

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 12, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 229).

•The Governor to give an acquittance for a bill of imprest for 15,000*l.* made out by the Officers of the Ordnance and payable to the Company on account of saltpetre bought by Sir Thomas Chicheley last October for the King's service. Dunkin is directed, upon delivery of the said bill and acquittance to Captain Wharton, to receive from the latter an assignment for that sum on His Majesty's revenue of firehearth. There being more than 8,000*l.* still due on the said saltpetre, for which according to contract the Company are to have assignments from the first moneys appointed for carrying on the office of the Ordnance, and Captain Wharton now proposing to assign payment on such orders as he has, either on the last act for the imposition on wines, or upon customs due next Lady Day, or upon the fee farm rents at the election of the Court, a period of fourteen days is desired for consideration by the Court, who ask that in the meantime no disposition may be made of the order on the customs to any one else This is agreed to. Dr. Thomas Goodwin is admitted to the freedom gratis, he being an adventurer in the General Joint Stock Captain Price to be paid for a parcel of turmeric. A report on the account of disbursements of the Commissioners who went to Breda is read and approved The carpenters bill for work done for the Company to be examined. A warrant to be made out for payment of 111*l.* 15*s.* to the Committees of the United Joint Stock for interest on 1,700*l.* John Dymond, an almsman, to be given 20*s.* for his present relief. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 231).

The generality are told that, a scrutiny having been taken of their votes, it is found that Sir Andrew Riccard has been elected Governor, and Robert Thomson Deputy Governor, for the year ensuing ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S P. Dom.*, Car II 289, no 64)

The *St. George* from Charente says the King of France has forty great men-of-war riding there ready for sea the general report says, some for the East and West Indies and some for the Straits, but others that they are all for Dunkirk to meet the King there. . .

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO SAMUEL PEPYS, APRIL 17, 1671 (*Public Record Office. Out Letters General II*, p. 445)

My Lords have considered your letter of November 3 last about the difference between the King and the East India Company concerning the freight of the *Leopard* and other His Majesty's ships sent formerly to the East Indies upon an agreement with the said Company. My Lords desire you will again meet Sir John Banks or whom else the Governor of the East India Company shall appoint, and make a state[ment] of the whole matter of fact, and then that you in person (on behalf of His Majesty and some one else) in behalf of the East India Company attend the Attorney-General, who will hear the whole business and report his opinion thereupon to my Lords

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 20, 1671 (*Court Boob*, vol. xxvii, p. 232).

The names of the twenty-four Committees elected for the following year are read, they are as follows: George, Lord Berkeley, Benjamin Albyn, Matthew Andrews, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir John Banks, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Thomas Canham, Sir Francis Clarke, Michael Davison, Abraham Dolins, Sir James Edwards, John Hobby, Nathaniel Herne, James Houblon, John Jollife, Sir Kingsmill Lucy, Stephen Langham, John Moore, John Paige, Sir John Robinson, Sir William Thomson, Maurice Thomson, and Rowland Wynne. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 21, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 233).

The Committee for Shipping to give directions for the speedy refitting and victualling of the *Return*. Certain Committees, or any three of them, to consider concerning the proposed trade to the north-east of India, and the report given in by the Japan Committee on the 7th instant, also what is further necessary to be provided for that trade. The Shipping Committee to ascertain and report how suitable vessels and persons may be obtained for this design. Sir John Banks to procure from Captain Wharton such assignments on the Exchequer, for payment due for saltpetre bought for the King's service, as shall be the first paid. The Court resolve to consider next Friday the clause in the preamble touching a valuation of all remains of Stock undivided to be made once in every seven years, between the first of May and the last of August. Five of the Committees are desired to undertake the

management of the Treasury for the year ensuing. The Treasury Committees report that about last December a parcel of pillar money, to the value of 11,000*l.* for which the Company had no use, 'being otherwise accommodated', was returned to Mr. Hornby, for which he expected some consideration, alleging that he lost his market and was forced to coin the said money down, to his great damage. The matter is referred to the present Committee for the Treasury, who are to allow Hornby what they conceive to be just and right. Nathaniel Scottow is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The award, made by the arbitrators in the dispute between the Company and John Baptista Dutel and his wife Rebecca, administratrix to the late Thomas Leaver, is read, and order given for the sum of 164*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* to be paid to the said Baptista Dutel and his wife. The Committee for Private Trade to dispatch the two ketches appointed to look out for the Company's ships now expected from India Tillyard to be written to and told to hasten the ships *Loyal Merchant* and *Ann* from Plymouth into the Thames, and place four trusty men aboard the said vessels to prevent the landing of any private trade Henry Herring, who has served the Company for many years, to be admitted to the Almshouse at Poplar The officers of the Company are re-elected at their annual salaries, viz : Michael Dunkin as Cashier, 200*l.*, Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l.*, and as House-keeper and Beadle, 30*l.*, Robert Blackburne as Secretary, 200*l.*; Elisha Coles, his assistant, 50*l.*, Samuel Sambrooke, Senior, Writer of Letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse, 200*l.*, Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, his assistant, 50*l.*, John Harbert, Accountant-General, 130*l.*; Leventhorp Altham, his assistant, 80*l.*, Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor, 100*l.*; Peter Cossen, his assistant, 50*l.*; Abraham Papillon, his other assistant, 40*l.*; Edward Byrch, assistant to Dunkin, 50*l.*, William Moses, Solicitor, 20*l.*; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l.*, Francis Thomson, his assistant, 60*l.*, George Papillon, Keeper of the Drug Warehouse, 160*l.*, and for managing the candle at the sales, 10*l.*, Charles Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*; and as paymaster to the marines, 30*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Shipping, 80*l.*, Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper, 40*l.* Michael Prescott, Surveyor of Private Trade, 20*l.* Certain of the Committees to report touching the 'deportment and carriage' of Thomas Butler, William Saxby, Robert Machen, and Samuel South. clerks in the Accountant's Office, and others to ascertain the opinion of the Attorney-General in the case touching the ship *Leopard* (2½ pp)

THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLARD [AT PLYMOUTH], APRIL 22, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol IV, p 446).

Acknowledge his letter of the 18th inst., advising the departure of Captain Martin, from whom they heard that by Tillard's assistance his ship had been well fitted 'Blesse God' for the arrival of two of their ships from Bantam, and trust that Tillard has put two able persons on board each, with instructions to prevent or note the landing of any goods out of the said ships ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SAMUEL PEPYS, APRIL 24, 1671 (*Public Record Office S P Dom*, Car II 297, no. 145)

I send by order of Sir John Banks an account of His Majesty's and the East India Company's demands of damages for the Dutch East India Company's interruption of the *Leopard* and *Hopewell* in their voyage to Porcatt; also the States' resolution to make satisfaction for the same When you conceive fit, Sir John will attend the Attorney-General touching the business of the *Leopard*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 28, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p 236)

Nathaniel Hunter is admitted to the freedom by patrimony Thomas Place to be paid for mason's work done in the Company's house Tillyard writing of the distressed condition of the wife of Richard Stephens, a soldier who went to Fort St George in the *Charles*, it is resolved that she shall be sent 40s. from the 'Poore's box' A General Court of Sales to be held on May 16 instead of on the 2nd of that month as formerly appointed The Committee for General Accounts, in accordance with the preamble passed March 16, 1665, are desired to give directions for a valuation to be drawn up of all the remains of the present General Joint Stock undivided, and present to the Court with all convenient speed. Payment of 404l 5s. to be made to Martha Stringer, administratrix of the late Captain Robert Stringer, in accordance with a report read and approved ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 3, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 237).

Mr. Cox requesting that he may have the proceeds of some white pepper sent home by Mr Mainston, he is told that the said pepper was consigned to the Company, but Mainston is expected back shortly, when his account with the Company will be adjusted The Auditor to

examine the charge sent home against Mainston and draw up an exact statement of his account and present it to the Court. The Committee for City Lands to be spoken to about the 'cesterne that is demolished at Leadenhall'. The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* and of the *Ann* to be requested to have entries made of their vessels as soon as they come into the Thames, and the Husband is told to send ships and a double proportion of men for the speedier unloading of the Company's goods; preparations are also to be made for the pepper returned in the said ships to be warehoused and sifted, so that when it is sold it may be delivered speedily. The Court resolve to consider next Friday the dividend of ten per cent to be made upon the next sale. The owners of the *John and Margaret* to be notified to attend the Court next Friday. Robert Bullock to be paid 40s. for examining four chirurgery chests sent to India. In future, all warrants passed in court are to be delivered by the Secretary to the Treasury Office, and if not fully signed, the Cashier's assistant is to wait on the Committees for this to be done. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 5, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p 239).

Order is given for a general court to be called next Friday afternoon when the Governor is desired to inform the generality that the Stock having been much reduced by the large dividends issued in 1666 (there being then little opportunity for trade because of the Dutch war), and it having been impossible to issue any since, as it was necessary not only to employ all the Stock and the profits arising from it, but also to take up great sums of money at interest to carry on the trade. But having now, by the blessing of God, supplied the trade with a convenient Stock, and seeing that the adventurers desire something decided as soon as possible, the Court have resolved to issue a dividend of ten per cent, to be allowed to buyers at the next sale in payment for goods, and paid to others in ready money as fast as it comes in, warrants for the same, payable to the respective adventurers, to be ready by the 18th instant. Though this may seem but a small proportion after so many years, 'God having so much blessed our affairs', yet for the reasons given it could not be greater, but in the event of continued success, the Court will be ready to make such further dividend as will be consistent with the carrying on the trade and keeping up their credit. The Governor 'to gratifie a person with thirty guineys, who hath been civil to the Company on all occasions and ready to

further the procuring payment of moneys due unto them'. Several persons being recommended for service. the Court resolve to consider next Wednesday who to employ to manage the trade intended to be settled to the north-east of India. Three men are entertained to serve as clerks in the Accountant's Office, viz Thomas Butler at 30*l.* per annum, Robert Machen at 25*l.* per annum, and Samuel South at 30*l.* per annum, South to be allowed at the same rate from the time he first served in the said office (1*¼ pp*)

NEWS-LETTER TO SAMUEL GOODWYN, MAY 6, 1671 (*Public Record Office. S P Dom., Car II* 289, no 173)

. . The Dutch fleet are ready to sail, but they are in little apprehension of damage from the French by sea, their East India Actions being now at 560, the highest ever known . . The 2nd the *Reserve* arrived in the Downs with soldiers from Plymouth, accompanied by two East Indiamen from Bantam . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 10, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 240)

Francis Morris to be paid for carpenter's work done in the Company's House, at Leadenhall, and in the Exchange cellars The cistern at Leadenhall to be examined and an estimate of the repairs necessary reported Samuel Sowton at Stockholm to be written to and told not to make any contract for the copper to be delivered in London unless it can be had at the Company's limited price To hasten the unloading of the two ships in the river the Husband is to send on board some more 'bag-sewers', or promise more pay to those already employed for working beyond the usual time A letter for the King from the King of Bantam has been received, and the Deputy, Lord Berkeley, and Sir John Banks are desired to present it to one of the Secretaries of State, and tell him of the condition of the Company's affairs at Bantam, also that some Indian fowl have been brought back for His Majesty, and ascertain to whom these shall be delivered The petition of Robert Lewis to be examined The transfer of 500*l.* subscription in the General Joint Stock by John and Ann Phelps of Henley to Nathaniel Herne, in the presence of John Taylor, Henry Gooding, and Deborah Joyce, is approved. Several petitions for employment and recommendation of persons for entertainment as factors are read and referred to the

Committees to ascertain and report on the qualifications of the applicants. Black pepper to be offered at 9*d*. the lb., and the Committees are desired to meet this afternoon to price the goods for sale and give directions as to their lots and tare. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 12, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 242).

Six parcels of tea from the Company's warehouse to be delivered to Captain Risby. The owners of the *Ann* offer her for service, and undertake that she shall be ready to sail from Gravesend by June 15 next, Captain Prowd is directed to take a survey of her, and Captain Zachary Brown's request to be allowed to take her into dock for speedy refitting although there is still a considerable amount of pepper in her, is granted, on condition that the owners defray the cost of unlading the said pepper. The sum of 6*d*. a cloth to be allowed for 'playning of broad clothes'. A bill of exchange for 115*l*. 10*s*., drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam payable to John Thriscross, is accepted. The sum of 5*l*. to be paid for six maps describing the north-east parts of the Indies. The Committee for Writing Letters to read two intended for the King of Bantam and alter them as they see fit. The account of Thomas Chappel to be examined. Several petitions for employment are read and referred for consideration to the Committees, and a resolution is passed that no more petitions for employment as writers in the service shall be received. The Committee for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to two answers now read, one to the bill of complaint of Thomas Pinfold, the other to the bill of Thomas and Susannah Woodcock. The Governor and Deputy to make inquiries touching 'some particular concernment' of the Company, and spend what is necessary, but not to exceed 10*l*. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, MAY 12, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid*., p. 244)

The Governor informs the generality of the order of the Court of Committees of the 5th instant by which a dividend of ten per cent is to be made to the adventurers immediately after the sale as money comes in, those buying goods to be allowed it in payment of the same, others to be paid in ready money. for which warrants will be issued on the 18th instant. He also tells them that, in pursuance of a clause in the preamble, a valuation of the Stock is being prepared and will be ready between this and next August (1 p.)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MAY 12, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 447).

