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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 2 August  
Sect. 6, p. 45 } 1677

( EXTRACT )

Sabaun Cooly arrived here 4 days past, whom we courteously received and promised all reasonable assistance lay in our power as being servants to a King to whom we are so much obliged. Siddy Sambolee has not delivered up the fleet, but demurrs till he is paid all his arrears of charges and his accounts cleared, which is Bauder Cawns order, so that till money comes from Surat, he will not give us [?] possession.

Sevagee is at present a great way off in the Carnatic country where he wintered. In his absence, Mora Pundit and Annagy Pundit and another Braminy are left to govern affairs, to whom we have sent to procure their cole to all generals of armies, that shall come towards Surat and [sic? that] they molest not the English in any part where they come nor plunder any of their goods.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27, p. 20 } "TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM  
OUR Brameny Nellor Ramana  
TUNDUMGURTY" TO SIR WM.  
LANGHORNE { Dated 2 August 1677

( EXTRACT )

Since Sevagee Raja hath left Waligundapuram he arrived with his army at Tundumgurty, from whence he sent away his army towards Yelavanarasor, and he himself with Semogee Nague and some others of his great men are gone for Hirudschalam to worship the great Pagotha. The said army remains yet at Yelavanarasor and Sevagee Raja is not yet returned from Hirudschalam.

Seigr. Deagor and the Cheif of Tevanapatam came hither to visit Sevagee Raja, having brought with them some scarlett silk stuffs, sandall wood, rose water, maldivo cokanutts, cloves and sword blades, and have presented them to the Raja who received them with much content and gave them Tashrifés. Some say that Sevagee Raja did send for the Dutch, and others say that they came to restore some goods of theirs which was robbed towards Tevanapatam, but none can speak certaine thereof. The said Raja hath given order to take possession of all his brothers country, and this day Sevagee Rajas people have taken possession of





Yelavanasor Fort, Jagarnutt Pantulo haveing agreed and turned away them that was in the said Fort. Sevagee Raja brings Jaggarnut Pantulo, Sevagee Pantulo and Nillogee Nague along with him.

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O. Correspondence } OCCURRENCES FROM SURAT } Dated 3  
Vol. 38, No. 4283 } AND THE COAST OF MALABAR } August 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

By letters received this day from Rajapore they mention for certain that the Mogul and Nabob have made peace, upon condition that the former forbear his Nolbunde for 8 years, and jointly bend their forces upon Cottubsha, and when he is brought under then unanimously to goe against Sevagee, and not to desist untill he be totally subverted. They alsoe advise that Sevagee, with the Carnatucke and Deccan Rajahs, and Cattubsha, joine with resolutions to come to battle. What the issue of this conjunction may be time must declare.

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F. R. Fort St. } FORT ST. GEORGE TO } Dated 24 Aug.  
George, Vol. 18, p. 42 } BOMBAY } 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

Sevagee since his dispossessing Sear Cawn and stripping his brother Eccogee of all his open territories on this side Coalladon [Coleron] river, has made no further progress, Vealour and Auzney [Arney] standing out, and no great probabilityes of their reduction, unless by length of time. Meanwhile Eccogee is leagueing with the Naigues of Madure and Maysore and other woodmen, and likely to find Sevagee work enough. Gulcondah yet sitts still, who in this juncture might easily unroost him from his new conquests. But his Braminy Councell are perhaps afraid, least so doing might bring the fire into their own house, and give Sevagee the oppertunity he waits for to plunder if he cannot possess his countrey.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT } Dated 24 August  
Sect. 6, p. 47 } 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

Sevagee is at present in the upper Carnatic, where he has taken the strong castles of Chengy [Giagy], Chingavore





[Tanjore], Pilcundah and several others and shamefully routed the Moors and tis believed has robbed Seringapatam, and carried away great riches from thence; and they say he designs upon his return back to take Bridroor and so join Canara to his new conquests. When he comes back, we shall endeavour to procure his cole upon his General that may be sent to the Northward; in the meantime we have sent to Mora Pundit and Annagee Pundit, who governing (*sic*, govern in) the Rajahs absence to get your [their] cole for Suratt and the adjacent places.

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F. R. Fort St.  
George, Vol. 27  
pp. 20-21

"TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM  
OUR Bramney Vira Ragavaya  
from Gulconda " TO SIR  
WM. LANGHORNE

Dated 26  
August 1677

( EXTRACT )

Seeing Dilill Cawn and Badar Cawn had taken Calubariga Fort, these two Genneralls and Balball Cawn have joyned together and are come downe with their forces near the said Fort to fight against Golconda army, and the reason why thither is because the King of Gulconda sent for Sevagee Raja, who is an enemy both to the Mogull and Vizapore and permitted him to pass through his country to the Cornett, and that he should lay hold of Sevagee Raja and delliver him up to the Mogull and that he should likewise delliver up Sheckee Minaju who is now entertained in his service, he haveing received great summs of mony of the Moghul, promiseing to serve him, which if otherwise, they will come and fight with him, and where [*Sic?* whereas] the Ollampanna [Kutubshah] wrote to his Shallaskareen at the frontiers towards Vizapore to be very carefull and watchfull in those parts, he remains there accordingly. The King wrote from hence to his Shallaskareen and other great persons that they should one way or other endeavour to make peace with the Moghull though they promise him large summs of mony, about which they are now treating.

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O. Correspondence  
Vol. 37, No. 4270

SURAT TO THE  
COMPANY

Dated 31 August  
1677

( EXTRACT )

Sevagees forces being withdrawne, for the greatest part, up into the Deccan and Carnatucke contrys, wee have the happyness





of enjoying the more quietness here, notwithstanding his Generalls Mora and Annjee Pundit keepe their residence at Rairy, Salleir, and other strong castles, not above 40 course from hence, well manned, and some of them are seated soe nere as Gundavee, not above 20 course distant, where they command the country and what provisions they please.

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F. R. Fort St.  
George, Vol. 27  
pp. 22-23

"TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM  
OUR Bramaney Vira Ragavaya  
from Gulconda" To Sir  
WM. LANGHORNE

Dated 19  
Sept. 1677

( EXTRACT )

I have wrote in my former to your Worshipp of all what passed here, which I hope you have received before now. I doe also give you notice hereby of what has passed since I wrote you last, which is as follows. When Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawn wrote up to the Moghull of their haveing taken Calubariga Fort, the said Moghull answered them againe that Calubariga Fort was a place of Phuckeers and belonging to the King of Vizapour, and that he being intended to assist him, how did they permit Gulconda people to take possession of the said Calubariga when it belonged to Vizapour, and that he was not pleased with the said newes, seeing that Gulconda people had permitted the King of Vizapour[s] Ennimy, Sevagee Raja, to pass through his country, and that they should cause the King of Gulconda to send him 100 lacks of rupees and 10000 horse for soe doing, and that then he would be well pleased and not otherwise, whereupon the said Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawn sent an embassage to the King of Gulconda, saying that the Moghull doth demand from him the summe of Rups. 200 lacks and 20000 horse. He having refused sending the same, they replied him to pay rupeess 100 lacks and 10000 horse, when the said King not being willing neither to consend thereunto, but would only pay Rups. 5 lacks, which they would not accept, after which Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawne and Vizapour Balball Cawne joyned together and brought their armys nearer Tivinico.

Gulconda people haveing notice thereof, also joyned their forces hard by the said army, as the Shalaskareen, Siddy Massood, Sayd Mocktooms, Doolshaws, Saja Cawn's and the Sherkeel and some of Cornut Country's Forces, some 4 or 5000





horse of the Moghulls and Balball Cawn's being intended to fall upon the King of Gulcondas army. The latter haveing notice thereof, went on with some 20 or 30000 horse to meet them, and fought very hard for a great while. Balball Cawn's forces not being able to stand against them any longer, being almost routed, then Dillill Cawn came and helped him, and saved his army from receiving further harm, after which every one retyred to their ground; and tis said that Gulconda army came off victoriously and that the contrary party has a great loss haveing killed them 700 horse in the said engagement, and on the Gulconda side some were wounded but few killed; likewise some 5 or 6 great Captains were killed of the Moghull and Balball Cawnes side. The Ollumpana haveing notice of this, sent hither from thence a great many more of his horses and men to assist his army, haveing also enordered Brameny Madana to march thither with his forces, who excused himself and sent Brameny Pallpel Yengana thither in his place. The King has also sent all the horse and men that were under Meirza Sangier, Goodcharulo, Sheck Minaju and of many other great Captains, and tis said that there will be shortly a great engagement between the Moghulls forces and Gulconda; and whereas the latter are come off victoriously at peresent, tis thought that they will have the best from both Moghull and Ba[l]ball Cawn. They are now also treating concerning a peace, but seeing Badar Cawn had taken bribes of Golconda, he advised the said King [to] fight a little first, and then he will bring it to pass that peace should be concluded. Here they are furnishing Gulconda's Fort as fast as they can with all manner of provisions. They have sent hither from the army 3 Cammells laden with bloody clousts [sic] to shew the King what has hap[p]ned in the last engagement.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27, p. 23	} "TRANSLATE OF A LETTER From Sevagee Raja FROM VANCAM- BADO" TO SIR WM. LANGHORNE	{ Dated 22 September 1677

( EXTRACT )

Since my arrivall into the Cornat country I have conquered severall Forts and Castles, and do also intend to build new workes in severall Forts and Castles. You may likely have with you such men as knowe how to make great carryages for





gunns and how to contrive mines. We have need of such men at present, especially those that knowes how to make mines and to blow up stone walls. I had such men with me, who came from towards Goa and Vingoria and are all kept employed in severall of my Forts and Castles; and when I enquired of them for more such men, they tould me they were all gone for **Chinapatam** and **Polliacat**, wherefore I now write to your Worshipp about them that you may please to enquire if there be any such men with you that knowe how to make mines, you would be pleased to send some 20 or 25, or a[t] least 10 or 5 such men, for I shall pay them very well and shall entertaine them in severall of my forts and castles, wherewith I shall also acknowledge your Worshipp's kindnes towards us, so you would by all means enquire about the said men and to send them hither as many as you can gett.

