



they offer all the vessells of our island they meet at sea forcing money from them, or seising their goods or stopping their trade, if they have not passes from the Portugalls, Although they weare English colours and have your certificate they belong to the island. Even now Mudan is returned from Goga and tells us, his boat and two of your honours are there embargued by Frigatts of the Armada of Dill [? Dieu]: because they have not Portuguese passes and will not be permitted to come thence, untill they have bought their passes, and if they thus arrogantly begin with the boates of the island our shipping, the traffique of the port &c. the honour of the nation will soon decay and be trampled on by a proud and insolent and beggerly people.

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F. R. Bombay } CONSULATION IN BOMBAY { Dated 10 March  
Vol. 2, pp. 44-5 } 1674/5

(EXTRACT)

Part of Sevagees forces haveing lately made inroads into the Mogulls country, plundering and burning all places as they come, amongst which a body of his horse burnt **Dungom** [Dharangaon, Chopda] where the Honble. Company had a factory settled, whereof Mr. Samuelli Austen was Cheife, and there robbed and plundered the Company's estate, setting fire to the warehouse where a considerable quantity of goods for Europe was laid up, notwithstanding a firme peace and articles of friendship was for some time passed betw[ee]en them and confirmed, and the English factory settled againe at Rojapore, and Mr. Austen being now come downe to Bombay to give the President an accountt thereof, which being taken into consideration.

Ordered that Mr. Samuelli Austen be imediately sent up to Sevagee to demand satisfaction for what his army plundered and burnt at Dongom belonging to the Honble. Company and their factors.

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(S) F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 13 March  
Vol. 107, Ffol. 75 } 1674/5

Wee have thought good to send Mr. Samuelli Austin upto Sevagee to demand satisfaction, for what his army plundered and burn at Dungom belonging to the honourable Company and their ffactors there who will sett forward from hence toward Rairy about two days hence. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 100]





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Orme Mss. Vol. } BOMBAY TO ENGLAND { Dated 24 March  
114, Sect. 4, p. 104 } 1675

The town of Surat and indeed all India is become so impoverished by means of the warrs and ill Government, that tho' your credit is as great as ever, yet there is no money to be procured to carry on your investments.

Your factory at Rajapore is well settled and we hope will be great help unto us and we are also in a fair way of opening a trade to Aurengabaud and those parts of the King's country and Deccan, by way of Jureeg [Junnar] which is 5 days journey from Bombay. We trust God's providence will bring it about to the encrease of your trade.

Sevagee's army by contrivance [? connivance] of the King's General have robbed the country to the very walls of Brampore, in which attempt they fell upon your factory at Dugom, where Mr. Samuel Austin was settled, plundered and burnt the town and therein a considerable quantity of your estate, the particulars whereof we have not as yet. They took Mr. Austyn and Mr. Hagerston prisoners, but after a few days, released them. We are now sending Mr. Austyn up to Sevagee to demand satisfaction, and to procure his writings to secure your factorys hereafter from such violence, which tho' we doubt not, he will grant yet it is ill trusting a plundering army, who has no regard to friend or foe. Sevagee in his own country gives us [as] great encouragment to your trade as we can reasonably desire, but the overtures of peace between him and the King of India being broken and suspended for the present, we cannot make the improvements there as we would but time will produce better effects.

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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE } Dated 25 March  
Vol. 35, No. 4077 } COMPANY { 1675

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Wee advised that wee were in hopes of a sudden peace between the Mogul and Sevajee Rajah, but it hath proved only Sevajees pollicy, who held Bauder Caun, the Kings Gennerall, in treaty of a peace while hee hath filled all his castles with corne and procured a great summ of mony from the King of Vizapore to carry on the warr, who [? shivaji] threatned him [? Adilshah] otherwise to make peace with this King and carry on the warr against his countrey.





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F. R. Surat, Vol. } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 1 April  
88, p. 34 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee thought it our dutyes to give you an account that wee are here all in health, and that our Masters businesse here under our charge is like to have good successe.

The Rajah hath been here [and] used us with all expressions of kindnesse. He is now gone to a place of his owne called Coroall [Coodal], within a dayes journey of Pundah. Before he went hence, he ordered about 40 small vessells to be got ready, the biggest not above 4 gunns, which are to goe to Vengerlah with all speed, their to waite his orders. He hath an army with him of 15000 horse, 14000 foote and 10000 mesures [majarzcooly], with pickaxes, crowes, hatchets &ca. His designes are not knowne. Some are of the opinion he designes against Pundah, others that he intends to plunder Goa, others that he is going against Surrup Magues [sic? Surup Nayak's] countrey, and others that he designes against Vizapoore. He hath taken Callapore [Kolhapur], and report speakes hee will soone have Raybag. When he was here, we found it necessary to present him with some desires in our masters behalfe. All our requests he redily gratified, one was about a house, which wee are in hopes to gett without disburting a penny; with him wee sent Mohondas one of our brokers to gett his Phaermaun sealed for what we desired, which wee hourelly expect. When he arrives, wee shall send an express with ample advices.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 14 April  
88, p. 37 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Sevajee hath laid seige to Punda Castle with about 2000 horse and 7000 foott these six dayes, and tis thought by all that he will carry itt, for he is providing against the raines and designes to stay to starve them out, for wee heare that Mamud Ckaune hath not above 4 months provission in the Castle, and he hath noe great expectations from Vizapore; the Portuguese at his first comming saluted him very roughly, but doe begin now to be a little calmer, soe that wee thinke the Portuguese will not molest Sevajee nor assist Mamud Ckaune. Wee desire to know your Honours &ca. orders how to carry our selves towards Sevaje's forces if they should chance to come this way.





Tymmana and the K[?R]anna of Cannara hath bin at warrs for this three monthes, he being the cheife man in that country and of a very mean parentage did insult to[o] much over all people, but more especially the Bramins, which [they could not brooke, soe that this warr was begunn by their instigation. Narran and Ventice Malla of the Rannas side have had some light scirmiges with him but have bin worsted; they will never leave of the enmity betwixt them till Sevajee goes and parts them, which wee heare will not be long after he hath taken Punda. About this and newes of Sevajee wee shall acquaint your Honour &ca. via Goa.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 20 April  
pp. 41-49 } 1675

(EXTRACT)

Its a great satisfaction to us that our proceedings about our old house proved acceptable to your Honour. Wee observe your orders comissioning us to build a faire large and stronge house which wee hope to have finished sooner then wee could possibly ourselves have gott it done, and not lay out a penny of our Masters, which will exceed your great hopes of our soe contriving it that its cost should be deducted of the customes, and therefore to be at some charge to effect; this we doubt not but you will highly approve it.

The goods that Annaje Pundit intends us for the 5000 Pagodas is coconutts and bettle nutts, and that at deare rates, the former 5 Lar. [*Larees*] per Candy, the latter 100 Lar. per Candy of this place, being accustomary and alwaies practised by Sevajee Raja to pay his creditors so, when the 1st is really worth but Lar. 2½ per ditto and the latter Lar. 80 per Candy, soe that by this accountt there will come little to our Masters of the 10000 Pagodas more then their part of it to be deducted out of the customes [;] for pepper, dungarees, percollaes, broad and narrow baftas, he hath none in any of his owne dominions.

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Annajee Pundit hath very much baffled with us and hath bin very industrious to worke us all the evill he could, but rest assured wee are not to be discouraged by him or any other, soe long as wee have your approvall and favourable acceptance of our hearty endeavors for our Masters interest, its a great encouragement to us and wee shall be allwaies chearfull. They all here are very well acquainted with our nation. They all





know our punctuallity and integrity, and for that wee are soe farr in esteeme that wee are assured an Englishmans money will be taken before either the French or Dutches when offered for one and the same thing; for all kindnesses from Governors &c. in these parts must be bought, and the people of these parts being Hindues are more then the Mores covetous and gaping after presents, but wee are saveing in this with all prudence; they have formerly tasted the sweetnesse and advantage of our Masters trade here, and have as large expectations of a benifit from us as wee can desire. Wee heartily wish our trade may not come short of their expectations because wee beleive it may be to our Masters profit.

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The goods wee hope to put of for good and profitable rates, exceeding the prizes of Surratt, is vizt.

Broad cloth 350 ps. at Rupees 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  most reds, not above 20 ps. greens. Scarlet and fine greens one bale will be wanting not, for these partes are furnished with fine cloth from the Portugalls at cheape rates and with them acceptable.

Currall Greezo, the largest and best, 5 chests will certainly goe off [f] att a good and profitable rate.

Lead 100 Candy worth now 16 pas. per Candy is Rupees 4 per Suratt maund.

Copper 500 Candy will yeild about Pagodas  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per maund of 29; all in barrs, noe plates.

Tinn 50 Candy at Pagodas  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per maund.

Quicksilver 5 Candys and vermillion 5 Candys; the former is now att Pagodas 20 per maund and the latter 16 per maund, but the rates they usually sell att is Pagodas 11 per maund, lower its knowne not to fall.

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Wee have been continually much pressed by the Subcedar to build, but wee are not in soe much hast[e] of a house as not to advize our Masters interest; wee kept him in continuall hopes when we would goe about it, which wee counted prudence because wee would not be seen to doubt Annajeess promise in allowing for it out [of] the customes, but were resolved, since wee had staid soe long [we] would spend a few more dayes in expectation of the Rajah with whome if wee should be able to doe nothing wee had still Annajeess promise. The 20th past month the Subedarr sent us word that the Rajah would be the next day att a place called Vellvorah, about 4 course from hence, whither hee, the Hovellidarr





