

lease [now delivered to Mr. Boon] in the Treasury Two persons 'well skilled in calicoes' to be chosen here to serve as assistants to the warehousekeepers at the Fort and Masulipatam By desire of Sir Richard Ford, Margaret Stoakes is to be permitted to go in one of the Company's ships to Fort St. George, she to pay her own passage. The petition of John Walters, hoyman, who was employed to carry goods into the Downs, is referred to the Husband, who is to allow him reasonable freight (1 p)

TREASURY MINUTE, OCTOBER 31, 1671 (*Public Record Office. Out Letters General* III, p 8)

Write to Mr. Pepys that the report to be received about the East India business [viz. as to the freight of the King's ships, the *Leopard*, etc., as let to the East India Company] may be ready on Thursday morning next, at which time the Attorney-General has appointed Sir John Banks to be with him. Mr Pepys is not to fail to meet them.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 1, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 367).

Calicoes sent home by Mr. Mohun 'to several friends for tokens' to be examined by the Committee for Private Trade and then delivered to Mrs. Mohun, order concerning the fines to be given later On information that there are two ships at Stockholm being prepared to go to the East Indies, order is given for Mr Sowton to be written to and instructed to ascertain all particulars concerning these vessels, their names, masters, destination, time of departure, etc., what Englishmen or others are interested in them, and send word by return Upon petition, Anna Travehand, whose husband was chief mate in the *Rainbow* and died at Balasore in that ship's last voyage to the Bay, is allowed remission of fine on some calicoes. The Committee for Dutch Affairs to meet to-morrow afternoon to consider what has now been debated in court Certain of the Committees to examine the ground at the Stillyard Mr Rallinson to be allowed to send out Canary, Rhenish, and French wines for the use of Sir William Langhorne On report that Edmund Bugdon, lately returned from the Bay, 'hath the language of the countrey, and knowledge in navigation', and is fit to serve the Company in the Bay 'on shipbord and on shore', he is elected at an annual salary of 30*l.*, and order given for the Agent and Council at the Bay to be written to and told to admit him as one of Council, to take his place in due course The

following men are entertained as writers for India: William Sclater, recommended by Lord Berkeley and Alderman Backwell; John Petit, recommended by Sir John Banks; James Harding, recommended by Messrs Jollife and Albyn; and Samuel Smyth, recommended by Sir Francis Clarke and Mr Paige Laurence Saucer is entertained as assistant to the warehousekeeper at Fort St. George at 30*l.* a year, and Maurice Wyn as assistant to the warehousekeeper at Masulipatam at 20*l.* a year, neither of them to be of Council nor to take precedence of any of the factors already there Payment to be made to the assigns of Timothy Cartwright, the owners of the *Greyhound*, and to Benjamin Ducane (2 *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 3, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p 369).

Thomas Breton speaks on behalf of John Fleetwood, who has been suspended for some time from employment at Masulipatam upon some misapprehension; the Court, after reading a clause in the general letter from that place, in which the Agent and Council there speak well of Fleetwood, his behaviour, experience, industry, and ability to serve the Company, cancel the said suspension, readmit Fleetwood to their service, and give order for his salary to be increased to 35*l.* per annum, and if he has been employed for them since being at the Fort, order his former salary of 20*l.* per annum to be paid for that time, and that the Agent and Council at Masulipatam be written to and instructed to place Fleetwood according to his deserts. The commanders of the Coast ships to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. A memorial from Captain Robert Fisher is read, and the Court agree to accept the adjustment made at Surat for damage done to some of their goods, and to remit one quarter of the fine on some cloth and serges which were shipped though not exported, but they expressly declare that in future no part of the fine due on any prohibited goods shall be abated if once they are shipped. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant* on account of freight, and to Peter Herald for candles Thomas Tilly of Ewell, gentleman, and John Langworth, merchant-taylor of London, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Tilly, Junior. Sir John Banks reports what he has done with regard to the proceedings about the freight of the *Leopard* now depending before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and is desired to finish the business in such a way as may be most advantageous to the Company. The Deputy and any one of the Committees for Dutch Affairs to confer

with Secretary Trevour about certain transactions that have lately taken place with reference to the Treaty Marine, in accordance with a debate now had on the subject. Thomas Wynn's account to be examined. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], NOVEMBER 3, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 492).

Have received advice that there are two ships at Stockholm preparing to be sent to the East Indies, desire Sowton to ascertain the names of the said ships and of their commanders, their burden, the number of men and guns, and what cargo they carry, to what places they are designed, the time they may be ready to sail, and what Englishmen or others are interested in them, with anything else he can gather as to their proceedings, and send a full and particular account of all this by the first opportunity (½ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 371)

The following securities are approved. John Smyth of Bideford and Thomas Alcock of London, factor, in 500*l* for Samuel Smyth, writer Robert Peacock and Thomas Angeir, haberdashers of London, in 500*l* for Thomas Angeir, Junior, writer. Robert Smyth, gentleman of High Holborn, and Samuel Bikor, grocer of London, in 500*l*. for Robert Smyth, Junior. William Gape, apothecary of Covent Garden, and William Gape, gentleman, of the Middle Temple, London, in 500*l*. for John Gape, writer. Nicholas Colborne, vintner of London, and Sir John Robinson, Bart in 500*l* for Henry Croon Colborne, writer. The accounts of the late Mr Wilson, minister, Mr Travers, and the late Steven Charleton to be examined. The owners of the *Rebecca* to be paid on account of freight. Medicines to the value of 10*l*. to be prepared by Dr Butler and sent with the surgeons' chests, half to Bombay and half to the Coast, the surgeons to have particular directions how and in what cases to use them. In accordance with the Court's order Captain Prowd is to notify all commanders that only British subjects are to be entertained in the Company's ships. John Squier, entertained to serve as a soldier at Fort St George, to be allowed to take his wife out with him at the Company's expense. The owners of the *Rainbow* to deliver free to Mr. Harris some calicoes sent from the Fort by his brother as a token. Thomas Papillon to be permitted to ship out three tuns of brandy in the

Loyal Subject and the *Johanna*. Thomas Sprigg, Junior, is entertained to serve as a factor in the Bay at 25*l*. a year. The four writers lately elected to be disposed of as follows. Willam Sclater for Bantam, John Petit for Surat, Samuel Smyth for the Coast, and James Harding for the Bay. All debtors mentioned in a list now given in to be summoned to attend the Committee for Lawsuits. The Court, on reading a report from the said Committee, desire two of their number to speak with the Royal Company about the debt of 610*l* 5*s* 3*d* due from them to this Stock. Henry Robinson to be paid 50*l* for translating Dutch books; and the 5*l* charged to the account of Mr Jollife for calicoes he sold for the Company to be placed to the account of charges general. Moses to sue Messrs Davies and Scattergood for money owing by them to the Company. The accounts of Laurence Saucer and Matthew Andrews to be drawn up and presented to the Court. The Committee for the Pepper Warehouse to draw up and present Charles Aston's account of stores. (2½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 10, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 373)

Certain calicoes sent by Mr Mohun to his wife to be shown to the Company, so that if they approve of them they may give order for some on their own account; also some other small things, not for sale but for the use of Mohun's family and for presents, are allowed to be delivered free of fine, but the Court direct that Mohun be written to and told not to send any more calicoes or musters unless he has the Company's orders. William Jones to be permitted to send several things, mentioned in a list now given in, to his brother Thomas Jones, a factor. No fine to be charged on two woollen cloths used by Captain Horseman for the quarter deck and boats of the *Constantinople Merchant*. Payments to be made to the accounts of the late Thomas Wilson and the late Steven Charlton, in accordance with two reports now read. Tincal and silk belonging to Job Charnock to be delivered to Daniel Sheldon, and Charnock to be written to and told that 'in case he continue in the Company's service, as they have had respect to him in the increase of his salary to 40*l* per annum, so they will farther consider him as to his past services'. Calicoes brought home in the *Berkeley Castle* to be delivered free of fine to the Master and Wardens of Trinity House, and calicoes and some other small things returned in the *Rainbow* to be delivered, also free of fine, to Matthew Gibbon, and some white bafts returned in the *Experiment* to be delivered free to Mary Saunders. The owners of the *John* and

Margaret and Mr. Justice to be summoned to attend the court next Wednesday, the latter about the money owing by the late Mr. Shingler. The following securities are approved: Sir James Edwards of London and Henry Crispe of the Middle Temple in 500*l.* for Francis Ellis, writer. Michael Davison of London in 200*l.*, Daniel Pointel, clerk of Chislehurst in 200*l.*, and Caleb Trenchfield a London merchant in 100*l.* for Richard Trenchfield, writer. Hercules Bridson, silk-dyer and Michael Harding both of London in 500*l.* for James Harding, writer. John Impey, oilman of London and William James, drover of Carlisle, in 500*l.* for Samuel Wales, writer. Maurice Wynn, Esq., of St. Martins in the Fields, and John Wase, linendraper of London, in 1,000*l.* for Maurice Wynn, Junior, factor. The Committee for Lawsuits to take a bond from Laurence Saucer for payment of his debt to the Company in twelve months' time Sambrooke to deliver to those Committees who desire them the three Japan gowns at 3*l.* apiece now in his custody, also some fine bafts at the same price the last were sold Mr. Bugdon to be allowed to take his wife with him to the Bay on paying her passage. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 375)

Order to be sent to the Bay that for all money belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Styles, paid into the Company's cash by Mr Vincent or Mr March, bills of exchange are to be drawn by the Agent and Council on the Company, payable to Mary Styles, administratrix, with the will annexed of the goods and chattels of the said Thomas Styles at 5*s.* the dollar. The following securities are approved David Yale of Newhall, Denbighshire, and David Yale, Junior [his son and heir] in 500*l.* for Elihu Yale, writer Edmund Bugdon, distiller of London, and Daniel Sheldon, merchant, in 500*l.* and Henry Powell, merchant in 500*l.* for Edmund Bugdon, factor. Richard Llewellyn, of St. Martins in the Fields gentleman, and Colonel Edward Grosvenor in 500*l.* for Robert Llewellyn, writer Messrs. Legay and Wood, owners of the *John and Margaret*, undertake within six days to order payment of the one month's wages in six due to the relations of the mariners in the said ship, and request payment of the 30*l.* due to Captain Lord for powder taken in that vessel in a former voyage for delivery to the Agent and Council at Bantam, of which no advice of receipt has come, they are told that if they will give bond to pay the Company 60*l.* on May 15, 1673, if by then they cannot prove that the said powder was duly delivered,

a warrant shall be made out to them for payment of the 30*l*. Dunkin to receive money tendered by way of loan to the Company, but not above 10,000*l*. The account of the late William Turner to be reported. William Warren and Richard Steele to be allowed to send certain goods to the Coast and Bay for account of Messrs. March and Bugdon. The dispute between the Company, Thomas Wilson, and Sir William Hooker, touching pepper bought by Wilson from the Company and resold at the candle to Sir William, is by mutual consent referred to arbitration Mr James to be paid the dividend of ten per cent due to him. The owners of the *Berkeley Castle* to be paid 1,935*l*. 12*s*. 11*d*. (2 *pp*.)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 15, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p 97).

Two parcels of elephants teeth bought of Alderman Pigott, the one at 6*l* 10*s*. the cwt. the other at 7*l* 5*s*. the cwt. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 17, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 377).

Thomas and Francis Sprigg, London merchants, are accepted as security in 1,000*l* for Thomas Sprigg, Junior, factor, and Thomas Murthwait, haberdasher, and William Bearblock, mercer, both of London, as security in 500*l*. for Thomas Ivatt, writer. Peter Vinck, minister, to be allowed the 5*l* due from him for his adventure in the General Joint Stock Permission to ship out several provisions, particulars of which are now read, is given to Messrs Herne, Canham, Breton, Sheldon, Crandon, Dawes, Andrews, Smyth, Squire, and Foley A representation from John Stanyan is read, in which he desires some allowance for the youth he employed for eighteen months when he served the Company, and for attending to Skinner's business for one month, the Court allow him 20*l* in full of all demands, and direct him to pay in the balance of his account, when his bond shall be given up Certain Committees to speak with the Commissioners of Assessments, and endeavour to get taken off the 4*l* 6*s*. demanded from the Company for a month's trophy-money. The request of Mrs Cony touching her husband's salary is referred. A representation concerning the estate of the late John Stanford, who died at the Coast of Coromandel, is to be sent to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George, who are to examine the facts and try to recover what legally belonged to Stanford The letter from the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley touching Mr. Cony,

a captive in Algiers, to be considered when the Court are empowered to dispose of the legacies left by the said Duchess for redemption of captives Laurence Saucer stating that his debt to the Company has been largely increased by losses on goods bought and resold, and by interest charged upon it, which he is unable to pay: the Court agree to remit the interest, upon Saucer giving bond to pay the remainder of the debt in two instalments, one half in November, 1672, the other in the November following. (1½ pp)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97)

Bought of Benjamin Scrivener two parcels of elephants teeth, the large at 7*l*. 10*s*. the cwt, the small at 6*l* 10*s* the cwt., out of which the Company may lay aside 200 of the small teeth, provided they do not weigh 7 lb a tooth. (¼ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 22, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 379). .

