomson, Charles Thorold, Rowland Wynn, and Christopher Willoughby.¹ ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 27, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 3).

The request of Richard Cooke to be discharged from a bargain of saltpetre he bought of the Company in October, 1667, because of his great losses, is referred to certain Committees. Mr. Sowton to be treated with about his proposal to provide copper from Stockholm. Edith Harris to be given 5*l*, she having fallen and bruised herself while attending to the Company's house. Sir William Thomson, Maurice Thomson, and Christopher Boone are desired to undertake the business of the Treasury for the ensuing year. Captain Harman offers the *Unicorn* for service, and is told that when his accounts are adjusted his offer shall be considered. The officers of the Company are re-elected according to custom, their annual salaries being as follows: Michael Dunkin, Cashier-General, at 200*l*.; Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l*, and as Beadle and Housekeeper, 30*l*.; Robert Blackborne, Secretary, 20*l*.; Elisha Coles, his assistant, 50*l*.; Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, Writer of Letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse, 200*l*.; Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, his assistant, 50*l*.; Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor, 100*l*.; Edward Byrche, his assistant, 50*l*.; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l*.; Francis Thomson, his

¹ The eight new members were Barnardiston, Sir William Thomson, Turner, Bromfield, Goodier, Thorold, Wynn, and Willoughby.

assistant, 60*l.*; George Papillon, Warehousekeeper of Drugs, 160*l.*, and for managing the candle at the public sales, 10*l.*; Charles Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*, and as Paymaster of the Marines, 30*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Shipping, 80*l.*; William Moses, Solicitor, 20*l.*; Michael Prescott, Surveyor of Private Trade, 20*l.*; John Harbert having been Accountant-General since last July, he is re-elected to that post at 130*l.* a year, and on presenting a perfect balance of the books on May 1 every year he is to be given a gratuity of 30*l.* for his encouragement; he is also to be allowed the same salary for the time he has officiated as Accountant-General, and the same gratuity on perfecting the balance of last year's books. Leventhorpe Altham is elected as assistant to the Accountant-General at 80*l.* a year, at which rate he is to be allowed for the time he has been in that employ, and upon the yearly balance of the books he is to be given a gratuity of 20*l.*; Peter Cossens, assistant to the Auditor, and Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper, are re-elected and their respective salaries increased from 30*l.* to 40*l.* a year. The Committee for Private Trade to prepare an oath to be taken by the Surveyors of Private Trade. (2½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE TO TREAT WITH SAMUEL SOUTON ABOUT COPPER, APRIL 27, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 77).

Mr. Souton states that rose copper is usually sold at 200 or 210 copper dollars the ship-pound of 299 lb. and the best season for its purchase is the winter. The commodity may then be procured for 280 copper dollars the ship-pound, free aboard with all charges paid, including customs. This is equivalent to 53½ bank dollars of eight shillings Flemish, and at the exchange of 35 shillings Flemish to the pound sterling, makes the cost 12*l.* 3*s.* 9½*d.* per ship-pound, or 4*l.* 11*s.* 0¼*d.* [*sic*]. The charge of working the rough copper into plates is 3*s.* 11*d.* the cwt., at the same rate of exchange. Freight from Stockholm to London in a free Swedish ship is usually 3*s.* 4*d.* the ship-pound; so that copper in Hungarr plates at the dearest rate is 5*l.* 3*s.* the cwt., and at the lowest rate 4*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* the cwt. There is a thinner sort of copper, called sheet copper, for copper vessels, which costs 6*s.* the cwt. more than the plates. Another sort of copper, called new copper, is usually eight copper dollars cheaper than rough copper of old copper works. January and February are the proper months in which to buy copper, when, if a contract is made with the copper-men touching the quantity, three or four per cent. may be saved; and if one-fourth of the money is advanced, there may be a gain

of six or seven per cent. Mr. Souton thinks that the King's quantity of copper, which is usually about 6,000 ship-pounds, being one-third of all the copper raised yearly, might be bought at about 250 copper dollars the ship-pound, and His Majesty paid for the greatest part in broad-cloth for his army. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 29, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 5).

A report from the Committees to whom the request of Richard Cooke was referred is read and approved. The petition of William Saxby, a writer in the Accountant's Office, is read, in which he acknowledges his sorrow for former neglect of duty, promises all possible diligence in the future, and prays to be continued in his employment; the Court agree to give him another trial, advise him, in order to shun all unnecessary company, 'to get himself tabled in some private house', and promise to consider his petition again next Friday. Thomas Butler and Robert Macheu are re-elected writers in the Accountant's Office and given an additional 5*l.* a year. Turmeric bought by Mr. Woolley at the last sale to be examined, to ascertain what allowance should be made for stones, sticks, and trash found with it. The Committee for Private Trade to freight a ketch, or some other nimble vessel, to ply in the Channel in order to meet the Company's ships expected from the Indies; they are also to supply the officers aboard with the necessary instructions. A draft of the lease for the Blue Warehouses, with amendments by Sir John Langham, is read, approved, and ordered to be engrossed. ($1\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

HEADS FOR AN ANSWER TO THE BILL IN CHANCERY OF JOHN GREENHILL OF SARUM AGAINST THE COMPANY, MAY 3, 1670 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 38).