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&c. went to meet him, and that from thence he would come directly hither. Soe soon as wee received this newes, wee immediately made all our businesse in a readinesse, and had translated into the countrey language our desires (copie wherof is inclosed), which was wrote in a faire paper and by John Child kept in his pocket to be delivered as we should see opportunity, and then wee set forward to meet the Rajah at the prementioned place, whither wee came the same night, but the Rajah came not the next day as expected but the 22d about midday accompanied with abundance of horse and foot and about 150 pallakeens. Wee had for our accomodation pitched a tent near the way he was to passe to the place appointed for his reception. Soe soone as wee heard of his near approach, wee went out of our tent, and very near met him. He ordered his pallankeen to stand still, called us very neer him, seemed very glad to see us and much pleased wee came to meet him, and said the sunne being hot he would not keep us now, but in the evening he would send for us. Wee had still a regard to Anajee, who although wee had certaine knowledge was none friend, yet wee knew it concerned us much to give him noe occasion of offence, but on the other side it behooved us to improve all wayes and meanes whatever to oblige him and gaine him on our side, for, 1st, our businesse lay wholly with him and next, he was much in credit with his Master. Wee therefore after had left the Rajah applied ourselves to him; hee seemed well pleased and promised he would doe what businesse wee had with the Rajah to our full content and that in the evening he would bring us into the Rajahs presence. With this good successe wee returned to our tent where, after wee had been a small time, Annajee sent to know what wee had to request of the Rajah, which wee sent him an accountt of, when he sent us word he would come and see us. Wee waited in expectation of him till sunn neer sett, and then sent to him to mind him of his promise. He returned us a short answer and bid the messengertell us that at Rojapore wee might meet the Rajah. Upon this, haveing newes that Nelah Punditt had a sonne with the Rajah in great favour, wee sent one to him only to enquire of his health and offer him what service lay in our powers. He returned us a very civill answer, and but that it was night, would have come to see us. Wee now seeing Anajee soe resolved against us, began to advise what to be done, being very loath to doe any thing that might disoblige him. In the morning early wee sett forward for Rojapore and coming to a pleasant spring of water, wee satte





downe under a tree, resolving to stay there once more to meet the Rajah, where wee had not been long, but Purlaut [Prahād]Punditt, Neeragee Punditts sonne, passing by, came out of his pallankeene to us where wee were, seemed b[?]v]ery glad to see us, and desirous to know wherein he might be serviceable to us, being very sensible of what had passed between us and Anajee. Wee shewed him the request wee intended to make to the Rajah and desired his advice. He gave us hopes to expect that all would be graunted, only that part of our desire about the 5000 pagodas goods to be delivered us in goods at their true vallew, and for instance tould us that when Narran Sinwey was at Rairee he was about making a bargaine to furnish the Rajah with salt, but requested he might be excused a usuall custome of 5 candy, deducted out of every candy sold him, when the Rajah answered him that he would not break his usuall customes, but rather want the salt. Wee had some discourse with him about this and at last brought him to confesse our request was reasonable, for wee had noe other thought but that the goods he intended us should be such as wee liked both in quality and price.

The Rajah being neer at hand, he took leave of us and bid us be confident of his readynesse to serve us. Imediatly after he was gone came the Rajah. He stopped his pallanken and called us to him. When wee were pretty neare him, wee made a stopp, but he beckoned with his hand till I was up close with him. He diverted himselfe a little by taking in his hand the locks of my periwig and asked us severall questions; at length asked us how wee liked Rojapore and said that he was informed we were not well pleased there, but bid us not be in the least dissatisfied for what passed. He would order things for the future to our full satisfaction and that wee might be sure he would not faile to send for us when at Rojapore and that noe reasonable request wee should make to him would he deny us. After he was gone wee sate us downe, intending to passe a compliment on Anajee, for wee still had a great care not to disobleige him and that he should not have the least occasion to thinke we mistrusted his friendship, but he goeing another way, wee missed of him, but meeting his brother, applied ourselves to him. He promised us in his brothers behalfe all manner of kindnesses; and soe wee went home.

The 24 March in the morning Annajee sent for us in the Rajahs name. Wee were brought where he was. He left us pretending to goe to the Rajah to give him notice that wee were there; wee staid with his brother in expectation of his returne at





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least two howers. He then came and tould us that wee could not speak with the Rajah now, but he desired to know what present wee had for the Rajah. Wee now thought it prudence to let him know that wee resented his behaviour towards us and tould him somewhat of our mind, after which wee took a civell leave and went home. The next morning wee were sent for againe by Anajee in the Rajahs name, but deferred our coming till wee had newes the French were already gone to him, and Purlaut Punditt sent his men to desire wee would make hast[e], when wee left our house. And when wee came neer to the house where the Rajah was, adjoyning to our ould house, a messinger was sent to desire us to stay under a tree, where after wee had bin a small time, wee were admitted into his presence. I was placed soe neare him on his right hand that I could touch him. With him wee continued about two howers, which was most part spent in answering many of his questions. At length wee presented him our paper of desires, which after had bin read to him, with a little pause, seriously looking on us, said that it was all granted us. He would give us a Phiremaun for all. Wee then sent for a present that wee had made ready for him, amounting to about 200 pagodas, with what wee gave privatly to Purlaut Punditt; &ca., that much assisted us, which money wee count very well bestowed and doubt not but that you will highly approve thereof.

The same evening the Rajah went hence and wee dispatched Mohondass to waite upon him and gett the Phiremaund sealed. For him wee waited this many dayes, hourelly expecting him, but being lately informed that the Rajah hath sett watches suffering none to passe to the northward of the place where he is, but are searched and what papers found about them taken away, shall not keep these any longer, but copie of Phremaun shall send hereafter. The foundation for a house for us is dugg and lime and stone gathered together for it. The Rajah left a man behind him whose businesse is only to looke after the worke and see it finished with all speed. The money for building is to be paid him by the Subedarr, soe that wee shall not be at any more charge for a house that will cost building at least fiveteen thousand rupees. Wee have not as yett any goods on accountt the 5000 pagodas. Coconutts wee are only offered at the Rajahs rates, but them wee are not in hast[e] to take, for wee dayly expect our new Phiremaune when, if wee must take them and the beetlenutts, wee shall have them att a cheaper rate; butt with neither shall we meddle till receive your orders.





Wee inclosed send you a narrative of the trade in these partes, wherein wee have discoursed of what worthy your notice in our judgments. Wee hope our endeavours to serve our Masters will be acceptable and that for it wee shall not have any hard or unkind censures passed on us. You may reduce either this Factory or Carwar to a small charge, not keeping in one of them above two persons, and that, at time of year when occasion [for them]. Now formerly, when Mr. Revington was Cheife here, he sent one or two to Carwarr downe with the ships to ship of[f] such goods as he should send that way; but then both portes were under one dominion; its now more then [ever] necessary to keep a hold there.

By the time wee may receive answer to these, it will be time for our going up the countrey, whither we are much expected by the King of Veasapores Governours; they use our concernes with all imaginable kindnesses. Our small stock perswades us not to goe up, but then wee feare it will bee of an ill consequence, for they doe expect wee should apply our selves to their Master the King of Veezapooore. Wee begg your advice in this, being at present unresolved what to doe. Wee have received severall letters from the Kings Minister. One for his Honour is inclosed, brought us by Ranchoar.....

Sevagee Rajah with all his forces is sett downe against Pundah. He hath lost already a great many men, but is now in likelyhood to carry it. He undermined it four times, but was countermined by the defendants. He hath hove up a banke against it that his souldiers lye under, which is within 12 foot of the castle wall, and its said he will not rise therehence til he carries it. The Portuguese are in great feare of him at Goa. They doe not stick here to say that when he hath Pundah, Goa he counts his owne. He will, by all reportes, when master of this castle, soone be possest of all the King [of] Vizapoores dominions. He hath some forces neare Raybagg, but wee have noe newes certaine that its taken. He hath his Embassadore with the Vice Roy of Goa, who hath promised to stand neuter, but privately the Portuguesse assist Pundah what they can; and indeed it concernes them soe to doe, for they will undoubtedly, if Sevagee takes it, find him a bad neighbour. The Portuguesse sent for its releife 10 shibarrs laden with provitions of all sortes, and some men, butt it fell all into Sevagees handes, who sent to the Vice Roy about it, but he denied to have any knowledge of it and ex-





cused him selfe soe well as he could ; but its reported [it] was done by his orders.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 22 April  
88, p. 37-8 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee hear newes that Rustum Jemmah, Lord of this countrey, is upon his way with about 1500 horse and some foot; this force is comming to the succor of Punda. Wee shall be not a little glad if our balloone returnes before he comes hither, for wee cannot expect otherwise but that he will be hunger bitt and greedy after money, which att present wee want very much, and am afraid will be the occasion of breeding a difference betwixt us, for he was soe well entertained before, which wee feare he hath not forgott, and this being on a more urgent occasion, will soe embolden him that he will, instead of desiring our assistance, be ready to command anything from us; but wee shall frustrate his great expectation, and seeing he is kowne, shall carry such a vigilant eye towards him that wee will not give him any occasion to take advantage of our youth as to thinke to further his designe by any rash and unadvised attempt.

As to Sevajee, he setts all wheelles att worke, for while he is a prosecuting his designe att Punda, his forces that went aloft have plundered three great cittyes, one belonging to this kingdome named Etgerree, the other two hard by Bagnagurr [Bhaganagar] which is in the limitts of the King of Gulcundawes dominions. They have brought away a great deale of riches besides a many of rich persons which they have carried to Sevajee att Punda. His forces have robbed Cucullee and Veruda [in] the Portuguese territories and tis thought by all that he will winn Punda Castle, for he makes preparations to take up his winter quarters there. Fame declares his army to consist of 30000 men. Wee expect some of them every day here, for the people begin to come from Simisee [? Shiveshwar or Shirsee] already, which is not above two leagues of us.

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F. R. Surat } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 3 May  
Vol. 88, p 54 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Pundeh hath been closely beseiged by the Rajah. Newes here was that he had possession of two out workes and had filled





up the ditch, made 500 ladders and 500 shackles of gold of  $\frac{1}{2}$  seare weight each shackle, which was to give those as would adventure to asca[?]nd the ladders to scale the walls. He hath lost abundance of men, and we hourly expected to hear he had taken it, but this morning newes came that he hath raised his seige [ see the next letter dated 8 May 1675 No. 85 ] and is marching away, Boulleen Caun being come downe against him with 8000 horse and 7000 foot, besides many forces joyned to him since he is come downe.

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(S) F. R. Surat, }  
Vol. 107, Ffols. 88-89 }

BOMBAY TO  
SURAT

{ Dated 5 May  
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By advice lately from Rajapore wee understand that the Sevagee hath closely beseiged Panda against which place hee hath already lost a great many men but it is thought, hee being there in person with soe considerable an army will make him sole master of that place which if hee doth, that country will lye open to his forces and hee may overrunne and take the greatest part of Conquon. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 110]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
88, p. 46 }

CARWAR TO BOMBAY

{ Dated 8 May  
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( EXTRACT )

Wee haveing this opportunity was unwilling to let it passe our handes without 2 or 3 lines to acquaint your Honour &ca. what newes these parts afford; for concerning the investment enordered, as to what wee can doe therein will seeme to your Honour &ca. very unpleasant, but thinke it convenient to advise your Honour &ca. therof that you may not expect much from us, if any thing, considering the distracted condition of these countrey affaires as they are at present and likely to continue soe for a season. Sevajee hath forces upon the Gaute to impede any Succors from coming to these partes. The people at Hubely are not all come into the towne, and them that are there are in a posture to run away upon the least occasion.

