



AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 23d August, 1780.

The Committee offer it, as their opinion, that the following ships be taken up in part of the tonnage to be employed for the present season, viz.

	Tons.	
Lord North - -	761	Capt. William Hambly
Latham - -	723	John Prince
Queen - -	804	Peter Douglas
New ship - -	758	Arthur Morris
Ditto - -	755	James Ogilvie
Ditto - -	758	Samuel Rogers
Ditto - -	758	Charles Gregorie
Ditto - -	758	Nathaniel Paul
Ditto - -	755	James Rees
Hinchinbrooke - -	528	Arthur Maxwell
Sybella, about - -	573	— Walker

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 23d August, 1780.

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

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That the following ships be taken up, in part of the tonnage to be employed for India and China, for the present season, viz.

	Tons.	
Lord North - -	761	Capt. William Hambly
Latham - -	723	John Prince
Queen - -	804	Peter Douglas
New ship - -	758	Arthur Morris
Ditto - -	755	James Ogilvie
Ditto - -	758	Samuel Rogers
Ditto - -	758	Charles Gregorie
Ditto - -	758	Nathaniel Paul
Ditto - -	755	James Rees
Hinchinbrooke - -	528	Arthur Maxwell
Sybella, about - -	573	— Walker

The Committee of Shipping reporting, under this day's date, that having examined into the state of the Company's shipping, for the service of the ensuing season, they offer, as their opinion, 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 also 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



standing 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.

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

Draught of an advertisement for six ships, agreeably to the above report, was read and approved. Vide App. No. 80.

Tender of the ship Northington, Captain Hugh Frazer, burthen 676 tons, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season, being read, Vide App. No. 81.

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

On a motion,

Resolved; That leave be given to build new ships for the Company's service, on the bottoms of the Northington and Shrewsbury, upon the Owners making the necessary applications, and presenting such commanders as may be approved by the Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 30th August, 1780.

Mr. Williams, Managing Owner of the Hinchinbrooke, having proposed to the Committee to lengthen that ship, whereby she would be capable of bringing home an additional quantity of goods; and signifying that Mr. Barnard, the builder, is under a penalty of £2000 to have her ready, if lengthened, to come afloat by the 30th October next; also intimating that the ship Modeste will be ready, if required, to take in goods in all October.

Resolved, That the Hinchinbrooke be not lengthened, but that she come afloat agreeably to the time fixed by the Court, being 13th next month; and this resolution was communicated to Mr. Williams accordingly.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 23d inst. on the tender of the ship Northington, burthen 676 tons, 99 men, and 26 guns, under the command of Captain Hugh Frazer, 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 present Owners being excluded, at all events, from any claim of building on her bottom; or the commander and officers having any further claim to the service, than they could be intitled to by orders of Court of 12th February, 1768, and 15th November, 1769. Vide App. No. 81.



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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 30th August, 1780.

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

Resolved, That the ship Northington, burthen 676 tons, 99 men, and 26 guns, under the command of Captain Hugh Frazer, upon 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 a voyage to India, upon the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the other ships of this season; the present Owners being excluded, in all events, from any claim of building on her bottom; or the commander and officers having any further claim to the service, than they could be intitled to by the orders of Court of the 12th February, 1768, and 15th November, 1769.

And a motion being then made,

Ordered, That the like exclusions, as the above, be made to the several ships, commanders and officers, which may be taken into the Company's service this season, for supplying the present exigency of tonnage.

Vide App.
No. 82.

On reading the request of the several builders of ships for the Company's service, for liberty to build 36 feet, instead of 35 feet broad.

Resolved, That the same be not complied with.

The following tenders, in consequence of the advertisement of the 23d instant, were opened and read, viz.

Vide App.

No. 83.	Speke	700 tons and upwards.	Capt. Moses Birch
No. 84.	Blandford	700 26 guns.	James Williamfon
No. 85.	York	700 20	
No. 86.	Pearl	527 22 60 men.	To be commanded by a commander who has been in the service.
No. 87.	Penelope	500 26	Robert Maw
No. 88.	Tartar	500 26	Edward Fiott

all on the same terms as the ships of this season.

