

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], JULY 15, 1670.
(*Ibid.*, p. 363).

Have heard from Messrs. Banks at Hamburg, who have drawn two bills upon them for 500*l.*, which they have paid, and another two for the like sum, which they will pay when due. Have expected to hear from him but have not done so; so now they desire him to send word what copper he has bought, its price, and when it will be laden; also what money he has drawn on Messrs. Banks, with anything else worthy of note. ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO JAMES CLIFFORD AND JOHN KNIGHT, JULY 15, 1670
(*Ibid.*, p. 364).

Have heard from Captain Prowd that a cable, three bales of canvas, and two hawsers are wanted in the *Greyhound*, all which Captain Gunn promised should be sent; desire to be informed if this has been done. Instruct them to make an exact list of the men in the *Greyhound* with their names, and if any of the Company's expected ships arrive in the Downs and have not met the ketches, Clifford and Knight are to go with Edward Wright and Thomas Maning (who are in the *Anne*) aboard them, dividing themselves equally among the said ships. They are to tell Wright and Maning to make a list of the men in the *Anne*, and to follow the Company's former orders should any of their ships from the Indies come into the Downs ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 15, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 42).

Goods bought by Mr Davies as morees, but which he alleges are salampores, to be examined, and Moses to look up the contract for them and advise what is fit to be done. Moses is also directed to bring an action against John Cheval for non-performance of his contracts. The matter in dispute between Company and Thomas Gould is, at his request, referred to arbitration. The Governor reports what proceedings have been taken in the business communicated by the King June 27 last, and the matter is referred to the Committee for Shipping and certain other Committees¹ for consideration and report; all present are enjoined to secrecy. (1 *p.*)

JOHN CARLILE AT DOVER TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 15, 1670
(*Public Record Office: S P. Dom., Car.* II. 277, no. 66).

Three East Indiamen, and several others from Virginia, Gallipoli, and the Straits have sailed by for London. . . .

¹ Termed in the margin the 'Committee for discoveries'.

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 18, 1670
(*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II. 277, no. 72*).

Besides the five East Indiamen formerly advised, forty-eight sail have since arrived from the Straits. . . .; also two ships from London bound for the East Indies. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 19, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 43).

The Governor reports that by letters received from Stockholm, communicated by Mr. Metford, it is advised that the moneys drawn by Sowton's correspondent on Messrs. Banks and Company at Hamburg have been applied by Sowton to his own use and not in buying copper for the Company; hereupon the Court direct that Messrs. Banks be notified not to accept or pay any more bills of exchange from Sowton or his correspondent until further order, and that a letter be written to Sowton to tell him of this and desire a clear account of what he has done. A letter is read from Thomas Dethick and Company, and order given for the clause in the Surat general letter touching coral to be transcribed and sent to them, with a further commission to buy Grezio coral to the value of 20,000 dollars at the cheapest rate procurable. Bills of exchange for money taken up in the Bay by the Chief and Council at Balasore, payable to John Lethulier and others, to be accepted and paid. Letters received from Fort St. George and the Bay by the *Antelope* and *John and Martha* are read. Benjamin Thorowgood is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. (1 *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], JULY 19, 1670
(*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 365).

Messrs. Banks of Hamburg have lately drawn on them for 3,900 rix dollars, the value of which has been drawn by Sowton. The Company paid part of this and accepted the remainder, but since doing so they understand from Mr. Medford that the said sum is for the account and disposal of Sowton himself; therefore they have desired Messrs. Banks not to accept any more of Sowton's drafts till further order. As regards what Sowton has bought or shall buy for them according to order, when they are satisfied about it, Messrs. Banks shall be directed to accept his bills for the amount according to agreement. (4 *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], JULY 19, 1670
(*Ibid.*, p. 365).

Their bills for copper have been and shall be punctually paid. Understand that Samuel Sowton, or his assign, has drawn upon Messrs. Banks

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for 3,900 rix dollars; this also shall be paid, but having been informed that this sum was not disposed of according to their order of intention, they desire that no more bills from Sowton may be accepted until further order, which shall be given as soon as they hear from Sowton in answer to their letter to him, copy of which they now enclose. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 20, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 44).

William Wood and Captain Lord offering the *John and Margaret* for further service, they are told that, as the goods returned in her last year were very much damaged, nothing about re-entertainment can be decided until a survey has been taken of her; and it is referred to Captain Prowd to see this done, and report. At the request of Gifford Bale, the dispute touching the account of the late James Bale is referred to arbitration. Certain Committees are desired to consider the request of Timothy Wilks, Senior, about the half-year's salary which his son desires may be paid to him. A charge of misdemeanour, with depositions, against Captain Young having been received from the President and Council of Surat, and Captain Toldervev and Mr. Adams having given in their remonstrances against him, and Captain Young having also delivered in a representation of his grievances and other matters relating to the Company's affairs at Surat, the Committee for Surat is desired to examine all the papers and report. The petition of Thomas Clarke is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Stephen Allen's account to be reported. Order is given for a general court of sales to be held on Tuesday, August 16, for disposal of the goods returned in the *Sampson*, *Crown*, *Castle Frigate*, and *John and Margaret*, the cargoes of the other five ships to be sold about September 20 next. Timothy Cloudsley to be paid 10*l*. upon account of the gratuity due to Mr. Briggs, chaplain at Bantam. Three bags of seed pearls belonging to the late Thomas Harrington to be delivered to Walter Hampton, and the permission charged to Harrington's account. The Governor reports what Mr. Goddard told him about the probability of Sir William Godolphin obtaining a licence from the Court of Spain for two of the Company's ships to trade yearly at the Manillas, and certain of the Committees are desired to treat with Mr. Goddard, and draw up the necessary letters and instructions for speedily procuring the said licence, and endeavour to obtain it some time in October next. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 20, 1670
(*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 277, no. 83).

Sixteen merchant ships outward-bound have sailed, and there are only two East Indiamen in the Downs. . . .

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 22, 1670
(*Ibid.*, no. 89).

The two East India ships sailed last night; there are no vessels in the Downs.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 22, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 45).

A bill of exchange for 233*l.* 14*s.*, drawn by the President and Council of Surat, payable to Thomas Martin, is accepted. Sambrooke to be given some assistance in preparing for view goods in his care that are to be sold. Mr. Aston to see that the pepper in his charge is sifted and ready for delivery after the sale. The tonnage necessary for the Company's occasions to be proportioned as follows: 2,000 tons to be sent to Surat, 2,000 tons to Bantam, and 1,800 tons to the Coast and Bay. It is resolved that if there shall be occasion for another vessel for the Company's service, the new ship built by Captain Kedger shall be entertained before any other. The Husband is directed to go aboard the five ships on their arrival home and receive into his charge all the diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods brought back by the commanders as private trade, and secure them in the Company's warehouse until further order. Moses to bring an action against Robert Davies for money owing to the Company. A report from the Committee for Plantations is read, in which it is opined that a complete company, consisting of a captain, lieutenant, ensign, two sergeants, and one hundred soldiers, should be sent by the next ships to Bombay, and in order to be certain of obtaining sober men, that the officers should be engaged at once, that by their knowledge and industry the company may be completed; to this the Court agree. By desire of William Blake, late Chief at the Bay, the charges brought against him are referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay. Mr. Blake to be permitted to bring ashore chests, etc., containing his apparel, household stuff, and other necessities, after examination to see that no jewels or fine goods are landed with them. Colonel Talbot is elected to serve the Company at Bombay in such employment as they shall think fit, if upon inquiry he is found to answer to the character given him and is willing to accept the terms offered. Upon a motion that the care and charge of the Company's affairs (which daily

increase) be committed to some select persons to manage, according to a resolution passed on April 6, 1668, it is resolved to consider this matter on the 29th of this month. The arbitrators appointed to settle the difference between the Company and the owners of the *Blackamoor* are also requested to decide touching the twelve yards of scarlet belonging to Mr. Bridger brought home in that ship. The Committee for Shipping [Plantations *in the margin*] to make the several provisions mentioned in the report made by the Governor. Moses to be paid 150*l.* on account of disbursements made for the Company, and certain Committees are desired to examine and report on his account. (14 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], JULY 22, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 365).

Are not well satisfied with their answer to the Auditor's exceptions, nor do they give satisfaction concerning the bad quality of the Teraglio coral, which the Company's factors would have returned had it been worth the freight. Commission them to buy Grezio coral to the value of 20,000 dollars (over and above the 12,000 formerly ordered) at the cheapest rate procurable, and see that it is clean, sound, and unexceptionable of its kind, and draw bills for the same, which shall be accepted. They may remember that about two years ago the Company bought from an Italian a parcel of coral, rather dearer than that bought by Messrs. Dethick, and that it sold beyond the proportion of its cost. Although Messrs. Dethick did not know of any Teraglio coral being sent from Leghorn to England, yet the Company met with a parcel casually brought from Leghorn, and bought it at the price mentioned in their former letter. Expect their best care in the provision of coral, and desire advices from time to time of their proceedings. Would have the coral sent in one or two good English ships, or in fish ships, or the greater custom will have to be paid. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 27, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 47).

At the request of Samuel Moyer and Captain Crover, the dispute about the account of the *Castle Frigate* depending between her owners and the Company is referred to arbitration. Mr. Deth tenders the *Speedwell*, burden 300 tons, commanded by John Payn, and is told that she shall be entertained if there is occasion for more shipping. The Husband to find a warehouse for gruff goods returned as private trade and consigned to the Company. A bale of neckcloths belonging to Mr. Thomson, minister at Fort St. George to be delivered to his assignee, if no fine is

due on them. Certain Committees to see that the diamonds, musk, amber, and other fine goods brought into the treasury are delivered to their owners. The accounts of — Benson, Roger Lorimore, John Kent, and Hugh Roberts (to whom Hugh Jones is administrator) to be reported, Mr. Woder undertaking to repay the money due on Hugh Roberts's account if demanded within a year. Payment to be made to Samuel Chapman and Robert Sharp. Mr. Powell and Captain Henry Young to be allowed to land the several goods mentioned in bills of store now read. The draft of a letter to be sent to Sir William Godolphin, the King's Envoy extraordinary in Spain is read and approved, and the Governor desired to sign it in court. The Company's seal be affixed to their answer in Chancery to the bill of complaint exhibited by Joseph Chamberlayn and others. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 29, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 49).

Copper to be bought from Mr. Mariscoe at 5*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* the cwt. Certain Committees to meet at Leadenhall, on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock, to price the calicoes in readiness for the sale. Noah Bridges presents Captain John Goffe's covenant signed and sealed, and order is given for it to be placed in the treasury. The account of the late Mr. Carteret to be reported. A bill of exchange for 343*l.* 15*s.* drawn by the President and Council of Surat, payable to Richard Ball, is accepted. The accounts of John Bourne, John Catturnes, Robert Moy, and Percival Stanny to be examined and reported. The petition of Nathaniel Harris is referred to certain Committees. Payment of 13*l.* 1*s.* to be made to Jane, wife of John Benson, mariner, in part of what is due on his account, for relief of herself and two children. Captain Young asking for a copy of the charge against him, he is told to apply to the Surat Committee, who will give him copies of such papers as he desires. Order is given for the work mentioned in the survey of the *Crown*, now read, to be done. White pepper belonging to Lawrence Chambers to be delivered to Mr. Soane on payment of the freight and fine due. Ion Kenn is admitted to the freedom by service. A report touching Colonel Talbot is read, but consideration concerning it deferred until the Deputy returns from the country. A small ship of about 100 tons to be bought for employment in the Company's service. Consideration concerning the nominating of some persons to inspect the general affairs of the Company is again deferred until after August 16 next. Goods brought home on

account of private trade to be placed in the warehouses reserved for that purpose. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 3, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 50).

Ordered that the Company's seal be affixed to certain Articles of Agreement now read. The accounts of Stephen Allen, Edward Alcock, James Cruft, and Charles Master to be reported. Two chests containing apparel to be delivered, after examination, to Captain Toldervey. Matthew Bateman is admitted to the freedom by redemption. At the request of Mr. Sedgwick and Captain Hyat, the dispute between the Company and the owners of the *Crown* touching her account is referred to arbitration. Payment to be made to Gifford Bale, and to Hugh Jones, administrator to Hugh Roberts. A small empty cabinet brought home in the *London* to be delivered to Sir Thomas Bludworth. The account of Mr. Hoskins to be reported. On information that the charge for repair of the small tenement in Lime Street belonging to the Company's house, and of the two rooms over the gatehouse in the backyard, which it is found 'may well be layd to the said tenement to make it a commodious dwelling house', will amount to 26*l.*, and that Charles Aston desires to become tenant of the same and proposes to make the repairs with the said sum without further charge to the Company, order is given for a warrant to be made out to him for the amount, of which he is to give an account. The private trade of John Burford, chief mate in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, to be delivered to him free of fine. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 5, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 52).