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F. R. Fort St.  
George, Vol.  
27, pp. 28-9  
(3d set)

FORT ST. GEORGE TO  
HIS HIGHNESS THE  
OLLAMPANA ALLSO  
TO MADDANA

{ Dated 22 Sept.  
1677

( EXTRACT )

Wee have received your Highnesses Phirmawnd and Tashriff with all the honour this place is able to express. We have now to acquaint your Highness that the comeing of Sevagee and his army into these parts and since marching into Chingy country has much allarm'd us, who haveing so much experience of his proceedings amongst the coast of India and Mallabar, where we have severall factorys in his country and peace with him, has obliged us for all good respects to send and keep some of our people still attending his motion, the which your Highnesses servant Madana Antea Pandi has much misused and offered to put in prison, in so much that for present they have been fain to come away for quietness, whereby our great traffick and estates in those parts is exposed to much danger, and our own security here, who, without a good watch upon the motion of such an army is ever in danger of surprisall, is too much exposed.

Wee entreat your Highness to give order to your said servant to forbear such doing. We act as servants to the King of Great Britain &ca., my Lord, and have a great charge to looke after, which may otherwise suffer by his mean's,

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Great Sir, our agreement and peace knowes none else but your Royall Highness; we appeal to your justice and beg that you will enforce obedience in these troublesome people that a nation so peaceable and quiet as we behave ourselves may be friendly dealt with.

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F. R. Fort St. George } FORT ST. GEORGE TO	{ Dated 27 Sept.
Vol. 27, p. 29 } OUR BRAMENY Vira	
(3d set) } Ragavaya	

( EXTRACT )

I have your dated the 16 June together with the Phirmaunds and Tashrifs his Highness sent, which we have received with all the honour this place was able to express. We doe now write both to his Highness and Maddana concerning the ill behaviour of one of the Divans Bramenys named Madanantapantulo, who remains at present with Sevagee Raja, and likewise concerning Brameny Poddela Lingapa for redemanding the goods that was delivered to us by his Highness and Madana's orders, belonging unto a boate which was drove ashore at Chikaricody, which for your better understanding of the business I send you now herewith copys thereof, whereby you may both acquaint his Highness and Maddana and procure their order to the said Braminys to forbare all such doings towards us, who are the Devans reall and faithfull freinds.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 4 } CONSULTATION ON SWALLY	{ Dated 1 Oct.
pp. 85-6 } MARINE	

( EXTRACT )

Mr. Samuell Austen, G[?C]heife etca. factors in Dungom, advising the Councill in their Generall of the 19th September that they have certaine intelligence that Bhauder Ckaune ( who hath the cheife command in those parts ) is sent for up to Court in great hast, the Mogull having sent an Eddy who promises to bring his answer in 16 days tyme, wherefore they have great reason to suggest that when he is gone there may be much alteration in the Government there and the ways not soe secure as formerly, by reason of the many inroads that are often made by the pilfering Rajahs and Cooleys residing thereabouts, soe that they are



embaling what goods they have ready (which they compute about 100 bales in chints and browne cloth) to send downe in eight days from date of this their letter, and doe entreate the Councill (if they thinke good) to ensure them in Surrat, there being noe Sherroffs that they darst trust in Dungom and at Brampore insurances dearer then here. But they considering the clause in the Companys letter received by this yeares shipping, where the Honble. Company are pleased to note the loss of the *Neriad* [Nadiad] *Caphala*, and doe declare that they cannot allow of any insurance made without their order, which clause is supposed to be in reply to the President and Councills letter by the shipp *Unicorne*, bearing date the 6th December 1675, wherein they have represented the great danger there was then, by reason of the inroads made by Sevagees army and the many robberyes committed by the severall petty Rajahs on all Caphalas that passed between the townes of Orangabaud, Brampore, Ahmadavad and Surat, and therefore they did then order that insurance should be made on all the Honble. Companys goods coming downe that yeare. Wherefore, as afore said, the Honble. Companys order received this yeare, forbidding insurance without their order, and in regard it is to be expected that the Dungom Caphala may be arrived or very nere Surat before Bhauder Okaun can settle his affaires to goe up to Court

It is ordered that noe insurance shall be made on those goods.

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F. R. Fort St. George	} CONSULTATION AT FORT {	Dated 3
Vol. 1, p. 17 (4th set)		St. GEORGE

( EXTRACT )

Sevagee Raja having sent the Agent a letter of 22nd September last by two of his spys, desiring us to supply him with ingeniers, to which was returned him a civill excuse, it being wholly unfitt for us to medle in it, there being many dangers consequent thereon, as well of encreasing his power as of rendering both Golconda and the Moghull our enemys, all these parts being spread with his spyes and himself and army now come nearer this way within two dayes march of this place. It is resolved to be indispensably necessary, for the safety of this place and all therein, that we goe on entertaining all the Christians that we can meet with into the garrison, as farr as to compleat the number 250 effective for the present, as also that we hasten the bringing





in of lime, brick and stone for the carrying on of the new Caldera point and building of the curtain from thence to the Fishers point northward, as also from the Round Point, alias Charles's Point, to St. Thomas Point southward, both according to the modell of that part allready begun at the said Charles's Point, as allready resolv- ed on in Consultation of 13th August last, and now the more urgent in regard that the curtain from the gate by Sir Edward Winters to the Choultry gate towards the Bazar, having been leaned upon buttresses for these seaven or eight yeares in a totter- ing condition, is now fallen down the 2d of this month after a great rayn, which it stands us upon to get up again as soon as we can to prevent any designe of so evill a neighbour as Sevagee and other obstruction from the Divan, to the end that when we shall have materialls in readyness to carry on the said curtain it may stand good and joyne with the rest, and be so much mony in part well spent, leaving combings for the well joyning of the walls each way. [Fort St. George Diary I, p. 123]

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 }  
Sect. 6, p. 56 }

BOMBAY TO SURAT

{ Dated 9 Oct.  
1677

(EXTRACT)

Tis now several years that the Siddies fleets have used this port as a place of refreshing and retreat on all occasions, but with how much trouble to the Government and dissatisfaction to the inhabitants, your worship has been but too well acquainted with; tis but a few months past that the Siddy Sambolee received orders to surrender up the fleet to Siddy Cossum, but he for several months made demurrs thereon, because his wife is with his children, and his family were detained in Danda Rajapore, which Siddy Cossum refused to surrender without a special order for it, which he received 4 days past, upon which Siddy Sambolee promised to deliver up the fleet, excepting one of the great ships, which he intended to keep to carry up himself and soldiers to Surat, but Siddy Cossum being impatient of having part of the fleet detained from him and instigated by that unadvised Sabbar [sic, Suban] Cooley, who came from Surat about 3 months past with 110 men to assist him, did on Sunday last march up with all his force to Mezagon, where Siddy Sambolee resided, ere we were aware of it; we immediately sent Captain Kegwin with a guard of horse to keep the peace, but ere he could arrive, they had begun the skirmish and so obstinate they were, especially Siddy Cossum





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that they were parted with much difficulty having shot 3 of the Company's horses whereof one is dead and another in great danger, though it pleased God none of the troops were hurt, upon which, we immediately sent for Siddy Cossum to the fort and having expostulated with him the affront he had put upon the Government and the bad retaliation he had made us for our civilities to him, we disarmed all his soldiers, except himself and 2 or 3 more and ordered him in 4 or 5 days time to send all his soldiers off the island, excepting some few servants for his attendance; the like we did to Siddy Sambole, excepting those guards which were for the defence of the ships.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 18 Oct.  
89, Fols. 66 & 67 } 1677

( EXTRACT )

Wee understand of the falling out of Siddy Cossum with Siddy Sambole at Mazagon, on the island where some eight or more of their men were slaine with as many of their horses kild and taken, being parted with much difficulty by Captain Kegwinns guard of horse whereby 30 [23] of the Companys horses are dangerously shot and kild, and for which disturbance of the peace of the island and hindrance of trade wee would have you demand sattisfaction of S. Cossum and commend you for disarming his souldiers and ordering them of the island, which if they doe not obey, secure them by imprisonment and send them away by degrees although he writes very confidently to Charles James as if he were in noe fault, but the blame is Siddy Samboles for not delivering him up the whole fleete according to this Governors order who hath said nothing to us thereof as yet neither can wee come so speake with him to complaine thereof but wee shall not passe it by soe whereby for the future wee may prevent their wintering and abuses on the island which cannot stand with its preservation and security so long as they are permitted thereon it being unsufferable and dangerous.

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Orme Mss, Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 21 Oct.  
Sect. 6, p. 60 } 1677

( EXTRACT )

We have at length induced the two Siddies to an agreement so that one is contented to surrender up the others wives and children





and the other is contented to surrender up the armado, so that Siddy Sambole in 4 or 5 days more intends to imbarke on one of the two great ships and go for Surat and then the other Siddy will go on board the fleet; we were willing to be mediators in this business that we might be rid of them both, and if we respect the good and quiet of the island we have reason to wish they may never come here again, except it be for a months time to refresh and then be gone again. Siddy Sambole had an excellent horse killed in the broil, which he values at a great price, for which and all other damage he demands satisfaction of us, for he pretends his hands were bound up from taking his own satisfaction and we must say he was very obedient to our orders and has lived at Massagon all this rains very contentedly and quietly, that we have not been troubled with any complaints of him, so that when your Worship demands satisfaction of the King for our horses and other damages that Siddy Sambolees damages may likewise be demanded, or that they make him satisfaction there.

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F. R. Masulipatam } FORT ST. GEORGE TO { Dated 23 October  
Vol. 10 (unpaged) } MASULIPATAM { 1677

( EXTRACT )

It is very good news that the Golcondah forces &c. have bin able to make head against the Mogull and Visapores. Wee wish them well out of their imbroyle. Sevagee is yet in his new conquests, though they talke of his goeing to Golcondah againe, upon a supply of Pagodas 100 maund, which would doe very well for the poor country.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO BENGAL { Dated 27 October  
Sect. 6, p. 63 } 1677

( EXTRACT )

Mr. Rolt is confirmed President in the room of Mr. Aungier who departed this life the last of July past.

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F. R. Fort St. } "TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM {  
George, Vol. 27 } OUR BRAMENY Vira Ragavaya { Dated 23  
pp. 24-25 } from Gulconda" TO SIR { Oct. 1677  
WM. LANGHORNE

( EXTRACT )

Now I shall acquaint your Worshipp with what newes as is here at present, the Shallaskareen Mahomed Hibraim with some





30000 horse and severall other Captains being about the frontiers of Vizapour at a place called Giviny some 12 leagues off of Gulconda, Dillil Cawn and Balball Cawn being also  $1\frac{1}{2}$  leagues this side of Callubariga Fort but since the Ollumpana enordered his army to go and fight with that of the Moghulls and Balball Cawn's, his army haveing accordingly drawed near to a place called Mangaligue, one Gentue league distant from the place where [the] Moghulls army was, after which Hidolsha and severall other Captains went with their men and have engaged with the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces and brought them with all their Elliphants very neare to the place where Gulcondas forces were settled. And in the meane time there came one Captain of the Moghulls side named Prohy Hassan Cawne with some 20000 horse who fought very stoutly and courageously, which caused both the armys to retire to their places whence they were before.