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

The tenders of the following ships being likewise opened and read, viz.

Vide App.

		Tons.	
No. 89.	West Indian	420	Capt. Philip Simpson
No. 90.	Raikes	400	John Smith
No. 91.	Prince William	400	William Gowland
No. 92.	Thames	400	David Watt
No. 93.	Woodley	400	William M'Namara.

Resolved,



Resolved, That the said tenders be not received, their tonnage not being agreeable to the advertisement.

On reading the several requests of John Raymond, Esq. James Farquharson, Esq. and George Willson, Esq. for leave to build ships for the Company's service, on the bottoms of the Shrewsbury, Egmont, and Gatton, to be commanded by Captains John Coggan, Charles Mears, and James Rattray. Vide App. No. 94, 95, 96.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 5th September, 1780.

The Committee having met to consider the tenders of the six ships, referred by order of Court the 30th of last month, and having conferred with the Managing Owners of those ships, the state of them are represented to be as follows, viz. Vide App. No. 83 & 88.

The Blandford, now at Plymouth, and the commander gone to bring her round; if she meets with no particular detention in her passage up to the river, she may probably be afloat in six weeks, as very little repair will be required.

The Penelope being under 500 tons, and not burthenfome, Mr. Moffatt, who tenders her, is apprehensive she will not be fit for the Company's service, as to tonnage.

The Pearl, in Mr. Wells's lower dock, was built in the South Seas, said to be of teak timber, can be ready in about three weeks.

The Speke, now on her passage from Penzance; all possible dispatch will be used on her arrival in the river, to get her ready for a survey.

The Tartar, at Dartmouth, lately arrived from Lisbon, employed as a privateer, is sheathed with copper, wants little repair, and can come afloat in about a fortnight after she gets into the river.

The York, now on her passage from Archangel, had her loading in the 20th July, and may be expected about 15th this month, is a stout built ship of fir.

The Committee acquainted the several gentlemen, that it would be expected the ships should carry men, nearly in the proportion of 20 to every 100 tons; and that a rejecting clause would be made in case such as may be accepted are not ready, conformably to the time agreed upon for their coming afloat; and from the uncertainty of the ship York's arrival, were of opinion there is but little prospect, in point of time, that she can be got ready for employment in this service; and adjourned the further consideration of the other tenders.

Messrs.



Messrs. Oliver and Snodgrafs being examined, in regard to the state of the ships building and fitting for the service of the ensuing season; and some doubts having arisen as to the forwardness of the new ships, in the room of the Deptford and Salisbury, and of the ships *Modeste* and *Northington*.

Ordered, That Barrington Buggin, Henry Hinde Pelly, Simon Frazer, Esquires, and Mr. Barnard the builder, be desired to meet the Committee to-morrow relative thereto.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 6th September, 1780.

Mr. Frazer being called into the Committee, was acquainted, that from the information of the Company's surveyors, the *Northington* could not come afloat in less than two months; that if she is not ready by the 30th of October, the Company will reserve to themselves the option of rejecting her; Mr. Frazer assured the Committee, that every possible exertion should be used on the part of the Owners; that more repairs being required than was expected, and the commander being indisposed, was the occasion of the ship not being so forward; but that he has every reason to suppose she will be ready by the above time; and he then withdrew.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the Owners of the *Hinchinbrooke* and *Sybella*, be acquainted, that as those ships will not come afloat agreeably to the time fixed, being the 13th this month for the *Hinchinbrooke*, and the 13th of October for the *Sybella*; the Committee with a view of accommodating the Owners, have proposed to extend the time to the last springs in October; but should any disappointment happen, the Committee will then be under the necessity of recommending it to the Court to reject them from employment in the Company's service.

Messrs. Roberts and Hubbert, having assured the Committee, they had very maturely considered the calculate of the expences of the outfit of the ship *Pearl*, and that they could not afford to let her to the Company upon the present terms of the ships of this season, unless the Committee would consent to her being navigated with 60 men, being of the burthen of 527 tons.

