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AT A GENERAL COURT

OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES,

Held at their HOUSE in LEADENHALL STREET,

On Thursday the 31st of March, 1791, at 12 o'Clock at Noon.

THE Deputy Chairman acquainted the Court, that it was summoned on special affairs, to take into consideration the following motion made at the last Court, viz.

That there be laid before this Court, copies of all proposals for receiving tenders for building ships for the East-India Company, and of letting ships for hire to the East-India Company, from 1st of January, 1780, to this present time, with the answers and resolutions of Committees and Courts thereon; together with the prices agreed to be given for the hire of ships in each of the said years, according to their respective destinations; and also of any agreements or resolutions of the Court, or Committee of Directors, which may have been made respecting any or all of the Old Ship Owners, on the subject of Shipping, during the said period.

And the question on the said motion being put, and seconded, the same passed in the affirmative.

A motion was then made, that the papers mentioned in the proceeding motion should be printed, for the information of the Proprietors, and the question thereon being put, it passed in the affirmative.

The Court then on the question adjourned.



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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 5th January, 1780.

LETTER from Sir Charles Raymond, Bart. dated the 3d inst. advising, that no time shall be lost in building a ship in the room of the Valentine, but cannot answer for any unavoidable accidents which may retard her being built within the time limited, was read.

Vide
Appendix,
No. 1.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 7th January, 1780.

Tender of a new ship in the room of the Vanfittart, Captain Robert Young, on the same terms as the ships already taken up, was read.

Vide App.
No. 2.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 12th January, 1780.

Tender of a new ship in the room of the Anson, to be commanded by Captain William Dick Gamage, on the same terms and conditions as the ships already taken up this season, was read.

Vide App.
No. 3.BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE
OF PRIVATE TRADE AND LAW SUITS.

Pursuant to a reference of Court of the 10th ult. on a letter from John Raymond, Esq. setting forth the situation of the Duke of Kingston, in particular the diligence that was used in order to get her ready to receive her cargo by the stipulated time, the difficulties and extra expences of procuring pilots men, the exertions by which hands were at length got sufficient to proceed on the voyage with the intended convoy, and her long detention afterwards at the Mother Bank, and in the harbour of Portsmouth, at an immense charge; and desiring, in behalf of himself and the owners, as the ship was in waiting for the Company's dispatches, and thereby lost the opportunity of sailing with the ships of the season, and only failed in the season of the last tenders, that the Court will take the case into consideration, whether the Duke of Kingston should not be placed on the terms of the season she failed in, or what other relief the Court may think the hardship of their case may merit.

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Having taken the said letter into our consideration, we do report it to the Court, as our opinion, that Mr. Raymond's request cannot be complied with, which is submitted to the Court.

East-India-House,
13th Jan. 1780.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 18th January, 1780.

A report from the Joint Committee of Private Trade and Law Suits, dated the 13th instant, being read,

Resolved, That the request of John Raymond, Esq. that the ship Duke of Kingston, as she failed in the season of the last tenders, may be placed on the terms of the season she failed in, cannot be complied with.

Vide App.
No. 5.

On reading the request of William Larkins, Esq. for permission to build a new ship in the room of the Lioness, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Larkins, and to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require it.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 20th January, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 6.

Letter from Andrew Moffatt, Esq. the 19th instant, requesting to know the Court's determination respecting his tender of the ship Latham, for another voyage in the Company's service, was read.

AT A GENERAL COURT

OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING
TO THE EAST-INDIES,

Held on Wednesday the 26th January, 1780.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that it is appointed at this Court to consider of the confirmation of the temporary suspension of the 39th By-Law, which suspension had passed according to a Resolution of the General Court of the 22d of December last. And a debate ensuing, in the course thereof, the 50th By-Law; the notice given for the meeting of this Court; and the said 39th By-Law were read.

It was thereupon moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That the Resolution of the last General Court for suspending the operation of the said 39th By-Law be confirmed.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 2d February, 1780.

Letter from George Stainforth, Esq. dated this day, offering the ship, Queen, for a fifth voyage in the Company's service, was read. Vide App. No. 7.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 9th February, 1780.

On reading a letter from William Larkins, Esq. dated the 8th instant, requesting an early reply to his former letter for leave to build a new ship in the room of the Lions. Vide App. No. 8.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Monday the 28th February, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to direct a survey to be made of the ship, Lord North, and report what repairs will be necessary to put her in a proper state for proceeding to sea.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 1st March, 1780.

On reading the request of Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq. for permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the Salisbury, to be commanded by Captain Philip Bromfield, and to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require it. Vide App. No. 9.

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

Held on Wednesday the 1st March, 1780.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of the 28th ultimo.

Ordered, That Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs, with their assistants, do survey the ship, Lord North, so soon as they conveniently can, as she is docked; and jointly report in writing what repairs will be necessary to put her into a proper state for proceeding to sea.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 10th March, 1780.

The Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that the ship, Mount Stuart, burthen 758 tons, Captain John Stewart Commander, be taken up for this season; the Lord North being so considerably damaged by her breaking from her moorings, as to prevent her being fit to proceed this season.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 10th March, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Correspondence, dated this day, being read.

Resolved by the Ballot, That the ship, Mount Stuart, burthen 758 tons, Captain John Stewart, Commander, be taken up for the Company's service this season; the Lord North being so considerably damaged by her breaking from her moorings, as to prevent her being fit to proceed this season.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 17th March, 1780.

It was moved,

That the Vanfittart not yet launched (now under orders for China) is a fit ship to proceed to China this year.

And the question on the said motion being put by the ballot, it passed in the negative.

It was then moved,

That the Neptune, Bellmont, Grosvenor, Lord Holland, and Hillsborough, being the ships most ready, be put to the ballot, and the two ships that have the greatest numbers, do supply the places of the Lord North and Vanfittart for China.

And the same being accordingly put by the ballot, it was

Resolved, That the ships, Lord Holland and Hillsborough, do proceed to China in the room of the Lord North and Vanfittart.

It was then further moved, and

Resolved by the Ballot, That the Committee of Shipping do examine into the state and number of the Company's shipping at home and abroad, and report to the Court on Wednesday next, the probable number fit to be taken into the Company's service for next season.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 23d March, 1780.

On a motion,

Resolved by the Ballot unanimously, That the ship, Vanfittart being launched, be restored to her former consignment to China, in the room of the Hillsborough, whose station was altered on the 17th instant, and which ship is now found to be unfit to proceed on that voyage within a reasonable time.

On reading the request of John Raymond, Esq. for permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the Talbot, to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require it, and to be commanded by Captain Raymond Snow.

Vide App.
No. 10.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 23d March, 1780.

The Committee having agreeably to the Order of Court of the 17th Instant, examined into the state of the ships at home and abroad, and the probable number fit to be taken into the service for next season, do report that the state of the shipping appears to the Committee to be as follows:

- 1 ship at home
- 8 ships building with leave.

9 ships

And the probable number of Ships to arrive in the course of the year 1780 (exclusive of those expected to arrive on the fourth voyages) and without making any Allowance for the dangers of the seas or the enemy, will not exceed ten ships, which ten ships are the Besborough, Calcutta, Nassau, Southampton, Royal Henry, Morfe, General Barker, Ganges, Alfred, and Earl Talbot.