These respondents say that what was seized upon or brought to the account of Henry Greenhill after his death in the time of Agent Chamber was taken out again by the said Chamber (now Sir Thomas); so that nothing of his estate remained in their hands, as is falsely suggested in the bill. They deny that Sesadra Nague, Wardapa Nague, Henry Greenhill, or any for them or by their appointment have satisfied their debts of 5,555 pag. 21 fan. for which Greenhill became bound in case Sesadra Nague and Wardapa Nague should not pay, and that until 1659 they did not know but that the said debts had been satisfied in India; but upon receipt of their accounts from Fort St. George, in July, 1659, it

appeared that the money had not been paid to them or to their agents in India, except by a pretended account of salary made by Henry Greenhill in his lifetime, without any real satisfaction in money or goods, which occasioned them to stay proceedings against him until that time and afterwards in the hope that he would come to a fair end and pay what was justly owing to them. They do not know nor have they understood at any time that Sir Thomas Chamber or any others did by their order seize or take possession of Greenhill's books or writings. That by their own accounts kept in India, and by a writing written and sealed by Greenhill, there was owing to them in 1654 by Sesadra Nague and Wardapa Nague 5,555 pag. 21 fan., or 2,222l. 5s. 3d., which the said Greenhill became bound to pay them if Sesadra Nague and Wardapa should not. In order to satisfy or partly satisfy them Sesadra Nague, or some other on his account, paid or caused to be paid into the respondents' cash in India on or about June, 1658, 1,513 pag. 16 fan. The remainder of the debt 1,542 pag. 4 fan., was cleared by Greenhill on his account of salary, without any real satisfaction, and the debts of Wardapa Nague, amounting to 2,500 pag. 1 fan., was paid as follows: 1,741 pag. 11 fan. 4 cash part by Greenhill on account of his wages, and a further part 758 pag. 20 fan. 2 cash by Frederick Skinner, who lived at Bantam, Greenhill pretending that Skinner owed him this sum; but the latter, so far from owning the debt, alleged that Greenhill owed or damaged him in his trade to the sum of 20,000 rials. So the respondents had no satisfaction from Skinner or otherwise, and the remainder of Wardapa's debt, being one fanam, was charged by profit and loss, and it appears that 1,542 pag. 4 fan. of Sesadra's debt and 1,741 pag. 11 fan. 4 cash of Wardapa's debt were both cleared by particular directions of Greenhill upon his account of salary and amounting to 1,313l. 7s. 11d., although really there was not so much due to him, and Greenhill's salary being ordered to be paid to the complainant distinctly by itself, there remains due to these respondents 1,313l. 7s. 11d. besides 758 pag. 20 fan. 2 cash which Skinner refused to pay, amounting to 303l. 9s. 1d., making a total of 1,616l. 17s. due to these respondents upon the bill or balance of account of Sesadra and Wardapa Nague, besides interest for the same. The money for salary, etc. which Harbert thinks the Master will report to be due to Greenhill from June 10, 1655, to June 20, 1658 is 36½ months, which at 100l. per annum is 302l. 15s. 6d. Signed Humphrey Edwin, May 3, 1670. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 4, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 7).

Damaged calicoes to be examined and the requisite allowance made for them. The petition of Joan Carrel is referred for examination. The two keepers of the Exchange to be given their annual gratuity of 5s. apiece and 3lb. of pepper each. Edward Osborne, who has obtained letters of administration for the goods and chattels of the late Hugh Cooley, mariner, thus making the former administration void, to be paid the wages due to the said Cooley, being 39*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* Payment to be made to Thomas Toll or his assigns, in accordance with a report now read. The adventurers in the Fourth Joint Stock to be credited in the Company's books with the interest of 500*l.* from the time it was lent to this day. Warrants to be made out for payment of what is due to the commanders for signing the bills of lading for treasure and jewels carried to and brought back from the Indies. The Cashier-General to provide the Husband with an account of the value of all jewels received from India, that he may clear the customs due upon them. Thomas Dethick and Company at Leghorn to be written to and desired to provide coral. The Committees for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to their answer to Mr. Greenhill's bill in Chancery. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 6, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 9).

A report is read from the Committees to whom Mr. Sowton's proposal to supply copper from Stockholm was referred, in which, after giving a detailed account of the prices of copper from Hamburg and Stockholm, they state that copper from the latter place at the highest rate may be per cwt. 10*s.* 11*d.* cheaper than the lowest from Hamburg. They think if Sowton is employed to purchase the copper, a contract should be drawn up between him, his security (John Metford), and the Company, and all copper ordered should be laden yearly between May 1 and August 31 at the latest. This is agreed to and order given for Sowton to be credited with 4,000*l.* sterling on Mr. Banks and Company, merchants at Hamburg; Metford is approved of as security for the punctual performance of what shall be committed to Sowton, and the Committees are desired to draw up instructions for Sowton's proceedings, give him a letter of credit for the 4,000*l.*, and see that securities are taken both from him and Metford. On information that fourteen tons of copper have been imported from Barbary, order is given for the quality and price to be ascertained and reported. Robert Woolley to be allowed 13*l.* 10*s.* on turmeric he bought at the last sale. It being suggested that

a piece of plate should be given, as is usual, to Henry Johnson, who built the Company's ship *Experiment*, it is resolved to consider this when a further account of the ship is received. The time limited in the covenants of arbitration between the Company and Messrs. Kenn and Chamberlayn having expired, it is by mutual consent extended to June 17. At the request of Alderman Hussey, one of the owners of the *Blackamoore*, the matters in dispute with the Company and the owners of that ship are referred to arbitration. Mr. Richbel of Southampton to be paid 25s. for money he disbursed for the Company in 1668. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid 24*l.* for three passengers taken out in that ship. The Auditor to insert the allowance of tare in the certificates he makes out on goods sold. The Committee for Private Trade to employ such vessels and men as they think fit, to secure all private trade brought back in the ships now expected. The request that a wash-house may be built for the accommodation of the Chaplain of Poplar and his family is agreed to, and Captain Prowd is directed to pay a sum not exceeding 22*l.* for this out of the Stock belonging to the Almshouse. (3 *pp.*)

WARRANT TO SIR GEORGE CARTERET, MAY 7, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book 25, f. 160*).