Vide App.
No. 86.

Resolved unanimously, That the above tender be not accepted.

Mr. Fiott having agreed that the ship *Tartar*, burthen 500 tons, should carry 80 men, and 26 guns; that he will submit to a part of the sheathing being taken off for a survey, but with respect to her copper bottom, if the Company's surveyors should proceed farther than is agreeable to him, he shall be at liberty to decline it. The Committee consented to his proposal, and the following report, relative to the two ships before-mentioned, and the ship *York*, was made to the Court, viz.

Pursuant



Pursuant to reference of Court of the 30th ult. the Committee have considered the tender of the ship Tartar, burthen 500 tons, to mount 26 guns, and to carry 80 men, sheathed with copper, French built, two years and a half old, to be commanded by Captain Edward Fiott, and are of opinion, 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, and the commander and officer subject to the orders of Court of the 30th last month.

Vide App.
No. 88.

The Committee having also considered the tenders of the ships Pearl and York, referred the same day; but as the Owners of the former, burthen 527 tons, decline navigating her with more than 60 men, which number the Committee consider insufficient for the size of the ship; and as the arrival of the ship York from Archangel is very uncertain, there is little prospect of her being got ready in time for employment this season; the Committee are of opinion the tenders of those two ships be not accepted.

Vide App.
No. 86, 85.

The Committee having taken into consideration the references of Court of the 16th and 30th of last month, on the letters from Henry Hinde Pelly, James Farquharson, and John Raymond, Esquires, do offer, as their opinion, to the Court, that leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, 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.

Vide App.
No. 78, 95,
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Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq. to build on the bottom of the Europa, to be commanded by Captain William Applegath.

James Farquharson, Esq. - Egmont, - Charles Mears.
John Raymond, Esq. - Shrewsbury, - John Coggan.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 6th September, 1780.

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

Resolved, That leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, under the regulations of Court of the 1st December last; in regard to their dimensions, and with a particular recommendation to the Owners for their being compleated as expeditiously as possible, viz.

Henry Hinde Pelly, Esq. to build on the Europa, to be commanded by Captain William Applegath.

James Farquharson, Esq. on the Egmont, to be commanded by Captain Charles Mears.

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John Raymond, Esq. on the Shrewsbury, to be commanded by Captain John Coggan.

A further report from the said Committee, dated this day, being read,

Resolved, That the ship Tartar, burthen 500 tons, to mount 26 guns, to carry 80 men, and to be commanded by Capt. Edward Piott, on her being repaired and fitted in a sufficient manner to the satisfaction of the Company's officers, will, in the present scarcity of tonnage, be a proper ship to be taken up for a voyage to India, upon the same terms and conditions as the other ships of this season.

Resolved, That for the reasons likewise stated in the above report, the tenders of the ships, Pearl and York, be not accepted.

Vide App.
No. 97, 98,
99.

The tenders of the following ships being opened and read, viz.

	Tons.	
Denbigh -	770	Capt. John Lewis
Lord Mulgrave	700	James Urmlston
New Ship -	520	William Gowland.

All on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 13th September, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 100.

Letter from Barrington Buggin, Esq. under yesterday's date, that Mr. Wells has assured him, the new ship building on the bottom of the Deptford will be launched in all January, and that the contract was made for December, was read.

Mr. Pelly, Managing Owner of the new ship in the room of the Salisbury, attending, was called in and acquainted, that from the information of the Company's officers, it appears to this Committee, that ship will not be launched till the month of March next, that it would be for the advantage of the Owners as well as for the benefit of the Company, if she could be brought forward, to be ready by the latter end of February; and Mr. Perry, the builder, being also with the Committee, assured them he could not engage to launch her sooner than March. Mr. Pelly was then informed from the Chair, that if the ship was not ready in all the month of March, the Committee, from such a disappointment, would be under the necessity of recommending it to the Court, not to take her into the Company's employ this season.

