



present destitute of any shipp or vessell to countenance it or on occasion to defend it from attempts, wee resolve to send downe the *Little Charles* to ride there till the present danger is over, she being intended by the Honble. Company for the service of that port, where she may be repaired as s[?]heap or cheaper then here, carrying materialls downe in her, and by her shall allso be sent downe the powder and other provisions intended for Bombay ; and wee are the rather prompted to this conclusion in regard that **Sevagy hath already enorderd some of his vessells to ride in Bombay roads, and the Mallabarrs are allso very insolent and so bould that they have taken severall fisher boates from the stakes.**

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F. R. Surat	{	CONSULTATION ON SWALLY	{	Dated 29 Nov.
Vol. 3, p. 113		MARINE		1670

The certaine newse of Sevagys great preparations so well by sea as land, (as tis credibly reported) to assault and surprise the city of Surratt the second time hath occasion'd this our meeting to consider a meanes for the security of the Honble. Companies estate now in Swally hole and on the Marine, which is so great that our greatest industry as well as persons must be employed for it's safeguard. And to that purpose, as allso for the upholding the credit and reputation of our nation, wee conclude that, being invited thereto by the French and Dutch, who are alike concerned for their respective intrests, wee doe send a ship to the Barrs Foot to guard the entrance into the hole...Order'd likewise that for the defence of the Marine from any attempts by land, there be another breast work made on the north side of the Choultreys.

Ditto Die. Upon advice from Mr. Streynsham Master that Sevagy was reported to have advanced very neare Surratt with a puissant army, and also that he had putt on board the hoigh the Honble. Companies treasure that was a coyning, the Councill resolved to send up Henry Oxinden with a guard of Englishmen to bring it downe to the Marine by land, in regard the hoigh is to remaine at Surratt for the greater security of the Englishmens persons that are there, in case they are forced to a retreat.

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F. R. Surat,	{	SURAT TO SWALLY	{	Dated 29
Vol. 105, p. 81		MARINE		Nov. 1670

Here is certaine intelligence come by owne [one] of Futtu Ckauns men that **Sevagees army is approaching ; he says they**



were coming from Pent and by this time tis beleived they are at Chickly and tomorrow may be here; wherefore, I have putt and am a putting up the Company's treasure, and intend this after-noon to send it on board the hoigh, from whence you may please to send a guard and coaches to carry it away early tomorrow morning. The hoigh rides at the Custome House with all the treasure and copper in her which she brought up last, and the water is not high enough to carry her up to Runeale, wherefore you may please to take such order therein as you shall deem best.

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F. Records Surat Vol. 105, p. 81 (2d set)	} STREYNHAM MASTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF SURAT AT SWALLY MARINE	{ Dated 30 Nov. 1670
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I have both your letters of yesterday before me to reply to, one by the returne of a peon, the other by Mr. Henry Oxinden received this morning. After receeipt [*sic*] of that by the peon yesterday evening I went to the Dutch Commandore and acquainted him with what you ordered about the keeping Sevagees fleete out and denying them enterance into Swally Hole; whereto he then replyed that he would consider of it and send me a finall answere this morning and the reason why I have not sooner wrott you this day is because I stayed for this answere, which he sent by Signr. Peeke, that he had but one shipp in the road, which is still full laden as she came from Batavia; wherefore he hath deemed it not convenient for her to goe out of the Hole, but within the Hole he would doe as much to annoy the enemy, if he should enter in, as one shipp could doe and doth dayly expect a shipp from Vingurla and another from Bussora, which, when they arrive, shall be imployed as shall be found agreeable to the good of the 3 nations; for he doth in all things consent to the league and confideracy as tending to the common good and preservation of all interests in these perilous times. I learne by Signr. Peeke that they are not yett resolved whether they shall defend their house or leave it; wherein I perceive they incline to observe to doe as wee doe. I have sent downe the Presidents two screwed gunns and one pistoll and the Turkes of arrows by Mr. Oxinden; the 3 bowes were all wanting strings, which I have sent to be fitted therewith, and shall follow; and have also sent out to looke for more bows and arrows. I have taken 15 peons to serve in the house on this occasion and have



sent for 10 Lascarrs to manage our small ordinance, which our souldiers understand not, and soe will be unserviceable if we have not men to ploy them.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 105, p. 92 (2d set)	} BOMBAY TO SURAT {	Dated 6 Decem- ber 1670
(EXTRACT)		

Wee thanke your honours &c., for your jealous care of us in fearing that generall enemy to trade, Sevagee, attempt anything against this island, for whose coming, though wee carefully provided for the same reasons that your honours &c., conclude might deterr him from an attempt, induced us to believe that his fleet was bound to some other place which might be easier carryed and more profit to him, for here he could expect little lesse then a passage of his men into another world. The continued absence of his fleet, which, notwithstanding he enordered to returne, are not yett come back, give us a just cause to feare that the Generall's advice of his intentions to Surat is too true, but if soe, wee doubt not but he will finde your honours, &c., in a readiness for his entertainment. Wee having by express advised your honours, &c., of his intentions, to simpatize with your honours, &c., frugality, wee have increased our rolls to 300 men, but have made up our said number by the including our staff officers.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 3, p. 117	} CONSULTATION ON SWALLY {	12 December 1670

The second rumour of Sevagys returning againe to Surratt caused the Tanksall or Mint to stopp and putt the towne of Surratt into so great a distraction that the Sharoffe who bought the last parcell of gould brought it us back againe, so the bargaine made with him for it was null.

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Factory Records Surat. Vol. 105, p. 96	} BOMBAY TO SURAT {	Dated 17 December 1670
(EXTRACT)		

Wee heare not what is become of Sevagee or Oramzeeb who thus letts him run on one [sic, ? in] his roguery, soe would willingly heare something from you ; neither can wee heare what is become of his fleet, but the Portugall armada mett with 12 of his vessells and tooke them, haveing left them at Basseen, and is gone in persuite of the rest. Sevagees fleets passing Deman tooke

a great shipp of that place, built in that port and bound for Surat, being there sold for 12000 Rups. This caused the quarrell... Since writing the above wee have certaine intelligence that the remaining part of Sevages fleete is returned to Debull [Dabhol].

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Factory Records } Surat } Vol. 105, p. 90 }	STREYNHAM MASTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF SURAT AT SWALLY MARINE	{ Dated Surat 19 Dacember 1670
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(EXTRACT)

The news of the towne is that Sevagee hath passed by Brampore upon Rajah Jeswunsings forbiding him to come there, for which said Rajah hath received two or 3 lack of Rups. out of the kings treasure there; and Sevagee marched to Corringa [Karanja], a rich towne farther in the country, which he hath very severely plundered and carried away all the men of note in it, but one of the most eminent men of all, who escaped in womans apparrell. From the other townes and villages in the country thereabouts and neer Nundrabaud [Nandurbar] he hath taken writings that they will pay [him] quarter part of the revenues [Chauth] thereof. [Original Correspondence Vol. 31 No. 3525]

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F. R. Surat } Vol. 105, p. 150 }	JOHN TROTTER, GUNNER AT THE MUGHAL COURT, TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF SURAT	{ Dated Oranga- baud 20 Decem- ber 1670
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(EXTRACT)

Intelligence of affaires here are uncertaine, and indeed such is the Government of these countrys as omitts noe privy Concell, whereby noe certainty is knowne to any except king, prince and Sevagee; but as to appearance and apprehension of the best off the princes and Umbraws here, that the king is certainly determined to put this prince upon the throwne, having indeed noe other capable of government. Upon our princes marching against Dillile Ckaune, wee arrived neere Brampore. Our prince gave order for a months pay to be paid to his whole Lascar. The same day arrived a Perusance [sic] from the King to returne back for Orangabaud. Our prince in present obedience to his fathers order gave noe small content to his father, the king being in noe small feare of the princes coming being unprovided with a lascar to encounter ours, and certaine it is, if the prince had marched forward, he had before this bin king of Hendustan.



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Sir, in short, the buisness and concurrence betwixt king and prince, as thus is the king is determined the prince shall succeed, the prince being impatient, yet loath publikely to rebell against his father, hath, as it appears, continued the warr with Sevagee to draw downe the greater force into Deccan, whereby the younger brother will not be capable to withstand him. The Consamon sent downe by the king to examine how affaires stood betwixt the prince and Sevagee (about 6 months past), as also severall false reports raised upon the prince, he plays Jack on both sides, and told the prince Deele Ckaun was his enemy, and went to Deleele Okaun and told him the prince would seize on him if he came to Orangabaud, which caused the difference betwene the prince and Deleele Ckaune. The king after the Consamons arrivall to Agra, finding by the princes letters and Deleele Ckaunes letters the great treachery of the aforesaid Consamon, determined to cut his head off, but the great Beaggume begged his life, soe the king hath sent him to Cabull for doggs. Further, as to the relation of Sevagees last robbery in these parts here, about some 10 days past here arrived an English merchant, one Benjamin Little, who being robbed 26 months past of a considerable and great quantity of goods of Mr. Cholimbys and his owne by one of the kings Umbraws, and by my assistance gott order to have the losses repaired upon the Umbraws Jagers who robbed them, being the country of Barrar, where Savage came within a days journey of the fore mentioned Mr. Little and robbed the cheife townes of that country, the cheife towne being Corengec, where he carried away 4000 oxen and asses laden with fine cloth and silver and gold to the valew of a crow [crore] of money, and from severall other townes vast and great summs of money. Most of all the townes he robbed was our princes jagers. Mahal[?b]et Okaune is here expected in 20 days, and it is supposed that in small time after his arrivall all things will shew it selfe true or false and then I shall not faile to give you the full account of Accurrences here.

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Factory Records	} STREYNHAM MASTER AT SURAT	{ Dated 3		
Surat			} TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL	{ January
Vol. 105, p. 100				

(EXTRACT)

The news of greatest talke in towne and Court now is whether the 3 Christian nations made a league with Sevagee when he was here, and which of them did, which the Court is very



inquisitive after, and the King hath wrote the Governor to know the truth of the report.

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O. Correspondence, } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { D. S. M. 9 Janu-
Vol. 31. No. 3538 } ary 1670/1

(EXTRACT)

The fortification [of Bombay] goes on in an hopefull manner; when it is finished wee doubt not to become more considerable to our neighbours then wee are at present. In the interim wee have not thought it convenient to undertake those other workes of dockes, cranes, wharfes, &c., nor lining out the grounds for the citty, nor draining the overflowen lands, for they are workes of time and charge and not of such absolute necessity at presnt as the fortification is for our neighbours on the Maine, the Mogull and Sevagy being in arms; and the latter having a great army near us, reason perswades us to stand upon our guard and to hasten the fortification what wee can possible, that it may be as well a security to our owne people as allso to such strangers who, flying the dangers of warr on the Maine, may come and shrowd themselves with us.