To pay to Philip Howard, Captain in the regiment of Guards, 304*l.* 19s. 6*d.* to be paid by him to the East India Company, being a balance remaining from 1,000*l.* assigned to them on the Additional Aid, for payment of interest on a loan for the Navy, of which both principal and interest are now repaid.

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MAY 10, 1670 (*Letter Book, vol. iv, p. 352*).

Having occasion for some copper, which is to be bought cheaper at Stockholm than at Hamburg, and understanding that Sowton intends residing at the former place, and being confident of his care and faithfulness, they commission him to buy copper Hungar plates to the value of 3,000*l.*, to spend 500*l.* in rough copper, and 500*l.* in sheet copper, and to lade it in two or more good Swedish vessels sailing for London not later than September 15, consigned to Thomas Sprig, merchant, in London. For payment he is to draw on Messrs. Banks of Hamburg, who have been told to accept such bills as Sowton or his assigns shall present. Desire him to procure the said copper as cheaply as possible and ship it quickly, for, if they find it more convenient than buying at Hamburg,

they intend to commission him to purchase a far larger quantity yearly. Desire frequent advices from him. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 12).

All who have not paid for or cleared their goods from the respective warehouses to be summoned to do so. With regard to the purchase of copper, Messrs. Sowton and Mitford declare that it is customary to allow half per cent. for drawing money, but the Court declare they are not to expect anything but the two per cent. for buying; nevertheless, if Sowton manages the business to the Company's advantage, they will take it into consideration. Resolved that the following sorts of copper shall be bought at Stockholm, viz., Hungar plates to the value of 3,000*l.*, rough copper, 500*l.*, and sheet copper, 500*l.*, all to be laden in good, free Swedish ships that will engage to sail from thence by September 15. It is referred to the Governor to give all necessary instructions to Sowton for buying, shipping, and drawing money for the said copper. John Banks is informed of the orders given to Sowton to purchase copper to the value of 4,000*l.* at Stockholm, and for drawing bills on him and his brothers, Charles and James at Hamburg, to be by them recharged to the Company; he declares his readiness to serve the Company in this at one third per cent. for provision, besides the port of letters and brokerage; and the Court order that any bills of exchange to the value of 4,000*l.* drawn on the Governor, or whoever else is appointed, are to be received and paid. A note for 188*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* due to the Company from Sir Edward Turner is delivered to Dunkin. The owners of the *Unicorn* to be paid 2,400*l.* for freight and demurrage, and order is given for the account of that ship to be adjusted with Captain Harman George Willoughby to be allowed 4*l.* for baftas delivered to him instead of sovaguzzees. Copper to the value of 5,000*l.* to be bought at Hamburg, and the Committee for Buying Goods to treat with Mr. Banks for buying it at the cheapest rates, not exceeding sixty rix dollars the ship-pound. The Company's seal to be affixed to the counterpart of the lease granted by Sir John Langham for the Blue Warehouses. Turmeric bought by Mr. Woolley for several grocers to be examined. ($2\frac{1}{4}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE SHIPS EXPECTED FROM SURAT, THE COAST, AND BANTAM, MAY 12, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 352).

Captain Prowd, intending to go to Deal and thereabouts, has the Company's orders to board any of their ships arriving during his stay.

He is to be treated civilly and consulted as to what may best conduce to the advantage and interest of the Company. In compliance with charterparty, the captains are to be very careful that no goods of any description are taken out of their vessels until they arrive in the Thames, or receive orders from the Company. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

TREASURY MINUTE, MAY 13, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Minute Book III*, pp. 324-5).

The report of the East India Company about Mrs. Hardy is read. My Lords can do no more in this business.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 18, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 14).

The Governor is desired to give order to Mr. Banks to buy the quantity of copper at Hamburg formerly resolved on in Hungar plates at the cheapest rates, and to ship it at the first opportunity. A warrant for 300*l.* to be made out for payment to the Lord Mayor and Commonalty of London and the Masters and Wardens of the Mercers Company, for the fine agreed upon for the Exchange Vaults. The Company's seal to be affixed to their answer to Mr. Northey's bill in the Exchequer. George Legate to be commissioned to buy at Genoa six chests of coral, not exceeding 4 cwt. each, viz, four of Grezio and two of Ricaduti; and the Governor is desired to give order for their lading and consignment, and for drawing the value by bills of exchange on himself. The petition of Henry Brewster is referred for examination. Payment to be made to Ion Kenn, in pursuance of an award now read. A lease for the Brick Warehouses in St. Helens, signed and sealed by Sir John Langham, is delivered to the Court. The Farmers of the Customs to be paid 5,000*l.* upon account, and the owners of the *Coast Frigate* 56*l.* for seven passengers who went in her to India (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 20, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 16).

