

what appears due on balance to be paid. The Shipping Committee to see that the *Advance* is furnished with everything necessary for her voyage, instruct her commander, Captain Gaich, to sail for Plymouth, where he will receive the Company's packet for India, and then go direct for Bantam. Letters to be prepared to send to the Agent and Council at Bantam, to Fort St. George, and to the Chief and Council in the Bay. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam, payable to Captain Nathaniel Horsman, is accepted. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 4, 1673 (*Ibid* , p. 259).

The petition of Henry Papworth is referred to the Shipping Committee Thomas Lucas, owner of the *Advance*, to be paid for her freight and demurrage. The seal of the Company to be affixed to the indenture of covenants drawn up between them and Mr Paige. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], JULY 7, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol v, p. 45).

Hope the last two packets came safe to hand and have been forwarded with all expedition. Now send him a packet via Marseilles to be forwarded immediately by express ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 7, 1673 (*Ibid* , p 46).

Hope they have received the two last letters directed to Consul Nightingale at Aleppo and dispatched them to him. Send now another packet and desire it may be forwarded as soon as possible ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 11, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p 260).

Moses Bathurst is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mr Fenn requesting that the 500*l.* he deposited with the Company as security may be repaid him, the matter is referred for report Frances Peartree to be paid 25*l.* according to a report now read and approved, by which it appears that her husband, Bartholomew Peartree, went as master's mate in the *Bantam Pink* in 1666, and was in the Company's service when she went with the *Crown* for Tywan in 1671, no account has been received of the said ship, but Peartree having served two years as commander, a far greater sum than 25*l.* would be due to him The owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* to be paid in full for her hire and freight.

A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam, payable to Captain Francis Johnson, is accepted. The Treasury Committee to accept any money offered on loan. Thomas Langham, executor to Lady Vincent, asking for the dividends due on the adventure of Sir William Vincent, as Henry Newton has not prosecuted his pretended claim in Chancery, although the Company have put in their answer to his bill, order is given for the said dividends to be paid to Langham, he undertaking to leave 500*l* of Sir William's adventure as security to save the Company harmless in case Newton or any others claim interest in it; an instrument to this effect to be drawn up and signed by Langham. (2 *pp*)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], JULY 14, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 52)

Hope they have received the packet for Consul Nightingale dispatched the 7th instant. They now send a small one, also for the Consul, and pray that it may be speedily forwarded ($\frac{1}{2}$ *p*)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], JULY 14, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 52).

On the 7th instant they sent him a packet by way of Marseilles, and now enclose a small letter to their Agent and Council at Fort St. George, which if it arrives before dispatch of the former he is to send to Persia, but if the first packet has been already dispatched, then this is to be kept until another packet comes ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 25, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 262).

Edmund Dethick is admitted to the freedom by redemption and Robert Maisters by service. Mr Nicholas stating that on asking Sambrook for some calicoes bought at the last sale by Mr Wagstaff, he was told that there are none, and Samuel Shute making a similar complaint and asking for allowance on piece-goods badly packed, the matter is referred to the Committee for the Calico Warehouse to adjust. The owners of the *Surat Merchant* to be paid for freight and demurrage. Messrs Cossen and Rowse to examine the account of Michael Dunkin. Harbert, his clerks and assistants are told not to show the Company's books to buyers or others without a special order from the Court. Thomas Winter to be allowed interest at the rate of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on some

money he paid last May for longcloth. The petition of the inhabitants of Poplar and Blackwall touching Mary Harper, lately come from St. Helena, who with her three children is in their precincts and may become chargeable to them is referred to the Committee for Shipping and Plantations. An indenture of covenants is read, by which Mr Langham and Mrs. Vincent transfer 500*l.* to the Company as security, and the Court appoint two of the Committees to act as their trustees, put their names to the said indenture, and see that the Company's seal is affixed to the counterpart. A report touching the demands of John Fenn is read and approved. Ordered that no goods or merchandise bought of the Company and lodged in their warehouses shall be sold there by any warehousekeeper or by any of their assistants. Several complaints having been made by buyers of Samuel Sambrook, Junior, for trading in calicoes, etc., the Court desire the Committee for the Calico Warehouse to ascertain and report concerning this. The account of the *Surat Merchant* to be stated. Captain Matthew Crover, commander of the *Mary*, to be given 20*l.*, and the officers and men in his ship a month's pay for their care and courage in the action with the Dutch caper, which occurred on the homeward voyage. Captain Gaich, commander of the *Advice*, to be allowed 5*l.* for fresh provisions, and be permitted to come to England after two years stay in the Indies, or sooner, if his health requires it, the Agent and Council at Bantam to be advised accordingly (3 *pp.*)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLFNIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE,
WHITEHALL, JULY 28, 1673 (*Public Record Office. S P Foreign Entry Book*, vol lxiv, p 115).

To the 5th article We have thought fit to add a mutual restitution of goods taken, and satisfaction for damages sustained respectively by the English and Dutch East India Companies from each other, as is more particularly expressed in Our letters and instructions to you bearing date the 9th of June last, which said demand of mutual restitution of goods you are to insist upon, if it may be obtained, yet not so as to break off the treaty thereupon. But We do positively require you to insist upon a mutual restitution of places taken, or which shall be taken before the conclusion of the peace from each Company respectively, and especially that the island of St Helena, and Fort St. George be

restored to Our East India Company in as good condition as they were when taken . . . By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, JULY 30, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 265).

The stationers' bills to be examined. A bill of exchange from the Agent and Council of Bantam, payable to Captain Francis Johnson, is read and accepted. Payment to be made to Henry Papworth according to a report now read. The petition of John Codrington is referred for consideration. Certain Committees to ascertain and report concerning the powder sent in the *John and Margaret* to Bantam. It being observed that many of the Committees are going into the country so that it will become difficult to get a full Court, and the Company's ships being expected from India, which will cause many things to be done requiring the authority of a full Court unless the Company's business is to suffer, order is given for a Court to be summoned from time to time, as occasion shall arise by direction of the Governor or Deputy, and in their absence, by one or more of the Committees, and in case there shall not be a full Court, then seven or more are hereby appointed to be a sub-committee, who are desired and authorized to do all business that shall be required, and give such directions as they shall think fit to the Company's officers, who are hereby instructed to receive and act on these as if they were given by a full Court. (1 p)

NATHANIEL HERNE TO WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN,¹ AUGUST 1, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xlii, p. 245).

In accordance with Lord Arlington's command the Deputy Governor writes to remind Bridgeman of the Company's concerns, and begs him to desire His Lordship to recommend to the Plenipotentiaries at Cologne the articles for mutual restitution between the English and Dutch Companies, not only of places, but of ships and goods. 1. The restitution of places, it is apprehended, will be of less moment both to the kingdom and to the English Company, but if the Dutch destroy the English Company's stock in India it would be not only a present loss to the adventurers, but the consequences could hardly be retrieved in many years, for by this means the Dutch would be masters of the pepper and saltpetre trade, the profits of which would enable them to wage war with any princes, and cause disappointment to His Majesty by the loss

¹ Secretary to Lord Arlington.

of saltpetre. 2. If the Dutch Company are obliged to make restitution, it will prevent their injuring the English Company in the future and so procure the security and enlargement of the latter's trade. 3. The restitution of the ships and estates of the English Company in the Indies would convince the natives that the Dutch suffered the disadvantage of the war, the which they endeavour to disprove; it will also give great reputation to His Majesty throughout India. 4. The English Company presume that now De Witt (who was a great friend to the Dutch Company) is dead, His Highness and the States-General will not obstruct the peace. 5. The restitution desired will be practicable, as the goods and ships taken in India have been appropriated to the use of the Dutch Company only, and not divided, and their value is well known. These reasons, with others which might be added, Herne doubts not, will justify the equity of the English Company's desires, he therefore entreats they may be represented to Lord Arlington ($\frac{3}{4}$ p)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO TILLIARD [AT PLYMOUTH], AUGUST 2, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p 53).

Captain William Gaich has been ordered by the Company to call at Plymouth in the *Advice* and there await his dispatches Sambrooke encloses a packet which Tihhard is to deliver to the said captain on his arrival. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

SAMUEL SAMBROOKE TO CAPTAIN GAICH AT PLYMOUTH, AUGUST 2, 1673 (*Ibid*, p 53).

Enclosed he will find the Company's packet to their Agent and Council at Bantam, his own commission and instructions, and two boxes of succession. He is to omit no opportunity of prosecuting his voyage. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT¹ AT DUBLIN CASTLE TO LORD ARLINGTON, AUGUST 5, 1673 (*Public Record Office S P Ireland. Car II* 334, no 24).

. . By the last letters I ordered Sir H Ford to give Mr. Bridgeman a particular account of a fleet arrived at Kinsale, consisting of at least 40 East and West Indiamen You may on this occasion offer to His Majesty's consideration how necessary it were that harbour were well fortified, for, had four or five of the Dutch privateers on this coast met and had intelligence of them, they might have burnt and taken all these

¹ Arthur Capel, Earl of Essex, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

ships. Their stay there was very short; had they continued there long enough to have sent to me, I would have ordered them a frigate or two more for their convoy. They went away with only the *St. David*, but the four East India ships being of good force I hope they will all get safe to England. . . .

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 7, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 266)

A letter is read from Captain Goodlad, commander of the *Rainbow*, dated in Kinsale, July 29, 1673, advising of his arrival there with the *Golden Fleece*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. Letters are also read, brought by the *Loyal Merchant*, from the President and Council in Bombay and the Deputy President and Council at Surat. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

WARRANT FROM TREASURER OSBORNE¹ TO THE CASHIER OF CUSTOMS, AUGUST 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office · Warrants Early* xix, p. 184).

To execute the Treasury warrant of October 25, 1672, for paying tallies of 52,000*l.* and 40,000*l.* to the East India Company.

TREASURER OSBORNE'S SUBSCRIPTION OF A WARRANT, AUGUST 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office · Money Book (Customs)*, p. 121).

Of June 14 last for allowing six and six months' interest to the East India Company on the customs due on their imports.

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 9, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 266).

Letters to be written to Surat and Gombroon to advise the arrival of the four Surat ships now at Kinsale; also one to the commanders of the said four ships to acquaint them with the order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for a convoy to attend them to the Downs. Mr. Hobby to be added to the Committee for Private Trade. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 11, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 61).

Enclose a packet for Consul Lanoy which they wish forwarded by the first conveyance. Their four ships expected from Surat have arrived at Kinsale in Ireland, viz. the *Golden Fleece*, the *Rainbow*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

¹ Sir Thomas Osborne, Treasurer of the Navy.

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 11, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 61).

If the packet sent him on July 14 still remains in his keeping they desire that it may now be forwarded with the enclosed by express. Tell him of the safe arrival at Kinsale of their four ships from Surat, the *Golden Fleece*, the *Rainbow*, *Loyal Merchant*, and *Mediterranean*. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 12, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 267).

A letter is read from Captain Peirce and the other commanders of the Surat ships, dated at Kinsale the 1st instant, and order given for directions to be sent them to come away with the *St. David*, if they cannot get any more convoy, and if the said ship has already gone, then they are to procure the convoy of any one or more of the other frigates that are or shall be in port, sail at the first opportunity and call at Plymouth for further orders. The Treasury Committee reporting that there is a bag of bad and counterfeit money, to the value of about 150*l.*, received at various times since the beginning of this Stock, they are told to dispose of this 'to the best advantage', and carry any loss accruing to the account of profit and loss. Mr. Dunkin owing a considerable sum of money to the Company, Sambrook is directed to go (with such others as he shall think fit) to Plaistow to speak with Dunkin and desire him either to pay his debt or give bond for it (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 15, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 268).

By request, the Court consent to those acting as mediators in the business between the Company and Sir Edward Winter being allowed another month to decide and order new covenants and bonds to be entered into accordingly, and the Company's seal to be affixed to the counterparts. Mr. Rawlinson asking for the Court's approbation to the transfer of Mr. Martin's adventure to himself, the matter is referred for consideration. Orders made by the Committees at the two several meetings of the 7th and 9th instant are approved, and direction is given for these to be entered as orders of Court. Mr. Andrews offers the *Falcon*, lately bought in Holland, for service, and is told that when the Company want a ship his offer shall be considered, a like answer is given to Captain Bailly, who tenders the *Surat Merchant*. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

JOHN PAIGE TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 15, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Car. II. 336, no 255*).

... Since my coming home little has offered worth your notice, save the good news of four of our East India ships being arrived at Kinsale. They came from Surat January 13 last, and arrived at St Helena April 22, where, finding the island taken by the Dutch, the latter fired several guns from the fort at them, having never a Dutch ship in the Road. They were answered by our ships again, upon which they steered for Barbadoes, where they arrived June 9 and left June 17. I enclose the cargoes of three of them, both in English and French. The other is not yet come to hand. The four may be computed to be worth about 250,000*l.* We expect six more from the Coast of Coromandel, worth about 300,000*l.* God send them well. . . .