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Sevajee hath taken Punda Castle and hath put Mah[m]jud Okaune in irons; with forceing him, he hath writ to the adjacent castle[s] to surrender to Sevajee, but none of them will adheare to him. In Smimeseer [Shiveshwar] there is about 3000 horse besides foot, which have laid seige to the Castle for this 15 dayes; 12 dayes





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agoe one of Sevagees Generalls came and visited Carwar to burne it, which he did effectually, for he hath not left an house standing. He pitched his tent at Carwarr where the Desie formerly dwelt. While he was here there was some letters past betwixt us. In his first he desired us to send some great man but he [*sic*? we] did suppose it was to welcome him to Carwarr rather then out of any great secret he had to reveale and when wee desired to be excused considering the inconveniency that might happen seeing he did not come to fight against the Castle but to plunder and away, he when he perused our answer writ a little hastily, wee might say rashly, for he showed more passion then witt, yett for all that, he had soe much civility to goe away without attempting any thing against us. Wee was prepared as well as could be expected in such hard times, that if he should have proved otherwise then a friend might be able to give him such a salutation as would not be kindly taken.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 }  
Sect. 4, pp. 110-12 }

BOMBAY TO  
RAJAPORE

{ Dated 13 May  
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We are well satisfied to understand that you have procured a house to be built, without distrusting [disbursting] the Company's money.

It seems that Annagee Punditt is very hard with you in paying the 5000 Pagodas due to the Company in cocoanuttts and beetlenuttts at those dear rates, but if it be Sevagee's custom to pay all his creditors in those goods and these prizes, we have the less to complain; yet we hope you will manage that affair with better success and either procure the 500[0] Pagodas to be paid in ready money, or else in goods at more acceptable prizes than what you mention.

What you write touching your encounter with the Rajah and all the circumstances thereof, gave us matter of consideration, and as we are glad to understand the Rajahs kind respects unto you, so we cannot be well pleased to find Annagee Punditt so much our enemy, and the rather for that by the peevish and cross opposition that he has used, it seems to us that he has taken some high implacable disgust and offence at some passages which have happened between you and him; you will do well therefore by your prudent, meek and discreet deportment hereafter, to work him into a more affectionate opinion of you, for he is a person of great authority under his master, having the title and power of a





Viceroy in his command and being a wise man, justly expects to receive all due honour in his place; though we would have you keep up the respect due to our Hon. Company and nation by all just and prudent means, yet we advise you to avoid all ungrateful effects of haughtyness and vanity and to govern yourselves with a modest and discreet sobriety in your dealings, and commerce with th [sic? Marathas] wise and searching people, with whom you have to do, who make not only a sport, but a great advantage when they have to do with persons subject to the heat of passion or self opinion, of which we doubt not your experience of the world has sufficiently convinced you of.

You have done well to give us an account of the proceedings of Savagee and his forces against Pundah, which we would have you continue.

You have done well to give us an account of Sevagees proceedings and the news of your parts, which we would have you continue. We understand that he has taken Pundah and made himself master of Carwar, except some few castles which he is now taking. There is a rumour much confirmed here of peace betwixt the Mogull and Savagee and many give credit thereunto, but as yet we suspend our judgment till we have more substantial arguments, of which we shall advise you of, in due time.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 }  
Sect. 4, p. 112 }

BOMBAY TO  
CARWAR

{ Dated 13 May  
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If Sevagee should take Punda and give any disturbance to the country towards Carwar, upon advice thereof and that he is near you, we would have you send some person out to him to acquaint him of the English factory there, and of the good correspondence and friendship between him and us, and to desire him to order his army to give no disturbance to the English or to meddle with any of the Company's goods, and in the meantime, we will hear your own endeavours to procure his protection and passport for you, and send it with all speed; however we would not have you trust to his friendship but secure all the Company's estate the best you can.

For when a rude army comes, they regard not what they do, neither will they know friend from foe. The President would have you keep the wild bull until the Europe ships arrive, with you and then send him up by one of them. The foregoing lines we designed for you by return of the Cossetts, but before we had





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finished them, yours of 8 May came to hand, by the *Solemity*, whereby we understand that Sevagee has taken Punda and burnt Carwar. We do by no means approve of your proceedings in not going to give Sevagee's General a visit when he came to Carwar; and we are of an opinion it will be ill resented. We would have you carry yourselves very civilly and courteously to all Sevagee's Generals and ministers of State, for in all likelihood he will make himself master of all these places, and then it will be our interest to gain their favour. You must govern yourselves with prudence, for as you must not disoblige him, so on the contrary we would not have you trust him no more then necessity requires; and to the end that you may be the more secure from his forces, we inclosed send you a letter to Sevagee and another to any of the Generals, desiring them that none of their army give us any trouble or disturbance, which you may deliver as you see occasion.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } p. 61	RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY	{ Dated 21 May 1675
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Punda was taken by the Rajah some dayes since. He put all he found in it to the sword except the Governor Mahmud Ckaun who saved his owne life and four or five more by promising to bring into the Rajahs subjection all these partes belonging to the King. Ounkelelah and Semaseer Castles are likewise taken; Cuddarah only stands out, but its daily expected newes will come of its being likewise taken. He is now master of Carwarr..... they here threaten Goa very much and its taulked that the Rajah will next sett upon itt.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } p. 58	CARWAR TO BOMBAY	{ Dated 25 May 1675
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Wee are come now to acquaint your Honours of the great successe Sevajee hath had in these parts, for he is master of all as far as Anchola, which he did not gett by his vallour but for his money ( except Punda ). Robert Jones and Edward Austin went and gave him a visit after he was in possession of Carwarr ( when he had taken Punda Castle Natt Ckaun Governour of A[n]jehola made himself chiefe of all these places ), Mahmud Ckaun being in irons, Sallick Mahmud Governor of Carwarr placed by





Mahmud Ckaun, Natt Ckaun displaced and put it on Colle Ckaun. When Sevajee had taken Fundah, wee concluded in a short time he would be master of all the rest, therefore desired Natt Ckaun to order this Governour to deliver us up a ship that lay under the castle with some gunns for the moneys was lent Abue [? Abu] Ckaun and Goindron on account customes. Wee had some gunns in pawne for Goindrons debt, which Mahmud Ckaun forced from us ( this he would not heare of soe that wee are in great likelyhood to loose our money, for they discoursed with the Rajah [Shivaji] about it and he gave us little encouragement to believe that he would discount it in our customes ). They acquainted him of the particuler summes.

Wee desired to know of the Rajah what customes wee must pay here, for we did acquaint him what wee paid under the Moores, but was answered the same which your Honour &ca. made with him at the settling of Rajapore and that wee must live under the s[a]me privilidges. The copy of the Articles wee desire your Honour &ca. to send us. Wee doe not know whether Sevajee means not to take custome att Cuddora, for it was included in the Mores time; we paid 5 Pagodas 6 Jetts. per 100 oxen there. If your Honour &ca. settles the customes of Carwarr it would be very beneficiall to our Honble. Masters, if we should have occasion to trade to any other of his ports, that wee pay noe more custome then this here.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 25 May 1675  
107, Ffol. 104

Sevagee hath made a thorough conquest of the country hereabouts. Robert Jones and Edward Austen went and visited him, as to the discourse they had with him about the Company business, wee referr your worships and to our other Government[?] which wee thinke is something satisfactory to acquaint how affaires are with us at present.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 31 May  
88, p. 62 1675

( EXTRACT )

Sevajee Rajah hath now taken all belonging to the King of Veasapore in Cunkron [Conkan]. He was very kind to our frindes att Carwarr. Bulleill Caun continues att Merg; his strength is reported to be 8000 horse and 7000 foott. He endeavoured to come downe to releive Fundah, but the Rajah had filled up the passages





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with trees cut downe for the purpose and lined them with men, soe that he could not passe without certaine expectation of great losse, and great fear of being wholly over-throwne. This is the newes we have here, but from Carwar they write us that the Rajah stopt his intentions to releive Phundah with a very large present.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } FORT ST. GEORGE { Dated 31 May 1675  
107, Fol. 115 } TO SURAT

Wee are sorry to see your Portuguese neighbours are so ill natured to you as to incommode you both by sea and lands but seeing your new friend Sevagee coasts them further then they coast you wee doubt not you will find meanes enough to be even with them hereafter.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } FORT ST. GEORGE TO { Dated 31 May 1675  
pp. 105-6 } BOMBAY

( EXTRACT )

The progresse of Sevajee along the coast of India may be a means to render the Portuguese more tractable and perhaps be never the worse for the Honnble. Company att Carwarr. [S. puts this at 17th July 1675]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } RAJAPORE TO { Dated 3 June  
88, p. 63 } BOMBAY { 1675

( EXTRACT )

Bulliel Caun [Bahlolkhān] hath left the greatest part of his forces in and about Merg [? Miraj], and he is gone to winter at Veezapore. Sevajee Rajah, the last newes wee had of him, he was att Oncelelah [Ancola], but was designed to winter in a Castle neere the Rajah of Sundahs countrey. Annagee Punditt is left in Phundah to see that repaired and made in a defenceable condition.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO { Dated 9 June  
88, p. 71 } BOMBAY { 1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee crave your Honours &ca. pardon in not explaining ourselves better as to the perticuler circumstances about Sevagees





**Generall** that came to Carwar, but now shall acquaint your Honour &c. to your more fuller satisfaction and then shall refer ourselves to your more charitable censure. When his Generall visited Carwarr, which was about 5 dayes before Punda was taken, wee had certaine newes that Bulleille Ckaune was within 2 dayes journey of Punda and that Sidde Mursudes [Murshid] sonne to whome the countrey was given did follow with a very formidable army soe that to all outward appearance itt seemed very probable that Sevajee would have broke up his seige. Upon this report wee was very circumspect whatt wee did, and that if wee should have visited his Generall the Moores would have resented it to our Honble. Masters prejudice. But Bulleille Ckaun, contrary to all peoples expectations, received a present from the Rajah of 50 thousand Pagodas as not to impend his proceedings, and that Sevajee should not molest his territories, soe wee suppose the Rajah will favour his treason soe farr as to reserve him for his last and sweetest morsell. These were the reasons which did prompt us to doe what wee did, but wee hope your Honour &c. will not judge of our actions according to the event of thinges, for wee shall doe nothing which in all probability may not consist with our Honnble. Masters interest. Wee acquainted your Honour &c. in our former letters that in all likelyhood Sevajee would take Punda Castle; our reasons was because noe hopes of succour was expected before the raines were over, and wee could have noe certaine newes of Bulleille Ckaunes coming till he was soe neare as is above mentioned, with forces sufficient to have frustrated his designe.