At the request of Mr. Sowton, order is given for all bills of exchange drawn by him or his assigns on Messrs. Banks, merchants at Hamburg for payment of copper purchased at Stockholm, to be accepted and paid. On information that the indenture of covenants signed and sealed by Mr. Portman at Surat has been brought back without the signatures of any witnesses, order is given for a copy of the said covenants to be sent to the President and Council, who are to see the same signed and sealed by three or more witnesses in due form of law and return them to England, when the former indenture shall be cancelled or given up to

any one appointed by Portman to receive it. Captain Maples offers for service a new ship of three decks, burden 500 tons, lately built at Southampton and named the *Victory*; he is told that she shall be surveyed, and, if the Company have occasion for more tonnage and he gives the names of some sufficient persons willing to enter into charterparty, his offer shall be considered. Sir Samuel Barnardiston reports that the President of Surat has sent him some shirts and baftas to be delivered to the Masters and Wardens of Trinity House for use of the poor under their care, and asks that the fines on the said goods may be remitted; but the Court, considering it contrary to the practices of the Company that money received for charity within their factories should be otherwise disposed of (except by special order from home) than for the use of the Company's own almshouse and of such decayed mariners as have been in their service, direct that the President and Council be written to about this, and Captain Chamlet notified to attend the court and tell what he knows of the transaction. John Banks and Company to be authorized and commissioned to buy at Hamburg 5,000*l.* worth of Hungar plates at the cheapest rate possible, lade them in the first good ships for London, and cause bills for payment to be drawn at the cheapest rate the exchange will allow, either at sight or as they conveniently can, the value of which shall be repaid to Banks, who is to consign the said copper to Thomas Sprigg. After some debate touching objections made against Messrs Dethick at Leghorn, the Committee for Lawsuits are directed to consider the draft of the bond to be entered into by their security, and the Governor is desired to dispatch the commission for buying the coral lately resolved on by the next opportunity. To avoid the inconvenience caused to adventurers in the present General Stock whose names are the same, Harbert is directed to take care to insert in all future transfers the 'additions and titles' of the parties concerned. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. DETHICK, CHARLETON, AND ACOURT [AT LEGHORN], MAY 23, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 353).

Acknowledge their letter requesting orders for the purchase of coral. Enclose several objections made by the Auditor to their last account current, and expect satisfaction for the same. Commission them to spend 10,000 dollars in Grezio coral, and 2,000 dollars in Ricaduti, both which they are to buy as cheaply as possible and see that it is large, sound, and clean. The Teraglio sent last year was so bad they do not

order any more, for it can be had almost as cheaply in London. Tell them again that many persons have offered to furnish the Company with better and cheaper coral, but they are unwilling to leave old correspondents for new; so desire them to buy and dispatch the coral by the first good ship, and draw upon them for payment. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.) *The Auditor's objections are appended. In these Edwin objects to the charge for attendance at the arrival of the coral boats, and for boat-hire, the coral being taken ashore by the owners. He also objects to the large percentage charged on brokerage, etc.*

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], MAY 27, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 354).

Enclose a copy of their last letter, and desire that the orders therein given may be strictly observed. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 8, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 18).

Moses reports that John Stanyan, who is to be examined in the cause depending between the Company and Mr. Chappel, wants some letters that were detained by the Court; and it appearing that a transcript was taken of Stanyan's letter-book, order is given for the said transcript to be delivered to him, and Mr. Wynn is desired to examine the rest of the letters and papers remaining in the Treasury and report concerning their contents. Captain Wharton, instructed by Colonel Legg, Lieutenant-General and Treasurer of the King's Ordnance, brings an assignment of 4,025*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* charged on His Majesty's Revenue of Firehearth, next in course after the 15,000*l.* lately given the Company, which is in full payment for the whole parcel of saltpetre, and desires that some one on behalf of the Company may see the same registered in the Exchequer; hereupon Dunkin is told to do so. Captain Wharton then produces a debenture for 533*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, payable to the Company for interest, and desires the Governor's receipt for it and also that when the assignment is registered and the debenture made out the Governor will give an acquittance, the former bill of imprest of 15,000*l.* to be cancelled; the Court consent, and the Governor is desired to give receipts accordingly. At the request of Captain Chamlet, payment is made to the owners of the *Sampson* of 2,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage; and the captain offering her for further service, order is given for a survey to be made both of the *Sampson* and the *Unicorn*. The owners of the *Crown* to be paid 16,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage; and Captain Hyat offering that ship for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her also. Godfrey Lee, Junior, is admitted to the freedom by

patrimony. Payment to be made to the administratrix of the late Captain Ward of what is due on the quarter per cent. allowed on such treasure as he carried out in the *Constantinople Merchant*. Sir Samuel Barnardiston reporting a discourse with Secretary Trevour touching Trombay and Salsette, adjoining Bombay, it is referred to the Committee for Dutch Affairs to consider and report what in their opinion is fit to be done in the matter. Private trade returned in the *Sampson* and *Crown* to be delivered to the owners and commanders, after the Husband has given an exact account of it to the Committee for Private Trade; the said owners and commanders to deliver to John Goodier, Samuel Sambrooke, Captain Stringer, Captain John Norbrooke, Captain William Bass, and Mrs. Ackworth several goods (particulars of which are now read) returned in their vessels, free of fine. Mr. Puliston's account to be examined. On being told that this last week a lighted match was found in the Exchange Vaults, which it is thought may have been dropped through the grates by some of the guards who watch on the Exchange, the Court, 'looking on it as a singular act of God's providence that noe harm ensued', direct that shutters of iron or tin be made for the said grates to prevent the like danger in future. Turmeric bought by Mr. Woolley to be examined. A letter from Hamburg is read, advising that copper at present is sold at 59½ to 60 rix dollars the ship-pound, and may probably decline in price; hereupon it is referred to the Governor to direct John Banks and Company (if their advices are equally encouraging), to buy another 5,000*l.* worth of Hungar plates, in addition to those already ordered. The Committee for the Treasury to make timely provision of such bullion as will be needed for the ensuing year, and the Committee for Buying Goods to do the same with regard to cloth and other commodities necessary for India. The account of William Smith to be examined. Mr. Woolley to be allowed for dust and trash found in the turmeric he bought. (3 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 10, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 21).