A GENERAL COURT, AUGUST 18, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 269)

The Deputy Governor informs the generality that they have been called together to be told of a letter received from the Lord Chancellor and the Lords Commissioners for Prizes, advising that His Majesty has a Dutch East India prize now sailing up the river, and wishes to have her cargo sold to the best advantage, and, having had experience of the conduct of the Company on a former occasion of this nature, the King is inclined to recommend the sale and disposition of the said ship and cargo to their management. Hereupon the generality declare their readiness to serve His Majesty in the sale and disposal of the goods in the said prize, and accordingly empower the Committees to transact the business in such a manner as may be best for the advantage of the King, and safety of the Company. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 18, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid*, p 270).

On consideration of the vote passed this day by the generality, the Court resolve to make a representation to the Lord Commissioners for Prize Goods, to the following effect: That in conformity with their Lordships' commands, a General Court was summoned and the members told of the letter touching His Majesty's Dutch East India prize, and the desire that her sale should be undertaken by the Company. In this the generality declared their readiness to serve His Majesty, and empowered the Committees to transact the business. In pursuance of this resolution a Court of Committees was held, and they also de-

clared their readiness to serve His Majesty in the matter, provided that directions are given for the same to be done to ensure the best advantage to His Majesty, and in accordance with the methods used in the Company's own sales and by their officers, and security given for charges to be disbursed and without prejudice to the Company by reason of any charter or commission given by the King or any under him, or any others for disposal of prize goods, and with such other conditions as may be convenient and secure for His Majesty and the Company. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 19, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 271).

A letter to be written to Captain Munden to tell him that if he puts in to Ireland he is to take the first opportunity of a fair wind to come for the Channel with the Company's ships under his convoy, and call at Plymouth for further orders. Captain Gaich to be written to and told to stay at Plymouth with the *Advice* till further orders. A letter is also to be sent to Tilliard to enclose the Company's orders to Captain Gaich, a discharge from the Admiralty for his ship, and four protections for the Surat ships ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 271)

Letters are read from Captain Munden and several of the commanders of the Coast ships, dated at Kinsale the 15th instant, also one from Captain Limbery, commander of the *Experiment*, dated in Batavia January 6, 1673. On reading a letter from Lord Arlington signifying His Majesty's pleasure that the Company should renew their orders to their respective Governors in the East Indies to assist the French East India Company, the Court issue directions for letters to be written to the President and Council at Surat, and to the Agent and Council at Fort St George to this effect, the said letters are prepared and approved, also a letter to Lord Arlington in which they are to be enclosed. The *Advice* to remain at Plymouth until further order. Letters to be prepared to be sent overland to Surat to advise the President and Council of the arrival of the Coast ships under the convoy of Captain Munden, of the retaking of St Helena, and the capture of three Dutch East India ships off that island by Captain Munden's squadron, and to direct them to tell all commanders to be very cautious (unless they are in company together) how they touch at the island, as it is not known what further attempts the Dutch may make against it. (1 p.)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE, WHITEHALL, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol. lxiv, p. 120).

. . . Whereas We did by Our respective letters bearing date the 9th of June and the 28th day of July last, direct and require you to insist, that in the treaty which shall be made with the States-General of the United Provinces it be provided for, that all losses and damages which the English and Dutch East India Companies have or should sustain by or from the other respectively, in any parts or places within the limits of their respective charters, since the peace concluded at Breda, 1667, shall be satisfied and made good unto the Company that have suffered the same by the other Company who have done them the damage. And also upon the mutual restitution of places taken or which might be taken before the conclusion of peace, from each Company respectively, and especially that the island of St. Helena, and Fort St. George should be restored to Our East India Company in as good a condition as they were when taken. And whereas We have now received certain information that Our said East India Company have received little or no damage either by the loss of ships, goods, or places, and that on the contrary it has pleased God to bless Our arms so far, that We have not only retaken the island of St. Helena, but also made considerable prizes of ships belonging to the Dutch East India Company infinitely exceeding what they can in any wise have taken from Our subjects, We have therefore thought fit to signify Our pleasure to you, and accordingly Our will and pleasure is, that you do only insist upon the mutual restitution of places in general in the East Indies, but not upon a reciprocal satisfaction of other losses, or damages sustained by either Company respectively, and absolutely refuse and reject any such proposition, if made to you by the Deputies or Plenipotentiaries of the said States-General, notwithstanding Our said letters of the 9th of June and anything contained in those of the 28th of July last. . . By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington.

JAMES HICKES TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, AUGUST 22, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Car II 336*, no. 277)

. . . To-day's letters from Dublin of the 18th and letters from Kinsale of the 15th relate that the 15th came in four men-of-war and one fire-ship . . . and East India ships of ours with them, Captain Fisher in the *Berkeley Castle*, Captain Bendell in the *John*, Captain Goodlad in the

Loyal Subject, Captain Baker in the *Barnardiston*, and Captain Mariner in the *Rebecca*, and East India prizes taken at St. Helena, the *Alphen*, *Europe*, and the *Free Arms of Friezland* (sic.), all laden with pepper, saltpetre, calico, and silks . . .

THE COMPANY TO LORD ARLINGTON, AUGUST 23, 1673 (*Public Record Office*: C O. 77, vol. xii, f. 272).

According to His Lordship's command they send their letters to their President at Surat and to their Agent at the Fort, in favour of the French. They have in several former letters recommended the same, and have heard from them that they have on all occasions acted according to these orders, 'although the French have not been so candid towards us'. For, at Surat the French insisted that the English ships should strike to theirs, which the President 'fairly avoided'. And by their last letters from Fort St. George they have received advice that the French General has seized two boats laden for account of the English, and the *Ruby* with her lading, belonging to Mr. Jearsey, one of the Company's factors, and refused to restore them, notwithstanding the request of the Agent. They therefore pray that His Lordship will obtain letters to the French officers desiring them to give no occasion for future differences, and to restore the ship and goods taken, that so the desired amity may be preserved entire on their parts, as it shall be by the Company. Signed Nathaniel Herne, Deputy. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 272)

Captain Wildy offers the *Phoenix* for service, hereupon order is given for the Shipping Committee to treat with her owners and with the owners of other vessels, ascertain on what terms they will undertake a voyage to India, touching at some port by the way, also what terms were given to the last ten ships, and to others before them. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 64).

Their last was dated the 11th instant accompanied by a packet for Consul Nightingale, they now send another and pray that it may be forwarded by the first opportunity. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], AUGUST 25, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 64).

Wrote to him on the 11th instant and enclosed a small packet directed to the President and Council at Surat; they now send another to be dispatched by express to them. Five of their ships, the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*,¹ *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, and *Rebecca*, have arrived at Kinsale from the Coast of Coromandel in company with four of the King's men-of-war, who left London in January for St. Helena and have retaken that island from the Dutch; they have also taken three Dutch East India ships and brought them to Kinsale. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 27, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 273).

Mrs Limbery and Mrs. Colliar requesting that some effectual means may be taken for the release of their husbands now prisoners in Batavia, the Governor and Deputy are desired to present an address to the King concerning them, and all other English that are or shall be taken prisoners. Certain proposals from the commanders of the *Mary*, *Phoenix*, and *Expectation* are read, stating the terms of the respective owners for letting the said ships to freight in the Company's service, but these being thought unreasonable they are returned. The Shipping Committee to consider and report what freight should be allowed this ensuing year, also what other conditions should be insisted upon between the Company and owners; they are likewise, with the help of the Plantations Committee, to report whether in their opinion it is advisable to transport a supply of victuals and other provisions necessary for St. Helena in ships to be engaged expressly for that purpose, or in the same ship in which a cargo and provisions are to be sent to Bombay; and what is fit to be sent to the latter place. Captain Nanfan offers the *Lancaster* for service, and refers himself to the Company as to terms; the Shipping Committee are desired to treat with him if occasion arise. The accounts of Thomas Clarke and Thomas Heyward to be examined. Orders made at the meeting of the Committees on the 25th instant are now confirmed. (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.)

¹ *John* or *Johanna* (cp p. 258)

² Among the warrants are two 'to be made paid in cash', one for 53*l.* 15*s.*, the other for 7*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

THE COMPANY'S MEMORIAL TO THE KING TOUCHING PRISONERS, AUGUST 27, 1673 (*Public Record Office: C.O. 77, vol. xii, f. 275*).¹

They humbly pray that as His Majesty has been graciously pleased to discharge the prisoners in the Dutch East India prize, the *Papenburgh*, he will vouchsafe to recommend it to His Highness the Prince of Orange and to the States of Holland to give effectual orders to their East India Company for the speedy discharge of Captain William Limbery, Captain Jonas Collier, the officers and seamen in the *Experiment* and *Hannibal*, and all others in the English Company's service who are or shall be taken prisoners, and for a passport to be obtained for the *Mary* to go from hence to fetch them away. And, if it be desired, that His Majesty will be pleased to grant a similar passport to the Dutch. They also pray for leave to write to the Dutch Company, who have the management of the Dutch affairs in the Indies, to procure their orders for the effectual discharge of the said prisoners ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE KING TO THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, AUGUST 28, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Entry Book 31, f. 115*).

Whereas a debt of 270*l.* due to the Crown by Sir Gervas Lucas, late Governor of the Island of Bombay, was after his death recovered by his successor, Henry Gary, and paid by him into the Company's cash at the delivering over of the said island, and still remains in their hands, requiring them to pay the same to Theodore Randu or his assigns as a free gift from the King.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 29, 1673 (*Court Book, vol. xxviii, p. 274*).

A proposal made by Thomas Papillon is referred for consideration. John Farrington is admitted to the freedom by redemption. Mary Harper, who came from St. Helena and is in great distress, is given 40*s.* from the poor-box. Certain of the Committees to meet the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and confer touching articles to be agreed on between His Majesty and the Company about the sale and disposal of the Dutch prize, the *Papenburgh*. The King having consented to the Company corresponding with the Dutch East India Company in Holland about the release of the prisoners at Batavia, a letter is to be prepared accordingly. The accounts to be stated of the following persons. John Walls, John Coltston, James Easton, and

¹ See also *Home Misc*, vol. xli, p. 246

Nicholas Turner. David Clarke's bill to be examined, also the bill of Richardson, the printer. A ship to be dispatched at once with victuals, provisions, and planters to St. Helena, the Shipping Committee to freight one on purpose or take up tonnage for transportation of the same whichever shall be most advantageous to the Company. A report from the Committee for Private Trade touching the account of Captain John Privet is read and approved. A copy of the Company's last letter to the President and Council at Surat to be sent by the next post, with directions for the release of the Dutch prisoners taken in the *Mayboom*, or of any others that shall fall into their hands. Certain Committees to ascertain if Mr. Russel is fit for the service to which he is to be appointed, the grounds of the complaint against him, and his proposed security. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, AUGUST 29, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 276)

A letter to the Dutch East India Company is read and approved. Captain Brookhaven to visit the master of the Dutch prize and ascertain his condition. Payment to be made to Mary Hart ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], SEPTEMBER 1, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 65).

Send a packet for their President and Council at Surat and desire it may be forwarded by express ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG AND COMPANY [AT MARSEILLES], SEPTEMBER 1, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 65).

Send a packet to be forwarded to Consul Nightingale by the first opportunity. ($\frac{1}{8}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 277)

On information that Mr Temple has taken from Mrs. Knowles the ground adjoining the Company's warehouse at Leadenhall, with the intention of building stables there, which may prove dangerous to the Company, as well as to the City, in case of any accident by fire; two of the Committees are desired to approach the Committee for the City Lands that some effectual means may be taken to restrain any such building on that ground. Ordered that 20*l.* 'be made paid in cash', being

so much disbursed for relief of the Dutch skipper and other prisoners belonging to the *Papenburgh*, and placed to His Majesty's account. William Rivet is admitted to the freedom by redemption, and the Honourable Charles Bertie is admitted gratis. The *Advnce* remaining at Plymouth in expectation of orders, and it being necessary to send seasonable supplies to St Helena and Bombay, the Court, judging it fit to take stock of the Company's affairs in order that they may resolve how to manage their trade in the Indies this next year, desire the Committees for Writing Letters and for Shipping and Plantations, or any five of them, to consider all this, and especially the number of ships, what cargo, and of what value, it is necessary to provide for export this next year to the respective factories, also the quantity of provisions, planters, and soldiers that should be dispatched to the said islands. They are likewise to consider what goods, their quantity and quality, should be set up for sale, and when, what elephants teeth should be bought, and anything else that concerns the Company's affairs in general, and send in a written report of their opinions. All members of this Court to be present at the debate of the said Committees, and secrecy to be strictly enjoined. (1½ pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY AT AMSTERDAM, SEPTEMBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 65).