Sir Charles Lloyd, Bart and Gabriel Whitly, London merchant, are accepted as part security each in 300*l* for Samuel Foot. Permission to ship out the several goods mentioned in lists now read is given to Messrs Bugdon, Hynmers, Evance, Smyth, Ellis, Bridges, Chuseman, Durley, and Captain Fisher The request of Thomas Whitehead, that his first year's salary of 50*l* may be paid in London for the maintenance of some of his relations, to whomsoever he shall authorize to receive it, is consented to Calicoes that Mr Abney alleges are not the same sort as he bought of the Company to be examined Upon petition, Mary March, whose husband is a prisoner in Ceylon, is to have delivered free certain piece-goods returned in the *Rainbow* Sir Edward Deering is admitted to the freedom gratis, he having formerly paid 5*l* for his adventure in the name of another Silks bought by Mr. Powel at the last sale, most of which he alleges are spoilt by ink, to be examined. Those writers already entertained to be paid the whole salary of 10*l*. per annum at the several factories to which they have been appointed, to encourage and enable them to provide themselves with clothes and other necessaries, and any part of the said salaries now in arrear is to be paid up to all in the Company's service, a clause to this effect to be inserted in the general letters to the Fort, Surat, and Bantam. Nathaniel Letton, merchant, and Judith Sayon, widow, both of London,

are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Vincent Sayon, writer; and Simon Lewis, linendraper, is accepted as security in 500*l.*, John Cresner, grocer, in 200*l.*, and James Jobson, gentleman, in 300*l.*, for Lawrence Saucer, factor William Blake to be allowed to send out three blacks in the *Loyal Subject* and *Rebecca*, paying for their passage. The Committee for Private Trade to examine and report on certain information received concerning Mr Prescott supplying the Company's shipping with brandy and other commodities Upon the desire of Captain Arnold Browne, lately in command of the *Loyal Subject*, order is given for remission of one quarter of the fine due on cloth, taken out in that ship in her last voyage, to those of her company owning the same, and who have behaved well during the voyage, also the fine on some Lahore indigo is to be remitted to the officers and men in the *Loyal Subject* and in the *Berkeley Castle*. On learning that many broad bafts returned in the *Loyal Subject* were damaged by water when in the lighter that brought them ashore, the Court order that, before Mr Mortimer and his partner are paid for landing the Company's goods, they are to give bond to make good any damage the Company shall sustain at the sale of the said goods (2 *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 24, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 381)

Permission to ship out certain goods to the Coast and Bay is given to Messrs Peacock, Conset, Lang, Pitt, Cooke, Wynn, Bugdon, Smyth, and to Mrs Manwaring A load of charcoal to be sent to the Fort. Amariah Wood to be allowed to go in one of the Company's ships to Fort St George to join her husband, who is a soldier there. The smith's bill for work done for the Company to be examined. Captain John Pool to be refunded the fine he paid on white pepper A warrant to be made out for payment of money due to George Urial, a sailor at Bantam, and given to Edward Fletcher, who has an authorization from Urial to receive it, Fletcher to give his bond to save the Company harmless from any further claim Flora Cony, wife of the Governor of St Helena, to be paid 20*l.*, part of her husband's salary A just allowance to be made Mr. Abney on his calicoes and charged to the account of the Surat Factory. (1½ *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 28, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 382).

Edward Herrys to be admitted to the Council at Fort St. George, and directions to be written to the Agent and Council there to sell

the Company's House at Madapollam to the best advantage. A good character being received of Mr. Salusbury 'of his being reclaimed', he is to be readmitted to the Company's service and given such encouragement as he shall deserve. Christopher Hatton to be entertained at Masulipatam and given employment as the Agent and Council deem suitable, and the Company on being advised of this will settle his salary. Resolved that those factors at the Coast whose wives are with them shall be allowed 15 rupees a month for board wages, but not be allowed to lodge or eat at the Company's House; and those who are unmarried are to eat at the Company's table and not be allowed board wages. It is resolved to send 90,000*l.* to the Fort, 30,000*l.* to Masulipatam, and 40,000*l.* to the Bay. The Auditor to provide an iron cash chest to be sent to Masulipatam. Sir William Temple to be given 100*l.* in Guinea gold for his charges and disbursements at the Hague in the Company's business, the Deputy to deliver it to him. Resolved, that in case of the death of William Langhorne or the removal of Sambrooke, Richard Mohun, Chief at Masulipatam, shall be appointed Agent at the Fort, notwithstanding any former order to the contrary (1 *p.*)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, NOVEMBER 28, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvA, p. 97)

Sir William Thomson agrees with Alderman John Moore for the delivery in January next of 200 fother of Derbyshire lead at 13*l.* 5*s.* the fother. Moore to make the price according to the then market rate, and be paid 2,000*l.* on account. ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 383).

Richard Stanlake, gentleman, and George Dashwood, brewer, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Richard Stanlake, Junior; and Andrew Crawley, stationer, John Cox, haberdasher, and Steven Symonds, mariner of Chatham, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Robert Crawley, writer. The salary of John Hopkins, factor at Masulipatam, to be increased to 25*l.* a year. The Husband is directed to allow the stores to be laden aboard the outward-bound ships. Captain Fisher to be given 20*l.* for his services against Sivāji at Surat, and 20*l.* for the Indian birds he delivered to the Company. Mr. Clough to be given the bond he and Sir John Lewis entered into for his return from Bantam in the *Loyal Merchant*. No private conversation with the Com-

mittees is to be allowed during the sitting of the Court. Good characters being received of John Wyat, Thomas Bauly, and John Richards, they are elected to serve the Company, the Committee for Sambrook's Accounts to decide which of them is best qualified for employment in the Calico Warehouse William Carter to be given a gratuity of 10*l.* for his care in preventing the exportation of wool, thus promoting the Company's trade in woollen manufactures for India. The owners of the *Ann* to be paid 8*l.* for a passenger taken in her last voyage. The accounts of Henry Gampin, Thomas Street, and John Ramson to be examined and reported. The Committee for the Treasury to send the treasure aboard the ships. Permission to ship out goods is given to Captains Bendall and Mariners (*sic*), Messrs. Sutton, Scot, Bullivant, Marshall, Grace, Nurse, Rogers, Guillym, and Harding. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 1, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 385).

Directions to be sent to the Agent and Council in the Bay to deliver to Agasada, a Persian merchant at Balasore, ten yards of fine scarlet cloth and ten yards of green cloth, as that sent to him in the *Merchant Adventure* in 1658 was not delivered, but disposed of for account of the Company at Viravāsaram. Mr. Kempthorn to be paid 5*l.* for an Indian doe he brought back Certain of the Committees to treat with the owners of the ground at the Stillyard about building some warehouses for the Company's use, and ascertain for how long and at what rent the same would be let. Mrs Coleman to be allowed to go in one of the Coast ships for Masulipatam on paying her own passage Complaints made against Captain Dawes are referred to the Committee for Private Trade Permission to ship out certain goods and provisions is given to Captain William Goodlad, and several of his officers, Thomas Vincent, Richard Trenchfield, John Curtis, Thomas Tilly, James Smith, Matthew Gibbon, Daniel Sheldon, Thomas Whitehead, Richard Fisher, Francis Ansel, Michael Tautor, and Mrs Stoaks. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 6, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 386)

The time allowed to the arbitrators nominated by Sir William Hooker and Mr. Wilson to determine the matters referred to them is extended until the 20th instant. At the instance of Sir Thomas Chicheley, the Husband is directed to give in next Friday an account of the quantity of saltpetre unsold remaining in his custody The

Committee for the Coast and Bay to consider and report how permission due on all moneys exported for private accounts may best be secured and made good to the Company Certain Committees to ascertain the true nature and value of the gun demanded by Agasada, the Persian merchant. George Papillon to pay the 25s. rated for paving the street in front of the Blue Warehouses, and put it to the Company's account The Guinea Company to be paid for a parcel of elephants teeth (ivory) bought at their last sale, but as there are some small teeth in the parcel not fit to send to India, these are to be sold and larger bought in their stead. The price of copper to be ascertained. On petition, Richard Fisher and William Mason, officers in the *Berkeley Castle*, are given permission to export in the *Rainbow* 17 cwt of 'gum lemin' bought at Surat of a Banyan, which is of no use here, and on certificate of its being shipped they to be repaid the overtonnage they paid for it Mr Van Almonde, Mr. Baron's correspondent in Holland, to be written to in accordance with the debate now had The Company's charges against Mr. Blake to be examined, and he and George Papillon to be notified to attend next Friday's court A duplicate account of all moneys paying permission here is to be sent to the Agent and Council at the Fort The Committee for Private Trade report that Captain Dawes has acknowledged his error in the several particulars laid to his charge, and promised to conform to the Company's rules in future Permission to ship out goods is given to Sir Robert Vyner, Messrs Wilks, Webb, Hiller, Thomas Sprigg, Junior, Richard Scot, and Robert Crawley (2 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 8, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 388).

Commissioners, to be appointed by the Earl of Craven, to be treated with about renewal of the lease of the house the Company rents from His Lordship The executors of the late Sir John Lewis to be allowed to transfer 2,000*l.* of his adventure notwithstanding his security for Mr. Clough and others. The Court, noting the great quantity of wine, mum, and other liquors, and of goods laden as private trade in their ships for the Indies, order that from March 31 next a charge of 3*l.* per ton is to be made to freemen and of 6*l.* per ton to those who are not adventurers for permission and freight on all unprohibited goods so laden (except on those belonging to owners, masters, etc., being the five per cent allowed in charterparty, or what is granted to the Company's servants) this

payment to be made before any such goods are shipped. John Stanyan on paying the balance of his account is to be given a discharge in full. Jane Mortar, whose husband died in the Company's service, is given 20s. from the poor-box. John Ogleby to be given 5*l.* for his book presented to the Company called 'The Description of America'. A bale of clouts to be delivered to Captain Richard Goodlad on payment of a fine of 30*l.* The owners of the *Loyal Subject* to be paid in full for her freight and demurrage. The Committee for Private Trade to consider how the Company may receive freight for goods laden in their ships for account of their factors and carried from port to port in the Indies, and how this can be made practicable by charterparty. A clause touching custom received on calicoes, which is to be inserted in the general letter to the Fort, is read and referred to certain Committees to consider and report what they think should be done in the matter. An answer to be sent to the Sir William Godolphin's letter to the Company. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 13, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 390).

A letter to be written to Sir Edward Spragge in answer to one received from him. Sir Michael Heneage and William Lambert, apothecary, are accepted as security, each in 200*l.* for Samuel Foote. At the instance of Captain Thomas Andrews, the Court consent to a survey being made, at the expense of the owners, of the ship now building at Woodbridge before she is sheathed, and of the vessel being built at Ipswich for Captain Cumberland. The Committee for Private Trade to ascertain in which ship Mr. Cheval intends going to India. Spice to be given to the Commissioners of Customs and to such officers as have usually received it, also to the Company's servants, the same as last year. Edith Harris is given 5*l.* for her care in selling a parcel of the Company's tea. Thomas Methold is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 15, 1671 (*Ibid*, p. 391)

Moses to appear for the Company at the suit of John Jones. Mr. White, one of the owners of the *Anne* (commanded by Captain Dawes), is told of the injury the Company may sustain by the breach of charterparty committed by the owners of the said ship in not having her ready at Gravesend by the given time, upon which he promises that every endeavour shall be made for her dispatch. Payment to be made of what is due to the late John Ramson, to those authorized to receive it. The

late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 8,000*l.* for customs due on goods imported this year for the Company. Mrs Bugdon to be allowed to go to India with her husband in the *Rebecca* at the Company's expense. Certain Committees to examine and report concerning the claim of Jacob Aboab to some calicoes bought by Mr. Flories at the last sale. Henry Croone Colborn, elected writer, to be sent to Masulipatam to serve under the Chief there for two years, and afterwards to be placed as the Agent and Council shall think fit, but not to take precedence of any who were there before him. Permission to export goods, mentioned in notes now read, is given to Messrs. Turney, Mill, Potter, Cooke, and Ansell. By the preamble read at the last sale it was declared that the Company sold their goods at six months from October 12 to April 12, and allowed two per cent for prompt payment on all cleared and taken away by December 12, but as several persons have paid up and received the said discount, and yet have not taken their goods away, the Court now declare that unless they do so by January 12 next, they must refund one-half of the said discount before receiving their goods, all warehouse-keepers to take note of this order. In the list of warrants appended, one is made out for payment of 1,134*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* to Sir George Downing (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 20, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p. 393).

Susannah Bayly, John Angevyn, 'glassman', and Thomas Baily of Sittingbourne, fellmonger, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for Thomas Baily, Junior, writer. The owners of the *Mediterranean* to be paid in full for freight. Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Mr. Burley for the use of himself, his wife and children. Jane Amos, whose husband is a dyer in the Bay, to be given 10*l.* from his wages. Benjamin Shute to be allowed for some sovaguzzees he bought and paid for, but which are found to be missing. Certain Committees to report the gratuities to be given to the Custom-House officers, in the same proportion as last year. Mr. Prowse, solicitor of the Customs, to be given the same quantity of spice as the Secretary. Mr. Houblon to state what ingredients for dyeing silk should be sent to the Bay. The bills of Zachary Burrough and Anne Lee to be examined, also Mr. Aboab's claim to certain calicoes. The sum of 12*l.* to be distributed by Mr. Aston, on the advice of Captain Prowd, among the widows of seamen living about Poplar, who have served the Company. (1½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 22, 1671 (*Ibid.*, p. 394).