Upon consideration of advices from Bantam brought by the *John and Margaret*, the Court give order for a ship of 250 tons or 300 tons to be entertained and dispeeded to Bantam from Gravesend by the last day of this month. Copies to be made of such of Stanyan's letters as are necessary for the Company to keep, and given to Stanyan if he desires them. The fine on some chintz brought back in the *Sampson*, belonging to Captain Bass, to be charged to his account. The sum of 5*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

to be paid to John Grimwade, administrator to the late Philip Travers, and a further sum of 22*l.* to be paid to his executors, for distribution amongst such of his children as are most in want. The sum of 11*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* to be paid to Christopher Boone for what he and Mr. Wynne spent in the business of Thomas Skinner. Dunkin to deliver some fine goods, received from Sprigg, to the persons to whom they belong, on payment of the permission money. (1½ *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR SHIPPING, JUNE 10, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 77).

In accordance with an order received from the Court, the ship *Anne*, commanded by Captain Abraham Dawes, is entered to sail from Gravesend for Bantam on the 30th instant; and it is resolved to suggest that the *Greyhound*, commanded by Captain William Goodlad, should accompany her there.¹ (½ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 22).

The newship called the *Anne*, commanded by Captain Dawes, is entertained for a voyage to Bantam, and order is given for the *Greyhound* to be surveyed and, if found suitable, she also is to be freighted for Bantam; both ships to be ready to sail from Gravesend by the last of the month. Complaints being made that several commanders of the Company's ships neglect to keep order and good government in their vessels, and have not given their men the usual allowance, or provisions suitable for a voyage to the Indies, notwithstanding the strict charge laid upon them to do so, and it being the desire of the Court that ships in the Company's service and all people sailing in them should be kept under good discipline and 'in the fear and service of God', and be well accommodated for preservation of life and health, it is resolved that in future great caution shall be exercised before any commander, who has acted in the manner complained of, is re-entertained. The Committees appointed to examine the account of the *Unicorn* are desired to inquire into the complaints made against Captain Harman for ill usage of his men during his last voyage. The Agent and Council at Bantam to be written to and directed to dispeed back the ships now sent out to them in the order of their arrival. Report to be made concerning the chests of chirurgery lately sent to the respective factories, some being complained of as defective. (1½ *pp.*)

¹ A note is appended that the *Anne's* cargo amounted to 12,510*l.* and that of the *Greyhound* to 10,142*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; and that the two ships sailed on 9 July.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 15, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 24).

Samuel Sowton comes to take leave of the Court before going to Stockholm, and is told that if the 4,000*l.* worth of copper already ordered is shipped before August 15 next, and if Hungar plates can be procured at fifty-eight rix dollars the ship-pound, or under, and delivered on board, he is authorized to buy another 4,000*l.* worth of the said plates, provided they are shipped in September and consigned to Thomas Sprigg in London; for payment he is to draw bills of exchange upon Messrs. Banks at Hamburg, who have order to accept and pay the same, and order is hereupon given for Messrs. Banks to be advised of this and told to recharge the said bills upon Sir Andrew Riccard. Cotton yarn returned in the *Blackamoor* to be examined, Captain Price stating it has been returned as damaged, but that the greater part is good and merchantable. The account of Mr. Bale to be reported. On a report from the Committee for the Treasury of their difficulty in procuring bullion for the Company's service, Messrs. Papillon, Paige, Herne, and Houblon are desired to assist the said Committees in this matter. Henry Hunter is admitted to the freedom by patrimony and Thomas Manning by redemption. A bill of exchange, drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam and payable to Captain Matthew Crover, is accepted, and order given for it to be paid when due. Two parcels of diamonds returned in the *Crown* to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft and the permission charged to the account of Agent Foxcroft; also certain gingham and parcallaes, sent to several persons named in a note of particulars now read, to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft free of mulct. Margaret Hamm to be paid 5*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* The following persons are nominated for employment at Bantam, viz, George Henbury, Edmond Hales, Albinus Willoughby, and Messrs. Browning and Rowden. John Stanyan's original letters to be given up to him after copies have been taken, examined, and attested. The owners of the *Loyal Subject* to be paid 24*l.* for three passengers sent in that ship to Bombay. The Accountant presents an exact balance of the Company's books and is given a gratuity of 30*l.*, and Altham is given 20*l.*; the former is told to rectify the several accounts, which being done, the Committee for Accounts are to peruse the books and give what instructions they think fit for settling all with due method and order. A report of work necessary to be done in the *Anne* and *Greyhound* is read and delivered to the two commanders, who promise to have it performed; the Deputy is desired to hasten the dispatch of the said ships, and Sambrooke told to

prepare their charterparties; they are to leave Gravesend by the last of this month and, if they arrive at Bantam by December 31, they are to be dispatched thence on the last day of January following. Order is given for fifty thousand dollars to be shipped in the *Anne*, and forty thousand in the *Greyhound*, and the Deputy and Mr. Willoughby are desired to provide what presents and mum they think should be sent to Bantam. (2½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 17, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 26).