Vide App.
No. 98, 97,
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The Committee in consequence of the tenders of the ships Lord Mulgrave, Denbigh, and new ship, Captain Gowland, being referred



ferred to them on the 6th instant, had a conference with the Managing Owners of those ships; with respect to the two former, the Owners were acquainted that upon their arrival in the river, a proper survey will be made, and if they can be ready in all the month of October, the Committee will then treat for the hire of those two ships, but as Mr. Mather, who tenders the new ship, to be commanded by Captain Gowland, has signified she cannot be launched sooner than four months, and that he is not inclined to let her to the Company for one voyage only, it was

Resolved, That the tender of the new ship, Captain Gowland, be not accepted.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 21st September, 1780.

Read letter from William Moffatt, Esq. under yesterday's date, advising the ship Blandford's being in the river, that he is ready to submit to the opinion of any two builders the Company shall appoint, whether or not she is fit for the service, and that he will have all such repairs done, as upon a survey, by them, shall be thought necessary.

Vide App.
No. 101.

Ordered, That Mr. Snodgrafs be directed to take the earliest opportunity of surveying the above ship afloat, in the best manner he can, and report his opinion of her to the Committee.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Jeffery Jackson, Esq. be acquainted an intimation has been thrown out, that the new ship, building on the bottom of the Speke, is not carried on with that dispatch as a little while since; and that her launching is conjectured to be protracted for the benefit of the Commander; that the situation of the Company's affairs are such, the Committee must depend upon her being launched in the course of next month, and if any disappointment should happen the consequence must rest with the Owners.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 22d September, 1780.

Letter from Jeffery Jackson, Esq. dated this day, signifying that every endeavour of his has been used for the new ship in the room of the Speke, being launched in the month of October; that no hands have been taken off, nor has there been any neglect either on the part of the husband or builder, was read.

Vide App.
No. 102.

Joint letter from Captain Oliver, Mr. Snodgrafs, and Mr. Ferguson, dated the 20th instant, requesting the Committee's special commands respecting the survey of the Tartar, under the particular circumstances of her being coppered, sheathed, was read, and the consideration deferred.

Vide App.
No. 103.

Mr. Snod-



Mr. Snodgrafs being called in, acquainted the Committee he had been on board the Blandford, agreeably to their orders, that the ship was by no means in a proper state to be surveyed, and therefore he is not prepared to offer any decided opinion of her condition, but from what little he saw, he thinks she carries the appearance of age, and has rather streightened her sheer.

Vide App.
No. 101.

The Committee then resuming the further consideration of Mr. Moffatt's letter,

Resolved, That this Committee approve of the ship Blandford, being surveyed by two builders in the river, as proposed by Mr. Moffatt, provided such builders have been used to the repairs of ships in the Company's service at their own yards, and that the Blandford is repaired, from time to time, till the whole is completed in such manner as shall be agreed upon, jointly, by such builders and the Company's officers.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 26th September, 1780.

Captain Oliver being called in, informed the Committee, that the Tartar does not appear yet to be prepared for docking, but that he expects the Blandford will be ready to be docked these springs; the Committee then directed Captain Oliver to make a report to them if he finds any of the ships backward, that are to be ready for the Company's service in all next month.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 26th September, 1780.

On several motions.

Resolved, That if any or all of the five ships taken by the Spaniards, shall arrive in the river Thames in the month of March, and be tendered by the same Owners, the Company will receive them into the service.

That if any, or all of the five ships taken by the Spaniards, shall arrive in the river Thames in the month of March, and not be tendered by the late Owners, the Company will engage to take them up for one voyage only.

Vide App.
No. 104.

Tender a of ship late the Modeste, Captain Patrick Lawson, for one voyage, on builders measurement, upon the same terms and conditions as other ships for the present season, was read.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 26th September, 1780.

The Committee offer it to the Court as their opinion, that the ships Modeste, Northington and Tartar, be taken up in further part of the tonnage to be employed for the present season.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 26th September 1780.