Acknowledge his letters of the 12th and 19th ult., and note what he has done as regards their first commission for 4,000*l.*, and his advice concerning the other for 10,000*l.*, that the copper plates cannot be procured at the limited price of 5*l.* 14*s.* the cwt clear of all charge and delivered in London. Will not advance that price, so direct him to defer further action until further order ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p*)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, MAY 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 245).

Sale of Persian and cotton yarn, Jambi and Malabar pepper, white pepper, long pepper, light and discoloured pepper, flags, chips, dust, and scummings of pepper, benzoin, sugar, tamarinds, seed-lac, salt-petre, sweepings of saltpetre, and saltpetre bags, St Helena hides, blue, brown, and white longcloth, sallampores, parcallaes, morees, tafietas, blue pautkaes, Guinea stuffs, brown dungarees, some damaged long-cloth and sallampores, wrappers, and cotton wool With prices and names of purchasers ($6\frac{1}{2}$ *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 252)

Samuel Baron to be paid 50*l.* on account. The owners of the *Ann* to be paid 3,000*l.* upon account of her freight and demurrage Upon petition, William Saxby, promising amendment, is readmitted to the Company's service, from which he was dismissed by reason of 'many omissions and misbehaviour' Sir John Lewis again requesting payment of the bill of exchange for 550*l.* drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam for Mainston's account, is told, as before, that Mainston is expected back by this year's shipping, a positive order for his return having been sent both by the *Ann* and the *Greyhound* By desire of Sir Francis Clarke, his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration and the referees nominated for each side. Payment to be made to John Squire. ($1\frac{1}{4}$ *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1671 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 253)

The following men are elected to serve the Company at Japan. as factors: Simon Delboe, William Gyfford, Thomas Bawds, David Stephens, Robert Sainthill, Thomas James, Thomas Harris, William Ransden, Elsha Bridges, and Henry Croke. As writers Robert

Meadowes, Charles Sweeting, John Chappel, George Chowne, Thomas Wilmer, Nicholas Wayte, and William Witherden. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 19, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 254).

Dr Henry Wilkinson, an adventurer in the General Joint Stock, is admitted to the freedom gratis, and 5*l.* due from the late Quarles Browne, who was also an adventurer in the said Stock, is remitted to his executor. The like favour is shown to Mr. Tillyard and Francis Thomson. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be delivered to Mr. Thomlinson, he having cleared his indigo. The accounts of Thomas Sargeant, Mr. Cason, and Mr. Abjohn to be examined. Mary Wright, a widow, whose husband was employed for a long time in the Company's service in India, is given 40*s.* from the poor-box. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be delivered to the executors of the late Mr. Milward, who was entitled to the freedom having been servant to Anthony Abdy. Mr. Nicholson and Benjamin Coles are also to have the said dividend, both having taken the oath as freemen. Next Friday is appointed for agreeing upon the stations and salaries of those elected to serve in Japan ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], MAY 19, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol iv, p. 447).

Have heard nothing from him since their last, so this is only to confirm what they then said and to desire him to send speedy advice how he can comply with their orders ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 255).

The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* to be paid 4,000*l.* on account of freight and demurrage, and Captain Risby offering that ship for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Musk belonging to Thomas Pearle to be left in the Treasury, but Peaile to be allowed to sell it, paying the proceeds into the Company's cash, there to remain until the account of the late Henry Pearle is made up. William Sherington and William Finch are admitted to the freedom by service, and Walter Pell is admitted gratis. Payment to be made to John Moore for lead, to Captain Johnson for repairs in the *Return*, and to John Mead. The Committees, to whom the account of the late Thomas Chappel was referred, report that no salary was allotted to him on his

going out ; they are directed to reckon this at the rate of 30*l.* per annum, and state his account accordingly. The sum of 122*l.* to be paid to Nathaniel Herne, as administrator to the late Richard Cason, whose bonds and covenants are to be cancelled. A petition for employment from Samuel Pots, recommended by Lord Berkeley, is referred. The account of the late Henry Gainpin to be examined, also what right Solomon Bolton has to it. Payment to be made to Roger Chappel, administrator to his brother Thomas, in accordance with a report now read and approved. (1½ pp.)

THE KING TO THE SULTAN OF BANTAM, MAY 24, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 455).

His Majesty acknowledges the receipt of a letter, and a present of a creese and four lances from the most famous and renowned Sultan Abull Fettahee King of Bantam, and wishes him health, prosperity, and happiness. A further answer and acknowledgment will be sent by the ships of the East India Company next winter. In the meantime His Majesty desires to tell the Sultan of the measures by which friendship with him and his country do and must always subsist. His royal predecessors by their charters granted to the East India Company sole traffic to all the kingdoms and places of the East beyond the Cape of Good Hope with full power to correspond with all Emperors, Kings, and Princes in those parts in order to trade with them, which power and authority His present Majesty has confirmed by renewing the said Company's charter, therefore though the Sultan's letter and present has been willingly accepted as a testimony of friendship, yet it must be understood that all power and authority has been transferred to the said Company to trade and correspond with the Sultan and all other Princes and Kings in those parts 'without reserving any distinct correspondence to Ourselfe'. His Majesty hopes that the Sultan will confirm the ancient agreement made with the Company, or make such other as shall be of mutual advantage, and give them all encouragement and protection in their trade, that they may have the privilege of governing and ordering their own affairs according to agreements already made, and that the Sultan will, whenever they have recourse to his protection, show them justice and favour. 'This, and this only wee intended by the expressions of our letter, wherein wee recommended them to Your Majestie and wee declare that your justice and kindnes to our Company and to their Agents and Ministers residing with you in the Indies are

the only acts of your freindship which wee expect or can receive.' His Majesty particularly desires the Sultan to allow a fair and friendly correspondence with the Agents and Councils of the said Company residing in those parts, from whom he shall be supplied with all things, by way of commerce, which Europe affords, and whatever respect or protection afforded to the said Agents and Councils and whatever privileges or preferences in trade shown to them the Company will acknowledge 'Given at our Court at Whitehall.' Signed 'Your affectionate freind Charles R'

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 26, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p 257).

The sum of 5*l* to be remitted to John Good (*Wood in the margin*) minister of Redruth, he being an adventurer in the General Joint Stock. A report from the Committee for Debts is read, and order given for Butler, one of the clerks in Harbert's office, to keep separate books of accounts for all moneys due for freight and permission on fine goods and bullion to and from India and give Dunkin notice of having received these, for all goods exported for India on which the Company are to receive the half subsidy, and for all sums received for admission to the freedom of the Company. Butler is also from time to time to call upon all debtors to clear their accounts, and report their answers to the Committee for Debts, and the Auditor is to inspect these accounts and see that all this is done Harbert is to draw up a list of all adventurers who have paid their 5*l*. but not taken the oath of a freeman, and of those who have not paid The Secretary is to keep a distinct register of all bonds entered into by factors and their securities, and ascertain whether the latter are answerable to the 'quality' and salary of the factor, and in case of any deficiency to report to the Court. The factors entertained lately are now ranked according to ballot David Stephens to be first, Thomas Bawds third, and to fill the post of accountant, Simon Delboe to be fourth, William Gyfford fifth, and Robert Santhull sixth The petition of Mary Sargeant is referred for examination. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 31, 1671 (*Ibid*, p 258).

The sum of 5*l* is remitted to Mr. Blackmore, late minister of St. Peter's, Cornhill, to the widow of Mr. Carpenter, late minister at London Wall, and to Mrs. Bowen, whose husband was formerly servant

to the Company, all being adventurers in the present Joint Stock. Damaged pepper returned in the *Loyal Merchant* and in the *Anne* to be delivered to the owners of those ships and placed to their account. The account of John Camel to be examined. At the request of Thomas Pearle, the differences depending between the Company and the late Henry Pearle are referred to arbitration, the referees named, and told that a decision is to be arrived at within the next two months. Thomas Hancock is admitted to the freedom by service. The Deputy reporting that Elisha Bridges is unable to proceed to his employment as a factor, the petition of Samuel Griffith for entertainment is read, and the latter, having some knowledge of drugs and physic, speaking French, Spanish, and Portuguese, and several Committees testifying to his sobriety and good behaviour, he is elected a factor. Harbert to deliver Mr. Bulkley's warrant for his dividend to his servant, but to take care that 10*l.* of it is left in the Company's hands until the adventure for 100*l.*, transferred by Bulkley to Mr. Drax, is withdrawn, or accepted by the latter. The account of Arthur Bennet, late servant to Captain Barker, to be stated (14 pp.).

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 31, 1671
(*Public Record Office S P. Dom*, Car II 290, no. 84).

. . . The East India Company's ketch, sent to meet the homeward-bound Indiamen, came in here after cruising ten or twelve days without meeting any of them

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 2, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 260)

Several persons complaining that the Accountant demands a fine of 5*l.* for adventures before giving the dividend warrant, although the said adventures may only be for 100*l.* or less, the Court order that the fine be remitted to all whose adventures do not exceed 100*l.*, but on any adventures beyond that sum the fine must be paid. Thomas Wilson and Mr. Wood to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. Messrs Knapton and Kent, Benjamin Child, and Lawrence Saucer are recommended for entertainment, and some of the Committees are desired to ascertain their respective qualifications. The Court, noting that many adventurers have not yet applied for their warrant nor received the ten per cent dividend, though money has been kept in cash for pay-

ment of the same, declare that those who bought goods at the last sale shall, until June 16, have allowance given to them on their accounts for money due on any warrants, but after that time no discount will be allowed but from the time of their producing the said warrants. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare one in answer to that received from the Agent and Council of Bantam, and give their opinion as to what should be added Roger Chappel, having paid the award decided upon by the referees, moves for some abatement; the Court, not wishing to encourage such a course yet hearing that some of the referees had intimated that Chappel might expect it, agree to allow him 60*l* Edward Boverly is admitted to the freedom by service. The petition of John Jerry to be examined. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 7, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 261)

A fine of 5*l*. is remitted to the widow of John Phipp on her adventure of 125*l* in the General Joint Stock, and order given for the dividend to be delivered to her A 'scrutore' and some China ware returned in the *Loyal Merchant* to be delivered to Thomas Pearle. Payment to be made to John Camel Mr Gurney claiming some of the musk belonging to Henry Pearle now in the Company's warehouse, at the request of Thomas Pearle, order is given for the quantity claimed to be delivered. Sir John Banks to ascertain from the Secretary of State whether the guns to be presented to the King of Bantam are to be made in brass, so that timely directions may be given for casting them Two letters prepared to be sent to the King of Bantam are approved, and it is agreed that the President and Council of Surat be ordered to provide and have ready every September goods sufficient to lade a ship for Bantam, that the salary and gratuity of Mr Brigs, minister there, be increased from 60*l*. to 100*l* per annum to begin from to-day, and that Mr Albyn be desired to provide the books mentioned in the list received from the Agent and Council to be added to the Company's library at Bantam The Committee for the Treasury to provide 40,000 dollars for shipment in the *Anne* The Governor reporting that Mr. Bawds cannot proceed in the Company's service, it is resolved to recommend William Gyfford to the Agent and Council to be employed as Chief in one of the factories to be settled at Tunqueen or Formosa Thomas James to be employed as one of the factors for Japan At the request of Mr. Billingsly, the difference touching Mr Stevenson is referred to arbitration, to be settled within the next two months. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 9, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 263).

The fine of 5*l.* due for his adventure in the present Stock is remitted to Stephen Watkins, minister In accordance with the desire of the Agent and Council at Bantam, John English, secretary there, is given an additional 10*l.* yearly. A paper containing information of some practices designed by Thomas Skinner, to the prejudice of the kingdom, and particularly of the East India Company, is read, and order given for a copy to be made and taken by the Deputy, Sir John Robinson, and Sir John Banks, or any one of them, to one of the principal Secretaries of State, and all members of this court are enjoined to secrecy on the subject The Committees for Japan are desired to ask M Baron what further knowledge he has obtained touching this trade The owners of the *Anne* to be paid for imprest, and her Captain, Zachary Brown, for primage and average Directions are given for sheathing the Company's ships, 'to be at least one inch and quarter thick, well caulked and nailed' The Committee for the City Lands to be treated with for some convenient warehouse room in Gresham College. On a report, made by the Committee for Accounts February 10, 1669, the Court gave directions that Sambrooke should be answerable for all goods that came into his hands, and if he accommodated any friends with small quantities he was to charge for these at the same rate as the rest would be sold at, but now it is resolved that Sambrooke must not sell any part of the goods in his custody until they have been offered at the candle. John Kent is chosen as one of the five factors to be sent to Japan. Petitions for employment are read from Joseph Clissald, Samuel Bickerton, Henry Ireton, James Harding, Edward Barwel, John Blount, William Keeling, John Scrape, Samuel Potts, and Isaac Trippier, and the Committees are desired to ascertain and report as to their respective 'qualifications and demeanour'. Sir Robert Cordwell's request that his son William may be entertained to be considered but it is resolved that no more petitions for employment shall be received Payment to be made to the owners of the *John and Martha* on account of freight. The fine on certain calicoes to be remitted to Timothy Cludisley. Payment to be made to Mary Barker. Provision of coral for India to be considered next Friday. Harbert is instructed to write off Mr Trevisa's debt of 420*l.* to the account of profit and loss, also the sum of 146*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* from the account of the United Joint Stock to

Mr. Greenhill's account; and the sum of 1*l.* 18*s.* from the account of that Stock to the debt of Sir Thomas Chambers. Moses to take legal proceedings against Thomas King, Mr. Fulford, and other debtors, lest by delay their debts fall within the statute of limitations Fulford, or those who negotiate for him, to be spoken to about his debt. Morgan Powell is admitted to the freedom by redemption (2½ pp)

SIR JOHN ROBINSON TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 12, 1671 (*Public Record Office. S P. Dom, Car II* 290, no. 200).