(D) Bimgee Parrack makes his humble request to you that you would please to send out an able Printer to Bombay, for that he hath a curiosity and earnest Inclynation to have some of the Ancient Braminy Writings in Print and for the said Printer's encouragement he is willing to allow him £50 sterling a year for three years, and allso to be at the charges of tooles and Instruments necessary for him, and in case that will not be sufficient he humbly refers it to your Prudence to agree with the sayd Printer according as you shall see good, and promises to allow what you shall enorder, 'tis not improbable that this curiosity of his may tend to a common good, and by the industry of some searching spirrits produce discoverys out of those or other ancient manuscripts of these partes which may be usefull or at least gratefull to posterity, wee recommend his request to you and intreat your pardon for his and our boldness therein.

This is the needful account of your affairs in Surat to the 7th of this month when your servant Gerald Aungier was in a readiness to embark himselfe with the assistance of some of his Councell for the Island Bombay, the shipps being all laden but the Governour and Shawbunder of the Towne having notice of his intention sent a message to him by the cheife Broker that if he valued the honour of the nation or the Company's interest he



would desist from his voyage at present, for that the King would take it very ill should he forsake the Port in this conjuncture and proably recall all our priviledges, besides that some enemies of ours and particularly the Vocknovise (to whome we gave noe Present last yeare by reason of severall abuses he had offered us) had informed the King that Wee had made a League with Sevagy and assisted him in burning the Towne which false suggestion would be beleevd at Court if the President went to Bombay; Sevagy's Country being so neare it, and 'twas to be feared the King would very much resent it, wherefore they advised that he would neither goe or speake of going downe at present, for that it might prove of great prejudice to us, other arguments they used touching the distrubance and obstruction which our business would suffer in his absance, in consideration whereof it is the Councells advise that wee ought not to give any occasion of jealousy to this King by the Presidents departure, wherefore his journey is suspended at present and the shippes ordered to be dispeeded for Bombay from whence we have desired the Deputy Governor and Councell to give you full relation of your concernes there as well to the trade as Fortification &c., ordering them to dispeed the shippes in 48 hours at furthest.

Here is also come newse of Sevagy's army forraging within forty miles of Surat, the Towne is againe in great feare, but wee trust in God to preserve your Estate safe from danger, to his good Providance wee commend your three shippes now sent you, wishing them a safe and seasonable arrivall and prosperity to your generall trade,...

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O. Correspondence	}	BOMBAY TO THE	{	Dated 14 January
Vol. 31, No. 3542		COMPANY		1670-1
(EXTRACT)				

Our last was by the *Berkley Castle*, coppie of which we now send, wherein we promised at the arrivall of the President and Councell to give your honours, ettas., a fuller account of the affaires of this islande, but it hath unfortunately happed that, by the troubles lately made att Surratt by Sevagee, the President, etta., hath been forced to alter theire intentions, and we likewise have had soe sickly an islande that we cannot possibly comply with what promised.

(D) Here inclosed goes a copie of our last muster role whereby your Honrs: etc. will see how weake the Garison is manned



with English, and as for the others though wee doe not doubt but they would prove stout y^enough, against an Indian enemye, yett we should be loth to trust them against Europeans, and when the Fort is fitted we cannot well be without 250 or 300 English, the place beinge more sickly then our European Countrys are, we hope by next ships to have a good supply of men.....

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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 28 January
Vol. 31, No. 3547 } 1670-1

(EXTRACT)

Trade continues still under a great obstruction and the towne Surat trembles at the name of Sevagee whose flying armya passe undisturbed through the heart of Decan (where he hath made a miserable ruine), and gives often allarums to Surat, which forceth us all to keep in a defensive posture, and puts you to the necessity of an uncomfortable charge for securing your great estate, for all your last and this years currall, quicksilver, alloin, perpetuances remaine unsold; also the greatest part of your cloth and rashes are at Swally Maryne, the merchant not daring to adventure it up to Surat, and we also not daring to trust him too much at a time; but the King's General, called Mohobett Ckaan, is come downe with a great army so far as Brampore, advancing towards Sevagy, whome we hope he will keep employed in defence of his own countrys or force him to a submission, that so your laudable traffique may againe run its course with the same life as formerly, whose prosperous successes in these and all other parts we commend to Gods good providence. [Similar complaints are made against Shivaji in O. C. Vol. 32 No. 3566, dated 7 April and F. R. Surat Vol. 105 p. 173, dated as late as 15 July 1671.]

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 6 February
Vol. 105, p. 114 } 1670/1

(EXTRACT)

The Deputie Governour hath received certaine news from Orangabaud that Mobut Ckaane is arrived here with 40 thousand horse and that he hath brought Rajah Jessonings back from Brampoare with him, who was gone thither to raise money or sack the towne, and demanded 5 hundred thousand rupees of Doud Ckaanes sonne, the then Governor, who told him if he could procure Oranzaeb's order he would pay 20 lack, else not a pice, and immediately went [? wrote] to his father, who was hard by



the Castle Salleer, who upon the news went to his sonn's assistance, in which intervall Sevagee tooke Salleer, but is not returned to Rajagur, and Doude Ckaune is come to I[?Ju]neer with 12000 horse. Coreambaeg hath wrote his servant there that he in a short time will come Governour to Cullian. Diller Ckaune and Mahmud Ammein, Mear Jumlees son, are likewise on their way. As yett the Prince hath not mett Mobutt Ckaune, being very jealous of trusting him, but in a few days more wee shall heare how they agree.

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Letter Book,	}	THE COMPANY	{	Dated 22 February
Vol. 4 p. 426		TO SURAT		1670/1

(EXTRACT)

Now wee are mentioning of Sevagee wee thinck it very adviceable that you keep a faire correspondency as with all Princes in India, so with him being now in power*, but we would not have you correspond with him from Surratt, least it may be accompted to hold intelligence with an enemy, and so may redound to our prejudice. We hope God hath preserved you and our estate there, and that if there hath beene any greater danger then you advised, which you were not able to avoid upon the place, that you have remooved yourselves and our goods to Bombay, and what may be nee[d]full for securing our estates in that place in case the troubles should continue, wee leave it to you

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(D)	}	FROM SURAT COUNCIL TO	{	Dated 7 April
O. C. 3566		ENGLISH EAST INDIA CO.		1671

(EXTRACT)

Your quicksilver sold by 51, and 52½ rupees per md : a very low price but such as the present market yields, your Currall lyes all or the greatest parte on our hands as also your Broad cloath and Rashes should so long since, such a fatall disturbance hath these intestine warres cast on all trade in generall the end whereof wee cannot yet foresee *Sevagy being countenanced in his rebellion by the Mogulls owne sonn and most of the eminent umbraws of the Kingdome.*

..... Even at the close hereof the Towne is allarummed with fresh newes of Sevagy's army.....

* And this you may lawfully doe from Bombay.



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(S) F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 7 April
Vol. 105 fol. 164 } 1671

(EXTRACT)

The two gunns formerly mentioned, the Deputy Governor hath sold to a ffrenchman, who sold them to a fidalgo at Tannah and he sent them as wee since heare to Sevagy, they had them for 5 Rupees a Surrat maund and though they are very bad within yet with their powder and stone shott they may last a good while. [This letter though originally filed with 1673 letters is incorporated here in conformity with Dr. Sen's view]

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 8 April
Vol. 105, p. 166 } 1671
(2d set)

(EXTRACT)

Wee are glad to read that soe great an army is comeing against Sevagee. Mobutt Ckaune is come as farr as Nassick Trimmuck and hath taken 4 castles: Huturnt [? Hat Gad] and Salleere are the names of two of them.

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F. R. Surat } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 27 May
Vol. 105, p. 180 } 1671
(2d set)

(EXTRACT)

The merchants of Brampore and those parts having agreed with Savagee to pay a rupee upon on[e] ox for the free passage, there came such a number of them to Hubely for it that it immediately rose to 12¼ per barkley, at which price it still continues.

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 May
Vol. 105 p. 168 } 1671
(2d set)

(EXTRACT)

These parts affords little newse; only Mobut Ckaune is arrived as farr as Trymbuck Nassur [Nasik]. Just a top of the great hill he hath taken 5 castles; they say he hath left the Prince with but 700 horse at Orangabaud, and that he brought the Rajah along with him. This was told the Deputie Governor by a messenger of note that returned from Mobut Ckaune with letters to the Sedie of Danda, his master.

Wee returne your honours, &c., many thanks for your Surat occurrences; wee cannot as yet learne how far Deelee Ckaune and Bader Ckaune are advanced.



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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 1 June
Vol. 32 No. 3567 } 1671

(EXTRACT)

Their proceedings with Badder Cawn and Dileer Cawn.

Here [at Surat] hath lately arrived two great Umbraws ordered by the King to march towards Sevagee's country, the one Badder Cawn (of whom we wrott you last year), the other Dileer Cawn (to whom the King hath given the government of all this country, only Surat excepted). Their coming hath bin chargeable to the towne in presents to them as usuall; the Dutch have bin as liberall as formerly, but the French have againe farr outvied them in their affected gallantry; we, not judging yours or the nation's honour to consist in that vanity, resolved to make no present to either of them, only gave them a civill visitt, carrying each of them 25 rupees in gold and silver (for these great men receive no visits from a totally empty hand); but it seems they both resolved to be better acquainted with us; it hapned that just before their departure you had 3 horses brought from Persia. Bader Caun in a civill way sends for them, employing the friendship of the Governour of Surat to procure them, whom it being not your interest to disoblige, we sent the 3 horses to Bader Caun who without asking our leave sent them away to his stable and withall sent 1500 Rupees (the prime cost of said horses in Persia) to the Governour of Surat to be paid us, expecting your President to come to take his leave of him and receive his sirpaw, but we were so sensible of his incivility that we resolved not to visit him or receive his sirpaw, which we knew would engage you in a greater charge, which in regard he was turned out of his place of Ahmadabad he could no ways recompence. The other Umbra Dileer Caun being also in want of horses, sent for all you had in our stable and out of them chooses 4 (which were all old horses vallued in your books at 800 Rupees altogether) and much importunes your President to visit him againe; we esteemd it prudence to keep him our freind in regard many of the townes where your cloth is made ly[e] under his power, wherefore we gave him a visit, and finding that he was very desirous to have all the horses, and that he used us with great respect, and was in capacity to doe you many kindnesses, we presented him with all the four horses, which he took so kindly that at parting he gave your President a dagger sett with small rubys and emeralds, a pair of bracelett sett with rubys and another small jewell, and in lieu of



some English grayhounds, which your President presented him, he gave us a beast of game (called here a siagosh, esteemed a great rarity among the noblemen), which we keep to be sent you for his Majesty. He also gave us a writing effectually commanding all his officers in his government to preserve and protect your goods and servants, and forgave 5 per cent which he had ordered to be charged on all other goods at Nunsary Gundavee, &c. and soe we parted with him, well satisfied, judging your present well bestowed. The dagger and other jewells your President caused to be sold for Rupees 600, which is brought to your credit unless you shall please to order it otherwise, so that we judge we are come off cheaper and with greater honour then any of our neighbours.