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

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That the ships *Modeste*, *Northington* and *Tartar*, be taken up in further part of the tonnage to be employed for the present season.

AT A GENERAL COURT

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

Held on Wednesday the 27th September, 1780.

The Chairman acquainted the Court that it is appointed at this Court to consider of confirming the suspension of the 39th By-Law for one year from 21st June last, agreeably to the resolution passed on that day.

It was on the question,

Resolved unanimously, That the suspension of the 39th By-Law for the said term, be confirmed accordingly.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday 4th October, 1780.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated 27th ult. was laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 105.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 5th October, 1780.

Tender of the ship *Compte d'Artois* of 1400 tons, Captain Thomas Surridge, for the Company's service, on the usual terms, being read, Vide App. No. 106.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 11th October, 1780.

On reading the request of George Ramsay, Esq. for permission to build a new ship on the bottom of the *Mountstuart* lately captured by the combined fleet, to be commanded by Captain John Haldane, Vide App. No. 107.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 11th October, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 108.

Read letter from Captain John Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs, under this day's date, advising that they have surveyed the ship Blandford, with Messrs. Gray and Brent, and find her timbers greatly decayed, and from her present appearance, she will require some time before she can be got ready for the Company's service, whereupon

Mr. Farquharson, on behalf of the Owners, and Mr. Brent the builder, were called in and acquainted that upon their engaging that the ship shall be fitly repaired, afloat, and ready to receive the Company's cargo, in all the month of January next (except detained in dock by an intense frost) she will then be taken up for the Company's service and not otherwise; to which Mr. Farquharson, on behalf of the Owners, agreed.

Vide App.
No. 109.

Another letter from Captain Oliver, dated this day, advising that he has surveyed the ship Tartar, and representing that it will be necessary to strengthen her with riders and knees in the hold and between decks, in the same manner as the Hinchinbrooke has been repaired, was read, and

Vide App.
No. 99.

The Committee taking up the consideration of the letter from Captain Oliver, Mr. Snodgrafs, and Mr. Farquharson, dated the 20th and laid before the Committee the 22d ult. relative to removing the copper sheathing of this ship.

Mr. Fiott, on behalf of the Owners, was called in, and the Committee having conferred with him on the proposed method of repairs, he was acquainted

That if the tender of the Tartar is accepted, he must expect to be paid only for the tonnage which she can bring, and fitted in such manner as the other ships under a similar description have been fitted, and that the Committee cannot agree, to her being taken up for the Company's service on any other terms; which propositions, Mr. Fiott intimated as his opinion, the Owners, on account of the heavy expence, would not agree to.

Vide App.
No. 106.

Tender of the ship Le Compte d'Artois, burthen about 1400 tons, referred by order of Court the 5th instant, being read,

Ordered, That Mrs. Tyler be acquainted, that upon notice being given of the ship's arrival in the river, the Company's officers will be directed to survey, and report if she is fit for their service.

The Committee's directions having been requested as to filling up the Charter-Party of the ship Chapman, late the Sybella, so far as regards the article of demorage, which, for all ships built immediately



immediately for the Company's service, is allowed, at a certain rate per ton per day, on 500 tons, without regard to the chartered tonnage of the ship; and as this ship was taken up in all respects upon the same terms and conditions as the other ships of this season, the Committee were of opinion, the demorage should therefore be allowed the same for this, as the larger ships of this year's export.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 18th October, 1780.

On reading a letter from Captain William Elphinstone, dated this day, acquainting the Court that Mr. Slater has not taken any measures for building on the Triton's bottom, and throwing himself on the Court to prevent so great an injury being done to him, Vide App.
No. 110.

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

On reading the request of Mr. Robert Williams that the Charter-Party of the ship Locko (late Modeste) may be altered to 1011 tons, which is her actual measurement. Vide App.
No. 111.