An agreement to be made with the Committees for Christ's Hospital for a small ground room adjoining the Company's warehouses in Leadenhall at a yearly rental of 8*l*. Mr. Fulford's debt and his proposal concerning it referred to certain Committees, who are to ascertain what composition he has made with his other creditors, and report what is fit to be done in the Company's behalf. The several warehouse-keepers to notify those buyers who expect the benefit of the two per cent discount to clear their goods by January 12 next Captain William Goodlad to be written to and told that unless he brings back with him Mr Winter, who has entered as purser's mate in the *Loyal Subject*, the owners of that ship will have to pay 100*l* according to covenants in charterparty. The purser in the *Berkeley Castle* to be allowed to ship free of fine 4½ cwt. of leaden shot, if none is made at the Coast and Bay, otherwise he will have to pay. Richard Blackborne, upholsterer, to be paid his bill The churchwardens of the parish attending to receive 'their benevolence' upon a brief lately granted by the King, as the Court is using a house which otherwise would have been inhabited by some person of quality, it is decided to give them 5*l*. from the poor-box, 'not with respect to the Company's interest in this house, but as the sufferers by the late fire have had dealings and commerce with this Company.' Permission to export several goods is given to Messrs. Alford, Freeman, Mills, and Burley. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY 10 SIR EDWARD SPRAGG, DECEMBER 22, 1671 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 513)

Acknowledge his letter of June 8, and thank him for his assurance that nothing shall be wanting on his part for recovery of the treasure taken out of the *Morning Star* They will acquiesce in such endeavours as he shall use in this affair. The silver was divided, and some of the recipients are since dead, others ruined, so no great hopes can be entertained of its recovery, but the gold 'is in being' and therefore may be recovered. If his endeavours succeed they will gratefully acknowledge the same. *Delivered to Mr. Nathaniel Hearne for Conveyance.* (½ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 29, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 396)

The Secretary to draw up a draft of a protest against the owners of

the *Anne* for damages caused and likely to be caused by her not sailing from Gravesend by November 20 last, in accordance with her charter-party. Commanders of the Bantam and Surat ships to be notified to attend next Wednesday's court. The value to be ascertained of some books, which belonged to the late W. Hooke, who died at Masulipatam; the books are mentioned in a catalogue now produced in court. The increase of salary granted last October to Thomas Butler and Samuel South, clerks in the Accountant's Office, to begin from September 29 last. A letter from M. Van Almond is referred for consideration. Ordered that 150 soldiers be entertained and sent to Bombay. Advices from Surat touching Captain Hill's good service against Sivāji to be examined and reported. Francis Crandon is given permission to ship out several goods. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 3, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol xxvii, p 397).

Edmond Gale, a London grocer, is accepted as security in 100*l* for Samuel Foote. John Hooke to be given 5*l* 10*s* for some books which belonged to the late Walter Hooke, minister at Masulipatam; the Agent and Council at the Fort to be told, so that the said books may be taken into the Company's library. A paper 'touching the discovery of several evil practises' used by private traders to the prejudice of the Company is referred for consideration. Thomas Thoroton, brewer, and John Angevyn are proposed as security in 500*l* for Thomas Baily, Junior, whose securities, formerly accepted, are out of town. William Blake to be given a copy of the Company's objections to his account, and Moses is directed to report whether the goods in the Company's warehouse claimed by Blake may be legally detained until they are paid for. Messrs. Bellamy and Paige granted permission to keep some pepper and calcoes, bought at the last sale, for two or three months at their own risk in the Company's warehouse. According to annual custom the Court bestow 5*l* for the poor of the parish of St Andrew Undershaft and desire Mr. Canham to distribute the same to the most necessitous. At the instance of Thomas Travers attorney to Ann Travers administratrix to Walter Travers, the business touching the account of the last named is referred to arbitration. Mr Bathurst reporting that Mr. Fullford is willing to pay his debt to the Company by stated instalments and will give good security and his bond for so doing, the Court approve. Lead to be shipped in the *Rainbow*. A protest to be made to

the owners of the *Ann*. Captain Hill reports an error made in the invoice of the *Hannibal* of some pepper, a larger amount being entered than he took in at Surat, order is given for the extra amount charged to be withdrawn from the owners' account, provided they give bond to repay the same if they cannot produce a certificate within twenty days after the return of this year's shipping from Surat to prove the alleged error (2 pp)

DANIEL ARTHUR TO VISCOUNT CONWAY, JANUARY 3, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Car II. 302, no 13*).

. . I have just now heard from Holland, where our Ambassador Downing took leave for his return Actions in the East India Company there are fallen from 490 to 400, a great thing in so short a time. . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 5, 1672 (*Court Book, vol. xxvii, p 400*)

Thomas Baily to be sent as a writer to Bantam at a salary of 10*l*. a year Nathaniel Brigs offering his services for further employment as a chaplain at Bantam, he is entertained at a salary of 50*l* a year, an annual gratuity of 50*l* and 20*l* for fresh provisions and other necessities for his voyage. Mr Albyn to read the catalogue of books formerly sent to Bantam, consider what others are necessary, and provide such books (not to exceed 10*l* in value) as Mr Brigs shall wish to take with him Mr Denew is given permission to keep certain goods in the Company's warehouse for two months at his own risk Payment to be made to John Cade according to a report now read The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare the draft of a letter to be sent to the Agent and Council at Bantam (1 p)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JANUARY 5, 1672 (*Court Book, vol xxvA, p 98*)

The Husband to separate all the elephants teeth weighing under nine lb. from those of a greater weight, the former to be sold, and the latter sent to Surat He is also to buy thirty-three tons of alum, at the best rate possible, for shipment to Surat. Lead for Bantam to be shipped in Captain Crover and Captain Baker's vessels, and twenty barrels of gunpowder in each of the five ships bound for Bantam Appended is a list of goods to be shipped in the four vessels bound for Surat. (1½ pp.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JANUARY 7, 1672
(*Public Record Office. S.P. Dom., Car II 302, no. 31*).

The five East India ships sailed late yesterday from the Downs outward bound

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 401).

At the instance of several buyers, certain goods bought at the last sale and paid for before the 12th instant are to be allowed to remain in the Company's warehouses at the owners' risk until further orders. Thomas Williams, living in the Company's Almhouse at Poplar, to be given 40s 'for his relief' The bills of the late John Young to be examined. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy to present gratuities, not exceeding 400*l*, to those persons who have 'taken pains and been serviceable to the Company'. On representations made by the commanders and officers of the Company's shipping of the discouragement they suffer from large quantities of goods being sent to India by persons not in the service, but who make use of the names of factors for this purpose, the Court order that, in future any one wishing to send out goods for account of the Company's factors must obtain a certificate from the Shipping Committee for so doing before receiving permission from the Court, and that particular notice be taken of the quantity of goods sent to any one factor, in order that any prejudice to the Company may be avoided. They also order that no permission is to be granted to ship out goods belonging to any of their officers without a certificate from the commander of the ship stating that they are part of the five per cent tonnage allowed by charterparty. Captains Baker and Crover are permitted to send out several goods, particulars of which are now read. Captain John Kempthorne to be given a warrant for 10*l*, instead of the five guineas as formerly ordered, for the Indian doe he gave the Company. Captain Arnold Browne to be given twenty guineas for his services against Sivāji at Surat. Robert Boulter, of London, a stationer, engages that Nathaniel Briggs shall proceed in the present voyage to Bantam, where he is to serve as a chaplain, or else repay the 20*l* imprest. Warrants for payment of imprest money, and of prime and average to the commanders and owners of ships, to be made out to those owners who have signed their charterparties (2 pp)

A COMMITTEE FOR BUYING GOODS, JANUARY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, xxvA, p. 97).

Sir William Thomson agrees with Alderman Moore for delivery to the Company of 250 fother of lead at 13*l.* 2*s* the fother. ($\frac{1}{8}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 12, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 403).

John Allen of Gretton, Northamptonshire, and John Wright of Gray's Inn are accepted as security in 600*l.* ('for payment of 300*l.* at two six months') for George Fulford. John Mudgeley is given permission to export several goods John Elliot's account to be reported. Hugh Smyth, waterman, to be given 5*l.* for damage sustained by the loss of his servant and the materials of his boat in taking the Company's treasure aboard the ships at Gravesend. Samuel Foote, entertained as a factor for Bantam, to be given an annual salary of 80*l.* William Edwards admitted to the freedom by redemption. The factory at Bantam to be supplied with two cwt. of pewter dishes and plates, on which the arms of the Company are to be engraved Sir John Robinson and Mr. Jollife to speak to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Master of the King's Ordnance, about some money now due to the Company. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 17, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 404).

Certain of the Committees to obtain an order from the Lords of the Treasury for shipment of some brass guns designed for Bantam. The sum of 600*l.* to be paid to Mr. Watts and the other owners of the *American* in full of all demands, they promising to pay all wages due to the mariners. Asafoetida bought at the last sale by Mr. Hill to be examined, he declaring it to be 'much undertared'. Samuel Foote, Daniel Rawlinson, Ralph Smith, and Captain Francis Johnson are granted permission to ship out several goods. No ship in the Company's service to have her charterparty made out until a certificate of her tonnage has been obtained from the Shipping Committee. Payment to be made to John Scranton and to the owners of the *Hannibal*. Dr. William Sclater and Joseph Thompson are accepted as security in 500*l.* for William Sclater, Junior (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 19, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 405).

Mr. Hill to be allowed 10*l.* on the asafoetida he bought Sambrooke is directed to give Mr. Stileman a copy of the clause in Mr. Chambers's

letter from Bantam relating to Robert Sharp, who was sent to England. Moses is told to proceed with the suit against Mr Blake. On consideration of the disappointment given to many merchants and others by the Company's order of December 15 last, that all goods must be cleared by the 12th of this present month or one-half of the discount allowed for prompt payment repaid before the goods would be delivered, the Court order the time for clearing to be extended from the 12th to the 31st instant. Permission to export goods, particulars of which are now read, is given to Messrs. Vincent, Woolters, Baily, Fox, and Girle. Payment for head money to be made to the churgeons of the *Berkeley Castle*, *Loyal Subject*, and *Johanna*, and to the owners of the *Loyal Subject* and *Johanna* for the passages of twelve persons, six in each vessel. The account of Matthew Launce to be examined. Some of Dr. Butler's medicines, to the value of 5*l.*, with instructions for their use, to be sent to Bantam under the care of Mr. Brigs. Robert Davies to be prosecuted for debt, and all debtors named in the list now read to be summoned to attend next Wednesday (1½ pp.)

TREASURY MINUTE, JANUARY 19, 1672 (*Public Record Office Treasury Minute Book IV*, pp 139-141).

Warrant for a bill of store for eight brass guns for the East India Company to send to the King of Bantam. Send to the Attorney-General to make all convenient speed with the report on the reference concerning the ships of the East India Company

THE TREASURY LORDS TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, JANUARY 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office Warrants Early*, xix, p. 161).

To make forth bills of store for discharge and exemption from duty of the following articles intended to be sent by the East India Company as a present to the King of Bantam, viz. 4 demi-cannon of copper or brass, 12 feet long, weighing 307 cwt 3 qrs 24 lb also 4 sakers of copper or brass, 8 feet long, weighing 63 cwt 2 qrs 18 lb, all of English manufacture: also 2 forfeited brass pieces of ordnance, 12 feet long, weighing about 40 cwt, which His Majesty has ordered the Master of the Ordnance to be cast and delivered to the said Company, together with 80 shot of equal diameter to the said pieces, being intended as His Majesty's present to the said King of Bantam.

SILAS TAYLOR AT HARWICH TO JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JANUARY 23, 1672 (*Public Record Office S.P. Dom., Gar. II. 302, no 105*).

. . . At Ipswich. . . they were lately launching a ship for the East India trade, but for want of water she sticks one half on the ooze and the other half with her stern on the launch

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 24, 1672 (*Court Book, vol. xxvii, p 407*).

A letter from Lord Arlington is read recommending Mr Boreman for employment, the latter is told that when there is occasion for a person of his qualifications he shall be considered. A letter from the Agent and Council at Bantam is read, and order given for the clause in it relating to Captain Backer to be communicated to the Secretaries of State, and at the same time Lord Arlington is to be acquainted with the answer given to Mr. Boreman. The ships designed for Bantam to be dispatched with all haste from Gravesend, Captain Prowd, assisted by Mr. Faircliff, to see to the shipping of the treasure. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Sclater, Woolters, Owen, Hide, Smith, Brigs, Horsman, Ivat, and Mrs Cook. Mr. Bolter to be paid 13*l* for books provided for Bantam, and Mr. Albyn to see that no duplicates are sent of those already there. At the request of Mr Sawyer, his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration. Mary Whitehorne to be paid 40*l*. Mr. Sowton to be written to and sent the King's proclamation calling home all British seamen from foreign parts, that notice of this may be given to any English sailors serving in vessels bound from Stockholm to the Indies. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 26, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 408).