On information that some one well known to Mr. Carteret was very active in helping to quench the fire behind the Exchange, even to the danger of his life, the Court desire certain Committees to gratify him with either 2*l.* or 3*l.*, as he shall be found to deserve. Turmeric bought by Sir Samuel Barnardiston to be examined, and report made as to what should be allowed him for stones, etc., found with it. Harris's bill for candles to be reported. Nathaniel Harris, formerly servant to Mr. Longland at Leghorn, and Abel Payn, who has an excellent testimonial from several merchants and others at Plymouth, are elected to serve the Company. Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, to employ James Adams in the Calico Warehouse until further order. A copy of the last will of Sir George Oxinden, presented to the Governor by James Oxinden, is produced in court, and order given for the clause in the letter to Surat concerning

the said will to be reconsidered and amended. Mr. Paige states that a small ship called the *Flying Eagle* has been bought, and that William Stevens, part-owner and an able mariner, wishes to serve the Company in her; hereupon Stevens is appointed master and commander at a salary of 6*l.* a month. After consideration of the preamble which is to be read at the next general court, it is resolved to allow two per cent. for prompt payment to all buyers taking away their goods before November 16. Payment to be made to Messrs. Alcock, Kent, Bourne, Masters, Allen, and the attorney of James Cruft, according to the several reports now read. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 10, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 53).

Edmond Lewyn is admitted to the freedom by redemption and — Otghar by patrimony. John Robinson is elected a writer at 10*l.* a year. Captains Baily and Medford offer the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* for further service, and pray that 1,600*l.* may be imprest to them for payment of their men; they are told that when the ship is delivered their desires shall be considered, and Captain Prowd is directed to survey her. Captain Miller, one of the owners of the *John and Martha*, begs for 1,600*l.* imprest to pay his men, and is told that Captain Goffe has engaged that ship and her freight for the Company's security in the business of the Nabob, transacted by Mr. Blake in the Bay, and until a satisfactory account of this is received nothing can be done. China ware, scrutores, and screens in the great cabin of the *London* to be delivered to Captain John Privet. Mr. Johnson offers to build a three-decker for the Company's service, to be ready by November, 1671, upon the terms of encouragement formerly held out; he is told that Captain Earning has lately made a like offer and, if it is for the same vessel, she shall be entertained. John Cooke's petition to be examined and reported, and the petition of Samuel Griffith, apothecary, to be entertained as a purser, to be referred to certain Committees. Peter Cooke is entertained, his employment to be decided later. Payments to be made to Robert Moay and Edward Gill. The accounts of Thomas Hall, and Captain William Barton, deceased, to be examined. Some cuttanees and other things mentioned in a note now read to be delivered to Mrs. Ackworth. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE, AUGUST 11, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 366).

Send a packet for Consul Lanoy, enclosing another to their Chief and

factors in Persia, and desire they may be forwarded by the first good conveyance. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY AT ALEPPO, AUGUST 11, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 366).

Thank him for his care in sending the packet from Persia, and desire him to forward the enclosed packet to their factors at Gombroon by the first opportunity. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 12, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 55).

The accounts of John Sledd, Thomas Boone, and of the late Warwick Pett to be examined and reported. The Accountant to take especial care that no search is made in the Company's books touching the accounts of factors or others deceased in the Indies without order from the Governor, Deputy, or some of the Committees. Peter Cooke, who is now admitted to the freedom by service, to be given a salary of 100*l.* a year, and when at Bantam to take his place as Third, next to Mr. Chambers, in the Council. A pot of musk brought back in the *Bombay* to be delivered free of fine to Captain Chamblet. Captain Prowd to present next Friday a report of the ships he has surveyed, that they may be allotted to their several employments. Jambi and mixed pepper to be priced at 9*d.* the lb., and Malabar pepper at 10*d.* the lb. Resolved to have it stated in the preamble, that at the sale in September next none of the Company's goods are to be set up at lower rates than now expressed in the printed papers, and no further sale will be held until April 1, 1671. (1 p.)

THE KING TO SIR THOMAS CHICHELEY, AUGUST 12, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book 35 A, f. 15*).

We have considered the excessive rates of saltpetre, and therefore of gunpowder, during the late war with the Dutch, and the inconveniences to our subjects by the digging up of their vaults, cellars, stables, etc., to find saltpetre. Therefore, that we may always have a standing magazine thereof, we authorize you to contract with the East India Company for such a quantity of saltpetre as may augment our present store to 1,000 tons, when double refined and fit to make powder, the value to be secured to the Company out of any money assigned to the Lieutenant of Ordnance.

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], AUGUST 15, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 373).

Enclose a packet for Consul Lanoy, with one enclosed to their Chief and factors in Persia, and desire these may be forwarded by the first good conveyance. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 15, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 373).

Their preceding letter by way of Marseilles was sent off without the packet for enclosure. This letter comes via Leghorn with a transcript of the said packet, which they desire may be forwarded speedily. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, AUGUST 16, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 56).

Sale of cotton yarn, Jambi and Malabar pepper, mixed pepper, dust of pepper, Carmentia wool, olibanum, myrrh, aloes socatrina, Lahore and Sarkhej indigo, flat indigo, dust of indigo, indigo shirts and skins, bales of shell-lac, seed-lac, and stick-lac, green ginger, cassia lignum, cowries, red earth, sticks of sappan wood, saltpetre, white and brown longcloth, salampores, morees, parcalles, ginghams, brown bettelles, Guinea stuffs, niccanees, brawles, broad and narrow tapseiles, broad and narrow chintz, Serwange chintz, pautkaes, serjas, derebauds, byrampauts, broad, narrow, and blue baftas, sovaguzzees, mercollees, and damaged calicoes returned in the *Crown*, with prices and names of purchasers. (9 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 19, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 65).

The desire of Captain Earning that the offer of Mr. Johnson to build a three-decker may be accepted is agreed to, provided she is ready to sail from Gravesend by November 1, 1671, that the names of the commander and mates presented to the Court are approved, and the ship fitted to the satisfaction of the Company. It is resolved that four more factors shall be entertained, and the Committee for Shipping and Plantations are desired to give in the names of those qualified for employment. Warrants to be made out for payment on account of freight and demurrage to the owners of the following ships, viz.: the *Antelope*, *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, *Bombay Merchant*, and the *John and Martha*. Henry Powel is admitted to the freedom by service. A survey to be taken of the *Bombay Merchant* and of the *Antelope*. Messrs. Wood and Andrews offer a new ship of 400 tons burden now being built at Wiven-

has to be ready next year; they are told that the Court cannot resolve anything in the matter at present. The Husband to take charge of the copper sold by Mr. Mariscoe, who is to be allowed full discount for its value on the goods he bought at the last sale. Several Committees testifying to the abilities and fitness of Joseph Ward he is entertained as a factor at 30*l.* a year. Examination and report to be made of the private trade, consisting of cowries and sugar candy, brought home in the *Bombay Merchant*. Captain Prowd to ascertain and give in a written report of ships that will be ready to sail by November, when they will be appointed to their several stations. Dudley North, recommended by John Roberts, is entertained as a writer at 10*l.* a year, and Michael North and John Roberts are accepted as his security in 500*l.* John Cooke's account to be examined. The following men are accepted as security for Abel Payne: Peter Shepherd of the Inner Temple and Stephen Dyer in 500*l.*, and Hopkins Awbrey in another 500*l.* At the request of John Mitford that the stop put to the acceptance and payment of Mr. Sowton's bills of exchange may be taken off and they paid by Mr. Banks and Company at Hamburg, the Governor is desired to write to Messrs Banks to this effect. A warrant for payment of 5,876*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* to be made out to the Farmers of the Customs in payment for goods brought home in the Company's shipping last year. Nathaniel Herne to arbitrate in the room of Mr. Albyn in determining the dispute between the Company and the owners of the *Castle Frigate*. (2 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], AUGUST 19, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 373).

Enclose a copy of their last letter, since writing which they have received advice of the arrival of Sowton, with an account of what he has done for them at Stockholm. Desire them to accept and pay bills from him (with what has already been accepted) to the value of 4,000*l.* sterling, according to their first order. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], AUGUST 19, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 373)

Are glad to hear of his safe arrival. His account of copper bought for them and Mr. Mitford's desire have caused the Company to recall their former order to Hamburg, and they have now written to authorize Messrs. Banks to accept bills from Sowton to the value of 4,000*l.* in accordance with his first commission. Desire the copper laden at once that it may not arrive too late. The year being far spent, and copper dearer,

they do not enlarge their commission, for if discouraged by the danger of the seas or the enhanced price, they might cease to buy at Stockholm in future. Wish to know what price copper is likely to be in the spring, and when it will be best to order what they will want next summer. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS AND PREPARING CARGOES FOR THE INDIES, AUGUST 20, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 88).

For Surat a cargo is to be provided to the value of 100,000*l.*, consisting of broadcloth, various other cloths, copper, elephants' teeth, coral, alum, lead, silver, and tin. For Bantam: rials of eight, broadcloth, other cloths, and lead, to the value of 25,000*l.* For the Bay: broadcloth and other cloths, lead, copper, tin, coral, swordblades, looking-glasses, knives, etc., for presents, to the value of 50,000*l.* For the Coast: broadcloth, and other cloths, lead, coral, brimstone, alum, copper, gold, and silver, to the value of 115,000*l.* Mr. Boylstone is desired to dye a parcel of green broadcloth, for which, if found suitable for the Company's occasions and if it sells well, he is promised further orders. Boylstone states that he is expecting from Bond and other clothiers a considerable parcel of scarlets; this the Committees decide to buy if, on examination, it is found good and the price is approved. It is decided to encourage Mr. Greene, who is to be directed to dye the superfine cloth 'bespoke in Wiltshire'. Mr. Blake thinks that copper plates will sell readily in the Bay; also elephants' teeth, 'the larger the better'. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 24, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 67).

Certain Committees are desired to consider about Mr. Mainstone's bill of exchange now presented, the advices received concerning it, the answers formerly given, and report what they think should be done. A letter from Sir Thomas Chichely, Master of the King's Ordnance, is read, in which there is a proposal to buy 500 tons of saltpetre; order is given for a general court to be summoned next Wednesday afternoon to discuss this matter. Resolved that no more factors or writers shall be entertained at present. Captain Henry Young petitioning for the delivery of several goods returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the Husband is told to examine and report concerning them, also to examine the private trade returned in the *Antelope* and *John and Martha*, and notify the Committee for Private Trade, that they may attend if they wish; the said Committee to report what they think should be done

about the cloth carried out by the mate in the *Sampson*. A warrant for 60*l.* to be made out to the Governor to be used for the Company's service. In accordance with reports now read payments are ordered to be made to Percival Stanny, John Cooke, and Thomas Boon, or his assigns. The owners of the *Bombay Merchant* to be paid an additional 2,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. A petition from Richard Lee is read, and referred to the Committee for Shipping. The following ships are allotted to their several stations, viz.: for the Coast and Bay: the *Sampson*, *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the *Bombay Merchant*, Captain Cooley's new ship (the *East India Merchant*), and Captain Potter's new ship (the *European*) for the Coast and also for Bantam; the commanders and owners to be obliged by their charterparties to have them ready to sail from Gravesend by November 10 next at the latest. For Surat: the *London*, *Massingbird*, *Antelope*, Captain Seaman's new ship (the *Falcon*) and Captain Wildy's new ship (the *Phoenix*), the smallest of the four freighted ships to be sent to Bantam. For Bantam: the *Unicorn*, *John and Margaret*, *John and Martha*, and Captain Cruft's new ship (the *Unity*). (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 26, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 69).

Two bills of exchange drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay, payable to S[igno]r Lambertus Sanders, are accepted. Resolved that a general court of sales shall be held on October 4 next. Payment to be made to Thomas Sheroff, according to a report now read. The Committee for the Treasury to send 12,000 dollars on board the *Crown* and *Flying Eagle*, and the Committee for Plantations to provide what piece-goods they think fit for the said two ships; also 200 pigs of lead for the *Crown*. Resolved that a fine of 4*d.* a pound shall be put upon all the white pepper lately returned in the Bantam ships over and above the two per cent. allowed the commander and owners. William Wood proposes to build a new ship for Captain Crover, if the Company will entertain her, but he is told that at present nothing can be decided in the matter. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 31, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 70).