To acquaint them that when the *Papenburgh* was brought in they prayed His Majesty that all prisoners taken in her might be released. This was granted, and the Company directed their officer to visit and relieve all who were sick. They have also ordered their President and Chiefs in India to discharge all Dutch prisoners taken in the *Mayboom*, also any others who may fall into their hands, and will continue to apply to the King for the release of all Dutchmen taken during this war and doubt not of success. They desire and expect reciprocal kindness in the discharge of all English prisoners taken in the *Hannibal* and *Experiment*, and of all English taken prisoners during this war, for which purpose they request that an order to this effect may be sent with all speed to the General and Council at Batavia and to the other Dutch factories in the Indies. The prisoners at Batavia are so numerous that a ship must be dispatched to fetch them, therefore the Company desire a passport for a vessel to go and return in safety, and if the Dutch wish for a like passport it shall be given to them. (¾ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 5, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 278):

Richard Foote is admitted to the freedom by redemption. The request of Robert Maisters concerning some piece-goods he bought at the last sale with Mr Lewes is referred to certain Committees. Dutch papers, translated for the Company by Mr Oldenburgh, to be examined in order to ascertain what should be paid to him for his work. The draft of the letters patents and the articles of agreement touching the sale and disposal of the *Papenburgh* received from Sir Robert Southwell are read, and referred to the Committee for Lawsuits. Payment, according to reports now read, to be made to George Willoughby, and to Thomas Clarke. The account of Moses to be examined. (1½ pp.)

JAMES HICKES TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 5, 1673 (*Public Record Office. S P Dom., Car. II.* 337, no 12).

. . . I hope mine of the 22nd came to hand, giving an account of Captain Munday's¹ taking St Helena and three Dutch East India ships, and bringing five East India ships of our own into Kinsale, August 15 or 16 To-day our letters from Kinsale of the 22nd say the whole fleet there, consisting of five men-of-war and one fireship, nine East India ships of our own, and the three Dutch prizes, and at least 30 merchant ships besides, bound homewards, having stayed there so long, at length be blessed with a good wind to bring them to our desired harbours without interruption. . .

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 8, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol xxviii, p. 280).

A letter from Lord Arlington is read touching Grocers Hall being named to His Majesty as a suitable place for warehousing the prize goods, to this an answer is drawn up and approved A draft of the articles drawn up by Moses for the sale and disposal of the said goods is read, agreed to, and order given for it to be transcribed and delivered to Sir Robert Southwell. (½ p.)

TREASURER LATIMER TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, SEPTEMBER 8, 1673 (*Public Record Office. Warrants not relating to money*, iv, p. 18).

To deliver, customs free, to Sir Thomas Chicheley, the Master of the Ordnance, all the saltpetre lately imported in the East India prize ship *Papenburgh*.

¹ Captain Richard Munden's.

THE KING TO THE PRINCE OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 9, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book 31, f. 116*).

The East India Company having represented that the Dutch East India Company detain as prisoners Captains William Limbry and Jonas Collier and the officers and seamen of the *Experiment* and *Hannibal* and several others, who were in the said Company's service, and orders having been given for the discharge of all Dutch prisoners taken by the King's or other English ships, and particularly of the officers and men of the *Papenburgh*, requesting him to interpose with the Dutch East India Company for the discharge of the above-mentioned prisoners and of all other prisoners taken in the English Company's service, and that some English vessel may have a passport to go to the East Indies to fetch away the prisoners, promising on the like occasion to gratify the Dutch East India Company in the same manner if they desire it.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 10, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 280).

A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read stating that the Lords Commissioners have appointed this afternoon to consider the articles touching the Company's sale and disposal of the prize goods; hereupon certain of the Committees are desired to attend Their Lordships at that time. The Husband to deliver the *Papenburgh* with the copper and saltpetre in her to the Sub-Commissioners for prize goods, in accordance with directions given. The Court order that all matters relating to the sale of His Majesty's prize goods be kept in books separate from those of the Company. Mr. Oldenburgh to be paid ten guineas for translating several Dutch papers sent by Sir Joseph Williamson. A report is read from the Shipping Committee concerning the allowance to be made to the owners of seven ships for their stay in the West Country, and referred for further consideration. A report to be made touching Mr. Russel, the *Surat Merchant*, and the passengers who came in her. The request of Mr. Strange for allowance for some piece-goods which he bought at the last sale, and which cannot now be found is referred for examination. Colonel Whitley stating that the sifting of pepper in Crosby House is a great annoyance to the officers of the Posthouse, the Committees for Mr. Aston's warehouse to consider

what can be done in the matter; they are also directed to see that shutters are made to the grates belonging to the cellars to prevent any accident by fire. (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ p p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 12, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 282).

Certain of the Committees are desired to meet the Commissioners of the Customs and Sir Robert Southwell to-morrow afternoon, to consider the articles touching the Dutch prizes. Order is given for the commanders of the nine ships returned from Surat, the Coast, and Bay, to send up at once by the Husband to the Company's house the diamonds, jewels, and other fine goods on board their ships, each commander to appoint some person to see them delivered to Robert Hubbard, Cashier-General, who is to give a receipt for the same. Directions to be given to the Cashier-General and to the Accountant as to the title to be given the books to be kept for His Majesty's prize goods. (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 12, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid*, p. 283).

A letter is read from Tiliard dated the 10th instant and brought by an express telling of the arrival at Plymouth of the *Anne*, commanded by Captain Abraham Dawes, hereupon order is given for an address to be made to the Lords of the Admiralty for a protection for the said ship's company, and a convoy for her into the Downs, with directions that if the wind should prove contrary she may make for the first convenient port. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN TO SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom, Car.* II 337, no 35).

. . . We have no other news but the arrival of another East India ship, supposed to have been taken by the Dutch.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 284).

A report from the Shipping Committee stating that they have agreed to hire and freight the *Lancaster* and *Falcon* on terms and conditions now given, is approved, and Captain Prowd is directed to survey the said ships. All members present are enjoined to keep secret what has been said about the disposal of these two ships or anything else con-

cerning the Company's affairs now under consideration. The Committee for Buying Goods to consider what cargoes shall be provided for the *Lancaster* and *Falcon*. The petition of Mary Wood, whose husband is said to have been lost in the *Happy Entrance*, is referred to Captain Brookhaven, and if it appears true that she is in want, 40s. is to be given her from the poor-box. Barbara Clarke, whose husband was boatswain in the *Phoenix*, and was killed during the engagement of that ship with a Dutch privateer, to be given (besides the gratuity already bestowed) a month's pay, as allowed the other mariners in that ship. Mr. Lucas offers the *Advance* for service, and is told that at present there is no need for her, but if such should arise later, he shall be notified. Mr. Lewis, assistant to the Paymaster, to go down the river to-morrow morning to Captain Prowd, taking with him 100*l.* from which he is to satisfy those who have been employed in unloading the *Papenburgh*, according to the Captain's directions. Lewis is to keep an account of what he pays and present to the Court. Resolved to hold a general court of sales on October 21 next, and the Committee for Buying Goods are desired to advise with the Committees of the different warehouses, consider what goods of the Company's shall be then offered, and send in a written report. The Court approve of the agreement made with the Commissioners of Customs to have an additional twelve months for receiving back the half subsidy and additional duty on calicoes and pepper imported since January last, in consideration of the greater quantity of goods they are obliged to keep back and not offer at the next general sale. An order from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes touching the prisoners in the three East India ships lately come from Kinsale, to be delivered to Captain Brookhaven, who is to see to the relief of the said prisoners (14 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 19, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 285).

An explanation to be desired from Sir Robert Southwell of the order of the Lords Commissioners of Prizes concerning the prisoners taken in the *Alphen*, *Arms of Camphure*,¹ and *Europa*, meanwhile the prisoners are to be relieved according to their necessity. The claim of Mr. Lucas for 50*l.* detained from the freight of the *Zant* because of the loss of a bale of goods, is referred for examination. The Shipping Committee to decide this afternoon whether the supplies for St. Helena shall go

¹ Cp. p. 259.

in the *Lancaster* and *Falcon* or by some other vessel. The Deputy Governor reports that the Lords Commissioners approve of the prize goods being sold on October 21 next, with the Company's goods. A memorial to be drawn up and presented with the articles of agreement touching the disposal of the prize goods to the Commissioners of Customs according to the sense of the present debate. A report about some dungarees bought by Mr. Masters is read, but referred to the Committees who drew it up to state their opinion as to what is best to be done. The account of Mr. Whitehead, minister in the Bay, to be examined. Payment to be made to Mr. Cade, the stationer, but it being found that some of his goods are bad and priced too high, and the Company's officers wishing to be allowed to buy their stationery where it can be had cheaply, Mr. Cade is to be told that if he cannot supply goods at the same rate as others, then the Company's officers may buy elsewhere. The Committee for Buying Goods to provide the cargoes mentioned in a report now read, and the Treasury Committee to provide the bullion. Mr. Heatley and other owners of the *Phoenix* offer that ship for service on the terms and conditions given to other vessels, and are told that Captain Wildy having refused the Company's offers, other ships have been entertained, still the Court will remember them when there shall be need (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 22, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol xxviii, p. 287)

Letters from the Bay dated December 10, 1672, are read, also the draft of two letters to be sent overland to Surat and Fort St George, and directions given for a letter to be prepared to send to the Chief and Council in Persia. The diamonds, musk, and other fine goods lately returned from Surat and the Coast to be delivered to their owners. At the request of Mr Goodier, whose return from India was somewhat sudden and unexpected and gave him no time to bring all his estate with him, to be allowed to receive diamonds and musk to the value of 9,615 rupees, the proceeds of his said estate, permission free, the Court agree to his receiving them on payment of one per cent. permission. A bulse of diamonds, value forty-eight pagodas, to be delivered permission free to Thomas Sprigg, and several parcels of diamonds, musk, and borax to be delivered to their owner, Captain Richard Goodlad, permission free. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 24, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 288).

Mr Strange to be repaid for some cloth he bought at the last sale but did not receive, and to be allowed 4*l.* for alleged damage. The owners of the *Barnardiston* offering her for further service are told that when the Company have occasion for her their offer shall be remembered; and the owners of the *Loyal Subject*, offering that ship, are given a like answer, and on asking for permission to discharge some of their men to lessen the expense, they are told that no directions can be given as to this, but that the Company expect a sufficient number of men to be retained to secure the ship and her goods from damage. Jane Cole, the dyer's wife, to be paid 10*l.* in part of her husband's salary. Supplies for St. Helena to be sent in some ships bound for Barbadoes, the owners to be agreed with to transport the same on the best terms possible. Permission is given for a parcel of ebony wood belonging to Captain Mariner to be allowed to remain on board the *Rebecca*. Mr. Andrews, on behalf of himself and the other owners, offers seven ships for the Company's service, viz the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Loyal Merchant*, *Anne*, *Golden Fleece*, *Surat Merchant*, and *Uncorn*, and is told that the Company note the offer and will think of it when they have occasion for vessels. Certain diamonds to be delivered to Captain Arnold Brown, Edward Watts, and other owners of the *American*, and to Mrs Colborne, on payment of one per cent permission, and two pots of musk to be delivered to Messrs. Gray & Cradock, on payment of two per cent as the former is in the service of the Company. (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 26, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 289).

A pot of musk valued at about 500 rupees to be delivered to John Child on payment of two per cent permission, his son who sent it being a factor in the Company's service. The Shipping Committee to direct what provisions, goods, stores, and ammunition they think fit to be sent to St Helena, to consider everything relating to the resettlement of that island, and report their opinion in writing. A draft of a petition touching St Helena for presentation to the King to be prepared and presented to the Court. Certain Committees to consider and report on the petition of Henry Powel. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council of Bantam and payable to Mary Stiles or Thomas Hatton is accepted. A considerable part of the tonnage of the *Johanna* having come home dead freighted, order is given for a survey to be taken of her. Mr Russel, who assisted Mr. Sambrooke, having

deserted the Company's service, and Mr. Rouse being nominated to succeed him and also to assist in the Calico Warehouse, information is to be obtained from Sambrook as to the work to be performed, and report made to the Court. Captain Richard Goodlad offers the *Rainbow* on behalf of her owners for further service, and is told that the Company will think of her when there is occasion. The petition of Thomas Fitch, late purser in the *London*, is referred for report. (1 p.)¹

THE COMPANY TO ROBERT LANG [AT MARSEILLES], SEPTEMBER 29, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 66)

Send a packet directed to Consul Nightingale and desire it may be forwarded by the first opportunity. (½ p.)

THE COMPANY TO CONSUL NIGHTINGALE [AT ALEPPO], SEPTEMBER 29, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 66).

Send him a packet to forward immediately by express to their Chief and factors in Persia, and direct that if any particular letters remain with him, he is to keep them and not send them with this packet. (¼ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 290).