Sir John Lawrence, Knight, and Charles Chamberlan, merchant, are accepted as security in 500*l* for Mark Lawrence, writer. Thomas Wood and Company to be paid for goods delivered for the Company's service. At the request of Mr Oxinden, the Court promise to consider next year the entertainment of his brother Christopher as a writer in India. Much inconvenience having been caused the Company by factors and their relations living in the same factory, the Court now direct that in future no one is to be entertained to serve in any Presidency, Agency, or Chiefship where any of his kindred or relations are serving. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Houblon, Angeir, Thomson, Cham-

bers, Sundercomb, Ellis, and Robinson. The sum of 90*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* to be paid to the administrator of Henry Ganpin. Four brass saker guns to be sent to Bantam. Some piece goods to be delivered free of fine to Mary Harman, they being for the use of herself and her two children. The Governor reports the receipt of six guineas from some unknown person enclosed in a statement to the effect that the sender was employed by the Company and 'through temptation was wrought upon to deceive his trust, and having repented of this great evil, he had asked forgiveness of God, and did the like of the Company, to whom he returned that money, being the value of what he had defrauded them of, with double interest'. Order is hereupon given for the six guineas to be paid into the Treasury and placed to the account of Profit and Loss 'as so much acknowledged to be restored that had been wrongfully taken from the Company'. (14 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 26, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 409)

At the request of Christopher Thomlinson his difference with the Company is referred to arbitration. The Court direct that before the brass sakers are sent to the King of Bantam, Captain Earning at Plymouth is to be written to and told to ascertain whether the said king has made good his promise of sending 100 bahars of pepper to the Company. The names of those of Council at Bantam to be reported. Two gold medals, to the value of 20*l.*, to be provided, one to be sent to Gerald Aungier, President at Surat, 'as a remembrance of his good service against Sevagee the last year', the other to be given to Streinsham Masters on his arrival in England. The Shipping Committee to provide '200 snaphance muskets and bandaliers' and 200 swords for Bombay, and see that the 150 soldiers are entertained and ready, and that ten seamen are engaged to serve the Company at Surat. A report from the Committees touching Persian affairs dated July 28 last is read, and order given for the two per cent consulage demanded from the English at Gombroon to be remitted, and a letter procured from King Charles to the Persian king to desire that right may be done in the half customs due to the Company, a draft of the letter to this effect to be drawn up and presented to the Court. The Committee appointed to consider Mr. Rolt's affairs to be desired to meet next Wednesday. Nathaniel Skottow is granted permission to export certain goods (1 p.)

THE KING TO THE SULTAN OF BANTAM, JANUARY 26, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 520).

His Majesty wishes the most famous and renowned Sultan Abull Fettahee, King of Bantam and many other territories, health, prosperity, and happiness. By a letter dated May 24 last His Majesty acquainted the Sultan with the state of the affairs of his East India Company and his great concern in their welfare, and recommended them to the favour and encouragement of the Sultan. In the said letter His Majesty also acknowledged the receipt of a present of a creese and four lances, and now desires that the Sultan will accept two brass demiculverins, each twelve feet in length, which have been cast on purpose for him and laden in the *Hannibal*, and on her arrival the Company's Agent will present them. Again desiring the Sultan to afford all encouragement, justice, favour, and protection to the East India Company, their Agents, Councils, and factors, His Majesty commends the Sultan to the protection of the Almighty. 'Given at our Court at Whitehall.' Signed Your affectionate friend Charles R. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JANUARY 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 411)

The draft of a letter from King Charles to the King of Persia is read and order given for it to be referred to the Committee for Writing Letters to make what alterations they see fit. Permission is granted to the owners and commander of the *Expectation* to export 1,800 pieces of eight, and to the owners and commander of the *Surat Merchant* to export 2,000 pieces of eight to Bantam, permission free; also to Captains Goodlad and Risby and to Mr. Clough to export certain goods, they being part of the five per cent tonnage allowed by charterparty. John Richards is entertained to serve under Sambrooke at an annual salary of 30*l*. Sir Walter Walker to be given a retaining fee to act as Counsel to the Company as occasion shall require. The petition of Mrs. Bass is referred. Particulars read of goods to be provided at Surat and order given for the same to be inserted in the general letter to that place (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 2, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 412).

At the instance of the Treasury Committee, order is given that, for the future Edward Byrch is to enter all particulars of receipts and pay-

ments in the Cash book according to Dunkin's directions, and examine and sign every folio of that book in accordance with the instructions of the Treasury Committee. John Paige to be allowed for narrow baftas missing in the bale he bought at the last sale. Permission to ship out goods is given to Messrs Willoughby, Rodrigues, Lusher, Harris, Havers, Dawes, and Foote. Dunkin to deliver 4,000 pieces of eight, 'Sevil coin', or the same quantity of Mexican pieces of eight to Alderman Backwell, if by his account it appears that the Company owe him so much. John Byrch, Esq., of Westminster, and John Wyat, merchant of Bristol, are accepted as security in 500*l.* for John Wyat, Junior, writer. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy to bestow gratuities, not exceeding 400*l.*, on 'such persons as have taken pains and been ready on all occasions to promote the Company's affairs'. At the request of John Billingsly, the business depending between the Company and himself is again referred to arbitrators, who are to determine it by the first of April next. The matter depending between the Company and John Sawyer is, by mutual consent, also referred to arbitration. The Secretary reports that a petition addressed to the King and Council has been brought into the office to be copied, it is drawn up by several London merchants, who in it complain of great losses they have sustained in several places abroad, and mention particularly the taking of Macassar from the Company, the Court, finding passages in the said petition 'they must disown', direct the Secretary to acquaint Messrs Warren and Wescomb, who signed the petition, with the desire of the Company that anything concerning their affairs may be omitted. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 2, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 413).

A letter from Captain Earning at Plymouth is read, in which he disclaims all knowledge of the 100 bahars of pepper being sent by the King of Bantam to the Agent, hereupon the question is put, whether the four saker guns shall be sent to the said King, and answered in the affirmative. Letters for the Agent and Council at Bantam are now signed. (½ p.)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], FEBRUARY 2, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 514)

Send the King's late proclamation recalling and prohibiting seamen

from the service of foreign Princes and States; this Sowton is to communicate to those of His Majesty's subjects who have undertaken to proceed in the two ships bound to the East Indies, that they may avoid the dangers mentioned. Desire him to continue to advise them concerning the said two vessels, and anything else worthy their knowledge. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 414)

There being a want of money in the Treasury, it is referred to the Treasury Committees, who with certain other Committees are to consider how best a supply may be obtained, either by exchange, taking up of money at interest, or some other means that may tend to the honour and advantage of the Company. It is also resolved that in order to supply present needs the Treasury Committees shall accept a loan at six per cent and give the Company's bill, payable at three or six months for the same, and that others, who have advanced money to the Company since January 1, shall from that time be allowed the same rate of interest Richard Foley is remitted the fine on some calicoes, they being for the use of himself and his relations Permission to ship out goods is granted to Sir Francis Clarke, Messrs Godfrey, Rawlinson, Tibbotts, and Sambrooke. Papers presented by Shem Bridges are read and referred to the Committee for Private Trade to do what they think fit about them Amongst the warrants is one made out to Sir George Downing for 504*l* 15*s* 10*d*, and one to Mrs Anne Charnock for 613*l* 1*s*. 8*d* ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office S.P. Dom, Car II* 302, no. 228)

The three East India ships outward bound sailed at noon .

THE COMPANY TO SULTAN ABULL FETTAHEE, KING OF BANTAM, FEBRUARY 8, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol iv, p. 521)

Some misunderstanding having arisen between His Majesty and their Agent concerning the management of their affairs in His Majesty's dominions, they procured a letter from their King to the Sultan and wrote at large themselves in order to prevent all future misunderstandings. At the same time they acknowledged the receipt of His Majesty's letter, in which he mentioned the 100 bahars of pepper he

had desired their Agent to present to them, and stated that they intended to make some return by their winter shipping. Since this they have received advice from their Agent Dacres of a contract made with the Sultan for payment of 4,000 dollars a year instead of any presents, customs, &c., of which they approve during Dacres's stay, and until they give orders to the contrary. In confidence that His Majesty has made good his promise with regard to the pepper, they now send in the *Hannibal* four brass sakers and 300 muskets, which the Agent is to deliver if he has received the pepper, but if not, then he is to dispose of them as directed. By the *Ann* they received His Majesty's letter in which he complained of the Agent and of Mr. Mainstone; the latter long before receipt of His Majesty's said letter had been ordered to England to answer for his misdemeanours, he being removed and the Sultan having received their King's letter and their own, and the aforesaid agreement having been made they hope there will be no more misunderstandings. As to the price of pepper, their Agent quotes 15 dollars the bahar, which they have told him is too dear compared with what the Dutch sell at, and they cannot hope to compete with the latter unless they sell as cheaply. Of this they have often told their Agent to inform the Sultan and to desire him to consult his own and his people's interest, as well as the Company's, how best to keep the trade of the latter in his kingdom ($\frac{3}{4}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 9, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 415).

Sir John Banks to speak to Sir Thomas Chicheley and Sir John Duncombe about the money due for saltpetre. Resolved that a General Court of Sales be held on April 16 next. Permission to export goods is granted to Jacob Aboab, Arthur Philpot, Captain Peirce, and Captain Richard Goodlad. A report is read touching the dispute between Rolt, Lambton, and others, in which the committee state that what is affirmed by Rolt is denied by others at Surat, therefore they can give no judgement, but only offer their opinion that the Court should write to the President and Council at Surat and desire all animosities to be stopped, and care taken to prevent offences for the future, that Rolt use his authority to punish all who act contrary to the established orders of the Company, that he keep up a good correspondence with the President and Council, and observe their orders, as being subordinate to them; that Ralph Lambton come home or remain at Bombay, and

that the President issue orders to all captains of ships and others employed in Persia to give due respect to Rolt as the Company's Chief. The Court agree to this and direct that the President and Council at Surat and Mr. Rolt be informed of it. At the instance of Mr. Breton, one of the owners of the *Coast Frigate*, certain Committees are desired to report touching the damaged goods returned in that ship. Mr. Mountney reports the desire of the late Farmers to be paid 10,000*l.* of what is due to them for custom on goods imported by the Company last year; he is told that the account shall be examined and care taken for the Farmers' supply, though money is very scarce at present. After some debate, the Treasury Committees and Mr. Canham are desired to consider how to find money for the Company's occasions. The Deputy and Sir John Banks to consider the request of Mr. Whitchurch concerning his freedom. Mr. Morris's bill to be examined. A report on the petition of Bridget Hardy is read and approved, and the Court agree that the said Bridget and her now husband, John Charles, are entitled to 300*l.* left by Captain Thomas Hardy to his brother Robert Hardy (who married the said Bridget but has since died intestate) if they will take out letters of administration, meanwhile interest at five per cent is to be allowed on the said money. All information possible to be obtained with regard to the ministerial abilities of Mr. Farnworth, who is proposed to serve the Company as a chaplain in India. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 14, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 417).

A letter from Samuel Sowton from Stockholm is read, and order given for an answer to be sent to him stating that as copper is so dear and the times 'like to prove troublesom', no directions are yet sent, but he is to keep the Company frequently informed of the price of copper that they may know how to act. A representation from Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. All warehousekeepers to draw up at once an account of the goods in their custody, and what money is due upon them, and present the same to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to enjoin all persons named in the said accounts to clear their goods; the said Committee is also to consider of some speedier way of collecting money due on contracts. On information that some persons desire six per cent interest on their money now in the Company's hands, from the time it shall become due, or else to be paid the principal, the Court order that

all such persons be allowed the six per cent desired, but at the same time recommend the Treasury Committees to take care that all who take advantage of 'the present exigency of affairs be paid off in the first place' as soon as there is sufficient cash to do this. Mr. Herne to be allowed to ship out free some sarsaparilla, and Messrs. Rolt and Sherlock to ship out goods, particulars of which are now read. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 2,000*l.* upon account. (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 16, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p 419).

Permission to ship out goods is given to Mrs. Browning, William Norgate, and Henry Adman. Ordered that in the general letter to Surat the President and Council be informed, in accordance with the debate now had, of the opinion of the Court touching Colonel Palmer, Colonel Bake, and Francis Bill. A draft of a letter to the King of Persia is read, and order given that the Committees who brought it in be desired to read the Articles made with the King's predecessors and then make what alterations in the said letter they think fit. Henry Oxinden, Secretary at Surat, to be given an annual salary of 40*l.* A warrant for 100*l.* to be made out to the Husband, who wants the money for 'necessary disbursements'. A warrant for 50*l.* made out to Mr. Wilson for his dividend, having been lost, the Accountant is directed to make out another and note on it that the first miscarried. [Among the warrants, no fewer than sixty-three are made out to E. Backwell, Esq., all for large sums, varying from 140*l.* to 20,000*l.*] (1 p)

THE COMPANY TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], FEBRUARY 16, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p 523)

Acknowledged his letter of January 17 with the enclosed account, and note his promise to send copper to the value of dollars 7,156, still remaining to their credit, by the first shipping. Considering the dearth of copper and the likelihood of troublous times they forbear to order more as yet, but desire him to advise frequently as to its price ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, FEBRUARY 18, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II* 303, no 46).