- * A warrant for 1,000*l.* to be made out to Charles Aston to pay the men in the *London*, the Committee for Shipping, or any two of them, to be present at the payment and ascertain whether any youths were (as is alleged) entertained as able seamen at the going out of the ship. Messrs. Delanoy, Harbin, Aldersey, and Rawlyns to be employed to dye the

Company's cloth, etc. Committees to meet at Leadenhall next Tuesday at eight in the morning to price the calicoes in readiness for the sale. The accounts of John Kent, Hugh Roberts, Nathaniel Owen, and George Smith to be examined and reported. The petitions of Clarivance Grubb and Eleanor Benison are read and referred to the Committee for Private Trade. John Lindsey, goldsmith, is admitted to the freedom by redemption; and, because of good service done the Company the redemption money is returned to him. According to reports now read warrants are to be made out for payments to John Robinson, Thomas Hall, Mary Barker, Roger Lorimore, and Peter Pett. A letter to be prepared to send to the Agent and Council at Bantam. Peter Cooke to be allowed 20*l.* for fresh provisions. The petition of William Woollaston is referred to the Committee for Shipping. Captain Miller offers the *John and Martha* for service, with Captain Goff as commander; he is told that the ship shall be surveyed, but Captain Goff cannot be accepted as commander until the matter touching Mr. Blake is cleared. George Smith's account to be examined. Permission is given to Captain Philip Hyat, Peter Cooke, and Captain Stevens, each to ship out ten pieces of cloth, and to Edmond Cary purser of the *Crown* to ship out five pieces. Abel Payn to be employed as a factor at 20*l.* a year. The petition of Charles Higginson and Henry Winton is read, and the Husband directed to certify how much sappanwood came back for the Company's account in the *John and Margaret*, and how much was sold at the last sale. Josias Smith, late mate in the *Sampson*, to be paid 523½ rupees at 2*s.* 3*d.* a rupee, in full of the proceeds of prohibited goods belonging to him and sold at Surat. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, AUGUST 31, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 72).

The Governor states that they have met to consider a proposal submitted by Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the King's Ordnance, to contract for 500 tons of saltpetre for His Majesty's service, to be paid for by assignments on the Hearth money in course, with interest at six per cent. every six months till all is paid. Sir Thomas Chicheley's letter is read, and after serious debate it is resolved to authorize the Court of Committees to treat with him for sale of the said quantity of saltpetre upon good security. William Allington presents a paper containing rules and orders for prohibiting all private trade to the Governor, Deputy, Committees, and all officers at home, and penalties to be imposed for infringement of the same; after a long debate it is resolved to defer

further consideration of the paper until Thursday, September 8; meanwhile copies of it are to be given to all who desire them. (2 pp.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 2, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 278, no. 117).

The *Welcome*¹ from Bantam has buried 50 out of 70 men which she carried out, and the survivors lay much blame to the master, because he would not stop at any port, having been leaky for seven months, and the pumps perpetually going the whole of that time. She is manned with Dutch and mulattoes, and has above 400 tons of the East India Company's goods in her. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 7, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 74).

The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. Sir Thomas Chambers and Alderman Love to be allowed to read and take abstracts from the account of William A'Court. Certain Committees to treat with Sir Thomas Chicheley about the saltpetre he wishes to buy from the Company. All goods brought back in the *Satisfaction* (except saltpetre) to be put up for sale on October 4. Payment, according to a report now read, to be made to George Smith and Nathaniel Owen. A report touching bills of exchange payable to Sir John Lewes, for account of William Mainstone, late Chief at Jambi, is read; the Committees find that Mainstone has taken considerable sums of money out of the Company's cash at Jambi, and bought and sold their goods to a great value, for which abuses the Company has no sufficient satisfaction, and Mainstone having been positively ordered to return to England by the first opportunity, the said Committees opine that all bills upon his account should be refused, and he told that upon his return home the Company will be willing to account with him and adjust all matters in dispute; to this the Court agree. Captain Prowd and Robert Wilson to be accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Joseph Ward. Mr. Hounsil, entertained as minister for the Bay, is to be paid his salary and gratuity in India as it becomes due, to be allowed 20*l.* for necessaries for the voyage, and a library to the value of 30*l.* is to be sent to the Bay, for which he is to present to the Court a list of books necessary, but not exceeding that sum; passages are also to be allowed him for his wife, one maidservant, and Mrs. Goddard, and for Richard Morris, his man-servant, who is to be permitted to accompany

¹ Apparently this is an error for the *Satisfaction*.

him and have a soldier's pay; all provisions the minister takes with him are to be freight free. (2 pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, SEPTEMBER 8, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 76).

The Governor reports that last Tuesday the Committees met Sir Thomas Chicheley, who told them that he had no other security to give for the saltpetre desired for the King's service than assignments on the Hearth money, which he thinks will not be sufficient for it all, but the rest shall be secured to the Company's satisfaction, and interest paid half-yearly at the Tower till the principal is paid; no price was agreed upon, as Sir Thomas expects to see the Court again. The Governor desires the directions of the generality in this matter. Hereupon it is debated, and finally resolved that the Committees shall be authorized to perfect a contract with Sir Thomas for the said 500 tons of saltpetre on the best terms possible. Mr. William Allington's paper concerning the prohibition of private trade is considered, and referred to several Committees to discuss and report what they think should be done, and the care of this matter is especially recommended to Sir William Thomson. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 9, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 77).

A warrant to be made out for payment of 20*l.* to Mr. Hounsill for fresh provisions for his voyage. After reading a letter from Lord Craven, the Court give order for the goods returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and consigned to the Master and Wardens of Trinity House to be delivered to them, and the fines due on them and on goods returned in the *Sampson* to be charged to the account of the President of Surat and Mr. Strensham Masters; the fines on goods returned formerly and consigned to the said Master and Wardens to be charged to the account of the late Sir George Oxenden. The President to be written to and told to give an account of what money has been collected by way of charity for relief of the poor, and of what shall be received in future on that account, as it is all to be disposed of for use of the Company's Almshouse at Poplar. Examination and report to be made of the petitions and accounts of John Booker, John Bond, Mary Sargeant, Deborah Lord, Henry Toone, and Mary Fitch. Colonel Talbot to be notified to attend the Court next Wednesday. The sum of 2,000*l.* to be impressed to the owners of the *Sampson* on account of freight. Perpetuanoes to be provided for the Company's service. Sambrooke to give in an account of goods bought by Mr. Fulford. Charles Higinson and Henry Winton to be paid for sappanwood. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 14, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 78).

Major Taylor requesting that his brother's account may be stated, and his sufferings and services against Sivaji taken into consideration, the matter is referred to several Committees. Henry Powell asking that the goods he brought back in the *Antelope* may be delivered, certain Committees are desired to examine and report on their quality and quantity. Temperance Fowler's petition and account to be examined and the Agent and Council in the Bay to be written to and told to ascertain what goods and estate Mr. Fowler possessed at his death, see that all are sold and the money brought into the Company's cash, and an account of the same sent home by the next shipping. The transfer of 1,000*l.* in the General Joint Stock made by Sir James Modiford at Jamaica to his kinsman Charles Modiford, and attested under the hand and seal of the Governor of Jamaica is allowed. A silk-dyer, an assistant, and a throwster to be procured to serve the Company in the Bay. Payment to be made, according to a report now read, to the assigns of William Smith John Jemmat's account to be examined. A bundle of musk containing 268 ounces, valued at 20*s.* the ounce, to be delivered to Robert Hatton; and a parcel of diamonds to Sir Goddard Nelthorp, each to pay four per cent. permission, and as neither musk nor diamonds were registered in the Company's factory the said permission money is to be placed wholly to the Company's account and nothing to be allowed to the Chief of the factory from whence they came or to the commander who brought them home. A tub of china returned in the *London* to be delivered free of freight to James Woodhouse, who is to be allowed to send out in the *Flying Eagle* 50 gallons of Rhenish wine, in bottles, for the account of Prior Mansfield. The petition of Edward Alcock to be examined. John Paige to take care of the papers delivered to the Secretary by Mr. Herne, and hasten the bringing in of the provisions mentioned. (1½ pp)

A COMMITTEE ON THE BUSINESS OF MR. BLAKE AND CAPTAIN GOFFE, SEPTEMBER 14, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 79).

Upon a report from Moses about the bond given by Captain Goffe to Shem Bridges, and the proceedings of Blake, etc., in the Bay concerning 'the business of the boxes', it is resolved that Moses shall draw up a bill in Chancery against both men, advise with Counsel on such points as are thought convenient, and ascertain whether the Captain, being in command of the *John and Martha* and engaged by charter-

party with the Company, has power to discharge the freight of his ship. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 16, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 80).

John Catlyne, a London merchant, is accepted as security with Captain Prowd for Joseph Ward, in the place of Robert Wilson. Sir John Banks is desired to ascertain and report what moneys are charged upon the receipt of the Hearth-money in course, and consult with the Deputy whether it will be better to place the interest of such moneys as shall be payable to the Company from the King for saltpetre in the Office of the Ordnance or in the Exchequer. Payment to be made to Deborah Lord. Mr. A'Court's account to be attested by Herbert as a true copy from the Company's books. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Crown* for imprest, and to Captain Philip Hyat for primage and average. That a timely provision may be made of arms, ammunition, and stores for Bombay, and the fleets designed this year for the Coast and Bay, Surat, Bantam, and the South Seas may be seasonably dispatched so as not to lose their monsoons, the Court desire the Committee for Shipping, with such other Committees as they please, to go on board the ships, see that all are fully manned and equipped according to contract, and dispeeded from Gravesend within the time limited by charterparty; the Committees to agree among themselves which of the three fleets each shall inspect and take care of; and all to report their proceedings to the Court from time to time. The Company's seal to be affixed to the counterpart of the *Crown's* charterparty. Captain Prowd to ascertain which lascars on board the *Satisfaction* are free, and which servants, and whether the free men desire to return to India, and to see that they are kept together and sent back if they wish it; he is also to do his utmost to hasten the dispatch of the *Crown* and *Flying Eagle* to Gravesend. On a suggestion that one of the Bantam ships may be appointed to transport such families as desire to go to St. Helena (people being wanted on the island for its better defence and security), it is referred to the Committee for Shipping and Plantations to encourage as many young persons to go there as they see fit, and report which of the four ships designed for Bantam should be employed for this service, and when to be dispatched; the matter is especially recommended to the care of Mr. Davison, who is also to inquire about a minister for the Island. Examination and report to be made concerning the goods brought home by Captain Hutchins in the

Antelope. Payment to be made to Jane Benson. Obadiah Sedgwick, a London grocer, and John Wigg, a London merchant, are accepted as security in 2,000*l.* for Peter Cooke. Mr. Fulford not having paid, according to contract, for goods bought of the Company, these are ordered to be priced and resold. Goods in George Papillon's warehouse to be priced for the sale. The petition of James Adams is read, and order given that he be continued in Sambrooke's warehouse until further notice. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 21, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 82).

John Man and Jeremy Norris are admitted to the freedom by redemption. Resolved that it be left to the Agent and Council at Bantam to make the necessary provision of warehouse room, using the utmost frugality; that 15,000*l.* shall be invested at the Coast, and 12,000*l.* at Surat in goods proper for Bantam, and a ship of about 250 tons sent thither to be employed in opening up a trade at Japan, etc., the Committee for Shipping to procure such a vessel ready to sail next November, and also to see about the casting of the brass guns desired by the King of Bantam and Karea. It is also resolved that in future the clause in charterparties forbidding ships to go to the West Coast of Sumatra shall be omitted, and in the next letter to Bantam the Agent and Council told that the Court approve of their proposal touching trade at Japan and Formosa and will give it all due encouragement by sending out a ship on purpose for that design. The Committee for Bantam and the South Seas to consider and report whether it is advisable to restrain the pursers and officers of vessels sent to Bantam from going, as they have been accustomed, to Batavia. Directions to be given in the next general letters to Surat, the Coast and Bay, Bantam, and the South Seas, for all Englishmen found trading in India in any prohibited goods to be sent home. Permission is given to Peter Cooke to ship out certain goods. Captain Goff to be allowed to go as commander in the *John and Martha*, provided he gives, within seven days, security to save the Company harmless from all demands concerning Mir Jumlah's boxes, said to have been unskinned and opened by Mr. Blake. Woollen cloth, lead, and other goods to be provided for Bantam. It is resolved that the warehousekeepers shall be allowed to deliver goods to buyers to the value of the money paid for them, if they pay ten per cent. on the lot of which such goods are part, this ten per cent. to be allowed when the whole parcel is taken away. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 23, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 83).