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

On reading the request of Messrs. Robert Williams and Robert Maxwell, that the number of men and guns for the ship Hinchinbrooke may be reduced as she turns out only 528 tons, also that the weight of the iron riders which they have been at considerable expence in putting into her may be estimated as part of her kintledge. Vide App.
No. 112.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 18th October, 1780.

Letter from John Fiott, Esq. dated the 18th instant, signifying that the ship Tartar is now in the dock, and having a new upper deck laid, and that the Owners hope the Company will reconsider their resolution of the 11th instant respecting her repairs, and take her into the service, upon her upper works being strengthened, was read. Vide App.
No. 113.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 25th October, 1780.

On reading the request of Mr. A. Chapman, that the number of men for the ship Chapman may be reduced in proportion to her tonnage, Vide App.
No. 114.

Ordered



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

Vide App.
No. 115. Tender of a new ship for the Company's service in the room of the Dutton, to be commanded by Captain Henry Rice, 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 25th October, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 116. Letter from Captain John Oliver, dated this day, advising that the under-mentioned ships will not be in the river by their appointed time, but by information and appearance, are judged to be as follows, viz.

The Locko and Hastings by the middle of November. New ship, in the room of the Speke, the latter end of November. Ditto Northumberland, middle of December, was read.

Vide App.
No. 113. The Committee having considered the letter from John Fiott, Esq. which was read on the 18th instant, and Mr. Fiott attending, was called in and acquainted, that it would be required of the Owners of the Tartar, if the sheathing is not removed, that she should be strengthened with iron riders. Mr. Fiott then proposed to have another survey of the ship, that he would attend the Company's officers for that purpose, make a calculate of the expence, and inform the Committee, at an early opportunity, of the Owners determination thereon.

Vide App.
No. 110. Letter from Captain William Elphinstone, dated the 18th inst. and referred by the Court the same day, representing that Mr. Slater has not taken any measures for building on the Triton's bottom, and throwing himself on the Court, to prevent so great an injury being done to him, being read,

Ordered, That copy of Captain Elphinstone's letter be transmitted Mr. Slater, and that he be desired to favor the Committee with his sentiments thereon the first opportunity.

Vide App.
No. 112. Pursuant to reference of Court of the 18th instant, the Committee have considered the request of Messrs. Williams and Maxwell, that the number of men and guns for the ship Hinchinbrooke may be reduced, in consequence of the tonnage of that ship now appearing to be 528 tons only, instead of 630 tons, at which she was tendered, under the expectation of the Owners obtaining leave for her being lengthened, and that the weight of the iron riders may be estimated as part of her kintledge. The Committee offer as their opinion to the Court, that the complement of men may be reduced to 80, and that she carry only 20 guns; but that the iron riders be not allowed as part of her kintledge.

Pursuant

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Pursuant to reference of Court of the 18th instant, the Committee have considered the request of Robert Williams, Esq. that the Charter-Party of the ship Locko, (late the Modeste) may be made out at 1011 tons, which is her actual measurement now she is lengthened; and as this Committee recommended to the Court, in their report of 20th June last, at the time it was known the Owners intended to lengthen the ship, that she should be chartered at her then builder's measurement, and put upon the same terms, in regard to the increase of tonnage arising from the circumstance of her being lengthened, as the York, Royal Charlotte, and other ships of last season; the Committee offer it, as their opinion, to the Court, that Mr. Williams's request cannot be complied with.

Vide App.
No. 111.

The Committee having considered the reference of Court of this day, on a letter from Abel Chapman, Esq. on behalf of the Owners of the ship Chapman, requesting, that as she is of the burthen of 538 tons, she may not be obliged to carry the same number of men as the ships which are considerably larger, are of opinion, that her complement of men be reduced to 80, and that she carry 20 guns, being the same indulgence as the Committee have recommended to the Court to grant to the Owners of the Hinchinbrooke.

Vide App.
No. 114.

And the same was reported to the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 27th October, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated the 25th inst. being read,

Resolved, That the complement of Men for the ship Hinchinbrooke be reduced to 80, and that she carry only 20 guns. And

That the latter part of the said report, respecting the iron riders, which the Owners requested might be reckoned as part of the said ship's kintledge, be recommitted to the said Committee.