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Letter Book, Vol. } THE COMPANY TO SURAT { Dated 23
4, pp. 460-61, 462 } { June 1671

(EXTRACT)

Wee take notice what you write concerning Sevagees plundring and firing Surratt, and of your actings in that time and Gods preserving you and our estates (as wee have said before), of your gratifying the seamen there and referring the Comanders to us. Wee approve of what you have done as to the seamen, and when, please God, the Comanders arive wee entend to consider what you write concerning them, and wee shall not be unmindfull of your great care and prudence in the manadgment of that affaire in order to the preservation of our estate.

Wee also take notice not only of the feare of future troubles by Sevagee but from some persons within that government, which wee doubt may ocasion your being insecure where you are, as well as to interrupt comerce and trade, wherefore we recomend it to you (as wee question not but you will) to be the more carefull timely to avoid any such danger, and the more to consider how Bombay in such case may bee of use, both as to security and the better carrying of our comerce. Not that wee would have you thinck of any sudaine remooove, but in case of necessity ; and that Bombay may be the better refuge wee would have you finish the fortifications and put it in the best posture you can, which wee hope the last yeares suply will much enable you to doe, and that you may be the better enabled thereto wee intend, by our next shipping, to send you about the lieke number of soldiers as wee did the last, or so many as our ships can conveniently carry, with powder guns and other ammunition as we shall judg needful.



And wee intend to send a quantity of guns to lye constantly at Bombay, to be disposed of to the natives as you shall see occasion; for wee think it noe prejudice to us that the natives jounks are furnished with guns to defend themselves against ttheir piraticall or other enemies, wee trading in peace with them. Therefore advise us what sorte of guns will be most suiteable.

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Wee observe what you write concerning your discourses with Sevagee or his instruments, about sattisfaction for our losses at Rajapore, and resettling of a trade there. Wee hope you have proceeded in a further treaty with him in order to the accomplishment thereof. If not done before the receipt hereof wee desire that in such a way as you shall thinck most convenient you further treate with him, in order to sattisfaction and resettling of a factory there; for a settlement there would be convenient for us in some other respects as well as for trade in the comoditie it affords, and being he doth so earnestly invite wee hope it may bee with security, espetially if you can obteyne sattisfaction for what hath bin formerly taken from us.

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F. R. Surat }
Vol. 105, pp. 184-6 }
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BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 12 July
1671
(EXTRACT)

[Rajapore Reparations]

Wee shall not answeere anything to what mentioned about Sevagee till wee heare what answeere he returned to a former letter sent him by the Deputie Governor, which when received we shall send a copy of both the letters, and then shall proceed according to your instructions, only wee desire to know whither it be expected that Sevagee should make good the kings of Decans, Rustum Jemahs and Timjees debts, they being entered in the accountt sent us; as for what the Rajapore merchants owes, without doubt Sevagee will force them pay it.

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Wee have of late had severall robberies committed on this island, notwithstanding when convicted they are not only severly punished but alsoe loose one and both their ears in the pillory, yet they take noe warning, whereas if one or two of the notoriests were hanged for example sake without doubt it would be a great terifying to the rest; they have of late so farr presumed that a few days since 8 of them hired a Coolys boate of Bombay and



went over to the main to a towne of Sevagees, w[h]ere they plundered a Bramans house, and cut of a gurle [s ears] for her jewells sake; 4 of the said theives are in prison, the rest are fled: we shall thinke of some severe punishment to inflict on them, our power not extending to death, and the Companys laws being very remiss as to any notorious robbery.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 105, p. 173 (2d set)	} CHAS. JAMES TO THE PRESIDENT OF SURAT AT SWALLY MARINE	{ Dated 15 July 1671
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(EXTRACT)

The newse of Sevagees forces repairing some 50 miles hitherwards, whereof they say Dillil Okaune Duan [Diwan ?] and the new Captain of the castle hath had advice, which hath put the towne these two days in great feare, whereupon Bimjee brought me to receive 4 or 5 single parcells of broad cloth back againe, pretending its through feare of said news.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 105, p. 194 (2d set)	} BOMBAY TO SURAT	{ Dated 12 August 1671
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(EXTRACT)

[Rajapore Reparations]

The Deputie Governour received an answer from Sevajee, a copie of which, alsoe the Deputie Governours letter herewith sent you translated into Portuguese, by which your honour &ca. will see how he [Shivaji] slights our freindshipp. The Deputie Governour hopes that the contents of the letter he wrote Sevajee will be very satisfactory, he having taken the advise of Symon Seron [? Shyamsharan] and Ramsynna [Rama Shenvi] to the stile thereof. It was more significant [in] it's originall in Gentu then Raymsynnai (as he declares himselfe) could put it into Portuguese. Wee have nothing elce to add concerning this affaire untill wee heare further from your honour &ca.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 106, p. 9	} BOMBAY TO SURAT	{ Dated 9 Septem- ber 1671
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Since the departure of three of the ships, which was on Monday last, there is little or not[hing] happned worth your Honours &ca. knowledge, only send this express, being pressed thereunto



per Sevagees Embassador who hath bin here ever since the last [?ships] arrivall. I have ordered Ramsunay and Girder to write the contents of [our dis]course in Portuguese and Bannian, they better understanding what he s[ays]. I shall here alsoe declare the cheife subject he insists on.

[Rajapore Reparations]

He first des[ired] to know whatt wee demanded, and was answered 32,000 Pagodas, which though, as h[e said], a great summe, his Master was able to disburst it, when any thing of future benifitt might ensue. He mentioned alsoe the building of a Fort in his Country in any place bordring on us to secure a trade to the Island from the m[ain], and promised all assistance towards it; but his cheife designe is to p[ro]cure an aide against Danada Rajapore, which he confesses (to be sensible) is not to be effected of [? off hand-torn away], but if granted, his Master will contrive how it must be soe privately manadged that the Mogull will never have any occation of resenting it, and all the overtures he hath hitherto made, per whatt I can gather, were on that account.

The Embassadour haveing bin of late in disgrace with his Master for takeing a bribe for a parcell of goods bought per Mr. Ball of Sevagee, hath pitched upon the Treaty to regaine his Masters favour, which makes him very willing to farther the buisness on our side as much as he can. He is very pressing to have Ramsunay along with him, least when Sevagee should here our demands and have noe hopes of our assistance the Treaty should be broke off. He will stay till the returne of the cossid, till when allsoe I shall expect your Honour &c^a. order how farther to proceed in this buisness, and desire if Ramsunay be sent, you will send him instructions from thence. An engineer, mortar peece, granados and a great gun of [sic, or] two are the assistance he expects, which he thinks may be privately conveyed to him; what is done he expects should be quickly resolved on, for when the Mogull comes downe he shall have other irons in the fire. This was the subject of our discourse and noe more, which I promised him to write, and soe have done it.

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O. Correspondence
Vol. 32 No. 3578

} CARWAR TO SURAT

{ Dated 20 September 1671

(EXTRACT)

Wee are sorry to hear of your Honours, &c^a. just discontent, occasioned by the insolency of the Moors there; the ill



and unsettled government of this country we think will never want ministring occasion of keeping our cares and fears active here, for there hath broke out a rebellion some few days since never thought of before ; Rustum Jemmah, who formerly was Lord of these townes hereabout, being dispossessed of them by the King for his trayterous compliyanse with Sevagy in delivering up one of the Kings castles unto him, presuming upon his favour and the great alliance he hath among the nobillity of this country, hath taken up arms, hoping to effect that by force, which hitherto he could not doe by the intercession of all his freinds, that is, to be restored to his former estate ; he hath so well plyed his time that being assisted underhand by Sevagees forces, he hath already seized on as much country as amounts to upwards of three hundred thousand Pagodas yearly rent ; he hath likewise plundered Raybagg and burnt part of it, so that its thought, what with that it hath suffered formerly by Sevagee and this now, it is utterly ruined and will not for long time be able to hold up its head againe. The merchants of Hottanee [Athanee] and other townes are all fled to remoter places, and they of Hubely conveigh away their goods as fast as they can, fearing the contagion will spread as farr as them, so that in those parts all things are in great confusion. The King hath sent an army against him, but his freinds are so powerfull that it advances but slowly ; in the meane time they are making his peace with the King, and its thought will at length frighten him to a compliyanse and restoration of what country he formerly enjoyed or its vallew ; and the poor merchants that have bin robbed and undone by this Court cheat must expect no manner of satisfaction but endure it patiently, anything of that nature being contrary either to their religion or at least their practice.

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O. Correspondence	{	CAESAR CHAMBERLAIN'S	{	Dated Carwar 20
Vol. 32		ANSWERS TO THE		September 1671
No. 3579		AUDITOR'S OBJECTIONS		

(EXTRACT)

It is required that a copy of the grant made by Rustum Jemmah at Mr. Master and Mr. Gyffards visiting him be sent home by the first shiping, but I find noe such paper among those I have concerning this factory and therefore suppose there was



none such given, only orders to his Governors acquainting them what he had granted and requiring their obedience in conformity thereto; the 108 Pagodas he enordered the Company out of the Customes in consideration of what forced from the factory by Sevagy had undoubtedly been allowed had any customes been due (whilst the country was his) after the making said grant, for notwithstanding in said journall it appeares as if the amount of the customes had been paid Abdoll Rassocke after the time of said grant (there being no account interest kept in this factory and therefore not soe great regard had in entering the very time of receipt or payment of moneys), yet I question not (though it being soe long since that I cannot, positively affirme it) but that the money was made good to Abdoll Rassocke long before that grant was made by Rustum Jemmah, for the customes being due at sending the goods up the country, and the raines here begining about the 20th of May, soe that at farthest they must all have been sent away before that time, it seemes to me (according to the experience I have since had here) very improbable the Governor Abdell Rassock should stay for his money till the October following, they being ever soe needy, that it is seldom or never that they have not received their money before the customes are due, which makes me conclude Abdoll Rassock had noe money paid him on account customes after the grant made by Rustum Jemmah except the Pagodas 4 : 38 : $\frac{1}{2}$ jetts brought to account in next yeares bookes for custome of 16 : Candy lead that remained here in Carwarr and was not sent up the other yeare with the rest, and why that was not allowed, Mr. Gyffard can better satisfy your Honour &c. than I, though I suppose the Governor might be indebted for some small matters which was repayed with that, and therefore not deducted out of the 108 Pagodas. After this wee had noe custome due, the factory being withdrawn to Surat, and at our settleing here againe the Government was quite altered, Rustum Jemmah being both dispossessed of this country and his other estate haveing fallen under the displeasure of the King for his trayterous compliance with Sevagy, soe that Mr. Taylor saw it was in vaine to motion anything of the payment of that money, yet agreed with the Governor then in being for the customes in conformity to what Rustum Jemmah had granted, that is $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, we formerly paying 2 per cent till Mr. Masters and Mr. Gyffard procured the abatement of a $\frac{1}{4}$ part of it at their visiting him, but he being now quite undone the money ha[?] gave upon the customes is past recovery.