Three dayes after the first engagement Sidelor Yengana and severall other Captains being gone to fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces, who after a small engagement made Gulconda people beli[e]ve as if they did run away and carryed those towards an ambuscado which Moghulls people had made, where Gulconda people haveing lost a great many men and was sadly routed that they knew not what to do, and were put out of their witts, and at the same time the Moghulls people haveing joyned more forces, kill'd many more of Gulconda's people and tooke their great drums and flaggs, and when they were going to take the said Captains prisoners, there appeared the Shallaskareen and severall other of Gulconda's side, who all fought very stoutly with the Moghulls forces and made them to retire back, and so the said Captains were released, haveing also brought with them severall persons that were killed and wounded in the said fight. Since which they have had severall other fightings, but neither of them have had the advantage one over the other. Gulconda people being gone a great way within the Moghulls country and Balball Cawnes and brought away all thier provisions that were bringing for their army they seeing themselves in great want of it, the 20 Currt. they came and fell upon Gulconda's army and killed every man and women, even the very children that were at the market where they had all there graines, and carryed away all from thence, having also routed the Shallaskareen and all the other Captains belonging to Gulconda and made them all leave their places where they were settled before, especially all





the great Bramenys that none can tell as yet where [they] are, nor none can tell whereabouts will Gulconda's people joyne againe to fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces.

Gulconda's people having ketched [caught] severall of the said Cawn's letters which he write to the Mughulls people, he was taken prisoner and kept in Gulconda Fort very strictly, and gave all his soldiers to be under the command of an other Captain; the Devan allowes him 5 Rups. [per] day for his maintanance, seeing Serjam Olum Cawn, Hassawn Cawn, Hussen Cawne, Hiji Cawn, Masse Cawne and severall other of Pattan cast Cpts. who had some 2000 horse under them, and by reason of their cast they would not fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces, wherefore the Devan kept watches about their houses.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 Oct.  
107, Ffol 27 } 1677  
(EXTRACT)

The longing desire that I had to here [?hear] news from Carwar made me trespasse on your good natures in opening the enclosed wherein I find what I expected which is the utter destruction of our Duccan trade, Sevagees fforces having beseiged Buncapore and robbed Gudduck and Luckmiseer, the places where we use to provide much goods that I am afraid Carwar ffactory will be in a badd a condition as Rajapore according to these yourselves accordingly and I am in all humility sir

your most humble servant,  
Henry Oxinden.

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O. Correspondence, Vol. } SURAT TO THE } Dated 31 October  
38, No. 4287 } COMPANY { 1677  
(EXTRACT)

Sevagee this year hath had great successe this year in the upper Carnatucke, in taking the two strong Castles of Chingy and Chingyvore, the residence and court of the Visiapour Vice Roys in those parts, alsoe of his plundering the famous citty of Serin-[ga] patam where he got innumerable riches, and still continues in those parts, receiving tribute from the petty Rajahs which submitt to him and chastising those that refuse to pay him contribution, the Moors leaving their fortresses upon any rumour of



his approach; and such is the great successe that attends his armies that it is credibly beleived he will suddenlie extend his dominions from near Surrat to Cape Comerine, without encountering any considerable opposition to confront him. Your Agent and Councill at Fort St. George advise that some of his forces hath been hovering thereabouts, and from him here wee expect an alarum shortly, but hope as hitherto the Almighty will continue his providentiall hand over your Honours affaires.

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F.R. Surat, Vol. 107 pp. 23-24	} FORT ST. GEORGE TO SURAT	{ Dated 20 and 29 November 1677
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( EXTRACT )

Wee heare that Sevagee is gone with 4000 horse towards Vizapore or his owne countrey, leaving the rest of his forces in his new conquests. He promises to return speedily, which, if he does not, R[?]ecogee and confederates are preparing to regaine their owne. The Gulcondah army has, it seemes, been engaged with the Mogulls and Bullooll Caun, and its said, worsted, which caryes great apprehensions.

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Savagees Lieut. and brother Santogee, left in Chengy and neighbouring conquest, was few days since engaged by the forces of their brother Eccogee from Tangiour, being 4000 horse and 10000 foot, his being 6000 horse and 6000 foot. The battell held from morning till night, in which Santogee was worsted and fled 3 quarters of one of these leagues, being pursued one  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a league. When being return'd to their severall camps, Santogee, consulting with his Captains what the importance and shame would bee, resolved to dress and saddle their horse againe, and so immediately rode away by other wayes, and in the dead of the night surprised them fast at rest after soe hard labour, their horses unsaddled, and made a great slaughter of them, taking nigh 1000 horse in that manner, the 3 cheife Commanders, the tents and all their baggage, and 100 horse more taken by woodmen, which fell to share the plunder; the rest fled over the river Coolladow[Cawery] for Tangiour; by which means Sevagee seemes to have gained a quiett possession for the present, Maduray Naygue refusing to medle on either part. [This passage is also to be found in F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 18, pp. 70-71]. The Dutch talke at Bengals





of new resolutions against Bantam, with helpe of the old Mattaram, but wee thinke there is no great creditt to be given thereto.

## ( 265 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, p. 9 } RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 29 Nov. 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

Wee have lately seen Annagee Pundit, whom wee failed not to press for our buckshis and restitution of what formerly robbed from us. He seemed very forward to make both good, but that wee should take betlenutts at Duan [Diwān=Govt.] rate, and, as according to our Phirmaund, pay him the halfe vallue of those received on account buckshis ready mony. Wee urged our Phirmaund to have his goods at bazar rate, and insted of mony profered him the choise of all our goods, amoung which he pitched on copper for the prize the Dutchmen sold it to him at Vingerlah, which is rupees [blank] per maund. Wee have not as yett concluded with him, his urgent occassions errying him immediately thence for Panalla. Wee daily expect him here, when shall endeavour to gett from him what betlenutts wee cann.

## ( 266 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, p. 43 } RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 8 Dec. 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

The newes of these parts is still the same, that the Nabob is killed and his whole army in a manner destroyed, Dillell Caun in as bad a condition allmost as hee, that the Decans are resolved that not one of either army shall [e] scape alive; Sevagee either dead or in as bad a condition. The news that he had plundered Hubely with an army of 4000 horse and that he was coming hither is now false, for it was Dattagee Punditt, who now romes the country, in the name of Sevagee.

## ( 267 )

F. R. Masulipatam Vol. 10 } FORT ST. GEORGE To MASULIPATAM { Dated 11 Dec. 1677

## ( EXTRACT )

Wee see what alarms you had of a defeat given to the Golcondah army. Wee have it otherwise related, as that they had the better of it. God send peace in our dayes,





( 268 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 13 Dec.  
107, Ffol. 36 } 1677

( EXTRACT )

(S) Wee having received advices lately from Hubely how the Governor is very solicitous to have the Companys goods and likewise our broker Samdas into the castle under collour of securing them and him from Sevagees fforces who lye hovering thereabouts and have lately sent an embassadour to him to demand a quar[ter] pt. of the revenue which hee resolutely denyes them our broker knowing him to be in great want of money to defend his castle if those fforces should come and beseige it will not consent to hazzard the Companys goods and his person into his custody, which the Governor resents very much, soe that he suspects him and is forced to absent himselfe in the adjacent townes for feare of his Tiranny our zeale to our honourable masters concernes did prompt us after very serious debate to enorder Nath a Lownds repaire thither as fearing the Governors mallice in taking advantage of our brokers absence, likewise if Sevagees forces should beseige and take Hubelly the Companys goods would be verey much endangered if there were not an English man to protect and countenance them therefore, we hope these things considered, what wee have done, will receive your approbation.

(P) The Vizapore newes at prasant is that Bulleill Ckaune and the Duccanes are upon articles of peace, and to that purpose Bulleill Ckaune hath sent his Embassadour Hockkim Shem Shaw to treat about it, soe that wee hope a few dayes will put an end to these civil warrs which when once throughly concluded wee with impatience expect that they will call Sevagee to an account: till then wee must never hope tradeing will flourish.

( 269 )

F. R. Miscellaneous } GENERAL LETTER FROM { Dated 15  
Vol. 4, p. 27 } BOMBAY TO THE { January  
COMPANY } 1678

( EXTRACT )

The Sevagee continues victorious and successful.





( 270 )

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO ENGLAND { Dated 15 Jan.  
Sect. 7, p. 3 } 1678  
( EXTRACT )

This island in matter of trade by our observations continued [?] th[is] in the same posture it has done some past years, no considerable augmentation being made therein, nor can be expected can hold so long as the opposite main continues in the possession of so grand a destroyer of commerce as is the Rajah Sevagee; and what we would lament is that we cannot foresee any termination of his government, for he still continues victorious even to a miracle, waging war against the potent Kings of Hindostan and Deccan, against which he has hitherto proved very victorious even to a miracle, waging war with them and we are fearful will continue so.

( 271 )

(D) O. Correspondence, No. 4312 } FROM BOMBAY TO EAST INDIA Co. { Dated 15 Jan. 1677/78

( EXTRACT )

Notwithstanding these grand impediments, your Customes were this year farmed for Xs. 3025; and your Tobaccoe rents for Zerapheens 20850: by which your Honours may perceive that there is a great concourse of people that resorts to your Island though to undeceive you and not aggrandize either our owne or Predecessors actions or the Fame of the place itselfe; wee must to our sorrow confess they are a miserable poore sorts of people, and the very rabble of all Sects who fly from the Moores and Portuguese persecutions, and vallue themselves on your Honrs: Protection, nevertheless we use them with all civility and kinnesse that thereby others of more reputation and credit may be induced to come and inhabit amongst us on this Island, and wee hope the moderation and lenity of your Government will in time produce the desired effects thereof.