(S).....The two letters one to Sevagee and the other to the Semidar [Jamidar] of Punda wee have received and shall keep them by us till wee have occasion to make use of them.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
88, p. 65 }

RAJAPORE TO  
BOMBAY

{ Dated 14 June  
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(EXTRACT)

Within these 3 dayes the Rajah passed by this place bound to Rayree. Its reported for a certaine truth that Bulleil Caun was bribed by him. Its now thought that he will make peace with the young King of Vizapore and next samer goe against Carnatte, being Surrup Naiques countrey. If soe wee shall be in quiet and then there will begin great trade here.





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F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 15 June  
38, p. 67 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Visiting Sied Mahmud the other day, he told us that Sevajeess vakeel had his articles of peace signed by the Mogull, which is now currant in towne. Pray enquire into this businesse of his ministers and advise us what they say.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO } Dated 19 June  
Sect. 4, p. 128 } SURAT { 1675

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And we desire you to consider whether it may be convenient to send Mr. Samuel Austin to his charge of that factory, who may very well take his passage from hence, and be there sooner than from Suratt, and it may be, we may find means to convey copper and Europe goods with him, which will sell there, better than here or at Suratt, and we hope to procure such authentick coles from Sevajee that we hope they will secure the Hon. Company's trade from the violence of his army hereafter.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO } Dated 24 June  
Sect. 4, p. 130 } RAJAPORE { 1675

Seeing you must receive the proceeds of the 500[0] Pagodas in cocoanutts and beetle nutts, we are well satisfied that you have reduced the prices, and would have you proceed to receive what you can thereon.

As to Mr. Child, his going up into the country for settling the trade of Ra[y]bagg Hattancee &c., we will approve thereof and do promise ourselves good success from his carefull management of that design.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } TO MR. ROB. JONES { Dated 24 June  
Sect. 4, p. 131 } &c. AT CARWAR { 1675

We have received yours of 25 May, advising the state of affairs in your parts, and Sevagee's proceedings against the King of Viziapore forces, all which we approve, and would have you still continue your said advices, that we may know in what state the Company's affairs with you, are in.





You did well to vizit Sevagee after he was in possession of Carwar, and we would have you carry yourselves very civilly, both to him and his officers, and not give him any cause of disgust, but keep as fair a correspondence with him as possible you can, whereby the nations and the Company's affairs may meet with all due respect from them.

We inclosed send you copy of our Articles with Sevagee, touching our trade in his Dominions, which we would have you observe.

## ( 101 )

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 1 July  
Sect. 4, p. 133 } 1675

Here has been a very great report of peace settled between the Mogull and Sevagee and it continues still much credited, and it is said that Sevagee is to deliver up all the castles and country which he has taken from the Mogull reserving only Sallera [Sattara] and Mawbe [?lee; Mahuli; the Mavals] and that he is to be the Kings Desy of all his countrys of Deccan and that the present Governor of Junea [Junnar] is to come down to be Governor of Cullean Bimberly, but to this we give no certain credit till we hear further of it, and this is what offers at present from. [F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, p. 109]

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 1 July  
88, Fols. 73 & 74 } 1675

Wee have sufficiently participated with the calamities of the country since our new comers have invested themselves in the possession, for our Carwareans to wind themselves into your favour, with their owne insulting inclination hath bred noe small difference, as to the robbing us of our former rights and priviledges, the first affront they gave us was in respect of our coconutt trees belonging to our garden which they would come and tell and likewise the coconutts upon them, wee told them wee never used to be examined in the Moores time how many trees wee had. But that wee did pay 1 pag O ½ Tipkee a year to them as a duty, but never received any further trouble, with this answer they would not be satisfied, but wee was forced to send them an account they were soe tyrannicall as they would have obleiged us to sell the coconutts to them, but wee putt them of the business lyes deed, noe sooner had wee lulld the businesse asleep and thought that all our trouble had bin over, but was





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surprised with a far greater perplexity, for the simader [?] being informed by the incendiaries to mischeife, he upon the change of Government when most people rann away that they left their rice with our peons, upon the newes he sends that Towne Musumda[r] to search for it, wee haveing advice upon what account he came sent for him and told him wee would enquire of our peons, about it and if hee could produce any sufficient testimony he should not only have their rice but see the peons severally punished that wee are guilty of such a fault, with this he went away something satisfied to our thinking, noe sooner was hee gon out of the doore, but sends his peons to severall of our servants houses to take account of the rice they had not time to carry any away, for our servants was at their backs and frighted them away without any harme done wee sent for that Musumder and gave him a small check for his impatience and all past very quietly till the next day; and then he began his ould trade to search, wee past that ower with a gentle admonition not to invade our priviledges which counsell hee took for that time and desired us to examine our servants if they had any rice of people that had ran away, wee promised him wee would, which wee did and found a good quantity of other mens rice among our peons, which they confest soe soone as they were askt, wee had the account drawne out to show that Siminidar when soe ever he should demand it, that wee might end all further trouble, when he came over he did not soe much as send to us to know whither wee had done any thinge in the businesse, But sends and takes out all the rice that did belong to one of our servants, wee hearing of it examined the list and found that our servant had some of other mens, soe desired the Simidar to returne what he had taken more then is due, but wee perceived he mocked us and soe wee brought it back ourselves without any harme done. After we were returned to our house the Mesinade [ordered forth] with to the Simidar to send him some horse and foott to force us to a better compliance to deliver them soe much rice as their account speakes. wee told him wee would deliver up according to our account and the force nor nothing else should compell us to doe other wise, wee have turned out of the garden all the rice that belongs to them; we heard the Simadar would faine have quarrelled with us about this business as they pretend, and to the purpose did desire the Governor of the castle to spare him 100 men to joyne with his 30 horse and soe come to rob us and our peons. But the Governour being an understanding man, and





knowing how the Simidar had abused us put him of by telling him he must have the Rajahs order, our troubles are renewed daly and wee can never expect the Factory to florish as long as it is under Sevagees Government, they have robbed all the country people soe much as to the seed they should sowe, soe that the next year the men will be ready to eat one another for the new crop will be very small, all people pray that the moores may come and regaine the country and there is a rumor that they will come after the raines. Timmanna waited their coming to joyne them a few dayes more will discover that certainty.

Wee have made bold to send our complaints to the Rajah he being something higher us then you that wee might not loose soe much time for an answer as your honour &c letter would take up. But wee desire you to write him about it, and our answer from the Rajah with his order to the Semidar, will keep him in some bounds of civillity till a letter comes writ by your honours &c instigation.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 2, pp. 94-96 } CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY { Dated 7 July 1675

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An Envoy being lately arrived from Sevagee, and bringing letters from him to the President, wherein Sevagee writes for severall things of which he is very desirous and mighty importunate for them; but the President declared to the Councill that this was a matter of consideration, and they were sensible as well as he, how much Sevagee is indebted to the Company for goods already sold him and that he could not pay with ready money, but with batty, coconutts, and beetlenutts, by reason whereof the Company were but small gainers, and that the goods he now required were iron, shott, and the two brass gunns, with a large quantity of copper, all which would amount to a great summe. And the President moveing also to the Councill how prejudiciall it might be to the Company's interest if some of his requests were not graunted, he haveing made himselfe very potent and in whose country lyes now a great part of the Company's trade; which being debated it was unanimously agreed that shott as many as could be spared be sold him in barter for batty, but noe copper without ready money; and as to the brass gunns the President desired the gentlemen of the Council to consider thereof and





give in their opinions next Councill day when the preceeding matters are to be taken into consideration againe.

The President takeing this oppertunity of the Envoy motioned to him the losses the Company susteyned at Dongum, and also told him that the person that was Cheife of that factory was now here with him who could declare unto him the insolencies of the Generall towards him, though he declared himselfe to be an Englishman and that he was there on the English Company's accountt; and that the President did expect that Sevagee would make good the losse againe to the Company, and he would now send with him the Cheife to give Sevagee an accountt of the loss the Company susteyned and also to demand satisfaction of him. But the Envoy advised the President that it was now a very ill time to send anybody up thither by meanes of the great quantity of raine that hath fallen and the sickness of the place, and that about the latter end of this month would be a better time, against which it is

Ordered that Mr. Samuell Austen prepare himself for the aforesaid journey to treat with Sevagee, he being now at Rairy.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. }	CONSULTATION AT {	Dated 9 July
2, p. 97 }	BOMBAY {	1675

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The Councill being full the president desired them to give their opinions touching the proposalls he made to them last Council day concerning the gunns and copper Sevagee desired; which was seriously debated and in the afermative it was carried that as to the copper Sevagee should have as much as wee could spare him at the rate other merchants paid provided he would pay ready money, it being a comodity soe consumptive in these parts that it is as good to us as ready money and why should it be sold to him for time or in barter for such goods as the Company would loose by; and as to the gunns that they should not be sold him at those tearmes which he proposed.

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(S) F. R. Surut, Vol. }	BOMBAY TO SURAT {	Dated 15 July
107, Foll. 113 }		1675

[They not only expect great profit from their new factory at Rajapore but further goe on to say]





"Wee have thoughts of settling a ffactory at Junes where we understand that severall sortes of cloth may be bought c[h]eape and if the triall doth answere expectations it will bee a good help unto us and wee hope the transport hither will bee secure enough whether the peace between the Mogoll and Sevagee be confirmed or noe for wee have a very faire understanding with both partyes and wee doubt not to procure their pasports for the safe conveyance of our goods the most that will trouble us will bee the pass of Tannah. But wee must deale with the Portuguese as well as wee can though not soe well as wee would. [Orme Mes. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 137]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 78 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 17 July 1675  
( EXTRACT )

The newes goes here currant that there is peace between the King and Sevajee. The Pattans are strong, *have beaten the Kings forces* that were entred their countrey.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 77 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 22 July 1675  
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The Governour now declares there is noe peace between Sevajee and the King though the Articles were signed by the King and sent an eliphant to Bawder Cawne, and raised his Munsub for the good service he had done in making the conditions; but Sevajee hath baffled him [and] will stand to noe such Articles, contrived the deceit only to prosecute his conquest in the Vizapore territories.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, Fols. 89 & 90 } CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 28 July 1675

(S) Our troubles with these interloper assault us afresh for about 10 dayes together wee was not molested with their impertinencies Butt now being we could not send them money which they have bin very importunate for continually hinting us what wee have spared Mahmud Ckaune and other Moores upon a necessity wee





alwaies gave them a modest denial that thought wee sent them away empty they had noe reason to be dissatisfied with us. But these men are soe unreasonable that they look upon it as an affront to be denied though wee have it not and to make us sensible of it they have brought up a new custome as to make us pay custome att Burbullee which is att the bottome of the Gaute these insolencies if suffered will make them thinke they cannot impose to much upon us, wee know not what to say or doe, for wee cannot send a letter to your honour &c. But they must have something for it or will not lett it passe; wee wrote formerly to your honour &c. of their affronts cast upon us hoping that you will take this and the Hubelly businesse into your serious consideration that our factory may come once more to shine in its former splendour, having lost much of its reputation.