The Committee for Private Trade to meet about the business concerning the *Antelope*. Permission is given to Mr. Squire and Leonard Girle to ship out wine and other things to Bantam, and to the owners of the *Crown* to send out 4,000 rials of eight for the use of that ship. Morris's bill for carpenter's work done about the Company's house to be examined. The request for delivery of private trade returned in the *Antelope* belonging to Henry Powel is referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay, as the value of the goods is upwards of 10,000*l.*; the Auditor is to inform the said Committee what is owing by Powel to the Company. Baftas to be delivered free of fine to Matthew Andrews and Christopher Willoughby. A warrant for payment of 444*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* to be made out to Matthew Andrews, being part of the proceeds of some tutenague remaining in the Company's hands, Andrews having bought an adventure of 400*l.* in the New General Stock for the Company's security against any demands from Sir John Cloberry and his wife; interest at the rate of five per cent. is to be allowed for the said sum from February 17, 1669. Payment to be made to the assigns of Nathaniel Fitch. The dispute about the account of the *Bombay Merchant* is referred to arbitration. On the recommendation of Mr. Morden, Mark Brearcliff is entertained as clothdrawer to the Company. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of Henry Gainpin, Henry Arnold, Stephen Hall, and Robert Standard. William Denning and David Shepard are entertained as setters of the Company's clothrashes and perpetuanoes, they to give 100*l.* apiece security. Mr. Bromfield recommends Mr. Whitehorne as a clothdrawer; but as there are enough already he is told he shall be considered when any more are wanted. The preamble to be read at the next general sale is considered and the Court resolve that there shall not be another sale until after April 4, 1671. The request of Captain Crover, on behalf of the owners of the *Castle Frigate*, that Mr. Davison may take the place of Mr. Herne as referee in the dispute depending between the Company and the said owners is granted. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 28, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 86).

Captain Stevens' desires are referred to the Committee for Shipping. William Sadler, recommended by Mr. Prestwood, and — Lewes, recommended by Sir William Thomson, desiring to be employed as clothdrawers, they are told that when there shall be occasion for more than

are at present employed they shall be considered. Treasure to be sent aboard the *Crown*; also 500 dollars, to be used as the Agent at Bantam shall direct. The Shipping Committee to treat and settle with Colonel Talbot next Friday about serving the Company at Bombay. Mr. Dethick and Company at Leghorn to be written to and instructed to buy six chests of Grezzio coral as reasonably as possible, this to be instead of the like quantity Mr. Legate was commissioned to buy at Genoa. Payment, according to a report now read, to be made to John Pantol, administrator of Stephen Hall. Some allejahs to be delivered free of fine to Mrs. Andrews, they being for the use of herself and her relatives. The condition of the medicine for use of the ship's company, returned from Bombay in the *Sampson*, to be examined. Mr. Lucas offers a new ship of 220 tons, with Roger Bennet as captain, and the Shipping Committee are desired to see that she is surveyed, and treat with Lucas for her entertainment, provided she will be ready to sail from Gravesend by November 15. The commanders of the Coast and Bay shipping to attend the Court next Friday to sign agreements for their voyages, and a list to be prepared of the other ships entertained for Surat, Bantam, and the South Seas, so that the time of their departure from Gravesend may be fixed, and the commanders enabled to make their arrangements accordingly. Roger Lock, dyer of London, is approved as security in 100*l.* for William Denning. Francis Willoughby's account to be examined. The following goods to be delivered free of fine: preserved ginger, nutmegs, cloves and mangoes to Mrs. Dacres, five cwt. of benzoin to George, Lord Berkeley, and two Japanese boxes returned in the *London* to Sir John Lewys, to whom some musk, a parcel of diamond bort, and some bezoar stones are also to be delivered on payment of permission. The owners of the *Bombay* to deliver free to Mr. Petit two pieces of salloes. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], SEPTEMBER 29, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 374).

On further consideration they think fit to enlarge their former commission for coral, and now request them to buy an additional six chests of large, sound, and clean Grezio, at as reasonable a rate as possible. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 87).

A report on some necessary explanations concerning Captain Backer's Articles of Agreement touching 'a discovery' is approved. A warrant to

be made out for payment of 45*l.* to the Governor,¹ who is to dispose of it in accordance with the debate now had. Ships going out this year to be obliged by charterparty to sail from Gravesend as follows: those for the Coast and Bay by November 22, those for Bantam and the South Seas by January 10, and those for Surat by February 10; the commanders not present to-day to be summoned to attend the next court after the sale to receive directions. The Shipping Committee to consider and report what proportion of kentledge should be provided for the Bantam and South Sea ships, and what iron guns the commanders of the ships shall be obliged to take in. Captain William Stevens to be given 16*l.* for fresh provisions and 7*l.* 10*s.* for primage and average. Peter Cooke to be allowed to ship in the *Crown* 3,000 pieces of eight for his own account. Francis Morris to be paid 57*l.* Isabella Nichols, whose husband is a soldier at Bombay, to be granted a passage thither with her three children. Edmund Hunt, who returned in the *Antelope*, having served as a school-master at the Fort, to be allowed his passage. (1 *p.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR SHIPPING AND PLANTATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1670
(*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 79).

Colonel Talbot appears and is told that at his request and that of his friends the Court are willing to entertain him in the capacity of captain of a company at Bombay and, if he accepts, terms shall be arranged; he replies that he had heard a Deputy Governor was to be sent there, which was the reason of his application; that he does not wish to go in any 'under capacity', though he would always obey the commands of the President and Council at Surat. It is considered that a chest of chirurgery should be sent to Bombay, with medicines suitable for the general distempers there, also muskets, barrels of powder, swords (better than those formerly sent, which they wrote were 'but shadowes'), iron, steel, coals, one hundred able soldiers, two or three armourers or gunsmiths, with what other handicraftsmen procurable, as carpenters, sawyers, masons, and smiths; also ten culverin, ten demi-culverin, ten sakers and some great shot. In pursuance of another order from the Court it is considered and thought necessary to send this year to St. Helena either the *Unicorn* or the *John and Martha*, fifty planters with their wives, some deals, spars, fir-poles, nails, staves, saws and axes, and a good minister, if one is to be had on reasonable terms. The ship to touch at St. Iago and there buy

¹ The warrant is entered as 'Governour for C B'. Possibly these initials stand for the Captain Backer of the entry immediately preceding

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six 'Assee Negroes',¹ two males and four females; also twelve lusty young negroes with their wives. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 3, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 89).

A report is read from the Shipping Committee touching a vessel with provisions and planters to be dispatched to St. Helena, and the Committee told to provide the provisions named at once and select either the *Unicorn*, the *John and Martha*, or the *John and Margaret*, whichever can be soonest ready, agree with the owners about demurrage, and report to the Court. The said Committee further report the result of their negotiations with Colonel Talbot, and their recommendations as to stores for Bombay. Hereupon they are directed to take care that everything named is provided and appoint some fit person to see that it is done. Lead and copper to be sent aboard the Coast shipping. A survey to be taken of the *Satisfaction*, when some of the Shipping Committee are to attend. The Committee for the Coast and Bay to meet weekly on Mondays for the dispatch of business until the departure of the ships; and the Committee for Private Trade to place 'guardians' in the ships designed for the Coast and Bay, who are to take account of all goods and provisions sent aboard. The *Crown* and *Flying Eagle* to be dispatched from Gravesend with all convenient speed. A list to be prepared of all factors in the Company's service at Surat, the Coast and Bay, Bantam, and the South Seas, and presented to the Court next Wednesday. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, OCTOBER 4, 5, AND 6, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 90).

Sale of cotton yarn, Jambi, Malabar, and Quilon pepper, white and light pepper, scunimings and dust of pepper, aloes socatrina, myrrh, benzoin, olibanum, Lahore indigo, flat and round indigo, dust of indigo, indigo shirts and skins, tincal, sugar, sugar-candy, green ginger, turmeric, stick-lac, cowries, sappanwood, saltpetre, broad and narrow tapseils, nicannees, broad and narrow chintz, pautkaes, derebauds, mercolees, byrampauts, sovaguzzees, broad and narrow baftas, Guinea stuffs, brawles, longcloth, brown and blue longcloth, sallampores, blue sallampores, bettellees, oringal bettellees, brown bettellees, broad and narrow diapers, brown dungarees, gingham, parcallaes, allejas, silk allejas, sannoes, humhums, sailcloth, cossaes, taffetas, raw silk, quilts, and morees. With prices and names of purchasers. (16¾ pp.)

¹ Asinegoes, or small asses.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 7, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 108).

Damaged pepper returned in the *Satisfaction* to be delivered to her owners, who are to be paid 2,500*l.* on account of freight; and order is given for a survey to be taken of the said vessel. The Court, being told of Captain Southwell's harsh and cruel treatment of his ship's company in the last voyage, of the bad food given to them, whereby many became ill and died, and of his carelessness about paying the lascars hired in the East, and concerning their return home, refer the matter to the Committee for Bantam and the South Seas for examination and report. A paper from Thomas Skinner, presented by some French gentlemen, is read, and they are told that it shall be considered and an answer given in due time; and the Court refer it to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to confer with the Attorney-General and report what, in their opinion, is fit to be done. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. At the request of Captain Lord, the dispute about the account of the *John and Margaret* is referred to arbitration. A representation from Captain Goff is read, giving his reasons for bringing home Mr. Blake; these not satisfying the Court, it is resolved that he shall not go as commander in the *John and Martha*. Private trade to be delivered to the owners of the *John and Martha*. Passengers and provisions for St. Helena to be sent in the *Unicorn*, and that ship to be dispatched as soon as possible. Richard Waring is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. A report touching Thomas Farley, late surgeon at Bombay, is read, by which it appears that he returned in the *Sampson* at the earnest desire of Captain Chamblet, who told the President and Council at Surat that his own surgeon was sick and he could not venture home without one, so the President agreed to Farley going, and referred him for his wages of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day to the Company; but the Committee who give in the report think that these should be paid by Captain Chamblet and if he will not do so, then the Company is liable, as Farley was shipped by order of their President; hereupon the Court direct that the President be written to and desired to certify why the Company should pay wages to an officer in a freighted ship. James Fabian's account to be examined. A report is read about some money due to Lieutenant Francis Willoughby and claimed by Mrs. Stringer, his administratrix; but on information that some of the intestate's near kindred are living, the Court resolve to defer acting until they are told of this. The Secretary to write to Matthew Andrews and tell him of the

Court's desire to have a written account from him of what he knows touching the 28,000*l.* of the Company's cash taken by President Wyche from Tulcidas, that some speedy course may be taken for its recovery from his administratrix. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 12, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 110).

Francis Farrar's account to be examined. Samuel Charleton, a surgeon in Persia, who went out with Mr. Rolt and was given 5*l.* for fresh provisions but no settled salary, is now, by the Court's order, to be allowed 50*s.* a month during his employment in the Company's service. Thomas Farley, a surgeon at Bombay, who returned in the *Sampson*, to be allowed his full wages of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day during the voyage, half this sum to be paid by the Company, the other half by the owners of the ship. The petition of Edmund Bugden is read and referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Ralph Knolles and Thomas Elkin, clothworkers of London, are accepted as security in 100*l.* for Edmund Snow, cloth-setter. Upon petition and recommendation John Carter is entertained as a cloth-setter. A warrant for payment of 3*l.* to be made out to the Governor, he having spent that sum in the Company's service. Mr. Blake's request that the goods he brought home in the *John and Martha* may be delivered to him, so that he may take advantage of the present market, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A paper from Captain Henry Young concerning certain deficiencies noticed by him in the government of Bombay, and some neglect in the management of the Company's affairs at Surat, is read, and referred to the Surat Committee, who are to examine and report on it, and on matters mentioned in the charge exhibited against the said captain, with his answer to the same. Sir John Banks states that the Committees, to whom Thomas Skinner's paper was referred, opine that neither the Court nor they themselves have considered it sufficiently to be able to give an answer. Tincal to be delivered to Daniel Sheldon, and allejas, returned in the *Satisfaction*, to William Young free of fine, they being for himself and several other planters now returning to St Helena. The commanders of the Bantam and Surat shipping to be summoned to attend next Friday's court. The petition of Augustin Gonsalvis is referred for consideration. A report concerning the account of the *Castle Frigate* is presented, in which the Committees find that there is due to the owners 2,019*l.* 17*s.*, which in their opinion should be paid; they also consider that the fine on white pepper brought back in the said vessel is too great, and recommend some

mitigation; hereupon the Court, on consideration of the report and of Captain Crover's petition concerning the said fine, direct that an abatement of 1*sd*. per pound be made, the account altered accordingly, and paid. (2 *pp*.)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER 12, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 82).