Another report from the said Committee, dated 25th instant, being also read,

Resolved, That for the reasons therein-mentioned, the request of Mr. Robert Williams, that the Charter-Party of the ship Locko may be made out at 1011 tons, which is the ship's actual measurement now she is lengthened, cannot be complied with.

A further report from the said Committee, dated the 25th instant, being likewise read.

Resolved, That the complement of men for the ship Chapman be reduced to 80, and that she carry 20 guns.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 2d November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 117. Letter from R. Mayne and Simon Frazer, Esquires, dated 1st instant, signifying that the ship Hastings requiring greater repairs than was at first imagined, she could not come afloat the 29th ult. but that there is not a doubt of her being afloat the first springs this month, was read.

Vide App.
No. 118. Mr. Snodgrass's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 24th October, was laid before the Committee.

Mr. Fiott attending, acquainted the Committee, the Owners of the Tartar agree to strengthen that ship with iron riders, &c. as proposed on the 25th last month, the Committee approved thereof; and ordered, that the copper sheathing should not be removed any further than is necessary for driving the bolts.

The Committee having reconsidered their minutes of the 11th ult. so far as respects the Charter-Party of the ship Chapman, in the article of demorage; and as it was, on the 25th ult. recommended to the Court to reduce her complement of men from 99 to 80, the Committee are of opinion, that the demorage be decreased in the same proportion, and that this ship be paid only four-fifths of the sum allowed to ships navigated by 99 men.

Vide App.
No. 115. Pursuant to reference of Court of the 25th of last month, the Committee considered the tender of the new ship in the room of the Dutton, to be commanded by Capt. Henry Rice (upon the same terms and conditions as the ships already taken up) which the Owners represent is in that state of forwardness as to be now planking; but if she is brought forward to be launched in the month of March next, as the builder has assured them that she shall be, if required, it will be attended with a considerable expence, which may be avoided, if she remains till next season; and as it appears to this Committee rather doubtful, whether the ship can be got ready in time to make a part of the exports of this season, the Committee think it will be most prudent to decline accepting the tender at present.

And the same was submitted to the determination of the Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 3d November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 110. The Committee resuming the consideration of the reference of Court of the 18th ult. on the letter from Captain Elphinstone; and Mr. Slater, and Captain Elphinstone having been severally called in and examined thereon, the Committee made the following report to the Court; viz.

Pursuant to reference of Court of 18th of last month, the Committee have considered the letter from Captain William Elphinstone,

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phinstone, representing, that Mr. Slater has not taken any measures for building a ship on the bottom of the Triton, and throwing himself on the Court to prevent so great an injury being done to him; and the Committee having had the parties before them, it was recommended to them to accommodate the matter between themselves.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 3d November, 1780.

Tender of the ship Lord Mulgrave, 700 tons, 99 men, and 26 guns, to be commanded by Captain James Urmston, for the Company's service, on the same terms and conditions as the other ships of this season, being read, Vide App. No. 119.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 7th November, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated the 2d inst. being read,

Resolved, That for the reasons therein-mentioned, this Court doth decline accepting the tender of a new ship, in the room of the Dutton, for the present.

The said Committee in a further report, dated the 3d inst. now read, acquainting the Court, that they have considered the letter from Capt. William Elphinstone, representing, that Mr. Slater has not taken any measures for building a ship on the bottom of the Triton; and throwing himself on the Court to prevent so great an injury being done to him; and, having had the parties before them, it was recommended to them to accommodate the matter between themselves.

The Court approved thereof.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 7th November, 1780.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of the 3d inst. on a letter from William Moffatt, Esq. desiring to withdraw his late tender of the ship, named the Lord Mulgrave, which now appears to be unfit for the Company's service; and tendering another ship, burthen about 700 tons, in her room, late in the Company's service, and now at Deptford, which is likewise intended to be called the Lord Mulgrave. Vide App. No. 119.