(P) Here is uncertaine newes and therefore we know not what may be done after the raines, but if the Moores should come to conquer these partes and that Sevajee should come here in September, as it is bruited, wee desire your Honour &ca. as there may be occasion to order the Captaines accordingly, for if this Kings army and Sevajeess lies hereabouts we thinke it will be insecure bringing any goods down the Gaut but Mergee way.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 77	} SRUAT TO BOMBAY	{ Dated 31 July 1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee doe now find a necessity of sending up Mr. Austen to adjuist the accompts with the brokers, weavers and washers in the severall townes where our investments were on foot when sevajeess forces robb'd the place, that wee may know the certaine losse the Company have.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 pp. 95-97	} RAYBAGG TO BOMBAY	{ Dated 7 Aug. 1675

( EXTRACT )

The 30th ditto [ July 1675 ] newes was brought us early in the morning that Sevajeess party in Callapore had seized the Governor there for the King. Many of the inhabitants were leaving the towne but Sevajeess souldiers kept all in with promise of faire usage, so that the townes people are preserved in quiet and some security, Sevajee having to guard it report speakes





about 2000 men, and the Moore Governor that was in it is carried to Puruallo Castle, where he as yet remains a prisoner. Soone after wee had this newes wee sett forward for this place, our journey very troublesome and uncomfortable. In the high way wee passed by many dead bodyes of men and women that died for want of food. The wayes in many places very deep soe that our horses in some places ready to stick fast. Such townes as we passed much broken and decayed, a few or no people in them, where one house had a dweller ten were empty, the people being runne away for want and fear of Sevajee and oppression of their Governor. The 31 July wee arrived at this place; the Governor and publique ministers of this towne with all the merchants met us without the towne on horseback, and in coaches they carried us to a house very convenient appointed for our accommodation, where they all continued with us about 4 howers, treating us according to their custome of the countrey with their drummes, pipes, and dancing women, which noyse our weary jorney and hungry bellyes made more then ordinary unpleasant to us. However, it was somewhat pleasing to us to see all expressions of joy from the inhabitants in generall, and the hearty welcome wee had from the Governor &c. The next day was Sunday, therefore it was Munday, the 2d instant, when the first businesse wee did was to enquire how our businesse went forward; musters of all sorts cloth procurable in and about this place was brought us.

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The newes of these parts are altogether uncertaineary [*sic*? uncertain and vary] dayly. The most credibly beleived and reported is, vizt., that Oram Zeb the King of India hath taken great displeasure against sevajee Rajah, who had offered him 17 castles to make peace, which after the King had agreed to and signed the articles, the Rajah refused to deliver the castles, upon which the King of India hath wrote to the King of Vizapore and the Nabob Buleel Caun offering to let go a usuall tribute that this King uses to pay him annually, provided he will with all his forces goe against the Rajah on this side, and he intends against him on the other side, with resolutions, if possible, to utterly destroy Sevajee. This proffer is accepted by the Kings Minesters and the Nabob hath ordered baskets to be made to passe his men over the rivers (caused by the great raines that have fallen) intending against Purnoalla. Soe soon as the moon changes its given out he will sett forward but the rivers and deepe wayes will certainly hinder his putting his resolutions soe suddainly





in practice; butt against Purnoalla its undoubtedly reported he will, which if he doth, will not or cannot be before Duella [ Divāli ], soe that till that time Callopoore and all there about will be in quiet and our businesse by then will be neere done, only wee fear much that it will be hinderance to us in getting our goods whited.

## ( III )

F. R. Bombay, } CONSULTATION AT { Dated 9 August  
Vol. 2 p. 120 } BOMBAY { 1675

## [ EXTRACT ]

Mr. Samuel Austen being appoynted to goe up to Sevagees Court to treat with and demand satisfaction of him for the losse the Honble. Company susteyned by his forces robbing and plundering theire factory at Dungom, as alsoe to procure Coles and his cobby for the future preventing of the like, in case his army shall happen to plunder or fire such townes as the Honble. Companie shall have any estate in, and not only for those in the Mogulls country but as well for such factoryes as wee have in the Kinge of Vizapoores, with whome he is att warr, and that he may the speedier graunte our request and consider of our demands it is thought absolutely necessary to present him with some small curiosity, but not [ to ] excaed 500 Rupees, by reason wee have lately presented him largely, so it was

Ordered that a present should bee provided accordingly to the value of five hundred Rupees.

## ( II2 )

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } FROM ON BOARD THE { Dated Jettapore  
88, Fol. 90 } SHIP *Maybone* { 17 Aug. 1675

Wee are now almost and had been altogether ready to haul the *Maylone* of the ground but that men are difficult to be procured and more hard to be kept by reason a fleet of men of warr that is here affitting out for Sevagee whose servants presse all the carpenters, sawyers, and smiths that they can find to our great Hinderance.

## ( II3 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 17 Aug.  
pp. 99-100 } { 1675

## ( EXTRACT )

As to fitting the *Maytree* wee have had much trouble to gett carpenters &ca. to worke upon her and after wee had to keep



them the Rajah sending downe expresse order for the speedy building severall new grabbs to be in readynesse to accompany him with his army against Danda Raspori, but wee hope she will bee ready to waite your Honnors orders in a short time.

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Wee shall closely ply the Subedar for the paying us the goods soe long since due, and according to the Phirmaund granted from the Rajah; he hath been most of the time since Mr. Childes absence up and downe the towne under his jurisdiction to receive in his Masters rents and but yesterday returned home, wee are informed he is to remove hence and one Tuka Pundit to come in his place.

Our intentions of sending to Goa for provission for the *May-tree* was the hopes wee had of a ready freight for her the first of the year to Persia, which wee might reasonably expect knowing what quantities of goods were ready up countrey for those partes, and it being wholly the discourse in towne that a peace would be made before Dualle (Divāli) between the Vizapore King and the Rajah, that wee questioned not but to have goods downe very early.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 18 Aug.  
pp. 103-104 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee have received yours of the 4th June in answer to ours the 25th May in which wee find you are pleased to make us soe happy as to acquaint us of your approvall in our proceedings with Sevajee, for which wee are not a little joyfull, our desires being alwaies to comply with the Honnble. Companys interest, and when it falls out otherwise wee are not a little troubled to perceive ourselves disappointed in our expectations.

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When Seevajee had conquered these countryes as far as Anchola, he sent some of his forces into the Sunda Rajahs countrey. They finding noe great opposition seized upon Supa and Whurwa belonging to the Rajah. Sevajee sett a watch at Burbulle to take custome of the goods that passed that way, of which we acquainted your Honr. &ca. of in our last, and the impediment wee should meet with in our goods comeing downe if noe speedy remidy was applyed, but wee have heard since that Kidderchanne Phunnys men with the Desyes &ca. joyning together hath retaken both these places againe with killing 300 of



Sevajees men, see that it hath made the watch at Burbulle to rise and be gone to give the others place. Here is newes likewise Sevajee hath sent word that he cannot come this way by reason of the Mogulls Army encamping soe nigh him, which makes our new masters looke about them.

Timmanna and the Ranna [ ? Rani ] hath made peace, which she was compelled to doe as being not able to withstand him, and as farr as we can perceive, she stands for a cypher, for he governs all and doth what he pleases. Narran Malla, Vintice Malla, with other great merchants confederates together against him, was included in the peace, but he finding by Sevajees approach soe near Merjah to take satisfaction of them of [ sic? on ] pretence of want of money to keep his men together if Sevajee should come against the countrey, hath imprisoned them all and demands great summes to assist him in this war.

Wee acquainted your Honner &ca. in our last that wee thought it unsecure bringing our goods downe the Gaute by reason [ of ] the Decans army and Sevajees, therefore wrote to the Rannah for a passe to carry our goods that way if occasion serves; the answer wee have received with the passe att 2½ per cent custome, soe shall behave ourselves as the time will permitt us.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. } CONSULTATION AT { Dated 20 August  
2, p. 121 } BOMBAY { 1675

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Samuel Austen, according to order, haveing provided a present for Savagee and Ministers, a list whereof hee delivered in to the President and Councell for their approveall, the particulars as followeth, vizt,

	Rups.
One smale gunn of brasse for Savagee	
valued with the carriage att	300 : 00
12 Yards of scarlett for Morapendit	150 : 00
7 Yards of scarlett for Anagee Pundit	87 : 16
One lookinglasse and tola of muske	25 :
3 Yards of scarlett for the Senatary [ ? Senapaty,	
? Secretary = Chitnis ]	27 : 16
Other smale necessaryes to the value of	140 :
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	Rups. 740 : 00





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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
88, Fols. 111-112 }CARWAR TO  
BOMBAY{ Dated 22 August  
1675

Wee informed your honour &c. in our general (sent per your returned cossitts) that wee had sent a letter of complaints to the Rajah of his ministers insolence here; which letter wee sent by those cossitts to Rajahpore and desired our friends there to forward it with all speed possible to the Rajah, being businessee of now small import. Our owne peons as they returned back from Surratt called there to know whither they had any letters from this factory or Callicutt they did not show soe much good will to us, nor respect to our honourable masters affaires as enough to receive the Rajahs answer to send it to us, which we suppose they have detained.....

The Semidar having received of the country people that keeps Buffiloes, and coves according to their Rojapore custome and is endeavouring to impose that according to our order, as a duty that never was demanded by the Moores; they upon this have seized upon all their Buffaloes and coves and tell us withall they will never returne them till our servants doe fully satisfie the Rajapore duty so that wee believe they will remaine in the Semidars power, till Mr. Oxinden our chiefe comes down for wee are resolved never to condescend that our servants shall pay them anything for their releasment; wee have an invincible...to passe by soe many wrongs. Having respect to your honours &c order esteeming itt more beneficiall to our honourable masters affaires and miexcusable to advise your honour &c how y<sup>e</sup>lt by shoting through our sides they mean to catter downe the company's honour then to goe to right ourselves by any unwarantable meanes.