Captain Fisher states that the *Berkeley Castle* returned in part dead freighted, and asking for a survey to be taken of her, Captains Brookhaven and Prowd are told to ascertain the want of tonnage in her and report. The *Advice* to be dispatched for Bantam, Tilliard to take out of her the 4,000 dollars and keep them until further order, and all provisions necessary to be supplied for her voyage. The Committee for Writing Letters to prepare three, one to the Agent and Council at Bantam, one to Captain Limbery, and a third to the Commander of the *Advice*. The draft of a petition from the Company to the King touching St. Helena is read, it is to the following effect: St. Helena having been granted by His Majesty to the Company, they planted and fortified it for a place of refreshment for their ships homeward-bound from India. But the said island having been surprised by the Dutch in the beginning of January last, and retaken by the King's forces under Captain Richard Munden, the latter left there a Governor and 200 soldiers with orders to follow what further directions should be given by His Majesty. The Company therefore humbly beg to know whether the said island, with the Governor and soldiers, is to be continued in the possession and

¹ Among the warrants is one for 10l. 15s. 'made paid in cash'

service of the King, or whether it is His Majesty's pleasure that the Company shall again possess it, that directions may be given to those upon the island accordingly. The petition is approved and the Deputy Governor desired to present it. (1 p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 1, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 291).

The Deputy Governor reports that upon the Company's petition presented to the King, His Majesty was graciously pleased to declare that St. Helena is to be continued to the Company as formerly, that they are to take care supplies are sent thither, and provision made for securing the island from again falling into the hands of the enemy, and that Lord Arlington shall give orders accordingly Dutch Books and papers, lately sent by the Lords Commissioners for Prizes to the Company, are referred to certain Committees to read and consider which to keep and which may be returned. Robert Hubbard to be given a gratuity of 50*l* over and above his year's salary Henry Rouse to be entertained as assistant to Sambrooke, both as Writer of letters and Keeper of the Calico Warehouse, also to attend the Committee for Lawsuits and Debts, for which services he is to be paid 50*l* a year, Sambrook to be consulted touching his security John Russel to be discharged from the Company's service ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 1, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 292).

The Shipping Committee to consider what gratuities should be given to the commanders of His Majesty's men-of-war who have acted as convoys to the Company's shipping arrived this year from India, and send in a written report. A parcel of diamonds and ambergris to the value of 2,280 rupees to be delivered to Samuel Sambrook, Junior, on payment of one per cent permission. Ambergris to be delivered, free of permission, to Captain Robert Fisher for himself and his purser, some musk to William Clough, purser in the *Loyal Merchant*, and a small parcel of diamond bort to the Secretary, these also to be delivered free of permission. (1 p.)¹

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 3, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 293).

Captain Richard Goodlad is accepted as commander of the *Lancaster*,

¹ Among the warrants is one 'to be made paid in cash' for 23*l*. 13*s* 7*d.*, four, each for 100*l.*, and one for 200*l*

that ship being entertained for the Company's service John Russel to be paid 10*l.*, his quarter's salary due last Michaelmas. The owners of the *Barnardiston* to be paid 3,000*l.* in part of her freight and demurrage. Upon a report now read, order is given for Francis Nelthorpe to be paid his full salary, and given 50*l.* as a gratuity for his sufferings in the Siam voyage. The salary of Abel Payne, a factor at Bantam, to be increased to 30*l.* per annum, to begin from the arrival of the *Advice* at Bantam. The account of Streinsham Masters to be reported. A report is read from the Shipping and Plantations Committee to the following effect That it is necessary to send a new Governor to St. Helena, and that Colonel Thomas Talbot be proposed for the post, that Captain William [*sic*] Beale be sent there as Husband for the Company's stores and magazine, and his advice taken as to which of the old planters are fit to return to the island, that for the encouragement of those planters who return, they may be appointed to receive and settle themselves upon their old land and habitations, according to the rules of the Company at their first settlement there, and have liberty to receive from the Company's magazine nine months provision of victuals free, if their own plantations cannot maintain them, also that they, their children and servants may have free passage to the island; that from the stock which shall be found on the island two cows shall be given to each family of the old as well as of the new planters, and all the latter shall be encouraged with the above privileges. All artificers as bricklayers, masons, carpenters, coopers, smiths, etc., to be entertained and encouraged to go to the island, with allowance of tools freely given to them for their several works and professions. That land and stock shall be declared to be given to the planters and to their heirs for ever, and each plantation may be registered and conveyed to them and to their heirs under the Company's seal according to such rules and conditions as the Company shall appoint. The above report is approved, with the exception of the first clause (touching a new Governor), and referred back to the Committee to make such rules for settling lands on the planters and their heirs as shall be found necessary, also to consult Moses about the form of conveyance to be used, and speak to Captain Munden touching the qualification of Captain Fielding, the present Deputy Governor of the island. The Shipping Committee report that they have agreed with the owners of the *European* to go to St. Helena, take 100 passengers at 6*l.* per head, each one to take a chest for clothes and provisions freight free, as is usual for the Plantations; the passengers to be paid for on leaving the Downs, and

the freight upon certificate of the delivery of the goods at the island ; of this the Court also approve. Major Thomson to be allowed to ship out 5 cwt of cochineal for account of President Aungier, freight free, he having informed the Court that it is a commodity that will turn to account. The Surat Committee to read the last advices touching the supply of writers desired by the President and Council, and report whether in their opinion it is needful to send out any more at present. A parcel of diamonds returned in the *Berkeley Castle* to be delivered, on payment of two per cent permission, to Ann Elford, they having been sent to her by Mr. Hymners, a factor in the Company's service. A small parcel of bezoar to be delivered permission free to Eliza Ripley. The petition of John Allen and others employed in the Portuguese vessel from Brazil is referred to the Shipping Committee, who are to pay and give them what gratuity they deem fit. Certain Committees to read Mr Hill's letters of administration and, on his paying the balance due on Captain Privet's account, to order delivery of the goods belonging to the said captain. (2½ pp)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM], OCTOBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p 74).

Acknowledge their letter of the 27th ult stating their readiness to comply with the proposals for the mutual discharge of all prisoners taken during this war by either Company. Have duplicated their letters for discharge of all the Dutch taken in India, and are informed by their commanders, who have just arrived, that those taken in the *Mayboom* were immediately set free with all goods, money, jewels, or what else belonged to them. They have also released all who were taken by His Majesty's ships at St Helena, or in the four Dutch ships. Desire a speedy order for reciprocal treatment to all English taken. Have received no answer to their request for a passport for a ship to fetch away English prisoners from the Indies. Regarding the desire of the Dutch Company about the books taken, these were in ships seized by the King's men-of-war, and are in the custody of His Majesty's officers. But all private letters in the *Papenburgh* were delivered to the Company with permission to dispatch them according as they were directed, so these were posted, but the books of accounts being too bulky have been kept until it is known to whom they are to be delivered or how sent. Will continue their endeavours to obtain permission to dispatch anything more that may be in the other ships. (½ p)

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 6, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 296).

The Deputy Governor tells of a letter received from Sir Robert Southwell (now read), in which it is stated that the Lords Commissioners of Prizes have examined the draft of a commission prepared by the Attorney-General and approve of the same, but before it is presented for His Majesty to sign Their Lordships think that the Company should read it. After considering the said commission, and taking the advice of Moses, the Committees also approve and give order for it to be returned to Sir Robert Southwell this evening, with desire that the amendment and addition now mentioned may be made, viz In the 6th Article instead of the words 'as great' to make 'a great', and in the 7th Article at the close to add, 'after the first day of April and not before.' ($\frac{1}{2}$ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 8, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 297)

The proceedings of the Committees at their meeting of the 6th instant are confirmed. The Court resolve to elect an assistant to the Auditor next Wednesday. A bill of exchange drawn by the Agent and Council at Bantam and payable to Mrs Hide is accepted, but before the money is paid Moses is to be consulted. The petition of Mary Sell, and the account of the late Nathaniel Brigs, minister, to be examined and reported. The Committee for Shipping and Plantations to prepare some rules for such women as shall be allowed to go to Bombay in accordance with the desire of the President and Council of Surat. Certain of the Committees to consider and report what salaries are fit to be given to the First, Second, and Third employed in the chief factories in the Indies, and to the Chiefs in the subordinate factories, also to factors and writers from the expiration of the five years mentioned in their covenants; what part shall be paid to them in India towards their maintenance, and anything else that may tend to the encouragement of those who are found to be industrious and deserving in the Company's service. A gratuity of four guineas to be given to Richard Blome for a book called 'Britania' which he presented this day to the Company. The owners of the *Mediterranean* to be paid 2,400*l.* in part of her freight and demurrage. A minister to be chosen and sent to St. Helena, who shall be allowed a salary of 50*l.* a year for preaching and catechizing, 25*l.* a year for teaching such children as are on the island, and an accommodation for planting like the other inhabitants. A large bible with a 'Comment' to be provided and sent to Bombay. The account of John

Bennet to be examined and reported A pot of ambergris to be delivered free to Captain William Goodlad, commander of the *Loyal Subject*, it being for his own account (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 10, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 298).

The Committees for the several warehouses to ascertain from Messrs. Sambrook, Aston, and Papillon when the Company's goods will be ready for sale and to publish their quantity The account of the late Thomas Jones, factor, to be examined. The Commander of the *Advice* to be ordered to stay at Plymouth until further notice, and a letter to be drawn up to the Chief and Council in the Bay, in accordance with the present debate. Mr Yorke is nominated as chaplain for St. Helena, and certain Committees are desired to inquire of Dr Tillotson¹ and Mr. Hayes as to his qualifications The owners of the *Rebecca* to be paid on account of her freight and demurrage Captains Broakhaven and Prowd to ascertain from Captain Munden what persons were slain aboard the ships under his command at the retaking of St Helena, their quality and condition, and how they behaved in that action Musk brought back in the *Johanna* to be delivered free to Captain Bendal, it being for his own account The Shipping Committee to prosecute William Hinton for three months imprest money he received when shipped as carpenter's mate in the *Advice*, he having deserted The account of George Markham and the petition of Anne Deverson to be examined and reported The two first particulars of Jeremy Sambrook's paper now read are referred to certain Committees to report their opinion what is fit to be done in the matter Mr Sowton to be paid and his bonds and security delivered up The account of the late Thomas Wynn to be reported The desires of Captain Wiltshire are referred to certain Committees, who are to report what they think should be done concerning them. Payment to be made to Captain Robert Metford. Order is given for a particular register to be kept of all orders and rules made for St. Helena. Consideration to be had and report made as to what alteration is fit to be made for the better accommodation of buyers in the Hall where the Court of Sales is held A petition is read from John Allen, John Catneys, Edward Major, and Thomas Kennington, who were employed in the Portuguese ship that waited as an adviser off St. Helena, and the Court direct that rol be

¹ Dean of Canterbury; afterwards Dean of St. Paul's and, later, Archbishop of Canterbury.

distributed amongst them in addition to what they have already received. Upon report of the good abilities and qualifications of Captain Richard Fielder, [sic] who is now in command of a Foot Company at St. Helena, he is chosen as Governor of that island, but consideration as to his salary is deferred. Captain Anthony Beale is approved of as Husband of the Company's stores there, and also as muster-master at 50*l.* a year, and other allowances in accordance with a report now read, in this the Committees opine that Fielder be appointed Governor of St. Helena at a salary of 100*l.* per annum, with accommodation in the plantation for his encouragement; and that Beale be appointed Husband and muster-master for the soldiers, to keep their accounts, at a salary of 50*l.* per annum, and be allowed fifty acres of land, rough and smooth, three milch cows, two negroes, and accommodation out of the Company's plantation until his own supplies him. (2 pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 15, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 301)

A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read, in which, by order of the Lords Commissioners for Prizes, he announces that the King has empowered Their Lordships to sell and dispose of the goods in the four East India prizes to Mr. Nelthorp and his partners, but the Company are desired to keep the said goods in their possession and under their care till further order. Their Lordships also wish to know what the Company have disbursed on account of the prizes, and what recompense is fit to be given to the officers employed in the said vessels. Hereupon certain Committees are directed to prepare an account of these expenses, noting the demurrage of the Company's ships occasioned by unlading the said prizes, draw up an estimate of the recompense to be given to the Company's officers, and report. Sambrook to deliver to Captain Munden a list of all calicoes and silk in the three Dutch prizes taken off St. Helena, with particulars of what was landed out of them. Certain Committees to pay the six pilots who went in the King's ships to St. Helena the wages due to them, and receive back the instruments delivered to be used by them in that voyage. Captain Richard Fielder [sic] is elected Governor of St. Helena at a salary of 50*l.* a year with an annual gratuity of 50*l.* to begin from the time he was left on the island as Deputy Governor by Captain Munden. Ion Kenn is elected assistant to the Auditor, in the room of the late Caleb Tyrlington, at a salary of 40*l.* per annum. The accounts of the late Nathaniel Briggs,

minister, and of John Hopkins to be examined and reported. Captain Dawes complains of dead freight in the *Ann* and requests that a survey may be taken of her; order is given for this to be done. Payment to be made to Edward Briggs, father and administrator of the late Nathaniel Briggs. (1½ p.)¹

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 15, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid*, p. 302).