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C. Correspond-
ence Vol. 22,
No. 3585

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED
BY MR. Stephen Ustick
IN HIS Treaty WITH
SEVAGEE

{ Dated Surat
25 Sept. 1671

(EXTRACT)

[Rajapore Reparations]

The confidence wee have of your prudence encourageth us to recommend this affaire to your mannagement wherein you must employ your best care and caution, for you are to treat with Sevagee, one of the most polliticke princes of these easterne parts, and for your better direction wee thinke good to give you these following rules.

At your first address there is noe doubt but he will receive you with all demonstrations of an outward friendship, when you must give him to understand that you are sent by the Governor and Councell of Bombay to treat with him and declare the just demands of the Honble. Company, which, if he shall thinke good to grant, he may assure himselfe of all such offices of a friendly correspondence from us as he can in reason expect. If he asks what our demands are you may say wee aske but two things, to witt, an honourable satisfaction for the losses and injuries wee have formerly suffered, and security for the future that such violence and illegall attempts shall never be put upon us.

As to the former, in case he asks what satisfaction wee require, you must tell him that the amount of our losse is 32000 Pagothaes, of which you may shew him the particulers if he desire it giving him an account as to the resonableness of every one of them ; wee beleive he will scruple against many of them and will be hardly perswaded to pay soe great a summe, but you must urge that he hath already given full satisfaction to all others who suffered at the same time with us, and if he should deny it to us it would argue the little esteeme he beares of us or the small desire he hath of our friendship ; for encourageing him the more to tearmes of a resonable accomodation, you must intance to him the great advantages which the Port of Suratt and many inland cytys of Hindustan, the ports of Carwar, Biliapatan and Calicut and others have received by the English Companys trade, and consequently the vast loss which his ports of Rajapore, &c. have suffered for want thereof. You must alsoe urge the riches and power of the Honble. Company as alsoe



the exact justice and integrety of their dealing, esteem'd and honoured by all nations with whom they commerce. To these you may add their remarkable wisdom and moderation, manifest in this to all the world that notwithstanding they had many opportunities and sufficient power to revenge themselves of the injuries received, by seising of the ships and subjects belonging to the said Sevagee whereby they might have paid themselves to the full with advantage whatsoever damage they have received, yet they have hitherto forborne repaireing themselves in this nature, out of hopes that Sevagee would at length consider his owne advantage, and of himselfe without force propose tearmes of peace, which seeing he hath thought good at last to resolve on, the Governor and Councill are willing to deferr those orders which they have received for endeavouring restitution of their injuries susteyned, till they understand what course Sevagee will take to give them satisfaction : for the effecting whereof the more speedily you must order Ramsinay to certifie him in plaine tearmes that untill restitution be made the English will never settle at Rajapore, and that you have positive order to end and determine that affaire before you can heare or treat of any other particuler with him.

After these and such like arguments have been deliberately and calmly debated 'tis probable you may come to some issue ; if you find him to scruple the paiement of soe great a summe, you may order Ramsinay privately to demand how much he is willing to allow, and which way he intends to pay it, whether all in money, or part in money and part in the customes (which soe soone as you understand, you must send advise thereof with all speed possible to the Deputy Governor and Councill of Bombay to be transmitted to us). But that the expectation of farther order from us might not put a demur to the Treaty with him wee thinke good to let you know that if you can bring him to allow [blank] Pagothaes, wee should be content, provided it be paid in ready money or in some other effectuall manner, wherein wee cannot give any positive direction since wee know not what he will propound.

As to the second part, to wit, security for our future trade in case wee seise at Rajapore, you must demand what course he will take ; wee herewith send you certaine articles, which after you are agreed as to the matter of satisfaction you may propose, but not till that be concluded on.



'Tis probable that Savagee will demand of you that wee should assist him against Danda Rajapore, with men, gunns, morterpeeces and amunition.

To this you must answer that as to matter of engaging with or assisting him in his warrs, he cannot with reason expect it from us, who are merchants and have a great estate of the Honble. Company's and a vast trade in all his dominions; but you may give him this assurance in generall that when a firme peace is concluded with him he need not want anything that England affords, and in this you must be carefull that you doe not positively promise nor positively deny him any thing, but onely in generall tearmes you may promise him the same advantages with the Mogull and other Princes with whome wee traffique enjoy from us.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 26 Sept.
106, Fol. 11 } 1671

(EXTRACT)

Haveing yours conveyance per Mr. Symons wee shall answer to the two last of yours one of the 6th and 11th instant. Wee take notice what your Honour &c write as to our demands on Savagee all which hath bin discoursed to his ambassador in the manner that wee have neither given him hopes that wee are easily satisfied nor given him cause to think that wee may not be brought to hear of any reasonable treatys the same of 32000 Pagoths principle with the intrest of 1 p. c. per month for soe many years as that hath bin due at first startle[d] his ambassador, but he tooke it downe in writing and promised to acquaint [his] master therewith and referred us to his [?own] retorne back againe which he hoped woul[d] be in 15 or 20 dayes, he being gone to his master upon a late order [issued from him contrary to his former intentions or expectations.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated Swally Marine
Vol. 87, p. 1 } 30 September 1671

(EXTRACT)

Wee conclude it reasonable in regard you advise us that Savagy hath sent over an Eddy to treat with you, that he be used with the same respect, and to that purpose, as also for the more speedy concluding the accomodation between him and us, wee think good that Mr. Stephen Ustick and Ram Suny be sent over



to him to make knowne our demands and urge the justness thereof, endeavouring by all meanes possible to bring him to some result as to what satisfaction he will give for the losses sustained by his plundering Rajapore, and the manner how it shall be paid, letting him know if he gives us such encouragement that wee againe settle in his Port he may obtaine from us those advantages that other nations doe in whose ports we trade; but we would not positively have them promise him those Granadoes, Morter pieces and ammunition he desires, nor absolutely deny him, in regard wee doe not think itt convenient to help him against Danda Rajapore, which place, if it were in his possession, would proove a great annoyance to the port of Bombay; and on the other side, our denyall is not consistent at present with our interest, in respect wee beleive the keeping in suspence will bring him to a speedier conclusion of the treaty, hoping thereby to be furnished with thos things he desires; therefore they must use such arguments as may perswade him to come to a speedy accommodation with us, which [is] the cheiffe intent of our sending them over....

Wee had almost forgott to advise that a convenient present be sent to Sevagy by Mr. Ustick and also that he sett out in a handsome equepage befitting the Companies Honour, which wee leave you to performe as you shall see fitting.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 106, p. 22

} BOMBAY TO SURAT {

Dated 13
October 1671

(EXTRACT)

One thing is necessary to incert here as to Lejut. Usticks going to Sevagee, whose journey wee conclude necessary to detard till hear once againe from Sevagee, his Embassador having wrote Remsinaï that he will be here in 5 or 6 dayes and then they may both goe together, by which time also wee may be furnished with a present from Surratt befitting a person of Sevagees quallity, there being nothing procurable here for such designe, and the Honble. Company have nothing but course cloth and sword blades in their warehouse.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 106, pp. 25-27

} BOMBAY TO SURAT {

Dated 23
October 1671

(EXTRACT)

There are 4 reasons that as yet wee have not dispeeded Capt. Ustick. The first is his owne indisposition; the second, wee



cannot at present learne where Sevagee is: the third, wee are informed his Embassador is come as farr as Chawle towards us; and the 4th is, wee have not anything fitting to present him withall here, therefore desire wee may be furnished with a befitting present from you, by which time wee hope all the other obstacles will be remooved.

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Wee cannot learne at present that Sevagee is makeing any great preparations at sea, only a small fleet against Danda, neither his army yet in field, soe that those alarmes (wee presume) arise from the old proverb, a burnt child dreads the fire. Wee shall be very inquisitive after him, and advise from time to time what wee hear.

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Rustum Jemmah hath per Sevagees assistance rob'd Raybag, and is in open rebellion, as wee suppose our friends at Carwarr have advised you.

The Sedy of Danda hath burnt Tull and other great townes of Sevagees in sight of us....Sevagees last fleet arrived here two dayes since from Debul. There Commander in Cheife assures us of noe other great preparations at sea, and that his Master was at present in his great castle Rayaree.

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F. R. Surat Vol. } 105, p. 55	BOMBAY TO SURAT {	Dated 26 October 1671
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(EXTRACT)

Wee desire your honour, &c., would oblidge the Captains to change some men with us, wee having severall not fitting to carry a muskett yett are able to hall a roape. The Prince is expected with his army every day in Cullian, and its beleived the Prince and Sevagee hath broken of there corrispondence. Wee heare Moobutt Okaune is made Generall against Sevagee.

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F. R. Surat Vol. } 106, p. 30	THE FACTORS AT KARWAR TO } THE COUNCIL AT SURAT {	Dated 31 Oct. 1671
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(EXTRACT)

The troubles that wee advised of per the Charles are, thanks be to God, blowne over againe, the Kings forces coming to a battalia with the rebells, utterly routed and dispersed them soe



that they have never made head since, but our fears of them made us hasten our goods downe soe soone, and the rains this year falling very late wee fear hath dam[a]g'd some of our cloth, but wee have put all as wee suspect out to washing, soe that as yet wee know not what the damage will be. The castle at Mirjee still holds out in little better then rebellion, the Governour being not able as yet to bring them under.

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F. R. Miscel. } CONSULTATION AT SWALLY { 1 November
Vol. 2, p. 118 } MARINE { 1671

(EXTRACT)

Piscash for Savagee.

The following piscash was concluded necessary to be presented Sevagee when a conclusion of the Treaty should be made with him, vizt.,

2 Pieces scarlett.	Tweezers.
5 Long swords.	6 Rich pamarins.
2 Looking glasses.	6 Ditto ordinary.

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F. R. Miscel. Vol. } SURAT TO THE { Dated Swally Marine
2, pp. 158-159 } COMPANY { 7 Nov. 1671

[EXTRACT]

Sevagee hath made devastation in the cheifest place of its [coral] vent, &c.

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Mr. Ustick deserves your recommendation and our best respects, hath hitherto acted as Secretary at Bombay, but now (according to your order) Lieutenant to Captain Shaxtons Company at 4s. per day. Have now employed him to mannage the Treaty with Sevagee, and deserves encouragement, which will not be ill bestowed.

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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE { Dated Swally Marine
Vol. 32, No. 3594 } COMPANY { 7 Nov. 1671

(EXTRACT)

The greatest discouragement to the merchants is the evill condition of the times and the lamentable devastation which Sevagee armye have made in the places where its cheifest vent lyes, inso-



much that the dealers therein are cautious of adventuring on too large a parcell [of coral], so that there will be a necessity of retayling it as well as wee can.

Wee are entred on a treaty with Sevagy who invites us to seattle at Rajapore. By these shippes wee hope to render you a good account of your debt and our transactions with him.