Enclosing an information from the East India House given in by one Baron, and desiring that it be shown to Lord Arlington and returned with his opinion .

NEWS-LETTER TO MR COLES AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE, SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 15, 1671 (*Ibid* , no. 226)

. On the 12th two East India ships came into the Downs, the *Constantinople* from Surat, and the *Berkeley Castle* from Bantam .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 265).

A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be given to Samuel Lee, minister, he affirming that he is free of the Company. Sir John Robinson states that he gave a copy of M Baron's information concerning Thomas Skinner to Lord Arlington, and one to Secretary Trevour. Captain Risby to be paid for the bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, and Captain Zachary Brown for one drawn by the Agent and Mr Mainston. Sir Robert Cordwell presenting his son for service, the Court promise to consider him The following men are elected to serve as factors William Knapton, Joseph Clissald, Henry Ireton, Edward Barwel Samuel Potts and William Keeling are elected to serve as writers The votes for election of Benjamin Child as a factor being equally divided, decision concerning him is deferred Mr Walthew to be allowed to ship in the *Anne* twelve gallons of canary, and some brandy for his son's account The Farmers of the Customs to be paid 8,000*l* on account. A gratuity of 17*l* is given to Mr Tutchin, chaplain in the *Return*, 'for his extraordinary pains and care in the last voyage', and the chirurgion's mate in the said ship is given 5*l* 'for his great labour and pains in the Company's service'. Mr. Banks of Hamburg to be written to and told to buy at once 'copper Unger

plates' to the value of 4,000*l.* as cheaply as possible and not to exceed the price given for them last year. (1½ *p*.)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS. BANKS [AT HAMBURG], JUNE 16, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 447).

Acknowledge their letter of the 19th ult. advising that Sowton has drawn upon them for 3,000 dollars in three bills, this shall be punctually repaid. Note their advice that copper plates have fallen in price upon the expected arrival of some in Holland, and that when these come the price will fall still more. Commission them to buy to the value of 4,000*l.* sterling in the several sorts of plates they provided last year, not to exceed the price then given, but to buy at the cheapest rate possible. (½ *p*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 21, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 267).

The dividend due to Mr Crane to be paid to his assignee, Mr. Fairfax. Warrants for their respective dividends to be delivered to Mr Ellick, Philip Jackson, Paul Priaulx, and Susan Hicock. Remittance of the 5*l.* due on their adventures is made to Mr Giffard, minister, and to the widow of the late Mr Archer, minister. Musk, seed pearls, and two quilts returned in the *Berkeley Castle*, to be delivered to Humphrey Gifford, free of permission. On petition Elizabeth Wrenman, whose late husband was second mate in the *Anne* and died on the homeward voyage, is to have delivered to her free of fine some camphor, and if it is found that Wienman behaved well on the voyage, she is to be refunded the fines she paid on white pepper, as a gratuity. Captain Zachary Brown asks to have delivered to him free of fine some white pepper he received in Bantam in satisfaction for a debt, the Court express dislike of his behaviour in this matter, yet, though unable to grant his request, they promise to consider him in some other way. It having been found expedient to prohibit private trade in white pepper and as attempts to bring it home are still made, the Court declare that no abatement in the fine for it shall be made to any one acting in opposition to this prohibition, and the Committees are not to move for any gratuity in lieu of it. Captain Prowd to see that the treasure is shipped safely in the *Anne*. The Court to consider next Friday whether to elect any more factors or writers. Mr. Sowton at Stockholm to be written to and told to provide at once copper Ungar plates to the value of

4,000*l.* at the cheapest rate procurable and not to exceed the price he gave last year; Mr Banks at Hamburg to be sent orders to the same effect. The Surat Committee to examine the advices, protests, and papers relating to the miscarriages of Mr. Lambton and others in Persia, also what is written concerning Mr. Rolt, and report what they consider best to be done. A bill for turnery ware to be examined. Mr Deluna stating that in January, 1658, he with some others stood surety in a bond for 500*l.* for Richard Wilde then entertained as a factor, and praying that, as the said Wilde died before arriving in India, the bond may be delivered up, his request is referred for consideration. John Ogilby to be given 5*l.* for a book he presented to the Company called 'The Second and Third Embassy to the Emperour of China.'¹ Consideration to be had about sending guns to Bombay to be kept there as a magazine. (2½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 269).

Jewels and fine goods returned in the *Berkeley Castle* and *Constantinople Merchant* to be brought to the Company's House. The petition of Jacob Aboab is referred to certain Committees who are to ascertain what composition he has made with his creditors. A dividend warrant due to the late Mr. Riley to be delivered to his executor, Mr. Huckle. A letter is read from Sir David English, consul at Bordeaux, about 'a proposition for preserving fresh water from corruption',² and directions are given for Sir David to be written to and told that the Company formerly received a similar offer, but did not accept it, nor will they trouble him any more about the matter. Great inconvenience having been caused through the King of Bantam's 'insinuations with some of the commanders', and the sending of presents to England which has proved troublesome and inconvenient, and caused expectations of returns of much greater value, order is now given that in future no commander, officer, or seaman shall speak with the King, or any of his great men about the Company's affairs, and His Majesty be told that the Company's business is to be transacted by the Agent and Council, to whom he may communicate whatever he wishes. The commanders to be instructed to keep their ships always in a good posture of defence and so prevent any attempt at a surprise, especially on arriving near St. Helena, or approaching any land. These instructions to be sent to Captain Brown in the *Anne*. The Governor of St. Helena to be written

¹ See vol vi (1660-3), p. 160.

² See vol viii (1668-70), p. 101

to about certain particulars now debated Paul Priaulx takes the oath as a freeman. Payment to be made to Anne Lee. White pepper lately bought by Sir Francis Clarke to be examined, he complaining that black is mixed with it; a just allowance to be made for this. The Committee for Lawsuits to examine the form of charterparties now in use and insert a clause prohibiting any commodities (black pepper excepted) to be shot into the hold, under a penalty of forfeiture of half the freight, and payment for all damage caused, they are also to examine the covenants for factors and alter them as they see fit. The Shipping Committee to provide for the King of Bantam in return for his present three brass guns, one hundred firelocks, and two hundred matchlocks, all which it is estimated will cost 499*l*. Crosby House to be viewed in order to ascertain what warehouse room is or may be made there, and Mr. Langham's demands for the same to be reported. Sampson Potts of Lichfield and John Potts of Westminster are accepted as security in 500*l* for Samuel Potts, writer. Mr. Wilson is ordered not to prosecute any suit in the Company's name against Sir William Hooker until he has cleared his account with the Company. Benjamin Childe, through the Governor's casting vote, is elected a factor. The Committee for Accounts to examine the men newly entertained as to their skill in writing and keeping accounts. The request of Mrs. Coney to receive the legacy given by Duchess Dudley towards redemption of her son now in captivity, she being 'somewhat allied' to the Duchess, is referred for consideration. (2 pp)

THE COMPANY TO SULTAN ABULL FETTAHEE, KING OF BANTAM AND MANY OTHER TERRITORIES, JUNE 23, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol iv, p 456)

They acknowledge the receipt of His Majesty's letter and present by the *Loyal Merchant*, and promise to send the commodities desired by the winter shipping if they can be ready in time. By divers royal charters under the Great Seal from several Princes of this realm, which have been confirmed by His present Majesty, they have been granted the sole trade of all the East beyond the Cape of Good Hope, and correspondence with all Emperors, Kings, and Princes, and though it is unusual for their King to treat with any of the said Princes, yet when the Sultan wished to send him a present they did all in their power to help and to procure a return from His Majesty. But they learn that this correspondence has caused the Sultan some apprehension about the diminution of their authority and of that of their Agent and

Council, whereas they acted as they did that it might appear how much His Majesty appreciated the kindness and respect shown to them and their Agent and Council, in explanation of which His Majesty has now written. They are informed by their Agent and Council that when, at the request of the Sultan, they sent powder, musket, bandoleers, and match in the *London*, and in the *Loyal Merchant* four brass guns and twenty-seven iron guns (instead of the thirty brass guns as desired) for which the Sultan had promised to pay the prime cost on arrival, yet he made some question as to these being sent as presents, or that some person had insinuated that the said guns belonged to the King when they were bought by the Company and sent by desire of the Sultan as merchandise and not as presents, and their Agent and Council could not do otherwise than acquaint him with this. Though they accepted the Sultan's present and made some return, yet their usual way of correspondence with Emperors, Kings, and Princes in the East has always been and still is through their Agent and Council at Bantam, therefore they desire the Sultan to show the latter respect and kindness, they acting under authority, and to correspond with them upon all occasions, and encourage them in their trade, for the Sultan must see how constant they have been to his port since their arrival in his dominions, and what great advantage he has gained thereby. They also desire that what capitulations and agreements have been made by the Sultan with their Agents as to protection, privileges, trade, or other encouragements may be kept inviolable, and such further grants made to them as shall be for the advantage of the Sultan and the promotion of trade, that no misapprehensions may arise in future as to privileges, customs, presents, or any other thing whatsoever, and they for their part will give directions to their Agent and Council to behave with all fairness and due honour and punctually to keep such Articles and Agreements as shall be made. They desire, as a means of encouraging them in their trade in the Sultan's dominions, that he will enable them to procure pepper at more reasonable rates so that they may be able 'to keepe marketts with the Dutch', for such great quantities are brought into Europe by the Dutch, French, Portuguese, and Danes both from India and from the South Seas, and it has become so cheap that unless it can be bought on reasonable terms it will not be worth bringing over, and were they to stop buying it in the Sultan's dominions he can well understand how prejudicial it would be for him. Should the Sultan have occasion for guns, muskets, or other European

commodities in the way of commerce, he should agree with their Agent for what is wanted and they will endeavour to supply the same. They have instructed their Agent and Council several times to inform the Sultan how difficult it is to obtain a quantity of 'peesces of eight of Civell and Mexico stampe, espetially those that are waighty', and therefore beg him to allow 'piller rials of eight' to pass in his dominions, they being 'full as fine and waighty', or that silver and gold by the ounce or such coins as are obtainable may pass in his territories according to their true value, if he does not do this much prejudice will arise to trade because now so much 'piller mony' is coined (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol iv, p 464).

This serves only to enclose a packet for Consul Lanoy which they desire may be forwarded as soon as possible ($\frac{1}{8}$ p)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS DETHICK AND COMPANY [AT LEGHORN], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid*, p 465)

Acknowledge their letter of the April 3 with the packets from India. Enclose a packet and desire them to forward it as opportunity presents ($\frac{1}{8}$ p)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 465)

Acknowledge his letter of January 18 with packets enclosed Send two packets, one via Leghorn, the other via Marseilles, directed to their Chief and factors at Gombroon, which they desire him to forward by the first safe conveyance ($\frac{1}{4}$ p)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS BANKS [AT HAMBURG], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 465).

Have not heard from them since their last letter. Wish to enlarge the commission then given, and now order them to buy copper plates to the value of 4,000*l*. (in addition to those already ordered) of the several kinds previously mentioned, at the cheapest rates, and not to exceed the price of those bought last year ($\frac{1}{4}$ p)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], JUNE 23, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 465)

Acknowledge his advice concerning copper laden on board the *St. Jacob*, of which they have received an invoice and a bill of lading.

Have written Messrs. Banks that when they shall draw upon them for the 3,000 dollars payable to John Juyst, their bills will be accepted and paid Give a further commission for the purchase of Ungar copper plates to the value of 4,000*l.* to be procured as cheaply as possible and shipped off by the middle of next August. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO [LORD ARLINGTON], JUNE 27, 1671
(*Public Record Office: C.O. 77, vol. xii, f. 1*).

They humbly desire that in case Sir Edward Spragge or any other on His Majesty's behalf shall be authorized to treat with those of Algiers for making a peace, a clause may be inserted in his instructions to insist that satisfaction be made to the Company, or to their assigns, for one chest of gold and two of silver, valued at 12,316*l.* 13*s* 9*d.* sterling, taken out of the *Morning Star* on February 15, 1669, by a Turkish man-of-war called the *Golden Rose*, commanded by one Allee Rice, all which has been fully proved by affidavits and acknowledged by the Diwan of Algiers. Signed Andrew Riccard, Governor. *There is a duplicate of this memorial on the next page, dated June 30, 1671.*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 28, 1671 (*Court Book, vol. xxvii, p. 272*)

A fine of not less than 3*d.* in the lb to be put upon white pepper brought this year from India The Treasury Committee to affix the Company's seal to their answer to Mr Pinfold's bill in Chancery. The report of the Committees who examined Crosby House is considered, and the Court, finding that the said house has no convenient warehouse room and that Mr Langham is unwilling to let it be converted into warehouses, resolve to decline treating any further about it, but thank Mr. Langham for his civil offer Thomas Davis, linen draper, requests that law proceedings taken against him may be stopped, and promising to pay his debts by instalments, Moses is directed to stay prosecution. A bill of exchange for 385*l* payable to Captain Horsman drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam is accepted. Mr Aboab to be compounded with for his debt at not less than 5*s.* in the pound ready money. The bond entered into by the sureties of William Abjohn to be given up on payment by the said sureties of 10*s* 10*d.* into the Company's cash. The petition of John Codrington is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to examine the petitioner about the charges

brought against him, and report whether he is sensible of his misbehaviour. Thomas Wilson to be sued for his debt to the Company. Sir John Banks is desired to present a memorial to Lord Arlington about the treasure stolen from the *Morning Star* in February, 1669. (1½ pp.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 28, 1671
(*Public Record Office: S P. Dom, Car. II. 291, no 62*)

At noon arrived the *Zante* from the East Indies

THE COMPANY TO SIR DAVID INGLISH, Consul at Bordeaux, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Letter Book, vol. iv, p. 466*)

Have received his letter of the 22nd instant and considered his proposals as to the preserving of water from putrefaction They have formerly received a similar overture which they did not see fit to entertain and they continue still in the same mind. (½ p)

NEWS-LETTER TO MR. WARNE AT THE WHITE HARE, WINCHESTER, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Public Record Office S P Dom, Car II 291, no. 65*)

The *Zante*, from the East Indies, reports that she left five more East India ships on this side of Ascension. .