( 272 )

O. Correspondence Vol. 38, No. 4314 } BOMBAY TO THE COMPNY { Dated 16 January 1677/8

( EXTRACT )

Sevagee Raja, carried on by an ambitious desire to bee fam'd a mighty conquerour, left Rairi, his strongest hold in the kingdome of Cuncan, at the latter end of the last faire Montzoone,





and marched with his Army consisting of 20000 horse and 40000 foote into Carnateck, where the Telingas have two of the strongest holds in those parts called Chindi [Gingy], Chindawer [Tanjore], where many merchants are considerable inhabitants, and with a succeſſe as happy as Caesars in Spaine, he came, saw and over came, and reported ſoe vast a treasure in gold, diamonds, emeralds, rubies and wrought corall that have strenghtned his armes with very able sinewes to proſectute his further victorious designes. Hee is at present before Banca Pore, two other very strong ghurrs or rocks, which ſoe ſoone as he hath taken in (being noe lesse dextrous thereat than Alexander the Great was), for by the agility of his winged men (himself terming them birds) he tooke in lesse than 8 monthes time from the Mogull, which he had delivered up to his than (*sic* ? then) Generall Raja Jessing, 23 (inaccessible ones) resolves against Vizapore, the Metropolis of the Kingdome of Deccan propinque to them; and being become master thereof, has vowed to his Pagod never to sheath his sword till he has reached Dilly and shutt up Orangsha in it. Mora Punt, one of his Generalls, hath alsoe of late plundered Trumbeck Nasser [Trimbak Nasik] and other considerable places within the Mogulls territoryes which hath added much to his treasure.

(D) Bahadur Chaun the King's foster brother, who remayned in Deccan many yeares, attending Sevagee's Motion, but effected little materially against him, by reason of being corrupted by him, feeding frequently his most insatiable Avarice with Gold, was about 4 months since sent for up to Court, reported either to be called to a strict Account or to be made Diwan, which latter I rather believe, the King having ever had an extraordinary kindnesse for him, but as I was actually writing of this, an Aviso came from Court, that Orangsha had not only divested him of all his Titles and Honours and ejected him of his favour, but likewise deprived him of all his Treasure (which was very considerable and commanded him to goe a Pilgrimage to Meca and Medina. In his roome was sent Dellel Ckan a stout Patan Omra, yet notwithstanding rejoyned his army with Bullel Ckan, this Countryman, who hath the young King of Vizapore in his power, under pretence of being his Protector (which the Decanees wil by noe meanes endure, but have him in their owne) gave them battel in the which they received a very considerable overthrow, the Decanies being the farr better souldiers and better mounted.





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.....The Arabs of Muscat have lately taken in the Road of Conga shipp belonging to Callian, a Port in Sevagees dominions, a little above Tanna, which wore English colours and had an English Captain to her Commander, one William May, who sent, her owners 10,000 rupees on Bottomarie, he being then on shore when they surprized her. It is very much feared if they bee not suppressed (which ought to be done with some sentiment of honour) they will become worse than either the Waddells or Malabarr Pirates, haveing now lyeing at the Babs 4 shippes to intercept Portuguezes ( which made the Vice Roy prohibitt them goeing to Mocha ) and such other vessells upon whome they can make the least pretence.

Bombay, the 16/26 January 1677/8.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 16 January  
107, p. 47 } 1677/8  
(EXTRACT)

Report speakes Bulleill Ckaune to be dead, hee dying of the wounds given him in the fight betwixt Sirjee Ckawne and him at Culburhga, likewise it is reported that the Duecannoes are come to Vizapore; a few days will discover the certainty of it, which wee shall not faile to advise off.

(S) About a month agoe a new Subedar arrived here sent by Annagee Punditt whose name is Vissagee Cumbdu [Konddeva] a very morose man which makes us suspect his freindship, hee hath given us the honour of a vissit and promises very faire, but wee very much doubt his performance.

( 274 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 21 Jan.  
p. 26 } 1677/8  
(EXTRACT)

Wee have thought it convenient to keep some 20 in 30 soldiers here [Swally Marine] ready by us for security of your goods to and fro by water or land and of your house at Surat, not knowing how soone any of Sevagees forces from Ramnagur and Pindoll might assault this place (they being Castles of his not above 2 days march from this city), of which the inhabitants are very jealous now that a new Governour is here settled who totally refuseth to maintaine any amity with him by presents as the other covertly did.

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Rajapore Factory this yeare hath not proved so beneficiall unto you as was expected...all the reason Mr. Robinson &c. renders us is the disorder of the countrey, the Nabob Bulleell Ckaune killed and his army destroyed and Delell Ckaune in as bad a condition, those of Decan having beaten them, and Sevagee streightned up in the countrey and Dattajee Pundit on[e] of his generalls roves and plunders about Hubele; and for Sevagees former debt they are forc'd to take bettle nutts as Sevagees Ministers will rate it at and to pay them for the one halfe of it in ready money or goods, the which bettle, or elce coconutts proves soe decayed, that it hardly beares the charge of transportation of it up hither for sale. When President Rolt arrives, wee must consider whither or not to continue this Factory, if that countreys troubles doth not cease.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } 89, Fols. 29 & 30 }	FROM SWALLY MARINE TO THE COMPANY	{ Dated 21 Jan. 1677/8
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( EXTRACT )

The two great bras guns are remaying at the ffort no person appearing to buy them, indeed Sevagee would be our chapaman for them and many more things but without money or expectation of payment his great debt to your honours may witness what small punctuallity may be expected from him, if any buyer presents shall dispose of them.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } 107, p. 69 }	CARWAR TO SURAT	{ Dated 23 January 1677/8
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( EXTRACT )

The Duccanees haveing taken possession of Vizapore doth put us in great hopes that trade will be open and flourishing as formerly, which wee impatiently expect, knowing and greiving to see that our Honble. Masters are at soe great charges and reape but very little benefit.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } Sect. 7, p. 14 }	BOMBAY TO SURAT	{ Dated 7 Feb. 1678
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( EXTRACT )

Narang Siny, a merchant inhabitant of this island, having 6 small vessells laden with salt and now ready to sail, has requested





of us that they may sail under our convoy or protection, being fearfull that Siddy Cossum as they formerly belonged to Sevagee Rajah but of whom he has bought them as appears by his bill of sale herewith delivered you and now sends them to sea as a merchant of this island.

[Beginning omitted] Require you if you can convoy them to Dabul, so that they may never come in danger or meet any of the Siddy's fleet.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 8 February  
39, Fol. 48 } 1677/8

(SUMMARY)

Writes about the release of Siddy Sambole's servants' wives who were detained by the Siddy of Danda Rajapore and wishes that Sambole's family may be given at Bombay all civil accomodation.

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O. Correspondence } BOMBAY TO THE } Dated 14 Feb.  
Vol. 38, No. 4314 } COMPANY { 1677/8

(EXTRACT)

From Rajapore I lately received a letter that advises of Nabob Bullell Ckauns death, who departed this life in a Castle whilst it was beseidged by the Deccanies. Not long before hee closed up his eyes he putt his two sons in the tuition of Serja Ckaun, who gladly seemed to accept them, forgetting all differences formerly between him and their father. See soone as he was interred and newes thereof brought to Vijapore, Jemshett Ckaun delivered up the Castle and Citty into the hands of Siddy Mussud who in company with Serja Ckaun and Delil Okaun, the Great Mogulls Generall, intends to march against Sevagee with 80,000 horse, with resolution to destroy him utterly. But 'tis too well knowne that Sevagee is a second Sertorius and comes not short of Haniball for staratagems. And no longer than this very day, arrived news from the Lascarr or Army that the King of Gulconda, Deccanies and Sevagee have very lately made a confederacy against the Mogull and are now resolved to beat Delil-okaun out of Deccan, Sevagee having gotten 10,000 horse together to come upon the back of him and was the only politician that deverted the Deccanies and Cuttub Shaw from joyning with Delil Ckaun against him.





( 280 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO RAJAPORE { Dated 15 Feb.  
89, p. 57 } 1677/8  
( EXTRACT )

Wee are not without much reason concern'd at the unhand-  
some usage received from the Rajahs Ministers; they have not  
only deceived us in complying with the agreement made with the  
Rajahs, but our Masters have received great dammage by what  
robbed at Hattanee &ca. places, that wee doe almost dispaire of  
any faire accommodation for them. Wee would have you deale  
plainely with Annagee Pundit and press him home; either let him  
make satisfaction or let him know the factory shall be with-  
drawne; and that you may be ready, wee would have you see  
dispose affaires that upon order you may without faile imbarque  
with what belongs to the Honble. Company

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The distractions up the Gaut, with the unkinde usage given,  
discourages us from giving any order for provission of goods with  
you, soe that you will be only charge without any hopes of ad-  
vantage, therefore wee recommend to you living very frugall, and  
that wee may know what good husbands you are like to prove and  
the certaine charge you are at, by first conveyhance send up a  
months expences of your factory.

Wee would have you continue by all conveyhances to advise  
us the newes of your parts; that you have wrote us differs from  
other information much.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. } CONSULTATION AT { Dated 19 February  
2, p. 24 } BOMBAY { 1677/8

( EXTRACT )

Narransinay understanding from the merchant that freighted  
the *Revenge*, that he intends to send her to the southward, made a  
request to the Deputy Governour &ca. that they would be pleased  
to give their orders to the Captaine to protect six vessells laden  
with salt belonging to Sevagee Rajah and bound to Dabull, if  
Siddy Cossum, the Mogulls Generall against Sevagee, or any of  
his flecte, should meete with them at sea. Which being what wee  
would noe way answeare, to protect the enemys of one Prince  
against the other in the sea, without giving just offence to the one





or the other, which at present wee are in peace withall, the Deputy Governour would not graunt his request in that perticular, but to keepe a faire understanding with Sevagees Ministers and that they may see our readiness to comply with their desires in what may seems reasonable and justifiable, and not involve our selfe[s] in any dispute with either side

It was ordered that Captain Minchin should have instructions to take them in his company, and if at sea they should meete with any of the Mogulls fleete that should offer to seize them, that he should acquaint them that they were vessells that belonged to our Island, and that if they offered to force them away, then to protest against them for all damage that may hereafter be made appeare by their seizure of merchants vessells belonging to the Island, but not to fire a gunn or use any hostile means to protect them against Siddy Cossum or any of his fleete.