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Factory Records }
Surat
Vol. 87, p. 4 }

SURAT TO BOMBAY

{ Dated Swally
Marine, 7 November
1671

(EXTRACT)

According to your desires we have by the *London* sent you a present for Sevagy of considerable vallue, perticulers whereof are expressed in invoice. So much as you thinke good thereof you may send with Mr Ustick ; the rest reserve with you. But our opinions are that it is not fitting to give any present to him untill a finall determination of the bussiness with him be made, least after he hath received it it should not be concluded, which would be a dead loss to the Company and dishonour also.

Being sensible that Lieut. Ustick cannot well supply and performe both offices of Lieutenant and Secretary we have thought good to ease him of his Secretarys place, by enordering Mr. George Willcox to repaire to you on the *London* to succeed him in that charge ; he is a person well qualified for it, and one whome we doubt not will deserve your respect and kindness.

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O. Correspondence
Vol. 32, No. 3589 }

BOMBAY TO SURAT {

Dated 8 November
1671

(EXTRACT)

This goes by our scrivan Ram Sinay whome we have sent by the pressing oppertunity of Sevagees Embassador, who is returned with orders from his master to treat with the President and Councill and was very earnest to goe to Surat in compliance with said order, proffering to goe as a private man or Fuickeer rather then not goe att all ; but wee have at last perswaded him to stay the returne of Ram Sinay, who is made acquainted by him with what his master expects, whereby your Honr. &ca. will find the cheifest designe of makeing peace with us, is in hopes of an underhand assistance against Danda Rajapoor, and till something as to that is graunted, he will not pay a peny ;



we doubt not but Ram Sinay will give your Honour. &c. soe much satisfaction as to gaine an approvall of his coming, for he hath severall dayes discourse with the Ambassador by our order, we not being able to doe it ourselves, wanting a linguist, and the Deputy Governor is sick ; if your Honour. &c. approve of spareing Sevagee 3 or 4 great guns he sayes he will find Portugues that shall buy them of us as if for their owne use, and soe our name not brought in question.

Girder informes us that the place on the maine (he proffers us over against this porte) would be of great profit for the Company, for they may have all sorts of Decan goods that way, paying easie customes; and if we did buy for one yeare all sorts of commodities that were for our turne, though we paid something dearer than in other factories, it would be a meanes of drawing downe a greate trade to those parts in a small time. We need not add anything more as to this business but reffer you to Ram Sinay, who wee desire you to returne with speede that soe Lieut. Ustick and he may returne with Sevagees Ambassador for Raire.

Sevagee is soe sencible of our want of wood that he feares not the seizure of salte vessells or breakinge with him as some of his officers have hinted by way of discourse to the Deputy Governor. This Ambassador hath brought with him 20 bales of severall sorts of cloth whose musters we herewith send, as alsoe their prices. We want more rattans and are alsoe much out of cash.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated Surat
Vol. 87, pp. 7-9 } 30 Nov. 1671
(EXTRACT)

Ram Sinay brought us your letter of the 8th curreant, and hath in private discoursed with us what Sevagee, by the messenger last sent, proposes to us by way of accommodation and what he demands from us in order to the supply of his warrs against Danda Rajapore, in both which wee find soe great subtility, selfe [? Selfish] pollicy and unsecure inconstancy on his part, and soe great difficultys and apparent hazard on the Companies to deale with him on these tearmes, that wee begin to dispare of bringing the business to any issue in the way it is now carried, and it was put to the Question whether wee should proceed on a further treaty with him or no. But for that it might not be laid to our charge that wee have layed on our side wee thinke good to continue our



order for Mr. Ustick to proceed with Ram Sinay, and doe confirme our former resolution, that till the matter of satisfaction for the Company and nations former losses be first determined, wee cannot with Honour or safety consede to any thing which he proposeth, for that is the ground worke on which wee must build our future correspondence with him, which if he will not yeild unto, all treatys with him, are in vaine, and from this judgement wee may not recede without apparent prejudice to our Masters interest and our owne reputation.

Wee observe you are under a mistake in two things, first in overweening and putting too great a vallue on the proffer which he makes of a place on the maine, where he flatters you with a permission to build a castle for the security of our trade. Itt appeares to us a politticke cheat, to defeat us totally of all hopes of further satisfaction for our past losses. You seeme to us (building on Girders opinion) to be fond of this place as what may tend to the Companies future profit. Wee, soe farr as wee yett can apprehend thereof are of a contrary opinion, judgeing that it may rather eclipse then advantage the growth of the Island Bombay for us to settle on any place on the Maine soe neare itt, for the trade will certainly be all carried thither, whereas otherwise it will be brought to the Island. Besides wee can noe way admitt of putting the Company to the charge of building a Fort or house there, for the constant expence thereof will be insupportable and render all goods that shall be very deare. However, though the advantages thereof may appeare in tyme, yett it is not prudence in us at this Coniuncture to lett him know wee have occasion of any of his ports, but rather, as wee have done hitherto soe many yeares, that wee shall, by Gods good providence, continue still to live without him.

The second mistake that you are in appeares in your undervallueing our owne conditions as to wood. Sevagees officers have, it seems, in notable pollicy, given the Deputy Governour to understand our great want thereof, but the Deputy Governour might have answered that wood growes in other places adjacent as well as in his Countrey, from whence the Island may be supplied, though with a little more charge, and that Sevagees vessells would serve very well to bring it to us. In fine, as wee before mentioned you have to deale with the most polittique people of all these parts who make a notable observation of the least things which may accidentally passe from you in discourse which may turne to their advantage and therefore you must be very wary of what passes



in talke from you that may tend to the weakning of our cause or lessening our reputation; and this caution wee doe more especially recommend to Mr. Ustick, who will be often engaged in discourse with Sevagee and his people touching these and other matters, and therefore wee advise him to apply such answers as may most preserve our Credit and not give Sevagee occasions to undervalue us.

In our formers wee advised that the present should not be given till after you had agreed upon satisfaction for dammage, but having considered that Sevagee being a prince of an high spirit and puffed up with his late success may understand it as an affront to him, therefore wee order that the present bee delivered him at Mr. Ustick's first appearance, which wee hope will convince him of the candour of our dealing and cause him to put a greater vallue on our Freindship. Our instructions to Mr. Ustick are soe large that wee shall not add thereunto, but expect a good issue from his carefull performance, advising that if he finds Sevagee inclining to comply to our reasonable demands, that he endeavour to end the dispute touching satisfaction of past damages before he leave him; as alsoe to procure his generall Cole or Phirmand for us to trade with freedome and security in all the ports of his Country and inland cittyes whatsoever, paying 2 per cent custome, and further, wee would have him labour to gett certaine Articles to be signed by him which wee herewith send you, which are confirmed to us by all the princes in whose ports wee trade. But if he finds that he aimes at his owne peculier supplys without intention either to make us satisfaction or to graunt a liberty of trade, then wee desire he would take his leave civilly of him and so returne to Bombay and give us an account of his proceedings; notwithstanding what passes, wee desire you to continue a faire understanding outwardly with him....

Wee have seen the musters which Ram Sunay hath brought upp belonging to Sevagees Envoy, which are prize goods of Surrat, to witt Cuttanees, Romalls, &c. no ways proper for the Company to deale in, but in regard wee presume Sevagy hath no ready money to spare, if he will pay us in those goods what shall be agreed on to be due for satisfaction of our former losses, wee thinke good that Mr. Ustick accept thereof, taking care that they be not overrated, but cheap and good in their kind, wherein it is necessary that he have some Banjan [Bania] to assist him. [O. Correspondence vol. 32 No. 3688]



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F. R. Surat, Vol. }
106, p. 56

BOMBAY TO SURAT

{ Dated 15 Decce.
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(EXTRACT)

Yours per the Hoy per Ramsenwee wee have received, and take notice what your Honours, &ca., resolutions are as to the Treaty with Sevagee, and shall proceed according to the orders therein; but Sevagees Embassador haveing brought 600 Rupees worth of cloth of severall sorts, which he pretended he did only doe to continew the Treaty, his Master haveing, as he saith, then resolved to send him noe more if he had not found out this contrivance, and that wee will not take them off his hands at his owne price doth very much anger him, and he deneys to goe with Leiut. Ustick; moreover, he tells us that his Master was gone his progress and now not easily to be found or treated with, and wee, though wee have enquired, cannot as yet learne his present residency, which hath forced us to detard the dispatching of the Leiut, till wee can receive an answer from him, haveing wrot to him our intentions of sending an Embassador to treat with him according to his former desire. It may probably be that per this accident Leiut. Ustick may not set out till an answer may be returned to this; if soe, then wee desire to know wheather your Honr., &ca., would have us deteyne the Leiut. till the Embassadors departure or noe. When Sevagees Embassador hinted our want of wood he had his answer how and were it might be fetched; as to the place proffered on the maine wee shall neither argue for or against it, but referr it to your better judgment.

Leiut. Ustick, when he goes, shall be furnished with a handsome present for the Rajay out of those particulers sent downe per the *London*; wee have acquainted him with what farther advice in your letter.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 87, p. 14

SURAT TO BOMBAY

{ Dated 1 Janu-
ary 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

Yours of the 15th passed month wee received the 27th Ditto and therein take notice that Sevagys Embassador seemes to be much concernd that you will not take of his hands those 6000 rupees worth of goods that he brought allong with him to dispose of; they being not commoditys proper for the Honble. Companies use wee cannot answer the buying of them, and therefore you did well, notwithstanding his anger, to refuse them. If the Em-



bassador absolutely denys to proceed allong with Mr. Ustick, lett him goe without him when you shall be certainly assured that Sevagy is returnd from his progress and has took up his residence in some one of his castles.

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F. R. Bombay } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated Swally Marine
Vol. 87, p. 16 } 13 January 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

This King having sent downe some force with this new Governor Ghasty Khaun for the guard of the port, and there being att present no noise of Sevagees armyes comeing neare us, we have thought good to send downe on these ships Serjeant Thorpe together with souldiers, keeping only one file of musketeers, which also we shall send downe when we judge our selves tottally secure from all danger.