Resolved to provide and send to Bantam by the first ships the following goods, viz., scarlet and other coloured cloths and piece-goods, lead, quicksilver, vermilion, black Spanish skins, some large coral and some large amber. Mr. Greene to be directed to write to Mr. Miller and tell him to dye twelve half-pieces of his first and seasoned sort of cloths to be stamell in grain, to be ready in London by November 10. Mr. Morden is particularly desired to take care about the quantities of the above-mentioned goods. The Husband is directed to send treasure, kentledge, etc., in the ships designed for the Coast and Bay as follows: In the *Sampson*, bullion to the value of 29,000*l*., lead, copper, brimstone, alum, broadcloth and other cloths; in the *Bombay Merchant*, bullion to the value of 28,500*l*., lead, copper, brimstone, alum, and sundry cloths; in the *East India Merchant*, bullion to the value of 28,000*l*., lead, copper, brimstone, and cloths; in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, bullion to the value of 24,500*l*., lead, copper, brimstone and cloths; in the *Europe*, bullion to the value of 26,000*l*., lead, copper, brimstone and cloths. He is to send the copper already in his custody; the lead to be provided by Sir Thomas Bludworth, Messrs Moore and Canham, and the alum by Mr. Crispe. The *Massingbird*, *London*, *Antelope*, *Falcon*, and *Phoenix*, designed for Surat, are to be provided with lead, copper and guns. (3 *pp*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 13, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 113).

After considering the necessity of entertaining additional persons, more especially because of the intended settlement of some new factories in the South Seas, the Court resolve to entertain, in addition to those already employed, three factors and four writers for Bantam, two factors and six writers for the Coast and Bay, and eight factors and seven writers for Surat and Bombay, and to receive petitions for employment next Wednesday. Ordered that no Committee shall from henceforth write to any factor in the East about the Company's affairs, but only to advise concerning the faithful discharge of duty, or to admonish concerning anything acted contrary to the same. Thomas Sherlock, who

went out as steward in the *George*, and was entertained by the President and Council at Surat but at no settled salary, is to be allowed 30*l.* a year, and his father to be desired to give security for him. Bedingfield Heigham and William Crowch are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Joseph Cox, packer and hotpresser. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 14, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 114).

The accounts of John Goodier, William Uvedale, and William Moses to be examined and reported. Sugar candy to be delivered to Mrs. Harris. A petition is read from Mary, widow of William Field, who was employed as waiter on board one of the Company's ships lately returned, and officiated as surveyor when Mr. Prescott was disabled, and in that employment contracted a distemper of which he died, leaving his wife and four small children in a very poor condition, and it is resolved to allow her 10*l.* in consideration of her husband's extraordinary service. The Committee for Private Trade to send fit persons to be present at the closing of the palatines of the ships now outward-bound, who are to see that a due proportion of ballast is taken in, and no prohibited goods put under the palatines. Commanders of the ships for Bantam and Surat are informed of the date for their leaving Gravesend, desired to sign their charterparties, and get ready to sail accordingly. All trade in raw silk from the Bay, and of tincal from the Coast and Bay is prohibited, under penalty of a fine of 5*s.* the great pound for silk, and of 3*l.* the cwt. for tincal, this to be inserted in all charterparties and bonds. Payment of 57*l.* 7*s.* to be made to the assigns of John Greentree. Captain Anthony Earning is accepted as commander of the *John and Martha*, and order is given for her owners to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage. The son of Thomas Skinner asks for an answer to his father's paper lately presented to the Court; he is told that it has not yet been considered. (2 *pp.*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS PAPILLON [AT DEAL], OCTOBER 14, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 382).

Thank him for his two letters from Deal. Approve of what he has done in 'the composing and setling of things', and for supplying Captain Backer with 12*l.*, which shall be allowed to Mr. Prescott's account. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO PETER COOKE, OCTOBER 14, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 382).

Find it impossible to obtain the brass guns desired by the King of Bantam, they being so exceedingly difficult to cast. Desire Cooke to inform their Agent of this, but not to let the King know. They will send His Majesty what they can procure. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO PETER COOKE, OCTOBER 18, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 383).

On further consideration they desire him to tell the King of Bantam that the winter season having come and the ways being bad is a hindrance to obtaining the brass guns, but that next summer they will procure as many as possible and send by the first ships. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 19, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 116).

Mr. Martin states that he is interested in an adventure of 28*l.* 5*s.* which belonged to the late Henry Coxwell but has been transferred by Mrs. Brayn to Mr. James; Martin bought a fourth part of the said adventure and owns another fourth part in right of his wife, and he requests that no dividends may be paid to James until his own case has been heard; the matter is referred to Moses. In pursuance of the Court's order of the 14th instant all trade in tincal is to be excluded from the order for indulgences in private trade, and the Agent at Fort St. George and the Chief and Council at the Bay are to be informed that the Company have appropriated tincal to themselves exclusively, also all raw silk from the Bay. Several petitions for employment are read and referred until the Committees shall have obtained information as to the qualifications of those petitioning. It is resolved, in confirmation of a former order, that no one above the degree of a factor or writer shall be entertained this year. Mr. Blake being unwilling that the proceeds of his goods should be put into the Company's cash, the Committee for Law-suits are desired to consider and report how these goods, consigned to the Company and claimed by Blake, can be secured for the use of the General Joint Stock until the dispute is settled. The proposal of the owners of the new ship now being built by Captain Johnson at Blackwall that Captain John Pearce should go in her as commander is approved. A survey of the *Satisfaction* is read. Sir John Banks reports a further conference had with the Attorney-General, who is of opinion that no answer should be given to Thomas Skinner's paper. Suitable relief to be given to Augustine Gonsalvis, a native of India, who is to be sent back to Fort St. George. ($1\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

A MEETING OF THE SURAT COMMITTEE CONCERNING CAPTAIN HENRY YOUNG, OCTOBER 19, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 86).

Upon examination the captain states that he has to tell the Company of many important matters which have been greatly to their prejudice

at Surat; these he is willing to impart to any two of the Committee, provided they promise not to disclose the names of those from whom he has received the information, as it would be very prejudicial to them during the continuance of some persons in India. The captain further desires that his information may be taken by Sir William Thomson and Mr. James Houlton. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A MEETING OF THE SURAT COMMITTEE ABOUT THE MISCARRIAGES OF CAPTAIN ROBERT SOUTHWELL, OCTOBER 19, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 86).

Upon examination, Captain Robert Lord states that, when he was at Bantam, he and others were desired by the Agent to take a survey of the provisions in the *Satisfaction*, which they did, and found a sufficiency of good bread, beef, and pork; there was also some old meat, but it was sweet. That the ship's men when sick at Bantam complained of the old meat they had had during the voyage; he further states that he believes his men were unwilling to serve Captain Southwell because of his treatment of his own company. Captain Privett reports a rumour at Bantam that the mortality of Captain Southwell's men was caused by the old beef they had during the voyage. Captain Crover says that the Agent at Bantam understood there were bad provisions on board the *Satisfaction*, but upon examination what remained was found to be good, and during the voyage from England to Bantam only 3 hhds. of beef and 2 hhds. of pork were used, and the men, as they lay sick at Bantam, said they had enough provisions during the voyage, such as they were. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A GENERAL COURT, OCTOBER 20, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 118).

Sir William Thomson states that, in pursuance of an order of the Court, the Committees have met several times and taken an account of what the private trade of the Committees amounted to for the last seven years, they find that the permission money out and home was not much above 300*l.*, which is very inconsiderable in regard of what has been reported; he then tells the generality of the arguments used for and against the prohibition of private trade contained in the paper referred to them, and what has been agreed to offer to the Court, viz., that the Governor, Deputy, or any member of the Court of Committees, or any of the Company's officers or servants in Europe be forbidden to trade to the Indies, or any place within the Company's charter, in any commodities whatsoever, prohibited or unprohibited, except in the General Stock, or in the joint stock with the owners of any ship or ships in which they have a share; any one disobeying this rule to be discharged from his

place or employment, and forfeit to the Company double the value of what he has so traded in, which forfeiture the Company may take out of any stock or dividend, or from such salary or wages as are due to him. It is also resolved that any one discovering any such private trading and informing the Governor, Deputy, or Committees, shall receive (if the same is proved to be true) one-quarter part of what shall be recovered. That this rule may be the better observed, it is resolved that the Governor, Deputy, and Committees who shall hereafter be chosen shall, before taking their oaths, promise to observe this rule, and all officers or servants of the Company shall, at the time of their election or before taking their oaths, subscribe their names and set their seals to a copy of this rule, which is to be engrossed in a book assigned for that purpose. Nevertheless the Governor, Deputy, and Committees are to be allowed to send out yearly to the value of 20*l.* to buy 'cabinets or other toys for their own private use'. It is also resolved that no adventurer or freeman of the Company shall be permitted to trade directly or indirectly to any place within the limits of the Company's Charter except in jewels or other fine goods and things of great value and small bulk; and that the Court may permit the owners of ships freighted by the Company to trade in a joint stock with the rest of the owners and the commanders, seamen, and such factors or others as are or shall be employed in the shipping or service of the Company abroad to trade in such commodities for their own accounts only, and under such conditions as the Court of Committees shall allow, notwithstanding any precedent order to the contrary. Ordered that this resolution be further considered on Tuesday, November 1, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 21, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 120).

The Committee for Shipping to consider what stores and provisions should be provided for the freighted ships employed by the Company. A report is read of several miscarriages of the Company's factors and servants at the Fort and elsewhere on the Coast of Coromandel, and order given for these to be considered next Tuesday. John Dashwood is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Richard Waring having to transfer an adventure of 750*l.* in the General Joint Stock to Mrs. Cornelia Devisscher as security for money borrowed from her to clear goods he bought of the Company, it is suggested that the 5*l.* due from Mrs. Devisscher should be remitted, the transfer being only by way of mort-

gage; to this the Court do not agree, but order that, when she shall re-assign the adventure, then the 5*l.* shall be refunded. A survey of the *Satisfaction* having been delivered to her owners, Captain Prowd is told to ascertain and report what the seamen object against Captain Southwell. A survey of the *Antelope* is read. A box of bezoar to be delivered free of freight and permission to Thomas Hoskins, lately employed as a factor, and order is given for his account to be reported. Several petitions are read from persons who desire employment in the Company's service. (1¼ *pp.*)

DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO JOHN COOKE, OCTOBER 21, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 82).

To provide for the Bay of Bengal four dozen amber-hafted knives, one dozen small agate-hafted knives, and two dozen silver-hafted knives, forty pairs of divers sorts of spectacles, forty pairs of scissors, and some ordinary knives to the value of 40*s.* (¼ *p.*)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN HYATT, OCTOBER 21, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 383).

They are told that he has aboard his ship two soldiers in the Company's service, Robert Elling and John Browne, who are married and have children, and finding they are not fit to go so long a voyage have asked to be discharged. Desire the Captain to discharge them and take their bonds to refund the 33*s.* already paid to them, and forward the said bonds to the Company. He is also to inform the Agent at Bantam and Mr. Cooke of this. (¼ *p.*)

SIR G. DOWNING TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, OCTOBER 21, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters, General*, II, p. 369).

To attend my Lords on Wednesday about money due to the King from said Company, for freight of some of the King's ships made use of by them in the East Indies.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 121).

A satisfactory report having been received of the qualifications of those petitioning for employment, it is decided to elect fifteen **factors** and twenty writers, whose names are as follows: factors, Isaac **Reynardson**, Frances Capell, Edward Littleton, Captain John Shaxton, **Nicholas Throckmorton**, John Tivill, George Wilcox, Henry Walthew, Samuel Walker, John Dornay, Robert Marshall, Samuel Hervey, John Chace,

John Gofton, and Francis Day. Writers: Nathaniel Lownes, Samuel Darnelly, Jeremy Goodier, John Hornigold, Stephen Gwillym, John Pening, Gervas Gifford, George Gosnold, Thomas Pace, John Dowse, Bartholomew Harris, Frances Bowyer, William Parker, John Byam, George Knipe, Richard Jenings, Joseph Tivill, Oliver Thurloe, John Walsal, and Thomas Browning. The petitions of James Adams and Samuel Burges for employment to be considered apart. The petitions of Gabriel Bowden,¹ whose mother is a native of the Bay of Bengal, and of Clement du Jorden, whose father is a chirurgion at Fort St. George, to be allowed passage in the Company's shipping are granted, they to go free of charge. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 122).

A report touching the miscarriages on the Coast and several clauses in the general letter from the Fort are read, and order is given for the several particulars therein noted to be answered in the next letters to the Agent and Council. Resolved that the Warehousekeeper at the Fort be assisted in embalming goods by servants of the Company and not by strangers; also that when Agent Foxcroft returns to England the Second at the Fort shall be made Warehousekeeper, and the Third Accountant, no factor abroad to hold both posts. Goods brought home in the *Antelope* belonging to Henry Powell to be delivered, he to pay the Company's dues and the freight to the owners, but the fines on some taffetas brought for the use of his wife and family to be remitted. A bill to be exhibited in Chancery against Messrs. Blake and Bridges. Upon complaint that several factors abroad are unable to live on one-third of their salary as allowed at present, order is given for each to be paid 15*l.* annually, provided that sum does not exceed one-half their allotted salary. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 26, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 123).