The Committees for the Calico Warehouse to report what sorts and quantities of calicoes and taffetas, and out of which ships, are suitable for sale and when they can be ready, and the Committees for Papillon's warehouse to do the same. The following peppers to be offered for sale: all black pepper brought home in the *Advance*, *Expectation*, and *Mary*; Malabar pepper returned in the *Golden Fleece* and *Rainbow*; pepper from Biliapatam returned in the *Mediterranean*; white pepper returned in the *Satisfaction* and the *Advance*. Mrs Wilcox with her four daughters and a maid to be permitted to take passage for Bombay at the Company's charge as her husband is 'in an eminent employment in the Company's service'. (¾ p.)²

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 17, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 303).

A report is read in which it is stated that 265,774 pieces of calico, with quilts, taffetas, and silk mentioned, are fit for sale, the Court approve and leave it to the Committees who drew up the report to add such other sorts of calico as they deem meet, but not to exceed 300,000 pieces in all. A list of goods from Papillon's warehouse is also read, these too will be ready for the sale; they are approved of, and the Court resolve to add 4,000 bags of Pattana petre, 400 bags of cowries, and 50 tons of red earth to the said list. Ion Kenn is sworn as assistant to the Auditor. Consideration to be had how to dispose of the *Advice Pinnace* at Plymouth, but should it be judged necessary to send her to the Bay letters and instructions are to be prepared accordingly. (½ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 20, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 304).

Sir Charles Littleton and His Majesty's other Sub-Commissioners for Prizes, with Mr Nelthorp, present an order from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes touching the goods landed from the four Dutch ships,

¹ Among the warrants is one signed for 4l. 6s. and one for 100l, both 'to be made paid in cash'.

² Among the warrants signed is one for 200l 'to be made paid in cash'.

now in the Company's possession, and desire permission to execute it. The Court, after consideration of their request and of a letter received from Their Lordships to the Governor and Deputy, now read, reply that the required directions shall be given to the Company's officers, but if agreeable to their Lordships, the Court desire that all the goods may be delivered to the Sub-Commissioners by weight and tale, as they were received, and that Committees shall attend Their Lordships concerning the adjustment of allowances to be made on the said goods. The Sub-Commissioners report that the Company's officers have knocked off some padlocks put on the warehouse doors in the African House, upon this Sambrook is questioned and says that he found a padlock hung on the wicket of the outer door of the said House and caused it to be taken off when he came to set the watch for guard of the warehouses, but the other locks were still there. At the request of Mr Nelthorp, he is given a copy of the Company's discounts at the two last sales. The respective warehousekeepers are directed to proceed with sifting and garbling the pepper and indigo belonging to the King; they are also told to allow Mr. Nelthorp, his partners, and some of the Sub-Commissioners to go into the warehouses and cellars, set apart what quantities of goods they desire, and adjust the allowances usual in the Company's sales, of all which the Sub-Commissioners are to inform Their Lordships, who will order payment of the money due on the goods before delivery, and on their delivery to Mr Nelthorp and his partners, the Sub-Commissioners are to give the Company a receipt. The Court agree upon an answer to be returned to the letter of the 16th instant from the Lords Commissioners 'which is entered in the King's book'. Resolved to send the *Advice Pinnace* direct to the Bay, and that letters to the Chief and Council there be prepared accordingly. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 22, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 305).

George Margetts to be paid for a new cable in lieu of one supplied by Captain Wildie to the *London*, this to be put to the said ship's account. The petition of Sarah Camel is referred for consideration. Damaged turnerick returned in the *Rebecca* to be delivered to her owners, and damaged coffee returned in the *Mediterranean* to be delivered to the owners of that ship. Payment to be made to Peter Heywood. The request of Captain Munden concerning three chests of goods in the Company's warehouse is referred to the Committee for Private Trade. A

letter to the Deputy Governor from Sir Robert Southwell is read, and an answer to it agreed upon. Mr. Davison to report what he thinks should be done with a paper of medicines left by Mr. Stalworthy at St. Helena. The account of James Walcot to be reported. Certain Committees to consider the wishes of Benjamin Shute touching some chintz he alleges to be damaged, and do what they think best in the matter. (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 23, 1673 (*Ibid*, p 306).

The Deputy Governor announces a proposal made by the King, viz.: that the Company shall have the prize goods from the four ships if they will give 33,700*l.* more than the price mentioned in the Privy Seal to Mr. Nelthorp; that this was intimated to him by Sir Robert Southwell late last night, and that His Majesty expects an answer this day. After consideration the Court agree upon an answer to be written to Sir Robert (which is entered in the King's book, p. 51) and desire certain Committees to accompany the Deputy Governor to Whitehall to wait on His Majesty touching the said proposal (½ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 23, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 307)

A postscript, to be added to the letter written in the morning to Sir Robert Southwell, is agreed upon, and entered in the King's book, p 51 (¼ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (*Ibid*, p 307)

The Deputy Governor announces that the answer to Sir Robert Southwell was read yesterday to the King, who was pleased to signify his pleasure for the Company to have the prize goods on paying 33,700*l.* more than mentioned in Mr. Nelthorp's contract, and in the manner following 50,000*l.* to be paid next Thursday, 50,000*l.* more on the following Thursday, and the remainder on November 13 next. Hereupon order is given for the Treasury Committee to be desired to provide the said money accordingly Order is also to be given for the speedy sifting of the pepper and garbling of indigo, that these may be ready, with all other goods from the warehouses, for sale and for the tares to be adjusted, and whatever else is necessary for quick dispatch of the business. The following sorts of pepper to be set up for sale: pepper returned in the *Advance* and *Expectation*, Malabar pepper

returned in the *Golden Fleece* and *Rainbow*, Billiapatam pepper returned in the *Mediterranean*, and white pepper returned in the *Satisfaction* and *Advance*. Resolved that a general court of sales be held on November 3 next. All calicoes for sale to be priced not lower than the last were valued at, and as speedily as possible. No more writers for India to be entertained this year. Payment to be made to James Hopkins, and the account of Samuel Tutchin to be reported. Charles Aston is admitted to the freedom gratis. Several pieces of calico and other things sent to Mrs. Mohun by her husband to be delivered free of fine. (1½ pp.)

A GENERAL COURT, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 309).

The Deputy Governor acquaints the generality that in accordance with their order of August 18 last for sale and disposal of the King's prize goods taken in the *Papenburgh*, the Committees applied themselves to that business, but while doing so three other Dutch prizes were brought in and committed to their care to be disposed of for His Majesty. Articles of agreement were being prepared to be entered into between the Lords Commissioners for Prizes and the Company, but before these were concluded the King thought fit to dispose of the goods by private contract to Mr Nelthorp and his partners. This 'having taken air', and it being given out that the goods were sold for less by 33,700*l* than they would have been offered at by the Company at their sale, the King sent the following proposal to the Governor and Committees, viz : that if the Company would give 33,700*l* more for the said goods than Mr Nelthorp had agreed to, they should have them 'to avoid publique clamour'. The Court replied that they never desired to buy the goods, only to sell them to the best advantage for His Majesty, yet they were willing that he shall have not less than 33,700*l*. more than was offered by Mr Nelthorp, and, if the goods produce more than that, then His Majesty shall have the advantage, and if less, then the Company will bear the loss. This 'found His Majesty's gracious acceptance', but he insisted on an advance on account of the goods to supply his 'pressing occasions', and to have 50,000*l*. on the 30th instant, 50,000*l*. more on November 6, and the remainder on November 13 next. The Committees who waited on the King said that they would communicate His Majesty's wishes to the generality and did not doubt but that they would agree to them. The Deputy Governor states that the King's proposal came to him very late Tuesday night and an answer

was required the next morning, so there was no time to call a general court until now, and the Court thought that the answer they gave would be of service to the King and no inconvenience to the Company. After some consideration the generality declare unanimously, by erection of hands, their approval of what had been done, and, the question being put by ballot whether the money should be advanced to His Majesty in the proportions and at the times mentioned, it passed in the affirmative, *nemine contradicente*. (1½ pp)

INSTRUCTIONS FROM TREASURER LATIMER TO THE CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 24, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Warrants not relating to money IV*, p. 64).

You are to permit the landing of all the small plunder belonging to the seamen that brought home the three East India prizes, taking care that under this pretence nothing belonging to the hold or bread rooms of said ships be landed. The East India goods taken out of said prizes, and now in the King's warehouse, are to be delivered to the proprietors, who have entered same and paid the duty.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 28, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol xxviii, p. 310)

A letter from Sir Robert Southwell is read, in which he states that the Lords Commissioners have appointed to-morrow morning for sealing the Articles in the Council Chamber. Hereupon order is given for the Treasury Committee to be desired to take the Company's seal to be affixed to one part of the said Articles, and certain of the Committees are requested to accompany the Deputy Governor at the time appointed. Mr. Backhouse, a fellow of St John's, Oxford, and one Mr Lewis are recommended as chaplains for St Helena, and certain of the Committees are desired to ascertain and report their respective abilities and qualifications. Prices fixed for calicoes and taffetas are approved. The Committee for Private Trade to give directions to Sprigg about the delivery of musk and other unprohibited goods mentioned in the Company's bill of lading, care to be taken that the permission, custom, and other duties are first paid. No more money to be taken up at interest by the Treasury Committee until further order, and for what has been already received on loan, bills are to be sealed at as short a time as possible (¾ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, OCTOBER 31, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 311).

The Treasury Committee to pay to Richard Mounteney 100,000^l being the two first payments agreed on by the Articles, and take receipts for the same. A letter from the Directors of the Netherlands East India Company, dated October 30 (*stilo novo*), is read, and order given for an answer to be drawn up in accordance with the present debate. The account of Mr. Codrington to be reported. Payment to be made to Matthew Stalworthy for medicaments left at St. Helena Musk brought back in the *Mediterranean* to be delivered free to Captain Richard Goodlad, it belonging to himself and the mate Examination and report to be made of some damaged calicoes belonging to Captain Mariner. A report is read concerning the gratuity payable to Mr. Whitehead, chaplain at Masulipatam, and order given for it to be referred back to the Committees who prepared it (1½ pp.).

ORDER OF COUNCIL, OCTOBER 31, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol lxiv, p 125)

Upon reading a report from the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy concerning the four East India prizes and their usefulness for the King's service, order is given for the said prizes, viz : the *Alphen*, *Arms of Ferveer*, alias *Camphire*, and the *Europa*, with their apparel and furniture to be speedily delivered to the said principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, or to those they shall appoint to receive them, to be employed in His Majesty's service, and for the *Papenburgh* to be forthwith sold

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 1, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol xxviii, p. 213).

Pepper brought back in the *Surat Merchant* not to be offered for sale. Resolved to have it stated in the preamble that no further sale of goods will be held until April next. Pepper put up for sale to be priced as follows the King's Jambi and damaged pepper and the Company's Jambi and South Sea pepper at 9½^d per lb, Malabar pepper at 10^d per lb., and all from Bihapatam at 9^d per lb The Committee for Sambrook's Warehouse to price and allot His Majesty's goods, cause papers for their sale to be printed, and give all necessary directions so that the goods may be ready to be viewed. As the *European* cannot take all the provisions and passengers designed for St Helena, the

Shipping Committee are directed to arrange for transport of the rest, and engage such ship or ships as have been built expressly for the Company's service. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

THE COMPANY TO ISAAC TILLIARD [AT PLYMOUTH], NOVEMBER 1, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 80).

Send him a packet for their Chief and Council in the Bay with letters to Captain Gaich, and desire they may be delivered. Many Dutch capers having been seen in the Channel off Dover, Tilihard is to use his interest and endeavour to obtain one of the King's men-of-war to convoy the *Advice* 'beyond the soundings out of danger of the Dutch capers'; for this service he may promise the captain 10*l.* or the best he can arrange with him, the Company having ordered Captain Gaich not to sail from Plymouth without a convoy of one or more men-of-war, and this Tiliard is desired to get as quickly as possible. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, NOVEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 313).

Sale of Cotton yarn, Jambi, Malabar, and Biliapatam pepper, white pepper and dust of pepper, Carmania wool, coffee, aloes Socatrina and Hepatica, myrrh, cardamoms, olibanum, sal-ammoniac, assafoetida, green ginger, tincal, turmeric, cowries, saltpetre and red earth, with prices and names of purchasers (3 pp.)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM] NOVEMBER 4, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 75)

Acknowledge their letter of October 30 and, according to desire, will cause the books of accounts, writings and other papers out of the *Papenburgh* and the other three ships to be delivered to Jacob Lucy. They question not but that the Directors will give a like order for any English papers that may come into their hands. The passport, to be granted by both Companies within the limits of their respective charters, is desired for a vessel of about 400 tons to be allowed to sail to Bantam and back without molestation, and if this is granted, the name of the commander of the said ship will be sent, and on the Dutch Company naming a vessel of like nature to go and return from any given place, a similar passport will be sent accordingly. ($\frac{1}{4}$ p.)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 6, 1673
(*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p. 45).

Begs to acquaint him that in obedience to the Deputy's commands he waited this morning on the Commissioners of Customs, who gave order for him to view the 18 bales of silk taken out of the Dutch prizes, but only 14 could be found in the warehouses, viz.: 8 bales of Persian silk, value 566*l*, and 6 bales of Bengal silk, value 360*l*, making a total value of 926*l*. ($\frac{1}{4}$ *p*.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 7, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 316).