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JUNE 29, 1671 (*Court Book, vol xxvA, p 91*)

Ordered that twelve pieces of fine cloth and one hundred green cloths be provided, the purchase of white cloth for next year to continue and, if it is satisfactory, the quantity wanted will be stated later That the following ships be appointed to the several stations (unless orders to the contrary are given), viz for the Coast and Bay. the *Experiment*, Captain William Lymbry, *Loyal Subject*, Captain William Goodlad; *Berkeley Castle*, Captain Robert Fisher, *Joanna*, Captain Hopefor Bendall, *Rebecca* (if fit), Captain James Marriner; *Anne* (if she arrives in time for the Coast and Bantam), Captain Abraham Dawes For Surat: the *Loyal Merchant*, Captain Henry Risbye; *Return*, Captain John Atkins, *Golden Fleece*, Captain Pearce; *Mediterranean* (for Surat and Bantam), Captain Richard Goodlad; *Rainbow* (if she arrives seasonably), Captain Richard Goodlad. For Bantam five new ships, viz. the *Hannibal*, Captain Jonas Collier, *Surat Merchant*, Captain

Francis Johnson; *Expectation*, Captain John Whitley; *Mary*, Captain Matthew Crover; *Barnardiston*, Captain William Baker; and the *Zant Frigate*, Captain Andrew Parrack. In all seventeen ships, ranging in burden from 260 to 400 tons, their combined tonnage 6,220 tons, to be sent to the Indies in 1671. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p 273).

Some Committees complain that notwithstanding frequent injunctions to keep private all matters debated in court, particular discourses have been divulged and made use of, to the prejudice of the Company, and discouragement of the Committees in the discharge of their trust, hereupon it is ordered that no member of the court shall mention any transactions or passages debated or agreed upon in court when it is known that these are to be kept secret, and in no case make known the discourses of any particular member, it is also ordered that the officers attending the court shall keep secret all debates or proceedings at which they are present, and that in future none of the officers' assistants or clerks shall be admitted to the court unless sent for. It being represented that there will not be sufficient warehouserom for all the goods now expected home, and that there are some vaults to let in the Fishmongers' Hall, certain Committees are desired to consult with the several warehouse-keepers and ascertain where room may be found, examine the same, particularly the vaults referred to, and report to the Court. Nedham Fitch and William Cattel to be examined as to their qualifications and fitness by the Japan Committee, the said Committee also to give order for packing the cloths and stuffs designed for the north-east parts of India. Coral offered for sale by Mr. Woolley to be examined and the price ascertained. By request of the owners, the new ship to be commanded by Captain Hopewell Bental, and the ship now building by Captain Peirce are to be surveyed, and report made as to what work is necessary to be done to fit them for the Company's service. Sir John Jacob and Abraham Wilmer are accepted as security in 500*l*. for Thomas Wilmer, writer, and Richard Darley Esq. of Grays Inn and Peter Petite, merchant of London, as security in a like sum for Nicholas Wayte, writer. The factors and writers recently elected are now ranked and accorded their annual salaries as follows. David Stephens 150*l*, Simon Delboe 120*l*., William Gyfford, 120*l*. As they are to be employed in settling a trade in the north-east parts of the Indies, which is a new

undertaking, it is resolved that if this 'prove successfull, through the blessing of the Lord upon their endeavours, this Court will consider their pains with a suitable gratuity'. William Knapton 80*l.*, Benjamin Childe 60*l.*, and Thomas James 60*l.* These six men to be of Council at Bantam during their stay there and take their places after Peter Cooke in the order given above. The following factors are entertained at an annual salary of 30*l.* each William Ramsden, Thomas Harris, Samuel Griffith, Joseph Clissald, John Kent, Edward Barwell, and Henry Ireton; and the following writers at an annual salary of 10*l.* each William Keeling, Samuel Potts, Nicholas Waite, Robert Meadows, John Chappel, Thomas Wilmer, George Chown, Charles Sweeting, and William Witherden The Court decide not to make any further election at present either of factors or writers (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp)

PETITION OF THOMAS SKINNER TO THE KING, JULY 2, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Car II 291, no 116*).

For grant of his previous petition, the East India Company delaying to reply to his request for satisfaction for wrongs, and restoration of his island Barella. *Annexed, Petition of Thomas Skinner to the King for safe conduct to the East Indies, and a patent for the enjoyment of his island Barella, with free intercourse of trade thereto, relief being long promised him from the oppressions of the East India Company* (*Ibid.* no. 1161).

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 5, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 276)

The report of the Committee for Lawsuits on some alterations in the form of charterparties and factors' covenants is read and approved; it sets forth that all vessels entertained for Japan and dispatched in August or September must be reladen for England by January 10, 1673, provided they arrive at Bantam on or before May 1 next; that a clause be inserted in all charterparties forbidding any commander to permit goods (black pepper excepted) belonging to the Company to be shot into the hold or any other part of the ship, under penalty of the owners of the vessel forfeiting one half of the freight agreed to be paid for the said goods, and paying for any damage caused by this being done; that the clause touching the payment of seamen's wives, etc be inserted in all charterparties, and that in all covenant of factors and charterparties of ships employed by the Company to the north-east of Bantam certain

goods (a list is given) be prohibited, also copper and all sorts of ordnance. The Shipping Committee to direct the bringing up from the founders of the four brass guns, their testing and engraving. Resolved that instead of the three brass guns, as formerly ordered, four shall be provided for the King of Bantam. The account of the late Steven Charleton to be examined. The Japan Committee to give directions about the hot-pressing of the cloth to be sent to those parts. The petition of William Thomson, gunsmith, is referred to the Shipping Committee. Ralph Lee, Francis Gardiner, Thomas Death, John Ashby, and John Smyth are accepted as security, each in 200*l.*, for Benjamin Childe. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* on account of freight and demurrage. A warrant to be made out for the ten per cent dividend due to William Jarret for his adventure of 250*l.*, and Thomas Chamber to be permitted to sign to the acceptance of the adventure of 400*l.* transferred to him by Jarret. The request of Benjamin Martin that no dividend may be paid on the adventure of 281*l.*, transferred by Mrs. Brayn to Mr. James, until his claim is settled, which he undertakes shall be done by the end of Michaelmas term next, is granted, and order given accordingly, also for James to be told of the said claim that he may report his opinion concerning it. Private trade returned in the *Berkeley Castle*, *Constantinople Merchant*, and *Zant Frigate* to be examined by the Husband, who is to present particulars of it to the Committee for Private Trade, and deliver the goods into the custody of the owners of the respective ships. Money due to the late Thomas Boone to be paid (2½ *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 7, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 279)

A parcel of musk valued at 2,000 rupees to be delivered to Henry Oxinden, he paying the permission. Ann, widow of Sampson Waring, having bought an adventure in this Stock, is to be allowed the 5*l.* due, as her late husband 'was capable of his freedom'. Certain Committees to ascertain what Mr. Baron hath to offer to the Court touching his employment in their service, and tell him that John Scrape is not to be entertained, 'the Court being unsatisfied in what they hear of his ill conversation'. Joseph Prickman is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The Committee for Shipping to choose a chirurgion for Japan, and if Mr. St. Leger is 'well skilled in chirurgery' to entertain him. (1 *p.*)

MATTHEW ANDREWES TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JULY 8, 1671 (*Public Record Office. S P. Dom, Car. II. 291, no. 158*).

Forwarding an enclosure from the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 12, 1671 (*Court Book, vol xxvii, p. 280*)

The sum of 20*l.* to be paid to Mr Herne for foreign intelligence received from a correspondent of his, but in future he is desired to employ some other person and not let the cost exceed 5*l.* per annum A pot of musk containing 400 oz to be delivered free to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle*. The Committee for Private Trade to prepare letters for the commanders of the ships expected home, as information has been received that considerable quantities of prohibited goods were taken aboard the outward-bound Coast and Bay ships, the Committee to examine the commanders, seamen, surveyors and any one else employed aboard and report Certain Committees are desired to treat with the Committee for the City Lands for warehouse room in Gresham College upon terms as reasonable as possible, but if no agreement is reached then to try elsewhere. Steven Langham to be asked to extend the lease of the Blue warehouses and the yard belonging Thomas Bownest and William Leight admitted to the freedom by redemption Mr. Whit church asks for the head-money due to the chirurgeon of the *London*, in virtue of a letter of attorney produced; the question arises whether such allowance should be made to chirurgeons of the Company's own ships, and the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee. Matthew Turner to be given a warrant for his dividend, he being a freeman Mr. Lucas, owner of the *Zant Frigate*, to be paid 1,500*l.* on account of freight, and he offering the said ship for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her The petition of Elizabeth Nelson is referred to the Committee for Private Trade to ascertain if her husband behaved well in the voyage, and if so, to give her a suitable gratuity. The petition of Joseph Camel is referred to the Shipping Committee Damaged pepper returned in the *Constantinople Merchant* to be examined. John Turber-vile of Golden, Somerset, and Edward Chappel are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Chappel. Examination and report to be made of the petition of Mary Sarjeant, and of the printer's bill (2 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p 282).

Damaged pepper to be delivered to the owners of the *Constantinople*

Merchant. Some musk returned in the *Zant Frigate* to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, the permission money to be placed to the account of Agent Foxcroft The Husband to dispatch some hoyes and a double proportion of men to hasten the unlading of the *Experiment*, and the Shipping Committee to give directions for her speedy refitting and provisioning as she is to go with the *Return* to the north-east parts of India Thomas Wood is admitted to the freedom by patrimony, and Simon Delboe, who is entertained 'in a considerable employment', is admitted gratis. Two screens returned in the *Loyal Merchant* to be delivered to Thomas Pearle, he paying freight, custom, and all other charges. The report concerning goods prohibited in charterparties and factors' covenants to be considered next Wednesday (1 p.)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 17, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 466).

Enclose a packet to Consul Lanoy and desire it may be forwarded by the first safe conveyance. ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], JULY 17, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 467).

Acknowledge his letter of April 13 with the accompanying packets. Enclose their letters to the President and Council at Surat for dispatch by the first safe opportunity. ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

NEWS-LETTER TO GILBERT STAPEHILL AT DARTMOUTH, JULY 18, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S P Dom*, Car. II. 291, no. 208).

The *Greyhound* and *Anne* from the East Indies are lately arrived . . . The 13th, three East India ships came to the Downs . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 19, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 283)

Commanders of the *Loyal Merchant*, *Hannibal*, and *Experiment* to send to the East India House 'the diamonds and short ends' from their respective ships for delivery to the owners. The Auditor to draw up a statement of what is owing to the Company from the late Mr. Stephens' estate and deliver to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to give directions for the bonds of his sureties to be put in suit. Elizabeth Trankmoore to be excused the 5*l.* due for her adventure in the General Joint Stock in consideration of the services of her late husband, but

neither her children or servants are to expect any advantage from this order. On information that there is ground to be had on reasonable terms near Leadenhall, 'Minchen' Lane and St. Swithin's Lane, on which warehouses may be built more commodious for the Company's use than any now to be let, certain of the Committees are desired to view the said grounds, determine on the most suitable, and ascertain what is demanded for it. Wearing apparel and other personal things belonging to Mrs. Chuseman, returned in the *Coast Frigate*, to be delivered to her, and several chests of books, wearing apparel, and other necessities belonging to Mrs. Christian Hutchinson, returned in the *Loyal Subject* [sic] and *Hannibal*, to be delivered to her. A translation of M. Baron's propositions is read, and after debate referred to the Japan Committee, who are to acquaint him with the Court's opinion and direct him as they think fit with regard to the Dutchman who offers his services, they are also to inform themselves of the behaviour of Fitch Nedham and report. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle* on account of freight, and she being offered for further service, Captain Prowd is desired to take a survey of her. The Committee for the City Lands to be treated and agreed with for taking the Walks in Gresham College. A bond to be demanded from James Smith for what he owes the Company. William Witherden, Senior, a London draper, and John Sone, a London merchant, are accepted as security in 500*l* for William Witherden, Junior. Taffetas returned in the *Zant Frigate* consigned from Mr. Marsh to William Warren to be delivered to the latter, the fines on those for his mother and two sisters to be remitted, and those on the rest to be placed to the account of the said Marsh. The petition of John Robson is referred to the Japan Committee, and that of William Clough to the Committee for the South Sea Factories. Consul Lannoy's bill for expenses to be examined. (2½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 21, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 286).