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 13 Jan.
Vol. 106, No. 62 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

Lient. Ustick proceeds on Monday morning and the Ambassador is at length satisfied, we having lent him 1500 Rups. upon his goods payable at 40 months time; we the rather did this by reason Ramsonwee told us the President approved of it, upon his mentioning it. Sevagee is at Marr[Mahad], a place not above 2[50?] miles off of Chout[?], agathering together his Army from all parts, even as far as from Coddall Vingaza [Venguria ?] &c., the reason whereof, as its reported is that Dillur Oka, with a flying army, has taken Pima [Poona] Chauckna, a place, the Deputy Govr. saith, of great concern and in a very large plain, in the heart of all Sevagees upper country. He spared none above 9 years of age. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 1 p. 9]

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 20 Jan.
Vol. 106, No. 64 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

We wrote your Hon. &c. in our last that Lient. Ustick should set forth on the Monday following but the day before we received advice from Sevagee he should not set out till he wrote for him, he being now otherwise employed, having drained all his castles to raise a powerful army to try if he can remove Diller Oka, Badur Oka, and Mobut Oka out of Prima ["Puna" in Factory Records Surat, Vol. 106] [Poona] Chauckna which they have taken,



having killed one Curtage Goodier [Kadtoji Gujar] his Lieut. General, and put all to fire and sword, is also credibly reported that Fazell Abdall Oka and Cowis Oka are coming against him at ['from' in Factory Records Surat Vol. 106] Deccan, if so, it will go hard with him, Fazell Oka, being not only a good soldier, but his inveterate enemy, Sevagee and [?as] your Honr. &c know, having killed his father several years since. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 1 p. 12]

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F. R. Miscellane- } CONSULTATION AT SURAT { Dated 25 Jan.
ous Vol. 2. p. 121 } { 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

A hott allarme of Savagees neer approach to this citty occasions the Councells meeting this day, when it was resolved for the defence of the Honorable Company's House to entertayne 20 Peons and 10 Laskarra, and also to enorder Mr. Grigby, if hee see occasion, to keep 10 Peons at the Marine.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 29 Jan.
Vol. 87, p. 19 } { 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

Yours of the 13th present came to hand the 23d ditto, and therein take notice of what you write concerning Sevagys gathering together all his forces. Wee have been for these 4 dayes very hottly allarumd by the arrivall of some forces of his att B[R?]amnagar which continue there still and are not removed, and tis not knowne whither they are designed, but this Governor and the whole towne are very apprehensive of danger. Although wee thinke he intends no hazme to us, yett in prudence wee have thought good to prepare for him in the best manner wee cann, and although we be not over well manned, yett we doubt not but to come off as well as our neighbours.

One thing we much want, which is a drumm and a man that knowes how to beat, which wee would have you send us up per first Shibar or other good conveyance; lett the man that comes up know how to mend a drumm likewise on occasion; a drumm wee find is a great disheartning to these people, and therefore wee desire itt may bee sent us up as afforesaid per first opportunity that presents.



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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 3 Feb.
Vol. 32, No. 3624 } 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

Your President had prepared himselfe to take his passage on the *Advance* frigatt for Bombay, and had in a manner taken his leave of the Governor of Surratt, who was well consenting thereunto, when on a sudden newse came that Sevagy was neare us with an army of 15000 men, which putt the citty in a great fright and made us prepare for our defense. This new Governour allso hath bestirred himselfe more prudently then any of his predeicssors, beating downe all houses without the wall which before was a shelter for the enemy, ordering strict watch at the gates to keepe in the inhabitants who were running out of the citty. He allso sent a civill messadge to your President desiring that he would lay aside the thought of going to Bombay at present, for that he could not answer his departure as things now stand, nor would it be well taken by the King. His argument being reasonable your President thought good to condescend thereunto, and the rather for that you have a considerable estate under our charge which he cannott leave in danger... (D) and for that it hath unfortunately happened that for two years together your President hath been hindered from going to Bombay to his owne trouble, and no small detriment to your Island, wee have thought it our dutyes upon serious consideration of your affaires, to offerr you our humble advice that it seems now consistent with your interest, to settle your Chief Governement on your owne Island Bombay. [Collection of Papers...Bombay Govt. Vol. 5 p. 1]

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 5 Feb.
Vol. 106, No. 69 } 1672

The other is only to deliver [*sic*, desire] a drum and drummer may be sent up, which may be done by first conveyance tho' hope you will have but little or no occasion of it, Sevagee having his hands full here.

We are in daily expectation here of his Honr. and hope that neither the Governors unwillingness nor the fear of Sevagees armys approaching Surratt will detain him. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 1 p. 14]



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F. R. Surat Vol. } MATTHEW GRAY TO { Dated Swally Marine
 87, pp. 21-22 } BOMBAY { 15 February 1671/2
 (EXTRACT)

The President being called home early this morning by a strong alarme from Surratt for the guard of the Honble. Companies house and estate, hee left with me the copie of your generall letter of the 5th curreant...Although you have newes of Sevagy having his hands full att home, yet he stretcheth forth his armes abroad, and as great a force in this Kings territorys as he hath aboute him. He hath beaten off the forces Delleell Ckawne left to beseidg Salleer, and hath reinforcet it with men and provisions. He hath fought a battaile, slaine Bulloll Ckawne, and hath now prisoners in Saleer about 30 Principall Officers of the Army, and hath of a certaine taken Mooleer, and having that pass, he may be att Surratt when he please; and the newes we received att midnight assures his army was [with] in 25 miles of the citty, which we have reason to give creditt to when the Governour hath licensed the Marchants to provide for their families and secure their estates, which before he would not permitt to goe out of the gates.

These continuall alarms have still prevented his Honour visiting you, for while affaires are in this posture we have concluded in Councill he cannott leave the place without great prejudice to the Companies affaires and dishonour to the nation; and yet it is resolved, and God willing he will be with you before the raines, to settle the affaires of the Island.

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 16 February
 Vol. 106, No. 70 } 1673
 (EXTRACT)

We must refer your Honr. &c., (as to a large account of the Hoighs taking) till we speak with Mr. Spary [sic? Geary], who (with those that were in her) was kept prisoner by Sevagees Governors, till their masters orders came for their delivery, who are since all come up but Spary, who being desperately ill, could not come over land, but is daily expected. Since our last (just before we dispatched the 2 sloops) we had news that Sevagees Governors of Ragapore had redeemed the Hoigh for about 250 Pags, which caused us to alter our former result and to order Ensign Adderton lower than Rajapore, we having advice also



that those Mallabars that took her, (and the French new hoigh since), lay flying off and on to the Northward of the port; on the boats we sent down Ramsonwees brother to treat with the Governor and redeem the Hoigh and lading, agreeing for each by itself to prevent after disputes; in 7 or 8 days more we expect them back; when they return we shall give your Hon. &c. an account of their success. (Wee shall follow your orders as to the mallabars and thanke your Hon. &c. for)* The encouragement you promise any that shall take any of them.

This place affords no news at present, only Sevagee having put fresh provisions, amunition and men into Saleer Moleer is returned with his Army, which I suppose was the same that alarum'd Suratt. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sec. 1 pp. 15-16]

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F. R. Miscellaneous } CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY { 22 February
Vol. 2, p. 138 } 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee by an Envoy desired that an Ambassadour might be sent from hence to treat with him about the losses at Rajapore. The President, upon application formerly to him, ordered about 700 Rupees to be provided for a present for him and Mr. Stephen Ustick to proceed as Ambassadour, and that the value of 600 rupees should be sent to him as a present and 150 rupees amongst his officers and servants, according to the discretion of Mr. Ustick, and that 10 Bandarins should wait on him as his guard, with 2 Englishmen and a couple of horses and cooleys for his Pallankeen, and 200 rupees in money.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 1 March
Vol. 87, p. 23 } 1671/2

(EXTRACT)

Wee wish Lieutenant Ustick good success in his journey and treaty with Sevagy, and would have his going kept as private as possible, and give it out that he is to treat about nothing but the recovery of our losses received att Rajapore and the redemption of the hoigh, that no jealousy may possess this Kings ministers to our prejudice.

* Note—Insertion from Vol. 106.



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Orme Mss. Vol.
114, Sect. 1 p. 17 }

BOMBAY TO SURAT

{ Dated 5 March
1672

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Ustick sets forward with Sevagees Ambassadors tomorrow; the charges of the present and his expences we compute will amount to 1000 Rups.; by our next we shall send you a list of our presents.

Our two boats are not returned, but we have received letters from Adderston wherein he gives us an account that he hath fought and beaten several and killed them, many men which dropped overboard after shot, and that to escape him they flung their goods overboard, 7 large prows of 120 or 100 men apiece did not dare to stand him; off of Coapes Bay he took one about 70 tons laden, which the **Rajapores Governor** demanded as taken in his port, but being divided at last came to an agreement to deliver Hoigh and goods in lieu thereof, which Adderton acquainted us with, and we consented to, but he has since informed us that the said Governor had taken the Hoigh down to alter her and that she was quite spoiled, and the goods by him embezzled so we have ordered him to bring the prize up; when they arrived [*Sic?* are arrived] we shall give your honour an account of her and lading. Savagee we hear is at Recir [*?Rairee*], Diller Oka. has, as Savagees Embassador informs us at least 60000 horse and that his master durst not meddle with him; we cannot hear the news of Moolier confirmed, tho' said Embassador came from Culleen the other day.

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(S)F. R. Surat Vol.
106, Fols. 73-74 }

BOMBAY TO SURAT

{ Dated 13 March
1672

(EXTRACT)

Wee take notice that still your honour &c are earnest for to build some houses for accomodacion of the Companys servants, as also strangers; but Sevagee being abuilding and giving great wages, hath tempted severall of our workmen to run away soe that wee cannot spare any worke-men; espetially because if wee build not up the two walls of what part of the Ditch is already digged it will in the raines all fall in, to now small trouble and cha[r]iges; Ramsenwee hath 11 or 12 very handsome shops in the Bazar and the Moody a very large tyled house with severall roomes; which on occation are procurable and are alsoe commodious and in the raines wee may gett all things ready to build in



her: [September] besides Sevagee haveing generally a great army up and downe Callian, it would be necessary to finish our front curtaine speedily which at present is very low; and there is now doubt but as success may make him presumptuous; soe our ffort is a great eyesore to him; and Lieut Ustick went the 10 instant; here inclosed goes copy of his preasent; the person that came from Sevagee declared himselfe alwayes an ambassador; but none wee suppose can thinke that Lieut. Ustick goes for any thing elce than to demand satisfaction;...

P. S. The paper before menconed wherein is exprest particulars of the present sent to Sevagee being mislaid cannot goe per this conveyance. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 1 pp. 18-19]

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F. R. Surat	}	BOMBAY TO SURAT	{	Dated 26 March 1672
Vol. 106, No. 75				

(EXTRACT)

Ensign Adderston is at last arrived with our 2 sloops and his prize, all of our men being in good health. The vessel is new and about 70 tons and 80 men, but of them only 29 came ashore, some being killed and the rest being gone went ashore with their Norrado [Noquedah] before the fight. She had in her about 70 candy of cokernutts [coconuts] meat, and 100 candy of beettle nutts, 1 candy of caire, 3½ candy of rice and 125 pounds weight of Cassia Lignum, her men, arms, and shape shows her to be a Man of War, but being laded they pretend her a merchant man, and it is very [blank] with them to carry goods into any of the Deccan ports, which when sold to turn pirates. She was in company of a great pirate and fought our two sloops near Dunda Rajapore about a week before she was taken, which we found out by a Muskett bullet taken out of an old wound by our Surgeon and afterwards confest by her men; she belongs to Ballasore but cannot find her owners that set her out, the prisoners being all in several stories, but suppose she may belong to the great pirate old Bagrants grandchild he dweling thereabouts, having 3 towns there given him by Snepnaick the Canard Rajah who has a share in all prizes; we desire to know what we shall do with her lading and men; the vessell sails admirable well, and will be a brave decoy next year being an excellent frigate. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 1 p. 19]



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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 6 April
Vol. 33, No. 3633 } 1672

Since the date of our last letter this towne hath been in often allarmms of Sevagys army which by their frequency become now less formidable, but give a destructive check to all trade; Sevagy hath had great success having gayned a notable victory over one of the Mogulls armys, which beseiged one of his Castles, and forced two Genneralls who with their armys had entred into his Countrey to retreat with shame and loss; Since which he hath wrott letters to us, the French and Dutch, as also to all the eminent Moore and Banian merchants and to the Kings Officers, demanding great contribution from us all, which if wee refuse to pay he threatens destruction to the whole towne, and tis certaine that being now as it were master of the Field he may come when he will and doe what he please; for here is no force to resisst him.