The request of Sir James Edwards for some allowance on quilts he bought is referred for examination. The Husband is ordered to enter the goods from the four prize ships at the Customhouse, and the Treasury Committee to provide money to pay the custom due on the same. Payment on account of freight and demurrage to be made to the owners of the *Berkeley Castle*, *Johanna*, *Rainbow*, and *Loyal Merchant*. The sum of 50*l* to be paid to the assigns of Mr. Whitehead, minister at Masulipatam. Sarah, wife of John Camel, steward at Tywan, to be paid two months' wages. The petition of Thomas Woodcock, pilot, is referred to certain Committees to do as they see fit in the matter. Examination and report to be made of the abilities and qualifications of Adam Elliot and Francis Rhode, who are recommended to the Company as chaplains. The following gratuities to be given: 100*l*. to Captain William Poole, commander of the *St David*, 20*l* to Captain Chamberlain, commander of the *Dragon*, and to Captain Trotter, commander of the *Richmond*, and 30*l*. to Captain Mason, commander of the *Dover*, who convoyed the *Anne*, commanded by Captain Dawes, into the Downs. Harbert to charge 120*l*. of these gratuities to the account of the owners of the four Surat ships, each to pay proportionably, and 30*l*. to the owners of the *Anne*. Taffetas to be delivered free of fine to George Toriano, Mrs. Proby having sent them from India to several of her friends. A parcel of diamonds and some calicoes to be delivered free to Thomas Pettit. The clerks in the Accountant's Office to attend from eight in the morning all the winter, and from seven in the summer, and not leave without permission from the Accountant. Mr. Rudge is desired to prepare an account of the charges incurred for the King's prize goods (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ *pp*.)

A GENERAL COURT OF SALES, NOVEMBER 10-13, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 318).

Sale of brown, blue and white longcloth, gingham, brown gingham, salampores, brown salampores, morees, sailcloth, bettelles, 'Oringal bettelles',¹ sannoes, humhums, cossaes, diapers, parcallaes, broad and narrow chintz, 'chints caddi' and 'Serunge² chints', brown, blue and white pautkaes, brown and white dungarees, derebauds, mercollees, broad and narrow baftas, blue and brown baftas, sovaguzzees, brown sovaguzzees, allejahs, nillaes, large and small quilts, niccanees, broad tapseiles, taffetas, damaged calicoes, and Guinea stuffs, with prices and names of purchasers (14½ pp.).

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES AT COLOGNE, WHITEHALL, NOVEMBER 14, 1673 (*Public Record Office S.P. Foreign Entry Book*, vol lxiv, p 121)

. As for the article of the regulation of trade in the East Indies, We will be content, that it be referred to a determination by commissioners appointed on both sides, as it was in the treaty of Breda, in case you shall find the obstinacy of the Dutch be such, as they will not make the peace in the manner you first proposed it. . . . By His Majesty's command.
Signed Arlington

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 14, 1673 (*Home Miscellaneous*, vol xxxvi, p 45)

Has made a strict examination of the calicoes and silks invoiced in the three ships, the *Arms of Fervere*, *Alphen*, and *Europa*, and compared the number of pieces received with those invoiced, and finds them to agree exactly 'excepting to the number of five hundred and eighty peeces of ordinary sortes of calicoes, which are wanting and noe more, which is infinitely beyond expectation'. (¾ p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol xxviii p 333)

Some musk returned in the *Loyal Subject* to be delivered permission free to Captain Francis Chuseman Certain Committees to state the account of William Nokes, late chaplain at St Helena, consider his petition and report what they think is fit to be done about it. A bill of exchange for 1,500*l.* drawn by the Chief and Council in the Bay on the Company and payable to Monsieur Lambert Van Herst is read, accepted, and order given for it to be paid On reading a letter from the King,

¹ See note in vol v, p. 177.

² Surong.

directing the payment of 270*l.* to Theodore Randu, which His Majesty is given to understand was owing to him by Sir Gervase Lucas at his death, but recovered and paid into the Company's cash by Henry Gary, who succeeded Lucas as Governor of Bombay, the Court direct certain Committees to examine the account of Sir Gervase and report whether any such money remains in the Company's hands, or has been paid into their cash. Captain Williams, Mr Day, and several other linendrapers request and are granted extension of time for payment of goods bought at the last sale as it was continued for four days A letter from the Lords Commissioners for Prizes is read, in which an estimate is given of what the prize goods amount to at Mr Nelthorpe's rates, this exceeds by between five and six thousand pounds the estimate made by the Company, hereupon the Governor and Deputy are desired to adjust the said account with whomsoever Their Lordships shall appoint, and give directions for the third payment to be made on the said goods, equally between His Majesty and the Company Some copper, alleged to have been bought for the Company by the Committee for Buying Goods pursuant to a former order, and it appearing on examination that the said Committee were only empowered to ascertain the price and quantity of the said copper, the Court not thinking it fit for the Company's service disapprove of the purchase (1½ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 19, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol xxviii, p. 335).

Alderman Backwell stating that there was a mistake of twenty pounds in the weight of an ingot of silver he sold the Company for which he was not allowed, and the Treasury Committee reporting that the Alderman had delivered in an ingot short of weight, the matter is referred to the said Committee for examination and report The request of Alderman Bathurst that the goods he and his son Lewis bought at the last sale may be entered in one account under their joint names is granted Mr. Briscoe's allegation concerning some defective coffee bought at the sale is referred for examination and report Payment to be made in part of freight to the owners of the *Anne*, and a receipt taken from Sir John Bendish and Mr White, owners in charterparty Mr Woolley's request to be allowed extension of time for clearing pepper to be considered. Payment to be made to John Codrington, for which he and his late guardian, Mr Buckeridge, are to give a full discharge. Mrs. Friswell Field, wife of Captain Field (elected Governor of St Helena) to be paid

20*l* on account of her husband's entertainment; and Frances, wife of Thomas Rutter, an officer there, to be given 6*l*. on account of his wages, both women intending to go to the island and Mr. Davison undertaking to see that they do so or to repay the said sums Mr. Western's desire that the goods he agreed to deliver the Company may be received in payment of pepper he bought is granted. The Shipping Committee to consider and report how many men to raise for Bombay, when to enlist them, and what provision to make for them. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 19, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid*, p 337).

Two of the Committees to ascertain and report on the qualifications and abilities of Robert Fairchild, who is recommended to serve as chaplain at St. Helena Captain Munden to be desired to give in a list of the names of all persons he put ashore and left at St. Helena, what pay they were to receive from His Majesty on their leaving England, and what terms and conditions, if any, he made with them on his quitting the island. The Shipping Committee to prepare instructions for the Governor and Council of St Helena in accordance with the sense of the present debate; they are also to give orders to the commanders of the *European* and *Alexander* to sail speedily to Gravesend According to a report now read and approved, Richard Moseley, smith and armourer, is entertained to serve the Company at St Helena for three years at 12*l*. a year with diet, his wages to begin at his arrival And Francis Moore is entertained to serve as chirurgeon on the said island at 25*l* per annum with diet, be allowed the same as other planters, and, if his behaviour is satisfactory, to receive a yearly gratuity of 5*l*.; he is going to St. Helena with his family and will be expected to look after the health of all soldiers and inhabitants there. Mrs. Coltston to be paid 18*l* for what she spent on a negro woman and her two children, to enable the said woman to return to her husband, who is at St Helena, and who did the Company good service in helping to retake the island, this payment to be made in order that the negress and her children may be free from any dependance on Mrs Coltston. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 92*l* 14*s* for the framework of a house he has made to be erected on the island as the Company's storehouse and to be permitted to dwell with his family in the upper rooms of the said house for two years, provided he allows no fire to be made or kept there. Nicholas Buckeridge is admitted to the freedom by service. (1½ pp)

MINUTE, NOVEMBER 20, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S.P. Dom., Entry Book 40*, p. 132).

Grant of the Island of St. Helena to the East India Company.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 21, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 338).

Imprest on account of freight to be paid to the owners of the following ships: the *Mediterranean Merchant*, *Golden Fleece*, *Johanna*, *Berkeley Castle*, and *Loyal Merchant*. John Christopher Mayerne is admitted to the freedom by redemption. John Ogilby to be given 10*l.* for a book he presented to the Company containing the first part of a description of Asia. Captain James Bonnele reports that his ship is ready for the Company's service. The account of Streinsham Masters to be reported. Mr. Briscoe to be given a bale of coffee in place of a defective bale. A letter from the Dutch East India Company is read proposing to obtain a passport from the Prince of Orange and the States of Holland for an English ship to go to Batavia, fetch the English prisoners, and return with her lading for England, if the King will grant a like passport for a Dutch ship to go to Holland, hereupon the Governor is desired to inform His Majesty of this, and receive his commands (1 p)

THE DEPUTIES OF THE DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY TO THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, THE HAGUE, NOVEMBER 24, 1673 (*Public Record Office: S P Holland*, vol 194, p 142)

Acknowledge their letter of the 4th instant and thank them for their declared intention to deliver the books, writings, and papers found in the four ships. State their readiness to do the same with any belonging to the English Company that have or may hereafter come into their possession on being authorized and told to whom to deliver them. Consent willingly to give the required passport, but think that as proposed it will not give the required tranquility and security, so are inclined to strengthen it by sending with it a passport from the States and from the Prince of Orange. This will allow the going to Bantam and returning to England within and without the limits of their respective charters or grants. They expect to receive a similar passport from His Majesty, or from those to whom the grants belong, which will also allow of going to and returning from Batavia. Wish that Almighty God may direct affairs in such wise that they may have occasion, according to their inclination, to demonstrate more friendship to the English Com-

pany, and cultivate more and more their ancient correspondence. Signed Alexander Munny, Adrian Boogaert, Jeronimo De Haze, Corn. Graafland. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 24, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 339).

Mr. Andrews reports that a new three-decked vessel built at Wivenhoe for the Company's service is ready for employment. Certain Committees to cause such of the books of accounts and papers out of the four Dutch prize ships as they think fit, to be delivered to Jacob Lucy, according to the desire of the Dutch East India Company and an order from the Lords Commissioners of Prizes of October 1 last. A dividend of twenty per cent to be made to the adventurers, warrants for payment of the same to be ready by Friday afternoon, and a general court to meet on Wednesday to make this known. The Treasury Committee to pay off all money taken up on loan since October 31 last, cause a list to be drawn up of all money owing on the Company's bills, the time these become due and the names of the debtors. An account to be made out of all goods sold at the last sale, what has been paid and what is still owing on these, and on goods sold at former sales. The account of Moses to be stated. A warrant for 20,000*l* to be made out to Richard Mounteney on account of the third payment for the King's prize goods. The warehousekeepers to adjust with Captain Shales the account of the King's calicoes and other goods. (1 p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 26, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 341)

Provisions designed for St. Helena to be shipped. Samuel Haycock's account to be reported. The Shipping Committee to cause one hundred soldiers to be entertained for service at Bombay, two serjeants to be employed to try and obtain sober, Protestant soldiers, train them during the voyage, and see them shipped or provided for by January 1. Sixty of the said men to be sent in the *Lancaster* and forty in the *Falcon*, the commanders to provide food for them. A jar of preserved mirabulums to be delivered free of fine to Thomas Petit. Damaged calicoes returned in the *Rebecca*, *Johanna*, *Golden Fleece*, and *Mediterranean* to be delivered to the owners of the said vessels. Joseph Farley's account to be reported. Samuel Tutchin, chaplain at Fort St. George, to be allowed a salary of 50*l*. per annum, with a yearly gratuity of 50*l*. to begin from his arrival there; and the Court, on hearing that Tutchin,

who went out as chaplain in the *Return* and was left at Bantam, incurred great expense in getting to Bengal and the Fort, refer the matter to certain Committees to consider and report what they think fit to be done. A yearly gratuity of 50*l.* to be allowed the chaplain at St. Helena, besides the annual 50*l.* given for preaching, and the 25*l.* for teaching and keeping the school. Captain Baily, on behalf of himself and other owners of the *Humphrey and Elizabeth* and *Surat Merchant*, requests that four anchors belonging to the said ships, but left behind off St. Helena, weighed and taken up by the Dutch, and now on that island may be given up to whomsoever the owners of the said vessels shall appoint, hereupon the captain is directed to submit an account of the weight of the anchors, and order is given for a clause to be inserted in the general letter to the island asking for particulars of what anchors are there, and whether they belong to the said ships as alleged. The account of John Robson to be examined, and 10*l.* paid to his wife Dorothy in pursuance of a report now read. The petition of Patrick Savage is referred for examination and report. Payment in part of freight to be made to the owners of the *Loyal Subject* (2½ *pp*)

A GENERAL COURT, NOVEMBER 26, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 348)

The Governor informs the generality that the Court of Committees have agreed on a dividend of twenty per cent being made to all adventurers, and that warrants for payment shall be ready on Friday next in the afternoon (¼ *p*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, NOVEMBER 28, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 343).