Wee may blesse God that wee have a house that is of force sufficient to defend us from their rafine and plunder; for wee doe not question if wee were at their mercy, as wee was in the Moores time we were on the other side (our tottering house being rather an offence [? than] defence) wee had long ere this been devested of all.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
107, Ffol. 167 }CARWAR TO  
BOMBAY{ Dated 29 August  
1675

As for affairs at present they are as wee formerly advised you, the Simidee [Jamindar or Zamorin] maintaining his vyolence and preamitarily tells as that he will not lett goe our ser-





vants cattle without they will complie with their Rajahpore custome which they say is to pay for each buffillo 4 larrees and for a cow one, we are advised that they pay at Rajahporee [?] Larrees a buffillo and one for a cow that is not all for they demand custome of buffillos and cowes the former yeare when the country was governed by the mores; we lye very quiett waiting with impatiance for Mr. Oxindens comeing downe hoping to meete with some satisfaction towards the repairing our Honour. Wee judge wee shall drive a very little trade if the country continues subject to Sevagees Tyranny. We expect to carry our cloth to [Vingurla?] and there to Land in shipp that shall come downe.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 4 Sept.  
88, Fol. 106 } 1675

Yesterday the Governor received a Phirmaund from the king which orders him to follow Bawder Ckaunes orders for the supply of the Siddy and his fleet on all occasions, which formerly he refused to doe without the kings imediate orders.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 7 Sept.  
p. 124 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

All the newes wee have is that Sevagee makes preparation to take the Castle of Danda Rajapore to which end, besides his land army, he is provideing an Armado by sea; but some wise men say that he hath other deeper designs for his Armado, to wit, to invade some of the Kings coast to Nor[th]ward while his Armado is employed this way. But his designs are soe well layd, and secretly carryed on that noe judgment can be made of them till they are executed.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 2 } CONSULTATION AT { Dated 9 Sept.  
p. 126 } BOMBAY { 1675

( EXTRACT )

The inhabitants of the oposite maine haveing often importuned the President to settle in their countrys which is in Sevagees dominions, and whose subjects they are, and from whence wee receive most of our provisions with which our Island is supplied, the President haveing settled all affaires of concerne thought





it a convenient time for himselfe and some of his Councell to goe and take a view of the cuntry and to see what places there bee that are fitt to settle in.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 } RAYBAGG TO BOMBAY { Dated 15 Sept.  
p. 136 } 1675

(EXTRACT)

The newes of these parts are alltogether uncertaine, for wee have fresh news daily and one contradicts the other. Wee have been already much deceived by our informations, that wee are most afraid to write; however, for the newes that most credited is that the Nabob, Bulliell Caune, within this 10 daies leaves Meerige, his winter quarters, and intends for Vizapore, thither called by the young King or rather Coovus [ Khavās ] Caun &ca. to advise about meeting Bauder Caun, the Mogulls Generall against Sevagee and the rumor is that they will agree together, and utterly destroy Sevagee.

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36, No. 4106

SAMUEL AUSTEN'S NARRATIVE. A NARRATIVE OF WHAT OCCURRED IN SAMUELL AUSTENS JOURNEY TO THE CASTLE OF RAIRY, THE COURT AND RESIDENCE OF SEAVGEE RAJAH, BEING THITHER SENT BY THE HONBLE. GERALD AUNGIER &CA. COUNCELL TO DEMAND SATISFACTION FOR THE DAMAGE THE HONBLE. COMPANY SUSTEYNEED BY HIS ARMY (CONSISTING OF 12000 HORSE) AT THE FACTORY OF DUNGOM, AND LIKEWISE TO OBTEYNE HIS COLES TO PREVENT LIKE INJURIES.

Dated 24 August  
to 15 Sept. 1675

August the 24th 1675. Having received my instructions from the Honble. President &ca. Councell and got all things in readyness for the journey, I imbarckt in a balloone, together with Mr. Robert Harbin, who was appointed to accompany mee, and by breake of the ensuing day, arrived at Battee, from whence proceeding to Chaul and towards Rairy, I think nothing worthy your trouble of veiwing untill I obtained Nejampore, which was





on the 2nd September, in which place meeting with our most prevalent friend, Peshua Mora Pundit, together with Annajee Pundit, I waited on them, and after their allotted presents delivered, represented unto them our injuries and demands of satisfaction for the same; to which they could give no result, in respect of their distance from the Rajah, and no otherwise favour us but by writeing to him in our behalves by reason of their designe for Junea [Junnar] (with an army of 8000 foote) and suddaine departure from thence.

**September the 6th.** On the 6th of September we gained the high and difficult top of Rairy hill, which impartially may boast of either, and fortunately had audience the next day of Sevajee and Sambojee Rajah &ca. principle officers, who being burthened with shame at my complaints, a pollitick slumber incircled his brow, and seemingly hung thereon untill I had finished, and then he pleaded ingorance to the fact and totally denyed the reception of any effect whatsoever, and so desired time for his most serious considerations.

**September 15th.** After audience had, Perlad Pundet our Procurator was not idle in this affaire, but with much courage and rigour stirred up the Rajah to give us a speedy and an effectuall answer, which could not be obtained untill the 15th of September, when at the same place as formerly he expressed his minde in few words, to witt that in respect he had not account given him by his Generall of any effect taken from us more then some plate (which belonged to Samuell Austen) he thought our demands very unreasonable, and in respect our Factory was not so well fortified as even to oppose the meanest force, he had no reason to satisfy us for that which vagabonds and scouts committed without order or the knowledge of the Generall; to which I answered it was done by his Generalls knowledge, otherwise he would not have carryed mee away prisoner so far as he did, and therefore desired his personall appearance to deny it if hee could. He tooke no notice of this, but on the contrary assured mee I should have no satisfaction. Meeting with so small comfort (after many arguments to move him to a more generous compliance) I proceeded to request for his coles to all our factoryes, to which he demurred, and thought convenient to give to none but Suratt &ca. sea port townes. But after a strict debate, he consented to all, and ordered the Secretary in our heareing to dispatch them, which since are arrived to the Honble. President and Councells hands, and question not (finding soe great a





difficulty in procuring them) but they will redound much to the Honble. Companys advantage in case such like accedents should happen for the future.

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O. Correspondence } Vol. 36, No. 4115 }	FROM SURAT TO BOMBAY, { INSTRUCTIONS TO { PHILIP GYFFORD {	Dated 28 Sept, 1675
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(D) I heartily recommend to you to encourage the trade of the Island in generall and take care that the Merchants be favoured in all reasonable wayes, that they be protected from all violence and disturbance from the English or other Inhabitants that they be preserved and secured soe much as may be from the Mallabars and other Pirates, and against the Insolence of the Portuguese, and in most particular manner, you must preserve the honour and security of his Majestie's Porte and Haven, and that neither the Portuguese nor the Siddy's Fleet, nor Sevagees, nor any other whatsoever doe offer any the least violence from Hunry Cunry, and Chaul inwards. For otherwise you will utterly discourage all merchants from trading unto or entering into the Porte.

During my stay here I have found odd neighbours to deale with, the jealous and envious Portuguese have endeavoured all that lay in their power to obstruct our settlement, the Governor of Surat hath not been wanting alsoe to use his policy to undermine us; and Siddy Sombole with his Fleete hath been no small impediment. The Dutch with their powerfull Fleete designed to have swallowed us up, but blessed be God who hath hitherto preserved us, and rendered all their evill designes advantagious; Sevajee onely hath proved, and that for his own Interest sake; our fairest friend, and noblest enemy, you must expect to encounter many ill offices from the Portuguese, especially in the passe Caranjah, as I have done, but you must not yield in the least to them, but boldly maintaine the honble. Companys right.

As to the Fleete which is now bound to the reliefe of Danda Rajapore, you must not deny them all good neighbourly assistance, to wit, wood, water provisions, and necessarys for their mony; but you must declare unto the Generall that if he presume, or any of his people, to intrench on his Majestie's right, and rob or plunder or in the least disturbe any boate or vessell from Henry Cunry and Chaul inwards into the Bay, or shall land any men to rob on any parte within said Bay, they doe actually breake peace with us, and must expect noe assistance from us, and if you doe stoutly





and resolutely maintaine this privilege, you will doe acceptable service to the Honble Company. [Collection of Papers...Bby Govt. Vol. 6, p. 146.]

(P) As to Savajee you are sensible that our correspondence with him hitherto is very faire and acceptable to both sides and hope it will soe continue; I pray you to encourage it so much as lies in your power, for I expect no meane emolument to our Honorable Masters from our trade into his countrey, which you know hath bin the subject of many debates in Councell, and I have the lesse to advise because you are already fully acquainted with all our transactions with him.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } [ BOMBAY TO SURAT ] { Dated 4 Oct.  
107, Ffol. 131-132 } 1675

Enclosed wee send a letter that wee received this morning from Sevagee together with coles for the severall factories according to his promise. Such as were of use in these part wee have and sent the rest to the President with the list of the whole that was granted by Sevagee. [This letter is signed by Philip Gyffard and John Petit; for destination of the letter etc. cf No. 126 dated 14 October 1675]

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(S) F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 8 October  
Vol. 88, Fol. 113 } 1675

Neer the Rivers mouth wee mett the Surratt Armado comanded by Siddy Cossaim, brother to Siddy Sambole bound to Danda Rajapore, to whome as occasion serves you must not faile to shew all faire assistance and civill deportment, with regard to those instructions, left with you by the President, at his departure for your kind usage of the people belonging to that fleet will be very well taken by the Governor here and the newes thereof will be represented to the king.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated Swally Marine  
88 p. 116 } 14 Oct. 1675

( EXTRACT )

The Coles from Sevajee wee have received.

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Wee begin to be alarmed with Sevagee, but hope it will [ pass ] over, though we are apt to beleive he will disturbe us this yeare.





( 127 )

Orme Mss. Vol. 114	}	BOMBAY TO	}	Dated 14 Oct.
Sect. 4, pp. 152-3		SURAT		1675

( EXTRACT )

Yesterday, we received a letter from the Siddy, a copy of which with our answer thereto, we here remit you, and desire your Honours opinion thereof. We shall find him a very troublesome neighbour, unless you procure an order from Ghasty Cawn, that he enters not in an hostile manner from Chaul and Hunera Kennere [ sic? Henry Kenry ].

We received yours of 8 current the 14 Do. in which we have the acceptable news of his Honours safe arrival, with the rest of the fleet, at Swally and of the Governor &c., respectfull reception of him, to the nation and Company's honour.

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O. Correspondence	}	SURAT TO CARWAR	}	Dated 16 Oct.
Vol. 36, No. 4122				1675

( EXTRACT )

Wee take notice what you advised about Sevajeess attempts on the Sunda Rajah countrey, and by [ sic ] the prudent accomodation made by Timona and the Ranah, and their resolution to defend themselves against Savajee. We also observe the disturbance and ill treatment you have received from Sevajeess officers, which you have represented to Savajee, and wee doubt not but hereafter they will beh[ave] themselves more civilly toward you. In the meane time wee would have you be very dilligent over the Companys affai[res] and use all prudent meanes to preserve our priviledges and keep a faire understanding with the Governor and all the officers that the Company's businesse may receive noe prejudice; and withall be wary in your proceedings and doe not trust those needy officers more than necessity forceth you unto.