Edward Rudge is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The diamonds and short ends returned in the *Loyal Subject*, *Hannibal*, and *Experiment* to be delivered to their owners. Mr. Edwards stating that he has a letter of attorney to receive the consignments made to Seignor Fonseca, or in his absence to Mr. Aboab, certain Committees are to ascertain from the latter if he consents to Edwards receiving these, and if so, they are to be delivered accordingly. The petition of Christian

Hutchinson, widow, is referred for consideration. Certain Committees to ascertain and report as to the qualifications of Mr. Hoskins, minister of 'Marleborow', who is recommended to serve the Company as a chaplain in India. Upon a report from the Japan Committee, it is resolved that M. Samuel Baron, who is entertained to go as Second to Japan, shall, in accordance with his wish, be allowed (in case of the death of the Chief) to go to Bantam or Surat and from thence to England, provided the Company's affairs at Japan are well settled. The Japan Committee to consider concerning the denization of M. Baron and report what they think fit to be done. Fitch Nedham is elected to serve as a factor at 20*l.* a year. Consul Lannoy to be paid 298 dollars at the rate of 6*s.* the dollar. Orders given for disposal of the damaged pepper, coffee, cotton yarn, and seed-lac returned in the *Berkeley Castle*. The Court resolve to consider next Wednesday their affairs at Japan and the articles for a trade at Formosa. The Committee for Lawsuits to report what alterations they think should be made in factors' covenants. The Shipping Committee to agree with Mr. Lucas about freighting the *Zant Frigate* for a voyage to Japan. Clothes and other personal things belonging to Mrs. Smythes, returned in the *Coast Frigate*, to be delivered to her. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 26, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 288).

John Langley and Giles Lidcot, London, merchants, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Samuel Griffith. The Committees for Sambrooke's warehouse to examine damaged goods returned in the *Zant Frigate* and *Berkeley Castle*, also any other damaged goods that shall come home this year in any of the Company's ships, and use their discretion as to delivery of the same. The porters, who through negligence let fall a bale of calicoes into the Thames, are to pay for it at the rate goods of the same kind shall fetch at the next sale. Mr. Meadows and Sir Philip Mcadowes are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Meadows, writer. A gratuity of 50*l.* to be presented to Christian, widow of James Hutchinson, in consideration of her husband's good services; she is also to be allowed for her passage home. The petition of Captain Parrick, commander of the *Zant Frigate*, is read and order given for the futtalongees he brought back to be examined. It is resolved to send to the Coast and Bay about 1,700 tons of shipping this year, besides the Bantam ship, which with 2,600 tons formerly advised to be sent to Bantam, Surat, the Coast, and Japan, and 1,600 tons to Surat (besides

the Bantam ship) makes 5,900 tons. The Deputy to draw up a list of vessels suitable to be dispatched to the several factories in accordance with their turns as nearly as possible. The commanders of the ships appointed for the Coast and Bay to be instructed not to keep aboard more than twenty-five tons of saltpetre to every hundred tons burden of their vessels on their departure from the Fort, and the Agent and Council there to be advised of this. Commanders, who have already been to the Coast and Bay, to report how the Company's ships may enter the river Ganges with safety John Young, chirurgeon in the *Zant Frigate*, to be paid 20s. for four passengers in that ship Bezoar stones and pills to be delivered free to Mr. de Liz but he is to pay the fine on some quilts The accounts of Cyriack Petit, George Rowe, and James Lord to be examined A bill of exchange payable to Captain Richard Goodlad, drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, to be accepted. A warrant for the ten per cent dividend to be given to Mr. John Allen and to Mrs Barrodale, they to pay 5*l.* for their freedom. An account of the freight of the *Zant Frigate* to be made out, and the owners and commander advised how to charge for private trade returned in that ship. Mr Hoskins is elected to serve as chaplain at Surat at 50*l.* a year and 50*l.* gratuity A fine of 40s. the cwt to be paid in future on all red earth brought from the Indies as private trade (2 *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 26, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 290)

A letter for the Agent and Council of Bantam, one from His Majesty, and one from the Company, to the Emperor of Japan, are read and referred to the Japan Committee to consider what is further necessary to be added; they are also to decide what further provision of scarlet and other cloths should be made, in view of the desires of the King of Tywan, how much coral and amber to send, and to provide these accordingly The Shipping Committee to see to the provision of powder guns, and iron to be sent aboard the three ships designed for Bantam, and entertain two experienced gunners and one gunsmith to serve the Company at Tywan. Letters from Stockholm are read but referred for consideration. A list of factors in the South Seas to be prepared by next Friday, when the Court will consider whether to entertain any more. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 28, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 291).

A parcel of stuffs, which Mr. Lewes alleges he bought from the Company as taffetas, to be examined. Four quilts to be delivered to Mr De Liz. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of William Horner, William Waillet, George Urial, Thomas Serjeant, and Thomas Morley. A fine of 20s. to be paid on every quilt brought as private trade from India, this to be inserted in charterparties and covenants The letter from Stockholm is considered and order given for Mr. Sowton to be commissioned to contract at once for eight or ten thousand pounds worth of copper Ungar plates to be delivered in London before the 1st of December next, the price not to exceed 5*l.* 17*s.* the cwt Thomas Morley to be paid and given 40*s* for clothes John Bull is admitted to the freedom by service The commander of the *Rebecca*, on behalf of her owners, offers that ship for further service (1½ *pp*)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, JULY 28, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 292)

Resolved that it be reported to the Court as the opinion of this Committee that there should be a general court of sales held on Tuesday, September 5 next Mr Joliffe states that, after conferring with Mr Dawson, he has agreed to take for the scavage on jewels one penny in every hundred pounds on aliens' goods After consideration of what has been written by Mr. Rolt, the Committees consider 1 That the two per cent consulage demanded from the English should be remitted 2. That a letter should be procured from His Majesty to the King of Persia desiring right may be done in the half-customs due to the Company, and a draft of a letter drawn up to that effect and presented to the Court. With regard to the factors employed at Bantam and in the South Seas, the Committees think it might be advantageous to the Company's affairs if two able and discreet merchants were added to the number there, but that no more young men should be entertained for those parts. (¾ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 2, 1671 (*Ibid*, p 293).

Captain Hill offering the *Hannibal* for further service, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Thomas Chown Esq of Alfriston, Sussex, and Bray Chown, grocer, of London, are approved as security in 500*l.* for George Chown, writer. The four new ships to be commanded

by Captains Johnson, Whitty, Crover, and Baker, to be entertained, the owners and commanders to make their proposals to the Company as usual, and the said ships to be surveyed. The *Rebecca* and *Mediterranean Merchant* are tendered for renewed service, but on information that both are bad sailers, the Court direct that a survey be taken of them to ascertain whether this is due to their build or otherwise, and how it may be rectified. The two new three-decked ships, to be commanded by Captains Pearce and Bendal, to be employed, and the owners or commanders to sign the customary agreement. Captain Hall, who has served the Company several years in the *Coast Frigate*, now superannuated, and has an interest in the new ship built by Mr. Lucas of Yarmouth, prays to be employed, the Court consent, provided his ship, upon survey, is found fit for their service. The following vessels are appointed to their several stations, viz for the Coast and Bay. the *Experiment*, *Loyal Subject*, *Berkeley Castle*, *Hannibal*, *Rebecca* (if upon survey found fit), and the *Ann*, Captain Dawes, if she arrives in time. For Surat *Loyal Merchant*, *Return* (from Japan), Captain Pearce's new ship, Captain Hall's new ship, and the *Rainbow*, if she arrives in time. For Bantam the five new ships built for Captains Bendall, Johnson, Whitty, Crover, and Baker, *Mediterranean* (if found fit), and the *Zant Frigate*. The Shipping Committee to see that the three ships designed for Japan are despatched from Gravesend by the end of the month, and that convenient accommodation is provided aboard them for the several factors, and the Japan Committee to see that all goods and provisions bought for Japan are sent aboard the said three ships in good time, and to inform the factors, who are to be of Council, of the designs of the Company in the present undertaking, of the instructions drawn up, and how they are to conduct themselves in their respective stations, bearing in mind that none is superior to the other but that all are to act jointly in Council in managing the Company's business, it being only for the sake of order that one is put before the other, and when the voting is equal on any question then the Chief is to 'have a double vote'. The Committee for Private Trade to send aboard the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zant Frigate* some careful persons with instructions to see that only goods allowed by order of the Court, the Governor, or Deputy, are to be laden in these ships, provisions excepted. Resolved that Captain Lymbry in the *Experiment* shall 'wear the flagg' in the expedition to Japan. The fine of 5*l.* due for his adventure in the General Joint Stock is remitted to Thomas Woodcot, minister. Pay-

ment for freight is made to the owners of the *Hannibal*. Resolved that no encouragement shall be given for the building of two-decked ships. The owners of the *Greyhound* to be paid for freight, and they offering that ship for further service and proposing, in case she is refused as being superannuated, to build a new two-decker, the Court give them no encouragement. Some China silk and some sehairs or 'raw tafaties of Bengale' to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, the fine due upon them to be charged to the account of his father, Agent Foxcraft. The account of William Colquait to be reported. Samuel Foote and Maurice Bawds are elected factors for Bantam, the former to take rank next to Peter Cooke and the latter next to Mr. Dornay. Private trade in the *Experiment* and the other ships to be examined. The court of sales is put off from the 5th to the 12th September, notice to this effect to be made public. A bill of exchange payable to John Bradenham, drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, is accepted. Several reports approved for payments to the following men: James Lord, George Rowe, William Waylet, Thomas Sarjeant, and William Horner. The several resolutions of the Committees who met on the afternoon of July 28 are agreed to and confirmed. (3½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 4, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 296).

Robert Welsteed admitted to the freedom by redemption. The following securities are approved. Rowland Wynn and John Ramsden both of London, in 500*l.* for William Ramsden, writer. Robert Bretton, London merchant, and Thomas Green, packer, in 2,000*l.* for David Stephens. Sir John Robinson and John Standen, apothecary of London, in 1,000*l.* for John Kent. John Banks and Company at Hamburg to be written to and desired to accept bills of exchange drawn upon them by Mr. Sowton to the value of 4,000*l.* over and above what has already been ordered, and charge the amount to the Company. The account of Nathaniel Briggs to be stated. Wine to be provided for the several factories and for the ships' companies, and sent by the winter shipping. Payments to be made to the administrators of Samuel Charleton and Syriac Petit. On complaint that great prejudice is done the Company by the private trading of several Englishmen, not in their service, but residing in the Indies and in Persia, order is given for this matter to be considered, also how these men may be repressed or recalled, the Secretary to remind the Court of the same. Pieces of 'tafaties

in the gum' to be delivered free to Daniel Sheldon, he having first invented the making of them, but it is resolved to impose a fine of 10s. a piece upon all taffetas, in or out of gum, brought from Bengal as private trade. Payment to be made to Sir Francis Clarke for moneys due on the accounts of Jeremiah Elam and Elizabeth Nelson Futta-longaes, belonging to John Young, surgeon in the *Zant Frigate*, who died on the homeward voyage, to be delivered free of fine to his administrator. A report on the account of William Clough is approved. The account of John Fleetwood and the petition of Bridget Hardy to be examined. A survey of the *Berkeley Castle* is approved. The purser of the *Loyal Subject* to deliver free of fine to Madame Duteel two pieces of silk sent to her as a token by the President of Surat. A box of writings in the custody of Dunkin to be examined by the Secretary and Auditor, and if nothing concerning private trade is found, then it is to be delivered to Messrs. Innis and Vincent, to whom it is directed. The money due to Mr. Morden for cellarage to be ascertained. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* on account of freight and demurrage (2 *pp*)

THE COMPANY TO MESSRS BANKS [AT HAMBURG], AUGUST 4, 1671
(*Letter Book*, vol iv, p 469)

Have commissioned Samuel Sowton to buy copper Ungar plates to the value of 4,000*l*. and draw bills upon them for that amount, these bills will be accepted when presented, and punctual payment made ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p*)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], AUGUST 4, 1671
(*Ibid*, p 469)

Acknowledge his letter of the 15th ultimo, by which they observe he has not yet executed their last commission. Have notified Messrs Banks to accept bills from him to the value of 4,000*l*. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 298)

Payment to be made to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, *Rebecca*, *Coast Frigate*, and *Loyal Subject* on account of freight and demurrage, and Captain Arnold Browne offering the last-named vessel for further service, order is given for her to be surveyed. At the request of Mr Sawyer, one of the securities of the late Mr Stephens, a copy of

what the latter is indebted to the Company is delivered to him, and order given for the law proceedings to be stayed for a week. Thomas Juxon affirming that he was admitted to the freedom by patrimony at the beginning of this Stock, Harbert is directed to deliver to him a warrant for the ten per cent dividend. The account of the owner and Master of the *Zant Frigate* touching overtonnage of goods brought back to be adjusted. Examination and report to be made of damaged goods in the charge of Papillon. The petitions of Thomas Newman, Elizabeth Prince, and Elizabeth Hatch are referred for consideration. At the request of the Portuguese Ambassador, the owners of the *Loyal Subject* are directed to deliver free of fine to Captain Bairos, a Portuguese who was a passenger in that ship, a trunk and cabinet containing wearing apparel and other necessaries, also some calicoes and silks. Thomas Breton and Francis Lodowick are accepted as security in 2,000*l.* for Simon Delboe. The accounts of Bartholomew Pickering and Thomas Wilson, late minister at Surat, to be reported. Certain Committees to agree with the Eastland Company touching the duties demanded on copper lately brought from Sweden for the Company. Reports concerning payments due to William Mathews, Robert Pearne, Moses Davis, and William Colquet are approved (1*½ pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 11, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 300).