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The arrival of the Stafford the Committee apprehend is very doubtful, and they consider in the same light those outward-bound ships which were at the Cape, according to report the latter end of October last, being the Fox, Norfolk, Earl of Oxford, Atlas, Halfewell, Ceres, True Briton, and Walpole; the Earl of Sandwich bound to Bombay and China, and the Duke of Kingston, which sailed from England no longer ago than the 16th November last, cannot possibly arrive sooner than the year 1781: so that the greatest number cannot, in the Committee's opinion, be estimated at more than nineteen ships; from which circumstances the Committee do not hesitate to submit, as their opinion, that leave should be immediately given to build on the next six ships in turn, to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require them.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 23d March, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, now read, informed the Court, that they have examined into the state of the ships at home and abroad, and the probable number fit to be taken into the service for next season, and report that the state of the shipping appears to them to be as follows:

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Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

On reading the request of John Raymond, Esq. for permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the Talbot, to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require it, and to be commanded by Captain Raymond Snow.

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 29th March, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs do survey the last eight ships permitted to be built for the Company's service ;
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and also the ships *Queen* and *Latham*, and report their state and condition to the Committee of Shipping.

On reading the petition of Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare, representing that Mr. Hume, the husband for building on the bottom of the late ship, *British King*, has not made any contract for that purpose; and requesting, as the ship will lose the benefit of the service if her keel is not laid by the month of April next, that the Court would grant him leave to take the building of the said ship upon himself and his friends. Vide App. No. 11.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 7th April, 1780.

The petition of Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare, referred the 29th of last month, to take the building of the ship, in the room of the *British King*, upon himself and friends being read, Vide App. No. 11.

Ordered, That a transcript of the above be transmitted Mr. Hume, and that he be acquainted the Committee will sit next Tuesday, to receive any observations or reply he may make thereto.

Letter from Messrs. Oliver and Snodgrafs, dated the 5th instant, reporting the state of the several ships now building; also the state of the ships, *Queen* and *Latham*, which have compleated their fourth voyages. Vide App. No. 12.

Ordered, That the owners of the *Queen* and *Latham* be desired to signify to the Committee, whether it will be agreeable to them to repair those ships for a voyage to India, supposing the Court should think it expedient for the Company's service, to move the General Court for a suspension of the 39th By-Law.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held Friday the 7th of April, 1780.

On several motions,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the owners of the late ships *Dutton*, *Bute*, *Nottingham*, and *Northumberland*, desiring them to signify by whom they propose the ships to be built on their bottoms shall be respectively commanded.

That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to enquire into the claim of the owners of the late ship *Pacifick*, (whose commander died on her fourth voyage) for leave to build on that bottom, and to report their opinion thereon.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Monday the 10th April, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 13.

On reading a letter from George Wilson, Esq. dated the 8th inst. advised that Captain Peter Stokes is proposed to be commander of the new ship, to be built in the room of the Nottingham.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 11th April, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 14.

Letter from John Durand, Esq. dated this day, being read, advising that Captain Henry Rice is proposed to command the new ship, to be built in the room of the Dutton.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 12th April, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 15.

On reading a letter from John Mitford, Esq. dated this day, advising that Captain James Rees is proposed to command the new ship, building in the room of the Northumberland.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 19th April, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 16.

Letter from Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq. dated the 18th instant, being read, advising that Captain Philip Bromfield is proposed to command the new ship, to be built on the bottom of the Salisbury.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 20th April, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 17.

Letter from George Stainforth, Esq. under yesterday's date, signifying that the owners of the Queen cannot undertake to repair her for one voyage only, but if it should be thought proper to take her up for two voyages, he will immediately put her into proper repair, was read.



AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

On Thursday the 27th April, 1780.

On reading a letter from Andrew Moffatt, Esq. dated this day, advising that Captain Thomas Timbrill is proposed to command the new ship, to be built in the room of the Bute. Vide App. No. 18.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 28th April, 1780.

The Committee resuming the consideration of the petition from Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare, commander of the late ship British King, to take the building of the ship in her room upon himself and friends, which petition was read in this Committee on the 7th instant. Vide App. No. 11.

Ordered, That Mr. Hume be desired either to return an answer to the letter which was wrote him on the above day, or to attend the Committee on this Business next Wednesday, and

That Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare be directed to attend at the same time.

Messrs. Oliver and Snodgrafs having, in obedience to the Court's orders of the 29th March last, examined into the state of the ships Queen and Latham, reported on the 5th instant, that as far as they were able to inspect them afloat, they appeared, for ships which had performed their four voyages, to be in a very good state, and George Stainforth and Andrew Moffatt, Esquires, having severally signified to this Committee by letters, under date the 19th and 27th instant, that the Owners are ready and willing to repair those ships for two voyages to India. The Committee are of opinion, that under the apprehension of a want of tonnage for the season 1780, it may be very proper for the Court to accept the above offer for one voyage certain, and upon the same being finished, and either or both of those ships appearing, upon a survey, to be in a proper condition, it is presumed a future Court of Directors will, in consideration of the heavy expence of their repairs, agree to their being taken up for a sixth voyage to India; and if this plan should meet with the Court's approbation, the Committee apprehend it will be necessary to move the General Court, for a suspension of the 39th By-Law, in favour of these two ships. Vide App. No. 12,

And the same was reported to the Court. Vide App. No. 17, 18.

The Committee taking into consideration the references of Court of the 10th and 26th November, 1st and 3d December, and 1st March last; and also the 10th, 11th, 12th, 19th, and 27th instant, on the several letters from John Durand, Andrew Moffatt, George Wilson, John Mitford, and Henry Hinde Pelly, Vide App. No. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19.



Esquires, requesting leave to build on the bottoms of the late ships Dutton, Bute, Nottingham, Northumberland, and Salisbury, and advising the names of the gentlemen proposed to command those ships respectively; and as the Dutton, Nottingham, Northumberland and Salisbury, are tendered very regularly with the gentlemen who commanded the old ships in their last voyages, the Committee are of opinion, that leave be given to build ships in their room, to be commanded by Captains Henry Rice, Peter Stoakes, James Rees, and Philip Bromfield; and that it be recommended to the Owners, in the strongest terms, to get those ships built as expeditiously as possible.

In regard to the ship Bute, the Committee have at present only to observe, that the Owners have tendered Captain Thomas Timbrill, instead of Captain Richard Bendy, who commanded the old ship on her last voyage.

And the same was reported to the Court.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Moffatt be desired to signify the Owners reasons for discontinuing Captain Bendy in the command of the new ship intended to be built on the bottom of the Bute; and that Mr. Sherfon, Captain Bendy's attorney, be acquainted, if he has any thing to offer on the subject; the Committee desire it may be laid before them on Wednesday next.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 2d May, 1780.

The Committee of Shipping in a report, dated the 28th ult. now read, acquainting the Court, that they have considered the several requests of John Durand, Andrew Moffatt, George Wilson, John Mitford, and Henry Hinde Pelly, Esquires, to build on the bottoms of the late ships Dutton, Bute, Nottingham, Northumberland, and Salisbury; and advising the names of the gentlemen proposed to command those ships respectively. And as the Dutton, Nottingham, Northumberland, and Salisbury are tendered very regularly with the Captains who commanded the old ships on their last voyages, the Committee offer it as their opinion, that leave be given to build ships in their room, to be commanded by Captains Henry Rice, Peter Stoakes, James Rees, and Philip Bromfield; and that it be recommended to the Owners, in the strongest terms, to get those ships built as expeditiously as possible. The Committee further report, that with regard to the ship Bute, they have at present only to observe, that the Owners have tendered Captain Thomas Timbrill, instead of Captain Richard Bendy, who commanded the old ship in her last voyage.

Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

The said Committee in a further report, dated the same day, now also read, acquainting the Court, that Messrs. Oliver and Snod-

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Snodgrafs have examined into the state of the ships Queen and Latham, and reported, that as far as they were able to inspect them afloat, they appeared, for ships which had performed their four voyages, to be in a very good state; and the Owners having signified, that they are ready and willing to repair those ships for two voyages to India.—The Committee offer as their opinion, that under the apprehension of a want of tonnage for the season 1780, it may be very proper for the Court to accept the above offer for one voyage certain; and upon the same being finished, and either or both of those ships appearing, upon a survey, to be in a proper condition, it is presumed a future Court of Directors will, in consideration of the heavy expence of their repairs, agree to their being taken up for a sixth voyage to India. And the Committee apprehend it will be necessary to move the General Court, for a suspension of the 39th By-Law, in favour of these two ships.

Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 3d May, 1780.

Letter from Andrew Moffatt, Esq. dated the 1st instant, and from Mr. Robert Sherfon, attorney to Captain Bendy, under the same date, accompanying a memorial on the subject of Captain Bendy's not being tendered for the new ship, in the room of the Bute, being read, and the Committee taking the same into consideration, made the following report to the Court, viz.

Vide App.
No. 25.

No. 26, 27.

Mr. Moffatt having, since the Committee's report of the 28th of last month, acquainted the Committee, by letter, under date the 1st instant, that the reason of his tendering Captain Timbrill for the command of a new ship on the bottom of the Bute, instead of Captain Bendy, who commanded the old ship on her last voyage, was, that the Owners thought Captain Bendy's conduct, in several instances, very reprehensible; the Committee offer, as their opinion, that Mr. Moffatt have leave to build a ship, in the room of the Bute, to be commanded conditionally by Captain Richard Bendy, if he should be acquitted by the Court of Directors of the charges which the Owners have intimated they have against him; and, provided also, he shall appear innocent of the accusation against him for illicit trade on his last voyage.

Vide App.
No. 25.

The Committee having, in pursuance of the reference of Court of the 7th of last month, examined into the claim of the Owners of the late ship Pacifick (whose commander died on her fourth voyage) for leave to build a ship in her room; and having consulted the Company's Solicitor thereon, the Committee offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that the said ship, under the 41st By-Law, is a lapsed bottom.

Letter



Vide App.
No. 28.

Letter from Alexander Hume, Esq. dated the 2d, representing, that from some very particular business, it is not in his power to attend the Committee to-day, but that he shall be ready to wait on them next week, being read,

Ordered, That Mr. Hume be acquainted, the Committee, with a view of accommodating him, have adjourned the consideration of the business relative to the British King, to Tuesday next, when the Committee intend to come to a final determination thereon.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 3d May, 1780.

On reading a report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read,

Resolved, That Andrew Moffatt, Esq. have leave to build a ship, in the room of the Bute, to be commanded conditionally by Captain Richard Bendy, if he should be acquitted by this Court of the charges which the Owners have intimated they have against him; and, provided also, he shall appear innocent of the accusation against him for illicit trade in his last voyage.

The said Committee in another report, dated this day, now also read, acquainting the Court, that they have examined into the claim of the Owners of the late ship Pacifick (whose commander died on her fourth voyage) for leave to build a ship in her room; and having consulted the Company's Solicitor thereon, they offer it, as their opinion, that the said ship, under the 4th By-Law, is a lapsed bottom.

Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

Vide App.
No. 29.

On reading the request of Barrington Buggin, Esq. for permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the Ankerwyke, to be commanded by Captain James Barwell, and to be taken up whenever the Company's service may require it.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to examine and report.

Vide App.
No. 30, 31.

On reading a letter from Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare, dated the 20th ult. enclosing an affidavit in support of his petition for leave to build on the bottom of the late ship British King: and

Vide App.
No. 32.

Letter from Patrick Maitland, Esq. dated 14th ult. requesting that Captain Bendy's name may be inserted in the permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the Bute.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 4th May, 1780.

The following letters referred by order of Court, 3d instant, were read, viz. From Captain Hoare, enclosing an affidavit, in support of his petition, for leave to build on the bottom of the ship British King. Vide App. No. 30, 31.

From the Honorable Patrick Maitland, requesting that Captain Bandy's name may be inserted in the permission to build on the bottom of the Bute. Vide App. No. 32.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 9th May, 1780.

The Committee in consequence of the reference of Court of the 29th of March last, reconsidered their report of the 10th December last; and Vide App. No. 33.

Letter from Alexander Hume, Esq. dated this day, being read; also Vide App. No. 34.

Letter from Captain D. G. Hoare, likewise dated this day, both on the subject of a new ship, to be built on the bottom of the British King; and those gentlemen being severally called in, and the Committee having conferred with them thereon, made the following report to the Court, viz. Vide App. No. 35, 36.

The Committee have, in consequence of the reference of Court of the 29th March last, reconsidered their report of the 10th December last, and as from the scarcity of hands, and a variety of other circumstances of a public nature, relative to ship-building, it will be impossible to insure the launching of the several ships mentioned in that report, in the course of the year 1780; the Committee do now offer, as their opinion, that that part of their said report, recommending that the bottoms of such ships which do not launch within that period shall drop, be rescinded.

The Committee have also taken into consideration the references of Court of the 29th March last, and 3d instant, on the applications from Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare, representing that Mr. Hume has not made any contract for building on the bottom of the late ship British King, and requesting leave to take the building of the said ship on himself and friends; and several papers having been laid before the Committee, in the course of this business; and among others, a letter from Alexander Hume, Esq. dated this day, wherein he declines building on the bottom of the British King; and having also signified, verbally, in a conference with the Committee to-day, that he does not mean to interfere with Captain Hoare's building a ship in her room, and gives up his claim to Captain Hoare. And Captain Hoare in a letter likewise, dated this day, making a tender of a ship, to be laid down immediately, which he flatters himself Vide App. No. 11, 30, 31.

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Vide App. No. 29.Vide App. No. 35, 36.



will be launched by the 21st March next. The Committee upon a view of the whole, and considering the affair as amicably terminated between the two parties, do offer, as their opinion, that Captain Hoare have leave to build a ship on the bottom of the British King; and that he be enjoined to use every exertion, on his part, for her being expeditiously built.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 9th May, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That for the reasons therein mentioned, such part of the report from the said Committee, dated the 10th December last, which was read in Court the same day, recommending that the bottoms of such ships therein-mentioned, as are not launched within the year 1780, should drop, be rescinded, and that the other parts of the said report of the 10th December be approved.

That Captain Daniel Griffiths Hoare have leave to build a ship on the bottom of the British King, and that he be enjoined to use every exertion, on his part, for her being built as expeditiously as possible.

Vide App.
No. 37.

On reading a letter from John Durand, Esq. dated the 6th instant, requesting, that as the ship Lord North, by her being driven on shore, has lost the season, and as her repairs will be attended with a considerable expence to the Owners, she may be permitted to go the same number of voyages as may be granted to the ships Queen and Latham; also,

Vide App.
No. 38.

Letter from Gilbert Slater, Esq. dated this day, requesting, that the Court would reconsider the 41st By-Law, as he apprehends it does not affect the bottom of the ship Pacifick.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 10th May, 1780.

The following letter was read, viz.

Vide App.
No. 39.