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F. R. Bombay	}	BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN MINCHIN	{	Dated 20 February 1677/8
Vol. 8, p. 15				

( EXTRACT )

The *Revenge* friggat being let out on freight and the Merchant having dispatcht his buisnesse these are to enorder you immediately to sett saile and make the best hast you cann to such ports as the freighters hath consigned you to, which being southerly Narran Sinay, a merchant and inhabitant of this Island, having six small vessells laden with salt and now ready to saile, hath requested of us that may saile under our convoy or protection, being fearefull that Siddy Cossum may seize on them as they formerly belonged to Savagee Rajah but of whom he hath bought them, as appeares by his bill of sale herewith delivered you, and now sends them to sea as a merchant of this Island. This his request wee have taken into consideration, and though wee are very willing to oblige him, yet we are bound to have a greater regard that wee doe not disoblige ourselves and cause disputes between princes by acting beyond what may seeme becomeing; but as his vessells and he are desirous that they should saile in your company, as wee are willing to doe him what good wee can, wee think fitt to give you these instructions, that you may know the better how to behave yourselfe if that Siddy Cossum or any part of his armada should make demand or by violence force them, in such





case wee would have you to advise them that they are vessells belonging to a merchant of the Island, and that you being bound to the southward he desired your convoy of them to their intended port, and soe desire them to forbear the least molestation of them, as wee are friends to them, and civilly dispute in their behalves as much as possible; but after that you have used the best arguments you can and they will not be sattisfied therewith, but by violent force take them from your alledging that they are vessells belonging to their enemye and wee are not to protect them, then wee doe order you to make a verball protest against them in the King's name for all damages that may hereafter be made appeare by their seizure of merchants vessells belonging to this Island, but wee doe strictly require you not to fire a gunn, muskett or pistoll, or draw a sword in the defence of aid vessells; and as wee doe but suspect the danger they may fall into and provide you with an answer to them, wee doe require you if you can to convoy them to Dabul so that they may never come in danger or meete any of the Siddys fleete.

## ( 283 )

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 21 February  
107, Ffol. 49 } 1677/78

## ( EXTRACT )

The news current in these parts is that Dilleell Caan the Mogulls Generall against Duccan is come to Nassick Trumback which place Sevagees army plundered not long since, but his army is soe broke by a fight with the Duccany Viziers, that Sevagee values him little who its reported is joyned with the kings of Viziapore, and Bagnagar, and are designed to retake some castles now in the Mogulls possession belonging formerly to Duccan.

This is what wee heare which wee affirme not for a truth but as whats noysed abroad which wee thinke in part incumbant on us to advise. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 16]

## ( 284 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 27 February  
107, p. 71 } 1677/8

## ( EXTRACT )

Wee have received advices lately from Hubely that Sedde Mursude is in possession of Vizapore for the Duccanees. The truth wee cannot certainly affirme for each day produces variety





of news, therefore know not which to beleive. A few days will discover the designs of these potentates, and then doubt not of our informing you more particularly.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
107, p. 60 }

RAJAPORE TO  
SURAT

{ Dated 28 February  
1677/8 }

( EXTRACT )

(S) The halfe parte of the ship and ffreightt belonging to Ranchordas formerly made over to us wee indeavoured to gett in the shipp lyes for sale but with what hopes of a Chapman wee know not, the freight being hoyes is not to be paid till they are sold, they are gone upto Annagee Punditt at Pernall, who suffers none to pass his hands. When wee heare certainly of their saile shall use our utmost to gett in their halfe freight.

Our Buckshis we have formerly advised upon what condicons Annagee Punditt has proffered us wee now humbly beg your Honour &ca. answere.

(P) The ballance of Sevagee Rajahs debt standing on ballance, if your Honour &ca. allow that wee may take betlenutts for it, wee beleive it recoverable, for ready mony will hardly be squesed out of these Hindoos hands, and other commodityes wee shall finde few.

The certaintest information that wee have of this country's transactions is that the Nabob is certainly dead, Dillell Caun returned and the Decans in an army of 50000 horse approached Vizapore, under the Command of Serjee Caun and Sedde Mosute demanding the surrender of it from Jemseere Cawn the Nabob Slave, who then putt them the New Moone before date hereof for delivery. They have likewise sent for Sevagee to be in person at their solem entrance for that as they stiled him to be their head, otherwise to send 8000000 Pagodas towards expences. He is at present beseiging a fort where, by relatron of their owne people come from him, he has suffered more disgrace than ever he did from all power of the Mogull or Decans, and he who hath conquered soe many kingdomes is not able to reduce this woman Desy; soe that from the Nabob[s] death the joyned strength of the Decans and his low ebb of fortune it is gathered that these Country's will now come to a settlement and give a happy begining to a prosperous trade, since Savagee and the Nabob were the hole fomenters of the fore passed troubles.





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Letter Book, Vol. 5 } THE COMPANY TO SURAT { Dated 15 March  
pp. 529, 534 } 1677/8  
(EXTRACT)

Wee note the severall losses sustained by Sevagees army, and the cheat put upon you in the coconutts, the promises he made and the hopes you had of satisfaction, and shall be glad it may prove so, of which wee expect an account. Wee would have you state to us the losses sustained by Sevagee for which he agreed to pay us 10000 Pagodas, and whither composition was for the whole English estate lost at that time or onely for ours; if for the whole, then advise us the particular losses of each person and our own, what you have recovered thereon, and the charges in obtaining it, and what is brought nett into our cash, that wee may give to each person their due proportion.

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In yours of the 30th of March you write that you were alarmed by the neerness of Sevagees army, but in yours of the 7th of Aprill you make no mention of it.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated Swally  
Vol. 89, p. 70 } Marine 18 March  
1677/8  
(EXTRACT)

Your factories of Rajapore, Carwar (where Mr. Lounds is lately dead) and Callicut are at present under a very unsettled condition; the two first by the civill wars of Decan and the troubles of Sevagee, the last by the great abuses put upon your affaires and servants by the Rajahs and Governours under the Samorine, as will at large appeare to you by the letters sent us from thence, which were forwarded to you by your shiping for your more particular satisfaction therein, asureing your Honrs. if some timely and fit care be not taken to asert your interest with those brutish Mallabars it were much better you withdrue your servants in time.

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Orme Mss. Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 28 March  
114, Sect. 7, pp. 17-19 } 1678  
(EXTRACT)

Wee are treating with the Siddys of Danda Rajapore concerning the releasing the families of two of Siddy Samboltees





servants, who denied the restoring [? restoring] of them to the late deputy Governor pretending they were not really Sambolees servants, but Naigues Wherries belonging many years to the Castle and ought to come and live there being in great want of their service; what we shall be able to do herein we cannot foretell; the event shall hereafter be advised your honours &c.

We shall be in great want of wheat for the supply of the garrison and island which we have sent for from Broach and Cambayam but we hear there is none suffered to be transported thence by the Governor.

There is in Surat one Vollup Gungedos who formerly dwelt on this island and is indebted to the Hon. Company for goods bought out of their warehouse to the amount of...rupees. This man we understand is come into trouble, the Governor of Surat having clapt him in irons suspecting him to be a correspondence [sic] of Sevagee Rajah. We desire your honours &c. would endeavor to secure his debt, which you may do in seizing 2 Shibarris laden with beetel nutts which was sent up from hence to him by his brother whom we have comitted to prison here.

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(S) F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 28 March  
Vol. 107, Ffol. 73 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

The Siddy wee heare is come up with his fleet as highas Danda Rajapore and intends to give us the trouble of wintering here againe wee finde by experience notwithstanding our endeavour to prevent him yett he procures order for his admittance, wherefore wee shall not now deny him except wee receive order from your honour and for the contrary, but shall press him to disband the major part of his souldiers for our greater safety.

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(S) F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 31 March  
Vol. 89, Fol. 72 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee have been importunately solicited by Mahmud Beaque the Governor to permit Siddy Cossam with his fletee to winter at the island Bay which wee have by all possible meanes endeavour'd to evede but which wee could not well doe if wee rightly consider our honourable masters interest in these parts.





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(S) F.R.Surat, Vol. 90 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 1 April  
Part I, Fol. 14 } 1678

( SUMMARY )

Desires Bombay to show their guns to a man sent by the Governor of Surat and send by sea what pieces he choses and can be conveniently spared.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, p. 80 } RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 3 April  
1678

( SUMMARY )

The fort of Vizapore is in possession of the Decans taken by a wile stratagem of Sidde Mosute thus. Jemseer Caun, since the death of his master the Nabob found himself incapable of longer holding out, agrees with Sevagee to deliver up to him for 600000 Pags: Sidde Mosute having intelligence of this, faines a sickness, at last death, and causes a handole publicly to be sent away with part of the army to Addone, the residue about 4000 sent to Jemseere, pretending that, since the leader was dead, if he whould entertain them they would serve him. Hee presently accepts their service and receives them into the Fort, who within two dayes seized his person, caused the gates to be opened and received the Siddee in alive. Sevagee upon his march hearing this news, returnes and is expected at Panallah in a short time.

At the time the Fort was taken Sarjee Cawn was gon to Cotobshaw to consult about further proceedure, who upon hearing the news forgave the Decanns a Corore of Pagos: which he had lent them to maintaine the charge of this warr, and that hee should goe against Sevagee either by faire meanes or foule to confine him to Cuncan. Wee humbly beg a favourable sensure on our information, for that wee give the best wee can learne.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 79 } SURAT TO RAJAPORE { Dated 5 April  
1678

( EXTRACT )

If you find the countrey anyways settled (now upon this change of Government) that you can commerce [commence] an investment without running any great hazzard to the Honble. Company's estate or your owne persons, wee would have you buy up what pautkaes and percuillas are procurable, but let the pautkaes





be such as you sent us up 2 yeares since marked R. No.2 : 6½ yards long and 35 in. 36 inches broad, and cost Pagodas 3 : 14½ Juttalls per corge, and the perculas wee desire you [they] may be such as you sent us up at the same time, No. R. cost 67 Rupees 42 pice per corge, of which wee desire you to take particular notice. In case you have not money sufficient by you to goe on with this investment wee doe give you liberty to draw bills of exchange on us or the Deputie Governor and Councill on Bombay for what money you shall have occation for, to which place you may procure bills cheapest and with least charge. If you cannot get bills then you may take up money at interest.

What news may occur in your parts relating to Sevagee or the Deccan Umbraws wee would have you constantly communicate unto us.

(S) Seeing you declare it very difficult to procure ready money from the Rajah Sevagee for his debt to the honourable Company standing out at ballance of your last bookes, wee would have you accept of his proffer of bettlenuts on the best termes you can agree with him.