( 129 )

O. Correspondence	}	SURAT TO THE COMPANY	}	Dated 26 Oct.
Vol. 36, No. 4123				1675

( EXTRACT )

This towne begins already to be allarmd by Sevajee, which is no meane obstruction to our trade, but wee trust God will preserve your estate from all danger.



(130)

O. Correspondence } SURAT TO CARWAR { Dated Swally Marine  
Vol. 36, No. 4127 } 9 Nov. 1675

(EXTRACT)

Inclosed wee send you **Savajees Cole or passe** which you may make use of when any of his Governours or Generalls shall molest and trouble you.

(131)

O. Correspondence } BOMBAY TO THE { Dated 26 Nov.  
Vol. 36, No. 4139 } COMPANY { 1675

(EXTRACT)

[Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 164] The Portugeeze are still as proud, malicious and envious as ever, contriving daily all underhand opposing of the peace and splendor of the island and trade.

Sevagee and they [the Portuguese] daily quarrell, the chiefest cause of his hatred to them being for forcing orphans of his cast to turn Roman Catholicks. There has also of late happened some disputes among them in the same account, the Captain General of Busseen taking the part of some orphans against the Jesuits, and forcing the said Jesuits to restore the said orphans a considerable estate, which they had been possessed of many years, which they highly resented. One dispute brought on another, and these quarrels encreased daily. At last, some of the inhabitants belonging to one of the great Dons towns, flying to the Jesuits for succour, the Captain General sent to demand them. They denied to deliver them up; the General incensed fires one of their towns and burnt about 6 or 8 houses. The Padrees make no resistance, but fly to their Pens, hope to get him **excommunicated from Rome**, and so at present remains quiet.

[P] Sevagee keeps a very faire correspondence with us, but is not to be trusted, he totally governing himselfe by his interest alone, not valueing the breach of any oath or promise where he can imagine to be a gainer thereby, but he hath many irons in the fire which will find him employ a considerable time, soe have little reason to feare any disturbance from him.

The Mogull presseth hard upon him, whose army is come downe to Cullian and its reported that Orang Zeeb hath soe rattled his Generall Bauder Ckaun, which hath netled him that he is resolved to doe something this summer considerable against him,





the better to effect which he hath by matching one of his neer relations with one of Cowset Ckauns [ Khavās Khān ], Protector of Decans nerest kindred broke the peace between that kingdome and Sevagee which was just upon concluding, by which means there is another great army brought upon him. The Siddy of Danda Rajapore being also recruited from Surratt with 2000 fresh men, provisions, amunition, &c., with two large men of warr and severall frigatts ( after he had put some recruits ashore ) sayled downe the coast to looke out Sevagees fleete, hoping to burne them in port, but being by their vigilancy prevented of that they have burnt Vinguria and severall other townes. At this alarum Sevagees fleete also put to sea, consisting of 57 small frigatts well manned. The East India Merchant who put in here yesterday in her voiage up from the Mallabarr coast mett with both fleets. Wee wish they may meete and box it out stoutly, for they are both equally troublesome to us and much hinder the trade of our port. By this your Honors will see Sevagee hath his hands full; how he will deal with them all wee must leave to time to discover.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 4 December  
Sect. 4, p. 171 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

The Mogull was at Cullean, but the Pishwaw giving them 10000 Pagodas ready money, they are returned without doing any harm.

( 133 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 6 Dec.  
p. 128 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

Finding the towne of Surrat somewhat free from Sevagees allarms, we have thought good to discharge all the Topasses, whome wee now send downe by the *Unicorne*, and keep only two files of Englishmen here, which wee hope will be enough for the security of our house if occasion require.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 31 Dec.  
Sect. 5, pp. 3-4 } 1675

( EXTRACT )

The Portugeese its reported, has proclaimed war with Sevagee, he attempting to build two bullworks over against their





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Port of Sibon which they endeavouring to hinder, bred the quarrel. Sevagee still continues fortifying those two hills; a few days will tell us if they be able to put a stop to those bulwarks or no, which if gone on with, will be a great curb to the Portugeese.

When the Hunter is gone to Persia, there will be much wanting a Frigate to cruise up and down, not only to secure our merchants from Mallabars, but to secure the port on all occasions in this troublesome times of Sevagees drawing an army down against the Portugeese and the Siddys vassels daily coming in and out, so hope you will speedily dispatch the *Revenge* to us.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO ENGLAND { Dated 8 Jan.  
Sect. 5, p. 5 } 1676

( EXTRACT )

The *Berkeley Castle* when here last, brought out 13 iron guns 24 pounds, some of which were spared Sevagee, by which means we are in great want of great gunns.

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O. Correspondence, Vol. } SUBAT TO THE { Dated 11 January  
36, No. 4163, fols. 10-11 } COMPANY { 1675/76

( EXTRACT )

In our former letters wee have advised the settlement of your factory at Rajapore, where we have employed a considerable stock to be invested in commoditys proper for Europe, which was expected would have been sent us seasonable enough to have bin cured and laden home on these shipp; but wee have been much disappointed of our expectations, having received scarce halfe of what wee ordered of baftas, dungarees, &c., and them all, or the greatest part, browne, and now it is too late to cure them. The reason of this disappointment is caused by the continued warrs in the inland townes, which gives an apparent obstruction to all trade. Mr. Child, &c. factors complaine alsoe of the late raines which have fallen there, hindering the passages of all caphalae and belating them one month of what their usuall time of arrivall, which is a very great perplexity to us and puts us to great difficulty in the lading these shipp. Wee doe not find but your settlement there hath been very well esteemed by Sevagee and all the neighbour governments of Deccan, by whom your factors





were received with all demonstration of kindness and respect to your Honors name and that of the nation. Wee perswade ourselves it will in a yeare or two more become a usefull and advantageous factory to you. Mr. Childs tyme having been wholly taken up in travelling up the country for the settlement of your business he hath not yet had time to prosecute your demands on Sevagee for your former loss at Rajapore according to contract, but wee expect that hee will suddenly bring that affaire to some issue.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89	}	RAJAPORE TO	{	Dated 11 January
p. 10		SURAT		1675/6

( EXTRACT )

The newes of these parts are alltogether uncertaine. Report speakes Sevagee one while dead and another while very ill and another while that he hath ordered all his forces to be ready under Pornollah [Panhālā], intending thence to march for Veezapore, called thither, report speakes, by the Nabobb Buleil Caun who now raines lord of all, the young King in his possession, and it is likewise talked keepes Coons [Khavās] Caun in prison; but the better sort of people doe beleive Coons is killed by him.

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F. R. Bombay	}	CONSULTATION AT	{	Dated 13 January
Vol. 2, p. 6 (2d set)		BOMBAY		1675/6

( EXTRACT )

Sevagee haveing sent severall letters to the Deputy Governor to desire him to graunt leave for five of his vessells, which now lye at Penn, to be brought hither and haled on shore for security, that the Sidy might not burne them, the Deputy Governor propounded to the Councill, which being debated, and in regard the Sidy cannot take it ill of us, his fleete haveing been here severall times and wintered twice under our protection, it was

Ordered that a letter be sent to Sevagee to advise him that wee have graunted his request provided a writeing under his hand and seale ( as he has promised he will ), that in case the Sidy should attempt to destroy the said vessells in our port it should wholly lye on his accountt, the English not to be concern'd on either side,





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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 {	BOMBAY TO SURAT {	Dated 17 January
Sect. 5, p. 12 }		1676

( EXTRACT )

For these many days here is a continued report of **Sevagees** being dead and buried, naming the place of his death, distemper, manner and place of burial. It is reported he was **poisoned by his son**; his son being informed his father had commanded the watch of **Rairee Castle** to throw him down over the wall, if he left not going out at nights after the watch was sett to meet a daughter of one of his chiefest Braminees, whose daughter he had debauched; that he was sick, we certainly know, and that his distemper proceeded from the violent pain he had in his head, which was almost rotten. The **Siddy Sambolee** told a servant of the Deputy Governor, that he was dead and so say all merchants from **Dabull, Cullean, Chaule &c.** Wee cannot give any great credit thereto, because **Moree Pundit** removes not from under **Moules (Mahuli or Mavals) Hill** with his army. We shall endeavour to know the certainty, and advise when we know it.

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(D) O. Corraspon-	} FROM SURAT TO EAST	{ Dated 17 Jan.
dence, No. 4163 }		

( EXTRACT )

The **granado shells** lost at **Rajapore**, **Savagee** doth cleare himself of declaring that he never had them in possession, upon examination wee understand that part were sold to **Siddy Gehore [Johār]** Generall of the King of Deccan's Army, Part were left at **Rajapore** in the Company's house when it was robbed, and afterwards were plundered by the people of the Towne, but there is noe hopes of recovering them, or anything for them. [C/. No. 299, dated 6 October 1673 ante, p. 291, item 1st.]

Wee herewith send you the severall sorts of **coynes** now minted on the Island; among the rest wee desire you to take notice that the **Tynn** coine is made 10 per cent more weightier then it used to be, and that in order to its greater consumption; it first went currantly of till the envious portuguese hindered its passage in their Country, and transport to the maine, abasing the value very much, but now wee hope it will be better esteemed,



and if wee could procure a large vent for it, 'twould consume a good quantity of tynn yearly, and make it worth above 22 rupes per maund to you.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated Swally Marine  
89, p. 13 } 24 Jan. 1675/6

( EXTRACT )

The Deputie Governor did latly send the President a bill of exchange drawne by Sevajee Rajah upon his correspondent in Golconda, part whereof being on account of moneys due to the Company for cloth and perpituanos sold him, and part to some merchants on Bombay for corne and other goods sould to Sevagees Subedars by his owne order, and the remainder of the money was to be invested in corne for Sevagees owne account. This said bill was accordingly sent up, but it againe returned unto us, the person on whome it was drawne being departed from Golconda before its arrival. This bill wee now returne you here enclosed; and seeing the Company themselves are concerned in this business, as well as their merchants, whom they are bound to protect against any violence of their neighbours, wee thinke good that you owne this cause publicquely as the Company's concerne; and in order to the speedy recovery of said money, that you send up the cheife broker Girderdas together with Narransinary and one or two able Englishmen, who in the Company's name are to deliver the letter herewith sent to Sevajee and Motto [Moro] Pundit together with another letter from the Deputie Governour, and in the said name to demand satisfaction for the said money, together with interest and other damages, and they are not to depart till they have satisfaction; but if they see noe probability of satisfaction then the Englishmen are first to make a protest in the Company's name against their unjust proceedings and declare that if any dammage or breach of friendshipp doth accrew thereby they are the cause thereof, and then they are to returne, and haveing given you an account of their proceedings you are to signifie the sam[e] unto us, and wee shall take such course therein as shall consist with our Masters honour and intrest, and security of their merchants and trade hereafter into those parts.