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 9 April
Vol. 106, No. 86 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

We cannot but conclude this Mallabar vessel a pirate being built in that form and so well manned, though doubt not but they will find merchants to own her; we shall keep her goods till further orders, but the Cocoa nut meat will certainly be spoiled; we cannot get a frigate at Baccen and it is dangerous building one at Cullean whils the country is in this unstable condition neither is there at present any timber to be got there, but would your Hon. enorder the building a large Shebar with a deck, and lay a deck to this Mallabar vessell, these two with the frigate building at Suratt would fight all the Mallabars that should come between this and God.

Lieut. Ustick is still at upper Choule. We expect daily to hear once more of his departure towards Sevagee; we would fain have him procure an admition, what ever came of it, for if he will not comply and the Lieut. comes back, in any time you may finde his May fleet laden with salt, which will be a vast loss to him. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 1. p. 21]

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 22 April
Vol. 87, p. 30 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

There is a report here that Sevagee intends to build a Castle on Henry Kenry, which the Governor makes one of his argu-



ments for his not letting the President goe, pretending he will help Sevagee, which iff true, itt concerns more then the portt [of] Surratt to hinder itt, and therefore advise us if you heare of any such thing.

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 1 May
Vol. 106 No. 94 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

We are sorry to read [heare] of the Governors insolence in stopping the Pr. yet are still in hopes that the ketch will bring him down; she is manned with 24 soldiers, drum, and Lieut. We cannot hear that Sevagee does intend to build a fort on Henery Kenery; if he makes any attempt so to do we shall quickly put a stop to it. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. I, p. 24]

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F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 14 May
Vol. 106, No. 105 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

Yesterday arrived Lieut. Ustick from Sevagee, who, after long and tedious attendance, had half an hours discourse with him and his Braminees to little effect, but at last proffered 5000 Pags., towards our losses and promised, if your Honr. &c. will please to settle a factory at Rajapore, to show all kindness and civility imaginable towards the factory; and this is all that could be got from him, he immediately setting forth with 10000 men one way, and Moro Pondit with as many another way, but is thought may both meet at Suratt. This we thought fitting to advise though we are very sensible it is very late in the year for him to go to that port, yet the Governor of Suratt, having so far disgusted the merchants as to cause them to make a generall complaint, tis probable, not daring to appear at Court, may by the consent of the Prince deliver the town to Sevagee. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 1, p. 25]

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Orme Mss. Vol. } BOMBAY TO COMPANY { Dated 14 June
114, Sect. 1 p. 36 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

As to the treaty with Sevagee, we have made a fair progress in it, having sent Mr. Ustiek lately to treat with him in person, by whom he was received with extraordinary respect and outward expressions of much friendship, but as to satisfaction for



further ['former' in O. C. 3649] damages, the disproportion betwixt our demands and what he pretends to have taken from us is so great, that we shall hardly come to a right understanding therein. We hope to prevail with him for some allowance, but how much we cannot assure ourselves of, his great successes having made him as high in his own thoughts as he is reputed in the eye of the world; we are not wanting to let him know how considerable your power is and how advantageous your commerce will be to his ports, nor doth Savagee want a moment ["need a monitor" in O. C. 3649] to tell him the want we have of his wood with which your Island is supplied, and the other emoluments you will reap by having his country open to you, so that, the benefits of a ["fair" in ditto] correspondence being reciprocal, there is no doubt but we shall close in the end, and there is nothing sticks between us but ascertaining the same ['sum' in Ditts] to be agreed upon for satisfaction and the manner how it is to be paid, concerning which we hope to give your Hon. a more full account in our next.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. } BOMBAY TO SURAT { 19 June
106, Fol. 113 } 1672

I have certaine intelligence now that Sevagees army under the command of more [Moro] Pundit hath made some disturbance in the Portugall country soe much as to cause a fear in Bacaun [Basseine] Chaul and the rest of their territories possitively demanding the $\frac{1}{3}$ [$\frac{1}{4}$ th] pte parte of the encomes of the whole country otherwise threatening destruction to them if he continews warr upon them Bombay is like to thrive the better for it.

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F. R. Surat } CONSULTATION IN SURAT { Dated 21 June
Vol. 3, p. 4 (2d Set) } 1672

(EXTRACT)

This towne of Surat having for some days been allarumd by the late success of Sevagees forces under Mono [Moro] Punditt by his taking of Joar [Jawhar] from the Rajah of the Coolys, and thereby having made his approaches within 40 Cours, and none of this Kings Forces to impeed his march hither, are much more affrighted this day by his yet ueerer approach to Ramnagur,



the Rajah of which place is fled to Chickley, within 4 course of Gundavee, with all his family, and all the people fled out of Gundavee, the Banians endeavouring to doe the like here, but that the towne gates were shutt to keep them in. But what adds to their fear is, some letters brought to this Governor, and to Mirza Mosum the principall merchant, from Sevagee or his General Mono Punditt, once more demanding the Chouty [chouth] or $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Kings Revenues under this Government, which amounts to 400000 Rups., threatning if they did not speedily send him the money he would sett downe here ere long with his army, which caused the people of better quallity to goe to petition the Governour to grant them liberty to send their wives and familys to Broach, or some other place to secure them. This allarum and generall feare of the people gave sufficient caution to the Councill to use their endeavors to secure the Houble. Companies estate here in the house, consisting chiefly in currall, cowrees, and other kintlage goods for the shipping, and therefore twas concluded to keep the hoigh afloat, and that if the enemy did approach, all the Gregio Currall, which is of the greatest vallue, should be laden on board her, where twas concluded more safe then in the house, should they sett the towne on fire, as tis generally beleived they will, and make a totall devastation.

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F. R. Surat	}	SURAT TO BOMBAY	{	Dated 21 June
Vol. 87, p. 45				1672

(EXTRACT)

On the 11 current this towne was strongly allarmd by the neerer approach of Sevagees forces, under the conduct of Mono Punditt, who hath taken Joar from the Coolys, which is within 57 Course of this place, but since, having left a garrison there, is retired back. In the heat of the newes the Governor calls all the eminent merchants, both Moors and Banians, and propounds to them the collecting of 45000 Rupees to raise 500 horse and 3000 foot to defend the towne for two months. The Moors readily subscribed to it, knowing that the burthen of the tax would fall on the Banians. They stood off a little to pause on the buisness but have all subscribed. We heare of no souldiers raising, but there are officers employed in taking an account of every Banaians house in towne, of which the Governour will nodoubt make good improvement to his particular benefit.



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F. R. Miscellane-
ous Vol. 2, p. 139 }CONSULTATION AT
BOMBAY }{ Dated 22 June
1672

(EXTRACT)

Ordered that Mayhim, Siam and Moehum be forthwith fortified the present necessity requiring the same by reason of Sevagees takeing the Cooley country and attempting Gorbunder soe near Bombay, and that Colonel Herman Bake be appointed Overseer of the work.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 87, pp. 47-49 }

SURAT TO BOMBAY }

{ Dated 25 June
1672

(EXTRACT)

After the closure of the Generall letter of the 21th the Deputy President in his particular advised his Honor of fresh allarms the same day by reason of Sevagees forces, after their taking of Joar, and a great treasure there, amounting to. by their report here, 1700000 Rupees, it was said they had taken Ramnagar and so approached nearer this towne, the Rajha of Ramnagar flying with his family to Chickly, 4 Course beyond Gundavee. The same day also were brought letters from Sevagee to the Governour and Mirsa Mosum demanding the third time (which he wroth should be the last) the Couty[shouth] or $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Kings revenues under this Government, declaring that, as their King had forced him to keep an army for defence of his people and countrey, so that army must be payed and if they sent him not the money speedily, he bid them make ready a large house for him, for hee would come and sitt downe here, and receive the rents and customs, for there was none now to stop his passage. This his letter and the apprehension they had of his armys so neer approach, and none of the Kings forces to impied them, struck a panick fear into all those who are men of estates who went to the Governour the same night to desire to send their wives and familys to Broach or other parts to secure them. After they had attended after midnight, he gave them leave, and in the morning contradicted it againe, and summoned the next day all the merchants of quallity, Moors and Banians to apear at Sied Mahmuds house and there to conclude of some way or other to raise the money



Sevagee demanded, which they were not in a capacity to doe. Hee propounded the merchants should raise 100000 Rupees and the Desys should raise 200000 from the poor people that till and sow the ground in the severall Pergannys, which the Desys declared was impossible, they having payed into the Kings treasure all their last years rents, and were not in a capacity to pay any money before hand, nor could the merchants be brought to raise their 100000. At length, after many hours, sitting the whole day and night, the Governour would have had them raised 60000 Rups. sent at present to stop the enemy, with promises of the rest and allotted 2000 Rups. to the merchants and 40000 to the country people, but they apprehending this as a piece of his craft, rather to enrich himself than to be a meanes to divert the enemy, sent him word it could not be, and so broke up.

In this distraction we knew it our duty to provide the best we could for our Honble. Masters estate, which being considerable we ordered the hoigh to be kept afloat, and a months provision to be but [*sic*] put into her, and also laid in a months provisions into our house, concluded to secure all the Gregio currall on board the hoigh, as being more secure there then here, in case the enemy (as we might well expect) should fire the towne; we ordered it therefore to be got to hand, new roped and gumed, to secure it from breaking the Cowrees, also, and other Kintlage goods which before we thought to keep in the house to save the charge of carrying them downe to Swally by land; upon the apprehension of the danger we concluded rather to be at the charge then hazard them here, if the raines which then were ready to fall did not hinder their passage, in such case to house them at Ransale. The Cowrees were sent all, and housed them, for fear of the raines, without the tanks all under the shed, rather then lett them lye on the Castle greene until the Governor signed the invoice. This was the worke of the 22 day, being Saturday. The next morning came news that Mono Punditt had not taken Ramnagur but was returned upon news that Dileel Kaun was gathering his forces to stop his future progress. This, with the raines that fell the night before and still continues, hath brought great comfort to the towne, and eased us from present trouble... These allarms will be renewed if we should have a fortnights faire weather, for Sevagees flying forces will abroad againe so soone as the other are retired to their winter quarters, and if not sooner, they may reasonably be expected in September.