Harbert is directed not to deliver warrants for dividends to any adventurers until they have signed the preamble, and cleared their accounts with the Company. A list is given of persons who bought goods at the last sale and cleared them before the 20th instant, but through multiplicity of business were not able to dispatch the said goods by that time, and so were refused certificates for the 6½ per cent; but the Court, after consideration, give order for the certificates to be delivered. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 87*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, according to a bill of particulars now read and approved, for the frame of a storehouse for the Company's service, which he has made and is to erect at St. Helena. Summons to be issued to those who bought goods at the last sale for pay-

ment of ten per cent upon their respective purchases. A letter from Mr. Mainston is read, and order given for the Lawsuits Committee, with the aid of Moses, to consider what answer to make to Mainston's bill in Chancery, and what course to take in order to recover his debt to the Company. Samuel Tutchin elected chaplain at St. Helena at a salary of 50*l.* per annum with an annual gratuity of the same amount, is to be allowed after this rate from the time he left the *Return* at Bantam until his arrival at Fort St George in accordance with a report now read; but if he has received any allowance at the Fort on account of his expenses, this amount is to be deducted. The Surat Committee to ascertain and report what goods were ordered last year to be provided at Surat, what Surat goods remain unsold in the warehouses, and what cargo to send in the ships already designed for India, and how many more will be necessary. The qualifications and abilities of Mr Swindel, who is recommended as the Company's chaplain at St. Helena, to be ascertained and reported. (2½ *pp*)

HUMPHREY EDWIN TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL, NOVEMBER 28, 1673
(*Home Miscellaneous*, vol. xxxvi, p 46).

Informs him that two lots of the same sort of silks mentioned in his preceding letter were sold at the Company's late sale and fetched 1,155*l.* (½ *p*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 2, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 346).

The Governor reports that on informing the King of the offer of the Dutch East India Company to procure a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship to sail to Bantam to fetch the English prisoners from Batavia, provided His Majesty will grant a pass for a Dutch ship to sail from the Netherlands to Batavia and return to the Netherlands; His Majesty was graciously pleased to grant this. Hereupon order is given for a letter to be drawn up in answer to one received from the Directors of the Dutch East India Company, in accordance with the present debate, and for the name of the new ship, the *Eagle*, commanded by Captain James Bonneel, to be inserted in the said passport, and for that ship to be entertained for a voyage to Bantam upon what terms the Company shall see fit. (1 *p*.)

THE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY [AT AMSTERDAM], DECEMBER 2, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 80).

Have received their letter of November 14/24 and as before advised have procured the books and papers from the four Dutch ships and, according to desire, delivered them to Mr. Jacob Lucy. If any books or papers belonging to the English have or shall come to their hands, desire they may be delivered to their President or Chief of the factory nearest to the place where they were seized. Touching a passport from the King for a Dutch ship to sail to and from Batavia, and a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship to sail to and from Bantam, they have presented a memorial to His Majesty, who has granted a pass for a ship of 500 tons with her men and goods to sail from the Netherlands to Batavia and back again, and therefore they desire the Dutch Company to procure a pass from the States-General and the Prince of Orange for an English ship called the *Eagle* of about 500 tons commanded by James Bonnell to sail with her men, passengers, and lading from the Thames to Bantam and back again without molestation, also a pass from the Dutch Company for the said ship, her men, and lading within the limits of their charter; and upon receipt of these they engage to return with all speed a like passport from His Majesty for a ship named, and one from themselves within the limits of their charter. ($\frac{3}{4}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 347)

Ordered, that all raw silks and floret yarn from the Bay be prohibited for importation on account of private trade by any person whatsoever, this to be inserted in all charterparties for ships and in factors' covenants, the penalty to be 10s. per pound. A satisfactory character having been received of William Swindel, he is elected chaplain of St Helena and schoolmaster, at the salary and gratuity agreed upon for that post. The allowance of 6½ per cent announced in the preamble to be given to buyers of the King's goods upon clearing the same, is to be paid out of the Company's cash, entered in their books under one head, and notified to the Accountant-General. The Committee for Lawsuits with the Coast and Bay Committee, aided by Moses, to consider the business now depending in Chancery between the Company and Mr Blake, and give

directions in accordance with the present debate; they are also to direct the delivery into the High Court of Chancery of such books as are specified in an order of the said Court now produced by the Auditor. William Hackworth, mariner, is admitted to the freedom by redemption, the sum of 5*l.* for his said freedom to be deducted from the dividend of twenty per cent on the adventure transferred to him by Colonel Blount. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 349).

A report from the Surat Committee is read and approved; it is to the following effect: they find that about 650 tons of goods, besides 300 or 400 tons of pepper, will be ready for shipment at Surat; that the two ships already freighted for that place cannot bring back more than about 700 tons of goods and will be 'much pestered' with goods and soldiers on the outward voyage to India; that the goods provided at Surat and the subordinate factories will amount in value to about 50,000*l.*, therefore the Committee think that another vessel should be freighted to accompany the two already designed for Surat, and that stock to the value of 60,000*l.* in money and goods should be sent in the said three vessels. The Committee for Buying Goods to provide 1,000 ordinary cloths for the present shipping. The *Phoenix* to be entertained to go to India on the same terms as the *Lancaster* and *Falcon*, the owners to be treated with concerning guns and ammunition for her. Order is given for 200 soldiers to be entertained and equally distributed in the three ships designed for Bombay, and for provision to be made for them. The Shipping Committee to consider and report what arms, ammunition, and other things necessary for war and fortification should be provided for Bombay, besides what has already been prepared. The Deputy Governor is desired to examine Captains Perce, Risbe, and Bonneel touching the late proceedings in court upon the nomination of their ships for entertainment. On reading a list of those to whom money payable on the Company's bills is due this month and in January next, the Court direct the Treasury Committee to pay off the same, as the amounts become due, or as much as shall be convenient for the Company's affairs, Mr. Rouse to notify the creditors accordingly. The said Committee are also to provide the full quantity of bullion designed to be sent in the ships bound for India, and to clear the account of what is already bought. (1½ pp.)

ORDER OF COUNCIL, DECEMBER 3, 1673 (*Public Record Office: Privy Council Register*, vol. lxiv, p. 138).

It having been represented that iron guns would be more frequently exported, to the advancement of that manufacture, if the customs due upon them were not so great, His Majesty on August 9, 1672, was pleased to order that only 5s per ton should be demanded for any iron ordnance exported for one whole year, which time having elapsed and the East India Company this day moving for the said order to be renewed, His Majesty, as well to gratify the said Company as to encourage the manufacture, orders that for all iron ordnance exported from this date for one year, only 5s. per ton shall be demanded notwithstanding any law, statute, custom or provision to the contrary, of which order the commissioners and officers of the Navy are to take notice and yield due obedience accordingly. Likewise to signify this His Majesty's pleasure to all his officers in the several ports of this kingdom that they govern themselves accordingly

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 5, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 350).

Payment in further part of freight to be made to the owners of the following ships the *Loyal Merchant*, *Berkeley Castle*, *Rebecca*, *Golden Fleece*, *Mediterranean*, *Loyal Subject*, *Barnardiston*, *Rainbow*, *Johanna*, and *Ann*. Survey to be taken of the *Phoenix* The petition of William Perse is referred to the Committee for Private Trade An account of the disbursements of Mr Lannoy to be reported William Swindel to be allowed 10*l* for fresh provisions and other necessaries for his voyage to St. Helena; and Francis Moore, surgeon for St Helena, who is taking his wife and family with him, to be allowed 5*l* on the same account. Bibles and catechisms, not above the value of 10*l* or 12*l*, to be sent to St. Helena for distribution among the inhabitants Richard Ellis to be paid 10*l*. 14*s* for emptying the vault of the Company's house. The petition of James Mariner to be examined. (1¼ pp)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 5, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 352).

A draft of Instructions for the government of St Helena prepared by the Shipping and Plantations Committee is read, and referred for amendment. The following ammunition, etc., to be provided for the

garrison of Bombay 100 barrels of gunpowder, 500 spades and shovels, 200 whole pikestaves and 200 half pikestaves, 20 cwt. of match, 20 corslets, and 20 headpieces. Lead to be shipped in the *Phoenix*. The owners of the *Lancaster*, *Falcon*, and *Phoenix* to be told to take out and bring back sufficient kentledge to ensure greater dispatch in their voyage. Certain Committees to accompany the Governor and Deputy to consult Counsel about the case between the Company and Mr. Blake. Security given by the late Mr. Hopkins to be examined, to ascertain whether his accounts are cleared and whether his bonds should be given up to Mr. Baron as is desired. The Treasury Committee to pay what is owing by the Company to the several persons named in the list now given, in which the amounts due are also stated (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 10, 1673 (*Ibid*, p. 353).

A report of work to be done in the *Phoenix* to fit her for the voyage to the Indies is read and approved. Musk brought home in the *Loyal Merchant* belonging to Captain Risby to be delivered to him permission free. An order made in the High Court of Chancery in the case between Benjamin Martin and Thomas and Mary James is read, in it the plea of the latter to the plaintiff's bill is ordered to stand, and the said bill to be dismissed; whereupon the Court direct that Mr. James be given a warrant for his dividend in the Joint Stock. Upon reading the petition of Captain Abraham Dawes telling of his want of money to pay his men returned in the *Ann*, and praying to be given the warrant for 1,000*l* signed last Friday and now in the hands of the Secretary, as the owners of the *Ann* refuse to pay the men, the said owners are informed of this, and they engaging to pay the men within a day or two, and to clear all private trade goods from the warehouse the Court direct that the owners in charterparty, Sir John Bendish and Mr. White, be paid the 1,000*l*. A report from the Surat Committee touching Mr. Streinsham Masters is read, but referred for amendment, and a golden medal is delivered to Mr. Masters for his good service against Sivāji at Surat. The account of Edward James to be reported. Moses is directed to get Counsel to appoint a day to meet about Mr. Blake's business, of which the Governor, Deputy, and Committee for the Coast and Bay are to be notified; they are also to be given timely notice of the days assigned for hearing cases in which the Company are concerned. The smith's bill to be examined. (1½ pp.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 11, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 355).

A draft of a commission, instructions, and orders for the government of St. Helena is read, and after serious debate the Court direct the said draft to be referred to the Shipping and Plantations Committee to consider, advise with Moses, and report what provision to make for succession in that government, how justice may be administered for the punishment of crime and preservation of right and propriety among the inhabitants, and how the Company's plantation negroes and beasts may be disposed of. ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 12, 1673 (*Ibid.*, p. 355).

Streinsham Masters to be allowed interest at the rate of five per cent from now, on all money due to him from the Company. The petition of Frances Munn, widow, is read, and order given for it to be referred to the Treasury Committee and Mr. Paige, who are to ascertain what money and goods from the estate of Quarles Brown were brought into the Company's cash. The request of Sir Edward Winter for all differences between the Company and himself to be referred to the judgement and determination of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and an award made by His Lordship by March 1, is granted, and order given for bonds of arbitration to be drawn up by Moses accordingly, and certain Committees are desired to undertake, with the Governor and Deputy, the management of the Company's concern and claims in this matter. On a report from the Shipping and Plantations Committee, that the two ships taken up for St. Helena cannot carry all the passengers and provisions designed for that place, and proposing to engage the *Loyal Merchant* to help, they are directed to arrange for the transportation of 120 passengers and 200 tons of goods, or as many less as the Company shall see fit to send, all to be dispatched within a month; also to entertain an additional forty planters and twenty young women to go in the *Loyal Merchant*. In accordance with two reports now read, Mrs Tutchin is to be paid the balance of her husband's account, and the assigns of Francis Peck the sum of 13*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* (1 p.)

SUBSCRIPTION BY TREASURER LATIMER,¹ DECEMBER 13, 1673 (*British Museum Add. MS* 28,075, p. 14).

Of a docket dated December, 1673, of a grant to the East India Company of all the island called St. Helena, in America, with all the rights,

¹ Sir Thomas Osborne, Viscount Latimer, Treasurer of the Navy.

profits, privileges, and advantages thereof: reserving to the King and his successors the faith and allegiance of his subjects and inhabitants there: and also a grant of all the artillery, arms, ordnance, ammunition, provisions, ships, vessels, goods, and merchandizes whatsoever in or belonging to said island: with power to make laws for the government of the inhabitants and to send from England, for the supply of said island and the forts and garrisons there, all kind of clothing, provision, ammunition, etc., free of duty: and with power to constitute governors thereof, administer oaths, erect Courts of Judicature, and appoint the officers and ministers thereof.

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 17, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 357).