Mr Nanfan and the other owners of the new three-decked ship, offered last March to the Company, present Captain Haddock for approbation as her commander. The Court signify their approval of him in case the said vessel is employed, but state that as yet they have no occasion for her. Examination and report to be made of the accounts of Tobias Brocke, William Walter, Matthew Watson, and William Ashford. The petitions of Ann Browning and Mr. Wilks are referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to use their discretion concerning both. The Court approve of the alterations made by the Committee for Lawsuits in factors' covenants, and desire the said Committee to meet this afternoon to perfect the form for charterparties. Edward Barwell to take place next to Samuel Griffith and before Joseph Clissald. Payment on account of freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *Greyhound*. Barbara Nedham of Stevenage, widow, and William Ivy, hosier, are accepted as security in 1,000*l.* for Fitch Nedham. The report of the Committee on the overtonnage of the *Zant* is approved; by it Captain Parrick is to be allowed freight free

certain piece-goods he brought back for himself, his wife, and two children, and all overplus of tonnage, above the five per cent. allowed by charterparty, is to be paid by the *Zant* and the rest of this year's shipping at the rate of 13*l* 6*s*. 8*d*. per ton, the said five per cent to be allowed only for goods laden for account of the owners, master, and seamen of the several vessels. (1½ *pp*)

THE COMPANY TO THOMAS WOODCOATE [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 14, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 471).

In their last of July 17 they enclosed a packet for dispatch to Consul Lanoy; they now send another packet and desire that it may be forwarded as opportunity shall present (½ *p*).

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL DELANOY [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 471).

On July 17 they sent him their packet to the President and Council at Surat, they now enclose another for dispatch. Have received his account of disbursements and paid the same, according to his desire, to John Jolliffe, being 298 dollars at 6*s* amounting to 89*l* 8*s*. 8*d* (½ *p*).

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 16, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 301).

The following securities are approved. Thomas Harris, Senior, haberdasher, and Miles Lukins, scrivener, both of London, in 1,000*l* for Thomas Harris, Junior, factor John Sweeting, merchant, and Charles Sweeting, pewterer, both of London, in 500*l* for Charles Sweeting, Junior, writer Captain Arthur Bayley and Richard Nash, grocer of Shadwell, in 1,000*l* for Thomas James, factor. Mr. Beale to go to Yarmouth, survey the new ship being built there by Mr Lucas, send a written report as to her progress and when she may be brought into the Thames, which service he is to perform at Lucas's expense Captain Jones requesting that the bond he entered into for Richard Francis may be delivered up, the account being cleared, the matter is referred to the Auditor. The fines on taffetas in the gum put to the account of Agent Foxcroft to be remitted because of 'his sufferings' in the Company's service. The account of Mr. Briggs to be examined Mr Sawyer requests that an appearance may be accepted to the action begun against him by the Company, and is told that if no prejudice will be caused it shall be as he wishes On reading the report on the petition of Thomas

Newman, whose father was supercargo in the *Zant Frigate* in a voyage to the West Coast of Sumatra, where going ashore he was 'unhappily drowned', and the petitioner and his sister thus left in a very helpless condition, the Court bestow a gratuity of 20*l.* apiece on Newman and his sister, to be paid to John Bere for their use. Musk laden in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Daniel Sheldon, who has paid the permission. The report of the Committee for Lawsuits, on the alterations they have made about goods factors are permitted to trade in, is approved, and order given for it to be printed. Seamen in the *Experiment* to be paid their wages, and the month's imprest to be paid to the officers and men in that ship and in the *Return* as soon as they arrive at Gravesend. A fine of 5*l.* to be levied on every cwt. of China roots brought from India as private trade. Samuel Reade, servant to Sir William Thomson, is admitted to the freedom gratis. Payment to be made to the administratrix of the late William Waters and to the — of the late John Fleetwood. Damaged pepper taken out of the *Hannibal*, *Rebecca*, *Mediterranean*, and *Greyhound* to be delivered to the owners of the said ships and charged to their several accounts. In the general letter to Bantam intimation is to be given that Griffith is to accompany Stephens to Japan (2 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 18, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 303).

The following securities are approved John Clissald, merchant-taylor of London, and Nicholas Orton, gentleman, in 1,000*l.* for Joseph Clissald. Sir Thomas Chamber and Matthew Andrews each in 1,000*l.* for William Gyfford. John Browning and Robert Wilson, London merchants, in 1,000*l.* for Maurice Bawds. Captain Jones to have delivered to him the bond he entered into as security for Mr Francis, the Auditor having certified that the account is cleared. Joseph Herne is admitted to the freedom by service, and Robert De Luna by redemption. The Committee for Private Trade to see to the delivery and payment of fines on indigo and 'aloes Siccatrina' brought home by the officers and men in the *Experiment*. Certain propositions made by the factors entertained for Japan, Formosa, and Tonqueen, also a paper in Dutch from Samuel Baron are read, and referred to the Japan Committee. A time to be appointed next Wednesday for pricing the calicoes. A transfer of 600*l.* subscription in the General Stock (half paid in) by Abraham Dolins, residing in Holland, attested by a public notary, and his servant, Bush, testifying in court that he has his

master's advice for the said transfer, also a general letter of attorney to negotiate all his master's business, the said transfer is approved, and order given for it to be inserted in the book of transfers. At the request of William Markham, his brother George Markham, a sailor in the *Charles* now in the Indies, is to be allowed to return to England, a clause to this effect to be inserted in the Surat letter. Payment to be made to Nathaniel Brigs. Ordered that in the valuation of the present Joint Stock, now being drawn up by the Committee for Accounts, 'a reasonable estimate is to be given in gross' of the profits that may accrue from the goods about to be sold. (1½ pp.)

NEWS-LETTER TO WILLIAM SCAWEN, AUGUST 19, 1671 (*Public Record Office: S P. Dom, Car. II* 292, no 78).

The *Rainbow*, an East India ship, arrived in the Downs on the 17th .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 23, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 305).

Robert Knightly to be allowed to send in the *Return* sixteen gallons of wine to James Adams. The Japan Committee to buy half a yard of each damask, now produced in court, to send as samples to Tonqueen. A valuation of the present Stock, drawn up by the Committee for Accounts, is read and referred back to the said Committee, who are to fill up the blanks with an estimate of ten per cent on the goods outward-bound, and about forty or fifty per cent on those arrived here, the amended valuation to be read at the general court to be held on Wednesday, the 30th instant, in the afternoon. Samuel Moyer offers the *Concord*, commanded by Captain Thornbury, for the Company's service, and is told that no more ships are required at present, but that she shall be employed in turn after other vessels previously offered. The Committees to meet to-morrow morning at Leadenhall to examine and price the calicoes ready for the sale. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Ann*, commanded by Captain Dawes, on account of freight and demurrage. All owners to be allowed in charterparty 50s per diem demurrage on every hundred tons. The account of Mr Watson to be examined. Consideration to be taken on Wednesday as to whether all the Surat goods in the Company's warehouses shall be put up at the next sale. Wearing apparel and other necessaries belonging to Shem Bridges and now aboard the *Rainbow* to be delivered to him after

examination. Captain Goodlad to send up to the East India House all diamonds and other permission goods from aboard the *Rainbow*, to be delivered to Dunkin, the musk to be delivered to Sprigg, in order that both may be sent to their respective owners. On information that the *Zant Frigate* is backward in preparation for her voyage, order is given for Mr. Lucas to be told that, unless she is ready to sail from Gravesend by the 6th prox., neither she nor the new ship, offered by Lucas and commanded by Captain Hall, will be employed. Mr. Gyfford to be allowed to take his sister with him in the *Zant Frigate* for the South Seas on paying her passage. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 25, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 306).

The following allowances to be made for fresh provisions to those going to Japan to Messrs Stephens, Baron, Delboe, and Gyfford 20*l.* apiece; to the factors who are to be of Council 10*l.* apiece, and to the rest of the factors and writers 5*l.* apiece, and Edwyn to provide gold and silver lace to the value of 40*l.* or 50*l.*, also paper, books, etc., for the new factories. Mr Hillyard, having authority, applies for wages due to John Loveland, a prisoner at Ceylon, but the matter is referred to two Committees, who are to state Loveland's account and report what power he has given to Hillyard. The Court, on consideration of their resolve of the 2nd instant not to encourage the building of any more two-decked ships, which was mainly to prevent the exclusion of those commanders who had already been in their service, but wishing to encourage the building of three-decked vessels, and lest others should be discouraged from building good two decked ships, declare that although no encouragement will be given by advance of freight, yet if any one shall propose to build vessels fit for the Company's service, these shall be employed in turn before others as there is need for them, provided they are found fit, and approved commanders nominated, precedence to be given always to those who have already served the Company. Musk sent home by Ellis Crisp to be delivered to Samuel Crisp on payment of two per cent. permission. Two of the Committees are requested to direct the delivery of the diamonds and other jewels in Dunkin's custody to the persons to whom they belong. Sarkhey indigo, returned in the *Experiment* and belonging to her officers, to be delivered, and order is given that only half the fine is to be charged on broadcloth taken out in the said ship. Cotton yarn and pepper, both much damaged, to be delivered to the owners of the

Coast Frigate and *Loyal Subject*, and charged to their respective accounts. In accordance with reports now read payments are to be made to Tobias Brock and Bartholomew Pickering; to Richard Blackburne, upholsterer, for goods supplied, and to Thomas Place, mason, for work done in the Company's House. Thomas Bawds is accepted as one of the securities of Maurice Bawds in the room of John Benning (*sic*, cp. p. 65), deceased. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 308).

Examination and report to be made of the accounts of William Aldridge and Benjamin Peade. Maurice Bawds elected a factor for the South Seas at an annual salary of 40*l*. Musk returned in the *Loyal Subject*, belonging to Major John Tailor as part of his late brother's estate, to be delivered free, but for some camphor the Major is to pay the usual freight. Letters from the King of Bantam and one of his Council, a letter from Agent Dacres and Mr Mainstone, and information now given touching the liberty permitted the Dutch to frequent the Company's House with insight into their affairs, after being debated are all referred to the Japan Committee to consider and report their opinion as to what is fit to be done. The Shipping Committee to see that a year's pay is given to Mr. Tutchin, minister in the *Return*, on account of his service in the present expedition to Japan and to acquaint him with the opinion of the Court on the debate now had concerning him. Payment of 100*l*. to be made to Isaac Foxcroft as part of the salary due to his father, Agent Foxcroft at Fort St George. Mr. Baron to be acquainted with the substance of the debate had upon the report of the Committee who spoke with him. The Accountant and Auditor to confer with Mr Lucas and Captain Parrick touching some sannoes missing in the *Zant Frigate*, and payment to be made on account of freight and demurrage to Lucas as owner of the said ship. Two months wages due to Mr Ashford to be paid to his wife Susan. John Elliot to be entertained as steward in one of the Company's ships, and in one of the factories in the South Seas. The entertainment of Mark Laurens, recommended by Sir John Laurens, to be considered at the next election. A book, containing the valuation of the present Joint Stock to April 30 last, is delivered to the Secretary to lock up until further order. (2 pp.)

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A GENERAL COURT, AUGUST 30, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 310).

The Governor states that, in pursuance of the preamble and the intimation given at the last general court, a valuation has been made of the General Joint Stock. This is read, and is as follows:

		<i>Dr.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
1671	<i>Stock.</i>			
April 30	To several persons, as in folio 6 of the book of valuation	361,286	11	6
	To balance	645,827	2	3
		<u>1,007,113 13 9</u>		
	Out of this estate is to be deducted a division of ten per cent. made in May last, amounting to.	36,989	2	6
		<u>1,007,113 13 9</u>		
1671	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Cr.</i>		
April 30	By several debts owing to the Company, as in folio 1 of the book of valuation . . .	136,735	19	0
	By Stock in shipping, as in folio 3 of the said book	17,709	18	8
	By remains at Surat & the Coast of the cargoes of five ships sent in 1670, as in folio 7 of said book	170,586	8	10
	By plantation of St Helena, being a place of charge for the accommodation of shipping			
	By remains at Bantam and the cost of the cargoes of seven ships sent thither in 1670, as in folio 9 of the said book	129,213	8	6
	By remains at the Fort, Metchlepatam, and the Bay, and the cost of the cargoes of five ships sent thither in 1670, as in folio 10, ditto book	235,709	11	0
	By remains in England, as in folio 4 and 5 ditto book	313,255	11	6
		<u>1,003,210 17 6</u>		
	By money in cash	3,902	16	3
		<u>1,007,113 13 9</u>		

By the profit on £98,569 5s 9d cost of the cargoes of four ships sent to Surat in 1669, and arrived there and part of them sold, which we hope will produce 10 per cent. clear of charges	£	s.	d.
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By the profit on £199,815 1s 2d., the cost of the cargoes of four ships from Surat, five from Bantam, and three from the Coast & Bay, arrived in England, which we hope will produce, clear of all charges, about 50 per cent

By desperate debts owing the Company at home & abroad			
		65,542	17 2

(1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 312).