Upon petition, Isabella Burrowes, whose husband, a porter at the Calico Warehouse, lost his life through falling 'from the loophole in Leadenhall', leaving her in a 'sad and mean condition', is given 20*l.* Upon report that a strict and careful examination has been made by Mr. Cossens, the Auditor's assistant, of the Company's cash books, journals, and ledgers kept from the beginning of this Stock to Septem-

¹ Son of the Gabriel Boughton who had been conspicuous in securing trading rights in Bengal

ber, 1669, and several great errors discovered, which being certified will make the cash accounts balance, order is given for the Committee of General Accounts to read the particulars notified by Mr. Cossens and direct the settling and rectifying of the said books of accounts as they see fit, and report to the Court. A report is read from Captain Prowd about Captain Southwell and, it being put to the vote whether he shall be continued as captain of the *Satisfaction*, the ayes and noes being equal, the Governor desires until Friday to consider before giving his casting vote. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Bombay Merchant*. Mr. Blake presents several written proposals, which are referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are desired to settle this business if possible. Thomas Seamore's account to be reported. Two reports concerning payments due to the late William Gainpin and the late Jeremy Gregory are read, and the sums mentioned ordered to be paid to those legally empowered to receive them. The passage of Captain Henry Young's brother, who came home in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, to be paid by the Company. Upon petition, Captain Hutchins is allowed some calicoes for the use of his wife and family free of fine, and to have his other goods delivered upon making the usual payments. The widow of Roger Fowler, a dyer at the Bay of Bengal, to be paid the wages due to her late husband, with an additional 15*l.* according to the pleasure of the Court. Marmaduke Rowden Esq^{re}. and Marmaduke Bowyer, wood-monger, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Francis Bowyer. Peter Jackson is admitted to the freedom by redemption. (1½ pp.)

SIR G. DOWNING TO SIR JOHN BANCKS, OCTOBER 26, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters, General, II, p. 373*).

Mr. Jolliffe and Mr. Pepys to attend my Lords on Wednesday about the money due to the King from the East India Company for freight of the *Leopard*, etc.

WARRANT, OCTOBER 26, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book 26, f. 91*).

For a grant to Thomas Pinfold of 450*l.* adventured by Sir William Bateman in the stock of the East India Company, and seized for the King by the sheriff of Middlesex, because Bateman was outlawed at Pinfold's suit in 1668, for a debt of 600*l.*

WARRANT, OCTOBER 28, 1670 (*Ibid.*, 34, f. 53).

To Joseph Williamson, for the books relating to trade with China,

Japan, and India, taken in the two East India prizes, and now in the State Paper Office, to be delivered for the use of the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 28, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 125).

The following securities are approved: Thomas Goddard, merchant, and John Hall, packer, in 1,000*l.* for Samuel Walker; William Peachy, Benjamin and John Whetcomb and Henry Dornay in 1,000*l.* for John Dornay; William Sherlock, haberdasher, and Thomas Jordan of Charleswood, Surrey, gentleman, in 1,000*l.* for Thomas Sherlock, one of the Company's factors. The Governor states that after deliberation, and on the testimony of merchants who have employed Captain Southwell in several voyages when he showed great care and diligence, he has decided to continue him in the Company's service for another voyage; this is ordered accordingly, and the Captain promises to be diligent and to take great care of his men. On representation that some advantage has accrued to the master and owners of the *Satisfaction* by the death of many of the ship's company in the last voyage, and that some consideration should be given to the widows and relatives of the deceased, Captain Southwell is recommended to have 'a conscientious regard to them'; he is also directed to be careful in transporting the blacks who assisted in bringing back his ship to England, and this he promises to do. Mr. Davison to inform the Court next Wednesday how many passengers are ready to go to St. Helena. The Committee for Shipping to settle with the commanders of the ships bound for Surat and Bantam concerning kentledge. The arbitrators appointed to determine the business of Mrs. Duteel to be allowed until April 16, the covenants to be renewed accordingly. The Court consents readily to the request of the Bishop of London that the cause depending in the Exchequer between himself and the Company, touching the 1,600*l.* due to Mrs. Eulalia Andrews, may be brought to trial. The Auditor to deliver to Captain Henry Young a copy of the Company's charge against him. A warrant for 100*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to be made out to Major John Taylor, executor to Randolph Taylor, in full of salary, and an additional 60*l.* thought fit to be allowed because of his good services rendered against Sivāji at his 'invasion' of Surat. Cowries bought by Mr. Huling, and said to be very foul, to be put into a merchantable condition. Salary due to the late Henry Arnold to be paid to those legally empowered to receive it. Orders to be sent to the

Coast, the Bay, and Bantam, for such waterfowl as are mentioned in a paper now read, to be procured for the King. Alice Mathews to be paid two months' wages extraordinary on account of her husband's entertainment, on producing sufficient authority. (2 pp.) *

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER 28, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 87).

It is decided to provide for the several factories at the Coast and Bay, Surat, Bantam, and the South Seas, for sale and presents: looking-glasses, amber, silver, agate- and ivory-hafted knives, Sheffield knives of several sorts, scissors of several sorts, barbers' cases (some rich and some ordinary), triangular, multiplying, magnifying, burning, prospective, globe, and drinking glasses; also glasses with wax figures, spectacles, and sword blades. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, NOVEMBER 1, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 127).

A report is read from the Committee of the General Court concerning private trade and, it being put 'by the ballat' whether or not to approve the same, the answer is given in the negative. On a further question whether the Court of Committees has power to grant permission for private trade (which is implied both in the preamble and in the oath administered to freemen of the Company), after some debate, approbation is declared of what has been done with regard to such permission, and the generality authorize and empower the Court of Committees to permit or restrain private trade for the future as they shall find most beneficial to the Company. They also order that a register be kept of what private trade the Court shall think fit at any time to permit. (½ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 2, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 128).

Two dyers to be procured to serve at the Bay. Directions to be given in the general letter to Fort St. George for sending the pinnace *Diligence* to Bombay, and for the *Madras*, if not sold, to be laid up or sent to Bantam. 'Six young ingenious seamen' to be procured to serve the Company as pilots in the Bay. John Richards, recommended by 'several noble personages', is told that enough factors and writers have already been elected for this year, but that when an opportunity offers he shall be considered. On a good report from the Fort of the industry and good service of John Edwards and John Viccars, their salaries are increased to 20*l.* annually each. Francis Howell is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mr. Sheldon's request, that tincal returned for

his account in the *John and Martha* may be delivered, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to see that all private trade returned in that ship and in the *Antelope* is delivered to the respective owners and to charge them with the over-tonnage. The owners of the *Crown* to be paid for twenty-two passengers sent in that ship. Richard Bretton, administrator of Henry Arnold, to be paid 15*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* Salary due to William Uvedale to be paid to those legally empowered to receive it. Some 3 hhds. of beef returned in the *London* to be distributed amongst the poor at Poplar. A warrant for 10*l.* to be made out to Mr. Albyn, on account of William Thomson, minister at the Fort. Interest to be allowed Mr. Herne at the rate of six per cent. on 1,300*l.* lent the Company on Dunkin's note. Private trade to be delivered to James Adams and the fines due put to his account. (1½ pp.)

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, NOVEMBER 2, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters, General, II*, p. 378).

The Governors of the East India Company and Mr. Pepys to attend my Lords on Monday about the business of the *Leopard*, etc.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 3, 1670 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 130).

On information that Francis Bowyer, lately elected a writer, is fully qualified to be a factor, the Court give order for him to be employed in that capacity, and proceed to assign to the factors and writers lately elected their several stations and salaries as follows: factors for Surat, Bombay, etc.: Captain John Shaxton, Isaac Reynardson, Francis Capell, George Wilcox (for Bombay), Samuel Walker, Nicholas Throckmorton, John Chard, each at 25*l.* per annum, and Francis Day at 20*l.*; Writers: Jeremy Goodier, John Pening, Bartholomew Harris, Nathaniel Lownds, Samuel Darnelly, John Hornigold, and John Walsal, each at 10*l.* per annum. For the Coast and Bay: factors: Edward Littleton, John Gofton, and Samuel Hervey, each at 25*l.* per annum, and John Tivill at 20*l.*; Writers: John Byam, Thomas Pace, Stephen Guillym, Gervase Giffard, Thomas Browning, Oliver Thurloe, and George Knipe, each at 10*l.* per annum. For the South Seas: factors: John Dornay at 40*l.* per annum, Francis Bowyer, Henry Walthew and Robert Marshall at 30*l.* per annum; Writers: George Gosnell, John Dowse, Richard Jennings, Joseph Tivill, and William Parker,¹ each at 10*l.* per annum.

¹ A note is added that he 'did not proceed'.

A question as to whether factors shall be allowed any tonnage on their returning home is answered in the affirmative, and it is resolved that the Committees for Surat, etc. shall consider and report what proportion to allow to those who have served the Company either as President, Agent; Chief, councillor, or factor. It is further resolved that no commander, owner, or mariner shall be allowed to bring home any coloured gingham from the Coast under a penalty of 5s. a piece, and that no goods shall be fetched away from the Pepper Warehouse before 12 or after 2 o'clock. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 4, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 132).

A letter from Sir George Downing is read, and Sir John Banks and Mr. Jolliffe are desired to attend the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury next Monday afternoon about the ship *Leopard*. Captain Young moves that Mr. Adams may be ordered to proceed with the charge brought against him concerning the death of Mrs. Adams whilst the commanders lately returned from Surat are in town, or that he may be allowed to sue Adams for the slander, but the Court refuses to interfere in this matter. Henry Powell requests that freight demanded from him for goods returned in the *Antelope* may be remitted, and also the fines on some taffetas and chintz which are for the use of his wife and himself, he is told that when it is determined what allowance of tonnage is to be made to persons such as himself, any he has paid in excess shall be refunded, meanwhile his taffetas and chintz are to be delivered free. Books and papers belonging to Randolph Tailor to be delivered to his executor, Major Tailor, the Auditor having had a fortnight to read and extract from them anything useful for the Company. The Court having received a satisfactory account of the ability of William Nokes, he is elected to serve as minister at St. Helena at an annual salary of 50*l.* and to be given such land, cattle, servants, etc. upon his arrival there as Mr. Davison shall direct; he is also to be allowed 20*l.* for fresh provisions and other necessaries for the voyage. The Shipping Committee to confer with Captain Shaxton about raising the company of 100 men formerly appointed to serve at Bombay, and to consider and report how the present establishment of commanders and officers there may be reduced, also to provide the stores, mentioned on October 3 last, for Bombay. The account of Captain Toldervy to be examined. Mrs. Carpenter to be allowed to ship in the *Sampson* for the use of her son several goods, particulars of which are now read, and Matthew Manwaring is

also granted permission to send certain goods aboard that ship. The following securities are approved: Richard Cooper, winecooper, Thomas Benier, vintner, and Thomas Rowell of Kingston, Surrey, gentleman, in 1,000*l.* for George Wilcox, factor; Philip Giffard of London and William Warren, merchant, in 500*l.* for Gervase Giffard, writer; Stephen Gwilym, Senior, of New Inn, Middlesex, gentleman, and Henry Dornay, tobacconist, in 500*l.* for Stephen Gwilym, Junior, writer; Ralph Marshall of London, gentleman, and John Ram, merchant, in 1,000*l.* for Robert Marshall, factor. Upon a verbal report from the Committee appointed to speak with Mr. Blake about his proposals, order is given for the Committee for Private Trade to direct the delivery of Blake's goods to him from time to time. (2 *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 9, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 134).