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F. R. Surat, Vol. 87, p. 51	}	CARWAR TO SURAT	{	Dated 26 June 1672
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(EXTRACT)

Our new Governour haith made peace with the Naikewherries of the castle Seamiseer [Shiveshwar] and Cudera, but it is thought it will not last long, they being still discontented. Ancola and Mirja still hold out and will not be reduced without some considerable forces, they being places of strength. We have had great rumor of late of Sevagees intention to vissitt these parts. Wee desire to know, if in case he should, how we should behave our selves towards him, and wheither or no we may rely on his word.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 106, No. 115	}	BOMBAY TO SURAT	{	Dated 8 July 1672
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(EXTRACT)

We take notice of the notable alarm you had of Sevagees Army and the fine preparation made by the Government of Suratt to oppose him, the news with us is that Moro Punditt, having reinforced his army to 15000 strong, is returned again and we fear will give you a more hot alarm, for most certainly he has a great eye upon that town and will not leave, untill he has either reduced it under his obedience or destroyed it, for he has notice of that design that was motioned, arming a fleet of small frigates against him from Suratt, to prevent which design and to destroy which frigates tis said here that Moro Pundit is sent on this expedition, on which score we have great and soliticious apprehensions for the safety of the Hon. Company's Estate, and your persons, but the overtures of good correspondence which have passed between Seavagee and us here give us some hopes that he intends no ill or disturbance to the Hon. Company's interest and we have yet greater confidence in your prudent conduct to apply suitable remedies for the prevention of danger in case it should please God to call you thereunto. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, sect. 1, p. 42]

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(D) Original Correspondence, 3649	}	FROM BOMBAY TO ENGLISH EAST INDIA CO.	{	Dated 12 July 1672.
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May it please your Honrs.

Our humble duties recommended &c. the reason that persua-
des us to give you the second trouble via: Fort St. George is chiefly



to send copy of our last of the 14th June, whose original doe justly feare may have miscarried by reason that the way hath bin stoped by Sevagee's Army on one side and the Moguls on the other ever since the Cosset was dispeeded, and there is so narrow a search now that a letter can hardly escape, but the Armeeyes being now retired, we adventure this Transcript and shall also add thereto somewhat that hath passed of moment since your President's arrivall to your Island of Bombay.

Our next great worke was the establishing and proclaiming our English Lawes and annulling all Portugall rites and customes of Law proceedings, in order whereunto a method of course in Law being drawne out according to the powers given us in your Honrs: Instructions of 1669 we erected a court of Judicature which is appointed to sit the 1st August next wherein your servant Mr. George Wilcox assists as Judge.

We have also ordered a large Warehouse to be built by your Custome House for the receiving and stowing the greatest part of your Europe Goods expected by the ships, for Surratt and all the Countrey adjacent is in so perplexed a condition by means of Sevagee's incursions even to this very hour that we fear we shall be forced to discontinue our Trade there for sometime.

Sevagee suffers not his neighbours to rest even in this dead time of the raines, having surprized the Countreyes belonging to two Radjahs, called the Radjahs of Guar [Jawhar], and Rammigar [Ramnagar] both bordering on the Portugalls of whom also he demands tribute, threatening to make war upon them if they doe not pay it him, in so much that the Portuguesse estate, though it was very low before, yet now is much more in danger, by this meanes he hath also opened a nearer way to Surratt, and it is credibly believed here, that he hath now sent his victorious Army thither, if so (which God divert) he will doubtless doe great mischief but at the worst we have reason to hope through the overtures of friendship which of late have passed [be]twixt us, that he will not attempt any evill to your estate, how ever we dare not assure ourselves of it, in respect he doth so little regard his word, therefore have given Mr. Gray and friends there timely notice to prepare for the worst, and not to trust him too much.

What success and advantage your Island Bombay will receive lying free and out of danger in the midst of these disturbances your Honrs: will understand in a year or two more, and if there was no other reason than this for to perswade us to strengthen



your Island both by Land and Sea, and in a time of such common danger for the security as well of those who are your present subjects as those strangers who shall be persuaded to come, through the care which they perceive we take of their protection, we assure ourselves that in your wisdoms, you will conclude such charge well bestowed, and also hold us justified and to be commended in our proceedings, whereby the fame of your Island is allready so much increased that it is esteemed the only Asylum of all these parts, even at the writing hereof a Radjah our neighbour on the Maine offering himself to become your subject and to desire your protection with whom we are cautious how far we engage least we provoke too much our more potent neighbour Sevagee. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 1, pp. 38-40]

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F. R. Surat } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 20 July 1672
Vol. 87, p. 53 }

(EXTRACT)

It is not one but many allarums we have had from Sevagees forces, and now the army that came hither for the money is returning, we may expect them indeed, and that every day ; for there is a great army abroad and Mono Punditt hath taken Narseek Trumbuck which was kept by Jaddara [Jadhav Rao] a Raspoote, and 400 men under his command, kill'd many of the army and taken Jaddara prisoner. This Jaddara is somewhat related to Sevagee, and revolted from him to the Mogull.

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F. R. Surat } CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 27 July
Vol. 87, p. 28a } 1672

(EXTRACT)

We are pretty quiett here as yett since the Peace made by this Governor, though we were put in some feares per Mahmud Ckaune, who was formerly Governor here, for he being invited underhand by some of the Naikewherries of these places, and having gott 4 of 500 men together, though[t] to have su[r]prized some one of these castles hereabouts, and to have sett up for himselfe ; but he was routed, before his designe could take effect, by this Governor[s] forces, and being wounded was taken prisoner and remaines now in this castle as prisoner awaiting the Kings order how he shall be disposed off. Here hath been for upwards of 10 dayes together a great rumour that the King is dead, but as yett no letters from Vizapore to confirme it.



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F. R. Surat
Vol. 87, p. 57

} SURAT TO BOMBAY

{ Dated 30
July 1672

(EXTRACT)

Naggar Chawne is gone with his army, who were very abusive to the townes people. He is gon Pipp:Uwarra[?] way for feare of Savages forces.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. }
87, p. 59

CARWAR TO SURAT

{ Dated 10 Aug.
1672

(EXTRACT)

These combustions and disturbances round aboute us doeth make us fearfull we shall not be able to supply you with the quantity of pepper enordered this yeare, though we know not what 2 or 3 months may bring forth, affaires being now just upon the point of changing here, and we hope for the better, the King being upon recovery after a great fitt of sickness, which was soe violent that the citty gates and shops of Vizapore was 3 dayes kept shutt up, most suspecting that he would have dyed, which occassioned that report at this distance that he was really dead, but God be thanked he is now upon the mending hand. He hath since he is come a little to himselfe againe gave away this countrey and as much more as amounts to nine hundred thousand Pagodas yearly revenue to an Euenuch that is great in favour with him, and at present rules the whole Kingdome, by name Mr Gaffar Ckaune, who was Gen[er]all of the army in the last expedition against Carnattick, where meeting with good success it hath much encreased his reputation; we heare a very good carecter of him, and hope to see a better government than what lately hath been here, he being of that power that none will dare to rebell against him, and we hope by keeping a good correspondency with him to remove all obstructions that we may meet with all in our affaires; his Governors are not as yett arrived but are dayly expected.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 87, p. 63a

} SURAT TO SWALLY MARINE

{ Dated 22
August 1672

(EXTRACT)

There are 12 friggatts come from Goga into this river yesterday, commanded by Ummergee, with about a 1000 men; we cannot yett learne whether they are for service here or designed for Danda Rajapore against Sevagee; other occurrences at present we have none.



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(S) F. R. Surat } FORT ST. GEORGE TO SURAT { 26 August
Vol. 106, Fol. 126 } 1672

(EXTRACT)

We cannot joy you Sevagees encroaching into those partes, who seemes to aime at the possession rather than plunder.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } CONSULTATION AT SURAT { 29 August
3, p. 15 (2d Set) } 1672

(EXTRACT)

The danger of this citty being such that there is no security for the Honnble. Company's estate, and the price of broadcloth so low that we cannot sell it by whole sale to the merchants in towne for more then 2½ Rupees per yard, which, should wee doe, would bring an exceeding loss on the Honnble. Company, it was therefore concluded that for the present, when the ships arrived at Bombay, the Governor should land the goods there for their security.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. } THOS. ROACH, GUNNER TO } Dated Dilly, 26
106, p. 114 (2d Set) } THE MUGHAL, TO SURAT } September 1672

(EXTRACT)

Another passage amongst these papers (a Journall of the Durbarres affaires for two months time past) was that Nocquadah Omed of Surat had sent an Ardast to the King to this effect, that if the King would but disburse 120000 rupees that then he would undertake to hinder Sevagee from finishing that castle which he hath bin soe long a building off upon Henry Kennary, to which the King gave answere that they should take security from him for the money and lett him proceed, soe that when I had considered of this, I thought it good to clapp this passage into your Ardast; that that was one of the maine desires you had to goe to Bombay for, to assist his Majestys servant, the Siddy of Danda Rajapore, in hindering Sevagee from finishing the aforesaid castle; and yett notwithstanding all this, the said Governour of Surat would not let you goe.

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(S) F. R. Surat } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 18 Oct.
Vol. 106, p. 141 } 1672 (S)

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee is making great preparations having as it is said 16000 men ready, his army being increased by the addition of 4



great regiments of horse, which have deserted the Mogulls service and fled to him under the command of Ciddy Halal [Sidi Hilal], Gadora [Jadhaora], and two others, and it is said many others are running away from the Mogull. It is thought he designs to give Dellar Chaun a battle who is now left alone, and if he has the good fortune to beat or disperse that army, he will command all Guzarat; to the Company's interest and your security, in case he should attempt Suratt, we have very good reasons to believe he intends us no mischief, for his Agent is now actually here on this island and we are entering on the treaty to accommodate the former difference and settle a trade hereafter in his country, so that we reasonably presume he will not attempt the Company's house, or do any mischief to your servants, yet we advise you not to trust him too much, but to stand upon your guard. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. I p. 78]

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O. Correspondence } SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 22 Oct.
Vol. 33, No. 3692 } 1672
(EXTRACT)

Wee have bin continually allarmd by Sevagees forces the whole year, excepting the months of August and September; the towne gates and all passages stopt up for severall months. Those of greatest quallity who could prevaile with the Governor for money, gott permission to send their familys out and secure them in other parts farr distant. In these troubles wee were apprehensive of the danger of that estate wee had of your Honours in this towne, the greatest part whereof we sent over to Swally before the raines were sett in, and afterwards to Raneale, as the weather did permitt, which hath putt you to some charges extraordinary yet not to be avoided in such exigencys.

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(S) F. R. Surat } PHILIP GYFFARD FROM { Dated after 25
Vol. 87, Fol. 89 } CARWAR TO SURAT { Oct. 1672

The reason the Dutch brought these copper here is because there is some dispute between Sevagee and them about their Broaker.

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F. R. Surat } SURAT DIARY { Dated 26 October
Vol. 3, p. 25 (2d set) } 1672
(EXTRACT)

This day news being brought to towne of a great army of Sevagees being come as neer as Ramnagur, and that 4 of the Kings