P. S. Here wee send you a copie of journall p[?] cell taken out of the Rajah bookes the better to informe you of what robbed by Sevagee at Hattanee and Sungom, as well from the honourable Companys as their servants all which wee would have you demand satisfaction for as also what more you may find robbed in these bookes you have by you.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 20 April  
107, Ffol. 81 } 1678

( SUMMARY )

The Mogull takes 4 brass gommions [guns] from Bombay.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 24 April  
89, p. 92 } 1678

( SUMMARY )

Wee well know the baceness of Sevagees Ministers and doe intend to be deceived no longer by their faire promises, for this is certainly true ( and wee would have you take care accordingly to provide ) that if wee see not some effects answerable to a reasonable expectation wee shall by our Europe shiping give orders for





the withdrawing your factory. In our last, whose copie is enclosed, wee consented that you take beetlenutts for what robbed at Huttanee, Songgaum &c., places belonging to the Honble. Company &c. their servants, soe that wee hope you may have done somewhat therein, and wee doe likewise consent to take beetlenutts for our bucksiss; get them as cheap as you can and soe neare as may be let us have Goollee and white nutts, noe Cheekanee, they being dearer with you and cheaper here.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 5 May  
107, pp. 91-92 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

(8) Now to give your honour a relaçon of the honourable Companys affaires here in these parts, wee must acquaint you that wee find our late Subedarr Vissages Comdue [Kondadeva] who was before, came hither turned out of the Suba of Rajapore by the merchants there for his insolency and tyrranny of them take all oocations to affront and abuse us endeavouring when possible to ineroach upon our former priviledges but hath effected nothing yett thanks be to God for the zeale wee have for our honourable masters affaires and safe guard of ourselves here, wee shall not bate him an inch of what wee formerly enjoyed, so long as ability is in us.

The affaires upon the General in Hubely are to our now small grieffe in a distracted condition there than here. The Governor Antue Punditt having a long time together with that Mauhar [? Mahajan] or chiefe merchant in towne abused and affronted us; continually craving money and threatening the imprisoning the Banyan, if would not assist him there with which hee still denying him by our order, the Governor 12 days since sent 20 of his peons and forced open the Companys warehouse being locked and tooke out 25 per cent of Broad cloth and putt them to saile in the Bazzarr though now merchants as yett hath bought it declaring this was because wee would not lett him have 500 pagodas as a tax putt on us as rich [? income tax] which wee never were brought into nor never will if possible that hee sayes was partely to the payment of Sevagees  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of the revenues of Hubely Veliott [Vilāyat], having made peace with him upon those termes and partley towards the payment of a regiment of souldiers maintained for the security of the towne, wee formerly writt him a letter to desire his civillity to the Banyans there but hee slighted it and





gave us now answer, upon that wee have thought fitt being the, best remedy to dispatch Shamdash Banyan (who before putt that rogue in his Government) to Vizzapore without letter and press to Sirjah Caune, Siddy Mussade, Jamsher Caune, Sillim Caune & Ammed Caune the chiefe Viziers of the kingdome with coppie of the late king Ally Eddull shaws Phirmaund and deceased Bulloil Cauns cole laying before them the abuses received by the Governor and desiring satisfaction of what riffled from us and enjoyment of our former priviledges, which will we question not but be effected by their sending a new Governor and strickt orders to others in place round about Hubely where our commerce is. This wee thought fitt with advice of the Banyans to doe, having bin hindered from sale of our Europe goods by the Governor and if continued hinder our investment for Europe.

(P) The newes flying at present is that an army of the Duccanees is sett out of Vizzapore, but under whose command here [sic] not, against Sevagee, who is at R[?P]analah in person. The certaine truth hereof when comes to our eares shall upon receipt be forwarded to you.

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Orme Mes. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 10 May  
Sect. 7, p. 22 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

We do endeavour as much as in us lies the releasement of Siddy Sambolces servants but wee find more difficulty therein then either he or yourselves expects, notwithstanding we shall not be discouraged, but continue to press the Siddy [Cossum] thereunto, who according to your order we have permitted to winter here, tho to our Masters cost, for we intended when all the vessells belonging to the island were come in, to have disbanded some of our soldiers to lessen some of the Hon. Companys charge, but we now rather find a want of more to quell the many disturbances committed by those unruly ungoverned soldiers who omit not dayly to give us trouble and the inhabitants disquiet, imagining themselves in their own dominions when here, but we have and shall teach them a due distinction and regard to the Government which they formerly took little notice of,





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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
89, Fos. 101 & 103 }

SURAT TO  
BOMBAY

{ Dated 24 May  
1678

(SUMMARY)

Writes of the kings fleet wintering at Bombay which they were unwilling to permit but "wee found if wee allowed it not it would prove here of very great prejudice to the honourable Companys affaires."

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The 2 brace gunns sent up the *Revenge* for the Governour weighed 25 mds 11 seers could him for 50 rupees the double md.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }  
107, p. 104 }

FORT ST. GEORGE to  
SURAT

{ Dated 27 May  
1678

( EXTRACT )

Sevagee is long since returned home to his old country where wee here he hath had many encounters with the Moguls forces under Dilleell Ckaune; the country which he hath taken in these parts remains in the quiett possession of his people and a firme peace concluded with his Brother Eccogee to whom some Country is returned, he paying Sevagee 3 lack of pardoes downe in hand.

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F. R. Surat,  
Vol 89, p. 104 }

SURAT TO CARWAR

{ Dated 31 May  
1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee take good notice of the great abuses put upon you both by the Ministers of Sevagee at Carwar, and those of Vizapore at Hubely, which last is an attempt of soe strong a nature in breaking open the Honble. Company's warehouse, takeing out their goods and then offerring them to publike sale in the Bazaar that wee cannot but highly resent, therefore doe enjoyne you speedily to dispose of all the Company's goods remaining both at Hubely and Carwar, and if you cannot turne their proceed into such goods wee in order'd you to provide for the insuing yeare wee would then have you keepe it ready in cash, and with yourselves be fully prepared to receive such further orders by our Europe





shipping as may be concluded most fit and convenient for the better security the Honble. Company's affaires there fore the future. [this in answer to the letter of 5th May]

## ( 301 )

F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 14 June  
107 p. 109 } 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

News at present stirring is that Sirjah Caun, with an army of 25 in 30000 horse, lyes ready in Vizapore to march towards Sevagee soe soone as the raines are over. The Rajah wee here lately departed from Rajapore (after a vissitt given our freinds there) with intentions for Punnalah.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 19 June  
Sect. 7, p. 24 } 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

We wonder you should be advised by the Cozy of Danda Rajapore that the Syddy complained that he was debarred of any former priveledge which he utterly denies to have wrote about to any in Surat.

He has promised to write both to the Governor of Surat and Nsbob Dillel Cawn of the favour and assistance he and his fleet on all occasions receive here.

The strong guard we are forced to keep at Massagon &ca. avenues to the island, for the security of the Moguls fleet and Hon. Company's shipping from the threatened attemp of Sevagee Rajah, who is very ill pleased with us for suffering them to harbour here, of which we are afraid we shall hear further in time, is the reason we cannot, with security, disband any of the soldiers in present pay.

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(S) F. R. Surat } RAJAPORE TO } Dated 20 June  
Vol. 107, Ffol. 111 } SURAT { 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

Surgee Caune hath turned out Sevagees ministers out of Hattanee [Athanee] and Raybagg and settled his owne forces in boath places.





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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 29 June  
Fol. 118 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

(S) By what wee understand in the brokers letters there is little likelyhood of procuring any quantity of goods this yeare or vanding much of our Europe goods, Sevagees forces being robbing and plundering all over these parts in the chiefe townes of noate where our cloth is made, as Moolgund Luckmiseer, Gudduck and soe that dare not as yett give out a fartheing of moneys to that weavours, for feare of it being plundered from them if tymes a loft bee not settled, heart of merchandise and commerce will be quite broke, there remaining but, little elce aloft [or left ?] more when plundering and robbing one from another, every one seeking the fresh oppertunity in these distracted tymes that is strongest to enrich himselfe by impoverishing them of less force, making the old proverb good that (the) weakest must goe to the wall.

(P) Wee heartily wish the forces of that Grand Rebell and great disturber of the felicity of Duccan, which formerly soe fameously flourished in all manner of trade, may retire to their strong holds, or be once totally routed by the Duccan army's which are reported ready in Vizapore, but thinks besotted, for whilst they lie efeminately at house fearefull of wetting their tender Skinns, our Mah Rajah playes his game soe wisly as to destroy, robb, plunder, devastate and ruine the major and best part of their kingdome.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } CARWAR TO } Dated 3 July  
107, Ffol. 119 } SURAT { 1678

( SUMMARY )

The Carwar merchants were asked to dispose of their goods and Hubely stores quickly. They say that the major portion is at Hubly "what remaines below with us cannot seil a pic worth, here being not a merchant in these parts dare be seen to buy anything considerable, if should Sevagee would soons empty his coffers,"





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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. }	FORT ST. GEORGE	{	Dated 8 July 1678
107, Ffol. 124 }	TO SURAT		

( EXTRACT )

The king of Golconda's progress to Metchelepattam and these parts is laid aside for the present and wee hope will not be thought upon againe, it appering hazardous to his estate and to his cheif minister and confident Madana the Braman to leave Gulconda.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }	SURAT TO RAJAPORE	{	Dated 12 July 1678
89, pp. 112-113 }			

( EXTRACT )

Your letter of the 23d of May wee have received and therein take good notice of your applications to Sevagee upon his arrivall at Rajapore, whose answer seemes to be very slender to your demands, as likewise his referring you to Anajee to be but a meere pretence to put you of; therefore, if upon his returne to Kilnah you find no better satisfaction, frankly let them know wee shall not continue you longer in a place where wee find soe little justice and so much unfare dealing; in order to which let no endeavours be wanting to get in as many of your debts standing out as possible before the coming downe of our Europe ships, and what goods you have made provission of to be in that readiness what (*sic* with) yourselves, as you may be able, without loss of time, to observe such orders as wee shall give you further by them.

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F. R. Bombay	{	CONSULTATION IN	{	Dated 19 July
Vol. 2, pp. 25-26 }		BOMBAY		1678

( EXTRACT )

Haveing received certaine information of Sevagee Rajahs preparation and intention to send a strong party of souldiers under the command of Doulut Caun to attempt the burning and destroying the Siddys fleete that is haled on shore at Mazagaon. Which intelligence being confirmed unto us by severall hands, both from Narransinay, who was sent by the Deputy Governour to reside at Chaul to advise of the Rajah's actions and motion, as also by spies Siddy Cossum sent on the same accountt. Which



being taken into consideration, it was not thought [t] consistent with prudence that wee should esteem ourselves soe secure as not to make any further preparations, but more consistent with our honour and security to be vigilant and not suffer those whom wee have taken under our protection to be destroyed. In order whereunto it was thought expedient that all the out guards, being now but weake, should be reinforced with Infantry under the command of Commission Officers.

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That the remaineing part of the garrison be divided into two Companys and to mount the guard every other day.

That the Commanders of the English ships that are haled on shore at Mazagaon be ordered to gett all their gunns placed with cannon basketts where they may best secure the fleete and annoy the enemy if they attempt to land at that place, and that Siddy Cossum be ordered to hale of his vessells that are on shore as soone as possible.