From Messrs. Robert Peckham and Robert Williams, renewing their tender of the ship Modeste for the Company's service.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 17th May, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 37.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 9th instant, the Committee have considered the request of John Durand, Esq. representing, that in consequence of the damage to the Lord North
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in February last, from the accident of her being drove ashore at Deptford, that ship must be thoroughly repaired, which will be attended with a considerable expence to the Owners; therefore requesting she may be permitted to go the same number of voyages as may be granted to the ships Queen and Latham. The Committee are of opinion, that the ship Lord North should be sufficiently repaired, in the usual manner, for a fourth voyage; and that the Court should reserve to themselves the right of determining, at a future time, as to the propriety of this ship being entertained for any greater number of voyages.

And the same was reported to the Court.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 9th instant, the Committee have considered the letter from Gilbert Slater, Esq. desiring the Court will reconsider the 41st By-Law, as he presumes it does not affect the Pacifick's bottom, and having conferred with Mr. Slater thereon, the Committee see no reason to depart from the opinion, which the Committee offered in their report of the 3d instant, "That the said ship, under the 41st By-Law, is a lapsed bottom."

Vide App.
No. 38.

And the same was likewise reported to the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 17th May, 1780.

The Committee of Shipping in a report, dated this day, now read, acquainted the Court, that they have considered the request of John Durand, Esq. that the ship Lord North, on account of the expence which will attend her repair, may be permitted to go the same number of voyages as may be granted to the ships Queen and Latham; and offering, as their opinion, that the Lord North should be sufficiently repaired in the usual manner, for a fourth voyage; and, that the Court should reserve to themselves the right of determining, at a future time, as to the propriety of this ship being entertained for any greater number of voyages.

Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with said Committee.

The said Committee in a further report, dated this day, now read, acquainting the Court, that they have considered the letter from Gilbert Slater, Esq. desiring the Court would reconsider the 41st By-Law, as he presumes it does not affect the Pacifick's bottom; and reporting, that they see no reason to depart from their former opinion, "That the said ship, under the 41st By-Law, is a lapsed bottom."

Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 23d May, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Snodgrafs do make a monthly report to this Committee of the state of the new ships building.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 26th May, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 40.

Report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 24th instant, was laid before the Committee, by Mr. Snodgrafs; and

Mr. Perry and Mr. Wells being severally called in, the Committee conferred with them relative to the ships mentioned in the said report, to be building by them respectively, and they withdrew.

And a motion being then made,

Ordered, That Messrs. Randall, Gray and Brent, and Messrs. Adams and Barnard, be desired to acquaint the Committee, on Wednesday next, either personally or by letter, with the state of the Company's ships building, or to be built, at their several yards.

Vide App.
No. 41.

Letter from Mr. John Perry and Co. dated this day, was read, and the Committee, upon taking the same into consideration, made the following report to the Court, viz.

Mr. John Perry and Co. having represented to this Committee, that it will be in their power to build, for the service of the ensuing season, another ship, in addition to the three now building at their yard at Blackwall, which are in great forwardness, provided they are indulged with permission to build such fourth ship 36 feet broad; which request they make on account of their moulds being made to that dimension, and much time would be lost in making new ones; the Committee are therefore of opinion, that from the advantages to be derived from an additional ship, in the present scarcity of tonnage, Mr. Perry and Co. be permitted to build such ship 116 feet keel, and 36 feet broad, provided it is agreeable to the Owners of the Bute (which is the ship alluded to) and the Court should think proper, for the reasons before-mentioned, to dispense with their order of the 1st December last, respecting the dimensions of ships to be built for the Company's service.

Vide App.
No. 29.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of the 3d instant, on the request of Barrington Buggin, Esq. and

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A conjectural state of ships for the year 1781, being likewise laid before the Committee, it was, on considering the same, agreed to report the Committee's opinion, on those two points, to the Court, in the following manner, viz.

Vide App.
No. 42.

The Committee have considered the reference of Court of the 3d instant, on the request of Barrington Buggin, Esq. to build a ship on the bottom of the Ankerwyke, to be commanded by Captain Barwell; and as five ships only have been named, of the six, which the Court, on the 23d March last, agreed should be built; and as the Ankerwyke, from the circumstances of the Pacifick being pronounced a lapsed bottom, stands next in turn, the Committee are of opinion, Mr. Buggin's request to build on that bottom, to be commanded by Captain Barwell, be complied with, under a particular recommendation to Mr. Buggin, to cause the said ship to be built as expeditiously as possible.

Vide App.
No. 29.

The Committee having caused a state of the Shipping in the Company's service, to be drawn out in order to form a conjecture of the probable number for the year 1781. It appears, that without making any allowance for the dangers of the seas or enemy, fourteen ships only can be expected home in the year 1781, (exclusive of those on their fourth voyages) which ships are the Fox, Norfolk, Earl of Oxford, Halliwell, Atlas, Ceres, Earl of Sandwich, True Britain, Walpole, Duke of Kingston, Stormont, Lascelles, London and York.

Vide App.
No. 42.

The four last-mentioned ships, are the only ships of the exports of 1779, brought into this account; the Royal Charlotte is purposely omitted, as being the St. Helena, Bombay and China ship, to arrive in 1782; the Contractor and Ponborne, bound to Madras and China, having sailed from England the 3d of last month, cannot be expected in 1781; and as the other ships of the season 1779, still to sail, are very late, their return in the year 1781 becomes extremely doubtful, and are therefore likewise omitted.

So that, adding to the above 14 ships, expected to arrive in 1781, such new ships as may launch in 1781, of those which have already leave to build (including the Ankerwyke) which are calculated at five ships, the supply for the exports of that season probably will not exceed nineteen ships; from which consideration the Committee offer, as their opinion, that leave be given for building on the next ten ships in turn below the Ankerwyke, on the managing Owners making the necessary application for the same, and provided the Court shall approve of the gentlemen named by the Owners to command the new ships.

And the same were accordingly reported to the Court.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 26th May, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read,

Resolved, That the order of Court of the 1st December last, respecting the dimensions of ships to be built for the Company's service, be dispensed with in this instance, and that Messrs. John Perry and Co. be permitted to build a ship on the bottom of the Bute, if the Owners consent thereto of 116 feet keel, and 36 feet broad.

The said Committee in a further report, dated this day, now read, acquainting the Court, that as five ships only have been named, of the six, which the Court, on the 23d March last, agreed should be built; and as the ship Ankerwyke, from the circumstance of the Pacifick being pronounced a lapsed bottom, stands next in turn, they submit as their opinion, that Barrington Buggin, Esq. be permitted to build a ship on her bottom, to be commanded by Captain James Barwell, and that it be recommended to him to cause the said ship to be built as expeditiously as possible.

The Committee further reporting, that having caused a state of the shipping in the Company's service to be drawn out, in order to form a conjecture of the probable number for the year 1781, it appears, without making any allowance for the dangers of the seas or of the enemy, fourteen ships only can be expected home in the year 1781 (exclusive of those on their fourth voyages) which ships are the Fox, Norfolk, Earl of Oxford, Halfewell, Atlas, Ceres, Earl of Sandwich, True Briton, Walpole, Duke of Kingston, Stormont, Lascelles, London and York.

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So that, adding to the above fourteen ships, expected to arrive in 1781, such new ships as may be launched in that year, of those which have already leave to build (including the Ankerwyke) which are calculated at five ships, the supply for the exports of that season will probably not exceed nineteen ships; from which consideration the Committee offer, as their opinion, that leave be given for building on the next ten bottoms in turn below the Ankerwyke, on the managing Owners making the necessary application for the same, and provided the Court shall approve of the gentlemen named by the Owners to command the new ships.



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Resolved, That this Court doth agree in opinion with the said Committee.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 31st May, 1780.