Order is given for spice to be provided by George Papillon and given to the Commissioners of the Customs, and to the usual officers, also to the Company's servants, to those who are married and 'keep house' a whole share and half a share to the single of what was given formerly. The Treasury Committee to consider and report what gratuities should be given to the Customhouse officers in proportion to what was given last year. Mr. Clough's account to be reported, also the bills presented for work done by the upholsterer, bricklayer, painter, and plasterer. Captain Brookhaven to go to Gravesend and see the *European* and the *John and Alexander* cleared and dispatched, that they may gain the opportunity of the convoy now in the Downs to secure them from danger. Mr. Rawlinson asking the Court to approve of the transfer of Mr. Martin's adventure to himself, the matter is referred for consideration. A report from the Treasury Committee touching gratuities is read and approved, and order given for gratuities to the amount of 222*l.* to be distributed to the Customhouse officers for their care in discharge of the fourteen ships from the Indies, and of the four prize vessels, the *Papenburgh*, *Alphen*, *Arms* [of] *Fervere*, and *Europia*, in accordance with a list given. The sum of 400*l.* in pieces of eight and copper farthings to be sent in the *European* to St. Helena to pay the soldiers there. Captain Anthony Beale to be paid 30*l.* for service done the Company, and allowed at the rate of 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for forty-six days, the time he was employed in the Prize ships. Provisions supplied for St. Helena to be rated in the invoice as follows: beef at 10*d.* each 4*lb.* piece: bread of the finer sort at 2½*d.*, the coarse sort at 2*d.* a *lb.*, and what is delivered to the soldiers to be charged accordingly. (2½ *pp.*)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 18, 1673 (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 360).

A copy of a bill exhibited in Chancery against the Company and several of the Committees by Mr. Western is read, and Moses is instructed to draw up an answer in the Company's name according to the sense of the present debate to be ready by the first court after January 6 next. The Secretary to give Moses copies of such orders as relate to that business Mr. Walcott to be told that no report can be made of his account until the money due for damage on certain calicoes is paid ($\frac{1}{2}$ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Ibid* , p 360).

Some coffee and mangoes returned in the *Johanna* and consigned to Thomas Papillon for the use and maintenance of the children of Messrs. Thomson and Bridgers to be delivered free. The Court, taking into consideration the state of things caused by the war, allow abatement of fines on certain prohibited goods brought home as private trade The allegation of Christopher Thomlinson, that a chest of China roots is all wax, to be examined. The Court bestow 3*l.* on the Lecturer of the parish of St Andrew Undershaft, and 5*l.* among the poor there. On information that the owners of the *Mediterranean* have been paid 1,000*l.* more than was due for freight of that ship, Captain Goodlad, the late commander, is directed to see that the said sum is repaid speedily to the Treasury. The Company's seal to be affixed to the bond of arbitration concerning the business of Sir Edward Winter, and to the Company's instructions to the Governor and Council at St Helena. Interest due on the Company's bill to Mr. Mounteney to be paid to his assignee, William Hewer ¹ A report touching Captain Mariner is read and approved Examination to be made of the bonds and security given by Messrs. Wylde and Sprigg, late factors in the Company's service, and a report to be delivered as to whether these should be given up, as is desired ($1\frac{1}{2}$ p p)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Ibid.*, p. 362).

In accordance with their annual custom the Court, taking into consideration the condition of the poor at Poplar and the increase in the number of widows and relations of those who have served the Com-

pany, give directions for 20*l.* to be distributed amongst them; they also desire certain of the Committees to examine the constitutions originally made for governing the Almshouse at Poplar, ascertain what sums have been given towards its maintenance, how much remains in stock, what is the annual charge and expense of the said Almshouse and pensioners, what accounts are kept, and what has been the usual practice in admitting pensioners. They are also to prepare fitting rules and instructions for the future government of the said Almshouse and make a full report. The Governor and Deputy are desired to adjust the account of the King's prize goods equally between His Majesty and the Company, cause the balance to be paid and obtain a full discharge. The Governor is also desired to endeavour to obtain payment of the 5,000*l.* owing by the King for saltpetre. Mrs. Wilcox, wife of George Wilcox, Judge and Register at Bombay, to be paid 25*l.* on account of her husband's salary, she being about to take passage to India by direction of her husband and with the Company's leave. A report from the Shipping Committee is read touching their agreement with Captain Risbe, commander of the *Loyal Merchant*, for transportation of passengers and goods to St. Helena, and the said Committee are directed to agree with the owners of the *Loyal Merchant* for bringing home thirty passengers from St. Helena on reasonable terms. The petition of Captain Robert Metford is referred to the Shipping Committee. Thomas Chester is admitted to the freedom by redemption. In accordance with a report now read and approved, the sum of 31*l.* 10*s.* is to be paid to Mr. Lannoy, late Consul at Aleppo. (14 pp)

THE COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, AT ST. HELENA,
DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 81).

Send them supplies by the *European* and *John and Alexander*, also instructions for the management and good government of the island with respect to the planters and soldiers which are to be observed and put in execution. Hope in a month's time to dispatch further supplies of provisions and some more planters and passengers in the *Loyal Merchant*. When that ship shall arrive at St. Helena the seamen left there by Sir Richard Munden and as many soldiers as desire (not exceeding thirty in all) may return home in her, their accounts to be sent with them so that these may be paid in England. If any more desire to return home further orders shall be sent. Care has been taken to

supply seasonable victuals for the planters and soldiers; these are to be given out with all possible frugality, and all imaginable speed used in setting the planters and soldiers to work to plant provisions in order to raise a supply for their sustenance, lest by any casualty they are disappointed of recruits from England. Require them to return an exact account of the size of the anchors and cables that belonged to the *Surat Merchant* and the *Humphrey and Elizabeth*, which ships were lately at St. Helena and subsequently taken by the Dutch. Direct them to take three receipts for whatever provisions they supply to the Company's ships touching at the island, keep one for themselves and send the other two home. Ensign George Lapincott and William Grafton, soldier, who wish to return to England may be sent in the *Loyal Merchant*. (1 p.)

COMMISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF ST. HELENA, DECEMBER 19, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 82).

Upon hearing of the reduction of St. Helena by Sir Richard Munden, commander of a squadron of ships sent forth by the King, the Company waited on His Majesty to ascertain His pleasure concerning the said island, whether it was to be continued under the royal government and charge, or what directions His Majesty would be pleased to give concerning it. And His Majesty signifying His pleasure that the said island should be under the government of the Company, for their use and maintained at their charge, and accordingly by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date December 16, 1673, had granted and confirmed the said island to them and their successors, thereby making and constituting them absolute lords and proprietors, with power and authority to give such rules and directions for its good government as to them should seem meet. Here follow directions concerning all persons on the island entertained or to be entertained in the service of the Company. Notice of the appointment of Captain Richard Field as Governor of St. Helena, and of Captain Anthony Beale as Deputy Governor, of the two lieutenants of the two Companies of Foot, of Francis Moore, John Colston and Richard Swallow to be of council and take place in the order named. As to succession in case of the death of the Governor or Deputy. The care of all arms, ammunition, stores and provisions arriving for the island, their distribution and disposal. The registration of all cattle and stores left by Sir Richard Munden so that a proportionable share of the same may

be made to the inhabitants. Of the three boats left by Sir Richard, which are to be kept in repair and used by the inhabitants for fishing purposes at convenient times. A sum of 400*l.* has been sent in the *European* for payment of the soldiers, who are to be formed into two companies, the Governor to be captain of one, and the Deputy of the other. Captain Field to receive as Governor and captain of a company 50*l.* annually with a yearly gratuity of 50*l.* Captain Anthony Beale as Deputy, captain of the second company, and Husband of the stores to be paid 50*l.* annually, the lieutenants of the two companies to be paid 50*s.* each a month, the ensigns 40*s.* a month, and the four serjeants 30*s.* a month, the gunner to have his diet and 40*s.* a month, and his two mates to have diet and 30*s.* a month each. Directions are also given as to the exercise and employment of the inferior officers and of the soldiers, who are to help in erecting and strengthening the fortifications, and the work of plantation. Powder is not to be wasted on salutes, etc. A frame is sent for a storehouse which is to be erected to house victuals, and in which Captain Beale and his family are to be accommodated, on condition that they have no fires. Several persons have been sent as planters, who will arrive by this shipping, directions are given as to their treatment and settlement, and the amount of land and cattle to be allotted to them. Old settlers to keep their original possessions. All planters to be listed, and exercised in arms once in two months to qualify them for the defence of the island. Planters to be allowed to build houses, provided they build regularly, also to repair on board any ship that shall arrive at the island to sell such provisions, etc., as they can spare, and buy what they want. A free market to be appointed by the Governor and Council at the arrival of shipping, to be held in the most convenient place both for the inhabitants and mariners. Both old and new planters to have their land conveyed to them under the common seal of the Company with the agreed conditions. A register to be kept of all births, deaths, and marriages. Encouragement to be given to all planters, and due care taken of the Company's own plantation, which is to be tended by servants and negroes and no grant of land to be made near to it. No female cattle to be destroyed for the first three years. William Swindell is sent to act as minister, he is also to teach and catechize the children, for which duties he is to receive 50*l.* a year, have his diet at the Governor's table and be given a plantation. Francis Moore is entertained as chirurgion of the island at a salary of 25*l.* a year and 5*l.* gratuity, to have his diet at the Governor's

table, be given the same amount of ground and cattle as other planters, and such lodging as former surgeons have had; a chest of medicaments with all necessary instruments has been sent with him. Richard Mosely is entertained as smith and armourer at 3*l.* a year, with diet at the Company's charge. Having heard from Sir Richard Munden of the good service of a negro in guiding the English who first landed on the island to retake it, and that Sir Richard had redeemed him from the Portuguese to whom he was sold, the Company have repaid Sir Richard and also the 18*l.* disbursed by Mr. Colston for the said negro's wife and two children who have also been set free and sent to live w. th the negro, who is now declared a free planter, given land and cattle and allowed all privileges accorded to other planters as a reward for his faithfulness. It is likewise directed that all negroes on the island who make profession of the Christian faith and are baptised shall within seven years after be made free planters and enjoy all privileges accordingly. Captain Keigwin, who was in the King's service, is to be discharged, treated civilly and given a passage for England in one of the ships, he is also to be given a certificate of the time of his discharge so that what shall appear due to him may be paid on his arrival home. Directions follow for the strict observance of the Lord's Day, the repression of all scandalous offences, as swearing, intemperance, etc., and for a particular account to be sent home from time to time of all ground allotted and the names of those to whom it is given. Appended is a list of the names of all the passengers going in the two ships to St Helena (6½ pp.)

ROBERT BLACKBORNE TO CAPTAIN RICHARD FIELD, LONDON, DECEMBER 20, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol v, p 89)

The Court of Committees having chosen you Governor of St. Helena have, at the desire of Mrs Field, advanced her 20*l.* on your account to accommodate her in her voyage to you. She was to have gone in the *European*, 'but somewhat intervening which I need not here mention' it was not thought convenient for her to proceed, more especially as she declared she would not go to sea without a good convoy, of which the Court being very uncertain her passage has been delayed until your mind is known. Signed Robert Blackburne. (½ p.)

A COURT OF COMMITTEES, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (AFTERNOON) (*Court Book*, vol. xxviii, p. 364).

In pursuance of an order from the Commissioners of Prizes, direction

is given to the Husband to enter at the Customhouse twenty-seven bales of silk taken out of the prize ships by Sir Richard Munden, thirteen of which are in the Company's warehouse, and the remaining fourteen in the keeping of the Commissioners of Customs. The duty paid by Sir Richard on the thirteen bales is to be refunded to him. Mrs. Sawcer's petition to be examined. A letter from Matthew Manwaring, Second at Masulipatam is read, and order given for a letter to be prepared to send to the Agent and Council at Fort St. George. (1 p)¹

THE KING'S ORDER FOR DELIVERING ST HELENA TO THE COMPANY, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 89).

Whereas We have been graciously pleased by Our Letters Patent under the great seal of England to regrant the Island of St. Helena unto Our trusty and well-beloved subjects the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, Our will and pleasure is, and We do accordingly hereby strictly require and command you upon sight hereof to deliver unto the said Governor and Company or their order, the possession of the said island as it was left by Sir Richard Munden in your charge, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 23rd of December in the five and twentieth year of Our reign. By His Majesty's command. *Signed* Arlington To Captain Keigwin or other the Officer commanding in chief at St. Helena. (½ p)

WARRANT, DECEMBER 23, 1673 (*Public Record Office S P. Dom., Entry Book 40, p. 143*).

To the Commander-in-Chief at St. Helena for the surrender of the island to the East India Company.

THE COMPANY TO CAPTAIN KEIGWIN OR THE OFFICER COMMANDING IN CHIEF AT ST. HELENA, DECEMBER 24, 1673 (*Letter Book*, vol. v, p. 89).

Authorizing him in pursuance of the King's warrant to deliver to Captain Richard Field, or in case of his death to Captain Anthony Beale, possession of the Island of St. Helena with all the forts, ordnance, ammunition, stores, provisions, cattle, negroes, and whatsoever else is upon the said island or was left by Sir Richard Munden on the said island, for the use of the Company, for which this shall be his warrant. *Signed* John Banks, Governor, Nathaniel Herne, Deputy.

¹ Among the warrants is one 'Made paid in cash' for 110*l.* 4*s.*