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F. R. Bombay	{ BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN S.	{ Dated 20 July
Vol. 8, p. 26	{ ADERTON	{ 1678

( EXTRACT )

Having certain intelligence of Sevagee Rajahs preparation and designe to land a strong party of souldiers on our Island, with a resolution to burne and destroy the Mogulls fleete that is haul'd on shore att Mazagon; to prevent a designe of soe bad consequence as that would be, wee have, on consideration thereof, thought it absolutely necessary to strengthen our out guards, and to that intent wee doe heereby enorder you to march to Mazagon with eight files of the garrison souldiers, which you are to joine with those allready there; and wee recommend to you to keepe a strict watch in the severall places appointed, and if you have notice of any boates coming from the adjacent places you are to observe their motion and by force of arms to keep them from landing men in any place that they shall attempt either on this side Mazagon or between Mazagon and Monchumbo; soe being well satisfied of our good conduct, if so happen that you engage, wee shall not inlarge but will strengthen you with our advices as occasion requires. [ Note:—Similar letters of the same date were sent to Capt. Richard Keigwin, Ensign Daniel Hughes and Lieutenant Francis Thorpe ( *Ibid.*, pp. 26-27) ]





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F. R. Surat, Vol. { BOMBAY TO THE COMPANY { Dated 23 July  
107, pp. 112-113 } 1678

(EXTRACT)

Wee have been for severall days hottly allarummed that Sevagee Rajah had certaine intention to attempt the burning the Siddys Fleete at Mazagon, knowing it to be the only obstacle to his taking the Fort of Danda Rajapore, to which purpose he some months since sent for Doulat Caun and Deria Sarung both Generalls of his Fleete at sea, and after having praised them their good services, and given them severall Tushereiffs, propounded the execution of it to them, who out of honour could not deny soe generous a Masters desires, therefore willingly accepted the enterprize thereof, and with 4000 men (amongst which its reported are severall Laskarrs to ferry them over the passages) tooke their leaves of the Rajah and are come downe to Panoell [Panwell], a towne opposite against the place, where it is reported they are contriving their passage hither. Which way it will be wee cannot imagine without they force it through some part of Salsett, for they have not boats enough in all these parts to bring them over. The news being confirmed unto us by severall hands both from Narran Sunay our Linguist whom wee sent to reside at Choule, as likewise by the spies the Siddy sent to pry into the Rajahs actions and motion.

Wee thought it not consistent with prudence to be over secure when soe vigilant an enemy is at our doores, nor suffer him to destory those whom wee have taken into our protection, and therefore enordered the severall ships gunns to be placed with canon basketts where they might best secure the fleete and annoy the enemy, and in regard the avenues to the Island were but weakly guarded a reinforcement of Infantry under the command of Commission Officers were enordered up to the severall passes, and the troope under the command of Captain Kegwin marched up to Mahim, wh[er]e he hath orders to rendezvous and send scouts daily to Sion and Mochumbo to desery the approach of the enemy and bring him word that he may move to impeede their landing; and that all things may concur to a generall resistance of the subtle attempts of the Rajah two Manchuas with gunns in their prows and souldiers with them were enordered to cruse betwixt Mahim and Mazagon, and the two companies daily to mount the guard at the Fort, soe that now wee esteeme ourselves in good defensive posture and expect the approach of our enemy, not





doubting but by the Almightyes assistance to repell their attempts if they should be soe hardy to venture on us, which wee beleive will cause them to take second considerations. This impending storme that seemes to threaten us proceeding not out of any disgust that **Sevajee Rajah** hath taken against any of our proceedings nor the nation in generall but against the **Siddy**, who this yeare hath much provoked him by makeing slaves of the people and Braminys he tooke in his incursions into his territorys, wee thought good to send the Coffery word that he haule his fleete off and ride in the Bay, which would certainly divert the designes of the Rajah and be a security to the Siddy and the King's they are not able to deal with him at sea. He seemed readily to embrace the proposition, but declared his inability, the Lascars refusing to worke for want of pay and he had noe mony to sattisfie them, wherefore made his request unto us that wee would supply him on the Honble. Company's accountt in this exigency, which wee considering of, having monys sufficient in our treasury, have lent him 2000 Rupees to be repaid you in Surat by the Governor, to which purpose enclosed wee send his receipt and herewith goes a letter wherein he hath wrott effectually in the behalfe of our nation which wee hope on occation may stand you in some steade. Hee is now resolved to floate the fleete, which wee hope may prevent our coming to blowes with Sevagys army, which would certainly cause a breach of peace, and then this Island would be in a miserable condition for want of all sorts of provissions.

Thus you see what wee formerly conjectured is come to pass, and what troubles and charges wee are like to be brought in for assisting and harbouring this fleete, which does the King neither service nor honour. These things duly represented to the Govern[or] of Surat or Grandees by men that are able to discourse it without feare and pussillanimity (and not Banians, who to our shame dare not owne his Majestie of England to be a King, but when they discourse of him call him **Simindar** [Jamindar], which in effect is no more than a Desy, as Henry Oxinden hath often h[e]ard) wee doubt not but would prevaile with him to order their fleete yearely to Surat, and not involve the nation in a warr to protect a parcell of theives, for the Siddy is no better. And this wee leave to your performance, which, if not effected, be assured soner or later wee shall finde the dire effects of warr and famine.

[Note. A portion of this extract is given by Orme, *Orme Mss.* Vol. 114]





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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 23 July  
Sect. 7, pp. 29-30 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

In our several former missives, we forgot to acquaint you that the Emom of Muskatt wrote a letter to the Deputy Governor, intimating his intentions to send a fleet against the Portugeeze this year, desiring therein to know in such case whether they might not repair hither for water, wood, &c. provisions as they had occasion for, during their stay off[f] this coast.

Since writing the preceeding, we are given to understand that Doulat Cawn, with the army under his command, is marched to Cullean Bundy, from whence he wrote to the captain General Don Manoell Lobo, demanding passage through the Portugal territories, but he not only denied, but had enordered the several passes at Tannah &c. to be manned to impede, so that we cannot imagine which way he will come to us; nevertheless, we stand on our guard, expecting the event; here inclosed, we send you copy of the Emom of Muskatts letter.

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Orme Mss. Vol. } BOMBAY TO MR. CHARLES { Dated 24  
114, Sect. 7 } WARD & CAPT. { July 1678  
p. 31 } KEIGWIN

( EXTRACT )

This morning I received advice from [sic] by a Banian, that came from Tannah, that Sevagees forces are quartered in the several places near Cullean and Culwah, which has so alarmed the Portugeese, that the Captain General of Basseen is come to Tannah with a considerable number of soldiers, therefore would have you not to imagine yourselves oversecure, but to look out sharp and keep good guards, for we may reasonably expect Sevagee will make a further progress, and endeavour to land on our island to destroy the Siddys fleet. I have further advice that the Portugeese have denied them passage through their country, which is the occasion of the Captain General preparation and has so incensed the enemy, that I hear they have burnt and destroyd 2 or 3 of the Portugeeze Aldeas.





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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 90, Fol. 24	{	MAZAGON, STEPHEN ADDERTON (CAPTAIN OF THE BOMBAY FORCES) TO BOMBAY	{	Dated 24 July 1678

( EXTRACT )

I am very glad to heare the Portuguese has dealt with Daulat Caun, soe as its reported, which if they do hold it will be a great means to prevent Doulat Caun's desire.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 90, Fol. 29	{	WILLIAM MINCHIN FROM MAZAGON TO BOMBAY	{	Dated 25 July 1678

( EXTRACT )

According to your order sent yesterday to Captain Adderton and my selfe wee went to the Siddy and ordered him in his Magesties name of great Brittain to pay his Lascars with the 200[0] rupees which your worship lent him and likewise to haule his ships out which he did promise and hauled them out a little way and so left of under pretence of paying his men, and promised to haule them of this morning, but seeing this morning that he made no preparation for it, sent to him to know the reason of itt and he sent word that he had no men and that all his Lascars were gone to Bombay, but the reason that the Lascars left him was that he would give them no more then 2 rupees a peece which was not according to his promise so that as he lyeth now ten times then before, for most of them by Captain Hilder and if any enemy cometh there is no possibilitie of saving any of us, having not any thing elce to acquaint your worshipp at present, only for as much as I can perceive the Siddy minds nothing but his Dancing weomen whom he hath continually dancing before him.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7 p. 31	{	BOMBAY TO CAPT. NORGRAVE OF THE <i>Hunter</i> FRIGATE	{	Dated 27 July 1678

( EXTRACT )

If you see any boats with armed men or men swimming over thereabouts or in any other place in the river.

Engage with them.

Keep them from landing on any part of our Island.





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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 July  
Sect. 7, p. 33 } 1678

Siddy Sambolees people, according to your Honour &c. injunctions have leave to repair to Bombay and settle themselves where they find most convenient.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } BOMBAY TO { Dated 29 July  
107, Ffol. 116 } SURAT { 1678

The Siddy hath launched his whole fleete which he hath brought downe to Bombay and now ride under our fort, himsele after much persuanious going on board. This wee hope will divert Dowlut Cauns designes who with his army hovers still about the adjacent parts, he cannot well have any plea to come over now, except Sivagee Rajah is intended to make warr with us because wee harbour his enemys which wee believe will cause him to take up such resolves in the future.

P. S. The Bargaine of beetlenutts and coconuts which Mr. John Petit and Vollupmetta bought of the Subedarr of Chauli is like to imbroyle all the merchants of this island, for he declares hee wants yett of his principall to be paid him 12000 rupees and that he hath two of Mr. Petits letters to show that the said contract was made with him not with Vollapmetta whom he sent thither but as his servant and therefore demands satisfaction of the present Deputy Governor not making any difference betweene perticular person and the Company which have been civilly answered, but he now declares he will be put off no longer, but will seize on any persons or effects he shall meete with belonging to any of this island having lately endeavoured to secure our broker Girderdass who being at Cullian Bainty he sent 50 men to seize him but he got to Tanna and so escaped. W[h]at to doe in this exigencie wee know not but thinke it no reason that unconcerned should sufferr for the faults of others, this will cause trade to cease much on this island for Chaule is a port that is very necessary unto us for all things. Pray enorder Vollop-metta to send downe his account with the Subedarr that wee may know how to answer him.....Let not him come himself, for the Soubidar will demand the debt the more eagerly then, or else will desire his person. [ Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7, pp. 33-34 ]





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F. R. Surat, Vol.  
89, p. 114-115} SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 5 August  
1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee are sorry to find you so unexpectedly allarummed by Sevagees designed bold attempt upon the Siddys fleete at Maza-gon, which wee hope by the timely notice both you and hee hath had to put yourselves into soe prudent and good a posture to receive him, may divert the storme. But if it should unhappily prove otherwise, wee shall not doubt but by your conduct and courage to find him, repell'd with loss and shame, highly approving your handsome care and vigilancie in disposing your men and ships for their more effectuall service both by land and sea, and which wee doe recommend to your constant observation, since the subtle and sudden motions of this bold Rajah will require a sutable care of his designs.