Mr. Barnard being with the Committee, and examined as to the state of the ships building at Mr. Adams's, and his yard, he represented he is apprehensive they shall not have it in their power to launch more than one ship for the Company's service by March next, of the two ships they have contracted for; and that the other ship, with two more, he thinks, they should be able to launch in the course of next season.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 31st May, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the letter from Messrs. Peckham and Williams, read in Court the 10th instant, renewing their tender of the ship *Modeste* for the Company's service, be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report. Vide App. No. 39.

The following letters being read, viz.

From Henry Hinde Pelly and John Raymond, Esquires, dated this day, requesting permission to build new ships, in the room of the late ships *Prince of Wales* and *Talbot*, to be commanded by Captains Jonathan Court and Raymond Snow. Vide App. No. 43, 44.

Ordered. That the said letters be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Shipping.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 1st June, 1780.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of yesterday, on the letter from Messrs. Williams and Peckham, renewing their tender of the ship *Modeste*. Vide App. No. 39.

Ordered, That Mr. John Perry and Co. and Messrs. John and William Wells be desired, if they have no particular objection, to attend the survey of the above ship, and, jointly with the Company's officers, to report what repairs are necessary to make her fit for the Company's service, supposing it should be judged proper to employ her the ensuing season, and

That the same be communicated to Messrs. Williams and Peckham for their giving the necessary directions, if they shall think proper for her being prepared for a survey at an early day,

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Captain Hoare being called in, and examined as to the situation of the ship to be built on the bottom of the British King, was enjoined to use every exertion for her being launched by the 21st March next, the time mentioned in a former letter.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Captain Newte, who it is intimated is the managing Owner of the ship building on the bottom of the Dutton, be desired to attend this Committee, respecting that ship, on Wednesday next.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 7th June, 1780.

The following letters were read, viz.

Vide App. No. 45. From Mr. John Perry and Co. dated the 2d: and

Vide App. No. 46. Mr. William Wells, this day, expressing their readiness to attend the survey of the ship *Modeste*.

Vide App. No. 47. From Messrs. Randall, Gray and Brent, the 5th instant, that they intend to launch the new ship, in the room of the *Valentine*, next September; and have, at present, no other contract for the Company's service.

Vide App. No. 48, 49. From Captain Rice the 2d and 6th instant, that Captain Newte is not acting for himself at present: and advising the state of the new ship, building in the room of the *Dutton*.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 7th June, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That tenders for ships to be entertained in the Company's service, the ensuing season, be received on Wednesday the 21st instant, and that notice be given thereof, agreeably to the draft of an advertisement now read and approved, as follows:

“East-India-House, 7th June, 1780.

“The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give notice, that they are ready to receive proposals at any time on or before the 21st day of June next, from any persons, on what terms and conditions they are willing to let their ships to China, and all parts of the East-Indies, for the ensuing season, to be chartered at builders contract tonnage: and the kintlage to be considered as part thereof; each proposal being made by two of the Owners and Captain, in writing, expressing the names of all the Owners, also the Builder's contract tonnage of the ship; and that the same be severally sealed up and left with the Secretary, in order to be laid before this Court.”

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On reading a letter from Messrs. John Perry and Co. dated this day, requesting, as the Owners of the late ship Bute have declined to build for the ensuing season, that they may be permitted to build a fourth ship for the Company's service, 36 feet broad, upon any bottom for which their friends have the Court's authority to proceed; also

Vide App.
No. 50,

The several requests of Gilbert Slater and Henry Boulton, Esquires, for leave to build new ships for the Company's service, in the room of the Triton and Duke of Cumberland, to be commanded by Captains William Elphinstone and Augustus Savage.

Vide App.
No. 51, 52,

Ordered, That the said letter and requests be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 16th June, 1780.

Mr. John Perry and Co. having signified in their letter of the 7th instant (referred by order of Court the same day) that the Owners of the late ship Bute, have declined to agree for a ship to be built for the ensuing season, therefore requesting the Court will extend their indulgence of the 26th of last month (for building a fourth ship at their yard of 36 feet beam) to any other bottom on which the Owners have the Court's authority to proceed: the Committee are of opinion, that the request of Mr. Perry and Co. be complied with, for the reasons submitted in this Committee's report of the said 26th of last month; such fourth ship being launched in time, for the service of the season 1780.

Vide App.
No. 50.

And the same was reported to the Court.

The Committee having taken into consideration the references of Court of the 28th July, 1779; 18th January, 9th February, 23d March, 31st May, 1780; and 7th instant, on several applications of gentlemen to build on the bottoms of ships, worn out in the Company's service; the Committee offer, as their opinion to the Court, that leave be given to the under-mentioned gentlemen to build on the following bottoms, in part of the ten mentioned in this Committee's report of the 26th of last month; such ships being built under the regulations of Court of 1st December last, in regard to their dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners for their being completed as expeditiously as possible, viz.

Vide App.
53, 5, 8, 10,
43, 44, 51,
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John Raymond, Esq. to build on the Talbot, to be commanded by Captain Raymond Snow. Gilbert Slater, Esq. on the Triton, to be commanded by Captain William Elphinstone. William Larkins, Esq. on the Lioness, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Larkins. Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq. on the Prince of Wales, to be commanded by Captain Jonathan Court. Henry Boulton, Esq. on the Duke of Cumberland, to be commanded by Captain Augustus Savage.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 16th June, 1780.

Two reports from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read,

Resolved, That leave be given to the under-mentioned gentlemen, to build on the following bottoms, in part of the ten mentioned in the resolution of Court of the 26th ultimo, such ships being built under the regulations of this Court of the first December last, respecting their Dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners for their being compleated as expeditiously as possible, viz.

John Raymond, Esq.	To build a new ship on the bottom of the Talbot, to be commanded by Captain Raymond Snow.
Gilbert Slater, Esq.	Triton - - - - - W ^m . Elphinstone.
William Larkins, Esq.	Lioness - - - - - Thomas Larkins.
Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq.	Prince of Wales - - Jonathan Court.
Henry Boulton, Esq.	Duke of Cumberland, Augustus Savage.

That the indulgence granted to Messrs. John Perry and Co. on the 26th ult. for building a fourth ship at their yard, 36 feet beam, be extended to any other bottom on which the Owners have the Court's authority to build, as the Owners of the late ship Bate have declined to build for the ensuing season, such fourth ship being launched in time, for the service of the season of 1780.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 20th June, 1780.

The following letters were read, viz.

Vide App.
No. 54.

Letter from William Wells, Esq. dated the 15th, inst. enclosing joint report of the survey of the ship *Modeste*, by himself, Mr. Perry and Co. Captain Oliver, and Mr. Snodgrass.

Vide App.
No. 55, 56.

The report of the said survey, under date the 13th, and the particulars therein referred to in that part, which precedes the first article on the observations on the defects of the ship.

Vide App.
No. 57.

Letter from Messrs. Williams and Peckham the 16th, stating the conditions on which they are desirous of tendering the ship *Modeste*, and

The Committee, upon taking those several papers into consideration, made the following report to the Court, viz.

Vide App.
No. 39.