Resolved that a dollar, or piece of eight, brought from Bantam on account of private trade shall be valued at 5s. Francis Chamberlayn to be paid 60*l.* 16s. 4*d.* The account of the late Samuel Hamm, mariner, to be reported. On information that Ellis Crispe has been admitted to the Council at Bantam the Court approve, and order that his salary be increased to 40*l.* per annum. Samuel Crispe is given leave to send to Ellis Crispe at Bantam 6½ hhds. of Spanish wine. Samuel Scottow and Philip Colley are entertained as factors for India at an annual salary of 30*l.* apiece, and William Rivett and Thomas Gray are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Colley. Edmond Hales and George Henbury are entertained as writers for India each at 10*l.* a year. Margaret Hocket, administratrix to Samuel Hamm, to be paid 9*l.* 7s. 9*d.* A letter is read from Sir Henry Oxinden, stating that he and his son James are executors to his late brother, Sir George Oxinden, and desiring that all convenient dispatch may be given to what concerns his estate; the Court, having a due respect for the good services of the deceased, but being informed that some things prejudicial to the Company took place during his Presidency, that his estate is kept private in the hands of persons appointed by himself and has not been brought into the Company's cash according to order, and wishing that everything may be clearly and fully understood, that right may be done to the Company and every respect shown to the memory of Sir George, order the matter to be referred to the Committees for Surat Factory, to consider what they think fit to be done. Some coral and a barrel of succinum [i.e. amber] returned in the *Blackamoor* to be delivered to Henry Brewster free of fine, but on eighty pieces of double taffetas he is to pay 5s. apiece. A bag of sweet seeds and a fardle of toys to be delivered to Thomas Arwaker, and some curtains and calicoes to Frances Mitchell for the use of herself and child, all free of fine. (2 pp.)

TREASURY MINUTE, JUNE 17, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Minute Book III*, p. 352-4).

The officers of the Mint called in, and Alderman Backwell, about Backwell's proposition for coining small money, and his proposition is read. Backwell says he has 5s. 3½*d.* of the East India Company for each ounce of silver; that he cannot afford this so cheap for minting terms, because there [*i.e.* from the East India Company] he has ready money, but here in the Mint it must be some time coining. The paper is delivered to the officers of the Mint to consider and report. . . . Ordered that the officers of the Mint also coin about twenty samples of divers moneys, whereby to know the minting charge thereof.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 22, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 28).

Nathaniel Scottow, merchant, and William Stringer, citizen and founder, both of London, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Samuel Scottow. The request of Captain Hendbury that his son lately entertained as a writer may be dismissed from that employment is granted. Examination and report to be made of the account of William Uvedale. Mr. Soane asking that some white pepper, sent to Mr. Wadder by Lawrence Chambers, may be delivered to him, he being Wadder's assignee, the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade to consider what licence Chambers had for sending home white pepper, to have the same brought into the Company's warehouse and ascertain and report to whom it belongs and what is best to be done. Lead in the *Greyhound* to be bought from the owners at 13*l.* a fother. The account of Mr. Lannoy for dyeing cloth rashes and perpetuanoes to be settled. Mr. Everson to be treated with about some Hungar plates. The petition of three seamen belonging to the *Sampson*, for delivery of a small parcel of indigo brought back in that ship is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The Husband to take charge of some musk, seed pearls, and bezoar stones claimed by Mr. Hampton, administrator of the late Thomas Harrington, and report. Mr. Wynn to be appointed arbitrator, in the room of Mr. Hobby, in the dispute between the Company and Mrs. Dutell. Philip Colley and Humphrey Edwyn allowed to send to Bantam several goods. The request of Mr. Summers, that some calicoes sent to him by Mr. Wilson, chaplain at Surat, may be delivered free of fine, the proceeds to be given for charitable use, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to let Mr. Summers have the goods, allow as many pieces to Wilson's friends free of fine as they think fit, and charge

the fines on the remainder to Wilson's account. John Dowse is entertained as a writer for India at 10*l.* a year, and Anthony Clapham as a factor at 20*l.* a year, and Sir Christopher Clapham and William Clapham are accepted as security for Anthony in 1,000*l.* Warrants to be made out for imprest due to the owners of the *Anne* and *Greyhound*, and to the commanders for primage and average. Stationery to be provided for Bantam. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 24, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 30).

Permission is granted to Anthony Clapham, Samuel Scottow, Thomas Papillon, and Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, to send to Bantam in the *Anne* and *Greyhound* several goods, particulars of which are now read. Katherine, wife of Thomas Moore, a factor at Masulipatam, to be paid one-third of her husband's salary, it appearing from books returned from that place that nothing has been paid to Moore; and order is given for this to be notified in the next letters to Fort St. George. Captains Dawes and Goodlad to be allowed to ship out cloth to Bantam. John Taylor is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. The draft of a letter to the Agent and Council at Bantam is read and referred to Messrs. Jollife and Papillon, who are desired to read the Marine Articles and insert in the said letter those they judge necessary. The Committee for Private Trade to ascertain and report in what capacity Mr. Taswel's son was entertained by Captain Lord, and the terms upon which he was left at Bantam. Certain Committees are desired to state the Company's case with regard to Macassar, and take the advice of Sir William Turner and Sir Walter Walker about it. Sir John Lewis presents a bill of exchange for 550*l.*, drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam upon the Company, payable to himself for the account of Mainstone; the Court refuse to accept the bill, having received dubious advices concerning it. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 29, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 32).