Wee shall remaine under great anxiety untill wee here from you the success of this strange affaire, therefore pray be mindfull of us in nimble and full advices, hartely wishing our Europe ships may import with you soe early as to prove a seasonable addition of strength and assistance to the Island at this juncture.

[In the next para they say] (S)...have been contriving how to procure an order from court which this overture of eminent danger from Sevagy wee have may facilitate us in and therefore shall not faile to improve it to the most effectual advantage wee are capable.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89  
pp. 116-117} SURAT TO CARWAR { Dated 13 August  
1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee are extreame sorry to find the ill posture Decan still remaines in, and without any likelyhood of amendment; therefore doe reiterate our former orders, that you doe use your utmost endeavours speedely to get in all your debts and to dispose of all such goods as you have up in the country, and invest the produce as formerly in order'd you; but if by the present troubles you cannot effect it, faile not with all possible care and dilligence to convey the money downe to Carwar, as likewise the goods themselves if you find you cannot fitly and speedely dispose of them for wee are quite discouraged from allowing you to send up any





more to Hubely, or trusting what is there already, from the great abuses the Honble. Companys servants have and are likely still further to receive from that lewd Governor; therefore faile not to comply punctually herein, concluding it better to sit still for some time and waite what it may produce for a more secure encouragement of a settlement of that factory.

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F.R. Surat, Vol. 89 } SURAT TO RAJAPORE { Dated 13 August  
p. 118 } 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

Wee should be glad to heare that Mr. Robinson's journey up the Gaute prove successfull, though wee cannot see how well to expect it, seeing our friends att Carwar ( who are under the same Government ) give us noe encouragement to expect a peace of goods from them this yeare, declaring the countrys about Hubely, &c. to be still under the tyranicall oppressions of Sevagees Officers, and in as great confusion as ever; and therefore, untill you are certaine of making any considerable investment and shall be in want of money for the management thereof, wee doe againe forbid your drawing any more bills on us.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 16 Aug.  
Sect. 7, p. 34 } 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

We received your Honrs. &c. of the 5 instant just now, to which we should more amply reply, but that we are in haste to give you the news of the arrival of the President, Captain Jonathan Hyde, who imported at the sametime; he came from Johannah in company of the Samson and Unicorn, but parting company at sea, he has not seen them since.

We hear that Sevagees forces that was intended against this place, is marched towards Surat.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. } HUBLEY TO SURAT { Dated 19 August  
107, Ffol. 138 } 1678

## ( EXTRACT )

Jemsheer Caune is now on the road to Bancapore with 3000 horse daily taking more as he comes intending to fight Sevagee.





Selim Caan the owner of the towne is expected in Hubely with 200 horse in ten days, as yett cannot tell who will winn the country, though the Duccanees at present being seated in Vizapore. Sevagee having 1500 horse in these parts is reported hath as many more coming soe soon as the Dually is over they intend to fight, who will carry the day God knowes.

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F. R. Surat,  
Vol. 107. p. 135

} CARWAR TO SURAT

{ Dated 24 August  
1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee should not have bin silent thus long had not [we] waited to heare from Shamdas at Vizapore how that affaïre under his mannagement went, being desirous of giving you a full accountt of all affaires and transactions both aloft and alow at once, that may not put the Honble. Company to extraordinary charge of Cossetts; therefore as to what is come to our knowledge since our last wee shall now proceed to give you an accountt off.

Wee thank God wee are very quiett here, liveing at amity with Sevagees Ministers since our last renewing off friendship with the Subedarr, not in the least molested by them in [any] of our proceedings, or having our bowells tourne out by them like vultures for mony as formerly. Wee were once friendly solicitated by our Carwarr Governor to lend him 3 in 400 Pagodas, but gave him a friendly and faire denyall as becomes merchants, laying before him the unsettledness of the times, that wee neither bought or sould any goods considerable, and only lived upon the maine stock to keepe up the Honble. Companys and nations credit in expectation of better times, with which hee was satisfied and have heard noe more from him since in that point.

To our noe small greife wee can give your Honr. but little good news of affaires upon the Gaute. The Governor still continues his insolencys towards us; hee hath returned the 25. peeces of broad cloath againe which he formerly tooke out of the ware-house, but in lue thereof hath forced 775 Pagodas from the Shroff and Broker, 510 at one time and 265 at another time, with these words, that what he soe tooke hee was constrained thereto to supply Sevagees Subedar, who would elce have burnt and ransaked the towne, but promised faithfully to returne it againe in





6 months time, which wee much doubt and feare, for by Shamdas letter from Vizapore, copie whereof one of the 10th July received the 22th inst., the other the 20th July received 20th instant, the latter is what signifies anything; howsoever that your Honr. &ca. knowes the true and full accountt of that affaيرة have sent both for your perusall, wherein to our trouble, though what was acted in that perticular was intended for the best, you will finde wee have little hopes of redress from thence, occasioned by the unsettledness of Government in those partes and the dissentions and imbred broyles betwixt one and the other in place; the King being in his Nonage there is no head of Government, but one thinkes himselfe as good and great as the other, which wee feare will be the cause of their ruine. Your Honr. &ca. in Shamdas letter will read what [are] his opinions, which truly doth concur with ours that to give you the best of our weake judgments, unless make seizure of the deceased Nabobs Bullool Caun's two shippes lying at Bassalare, ordering our people at Hubely to make sale of what goods there remaining, which is not much, and retire to Darwara [Dharwada] Castle of the Kings and mart towne, where wee are proffered by the 4 Nuckphery [?Nāikwāris] thereof, the Kings Phirmaund and two yeares custome free to build a warehouse to reside in, or elce call them downe to us here till such times as they at Vizapore shall here of what wee have done, when without question they will send their phyrmaunds and begg of us to accept of restitution. But this weighty affaيرة wee leave to the consideration of your Honr. &ca. serene and wise judgment. Your Honr. &ca. alsoe may be pleased in both Shamdas letters to take particular notice of what hee writes concerning the meane, base and disgracefull actions of our infatuated (wee think may stile them) freinds at Rajapore, in their shamefull puting the Company's broad cloath to sale in the Buzarr at Vizapore at soe poore and vile a rate of 3 Rupees per yard, wee selling for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per yard in Hubely, which is but the lesser halfe way to Vizapore; when their way charges is deducted it will produce as wee well understand not more than 2 in  $2\frac{1}{4}$  Rupees cleare the yard, which is a price the Company's orange colloured broad cloth nor any inferior sort was yett undersould for in these parts. If your Honr. &ca. pleased to examine this perticular strictly [it] will be well for the Company, otherwise you may recall either them or us, elce must be forced to shut up shop; but if in sale of their goods they are found to be [more] profitable servants than us, wee humbly submitt.





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Orma Mrs. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 24 August  
Sect. 7, p. 37 } 1678  
( EXTRACT )

Sevagees army under the command of Doulat Cawn, finding it not so facile to perform their designed attempts on the Siddy as they had in their imaginations concluded, the Portugeese taking the alarm guarded the rivers of Tannah &c., with near 40 armed Manchuas and we having resolved to resist them both by land and sea, desisted from their design and are returned to their quarters, since which we are given to understand that the Rajah has cashired Doulat Cawn his service and severely punished the Soubidar of Buindy, who facilitated the design to him and now he is resolved to come in person against Danda Rajapore and after a furious battery with the cannon, which is placed advantageously on a hill, which shoots point blank into the fort, to storm it on all sides; the event of these resolutions we must attend, but we think he has taken right measures to gain the place.

Inclosed goes translates of Mr. Pettitt's letters to the Soubidars of Choul, and of his to the Deputy Governor, and Vollup Mettos account which the envoys of the said Soubidar having delivered unto us demanding satisfaction, and are at present here insisting thereon, something must be done towards a payment by somebody or other or else you will find by his letters either the Hon. Company or the disinterested will suffer for it, for our factories and effects are already threatned. This will require your Honrs. &c. serious consideration and order to us how to govern ourselves in this affair. [This letter is dated 27 Aug. in (S). F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, Fol. 128]

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F. R. Surat Vol. } HATTANEE TO SURAT { Dated 31 August  
107, p. 144 } 1678  
( EXTRACT )

The news of these parts cannot with any certainty be wrote, but what I can gather to be most true is that within a month or two the Decans will downe upon Sevagee ; Serja Caun and Sidde Masutes Sonn have both pitched their tents that way and the only thing that impedes their proceedure is their difference about the Seere Suba which both of them pretend to, which agreed on, theire army will consist of about 15000 horse besides foot,





and Jemsaer Caan on Carnatuck side with 10 or 12,000 horse besides foote, likewise that the Mogull is powerfully coming to their assistance; what the upshot will be by Duallie wee shall know.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 7 September  
89, pp. 125-26 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

Wee are very glad to find you so well freed from the danger of Sevagee, and hope wee shall be able from hence to remove the Siddy's fleet from wintering with you any more to prevent the like trouble.

(S) Wee have perused the papers and accounts you sent us of the Subedar of Choule and are very sorry to find the danger and dishonour like to proceede from that unhappy affaire to the hon'ble Companys Estate and factories in Sevagees country if not timely and prudently composed therefore sent for Vollup Metta and compared his and the Subedarrs accounts together wherein appeares severall differences which he does assure us if wee would permit him to goe to Bombay he could easily rectify and give a finall and satisfactory conclusion to the dispute depending betwixt Mr. Petite the Subedar and himselfe and which wee ourselves apprehend to be the best course, but you having cautioned us befor not to let him goe downe wee have deferred to give him leave untill wee here further from you which let be with speed.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 10 September  
107, pp. 139-140 } 1678

( EXTRACT )

These are at the importunate treaties of a parcell of unfortunate Mores and Bauians who coming in a vessell from Aden belonging to Veravull Patan, a port in the Mogulls dominions on the other side Dio, and being bound to this port to sell Mugeet and other goods, most unhappily rann aground on the sunken rocke within this Bay, where their vessell immediately bilged, the men being fortunately taken up by the *Hunter's* boate in which they saved