The Committee have taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 31st of last month, on the letter from Messrs. Peckham and Williams, renewing their former tender of the ship *Modeste*; and the Committee having judged it necessary, previous,



vious to their offering any opinion thereon, to be informed of the particular state of the ship, desired Mr. Wells and Mr. Perry to survey, and, jointly with the Company's officers, to report what repairs are necessary to make her fit for the Company's service; which request those gentlemen complied with, stating very fully, in a joint report with Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs, the particulars of the defects, and the remedies proposed. Messrs. Williams and Peckham, having also in a letter to this Committee, under date the 16th instant, signified their readiness to lengthen and repair the said ship, as recommended in the report before-mentioned; and having also intimated their intentions, that she shall be commanded by a gentleman, who has already been in that station in the Company's service; likewise tendering her at her builder's tonnage, for two voyages, on the same terms and conditions, as the other ships shall be taken up this season; and that they do not mean, on the said ship's being discontinued, to make any claim for building on her bottom.

Vide App.
No. 57.

The Committee, on considering the several papers before-mentioned, do offer, as their opinion, that the ship *Modeste* be, upon the several conditions stated in the letter from Messrs. Williams and Peckham, taken up for one voyage certain, leaving it to a future Court of Directors to determine upon the conclusion of the first voyage, as to the propriety of her being again employed in this service; and that, with respect to her tonnage, she be chartered at her present builder's measurement, and put upon the same terms as the *York*, *Royal Charlotte*, and other ships of last year, in regard to the increased tonnage, arising from the circumstance of her being lengthened.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 20th June, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That the ship *Modeste* be taken up for one voyage certain, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of the ensuing season, leaving it to a future Court of Directors to determine upon the conclusion of the first voyage, as to the propriety of her being again employed in this service; and that, with respect to her tonnage, she be chartered at her present builder's measurement, and put upon the same terms as the *York*, *Royal Charlotte*, and other ships of last year, in regard to the increased tonnage, arising from the circumstance of her being lengthened; also upon the condition of her being commanded by a gentleman, who has already been a Commander in the Company's service, and of the Owners not making any claim to build upon the said ship's bottom, when she may be discontinued.

On reading the request of Peter Dore, Esq. for permission to build a ship, on the bottom of the Lord Camden, for the

Vide App.
No. 58.



the Company's service, to be commanded by Captain John Reddall.

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A GENERAL COURT

OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING
TO THE EAST-INDIES,

Held on Wednesday the 21st June, 1780.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that it is appointed at this Court to consider of suspending the 39th By-Law for one year, from this day.

And the said By-Law being read; it was on the question,

Resolved, That the 39th By-Law be suspended for one year, from this day.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 23d June 1780.

Vide App. No. 59. The tenders of the following ships being now opened were read, viz.

The Lord North	-	Capt ⁿ . William Hambly.
Southampton	-	John Lennox.
Nassau	-	Arthur Gore.
Latham	-	John Prince.
Queen	-	Peter Douglas.
Royal Henry	-	Henry Dundas.
Calcutta	-	William Thomson.
Alfred	-	James Brown.
Norfolk	-	Sam ^l . Cha ^l . Bonham.
New Ship	-	Arthur Morris.
Ditto	-	James Ogilvie.
Ditto	-	Samuel Rogers.
Ditto	-	Charles Gregorie.
Ditto	-	Dan ^l . Griffiths Hoare.
Ditto	-	Peter Stoakes.
Ditto	-	James Buggin.
Ditto	-	Nath ^l . Paul.
Ditto	-	James Rees.
Ditto	-	Philip Bromfield.
Ditto	-	Daniel Clarke.

Each ship being proposed to be let at builder's contract tonnage for Bencoolen or China at £.36 : 10s. per ton, and for all other parts of India at £.39 : 10s. per ton, demorage at one shilling per ton per day on 500 tons, and the immediate payment of all demorage that shall become due at the time each ship shall leave her last port in England; to be impressed at £.3 per ton on



on the builder's contract tonnage ; the Company to pay all advance of seaman's wages above 26s. per month, and the Owners having compleatly manned the ship, the Company to pay ten guineas a head for replacing all such men as may be impressed or taken out, at or after her departure from the Hope, and to continue paying the like sum per head as often as the men shall be so impressed and taken away, before the ship's final departure from England. To pay the diet of the soldiers from the time of their first going on board until the ship's departure from the last port in England, at the rate of one shilling per man per day, and to be allowed the same during the ship's stay in any port on her voyage out and home, also to pay the passage of the soldiers at the rate of £.15 per head. The ship to carry kintledge in proportion as 80 tons are to 657 tons burthen ; the said kintledge to be reckoned as part of the ship's tonnage, and to be paid for by the Company at the whole freight. Demorage to be paid the Owners for the whole time of the ship's detention at Madeira, or at any other port or place where she may be detained longer than ten days, either on the Company's account or for convoy. The freight to be punctually paid agreeably to the express terms of the Charter-Party ; and to be subject to all other articles and regulations under which the ships were taken up last year.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Joint Committee of Correspondance and Shipping to confer with the Owners on the said tenders, and to consider what freights are proper to be given for the ships to be employed in the Company's service the ensuing season and to report.

Letter from Gilbert Slater, Esq. dated the 21st instant, offering the new ship in the room of the Triton, Captain William Elphinstone, in order to preserve his claim, and acquainting the Court that he will do his utmost to get her ready, was read.

Vide App.
No. 60.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 28th June, 1780.

Letter from Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, the 24th instant, reporting the progress of ships building for the Company's service, was read.

Vide App.
No. 61.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 20th instant, the Committee have taken into consideration a letter from Peter Dore, Esq. requesting leave to build on the bottom of the Lord Camden, to be commanded by Captain John Reddall ; and as this ship is one of the ten, mentioned in this Committee's Report of the 26th of last month, the Committee offer as their opinion to the Court, that Mr. Dore's request be complied with, such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December, in regard to dimensions, and that it be particularly recommended to the Owners, to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 28th June, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That Peter Dore, Esq. have leave to build a new ship on the bottom of the Lord Camden to be commanded by Captain John Reddall, such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December last, in regard to dimensions, and that it be particularly recommended to the Owners to have her completed as expeditiously as possible.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE
OF CORRESPONDANCE AND SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 6th July, 1780.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 23d of last month, as to what freights are proper to be given for the ships of the ensuing season, and

Vide App.
No. 62.

A statement of the difference in the prices of building and fitting out a new ship in 1779 and 1780, as drawn out by Captain Oliver, being likewise laid before this Committee, also

The following abstract of the present tenders, and the terms given last year, viz.

Terms of the present tenders.	Terms agreed upon last year.
Freight to China and Bencoolen £.36 : 10s. per ton.	£.34 per ton.
All other parts £.39 : 10s.	£.37
Demorage 1s. per ton per day on 500 tons, and immediate payment of all such as may be due on the ship's departure from England.	Demorage 10d. per ton per day on 500 tons, and immediate payment of all such as may be due over and above 20 days, on the ship's sailing from England.
Impress £.3 per ton, on builder's contract tonnage.	The same.
Wages. The Company to pay all advance above 26s. per month : also 10 guineas a head for replacing such seamen as may be impressed, or taken out at or after the ship's departure from the Hope.	The same.
N. B. Several of the tenders express before or after the ship's departure from the Hope.	The same.
Diet 1s. per man per day.	£.14 per head.
Passage £.15 per head.	Kintledge



Terms of the present tenders.

Kintledge in the proportion of 80 to 657 tons, and to be paid for at whole freight.

Demorage at Madeira, or at any other place, where the ships may be detained longer than 10 days, either on the Company's account or for convoy.

Freight to be punctually paid agreeably to Charter-Party.

Terms agreed upon last year.

The same.

Demorage allowed after 10 working days at Madeira only.