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Here is a flying report that Sevagee is dead, wherefore wee would have you consider whether it be safe to deliver the bill out of your hands before you are further satisfied of the truth hereof.





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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 27 Jan.  
Sect. 5, p. 15 } 1676

( EXTRACT )

The reports of Sevagee are various; some report dead, some very ill, some perfectly recovered; nothing of certainty as yet [to] be learned.

( 143 )

O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 2 Feb.  
Vol. 36, No. 4175 } 1675/6

( EXTRACT )

Wee advised you formerly the ill successe of your factory near Brampore at Dungom, where Mr. Samuëll Austen was taken prisoner, plundered all he had to the very clothes on his back, and your factory house burnt, all the goods therein and at the weavers destroyed by Savajeës flying army; touching which wee thought fit to send up Mr. Austen himselfe to Savagee Rajah, to complaine and expostulate the great violence done us when wee were at peace with him, whose narrative wee send you herewith. Satisfaction could not be procured, Savagee declaring that he was not lyable to make good any losses wee sustained in his enemys country, against whome he prosecuted a just warr; he blamed the Generall of his army much for the violence done us, and to the end wee should not be subject to such injuries hereafter he gave us his coles or pasteports for that place, as also for many other factoryes, but wee know not how farr they may be trusted unto, and therefore wee shall adventure noe more than the necessity of your affaires force us unto for the better procuring of goods for England. Mr. Austen hath in this affaire done you good service and behaved himselfe prudently; his losses were great and bespeak your favourable eye towards him.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 8 Feb.  
Fols. 16-17 } 1675/6

( EXTRACT )

(S) Wee take notice of Sevagee's death which is alsoe confirmed here wee pray be carefull to recover the money which is due to the Company and the merchants on the island, for the last goods should, and trust now more of the Companys Estate in any of the





Soobedarra hands, till the debt be first satisfied; of then be as wary as you can; how you trust those people, till they keepe their words better then hitherto they have done.....Mr. John Child haveing advised us that the Soobedarr of Rajapore hath a great quantity of coconutts to be laden for, account of freight to be sent for sailletti Surratt which coconutts wee are to dispose of and there out to pay the Company the first payment of what agreed on p[sic] contract, wee have thought good to order the *Mayboonne* downe thither; as well to lade, so much as she can bring herselfe; as to be convoy to such other vessells as wee would have you hire at Bombay for transport of said goods, from Rajapore to Surratt wee inclosed send you the contract made between Mr. Child and the Soobedarr of Rajapore and would have you not to faill to send downe boats sufficient for the bringing up the said goods to which end you may imploy *Mallabars Coaster*, the Companys Shibarrs if not otherwise disposed and in want of them you may hire a good large grob or two at Mahim Bandera and Bombay at as cheape a rate as you can and send them downe with all speed to Rajapore either together with the *Mayboome* or before her to the end noe time may be lost for the sooner we get the money into our hands the better.

[P] Mr. Samuel Austin hath againe earnestly entreated us to remind you of his concerne with Sevajee. Wee desire that you would youse your endeavour for the procureing him speedy satisfaction, being he is fearefull should Sevajee be dead, as it is reported, he would never recover a farthing for his loss.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 2, p. 9 (2d set)	} CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY	{ Dated 19 February 1675/6
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Narransinay and Caus Moody being returned from Mora [Pandit] with an answer to the President's letter touching the bill of exchange that was returned, and Mora Punditt having alsoe wrott a very civill letter to the Deputy Governor declaring that the reason the bill of exchange was not accepted to be occasioned by the departure of the person on whom it was drawne, and that he was now arrived to Sevagee with the mony, and that he had wrott Sevagee how great the disappointment hath been to the English, which being taken into consideration it was thought convenient that two persons be sent immediately to Sevagee with the bill and to make demand thereof, which if he denies to pay they are to returne with his answer that wee may send some





English to make demand, and, in case necessity requires, to protest against him according to the orders wee have received from the President and Council, and in regard it is cheaper, sending such of our servants as are natives, then English, it was

Ordered that Narransinay and Caus Moody be dispatch'd with all convenient speed to Sevagee with the bill of exchange, which if accepted they are to advise us thereof and remaine there till they receive our further orders, but if not, then to returne speedily with Sevagees answer thereto that wee may put in execution the Presidents and Councils orders.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } Sect. 5, p. 23	BOMBAY TO SURAT	{ Dated 23 February 1676
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( EXTRACT )

[Beginning omitted] First, our near neighbourhood both to Sevagee and the Siddy makes them often unwelcome and dangerous guests unto us, having sometimes 2 or 300 of the one party or the other upon the island, or their vessells in this road, who are generally morose and surly men fitt and ready for any roguery when opportunity presents and not to be governed and kept in quiet by any persuation, but the awe of our being too strong for them.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } Sect. 5, pp. 19-20	BOMBAY TO SURAT	{ Dated 24 Feb. 1676
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( EXTRACT )

We shall use our utmost endeavours to recover the mony which is due to the Company, and the other merchants, for the goods sold Sevagee, and shall be very cautious how we trust any of the Company's Estate in any of the Soubidars hands, till they make good what already due, and are juster in their contracts than hitherto.

Here are severall vessells laden and bound for Rajapore which belongs to merchants of this port. We have recommended them to Mr. Child to be employed in their transport of the cocoanuts &c., goods that lie there ready for Suratt. They are large Grabbs and with some other vessells belonging to this Island that is there already, will be ready to carry up all at once.

We shall do what in us lies to be assistant to Mr. Austyn in the speedy procuring of the mony due to him from Sevagee





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(D) L. B. Vol. 5 } LONDON TO SURAT { Dated 8 March  
p. 262 } 1675/6

We should gladly heare that Bingees design about the printing do take effect, that it may be a means to propogate our religion whereby soules may be gayned as well as Estates.

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L. Book, Vol. 5 } THE COMPANY TO SURAT { Dated 8 March  
pp. 264-265 } 1675/6

We note the approach of Sevagees forces and the allarum given you thereon, and do hope that the agreement made with him will protect our estates.

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We approve of the course you have taken to gett sattisfaction of Sevagee for our loss at Dungom and would have you prosecute it, for tho it should cost as much as you shall recover, yet it will deterr him from making the like depradations for the future, when they consider they must pay for it.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 } RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 13 March  
Fol. 23 } 1675/6

The newes of these partes are all together uncertaining but this is to[o]true that Sevagee Rajah is very well at Purnollah hath robbed hattande [Athani], the merchants losses is vallued at 300,000 Pagodas and is tauked that he will with all his forces against Veezapore or Goa.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 5 April  
Sect. 5. pp. 36-37 } 1676

( EXTRACT )

We have intelligence that the Siddy intends to winter here, which we look upon to be bad news, for besides raising the price of all sorts of provisions and making them scarce, we shall never be able to prevent quarrelling, that will arise between our men and his, besides the intolerable cheat they always put upon the tobacco renter in bringing in tobacco by stealth; we having wrote a friendly letter to him, laying before him the many inconveniences will happen by his wintering here, desiring him to pass





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the winter at Suratt; if he should not hearken to our desires; yet we hope your honour may prevail with the Governor of Surat, to get him invited there, for we earnestly desire to be rid of his company.

Since the foregoing the Siddy is come in with his fleet, who tells us he has power from the Governor of Suratt to winter here, and he will not stir from hence, except we turn him out by force; he says he will write to the Governor about it, and we hope your Honour &c., will use the utmost interest to get him removed, otherwise he will be a plague to this island.

By the extraordinary strictness of the Broach, Cambaya &c. Governors, we have been able to procure so little corn this year that with what the Siddy has already had of us and the scarcity of all other provisions on this island, they are grown so excessive dear, that should the Siddy winter here, without doubt many of the inhabitants will be forced to leave the island.

We understand from some private hands, that several of the Siddys [men] have sided with Tully Okawn, which has so encouraged him, that he begins now to appear abroad in public, and for fear others should follow their example, the Siddy not daring to trust himself this winter at Danda Rajapore, is fled hither and pretends Ghasty Cawns order for his stay here, which he has nothing to show, for we are likewise informed that he and his Mizza at Surat are very much fallen out, which makes him very unwilling to go to Surat; he presses also that his residence should lie in Bombay and not in Mazagon, being loath to trust Sevagee at this distance from the fort; if he stays here long, how troublesome, inconvenient and what great discouragement it will be to the island you all very well know; we submit to your better judgment, and desire your speedy answer, how we shall govern ourselves in this affair, which shall punctually be complied with.

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O. Correspondence	{	SURAT TO THE	{	Dated Swally Marine
Vol. 37, No. 4202		COMPANY		7 April 1676

( EXTRACT )

The report still continues of Sevgees death ( but yett it is much doubted ). He was poisoned by his barbar and for a long time hath not appear'd abroad, but his army hath lately robbed a considerable mart towne in Deccan called Houttanee [ Athanee ], neare Raybagg, where wee heare some of your estate is plunder'd,





but doe not yett know the certainty thereof. He holds a faire understanding with your Island Bombay and all offices of freindshipp pass between them.

## ( 153 )

(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. 89 } SWALLY MARINE TO { Dated 14 April  
Fol. 30 } BOMBAY { 1676

Instructs Bombay not to allow the Siddy to winter there but in case he insists on it, restrictions were to be put on the movement of his men but at the same time to be civil to him so that he may not have any complaint against the Bombay Government.

## ( 154 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 18 April  
89, p. 31 } { 1676

## ( EXTRACT )

Wee haveing here a report as if Sevajeess army were coming hither [Surat] to plunder this place, wee doe now by Mattheus desire you to make a diligent enquiry into the truth thereof, and advise us the motion of his army, and if you are certainly enformed they are moving towards Surat wee would have you send us intelligence with all speed by express.

## ( 155 )

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 21 April  
89, Fol. 32 } { 1676

To this day the Governour of Surat hath not applyed himselfe in the least to us touching the wintering the Sidyes fleet, wherefor wee would have you continue to prosecute our former directions, and not permitt them to winter there and be carefull that you be not overcome with their subtilities.

## ( 15 )

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 26 April  
Sect. 5, p. 40 } { 1676

## ( EXTRACT )

There is about 10000 horse of Sevagee come to Cullean; their intention is not certainly known, but a report goes that they intend to go and seize upon a hill near Damon called Parnerah, where was a castle formerly, but now deserted, which he intends to fortify, that he may be nigh Suratt, from whence it is not above 36 hours journey, which will strike such a fear into the