... The *Hannibal*, for East India, came yesterday into the Downs.

TREASURY MINUTE, FEBRUARY 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office: Treasury Minute Book iv*, pp. 182-6).

Write Sir John Banks that he would bring back the report from the Attorney-General concerning the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 421).

The Auditor to give Mr Chapman a copy of Mr Puliston's account and of the Company's demands from him. The fine on some lead, seized in the *Golden Fleece*, belonging to one of the chief mates and the carpenter, to be remitted and the lead not to be exported, and the Court resolve that for the future a fine of 20*l*. a ton shall be put upon all lead sent out as private trade, and that this shall be inserted in all charterparties. The Treasury Committees to send down the treasure for the ships bound for Surat as soon as they are ready for it. John Woolhouse, winecooper, and John Peirce, milliner, both of London, are accepted as security in 500*l* for John [su] Woolhouse, writer, and William Rooke, Esq., of Canterbury, and Thomas Gibbon, of London, as security in 500*l* for Thomas Pettit, writer. The account of Matthew Launce to be examined. Permission to export goods is given to Mrs. Cooke, Richard Davison, Samuel Wales, and John North. No more warrants to be issued to William Thomson, gunsmith, for money due to him, until his former account is cleared. The Committee for Making Addresses to prepare a letter, in accordance with the debate now had, to be sent to Captain Collier. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 23, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 422).

A satisfactory account having been received of the ministerial abilities of John Fraunce (recommended by Mr. Boyle), he is elected to serve as a chaplain at Surat or Bombay at an annual salary of 50*l*., with a yearly gratuity of 50*l*., and to be allowed 20*l* for provisions and other necessities for his voyage. A representation from Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, is read, praying that the fifty bags of saltpetre put to his account may be withdrawn, as they were not put aboard his ship, and Shem Bridges vouching for the truth of this, the Court order the entry to be cancelled, and the wishes of the Captain with regard to his sappan and ebony wood to be referred to the Committee for Private Trade. The Treasury Committees to authorize the entry in their Cash Book of the expenditure of 340

guineas, which, in accordance with an order of the Court of the 2nd instant, have been paid in gratuities to those who have promoted the Company's service. Permission to export goods is granted to Messrs Gifford, Gape, Blackman, Stracy, Brown, and to Captains Risbe and Goodlad. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 28, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 424).

Permission to export goods is given to Captain Peirce, Messrs Boone, Bill, Reynardson, and Woolhouse, and to Edward Denham to send out three chests of wine, containing twenty-five gallons, to the President at Surat. A fine of 20*l.* per ton to be put on all lead in which goods for private trade are packed, and a fine of 12*d.* per oz. on all coral beads sent to India. A warrant for 3,000*l.* to be made out to the late Farmers of the Customs on account. Charles Aston to give up to Sambrooke the key of the warehouse at Gresham College, formerly used for pepper, as it is now to be used for a calico warehouse. An additional hundred barrels of powder to be sent to Bombay. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, FEBRUARY 29, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid*, p. 425).

Mr. Farnworth to be notified to attend the Court to-morrow morning; and the Shipping Committees to confer with the chaplains already entertained and ascertain which of them is inclined to remain at Bombay. Captain William Hill, late commander of the *Hannibal*, to be presented with twenty guineas for his good services at Surat against Sivāji (½ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 1, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 426).

Good accounts having been received of the ministerial abilities of Joseph Farnworth, he is elected to serve as a chaplain at Surat or Bombay at a salary of 50*l.* a year and an annual gratuity of 50*l.*, as he shall be found to deserve. Some narrow bafts to be delivered to M^r. Gulston. In accordance with a report now read, Mary Lang, administratrix to the late Matthew Launce, is to be given a warrant for 15*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* The bricklayers' bills to be examined. Owners of ships serving the Company to be allowed to export free their joint bullion in the said ships, on account of private trade, provided it does not exceed 400*l.* to every 100 ton of the ships' burden. Permission to export goods is given

to Messrs. Gosnell, Brown, Finny, Marshall, Featherson, Parks, Hall, Clough, Alderson, Ward, Davison, King, Adams, Gray, the Master and Wardens of Trinity House, and to Captains Risby and Peirce. (1 p)

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MARCH 5, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom. Car.* II. 303, no. 172).

To-day the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* arrived unexpectedly from East India, with no news except that the *Phoenix* is in the English Channel. These great and secret preparations for war put the whole country to a stand, make trade dear, and beget sundry discourses. . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 6, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 427).

Messrs. Gyffard, Hewar, Woolhouse, Lawrence, Boulton, Andrews, Church, Welsh, King, Hall, and Captain Peirce are given permission to ship out goods, particulars of which are now read. After examination and report the bill of Steven Smart, plumber, is ordered to be paid. The fine on some calicoes is remitted to George Legate and Mrs. Henshaw. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 2,000*l.* on account. The Husband to give in next Friday an account of the private trade laden in the *Mediterranean Merchant*. A gratuity of 50*l.* a year to be paid to Mr Hounsell, the Company's chaplain at Fort St George, the Agent and Council there having reported his 'good character'. (1½ pp)

THE KING TO SHĀH SULAIMĀN, KING OF PERSIA, MARCH 6, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 544).

His Majesty has been informed by his East India Company of the happy succession of 'Shaw Solyman' to the throne of his renowned ancestors, and of the peace and tranquillity of the great kingdoms under his obedience, and sends hearty congratulations and wishes for the increase and continuance of the Shāh's prosperity. The said Company have at the same time humbly represented how that about fifty years ago articles of agreement were confirmed to them by Shāh Sulaimān's famous predecessor, Shāh Abbas, by which for their great charge and service in assisting in the taking of the 'Castle of Kishme, Citty, Castle, and Island of Ormous', they were to receive (among other benefits) one-half of the customs and duties payable by all merchants ships, etc., arriving on this side of Ormous, as appears by the first and third article of the said agreement. But they complain that Your Majesty's officers

have for many years past slighted their Agents and withheld the greatest part of their right, for though the customs are worth 30,000 tomands a year yet they have seldom received more than 1,000 tomands. The King, not wishing for any breach in the ancient friendship existing between the two nations, trusts that the peaceable representation of these wrongs may bring about the recovery of the Company's just dues for the time past, and 'a firme establishment' by Shāh Sulaimān's commands to his Officers and Ministers for the future, so that the Company may receive annually 'their full proportions upon a just accompt, whereby the freindship and good correspondence which hath continued so many yeares may be still preserved and remaine inviolate'. 'Given at Our Court at Whitehall.' *Signed* Your verie affectionate Freind Charles R. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 429).

Permission to export goods is given to Mrs. Mohun, Mrs. Gould, Messrs Reynardson, Stanlake, and Lawrence. A draft of an engagement to be given to the Commissioners of Customs to perfect the entry of goods imported in the *John and Martha* from Bantam within the next two months, and giving bond for satisfying the customs due, is read, and order given for the Treasury Committees to affix the Company's seal to the said engagement and to others of a like tenor which shall from time to time be presented by the Husband for the entries of any other of the Company's ships arriving from India. Ordered that the soldiers at Bombay be allowed their pay at twenty-eight days to the month. A tally for the year's rent ending last Michaelmas for Bombay and paid into the Exchequer is given to Mr Boone to deposit in the Treasury Gerald Aungier to be allowed five per cent interest on his quarter share of permission money payable on treasure and jewels carried to and from Surat in the Company's ships, and on such permission money as shall yearly become due to him ($1\frac{1}{4}$ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 8, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 430).

The Commissioners of the Customs having directed the granting of bills at sight to the Company for goods imported in their ships as private trade upon the Husband entering into an engagement to make a perfect entry and clear them, the Court, after some consideration, direct the Husband to sign the engagement entered into by Captam

Earning of the *John and Martha* and any others of a similar nature when ships belonging to the Company shall arrive from India, and agree to indemnify him for so doing. Permission to export goods is given to Messrs. Herne, Ward, Bendish, Sambrooke, Tyler, Petit, Cooke, France, Farnworth, and Captain Richard Goodlad of the *Mediterranean*. The account of John Burges to be stated. The Auditor to draw up and present the account of Henry Paige. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 11, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 461).¹

Some bales of cloth to be transferred from the *Mediterranean Merchant* to the *Loyal Merchant* for their more convenient transit to Surat. Mr. Bowers to be paid 21*l* for making a gold medal for the President of Surat. The owners of the *Loyal Merchant* to be paid 8*l*. for a passenger taken to Bantam, and Captain Risbe 30*l* 'for a bird called a Cassawarin, which he delivered for the Company's service'. Two letters from St Helena are read, they record the misbehaviour of Captain Cony, the matter is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to consider the many complaints made, examine Captain Medford, his purser, and any others they see fit, and report. Permission to export goods is given to Sir Jonathan Dawes, Messrs Harvy and Cooke. The Captain of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to send to the Company's house the diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods he has aboard, appointing some one to deliver them to Dunkin, who is to give a receipt, that so they may be delivered to the several owners (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 13, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 431).

Warrants to be made out for payments to the following persons, viz.. Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, 7*l* 11*s*. 1*d*. for his quarter share of permission money for treasure carried out in his vessel, to Jane Culmer 17*l*. due to her late husband for pilotage, to William Clough, purser in the *Loyal Merchant*, 5*l* gratuity for fetching the Company's letters from Plymouth, to John France, chaplain for Surat, 10*l*. in part of his salary, to John Charles, his wife Bridget, and Christopher Hardy, administrators of the estate of Robert and Thomas Hardy, for 300*l*. paid into the Company's cash at Bombay. Captain Robert Medford, commander of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, reports that he has a packet of letters directed to Lord Arlington containing a return of the commission granted for examina-

¹ Bound up wrongly

tion of the differences at Fort St George between Sir Edward Winter and Agent Foxcroft; hereupon the Court request Sir John Banks to inform Lord Arlington of this and to be present at the delivery of the said packet. Permission to ship out goods is given to Captain Peirce, Messrs. Lucy, Francia, Beard, and Jones. The commanders of the Surat ships to take the first opportunity of sailing from Gravesend into the Downs, and Captain Prowd is directed to go aboard and hasten their departure. The report of the arbitrators appointed to settle matters between the Company, John Billingsly, and John Sayer is read; by it Billingsly and Sayer have to pay the Company 250*l* each, at the several times mentioned. The Shipping Committee to prepare a letter to go by the *Barnardiston* to the Agent and Council at the Fort. At the instance of Captain Richard Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, the Court promise that if they see cause to alter his homeward route he shall have some consideration, and the same shall be allowed to other ships in a like case. Permission money paid by Mr. Herne for some musk brought back in the *Return* to be repaid him, and an allowance made him for some stick-lac found over and above the Company's proportion mentioned in the invoice. The accounts of John Augar and John Parnell to be stated. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 13, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 433)

Upon hearing a report from those appointed to examine the account of Sir Francis Clarke, the Court give order that if within the next twenty-one days Sir Francis pays 150*l*. he is to be discharged of the said account. A report is read from the Committees touching the answer of the President and Council of Surat to the objections formerly made to the accounts of that factory, and order given for the particulars mentioned in the said report to be inserted in the general letter to that place. Letters to the Agent and Council at Fort St George are signed, and directions given for them to be sent to Portsmouth or Plymouth to go by the *Barnardiston*. (¾ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 15, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 434)

Payment to be made to Henry Brown. A letter from Captain Prowd is read, in which he tells of the unfitness of some of the ships bound for Surat because they are too deeply laden, hereupon two of the Committees are requested to go aboard the said vessels and see what is best

to be done to hasten their dispatch, and give directions accordingly. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Coast Frigate*. Certain Committees to deliver the jewels and other things, returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* but now in the Treasury, to their rightful owners. The wife of Captain Horsman to be given 20*l.*, being what is thought fit to remit of the fine paid by the captain for white pepper brought home in the *Constantinople Merchant*. The Secretary to be paid 70*l.* for disbursements (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 15, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 435)

John France, the minister bound for Surat, to be given 10*l.* on account of his salary. Certain of the Committees to meet next Monday in order to consider what should be done to procure convoys for the ships outward-bound, and for those expected home this year. ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 20, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 436).

William Northy requesting the dividend on his adventure in the General Joint Stock (formerly belonging to Sir William Bateman) the matter is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who, with the assistance of Moses, are to consider and report what is fit to be done. Several Committees are desired to examine the preamble which is to be read at the next sale and, in accordance with the debate just had on encouraging buyers to take away their goods in time, to make such amendments in it as may be most for the Company's interest and advantage. The Shipping Committee to examine what kentledge guns were put aboard the *Rainbow* in her present voyage to Surat, and what obligation the commander is under to return them to England. Some 'toyes' brought back in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be delivered to Mary Mohun (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 22, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 437)

The clerk to the Master of the Ordnance to be given 3*l.* for his care and pains in dispatching the Company's business. Payment to be made to John Burges, late Armourer at Bantam. Mary, wife of John Bolt, mariner in the pinnace *Diligence*, to be given one month's pay extraordinary of her husband's wages, she having lawful authority to receive it. Discount Bills to be signed by the clerks who make them out, and by Harbert. John Whitlock, minister, to be remitted the 5*l.* due as he is an adventurer in the present Joint Stock. (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MARCH 29, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 438).