Caesar and Barnard Knapton are accepted as security in 1,000*l* for William Knapton, factor Sir Samuel Barnardiston offers for service a two-deck ship now being built at Ipswich, to be commanded by Mr Cumberland; and the Court direct that she be employed in turn and according to their order of August 25 last Resolved that the ships designed for India this year shall be obliged by charterparty to sail from Gravesend as follows. those for the Coast and Bay by November 20; those for Bantam and the South Seas by January 10; and those for Surat by February 10 The Shipping Committee to appoint the proportion of tonnage to be allowed to the commanders, officers, and men of the ships now outward-bound. The Buying Committee to provide goods advised for from India, and any others they consider necessary for the respective factories John Newton, a London merchant, and Edward Barwell, a gentleman of Lyon's Inn, are approved as security in 1,000*l* for Edward Barwell, Junior. The petitions of Thomas Bacon and William Russell are referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are to do as they see fit concerning them On reading the petition of John Crandon, the Court give order for the morees he sent in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Edwyn and the fines on them placed to the account of the petitioner, but thirty are to be allowed him free, they being for the use of his father, mother, two sisters, and himself, he is also promised that his late sufferings shall be

taken into consideration with those of the other factors at Fort St. George, who were in a like condition with himself. The Court, noting that the Company's ships are filled up with private trade by factors sending goods aboard and afterwards demanding bills of lading for them, order that the factors be written to and desired to stop this, and the commanders told to give bills of lading for the Company's goods only, and not permit any more goods than the five per cent allowed by charterparty to be laden in their vessels under penalty of 40*l.* per ton for over freight. The Committee for Private Trade to ascertain how much of that trade was returned this year and what it was in excess of the five per cent allowance. Payments to be made to Martha Davis and William Aldridge in accordance with reports now read. Calicoes returned in the *Coast Frigate* to be delivered to Ann Dunmore on payment of the ordinary freight, and private trade returned in the same ship to be delivered to Captains Hall and Risby. On reading a survey of the ship being built by Mr Lucas at Southwold, the Court decide not to employ her, and Lucas is told this Captain William Goodlad offers for service a new ship called the *African*. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 6, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 314).

Messrs Woder and Sone, executors of Lawrence Chambers, move the Court concerning his goods and estate at home and at Bantam, also wages due to him, but the Governor replying that there is some uncertainty about the ownership of the goods, the matter is referred to four Committees to settle Examination and report to be made of the account of the late Mr Moore. Mr Baron desiring to be supplied with more money to enable him to pay his debts, certain Committees are directed to ascertain and report concerning his engagements Payment to be made to the owners of the *Loyal Subject* on account of freight. Captain Arnold Brown asks that his purser may be allowed some cowries returned in the *Loyal Subject*, but the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade Examination and report to be made of some futtalongees belonging to Captain Parrick Calicoes from Bantam to be sent to the Company's warehouse at Gresham College Mr. Herne to be given 10*l.*, which sum he spent 'for intelligence for the Company'. The Committees reporting that they have considered the ground adjoining the Blue warehouse, the ground in Mincing Lane, and other places for building upon, they are desired to reconsider these and any other pieces of ground suitable for erection of warehouses, and report,

with the prices demanded, if for sale, or the yearly rental and term for which they will be let, the cost of building, and what accommodation the Company will obtain. Mr. Andrews reports that Mr Hoskins, who was elected a minister for Surat, is duly qualified for the Company's service, being 'a judicious learned and pious person'. The account of John House to be examined. Mr. Boone to be allowed to send some olives, and William Thomson some drugs in the ships now bound for the South Seas. Thomas Watson to be paid the balance of his account. Mr. Meadows and Sir Philip Meadows, who were accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Meadows, writer, but have not yet sealed their bond, Sir Samuel Barnardiston engages to stand security until this is done, and requests that the said Robert Meadows may be given his dispatch; this is granted. The commanders of the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zant Frigate* report the forwardness of their vessels, and are directed to hasten to Gravesend, and the factors and writers also appearing in court are told to prepare to go there with the said ships. Upon the petition of Jonathan Aston, the Committee for Shipping are directed to suspend payment of wages due to Mr Newman until further order. Captain William Goodlad gives in the dimensions of ship *African*. (2½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 316).

Maurice Bawds to be allowed 10*l* for fresh provisions. Fines on calicoes remitted to Sir Godard Nelthorpe, Widow Hatch, and Mrs. Wilson. The petitions of Alice Mathews and Ann Waters referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to ascertain how the husbands of the said two women behaved during their service in the *Charles*, and report what they think should be done. John Robson and the other two stewards of factories bound for the South Seas to be allowed 5*l* apiece. Damaged pepper returned in the *Ann* (commanded by Captain Abraham Dawes) to be delivered to her owners. Jane Amos to be given 5*l* in part of the wages of her husband, who is a dyer in the Company's service in the Bay. John Bolton is admitted to the freedom by redemption. In accordance with a report now read concerning Captain Parrick's futtalongees, fines on one-fourth part, which belonged to the Captain's brother (who died during the voyage and left several children) are remitted, also on forty-five pieces, as they are for the use of the Captain and his relations. Report to be made by the Husband on the quality and quantity of indigo returned as private trade in the *Loyal Subject*. The request of

Captain Hall for the difference concerning the damaged goods returned in the *Coast Frigate* to be referred to arbitration is refused. Consideration touching the freight of ships employed by the Company is deferred until after the sale. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 11, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 318). •

Mr. Rallinson to be allowed to ship in the *Return* six casks of Rhenish wine for the account of Agent Dacres. On report from the Auditor and Accomptant that two bales of sannoes are missing in the *Zant Frigate*, though invoiced at the Fort, Mr. Lucas is ordered to deposit 100*l.* in the Company's hands to make these good, but if it shall be found that the said goods were not laden in his ship, then he is to be repaid the 100*l.* with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum. The account of Prior Mansfield to be examined. The Committee for Buying Goods to view and report on a parcel of coral beads offered for sale. Jambi and other pepper priced for the sale (¾ p.).

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, SEPTEMBER 12-19, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 319)

Sale of cotton yarn, Jambi, Bimlipatam and Malabar pepper, white, discoloured and light pepper, flags, scummings and dust of pepper, Carmania wool, coffee, aloes soccatrina, myrrh, olibanum, benzoin, cassia lignum, assafoetida, tamarinds, tincal, sugar, sugarcandy, candied ginger, musk in cod, Lahore and Sarkhej indigo, skins and dust of indigo, indigo shirts, stick-lac, turmeric, cowries, saltpetre, red earth, large and small quilts, broad and narrow chintz, chintz Khady, Serwange chintz, broad and narrow tapseiles, nicannees, Guinea stuffs, brawles, brown and white dungarees, blue, brown, and white pautkaes, mercollees, derebauds, birampauts, black birams, broad, blue, and black baftas, narrow baftas, sovaguzzees, salloes, longcloth, blue longcloth, sallampores, parcallaes, bettelles, brown bettelles, Oringal bettelles, red, white, and coloured gingham, cossaes, humhums, sannoes, allejaes, sailcloth, morees, taffetas, narrow atlases, damask, plushes, 'curls and pelings', and raw silk; with prices and names of purchasers (24½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 14, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 344).

Captain John Atkins is given 15*l.* over and above his pay as chief mate, for services in the *Return* from the time of the death of Captain

Whitehorne until the arrival of that ship in the Thames, he is also to be allowed 8*l.* a month as commander in the *Return* in her present expedition to the South Seas, and to be given a warrant for payment for primage and average due to him for the said ship. Samuel Baron to be given 70*l.* on account of his salary and entertainment, and 20*l.* for fresh provisions. Mr Tutchin to be allowed 5*l.* for fresh provisions The owners of the *Greyhound* to be paid 1,800*l.* on account of freight The sum of 250 dollars apiece to be imprested to the pursers in the *Experiment* and *Return* Joseph Clissald to be permitted to ship out 1,000 dollars for his own account (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 18, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p 345).

All buyers who pay in their money between this and Saturday night next, the 12th instant, to be allowed the full discount of nine months from that date, as the sale was adjourned to the 19th instant. David Stephens to be allowed to ship out 2,000 dollars permission free. Thomas Haslewood, factor, to be remitted the fine on some calicoes which are for the use of himself and four of his relations ($\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*)

SIR GEORGE DOWNING TO SIR JOHN BANKES AND SAMUEL PEYPS, SEPTEMBER 19, 1671 (*Public Record Office S P Dom*, Car II 300, 110 39)

By desire of the Treasury Commissioners, asking them to hasten their report about the difference between His Majesty and the East India Company about the freight of the *Leopard*

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 346)

Mr Chown to be allowed to ship out 282 dollars permission free Payment to be made to Mary Mansfield, administratrix to the late Prior Mansfield, in accordance with a report now read A proposal made by David Stephens is referred to the Japan Committee The owners of the *Ann* to be paid on account of her freight and demurrage Captain Richard Goodlad offers the *Rainbow* for further service, and order is given for a survey to be taken of her and for her owners to be paid for freight and demurrage On a motion for some recognition of the good services of Captain Limbry during Sivāji's last invasion of Surat, certain Committees are desired to read what is written concerning him in the

Surat letter, and report what they think should be done. A petition from John Codrington is read and order given for part of what is due to him on the Company's bill to be paid, provided Mr. Buckeridge joins with him in giving a receipt. Ordered that when Mr. Kent repays the 5*l.* he received for fresh provisions for his intended voyage to the South Seas, then his covenants and security are to be delivered up. The request that Woodcock, a packer, may serve the Company with cloth is referred to the Committee for Buying Goods, who are enjoined to buy cloth where it can be had at the cheapest rate and packed by those from whom it is bought. Thomas Paul to be paid 20*s.* 'for his pains taken in the instructing of Mr. Fytch Nedham in the art of Clockworke'. It is resolved that the *Hannibal* shall be sent to Bantam, the new ship building by Captain Bendal to the Coast, and the *Ann* to the Coast and Bantam. Examination and report to be made of the petition of John Scranton. (17*½ pp*)

AN ACCOUNT OF THE VALUE OF SHIPS' CARGOES, SEPTEMBER 20, 1671
(*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 95)

Of the three ships bound for Bantam, Tywan, Tong-King, and Japan, viz. the *Experiment*, *Return*, and *Zant Frigate*, the total value of their cargoes amounts to 27,132*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Of the five for the Coast and Bay, viz. the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Loyal Subject*, *Rebecca*, and *Ann*, the total value of their cargoes is 161,214*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* Of the five for Bantam, viz. the *Surat Merchant*, *Expectation*, *Mary*, *Hannibal*, and *Barnardiston*, the total value of their cargoes is 29,588*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, and of the four for Surat, viz. the *Golden Fleece*, *Loyal Merchant*, *Rainbow*, and *Mediterranean*, the total value of their cargoes amounts to 84,409*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, in all to 302,345*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* (*½ p*)

COMMODITIES TO BE SHIPPED FOR THE COAST AND BAY, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 96).

In the *Loyal Subject*: lead, brimstone, iron ordnance, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, shalloones, Brewer's scarlets, sword-blades, and bullion, to the value of 29,250*l.* In the *Berkeley Castle*: lead, copper, alum, broadcloth, fine cloth, shalloones, Brewer's scarlets, coral, and bullion to the value of 32,500*l.* In the *Johanna*: lead, copper, alum, guns, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, sword-blades, and bullion to the value of 32,500*l.* In the *Rebecca*: lead, brimstone, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, and bullion to the value of 16,250*l.* In the *Ann*: lead, broadcloth, fine cloth, cloth rashes, coral, and bullion to the value of

19,500*l*. Bullion in the *Berkeley Castle* and *Ann* to be in gold; in the other three ships in silver, 'as neare as may bee with convenience'. The silver to be sent in bars and pieces of eight rather than cruzadoes. (1½ *pp*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii p. 348).

A paper from William Thomson, late chaplain at the Fort, asking to be allowed for some expenses incurred 'upon extraordinary occasions' during his ministry there, is referred to the Committee for the Coast and Bay, and two of the Committees are desired to give in a statement of the salary and gratuity due to him to the time of his return. A small box of pearl returned in the *Rainbow* to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft, and the fine on it put to the account of his father, Agent Foxcroft. Two bales of calicoes to be delivered to the Warden and assistants of Trinity House, and the fines on them placed to the account of Streinsham Master by whom they were sent. The account of Moses Davies to be examined. Resolved that in future the allowance per ton for freighted ships in the Company's service shall not exceed 18*l* per ton for gruff goods and 21*l* per ton for fine goods. The petition of Edmund Bugdon is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Captain Limbry is given 21*l* for his good services against Sivāji. Gerald Loyd and James Bonnell offer to build a three-decked ship for the Company's service to be ready by November, 1673, Bonnell to command her, they are told that if the said ship does not exceed 500 tons burden she shall be employed in her turn, with the same encouragement as is given to other vessels, provided the Company have need of more ships than are already entertained. Payment of 42*l* 19*s* 1*d* to be made to William Thomson in accordance with a report now approved. (1½ *pp*.)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, SEPTEMBER 25, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 92)

The following commodities to be provided and sent to Surat, the Coast of Coromandel, the Bay of Bengal, and Bantam, by this year's shipping, viz. Bowdie and Brewer's scarlets and full May greens, broadcloths, red and green cloth rashes, red and green perpetuanoes, elephants teeth (ivory), alum, Grezio coral, lead, tin, amber, copper, iron guns and anchors, fine red and green shalloones, small cordage, hawsers, pitch, tar, all sorts of nails for shipping, muskets and ordnance.