The Surat Committee to consider and report upon the petitions of James Adams and Samuel Burges, and concerning Captain Young. The account of Captain Toldervy to be reported. Certain Committees to wait on His Royal Highness and ask for protection for carpenters and caulkers employed in refitting the Company's ships at Blackwall and Deptford, that they may not be impressed into the King's service. Information to be obtained about a person, said to be the King of Bantam's servant, who desires a passage. Two silk dyers, one expert in dyeing black silk, to be procured for the Bay. An order stating the amount of private trade to be allowed to the Company's Presidents, Agents, Chiefs, factors, and servants abroad, and the allowance of tonnage in the Company's ships on their return home, is read and approved. It is to the following effect, viz., on going out they may export all or any commodities not prohibited by their indenture of covenants, amber included, provided the same is registered with the Secretary, and his ticket obtained for embarkation of all such goods; upon their return to England they are to be allowed to bring back their estate in spices, silks, certain piece-goods (a full list is given), tortoiseshell, and opium, or any unprohibited commodities, on paying freight for the same at the rate the Company is paying that same year. No President or Agent from Surat, Fort St. George, or Bantam is to ship above five tons; no Chief in Persia, the Bay, Masulipatam, or Macassar, and no Deputy at Bombay, Second at Surat, the Fort, or Bantam to exceed three tons; while all others, who are of Council at the said places, are not to exceed two tons; and factors not of Council to be

allowed one ton only; all the goods to be registered in the respective factories where the owners have served, in a book set apart for the purpose, and a certificate of them to be transmitted to the Company by the Agent or Chief of the place from whence they come, and all to be brought into the Company's London warehouse. During their stay abroad they may send to England certain jewels, spices, piece-goods, tortoiseshell, and opium (a full list given), provided these are duly registered, sent home in the Company's shipping, and permission money paid for them. They are also to be allowed to trade from place to place in all the commodities of the country (calicoes to the South Seas and pepper from the South Seas excepted), provided they do not lade any in the Company's ships nor send to or receive from any port or place in the South Seas; the said trade to be in their own stock and not in any belonging to the Company, and a register is to be kept in each factory of the quantity of such private trade, with the names of the places to or from which it is sent, and of the ships in which it is conveyed. The order expressly sets forth that if any of those employed by the Company shall abuse the liberty thus given and make use of the Company's shipping or estate for their own private account, or trade to or from the South Seas, or neglect to register their goods, they must expect no advantage or benefit, but will be obliged to pay all fines and penalties mentioned in their indenture of covenants. All persons concerned are to take notice of this order and to act by it, all former orders for indulgences being hereby revoked and made void. The Coast and Bay Committees are desired to ascertain and report the names of all private traders residing on the Coromandel Coast and in the Bay of Bengal who are not in the Company's service. Lead to be shipped in the *Phoenix*. The request of Mr Hounsill, that a child belonging to a servant of his may be allowed a free passage, is granted. Warrants for payment of imprest to the owners of the Coast and Bay ships to be made out as soon as the charterparties are signed; also to the commanders for their primage and average. Robert Bretton and Mrs. Hyatt to be allowed to send some wine to the Fort and Masulipatam. The following securities are approved: William Throckmorton and Robert Flacket, merchants, in 1,000*l.* for Nicholas Throckmorton, factor; Nicholas and Robert Penning, merchants, in 500*l.* for John Penning, writer; Thomas Pace, Senior, of Battersea, gentleman, and Peter Declé of Norwich, vintner, in 500*l.* for Thomas Pace, Junior, writer; William Power, silkman, and Thomas Balch, silk thrower, in 500*l.* for John Byam, writer; Thomas Bayley, confectioner, and Mary Barnard, widow, in 500*l.* for Nathaniel

Lownds, writer; Marmaduke Rawdon and Marmaduke Bowyer in 1,000*l.* for Francis Bowyer, factor; Christopher and Thomas Boone, merchants, in 500*l.* for John Hornigold, writer; Richard Royley and Susannah Geere, widow, in 1,000*l.* for Samuel Hervey, factor; Sir John Robinson and Anna Tivill, widow, in 1,000*l.* for John Tivill, factor. The draft of a letter to be sent to Fort St. George is read and approved. (3½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 9, 1670 (AFTERNOON), *Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 137).

Drafts of letters prepared to be sent to the Chiefs and Council at Masulipatam and the Bay are read and approved. Letters from Captains Hyatt and Backer are referred to the Committees formerly appointed to treat with Captain Backer, who are to read the charterparty of the *Crown* and the instructions given to the two captains and reply to their letter as they think best. Tarpaulins to be provided for the boats carrying the Company's calicoes. Edward Darnelly, apothecary, and James Wharton, soap-boiler, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Samuel Darnelly, writer. (¼ *p.*)

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO SAMUEL PEPYS, NOVEMBER 10, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car.* II. 286, no. 109¹).

The Treasury Commissioners desire a statement of the debt owing by the East India Company for the freight of the *Leopard*.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 11, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 138).

The printer's bill to be examined. Goods belonging to Mr. Bridges to be delivered to the owners of the *Antelope*, the tonnage charged to their account, and made good to the Company. Mr. Nokes, minister for St. Helena, to be supplied with such books as he wants, to the value of 15*l.*, these to be invoiced as the Company's library; he is also to be furnished with a gown. Four chirurgery chests containing medicines suitable for the distempers of the country to be provided for Surat, Fort St. George, the Bay, and Bantam; also twenty able soldiers for the Fort. The petition of Stephen Ward, 'tillet paynter', is referred to the Committee for Buying Goods, who are to employ him as they see cause. Henry and William Walthew are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Henry Walthew, Junior, factor. Permission is given for goods to be sent to Sir William Langhorne, Richard Bridger, Roger Brodnax, and Messrs. Jones and

¹ See also *Out Letters, General*, II, p. 382.

Manwaring. Salary found to be due to the late Francis Farrar to be paid to those legally empowered to receive it. Captain William Hutchins, late master of the *Diligence*, who returned in the *Antelope*, to be allowed his passage free. George Papillon desiring the direction of the Court for sealing a deed, to which he has been made a party, between the Company and William Blake, he is told that the covenants in the deed are sufficient to direct what is to be done, and that the Court approve of his sealing them. Order is given for certain goods claimed by Blake to be delivered to George Papillon, and only the usual freight charged, and the rest of the goods in the Company's warehouse to be delivered to Blake, for which he is to pay the same freight. A catalogue of books presented by Mr. Hounsill is referred to Mr. Albyn, who is to provide those not already in the library at the Coast, for which he is to spend not more than thirty pounds. Payment to be made to the owners of the *John and Margaret*; and the commanders of the vessels returned this year to be paid what permission money is due to them. Certain of the Committees to advise with Counsel touching the Company's right and interest at Macassar; and others to consider and report what allowance for diet should be made to those married officers who cannot conveniently resort to the Company's table. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 16, 1670 (*Ibid* , p. 140).

On information that several foreigners are employed in the Company's shipping, the Court forbids the entertainment of any more, unless they are married and live in England, and then not more than six are to be employed in one ship; all commanders to be notified of this. George Papillon to give the Husband a receipt for all goods delivered to him belonging to William Blake. George Gosnell, merchant, and William Booth, customer at Ipswich, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for George Gosnell, writer. The owners of the *Sampson* to be allowed to ship out 14,000 pieces of eight on account of her stock. An assistant to be provided for the Treasury during Dunkin's absence. The Committee for the Treasury are empowered to deliver back to Messrs. Backwell and Hornby as many bars of silver and rials of eight as they want, reserving a sufficient proportion for the Coast and Bay shipping, and obliging them to make a seasonable supply of the same quantity of bullion for the Surat ships. All remaining goods to be sent aboard the Coast and Bay ships, and the commanders notified to proceed to Gravesend at the first opportunity without waiting one for another. Permission to ship

out goods is given to Isaac Foxcroft, Samuel Sambrook, Senior, and Junior, Humphrey Edwyn, Thomas Green, and David Stephens. The sum of 5*l.* to be spent in buying bibles, catechisms, and other English books, to be inserted in the Company's invoice and distributed by the Agent and Council at the Fort, who are to report how they dispose of them, and send back a perfect catalogue of all books belonging to the Company's library there and at Masulipatam. Moses acquainting the Court that a minor being executor is, on attaining the age of seventeen, legally empowered to dispose of the testator's goods and chattels, the Court consents to George Moore, who, on the testimony of John Wright, was eighteen on October 18 last, transferring an adventure of 250*l.* to John Moore of London. Sir Francis Clarke reports the proceedings of the Committees appointed to examine the business of Captain Young; but consideration of the same is deferred. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 18, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 142).

The following securities are approved, viz., Moses Lowman and William Withers, haberdashers of London, in 1,000*l.* for John Chase, factor; Richard Jenings and John Ashwin, London merchants, in 500*l.* for Richard Jenings, writer; Sir John Robinson and Hugh May in 500*l.* for Thomas Browning, writer; William Maxwell and Thomas Mason in 500*l.* for John Dowse, writer; Sir John Robinson and Henry Bishop, apothecary, in 500*l.* for Joseph Tivill, writer. The silver tankard sent over by the late Francis Farrar to be delivered to his administrator. All persons who bought goods of the Company and have not cleared them to be notified to do so, or the said goods will remain at the risk of the owners in case of any loss or accident. The Committee for Debts to examine the account of what is owing to the Company by Mr. Fulford, treat with Mr. Wright, and hear and report what proposals are made for payment. The owners of the *John and Martha* to deliver all goods returned for William Blake to George Papillon and charge the freight to the Company's account. The Company's seal to be affixed to the tripartite deed between the Company and Mr. Andrews, etc. Factors and writers entertained lately to be allowed 5*l.* apiece for fresh provisions. Thomas Amos and John Naylor are entertained as silk-dyers at an annual salary of 50*l.* apiece, Amos to serve in the Bay, and 20*l.* of his salary to be paid to his wife in England, the rest to be paid in India; Naylor to be paid 25*l.* in England, the rest in India; and order is given for 10*l.* to be advanced to

Amos, and 20*l.* to Naylor, upon account of their wages. Upon petition, Abraham Goodheart and Richard Dickenson, master's mates, in the *Bombay*, are repaid fines upon certain calicoes which appear to be damaged. Mr. Elford, Mr. Harwar, Mrs. Mohun, and Mrs. Ennis are given permission to ship to the Coast and Bay certain goods, particulars of which are now read. James Adams to be repaid fines on calicoes, they being for the use of himself, his child, and Mr. Knightley. Captain Robert Medford to be given a gratuity of 30*l.* for his good service in fighting two Malabar frigates on the coast of India. Captain Prowd to see that the blacks brought home by Captain Southwell are well accommodated during their stay in England, and that the captain takes them with him on his return. The Agent and Council at the Fort to be written to and told that John [*sic*] Morris, who is to be entertained there as a soldier, is to attend Mr. Hounsill as his servant, and receive a soldier's pay while with him. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 23, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 144).

Edward Knipe and Edward Watts, London merchants, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for George Knipe, writer; and Thomas Cawood and Ralph Eggleston, of St. Martin's in the Fields, in 1,000*l.* for John Gof-ton, factor. Salary due to William Uvedale to be paid to Alderman Love, of which the Agent and Council at Bantam are to be notified. Thomas Bromley and William Southernwood, two youths from Christ's Hospital, are entertained to serve the Company in India as apprentices, and to be supplied with clothes and necessaries as is usual. The Committee for the Treasury to direct the sending bullion and treasure aboard the ships designed for the Coast. The request of Sir Thomas Chambers that the stop put upon the 400*l.*, which by the desire of Captain Erwyn he was to receive for his dividend and share in the *Bombay Merchant*, may be taken off, is refused, the Court finding that Sir Thomas owes the Company 1,000*l.*, which debt they request him to clear. The Governor to be paid 10*l.* disbursed by him for the Company's service, and Captain Philip Hiat 15*l.* for a bill of exchange drawn for the same. A bill of 52*l.* 13*s.* for books to be sent with Mr. Hounsill to the Fort, although exceeding the sum ordered to be spent, is nevertheless approved and directed to be paid. Colonel Blount produces an order from the High Court of Chancery dated the 7th instant touching an adventure of 1,000*l.* in the General Joint Stock, lately belonging to William Ashley, deceased, and by him bequeathed to the plaintiffs therein mentioned; the matter is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits to consider how

best to put the order in execution and report. Permission is given to the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to ship out 2,600 pieces of eight, and foreign gold to the value of 100*l.*; and to Sir John Frederick to send 500 pieces of eight for the account of Joshua Hall permission free. Mr. Hounsil, Timothy Wilks, George Knipe, Walter Crone, and Thomas Pace are given permission to ship out certain goods, and Sir Francis Clarke to send out 175 lb. of cochineal, paying permission for the same. The petition of William Young and the account of John Ballom to be examined. Captain Henry Young desiring employment, it is agreed that he be continued in the Company's service, and order given for the President and Council at Surat to be informed that the captain is to be next to Mr. Rolt in Persia. A warrant for 20*l.* to be made out to Mr. Hounsil, on account of the gratuity which will become due to him. Consideration of the petitions of Adams and Burges, and the affairs of St. Helena, is deferred until to-morrow. (1½ pp.)

A MEETING OF COMMITTEES AT THE EAST INDIA HOUSE, NOVEMBER 24, 1670 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 146).

The Court declares that if William Nokes applies himself industriously to preaching the Gospel, catechizing and instructing the young people and children at St. Helena, he shall be allowed an annual gratuity of 20*l.* as an encouragement. A catalogue of books for St. Helena amounting to 30*l.* is given in, and although it exceeds the sum formerly agreed to, is approved. Resolved that, besides the bullion designed for Bantam, 24,000 or 25,000 pieces of eight shall be sent; and that 12,000 dollars shall be shipped in the *Unicorn*; also 1,500 Seville and Mexico dollars of the lightest sort to buy negroes, who are to be left at St. Helena for service. It is also resolved to send 105,000*l.* to Surat. Samuel Burges to be continued in the Company's service at a yearly salary of 25*l.*, the President and Council at Surat to be written to to employ him as they see fit, and he to be admonished to be quiet and peaceable in his appointed station. Advice to be sent to Fort St. George for trial to be made of Malabar pepper as they propose (but not of Quilon or any small pepper), if the price does not exceed 20 pagodas the candy. James Adams to be employed as a factor in the South Seas at his former salary. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 25, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 147).