James Young and Samuel Moyer, Junior, are admitted to the freedom by patrimony. Humphrey Beane offers the ship *Victory*,¹ Captain Westlake, commander, for the Company's service; she is accepted at the usual rates, and order is given for the three new ships offered by Captains Seaman, Cooley, and Potter December 15 last, to be entertained on the same terms as other vessels of a like burden; the owners to be obliged to carry a larger proportion of gunpowder than usual. The Governor reports that on receipt of a letter from Sir John Trevour, he, Sir William

¹ Afterwards renamed the *Massingberg*.

Thomson, and Mr. Albyn waited on the King last Monday, who told them of a proposal made to himself which he judged might be of advantage to the Company, and that 'if it came to any effect, it must be by keeping it secret for a while', and a full inquiry about it need only entail the expenditure of 100*l.*; hereupon the Governor is desired to see to this matter and give what directions concerning it he thinks fit, and if it is brought to maturity to inform the Court. The accounts of Samuel Chapman and Captain Stringer to be examined. A list of debts owing to the Company is read, and the Committee for Lawsuits desired to do their best to get them paid, and sue such debtors as they see fit. A letter from Messrs. Rolt and Childe, dated in Gombroon February 18 last, is read, and order given for the clause concerning the two per cent. consulage now received from the English to be considered this day sennight. (2 *pp.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JUNE 29, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 78).

Copper at 5*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* the cwt. and rose copper at 5*l.* 6*s.* the cwt. bought from Joas Everson and Captain Burkin, the money to be paid by the beginning of September next, but the copper to be sent at once to the Company's warehouse. ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p*)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 30, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S P. Dom., Car. II.* 276, no. 217).

The great Bishop of Persia arrived to-day as ambassador to His Majesty, and has gone to London, where he intends to remain *incog.* until his retinue, which is coming over in an East India Ship, has arrived. He came by land with only one attendant.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 1, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 34).

Seed pearls and musk belonging to Thomas Harrington, who died in his return from India, to be delivered to his executor, Mr. Hampton, permission free; and the permission due from William Harrington to be put to the account of the said Thomas Harrington. The petition of Nathaniel Owen is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Sir John Lewis again desiring that the bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam for Mr. Mainstone's account may be accepted, he is told that a clearer relation of this matter is expected by the ships now due. Orders to be sent in the next letters to Bantam for Mr. Taswell and Mr. Mainstone to be sent home. Thomas Perrott is elected a writer for Bantam at 10*l.* a year. Treasure to be sent on board the *Anne* and *Greyhound*. An abstract of errors in the Bantam books, drawn

up by the Auditor, to be transmitted to the Agent and Council of that place. Examination and report to be made of the allegations against Lawrence Chambers. Edmond Hales, Senior, and Thomas Alsop are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Edmond Hales, Junior. Samuel Chapman to be paid 10*l.* on account of salary. Samuel Scottow and — Smith are given leave to ship out goods, particulars whereof are now read. The factors lately entertained for India to be given 5*l.* apiece, when their securities have been accepted. John Stileman, a factor lately returned from Bantam, to have his private trade delivered to him free of fine; and a like privilege is accorded to Richard Moore. Letters and papers returned from Masulipatam and some Portuguese papers, which are to be translated, to be referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay. Calicoes sent by the Rev. Wilson, minister at Surat, to Mr. Summers to be delivered to the latter, and the fine of 7*s.* 6*d.* on each piece to be charged to Mr. Wilson's account, and he to be told (in the next letter to Surat) that, in consideration of his extraordinary pains in propagating the Gospel, the Company has awarded him a gratuity equal to the sum the said fines will amount to, which is to be placed to his credit, but that the Court will 'forbear to permit any such things in the future'. The owners of the *Castle Frigate* to be paid 1,800*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. (2 *pp.*)

NOTES FROM THE HAGUE, JULY 4, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 276, no. 212).

. . . . In eight days three things have happened of great importance, viz., 1. The arrival of the Dutch East India ship, whose lading cost 4,300,000 livres, and will yield 11,200,000; of this six millions will furnish a fleet bound for the Indies, 1,500,000 go towards payment of debts, and 2,800,000 to pay interest, etc., besides which a considerable stock will remain. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 6, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 36).

Mr. Rushworth recommends Colonel Talbot as suitable for employment in the Company's service in the Indies; hereupon the Committee for Plantations are desired to read the last advices from Surat and report what officers and how many soldiers should be entertained for Bombay. Captain Birket offers a new ship, with Captain Cruft as commander, and is told that no answer can be given at present, but if, on arrival of this year's shipping, there is found to be occasion for her, she shall be entertained before any other. On information that Mr. Hounsel, a minister