A small cabinet returned in the *Experiment* to be delivered free to Mr. Flower, minister. Damaged pepper returned in the *John and Martha* to be examined. A pot of musk, said to have cost 632½ rials, the property of Thomas Gray and Richard Cradock, to be delivered on payment of the permission money. Upon petition, some clothing, calicoes and other things to be delivered free to Messrs. Dix, Augur and Parnell. Captain Johnson is presented with 5*l.*, to be spent on a piece of plate on which the arms of the Company are to be engraved, for his care in building the *Experiment*. The Company's seal to be affixed to a receipt for 1,000*l.* paid in by George Papillon, the proceeds of part of Mr Blake's goods Drugs, etc., to be priced in readiness for the sale. The Treasury Committees to accept money offered by William Jolliffe or any other merchant, and give bills for repayment with interest at five per cent, yet for any goods they shall buy at the next sale six per cent is to be allowed them from the date of their bills for the same. A diamond weighing 9½ carats returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be delivered free to Mrs Hymners. Certain Committees to provide provisions and other necessaries wanting at St Helena, freight a ship upon the best terms possible and hasten her dispatch with these goods to that island. The account of the late Thomas Haslewood to be made out. The complaint against Mr Reynardson is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Dungarees belonging to Captain Williams, said by him to be rotten and worth very little, to be examined. (2 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 3, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p 441)

Warrants to be made out for payment of the several sums following to the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, 1,600*l.*, on account of freight, to Nathaniel Nokes, 25*l.*, part of the salary of his brother, who is chaplain at St Helena, to the owners of the *Loyal Merchant*, 152*l.*, for transportation of nineteen passengers, to the owners of the *Mediterranean Merchant*, 168*l.*, for twenty-one passengers carried out on the Company's account; and to the chururgeons of the said two vessels for the forty passengers at the rate of 5*s.* each. David King to be allowed 6*l.* for the freight of a smack which attended the Coast ships through the King's Channel into the Downs. An extension of time to be allowed to the arbitrators acting for the Company and Mr Thomlinson. Abraham Otgher is admitted to the freedom by patrimony, and

John Fisher by redemption. The Court accept 40*l.* from Roger Scattergood in payment of his debt of 164*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, in consideration of his great poverty and the composition made with his other creditors. Saltpetre from the Bay is priced at 3*l.* the cwt. and from the Coast at 54*s.* the cwt. Saltpetre, bought by Mr. Langham for Robert Richardson, to be delivered. A cabinet containing spices returned in the *John and Martha* to be delivered free to John George, and some shirts and calicoes to be delivered free to Lawrence Keeble. The Court consent to a further consideration being had of the award made touching the account of Mr. Stephenson, after the first instalment shall have been paid. Mr. Billingsley to be given his dividend when he has paid the 50*l.* he owes the Company. Mr Morris's bill for work done in Sambrooke's warehouse to be examined. All the warehousekeepers to give in every February a true account of goods received and delivered by them. A transfer of 375*l.* subscription in the New General Stock made by John Wigat of Lisbon, merchant, late of London, to John Fisher of Westminster, gentleman, witnessed by Thomas Maynard, Consul-General for the English nation there, and by Messrs. Crosford and Lenthal, and James Houblon declaring that he knows the superscription of the said witnesses to be in their own handwriting, the Court approve and give order for the said transfer to be entered. (2 *pp*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 5, 1672 (*Ibid*, p 443)

Payment to be made to Thomas Ellt. Mrs Foxcroft to be paid 150*l.* on account of salary due to her husband, Agent Foxcroft. Morees to be delivered free of fine to Mr King (1 *p*)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO SAMUEL SOWTON [AT STOCKHOLM], APRIL 5, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p 546)

By the Governor's order he writes to acknowledge the receipt of Sowton's letter of the 13th ult in which he tells of having acquainted the Ambassador with His Majesty's declaration, of his discourse with Oloff Bergh, and about the principal pilot, Robert Parish, etc. The Company return him their thanks, and send him His Majesty's proclamation, which Sowton is to communicate to the Ambassador, he is also to keep the Company constantly advised. (1 *p*)

THOMAS HOLDEN AT FALMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, APRIL 8, 1672 (*Public Record Office. S.P. Dom., Car* II. 305, no. 95).

. . There was a whispering report that the French had taken our

English factory in the East Indies and that the Dutch had helped the English to retake it.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 12, 1671 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 444).

Francis Morris, carpenter, to be paid 57*l.* 10*s.* Certain calicoes to be resold at the next sale. Three bezoar stones sent as a token to Sir Francis Clarke to be delivered to him permission free. The late Farmers of the Customs to be paid 3,000*l.* on account. Pepper to be sold at 11*d.* per lb. A clause, proposed for insertion in the preamble to be read before the sale, is now read, it is to the following effect that the Company will sell their goods at six months from May 16 next, any buyer clearing and taking away his goods before the following July 16 shall have three per cent allowed him for prompt payment, with rebate for the unexpired time of the said six months; any one clearing and taking away his goods before September 16 next shall be allowed two per cent and the same rebate, and he who clears and takes away his goods on or before November 6, shall be allowed one per cent and no more, the Court approve of the clause and give order for it to be inserted accordingly, and for notice to be given that there will be no further sale of any sort of goods until next September. The dungarees bought by Captain Williams to be examined, and Sambrooke to send the Captain a bale of double dungarees instead of the bale of wrappers, which were sent by mistake (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 15, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 445).

Mr. Boone to adjust the account of permission for jewels, etc., due from Thomas Cooke Mr. Wright, surgeon in the *Rainbow*, to be paid 5*s.* a head for passengers in that ship A report from the Committees concerning Mr. Thomlinson is approved The Court of Sales is put off until next Thursday morning Upon hearing from Sir John Banks a report of his conversation with the Master of the Ordnance, the Court resolve to put up for sale one-third of the saltpetre now in their hands and to keep the remainder, that from the Bay and Surat to be priced at 57*s.* the cwt and that from the Coast at 51*s.* the cwt. Sir John Banks is desired to acquaint Sir Thomas Chicheley with this resolve and tell him that, if he pleases to appoint some one to buy the saltpetre at the candle, it would be 'an accommodation to His Majesty's service and an ease to the Committees'. Ordered that a dividend of twenty

per cent be made to the adventurers immediately after the sale as money comes in, any adventurer buying goods to be allowed it in payment of the same Warrants for the said dividend payable to the adventurers to be ready for issue by Saturday next. A general court to be summoned to meet next Wednesday that all may be told of this (1 p.)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 17, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 446).

The Governor informs the generality of the order of the Committees of the 15th inst. for a dividend of twenty per cent to be issued to all adventurers immediately after the sale, and that any buying goods at the said sale are to be allowed the dividend in payment for the same. That after the Dutch war the Stock was so reduced it had been necessary to take up great sums of money at interest in order to carry on the trade, and since 1666 only one dividend of ten per cent in May last has been issued. The Court hoped to have declared another after the last sale, but the 'expatiating of their trade prevented it' Now, finding the expectation of the adventurers to be so great, a dividend, as mentioned, has been declared, and is to be allowed to those buying goods at the sale in payment for them, and to others as fast as money comes in. Warrants for the said dividend will be ready for issue next Saturday. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 17, 1672 [AFTERNOON] (*Ibid.*, p. 447).

Mary Meade to be permitted to transfer a dividend to Matthew Andrewes without paying a fine as he is going to re-assign it to her immediately. On petition, the salary of Samuel Sambrooke, Junior, is increased from 50*l.* to 100*l.* per annum, in respect of his former service and for his future encouragement. James Whitchurch is admitted to the freedom gratis. The account of the owners of the *Rainbow* to be debited with the fine for some iron guns taken out in that ship in her present voyage. The Treasury Committees to be desired to affix the Company's seal to four bonds prepared to be given to His Majesty, two for 1,959*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* for custom on goods returned in the *John and Martha*, payable next September, and two for 2,529*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* for custom on goods returned in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, payable next March. A report concerning Henry Paige is read and referred for consideration until after the election. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, APRIL 18, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxvii, p. 449).

Sale of Jambī pepper, white pepper, dust and scummings of pepper, China roots, benzoin, green ginger, myrrh, saltpetre, Guinea stuffs, mercollees, derebauds, byrampauts, blue and black bafts, broad and narrow bafts, sovaguzzees, niccanees, brown and blue longcloth, parcallaes, sannoes, salampores, sailcloth, bellees, morees, dungarees, clouts, damaged calicoes, tapseils, brawles, pautkaies, blue pautkaies, gingham, taffetas, quilts, and cotton wool, with prices and names of purchasers. (11½ pp)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 22, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 1).

The generality are informed of the occasion of their meeting, according to their printed papers, and that, a scrutiny of the votes having been taken, Sir John Banks has been elected Governor, and Mr Nathaniel Herne Deputy, for the ensuing year. (½ p)

A GENERAL COURT, APRIL 25, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 2).

The Governor causes the names of the Committees for the ensuing year to be read. They are as follows. George, Lord Berkeley, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Sir Francis Clarke, Sir James Edwards, Sir John Robinson, Sir Andrew Riccard, Sir William Thomson, Benjamin Albyn, Christopher Boone, John Bathurst, Thomas Canham, Michael Davison, James Houblon, Edward Hopegood, John Jollife, Samuel Moyer, John Morden, John Paige, Daniel Sheldon, Maurice Thomson, Major Robert Thomson, Charles Thorold, Rowland Wynn, and Christopher Wilmoughby (¾ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, APRIL 26, 1672 (*Ibid*, p. 3).

Sir Andrew Riccard, Sir Samuel Barnardiston, Messrs Maurice Thomson, Christopher Boone, and Rowland Wynn are desired to undertake the directing and management of the Treasury for the ensuing year, and they, or any two of them, are empowered to act accordingly. The officers of the Company are re-elected according to custom, their annual salaries are as follows. Michael Dunkin, Cashier, at 200*l*, Richard Harris, his assistant, 90*l*, and as Housekeeper and Beadle, 30*l*, Robert Blackborne, Secretary, 200*l*, Elisha Coles, his assistant, 50*l*, John Harbert, Accountant-General, 130*l*, Leventhorp Altham, his

assistant, 80*l.*; Thomas Butler, clerk assistant, 50*l.*; Samuel South, clerk assistant, 40*l.*; John Hooper, clerk assistant, 30*l.*; Thomas Ashby, clerk assistant, 30*l.*; Humphrey Edwyn, Auditor, 100*l.*; Peter Cossen, assistant, 50*l.*; Abraham Papillon, assistant, 40*l.*; Thomas Sprigg, Husband, 200*l.*; Francis Thompson, his assistant, 80*l.*; George Papillon, Keeper of the Blue Warehouse, 160*l.*; and for managing the candle at sales, 10*l.*; Edward Byrch, assistant in the Treasury, 50*l.*; Charles Aston, Keeper of the Pepper Warehouse, 80*l.*; and as Paymaster of the Mariners, 30*l.*; William Moses, Solicitor, 20*l.*; Captain John Prowd, Surveyor of Shipping, 80*l.*; Thomas Clayton, Doorkeeper, 40*l.* Mr. Davison is desired to examine and report on the bill of Mr. Bullock, chirurgion. The accounts of Messrs Green and Boilston to be examined and reported. The Shipping Committee to consider what is fit to be done to secure the vessels expected from India and act accordingly. On petition, the salary of Francis Thompson, assistant to the Husband, is raised from 60*l.* to 80*l.* a year because of his great pains and constant attendance, and he is promised further consideration should there be an enlargement of the Company's trade. The following securities are accepted George Day in 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for Roger Scattergood, and Samuel Coltman, brewer, and John Jeames in 107*l.* for James Smith. The motion of Mr. Rawlinson concerning the dividend of Mr. Martin to be considered and reported Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Francis Keeble, John Parnel, and John Augur. The Governor to be desired to write to Mr. Albyn according to the debate now had (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 1, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 5).