The Governor having appointed a Court of Committees to be held yesterday afternoon and no summons having been issued for a Court but only for a meeting, yet the Governor, the Deputy, and thirteen

Committees assembling they proceeded to the consideration of several affairs, and the results being now read, with the warrants then passed, all are approved. The account of John, Charles, and James Banks at Hamburg to be examined, both of the moneys paid by them on Mr. Sowton's bills from Stockholm and for copper and coral bought at Hamburg. Mr. Burkin presents a second bill of exchange drawn by Messrs. Banks for 300*l.*, payable to William Lunden, Esq. and by him endorsed to be paid to Messrs. Burkin and Everson, who are directed to deliver up the note they gave upon receiving the moneys paid them upon the first bill of exchange to secure the Company. Captain Harman to be obliged by charter-party to sail with the *Unicorn* from Gravesend by December 1. At the request of Sir Henry Oxinden and his son, the Surat Committee are to be desired to consider what is fit to be done concerning the business of the late Sir George Oxinden. John Naylor and Thomas Amos to be allowed 5*l.* apiece for fresh provisions. William Young to be paid 9*l.* in full of all demands. Money found to be due to John Ballyn to be paid to those empowered to receive it. Sir John Banks to act as arbitrator with Mr. Wynne in Mrs. Duteel's business. Mr. Buckeridge asking that a review may be had of the award made in the business between the Company and himself, he is told that when he has paid 500*l.* into the treasury his request shall be granted. Messrs. Springold, Tivill, Sheldon, Langston, Canham, and Gosnold are granted permission to ship out certain goods. The Court approve of the transfer of an adventure of 100*l.* by Major Robert Beake of Coventry to John Clarke of London, 50*l.* of which has been paid in by the Major, attested under the hand of the Mayor and the common seal of the Corporation; the said transfer is to be entered in the book of transfers. (1½ pp.)

ROYAL WARRANT, NOVEMBER 25, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Warrants Early XVIII*, pp. 368-9).

. . . For 20,974*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* remaining yet unpaid or assigned of the 40,000*l.* formerly ordered to Colonel Legg out of the Hearth money by the privy seal of March 30, 1669, for the formation of a magazine of saltpetre, he having only assigned to the East India Company 19,025*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* thereof for saltpetre bought in 1669; and 22,541*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* being the remaining moneys yet to be paid for the service of the Office of Ordnance by the privy seal of November 27, 1668, for 120,000*l.*: and all other sums whatever payable by way of imprest or upon accompt for the service of said office.

TREASURY WARRANT, NOVEMBER 26, 1670 (*Public Record Office: Out Letters, Customs, II*, pp. 37-8).

To the Auditors of the Customs to allow in the account of the late Farmers of the Customs 300*l.* and 282*l.* 19*s.*; the said 300*l.* having been formerly presented to the King in lieu of the rebate of the interest of several sums of money rebated to said [East India] Company by warrant of the late Lord Treasurer Southampton, of date August 18, 1661, and which has been since discounted to the late Farmers of the Customs farm commencing from September 29, 1662, 'and it appearing by a certificate of the Auditors of His Majesty's imprests and customs, who by our order have inspected the entries made in London port by the said Company about that time that in the commission account of the customs, i.e. for the time they were in commission, there hath been answered to His Majesty for the customs of sundry goods entered by the said Company about that time above 7,200*l.*, wee doe therefore think fit' to allow said 300*l.* to said late Farmers: the second item, viz. 282*l.* 19*s.* representing interest payable for the forbearance of money payable, as follows, viz. 'by another order of the said late Lord Treasurer, dated the 15th of July, 1664, the said late Farmers were directed that all the customs which the said East India Company should then owe the said late Farmers, or which by reason of any importation of any commodities they should afterwards owe, should be allowed unto the said Company towards satisfaction of the money then agreed to be paid them upon their contract with the Ordnance Office for delivery of saltpetre: which allowance made by said late Farmers to said Company was not reimbursed to said late Farmers until the 25th of March, 1665,' and therefore the said late Farmers crave allowance of said sum as interest for the forbearance of the customs dues so payable on balance by said Company from the several dates when same ought to have been paid to the said 25th March, 1665.

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO THE NAVY COMMISSIONERS, NOVEMBER 29, 1670 (*Public Record Office: S P. Dom., Car. II.* 286, no. 1561).

The Treasury Commissioners desire you would meet together, and make a true statement of the account between His Majesty and the East India Company, as to what the freight amounts to for tonnage of goods brought home by the *Leopard*, *Dunkirk*, *Mary Rose*, and *Conver-tine*, as also of what was wanting which they might have brought home, and the cause thereof.

¹ See also *Out Letters, General, II*, p. 396.

A MEETING OF THE SURAT COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 29, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxv A, p. 86).

Order is given for a copy of the objections to the Surat Books sent there in March, 1669, and February, 1670 to be made and delivered to Sir Henry Oxinden, or to his son, with what other objections appear against the late Sir George Oxinden; and for the clauses of the Company's letters to Surat referring to the same to be copied out, that the Committee may have the Court's directions whether it is fitting to deliver them to Sir Henry Oxinden, who desires to have them. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN CHAMBLETT, NOVEMBER 29, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 383).

This year they have designed five ships for the Coast and Bay, his own the *Sampson*, the *Bombay*, the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the *East India Merchant* and the *European*. They are to keep together outward-bound as far as St. Iago (where they will refresh) and thirty leagues to the westward of the Madeiras, not knowing what Turkish men-of-war may be without the Straits, especially near the Madeira and Canary Islands. Desire him to consult with the other commanders as to the best way to follow these orders. Direct him to have all his guns mounted, his ship clear, and ready for defence in case of an attack by an enemy. Wish the said fleet to sail together, yet if the wind is fair before all arrive in the Downs, those already there are not to wait for the rest but to prosecute their voyage. During their stay in the East and on their homeward voyage they are also to keep together as much as will be consistent with the directions of the Agent and Council. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.) *Letters of the like tenor are written to the other commanders.*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 30, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 149).

John Richards, recommended by Sir Robert Southwell and others for employment, is told that when there is occasion for more factors he shall be considered. William, John, and Richard Day are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Francis Day, factor. The account of Humphrey Broome to be examined. The two silk-dyers to proceed to India in the *Sampson*, and the Auditor is desired to see that the several small things for use in dyeing silks, etc. are sent to the Husband for immediate shipment. Sir Timothy Littleton and Mr. Hanserd Knollys are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Edward Littleton, factor. The Deputy to see to the timely

provision of guns for the King of Bantam. Permission to ship out certain goods is given to Messrs. Townsend, Sambrooke, Canham, Heathfield, Hervey, Littleton, Clavel, Bowden, Gofton, and to Sarah Hall. Order is given for a clause concerning Mr. Field to be inserted in the Company's letter to the Fort. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 2, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 150).

Treasure to be shipped aboard the *Unicorn*. Francis Millington is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The two Hospital youths entertained as apprentices to be sent, one to the Fort, the other to the Bay. The *Advance Frigate* having arrived in the Thames, Thomas Lucas promises that she shall be ready to sail from Gravesend within a fortnight. Jeffery Daniel asking that some directions may be given for recovery of the remainder of his brother William's estate on the Coast of Coromandel and in the Bay, in accordance with a written representation now presented, order is given for copies of this to be sent to the Agent and Council at the Fort, who are to see about it accordingly; and certain Committees are desired to examine the account of the said William Daniel. George Jemmet, chirurgion at St. Helena, to be paid what is due to him; and the owners of the *Antelope* to be paid in full for freight, etc. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 7, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 152).

Francis Millington to be returned the 5*l*. he paid for admission to the freedom, the Company wishing to bestow it upon him gratis. Mr. Knightley asking that James Adams may be continued in the Company's service at Bombay, the Court promise to consider the matter. Order is given for a clause to be inserted in the letter to St. Helena to the effect that any blacks who are or shall be sent to serve the Company on that island and become converted to the Christian faith and make satisfactory confession of the same before the Governor, the Council, and the Minister, and also evince it by their behaviour, shall after seven years have the benefit of being free planters there. Lead to be put aboard the ships designed for Surat. John Viney and John Reed of Maidstone are accepted as security in 500*l*. for John Walsal, writer; and Stephen Gwilliam, Senior, and John Gwilliam, silk stocking-weaver, are accepted in 500*l*. for Stephen Gwilliam, Junior, writer. Sir John Banks is desired to endeavour to obtain payment due on the three assignments the Company

have on the King's revenue of Fire hearths. John Devon is given permission to ship out certain goods, particulars of which are now read. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 9, 1670 (*Ibid.*, p. 153).

Gilbert Upton is admitted to the freedom by service. The Secretary presents a tally out of the Exchequer, being a receipt for 10*l.* in gold paid to the King by the Company for one year's rent, ending last Michaelmas, of the island of Bombay; the Committees for the Treasury are desired to keep the said tally. The charter-party for the *Advance Frigate* to be renewed and she to be ready to sail from Gravesend by the 16th instant. Dunkin is ordered to deliver to the Committees of the Treasury an account of all moneys received at interest by the Company upon the notes he was ordered to give and for which no bonds have been given; this account the Committees are to compare with the cash books to see whether all are truly entered; Dunkin is also directed to forbear giving notes to any one for moneys that shall be hereafter lent to the Company, until such notes are entered by the said Committees in their books. Payment to be made to Mrs. Stringer, administratrix of Lieutenant Francis Willoughby. On reading the petition of James Adams, the Court decide not to continue him in employment at Bombay, lest fresh disputes arise there, but having designed him for employment in the South Seas to permit him to touch at Bombay, in order to remove his child and his 'concernments'. Caleb Hooke, merchant, is accepted as security for Edward Littleton, in the place of Sir Timothy Littleton. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN HARMAN, DECEMBER 9, 1670 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 409).

Giving him similar orders to those given to the commanders of the five ships designed for the Coast and Bay, with an additional order to purchase at St. Iago twenty-four lusty young slaves, twelve male and twelve female, also six young 'assineegoes', two males and four females, for which purpose they have sent him (besides the three chests of rials for Bantam) 1,500 rials of eight. If this be more than is required, he is to deliver the surplus to the Chief and Council at Bantam. After refreshing at St. Iago he is to sail to St. Helena, and there leave the passengers, negroes, 'asseenegoes', provisions, and goods designed for that place. He is then to proceed to Bantam and deliver the three chests of rials to the Agent and Council there, and follow their directions for his future proceedings. On further consideration they instruct him to expend the whole of the 1,500 rials in buying negroes. (½ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN MEDFORD, DECEMBER 9, 1670 (*Letter Book* vol. iv, p. 410).

Have received his letter intimating that he is in the Downs awaiting the ships appointed to accompany him. Though they have ordered their ships to sail and keep together, yet if the wind is fair they would not have him wait for others, but proceed on his voyage, taking the greater care to have his vessel in a good posture of defence in case of an attack by an enemy, and keeping to the westward of the Madeiras. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

MR. JOLLIFE'S REPORT FROM SIR JOHN TREVOR, DECEMBER 12, 1670 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 237).

Mr. Jollife informed the Governor that, if it were desired, Sir John Trevor would procure a meeting with the Dutch Ambassador about the East Indian affairs. The Governor hereupon desired Sir William Thomson to tell Sir John that the Company would much like to meet the Ambassador, but would submit to Sir John's judgement as to 'the seasonableness of it'. Sir John, being told this, said that the Ambassador was hastening away and, as things now stood, 'it could not be expected to put an end to that affair'. Sir John was then asked to inform the Ambassador how much the English Company wished to meet and treat with him and, as that could not be arranged, to press him (he having great power with the Dutch Company) to do his best to create a good understanding between the two Companies. Sir John declared he had often spoken with the Ambassador on the subject and showed him the reasonableness of the English Company's demands, and would do so again and tell him of their desires. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 14, 1670 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 155).

Mr. Davison is desired to ascertain and report how far the ships designed for Surat are ready, and what soldiers are entertained for Bombay. The Secretary to prepare the draft of a contract for saltpetre lately sold to the King. The Committee for Accounts to consider a paper lately received from the President and Council at Surat concerning the alteration of the account current. The account of Captain William Hutchins to be examined. Payment to be made to William Legate, executor of the late Henry Brome. William Peachey, merchant, Edward Capel, goldsmith, Matthew Burch, linen-draper, and John Cox, packer, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Francis Capel, factor. Order is given for