One hundred barrels of gunpowder for Bombay, forty soldiers and ten seamen. For presents gold and silver lace, looking glasses, sword-blades, knives, scissors, tweezers, spectacles, magnifying and multiplying glasses. The value of the said goods is. those for Surat, 50,950*l.*, for Fort St. George, 12,340*l.*, for the Bay of Bengal, 12,000*l.*, for Bantam, 2,500*l.*, in all a total of 77,790*l.* (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 27, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 349).

William Thomson, late chaplain at Fort St. George, to be paid 50*l.* in accordance with a report now read. Charles Thorold is desired to continue paying the monthly allowance to Mrs. Backer, and the Court will repay him. Benjamin Sangar is elected a factor for Japan at 25*l.* a year, and Gabriel Sangar of Brentford, clerk, and Francis Mead, distiller, of Battersea, are accepted as his securities in 1,000*l.* Morees to be delivered free to Cary Ward, they being for himself and several relations. One-third of the salary due to John March, a factor in the Bay, to be given to his mother, Elizabeth Warren, she having a letter of attorney from him to receive it, she is also to have delivered free a number of calicoes and other goods sent by her said son for herself and several relations. Information received concerning the private trade of some persons, and of Captain Goodlad in his last voyage to the Indies, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The owners of the *Hannibal* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of her freight and demurrage William Sadler, recommended by Mr. Priestwood, is entertained as one of the Company's clothdrawers Musk, belonging to the late Henry Pearl, to be delivered to Thomas Pearl, he undertaking to let his adventure in the present Joint Stock be held as security for what shall be found due to the Company from Henry Pearle to the value of 600*l.* George Hamond to be paid for 'glasiers work done in this house'. Examination and report to be made of some taffetas alleged by Mr. Bathurst to be rotten and defective. Payment to be made to John House, mariner. Captain Prowd to cause a survey to be taken of the *Ann*. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 29, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 351).

Certain Committees are desired to ascertain and report on the qualifications and abilities of Thomas Whitehead, who is recommended as a chaplain for the Company's service The Committee for Lawsuits

to meet every week, on Wednesday afternoon, to consider the debts owing to the Company and how best to get them in. An account of the salary and gratuity due to Walter Hooke to be made out. The chirurgion of the *Coast Frigate* to be paid 45s for his care of nine passengers who went out in that vessel for account of the Company Painters and carpenters bills for work done in the Company's house to be examined. The petition of Francis Nelthorpe is referred to certain of the Committees, and others are desired to examine the account of Henry Anderson Thomas Dethick is admitted to the freedom gratis The Committee for the Treasury to deliver to the executors of Sir John Lewis some rubies that came from Surat, 'fowl stones of litle or noe value', formerly sent to Surat and now returned. (1½ pp)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97).

Mem. Sir William Thomson has agreed with Alderman Moore for 1,800 or 2,000 great pigs of lead, two-thirds Derbyshire, and one-third Yorkshire, the latter in small pigs, all at 13^l. the fother. (½ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 4, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii p 352)

The Committee for Buying Goods to employ Robert Whitehorne, recommended by Mr Bromfeld, to help draw the Company's cloth The Committee for Private Trade to prepare their report this afternoon concerning charges brought against Captain Goodlad and others with regard to private trade Upon consideration of the tonnage of shipping mentioned in the order of Court of August 2 last, which amounted to 6,090 tons for the Coast and Bay, Surat, Bantam, and the South Seas, it is resolved that no more vessels shall be entertained for this next winter's expedition. Certain Committees to examine and report on the petition of Francis Chuseman, and the orders of Court made concerning particulars mentioned in it Captain Goodlad to be given a copy of the charge brought against him Payment to be made to Caleb Hooke (1½ pp)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN LYMBREY, OCTOBER 4, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol .v, p. 491).

In the late Treaty Marine concluded at the Hague between England and Holland, September 7, 1667 (a copy of which has been delivered to

him), it is required by the 8th article that all ships shall have certificates according to the form set down at the end of the treaty. And though this has not yet been done, having been found impracticable, yet considering the importance of their affairs in this present expedition to Japan, for avoiding all inconveniences that may happen, they have procured from His Royal Highness, the Lord High Admiral, three certificates conformable to the said treaty, one for each of the ships under Lymbrey's command, and he and the other two commanders are to make oath of the 'propriety' of their ships before some of the Officers of the Admiralty at Dover, that the said ships belong to some of his Majesty's subjects of England, an act whereof is to be put at the bottom of the said certificate according to the prescribed form. Have sent on board the *Return* a box of coral beads to be delivered to the Agent and Council at Bantam *Mem* This letter was carried by William Saxby and came too late ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 6, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 354).

Musk belonging to the late Henry Pearle to be delivered to Thomas Pearle. The commanders of the Coast and Bay ships to attend next Wednesday's court A survey taken of work to be done in the *Rebecca* is approved Calicoes sent home by John Bridger, a factor, to be delivered free to Edmund Harrison, they being for the use of himself and sundry relations The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare one to be sent to the Agent and Council at the Fort and one to the Chief and Council in the Bay Francis Chuseman to be allowed for the passage in the *Rainbow* of his wife and children, and only to be charged the usual freight for some unprohibited goods brought back in that ship for his account According to the award made by the arbitratois, Thomas Gould is to pay the Company 10*l.* in full of all demands. On petition, Sarah Hyet, whose husband was second mate in the *Coast Frigate* and died in the Company's service, is to receive free of fine some allejas returned in that ship Richard Hillyard to be paid 10*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* for the use of John Loveland, a prisoner in Ceylon Thomas Deth to be admitted to the freedom gratis ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, OCTOBER 6, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvA, p. 94).

Resolved to send to the Bay for sale several sorts of guns to the value

of 600*l.* and sword-blades to the value of 400*l.*, these to be provided by the Shipping Committee ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 11, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 355).

William Saxby to be paid 5*l* 6*s.* for expenses of a journey from London to Deal and back in the Company's service. Damaged calicoes belonging to the late Robert Day, carpenter in the *Berkeley Castle*, to be delivered to his executor. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider the form of the bill given by the Company for taking up money at interest, and report what alterations they think should be made in it. Committees, who have not signed the declaration [now read] not to intercede on behalf of any one for remission of fines on calicoes or pepper, are desired to do so at once; the said declaration to be read in open court once a quarter. The Committees for Surat, the Coast, and Bay, Bantam, and the South Sea Factories to consider and report whether it is necessary to send out any factors to those places this year, and if so, how many. John Bathurst to be allowed 90*l.* for damaged taffetas bought at the last sale. The Committees for Sambrooke's warehouse to decide whether one or more fit persons should be 'entertained and bred up' in that warehouse so as to be able to assist there on all occasions. William Wood and other owners of vessels serving the Company asking that the freight allowed may not be lessened, it is put to the ballot whether the Court's resolution of September 22 last should be adhered to, and the answer is in the negative. Mr. Andrews moving for an abatement of 10*s* only on the ton of the freight allowed last year, his request is granted. The account of the late Abraham Allington to be examined. William Pywall, chirurgion in the *Hannibal*, to be paid 3*l.* for care of twelve passengers who went in that ship for the Company's account, and Thomas Lucas 32*l.* for the transportation of four persons who went out in the *Zant Frigate*. ($1\frac{3}{4}$ *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 13, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 357)

The account of Robert Deering to be examined. The report of the arbitrators in the difference between the Company and Messrs. Thomson and Stanyan is approved. Benzoin bought by Mr. Woolley, who complains that it has been 'false packed', to be examined. The Treasury Committee to cause the treasure already provided to be packed in readiness for the ships designed for the Coast and Bay.

Captain Arnold Brown inquires whether Captain Richard Goodlad may go as commander in the *Loyal Subject*, and is told that if the owners are willing the said vessel should alter her voyage for Bantam he may do so. The several Committees report their opinions that eight writers should be chosen to go to the Coast and Bay, eight to Bantam, one chaplain and two writers to Surat, and two chaplains to Bombay. Petitions for entertainment to be received next Wednesday. Anthony Earning to be repaid permission money on a parcel of musk found to be bad. The account of Steven Charleton to be examined. Thomas Deth is admitted to the freedom gratis. The chirurgion in the *Mediterranean* to be paid 35s for his care of seven passengers in that ship. An answer to be written to the letter received from Sir Edward Spragge (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 18, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 359).

Captain William Goodlad, presented by Captain Arnold Brown as a fit commander for the *Loyal Subject* in her intended voyage to the Indies, is approved. It is resolved to send this year in the ships bound for the Coast and Bay goods and treasure to the value of between 150,000*l.* and 155,000*l.* Jonas Colliar, presented by Captain Hill as commander for the *Hannibal*, is approved. On the petition of William Saxby the Court consent to his 'dismission' from the Company's service and order given for his salary to be paid up to date. On a report of 'the abilities and good conversation' of Thomas Whitehead, he is elected a chaplain in the Company's service. Anthony Beale to be paid 20*l.* for helping Captain Prowd survey ships and other employments, up to Michaelmas last. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid 2,000*l.* on account of freight. The petition of the owners of the *American* is referred to the Shipping Committee. Several petitions from persons desirous of employment are read, and the Court resolve to elect next Tuesday afternoon those to be sent to the several factories in India, and not to receive any more petitions for employment this year (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 20, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 360).

James Mariner, late chief mate in the *Rebecca*, is granted remission of freight on certain piece-goods, the proceeds of which he invested in tea, which proved to be bad and so caused him great loss. Munn Brown is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. A paper from Sir Gervase Elwes and Jeremy Elwes on behalf of their brother Robert Elwes,

a factor in the Bay, is read and referred to the consideration of the Committee for the Coast and Bay, who are also desired to consider the petition [now read] from Edmund Bugdon and report whether in their opinion he may be useful at the Bay, and whether it is necessary to send a silk-throwster to Hügli, and to interview Mr. Mellet, who is anxious to serve in that capacity Jeremy Elwes to be permitted to send out free 500 dollars for the use of his brother The account of the late Charles Smeaton to be examined Christopher Thomlinson to be notified to attend the Court next Wednesday A clause to be inserted in the general letter to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George desiring them to dispeed the *Berkeley Caslle* direct to England The owners of the *Johanna* to be paid imprest money, and her commander primage and average due to him. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 24, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 362).

The Court take into consideration the several persons who petitioned for employment, resolve at present not to entertain any above twenty-one years of age and proceed to elect these by ballot The following are chosen to serve as writers in India Mark Lawrence, Elihu Yale, Joseph Gape, Vincent Sayon, Francis Ellis, Richard Trenchfield, Henry Croon, Colborn, Robert Crawley, Robert Lewellin, James Woolhouse, Thomas Ivatt, Robert Smith, Thomas Angeir, Thomas Sprigg, Thomas Tilley, William Stanlake, Joseph Lod, Samuel Wales, Richard Blackburn, and Stephen Guillyn The petitions of those above twenty-one years of age to be referred to the Committee for Accounts, to consider which are fittest to be employed in the Accountant's Office, also any other persons proposed, what salary to allow them, and the salaries of those already employed It is further resolved to take into consideration the appointment of some [two in the margin] fit persons, to be sent to the Coast and Bay and Surat, well versed in calicoes and able to assist in sorting cloth, and thus prevent any prejudice which may happen to the Company (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 363)

Thomas Whitehead is entertained as chaplain in the Bay at a salary of 50*l.* a year, with an annual gratuity of 30*l.* 'as he shall be found to deserve', and given 20*l.* for necessaries and fresh provisions for the voyage The owners of the *Constantinople Merchant* to be allowed 80*l.*

for the hire of iron guns they took out to Jambī. Letters and papers delivered up in court by Shem Bridges are referred to the consideration of the Coast and Bay Committee. The Chief and Council at the Bay to have liberty to take up 10,000*l.* for the Company's service, and draw bills of exchange for it, but not to exceed 2*s.* 6*d.* the rupee. The Shipping Committee to agree with the owners of the *Rebecca* about her going into the Ganges, and make them an additional allowance of freight not exceeding 20*s.* the ton. A warrant to be made out to the late Farmers of the Customs for payment for the Company's goods returned last year, also for an additional 4,000*l.* on account of custom due for the current year. A letter written by Mr Keeble touching the mint at Fort St George is referred to the Coast and Bay Committee. Resolved that Edward Herry be made one of the Council at Fort St George (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 25, 1671 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid*, p. 364).

Certain Committees are desired to speak with Mr. Sheldon concerning the 'usefulness' of a silk throwster for the Bay. Robert Elwes to be Second at Pattana and succeed as Chief when Mr Charnock comes away. Consideration with regard to Edmund Bugdon is deferred. Captain Prowd to provide a set of maps and sea charts for the Fort like those bought for Masulipatam when Mohun went out. Three 'chyrurgery chests of medicaments' to be provided for the Fort, Masulipatam, and the Bay, according to the list sent from the Fort, one of these to be prepared by Surgeon Boone. The annual salaries of the following persons to be increased, viz Francis Langton's to 30*l.*, William Bagnall's to 30*l.*, John Crandon's to 40*l.*, Job Charnock's to 40*l.* provided he gives security, Thomas Butler's to 50*l.*, and Samuel South's to 40*l.* Matthew Barker, minister, being an adventurer in this present Joint Stock, is allowed remission of 5*l.* due from him. Twenty soldiers to be sent to Fort St. George in the ships bound for the Coast, the Shipping Committee to see to their entertainment. John Hooper and Thomas Ashby are entertained as clerks in the Accountant's office each at an annual salary of 30*l.* (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 27, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 366)

Timothy Cartwright's account to be examined. The Committee for the Treasury to affix the Company's seal to two counterparts of the lease granted the Company of the Exchange vaults, and keep the original