Resolved unanimously, That this Committee are of opinion £.35 per ton from China and Bencoolen, and £.38 per ton from all other parts of India are proper freights to be given the ensuing season, and that the ships in all other respects be upon the same terms and conditions as the ships of last season.

Ordered, That the Managing Owners of the several ships be desired to meet this Committee, respecting their tenders, on Tuesday next, at one o'clock precisely.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDANCE AND SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 11th July, 1780.

The transactions of the Joint Committee on the 6th instant were read, and upon the question being put, were unanimously approved.

The several Managing Owners, whose names are mentioned in the margin, attending the Committee, were acquainted with the Committee's resolution respecting their tenders, and having withdrawn some time to consider thereof, returned, and signified they could not give up their demand respecting demorage and passage money, unless their freights are increased to £.36 and £.39 per ton. And as the Committee saw no reason to depart from their unanimous resolution on the 6th instant, the conference ended without coming to any determination, and it was agreed to acquaint the Court with the Committee's proceedings, which was done accordingly in the following report, viz.

G. Wilson,
G. Stainforth, Don.
Cameron,
R. Williams
J. Mitford,
Jeffy. Jackson, H. H.
Pelly, Esquires.

The Committee have taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 23d of last month, as to what freights are proper to be given for the ships of the ensuing season, and a statement of the difference of fitting out a ship between last year and the present, as prepared by the proper officer, being laid before the Committee, also the following abstract of the present tenders, and the terms agreed on last year, viz.

Terms



Terms of the present tenders.

Freight to China and Bencoolen £.36 : 10s.

All other parts £.39 : 10s.

Demorage 1s. per ton per day on 500 tons, and immediate payment of all such as may be due on the ship's departure from England.

Impress £.3 per ton, on builder's contract tonnage.

Wages. The Company to pay all advance above 26s. per month, also 10 guineas a head for replacing such seamen as may be impressed or taken out at or after the ship's departure from the Hope.

N. B. Several of the tenders express, before or after the ship's departure from the Hope.

Diet 1s. per man per day.

Passage £.15 per head.

Kintledge in the proportion of 80 to 657 tons, and to be paid for at whole freight.

Demorage at Madeira, or any other place, where the ships may be detained longer than 10 days, either on the Company's account or for convoy.

Freight to be punctually paid agreeably to Charter-Party.

Terms agreed upon last year.

£.34 per ton.

£.37

Demorage 10d. per ton per day on 500 tons, and immediate payment of all such as may be due over and above 20 days, on the ship's sailing from England.

The same.

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£.14 per head.

The same.

Demorage allowed after 10 working days at Madeira only.

It was, upon very maturely considering the same, and in consequence of the apparent increase of about £.700 in fitting out a ship this season, resolved, as the unanimous opinion of this Committee, at their first meeting on the 6th instant, which was again unanimously confirmed by the Committee at their meeting this day, that it would be proper for the Court to agree to give £.35 on goods from China and Bencoolen, and £.38 per ton from all other parts of India, provided the Owners relinquish their claims respecting demorage and passage money, and consent that the ships shall in all respects, except the freight, be taken up on the same terms and conditions as those of last year. This resolution has accordingly been communicated to the Managing Owners, in a conference on the subject of their tenders; but as those gentlemen could not be prevailed on to wave their demands respecting demorage and passage money, unless the freights are increased this year to £.36 and £.39. And as the Committee saw no reason to depart from their unanimous resolution before-mentioned, the conference ended without coming to any Agreement.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 12th July, 1780.

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, reporting, under date the 11th instant, that they have taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 23d of last month, as to what freights are proper to be given for the ships of the ensuing season; also a statement of the difference of fitting out a ship between last year and the present, as prepared by the proper officer, and an abstract of the present tenders, with the terms agreed on last year, and in consequence of the apparent increase of about £700 in fitting a ship this season, offering it as their unanimous opinion, that it would be proper for the Court to agree to give £35 per ton on goods from China and Bencoolen, and £38 per ton from all other parts of India, provided the Owners relinquish their claims respecting demorage and passage money, and consent that the ships shall in all respects, except the freight, be taken up on the same terms and conditions as those of last year. The Committee further reporting, that this resolution has accordingly been communicated to the Managing Owners, in a conference on the subject of their tenders; but as those gentlemen could not be prevailed on to wave their demands, respecting demorage and passage money, unless the freights are increased this year to £36 and £39; and as the Committee saw no reason to depart from their unanimous opinion before-mentioned, the conference ended without coming to any agreement.

Resolved, That this Court doth approve of the said report.

On reading the request of Andrew Moffatt, Esq. for permission to build new ships on the bottoms of the Hector and Hampshire, to be commanded by Captains Stephen Williams and Thomas Timbrill; also, Vide App. No. 63.

The request of Frederick Hindley, Esq. for leave to build a new ship on the bottom of the Greenwich, to be commanded by Captain Robert Carr. Vide App. No. 64.

Ordered, That the said requests be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 19th July, 1780.

On a motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to consider, whether in the present scarcity of tonnage, it may not be proper to give leave to build four more ships for the Company's service.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that the Owners had signified to him their assent to the terms offered by the report of the

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Joint Committees of Correspondence and Shipping of the 12th instant, to be given for the hire of ships for the ensuing season.

Vide App. No. 65. Tender of a ship to be called the Hinchinbrooke, of 630 tons, to be commanded by Captain Arthur Maxwell, for two voyages, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season, being read.

Ordered, That the said tender be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 26th July, 1780.

Vide App. No. 66. Letter from Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, under this day's date, reporting the progress of the ships building for the Company's service, was read.

Vide App. No. 65. The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 19th instant, on the tender of a French built ship, intended to be called the Hinchinbrooke, burthen about 630 tons, with 26 guns, and navigated by 99 men, for two voyages to India, to be commanded by Captain Arthur Maxwell, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that upon the said ship being repaired and fitted, in a sufficient manner, to the satisfaction of the Company's officers, it may, in the present scarcity of tonnage, be very proper to take her upon the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the other ships of this season, for one voyage certain, submitting it to the determination of a future Court of Directors upon the conclusion of the first voyage, as to the propriety of her being again employed in the Company's service; and that the Owners be excluded from any claim of building on her bottom.

Vide App. No. 64, 63. The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 12th instant, on the letters from Frederick Atherton Hindly and Andrew Moffatt, Esquires, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, in further part of the ten mentioned in this Committee's report of the 26th May last, such ships being built under the regulations of Court of the 1st December, 1779, in regard to their dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners for their being compleated as expeditiously as possible, viz.

Frederick Atherton Hindley, Esq. to build on the Greenwich, to be commanded by Captain Robert Carr. The executors of Andrew Moffatt, Esq. on the Hector, to be commanded by Captain Stephen Williams; and on the Hampshire, to be commanded by Captain T. Timbrill.

The Committee having, in consequence of the reference of Court of the 19th instant, considered, whether it may not be proper, in the present scarcity of tonnage, to give leave for four
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more ships to be built for the Company's service, do report their opinion in the affirmative; and recommend that leave be given accordingly, for ships in the room of the Egmont, Europa, Houghton, and Sea Horse, on the Managing Owners making the necessary application for the same, and provided the Court shall approve of the gentlemen proposed by the Owners for the command of the new ships.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 26th July, 1780.

Three reports from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That the ship Hinchinbrooke (on her being repaired and fitted in a sufficient manner to the satisfaction of the Company's officers) be taken up on the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the other ships of this season, for one voyage certain, submitting it to the determination of a future Court of Directors, upon the conclusion of the first voyage, as to the propriety of her being again employed in the Company's service; and that the Owners be excluded from any claim of building on her bottom.

That leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, in further part of the ten mentioned in the resolution of the 26th May last; such ships being built under the regulations of the 1st December, 1779, in regard to their dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners for their being completed as expeditiously as possible, viz.

Frederick Hindley, Esq. to build on the Greenwich, to be commanded by Captain Robert Carr. The executors of Andrew Moffatt, Esq. on the Hector, to be commanded by Captain Stephen Williams. And the Hampshire, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Timbrill.

That leave be given to build ships, for the Company's service, on the bottoms of the Egmont, Europa, Houghton, and Sea Horse, on the Managing Owners making the necessary application for the same; and, provided the Court shall approve of the gentlemen proposed by the Owners for the command of the new ships.

On reading the request of John Durand, Esq. for permission to build a new ship, in the room of the Grenville, to be commanded by Captain Burnet Abercrombie. Vide App. No. 67.

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 27th July, 1780.

The Committee being met to examine into the situation of the ships, which probably may be taken up for the service of this season, and it appearing to the Committee that five new ships, in the room of the Colebrooke, Harcourt, Osterley, Speke, and Valentine; also four old ships, viz. Lord North, Latham, Queen, and Hinchinbrooke, will be ready in November next; and it being also intimated that Mr. Williams has positively engaged that the Modeste shall be ready in all that month.

Ordered, That the Owners of the above ten ships be desired to meet this Committee on Wednesday next.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 2d August, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 68, 69,
70, 71.

Mr. David
Bristow, for
Hen. Boul-
ton, Esq.
Donald Ca-
meron,
Will. Dent,
Jeff. Jack-
son, John
Mitford,
Geo. Stain-
forth, and
Rob. Wil-
liams, Esqrs.

Notes relative to the forwardness of the Hinchinbrooke new ship, in the room of the Northumberland, and the ship Lord North; also note from Henry Boulton, Esq. that Mr. Bristow will attend for him, were likewise read, and the Managing Owners, whose names are mentioned in the margin, being severally called in, it appeared from their information, that the ships will be ready as follows:

The Lord North, now ready. Queen, in all this month. Latham, Hinchinbrooke, and new ships in the room of the Colebrooke, Osterley and Valentine, in September. The Modeste, and new ships in the room of the Harcourt and Speke, in October. New ship in the room of Northumberland, in November.

Vide App.
No. 67.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 26th last month, the Committee have taken into consideration a letter from John Durand, Esq. requesting leave to build on the bottom of the Grenville, to be commanded by Captain Burnet Abercombie; as this ship compleats the ten mentioned in this Committee's report of the 26th last May, the Committee offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that Mr. Durand's request be complied with; such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December, in regard to her Dimensions, and that it be recommended to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 2d August, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved,



Resolved, That leave be given for building a new ship on the bottom of the Grenville, to be commanded by Captain Burnet Abercrombie; such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December last, in regard to her dimensions, with a particular recommendation to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

On reading the request of Gilbert Slater, Esq. for permission to build a ship, in the room of the Sea Horse, to be commanded by Captain David Arthur. Vide App. No. 72.

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

Tender of the ship True Briton, Captain John Broadley, on the same terms and conditions as are agreed to be given for the ships of this season, was read. Vide App. No. 59.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 9th August, 1780.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 2d instant, the Committee have taken into consideration a letter from Gilbert Slater, Esq. requesting leave to build on the bottom of the Sea Horse, to be commanded by Captain David Arthur; and as this ship is one of the four mentioned in this Committee's report of the 26th of last month, the Committee offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that Mr. Slater's request be complied with; such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of 1st December, in regard to her dimensions, and that it be particularly recommended to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible. Vide App. No. 72.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 9th August, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That leave be given for building a new ship on the bottom of the Sea Horse, to be commanded by Captain David Arthur; such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December last, respecting her dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

On reading the request of Culling Smith, Esq. for permission to build a new ship, for the Company's service, in the room of the Houghton, to be commanded by Captain William Smith. Also Vide App. No. 73.

Tender of the ship Sybella, burthen 573 tons builder's measurement, Captain Thomas Walker, for a voyage to India, on the same terms and conditions as the other ships of this season. Vide App. No. 74.

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Ordered, That the said request and tender be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 16th August, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 73.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 9th instant, the Committee took into consideration a letter from Culling Smith, Esq. requesting leave to build a ship on the bottom of the Houghton, to be commanded by Captain William Smith; and as this ship is one of the four mentioned in this Committee's report of the 26th last month, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that Mr. Smith's request be complied with; such ship being built conformably to the order of Court of the 1st December, in regard to her dimensions, and that it be particularly recommended to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

Vide App.
No. 74.

The Committee having considered the reference of Court of the 9th instant, on the tender of the ship Sybella, British built, burthen about 573 tons, intended to carry 20 nine-pounder guns, and navigated by 99 men and a boy, under the command of Captain Thomas Walker, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that upon the said ship being repaired and fitted in a sufficient manner, to the satisfaction of the Company's officers, it may, in the present scarcity of tonnage, be very proper to take her up for a voyage to India, upon the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the other ships of this season; the Owners being excluded, at all events, from any claim of building on her bottom,

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 16th August, 1780.

Two reports from the Committee of Shipping, dated this day, being read.

Resolved, That leave be given to build a new ship on the bottom of the Houghton, to be commanded by Captain William Smith; such ship being built conformably to the order of the Court, of the 1st of December last, in regard to her dimensions, with a particular recommendation to the Owners to have her compleated as expeditiously as possible.

That the ship Sybella, burthen 573 tons, 20 guns, and 99 men and a boy, under the command of Captain Thomas Walker, on her being repaired and fitted, in a sufficient manner, to the satisfaction of the Company's officers, will be a proper ship to be taken up for one voyage to India, upon the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the other ships of this season; the Owners being excluded, in all events, from any claim of building on her bottom.

Vide App.
No. 75.

Tender of the ship Northington, Captain Hugh Frazer, burthen 676 tons, for the Company's service, on the same terms
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and conditions as the ships to be taken up this season, being read.

Ordered, That the Owners be acquainted, that as the said tender is not agreeable to the Company's regulations, it is deemed inadmissible.

On reading a tender of the ship Earl of Effingham, Captain Edward Robertson, burthen 355 tons, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season, excepting the Owners being allowed whole freight for surplus tonnage homewards. Vide App. No. 76.

Resolved, That the said ship is of two small dimensions for the Company's service, and that the Secretary do acquaint the Owners therewith.

On reading the several requests of Thomas Liell and Henry Hinde Pelly, Esquires, for permission to build new ships for the Company's service, in the room of the Stafford and Europa, the latter to be commanded by Captain William Aplegarth. Vide App. No. 77, 78.

Ordered, That the said requests be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 23d August, 1780.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building, dated the 23d instant, was laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 79.

The Committee having examined further into the state of the Company's shipping for the service of the ensuing season, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that it may be necessary to advertise in the public papers, to accept of such ships, for one voyage to India, as shall be offered from 500 to 1000 tons burthen, not exceeding six in number, provided such ships are suitable for the Company's service, although not built immediately for this employ. The Committee further offer, as their opinion, that in the present situation of affairs, it may be expedient, in some cases, to accept of persons for commanders and officers of the above-mentioned ships, notwithstanding they have not been in the Company's service; and that the orders of Court of the 12th February, 1768, and 15th November, 1769, respecting the qualifications of commanders and mates, be suspended for those ships.

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