The Company's seal to be affixed to a receipt for 617*l.* 5*s.* paid in by George Papillon, being the proceed of part of Mr. Blake's goods. Several letters from the Minister and inhabitants of St. Helena are read, representing the unjust and arbitrary proceedings of the Governor, Captain Cony, and his contempt of the Company's orders, also a report from those appointed to examine the officers of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, the last ship from that island, no resolution is come to, but all the Committees present are desired to think of some person qualified for the post of Governor there. All members of the Court are desired to forbear mentioning or divulging abroad any transactions or debates concerning the business of the Company and in no case to make known any discourses of the members. The petition of Humphrey Edwyn representing the promise made if he were diligent and faithful in his

work as auditor is read, and the Court, being well satisfied, accord him a gratuity of 100*l.* for the time past, with promise of further encouragement if he shall continue his good services. A warrant for 52*s.* to be made out to Captain Robert Medford, who paid that sum to William Nokes, according to a bill of exchange now read. The account of the owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* for provisions left by them at St. Helena is referred to the Committee for Private Trade, who are also desired to consider the request of Thomas Papillon for the delivery, free of fine, of certain morees sent in the said ship for himself, and for the maintenance of Mr. Bridger's two children. The petition of Oliver Mead is also referred to the said Committee. Sir Thomas Wolstenholme, on behalf of the late Farmers, moves for payment of custom not yet fully due on the Company's goods, the Farmers being willing to discount for the same, the matter is referred to the Treasury Committee. (2 *pp*)

WARRANT TO THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, MAY 2, 1672 (*Public Record Office S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 91*)

To give instructions to the commanders of the four ships they had been appointed to entertain into the King's service for three or four months, to be employed as cruisers to the westward, to give notice of the war to all British and Irish ships they shall meet with, in what stations they shall cruise, with such further directions as the Company shall think fit for the better performance of the service.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 3, 1672 (*Court Book, vol xxviii, p 7*)

Calicoes to be delivered free of fine to Sir Jeremy Whitchcot, they being sent to him as a present from his kinsman Agent Foxcroft. The election of Benjamin Albyn as one of the Committees for the ensuing year having been questioned at the late scrutiny of votes, it being alleged that he had parted with his adventure, and that John Hobby thought the election fell upon him, this was reported to the generality, who were also told that it would be decided by the Court according to rule. The matter is now debated, the declaration of Albyn touching his interest in the Joint Stock considered, and the question as to whether at the time of the election he had the real adventure of 500*l.* being answered in the affirmative, he takes his oath in the usual way. The bonds of Sir Francis Clarke being discharged are to be cancelled and delivered to him. Payment for freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *John and Martha*. Mr. Hopegood's claim to the

freedom to be examined. The arbitrators named by the Court and Messrs. Sawyer and Billingsley are desired to consider further touching Mr Stephenson's account, and act in the matter as they see fit. The proposals of Mr. Leshire about money he owes to the Company to be referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Payment to be made to the owners of the *Golden Fleece* for transporting seventeen passengers, and to Francis Newman, chirurgeon, for head-money at the rate of 5s. each person. The Committee for Lawsuits to examine what suits are depending between the Company and others and how they stand, also to give in an account of the disbursements made by Moses. Nathaniel Mounteney is admitted to the freedom by patrimony. The affairs of St Helena to be considered next Wednesday. (13 pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 8, 1672 (*Ibid* , p. 9).

Musk belonging to Messrs. Cradock and Gray for which they have paid permission being said to be 'sophisticated and of litle value', is to be examined. An account showing that the balance due to the late Farmers of the Customs is 15,206*l* 4*s*. 7*d*., the Committee for General Accounts are desired to examine and report on the same. The complaints made by the inhabitants of St Helena against the Governor, Captain Richard Cony, are taken into consideration, and it appearing that, contrary to express orders given to him, he has managed all affairs there without the assistance of the Council appointed to advise him, to the great disturbance of the island and dissatisfaction of the Company, it is resolved that he shall be discharged from his post and directed to take passage in the first ship to England. Captain Langford and Mr. Beale being recommended as fit persons for the post to be vacated by Cony, Major Thomson and Mr. Paige are requested to ascertain and report on their respective qualifications. The demands of Mr. Martin and others for a shed built by them in Gresham College and now used by the Company as a warehouse, to be examined. An assistant to be chosen to serve under Sambrooke in the Calico Warehouse, and Messrs. Desborough and Russell being recommended, their fitness, or the fitness of any others who shall apply for the post to be ascertained and reported by the Committee for the said warehouse. Certain Committees to report what should be allowed to Mr. Morden for warehouse room with which he accommodated the Company. Mr Farnworth, who in March last was elected as chaplain for Bombay and given 20*l*. for fresh

provisions, etc., but did not proceed on the voyage, the matter is referred to certain Committees to ascertain the facts and report. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 10, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 11).

A charterparty to be drawn up for the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* pursuant to the agreement made with the owners; and the agreements for the ships *Olive Branch* and *St Anne* to be perfected. It appearing that Edward Hopegood has a right to the freedom of the Company by service, order is given for the 5*l.* deposited on account of his adventure to be repaid him. Messrs Martin and Wynn to be paid 10*l* for the materials of a shed they built in Gresham College. Certain Committees to ascertain what cochineal has been shipped out since March 1671, and, if any person has not paid permission for so doing, they are to pay now. The Secretary to attend the Commissioners of Customs with a clause of the Company's charter touching the prevention of private trade, and request that it may be sent to their deputies at Plymouth, Falmouth, and the Isle of Wight. The Governor to be asked to sign the instructions now read for the commanders of the *St. Anne* and the *Olive Branch*. The account of Mrs Bowtell, printer, to be examined. It is left to the discretion of the Treasury Committee to continue or take up money at interest at five per cent as occasion shall require. The petition of Richard Wright for abatement of the interest and some part of the principal he owes the Company is referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Some sweepings of pepper in the *John and Martha* sold by the boatswain to Oliver Mead and by him to one Manning, having been seized by the Company's officers and Mead arrested and imprisoned, the matter is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. Certain Committees are desired to ascertain from Captain Langford whether he is willing to enter the Company's service and on what terms, and if he is not, then to inquire as to the ability and fitness of Mr Beale and report. Mr. Wright, who has bought an adventure of 200*l.* from Mr. Bull for James Butler of Amberley, requests that in the absence of Butler he may be allowed to subscribe the acceptance, he is told that on producing a power of attorney from Butler he may do so. A letter from Lord Leigh and the trustees of the late Duchess Dudley is read and referred for consideration (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 13, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 13).

Some calicoes to be delivered to Isaac Foxcroft free of fine, they

being for the use of his wife and son, the fine for those remaining to be put to the account of Agent Foxcroft. John Morden to be paid 10*l.* for the use of his vault. The sum of 5*l.* to be charged Matthew Andrews for permission he omitted to pay on some cochineal lately shipped out by him. It is left to the discretion of the Governor and Deputy what gratuity to give to 'a person that hath lately done the Company good service', the amount not to exceed 5*l.* Mr Moyer to join the Committee for Shipping and Plantations Captain Langford's decision as to whether he will enter the service of the Company to be ascertained and reported next Wednesday when a Governor is to be chosen for St. Helena. Mr. Tiliard advising that the owners of the *Newland Merchant* wish him to be liable for the freight of their ship and her men's wages, the Court give order for him to be written to and told to agree to this, and they will indemnify him (1 *p.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 15, 1672 (*Ibid*, p 14)

Mr. Martin requesting that the Company will detain the dividend of 20 per cent payable on the adventure of Mr. James till the case in Chancery touching it has been heard, he is told that the Court will take Counsel's advice about it Lord Leigh to be told of the order made by the Court in February, 1671, wherein are stated the conditions on which they are willing to accept the trust of receiving and disposing of the money left by the late Duchess Dudley for redemption of captives. Mr Paige to be allowed 200*l.* for hire of the *Anne* for four months, the Company to make good the said vessel (now valued at 650*l.*) if she shall be lost through an enemy, she to be entertained upon anchoring at Gravesend, and discharged in the Downs or some western port Francis Thacker is admitted to the freedom by patrimony Payment to be made to Messrs Cradock and Gray A satisfactory account being received concerning Anthony Beale he is elected Governor of St Helena at a salary of 50*l.* a year A transfer of 500*l.* made by Gilbert Thacker, signed by the Mayor of Derby and attested under his hand and seal is approved On advice received from Lisbon that the King of Portugal will grant commissions to some Englishmen to trade in the East Indies, the Court desire certain of the Committees to consider and report what provision is made by any treaties, proclamations, or other acts of State for preventing the inconvenience that may thereby arise to the Company. The same Committees are also desired to consider and report on advice received of the intention of the French to settle a factory in

the Straits for sale of their East Indian commodities. The Shipping Committee to entertain this afternoon such soldiers as are given in a list furnished by Captain Langford for St Helena, direct the payment of the Captain's charges, and consider what provisions are necessary to be made for that island and order the purchase of the same. Instructions prepared for the *Alicant* and *Newland Merchant* to be signed by the Governor. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 17, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 16).

The Committee for Lawsuits to consider and report on the desire of Mr. Rawlinson touching Mr Martin's adventure, the debt of Mr. Paige, and ascertain how much of the ten per cent due on pepper sold at the last sale is still owing, and cause summons to be issued to all who have not paid, also to report concerning the expedient proposed for the speedier payment of debts. The Shipping Committee to give directions for procuring and entertaining soldiers for St Helena, and cause the agreement drawn up for the *Anne* to be perfected. The Committees for the accounts of Sambrooke to view from time to time all damaged calicoes and other goods at Leadenhall and make what allowance on them they see fit. At the request of Thomas Turner, executor to the late William Turner, the dispute between the latter and the Company is referred to arbitration. It is left to the Governor, Deputy, and Shipping Committee to give such advice and instructions from time to time to the 'four adviser ships that are to ply to the westward as shall be needful for carrying on that affair'. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,600*l* in part of her freight. Certain Committees to ascertain what goods remain undelivered in the respective warehouses for which a time limit of one per cent is allowed, and the names of those who have received the said allowance but not fetched away their goods. It is resolved to reconsider the granting of the respite of one per cent (1½ p.)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 19, 1672 (*Public Record Office S P Dom, Car II.* 309, no 32).

. . The Three East India ships which came yesterday are here yet, waiting orders. Three ships of this place are fitting out, employed by the East India Company's agent here to meet the India ships to advise them how affairs stand.

FRANCIS MILLINGTON TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MAY 21, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 63.)

Last night Lord Arlington commanded me to attend the Governor of the East India Company, and bring him the news they received by the three East India ships arrived, and particularly when the Dutch East India ships might depart thence. I was accordingly with the Company this morning, but not having perused their letters, they told me the Governor would wait on my Lord, as soon as they had debated the substance of them, and give him an account thereof. . .

MINUTE IN SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON'S HAND, MAY 21, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 68).

Of orders dispatched by Prince Rupert. The *Newcastle* to convoy the East India ships into the Downs. . . . As they pass Dover to send to the Governor for news, and, as they hear the passage clear, to proceed for the river, and not to leave the merchantmen till they see them over the Flats. .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 18).

Letters from Surat brought by the *London*, which arrived at Plymouth the 18th instant, letters from Bantam brought by the *Unicorn* and *Unity*, and letters from the Governor of St Helena are read. Letters to be written to Captain Privet to direct him and the other ships to sail for the river at the first opportunity, and both the Plymouth cruisers, or at least one of them, if ready, to go with them. The two cruisers to have instructions sent them to ply to the westward and try to meet the East India ships, acquaint them with the affairs in the Downs, etc, and accompany them into Margate Road. The Governor to procure three protections for the said ships to be sent by this post. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 22, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 19).

The adventure Mr. Rawlinson desires should be transferred to him is to remain in Mr Martin's name until the business of Messrs. Paige and Cook is finished. A letter from Isaac Tiliard is read, advising that men have been pressed out of the *London*, *Unicorn*, and *Unity*; hereupon the Governor is requested to acquaint Prince Rupert with this and endeavour to obtain the discharge of the said men, also a protection

for the *John and Margaret* which is expected at Plymouth. The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid 1,534*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* in full of her freight. The petition of Mary Pierson for liberty to go to her husband at St. Helena with her two children is referred for examination. The Accountant-General is directed to allow no more than the bare discount on bills of parcels for money paid in for goods bought at the last sale, and the percentage mentioned in the preamble for clearing goods is only to be given to the buyers on producing certificates to show that their goods have been taken away. This order to be notified by the warehousekeepers to all buyers at the last sale, whose names are to be noted and the time when they were told of this. The Committee for Accounts to settle the method to be used by the cashier in paying the said percentage. (1½ pp.)

JAMES HOUBLON TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, MAY 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car II* 309, no. 83)

. . . I suppose the Governor has brought you the abstract of the letters, which should have been better done had I had longer time

TREASURY MINUTE, MAY 22, 1672 (*Public Record Office Out Letters General III*, p. 119).

Write the Attorney-General presently to send on Friday next the report concerning the East India ships, viz the *Leopard* and others, and the freight thereon due from said Company to the King.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 24, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 20).

A report from the Committees desired to consider a method of allowing the percentage to buyers according to the preamble of the last sale is now read and approved by the Court. The Shipping Committee to provide single and double rials to the value of 200*l.* to be sent in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. The owners of the *Anne* to be paid 40*l.* for five passengers carried out to India on the Company's account. The account of John Bennet to be examined. Matthew Brown to be paid 5*l.* for piloting the *Anne* into the Downs. (1½ pp.)

PRINCE RUPERT TO SIR PHILIP HONYWOOD, MAY 25, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 39, p. 31).

. . . As the East India ships and other merchantmen now ordered

from the westward, under convoy of the *Nightingale*, will call at Portsmouth for intelligence, the said merchantmen and all others bound eastward are to put into that port till they have notice that the coast is free . . .

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 26, 1672
(*Public Record Office S.P. Dom.*, Car II 309, no 155).

This evening two ships arrived, one from the eastward, employed by the East India Company to cruise for their ships, the other from Limerick. . .