of learning and exemplary life, is willing to serve in the Indies, order is given for inquiries to be made as to his abilities and good conversation; and, these proving satisfactory, he is to be notified to attend next Friday's court. The Court desiring that the Portuguese residing in Bombay should be instructed in the Protestant religion, and the true worship of God taught and promoted among them, declare that if Mr. Hutchinson (assistant to Mr. Sterling, minister at Bombay) will study the Portuguese language he shall be given 50*l.* on preaching his first sermon in that language, and an additional 20*l.* a year for carrying on that work. Two more Committees are desired to assist in examining the allegations brought against Chambers. Bills of exchange amounting to 8,000*l.*, drawn by Samuel Sowton on Messrs. Banks at Hamburg in payment for copper bought at Stockholm, to be paid by the Committee for the Treasury as they are presented and become due; also some other bills of exchange amounting to 10,000*l.*, paid for copper bought at Hamburg by Messrs. Banks and Company, to be accepted and paid by the said Committee as these in their turn become due. The Governor to give directions to Messrs. Banks to buy, in addition, 200 or 300 ship-pounds of Swedish copper Hungar plates at the cheapest rates procurable. Sir William Warren and Captain Bayley propose to build a ship of 450 tons with three decks, to be commanded by Captain Hopefull Bendal, to be launched in September, 1671, and ready to sail in the November following upon the terms formerly published; the Court declare that, if they build such a vessel within that time, 20*s.* per ton extraordinary shall be allowed for her freight the two first voyages to the Indies and back. The accounts of Roger Grout and Lieutenant Francis Willoughby to be examined. The owners of the *Greyhound* to be allowed to ship out 4,000 pieces of eight, and the owners of the *Anne* 2,600 pieces of eight, and permission is granted to the two mates in the *Greyhound* to take out Norwich stuffs and tobacco. Mr. Thomlinson to be allowed to ship out to Bantam, for the account of Agent Dacres, a cask of copperas, provided it is well and tightly packed. A survey of the *Unicorn* is read, and order given for the report concerning Captain Harman to be handed in. Captain Prowd to take account of the quality and quantity of stores and provisions aboard the *Anne* and *Greyhound* and dispeed those ships to Gravesend, and certain Committees to speak with the owners and appoint a competent successor in case of the mortality of either of the commanders. The petition of some ticket porters to be continued at the Pepper Warehouse is referred to the Committee for that warehouse. (2½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 8, 1670^d (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 38).

Albinus Willoughby is entertained as a factor at a yearly salary of 30*l.*, and Christopher and George Willoughby are accepted as his security in 1,000*l.* The owners of the *Castle Frigate* to be paid 600*l.* on account of freight. Permission is granted to Anthony Clapham, Philip Colley, Albinus Willoughby and Mr. Durley to ship out several goods, particulars of which are now read. Captain Chamblet offers the *Sampson* for further service; she is accepted, and order given for particular conditions to be drawn up and signed by her owners, and the work, mentioned in a survey of her now produced, to be performed. A good report being given of the 'learning and pious conversation' of Mr. Hounsel, he is elected to serve as chaplain in one of the factories on the Coast or Bay at an annual salary of 50*l.*, with a gratuity of 50*l.* a year, as he shall be found to deserve; 20*l.* to be allowed him for making the necessary provisions for his voyage. The Court, hearing that there is not a sufficient supply of stores on board the *Greyhound*, direct Captain Prowd to tell the commander to take in what is judged necessary; the Captain is also to hasten the dispatch of that ship and of the *Anne* from Gravesend. The accounts of John Greentree and Robert Sharp to be reported. A warrant for 50*l.* to be made out to Caleb Hooke, attorney to Walter Hooke, chaplain at Masulipatam, for one year's gratuity due to the latter. Examination and report to be made of damaged pepper and other goods returned in the *John and Margaret* Roger Grout or his assigns to be paid 42*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, according to a report now read. The account of the *Leopard*, depending between the King and the Company, is referred to Sir John Banks, who, with the advice of the Governor or his deputy, is to bring it to a fair issue. The Husband to deliver the private trade brought home in the *John and Margaret* and *Castle Frigate* to the owners, after taking an account of it to give to the Committee for Private Trade. The Court, being told that the rooms over the gatehouse in the backyard are out of repair and have not been used of late years, and that they may 'conveniently be layd to the small tenement adjoining' (which also belongs to the Company's house) to make it more commodious for a dwelling, desire some of the Committees to see to this, report their opinions, and give in an estimate of the charge for repair both of the tenement and rooms. (2 pp.)

FRANCIS BELLOTT AT PENDENNIS TO CHARLES PERROTT, JULY 11, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II. 277, no. 44*).

The *Gift* ketch, belonging to Broad Hempston, has arrived with provisions, bound for the seas to meet the East India Company's ships. . . .

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JULY 11, 1670 (*Ibid.*, no. 46).

The *Penryn Merchant* of Falmouth has arrived from Ireland with timber and horses; also the *Charity* of London, belonging to the East India Company, which has put to sea again to cruise between Falmouth and the Land's End, and meet six other East India ships expected home.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 13, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 40).

At the request of Captain Thomas Harman, commander of the *Unicorn*, the difference between the owners of that ship and the Company is referred to arbitration. The Auditor to read the standing rules and directions sent to the several factories in India touching the management of the Company's affairs, and certify in writing which have been disregarded and by whom. The owners of the *John and Margaret* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. Permission is given to Captain Dawes, commander of the *Anne*, to ship out another 2,600 dollars. Robert Bretton and Thomas Crofton to be allowed to ship to Bantam wine mentioned in the note of particulars now read. The Committee for Shipping, with the help of Captain Prowd, to prepare an exact account of all stores and provisions necessary to be carried out in the Company's freighted ships, in proportion to their respective burdens, that the owners may know exactly what is provided. Factors entertained for Bantam take leave of the Court. The owners of the *Blackamoore* to be paid 1,521*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* in accordance with an award produced in court. (1½ *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN DAWES, JULY 13, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 363).

Understanding that there are Turkish men-of-war lying about the Madeiras and the Canaries, they desire him to sail at least thirty leagues to the westward of these Islands. If the *Greyhound* leaves the Downs with him, then they are to keep company until they are past the Canaries, for their mutual safety. He is to sail at the first opportunity, keep good order in his ship, and take good care for the accommodation and health of his people. (½ *p.*)