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, MAY 28, 1672
(*Ibid.*, 310, no 27)

But two ships have arrived since my last. One with three others is gone to cruise for our East India ships . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, MAY 31, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p 23)

The Deputy Governor reports that he has received a letter from Sir Joseph Williamson advising that Prince Rupert has sent orders for the East India ships 'to move upwards', he also tells of letters written by advice of the Committees on the 25th and 28th instant for the Company's ships to stop at St Helen's, Spithead, or Portsmouth, there to await further directions The Deputy is hereupon desired to wait on Prince Rupert and pray that the convoy may be ordered to stop at Spithead with the East India ships until they receive further orders.
($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 5, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 24)

The Treasury Committee to affix the Company's seal to the charter-party of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* Certain Committees are desired to consider and send in a written report how the percentage mentioned in the preamble may be paid with most convenience to buyers, and to officers of the warehouses when the goods are cleared Mr Prescott's bill to be examined The petition of Robert Davis is read and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits, who are to consider his present condition and report The owners of the *John and Martha* to be paid 1,000*l.* upon account of freight. Mrs Cony begs that her husband may be

continued in the Company's service, as she understands from a consultation lately held by the commanders now returned that the differences between him and the inhabitants of the island have been composed. The Court, after reading a copy of the consultation and of a letter left at the island by the said commanders, decide to adhere to their former resolution of discharging Captain Cony. The allegation of Mr. Woolley, that some bettelles were missing from a bale he bought, is referred for examination Captain Harman having been written to and advised to let Captain Basse assist him with the *Umcorn* in case his sickness should disable him, and Basse having been also written to, the owners of the said ship are informed, they express approval and promise to send written orders to the same effect Anthony Beale to be allowed 10*l.* for fresh provisions in his voyage to St Helena, and 10*l.* for assisting Captain Prowd for the last nine months in surveying ships for the service of the Company. The Deputy reports that Prince Rupert has ordered the commander of the *Newcastle* to stop at St Helen's with the Company's ships as desired. Mr. Humphrey Vernon, minister, is granted remission of the 5*l.* fine due for his adventure. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol xxvi¹, p 26)

A letter from Mr. Tilloard and Captain Heaton dated the 4th instant is read, and intelligence, received from other sources, that the Dutch have gone into the Goree and that the King's fleet is at the buoy of the Nore considered, and order given for instructions to be sent to the Company's ships on arriving at Spithead to come with the convoy appointed to the Thames, accompanied by the two advisers Mr. Wright to be sued for recovery of the money he owes the Company. The Committee for Lawsuits to direct Moses from time to time to sue such persons as refuse to comply with their contracts and from whom no debt is likely to be recovered by any other means The charterparties of the *Alicant* and *Newland Merchant* to have the Company's seal affixed to their counterparts after approval by the Shipping Committee (1½ pp)

TREASURY MINUTE, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp 279-80).

Upon Sir John Banks's motion my Lords order to renew the orders for the transporting of guns for the taking of 40s upon iron guns and only pay 5 according to the last orders for the East India Company.

MR. WACHTENDONK TO SIR J. VAN WACHTENDONK, JUNE 7, 1672
(*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Car. II* 311, no 17).

I saw yesterday about 40 soldiers at the East India House that are to go to St Helena. The ship that is to carry them and the goods thither does not go to the East Indies, but is to remain there awhile and wait for the East India ships expected next spring to give them warning .

SIR J WILLIAMSON TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF PORTSMOUTH, JUNE 7, 1672 (*Public Record Office S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 39, p. 45)

Prince Rupert having ordered the East India ships lately arrived in the West to stay at Portsmouth for orders, now sends the enclosed directions to them to proceed on their way, which are to be communicated to them when they reach St Helen's or Spithead, and you are to see the order obeyed. .

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 8, 1672 (*Public Record Office S.P. Dom, Car II.* 311, no 34).

. . . The three East India ships that were at Plymouth are expected here, but at 9 p.m had not arrived

SIR PHILIP HONYWOOD AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 8, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no 35)

I have just received yours with His Royal Highness's order enclosed, for the East India ships, if here, to proceed to the river with their convoy. As soon as any of them arrive I shall send the order on board, and I have ordered all the ships here bound for the river to be ready against the convoy touching here

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 10, 1672 (*Ibid.*, no. 64).

We are expecting the three East India ships that were at Plymouth to stop here, to take with them the merchantmen here bound for London.

TREASURY MINUTE, JUNE 10, 1672 (*Public Record Office Treasury Minute Book* iv, pp. 281-4).

A report about the East India Company is read The Attorney-General to be attended about it towards the end of the term.

RICHARD WATTS AT DEAL TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 11, 1672 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 311, no. 83).

. . . This morning the *Constant Warwick* and *Falcon* came into the Downs, said to be bound westward to convoy our East India ships to the river . . .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 12, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 27).

A report on the debt owing by Robert Davis is read and approved. The Committee for Accounts to consider the present state of the Company's books and prescribe a method for carrying on their accounts and the annual balancing of the same. The Governor to fill in the blank in Captain Midford's instructions appointing the place to which the Company's homeward-bound ships are to go on leaving St. Helena. The *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to touch at the Madeiras for refreshment of her men on her way to St. Helena, a clause to this effect to be inserted in Midford's instructions, and 50*l.* or 100*l.* to be supplied to buy wine for the ship's company and for the officers and soldiers at St. Helena. Mr. Hayes demanding some baftas he bought, it is found that only some of greater value are left, therefore order is given for these to be delivered to him on the understanding that he shall give 'somewhat considerably to the poore's box'. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Ibid.*, p. 29)

A report from the Committee for Accounts is read; it is to the following effect: they advise that the transfer of accounts to new books should be postponed until next year, and that Altham in the meantime should transfer the titles of accounts into the ledger and keep it posted in the course of the Company's trade, while some other person should be appointed to do the balancing, that Harbert should confine his attention to writing the Journal, directing the other clerks and assistants in their work and inspecting the same; he is also to sign the ships' accounts, while Butler is to make up all accounts of shipping and discounts; that the keeper of the Pepper Warehouse should have two books to use alternately each month, and thus allow the Auditor and Accountant to examine one whilst he enters accounts into the other. With regard to the matter of discounts upon interest, which is very troublesome and takes up much of the accountant's time, the Committee advise the Company to allow direct interest, and if this is thought to be a loss, then

to allow the Court to 'take off as much in point of time as will counter-vail the same'. The Court approve of all but the last clause, which is referred for further consideration. The request of Mr. Briscoe for allowance on some of the pepper he bought, it not being as good as the rest, is agreed to. Order is given for 44s., demanded by Mr. Warren as 'Trophy money' for the Company's House, to be paid, a promise being given to forbear assessing the Company in 'like kind' in future. The Committees for Writing Letters to consider and prepare letters for Surat to be sent overland (2 pp)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN ROBERT MEDFORD, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol IV, p. 549)

Have taken into their service the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* (of which ship he is commander), victualled, manned and furnished her with artillery and ammunition, caused to be laden on board, provisions, guns and ammunition for their island of St. Helena and chosen Captain Anthony Beale to be Governor there. They have also sent several soldiers who are to take passage in the said ship for that island. Having delivered Medford a commission from his Royal Highness for command of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and for observing such orders as the Company shall give, they now require him to use all diligence to get into the Downs and from thence, wind and weather permitting, to St Helena, where on arrival he is to land such soldiers and passengers as are aboard and deliver the artillery and ammunition to the Governor and Council. During his stay at the island he and his company are to assist in bettering and furthering the fortifications there as the Governor and Council shall desire, and to keep his ship in a good posture of defence in case of an attack by the enemy. About November some of the Company's ships should arrive at the island from the Coast of Coromandel and from Bantam. Medford is to wait for these, but not after May 1, 1673, when he is to leave with any that are there, they are to keep company together and assist each other if attacked. He is to keep the Company advised as to his movements as opportunity shall present, and is especially directed to maintain the worship of God and the observation of the Lord's Day in his ship, to take good care of his men, especially of any who are sick, treat Captain Beale, who is to have the great cabin for himself and his family, with all civility and respect, and on arriving at the island assist him in settling good order, both as to its government and defence. The former Governor, Captain Cony, is to

return in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, have the great cabin, and be treated with all civility. Medford is directed to assist any ships he shall meet belonging to His Majesty's subjects that shall be engaged with the enemy or in danger, and direct commanders to keep all clear between decks for their better defence and safety. On returning from his voyage he is to render up all arms, guns, powder and shot he shall have remaining. With the money supplied to him he is to buy five pipes of wine at the Madeiras, three for the use of his ship and two for St. Helena, also some 'Beverage wine' and some fresh provisions, and give in an account of these on his return (1½ pp)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN RICHARD CONY, JUNE 14, 1672 (*Letter Book*, vol. iv, p. 553)

When they entertained him into their service as Governor of St. Helena they gave him instructions to manage affairs there with the advice and consent of the Council, to observe the Company's orders and directions for the good government of that place, and to administer justice impartially for encouragement of the inhabitants, and doubted not of his compliance. But having received 'many large complaints' of his acting contrary to these orders, by which the peace of the island has been disturbed and its safety greatly endangered, they have discharged him from that employment and sent Captain Anthony Beale (who takes his passage in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*) to succeed as Governor, unto whom on his arrival Cony is to deliver up the government with all things belonging to the Company, and take passage for England in the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*. In case Captain Beale should die before arriving at St. Helena, Captain Robert Mitford is appointed to succeed as Governor there, and should he die then Lieutenant Nicholas Lewis is to take the post, to either of whom Cony is to deliver up the government as fully as he is enjoined to do should Captain Beale live and arrive in safety. (½ p)

PHILIP LANYON AT PLYMOUTH TO JAMES HICKES, JUNE 16, 1672 (*Public Record Office S P. Dom, Car. II 311, no 165*)

Here is a great and rich fleet, five East India ships, one from Smyrna, and many big Virginia ships and others, in all above 60, bound eastwards, waiting for a fair wind, under convoy of the *Newcastle* and *Welcome* with two East India advisers

THE EARL OF ARLINGTON TO PRINCE RUPERT, JUNE 17, 1672 (*Public Record Office. S.P. Dom. Entry Book 39, p 55*).

Lord Clifford mentions a verbal order received from the King this afternoon that Your Highness should send to Portsmouth to take off the restraint now lying on the East India and plantation ships from the westward so that they may be able to proceed up the Channel.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Court Book, vol. xxviii, p. 31*)

Letters from Surat and St Helena read. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

THE GOVERNOR TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE SHIPS IN THE SERVICE OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY EXPECTED AT ST. HELENA ABOUT APRIL, 1673, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Letter Book, vol. iv, p. 553*).

In these times of trouble it is not convenient to have it known publicly at what port in Europe they may be expected, and that this may be kept secret he has been deputed to advise them, but as affairs now stand 'it cannot well be certainly fixed' Directs them to use their best endeavours to speak with any vessel they may see outward-bound in order to ascertain how affairs stand in Europe, but if they see none then to sail unto and there await orders from the Company Signed John Banks, Governor To be opened by the Governor of St Helena upon the arrival of the first ship ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

THE GOVERNOR TO CAPTAIN ANTHONY BEALE, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Letter Book, vol. iv, p 554*).

Encloses a letter to the commanders of the Company's ships expected from India at St Helena about April, 1673 This is not to be opened till one of them arrives, but then the contents are to be communicated and secrecy strictly enjoined The Captain is to keep the letter and inform any other ship that shall arrive of its contents Signed John Banks, Governor ($\frac{1}{4}$ p)

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN MITTFORD, JUNE 18, 1672 (*Ibid*, p 554).

Having duly considered the present state of affairs, they direct him at the first opportunity to start on his designed voyage. He is to call at Plymouth, send to Isaac Tillard and if he has received no order from them, Mitford is to set sail immediately. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 19, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 31).

William Mainston to be paid 100*l* on account. Letters are read from the Agent and Council at Bantam, sent in the *Ann*, commanded by Captain Zachary Brown. The Committee for the Calico Warehouse to report which of the persons recommended as assistant to Sambrooke is fittest to be entertained. The Committee for Accounts to consider what increase should be made in the salaries of the two under-clerks in the Accountant's Office, and ascertain the abilities of Mr. Hooper and Mr. Ashby and report. It is decided to elect an assistant to the Auditor in the room of the late Mr. Papillon and certain Committees are directed to ascertain and report on the qualifications of Messrs. Dickenson, Hayes, and Tirlington, who are recommended as fit for that post. The Court approve of what has been written to Tiliard about the Prize brought in by the commander of the *Olive Branch*. Upon application by James Hayes and other linendrapers concerned in the last sale, their desires regarding the payment of allowance of one, two and three per cent are to be considered (1¼ pp.).

HUGH SALESBURY AT PORTSMOUTH TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, JUNE 20, 1672 (*Public Record Office* · S.P. Dom., Car. II. 311, no. 211).

. . . To-day came to Spithead five East India ships, and several other merchantmen, convoyed by the *Newcastle*. .

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JUNE 21, 1672 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 33).

The petition of Charles Aston is referred to the Shipping Committee. The Committee for Lawsuits to consider and report what is the best course to be taken for the speedy recovery of debts, and for clearing the warehouses. A humble address to be made to the King praying that the Ambassadors now going to Holland may be instructed to see provided that what injuries or damage either Company have sustained by the other in the East Indies or in their passage to or from thence since the last Articles of peace, or the late breach, or at least from June 20, 1672, may be repaid and made good to those who have suffered, by those who have done the wrong. And in case a treaty shall be proceeded in, that the Company may be notified that they may humbly present to His Majesty what is needful for the better settlement and carrying on of their trade. And if time will not permit of this, that then there may be a particular