Ordered, That the Company's officers do survey the above ship, and report their opinion.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 10th November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 120. Letter from John Durand, Esq. dated the 8th instant, being read, enclosing a clause, which the Owners propose to be added to the Charter-Party of the ship Lord North, and which he hopes will meet with the Court's approval.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Private Trade, with the assistance of Mr. Smith, to examine and report.

Vide App.
No. 121. Tender of the ship Southampton, Captain John Lennox, upon the same terms and conditions as the ships of the present season, was read.

Vide App.
No. 122. The request of Mr. A. Chapman, that the demorage for the ship ship Chapman may be increased, being read,

Ordered, That the said request be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to do therein as they may think fit.

AT A COMMITTEE OF PRIVATE TRADE,

The 15th November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 120. Pursuant to a reference of Court of the 10th instant, on a letter from John Durand, Esq. signifying, that on consulting his Joint Owners on the draft of the Lord North's Charter-Party, they apprehended, that there were two clauses, in pages 8 and 9, which militated against their agreement, and submitting to the consideration of the Court, a clause to be added to the Charter-Party, in which the Company were to engage to pay the full freight for the whole 761 tons, builders measurement, though goods to that amount should not be laden by the Company's agents abroad. The Committee met to take into their consideration the said letter, and the clause proposed, and

Vide App.
No. 54. The tender of the Lord North; the minutes of the Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping of the 11th of July last, on their conference with the Owners respecting the terms on which they would let their ships.

The minutes of Court of 19th July last, when the Court was acquainted with the assent of the Owners to the terms proposed to them on the 11th instant.

The Clauses in Charter-Party respecting short tonnage; also

The minutes of Court of 24th November, 1779, when the Court agreed not to comply with the request of Mr. Bonham, that the Company would engage to pay for the whole Charter-Party tonnage of the Duke of Portland, whether laden or not, being read and considered.

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Mr. Nixon, one of the Charter-Party Owners of the Lord North, being requested to attend the Committee, produced a paper, which he had received from the Secretary, dated the 28th July, 1779, containing the opinion of the Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, on the terms proposed by the Owners last season, and pointed out the part against which he apprehended the clauses in the Charter-Party, mentioned in Mr. Durand's letter militated: the said paper was read, and Mr. Nixon having conversed with the Committee some time on the subject, withdrew. The Committee then on consulting Mr. Smith,

Agreed, To report it to the Court, as their opinion, that Mr. Durand's request be not complied with.

And the following report was made to the Court accordingly, viz.

Pursuant to a reference of Court, of the 10th instant, on a letter from John Durand, Esq. signifying, that on consulting his joint Owners on the draft of the Lord North's Charter-Party, they apprehended that there were two clauses in pages 8 and 9, which militated against their agreement; and submitting a clause to be added to the Charter-Party to the consideration of the Court, in which the Company were to engage to pay the full freight for the whole 761 tons, builders measurement, though goods to that amount should not be taken by the Company's agents abroad. We have considered the said letter and the clause proposed, and do recommend it to the Court, as our opinion, that Mr. Durand's request be not complied with; which is submitted to the Court.

Vide App.
No. 120.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 15th November, 1780.

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

Ordered, That the request of John Durand, Esq. for inserting a clause in the Charter-Party, whereby the Company were to engage to pay the full freight for the whole 761 tons, builders measurement, though goods to that amount should not be laden by the Company's agents abroad, be not complied with.

Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated the 14th instant, requesting leave to withdraw the tender of the ship Denbigh, was read.

Vide App.
No. 123.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 22d November, 1780.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court, of the 10th instant, on the request of Abel Chapman, Esq. that the demorage of the ship Chapman, may be increased.

Vide App.
No. 122.

Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion, four-fifths of the amount of demorage, allowed to the largest ships of this season,

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season, is fully adequate to what the Owners of the Chapman can reasonably expect, upon a consideration of the size of the ship, and her being navigated only by 80 men; and therefore the Committee see no reason to depart from their resolution of the 2d inst. for the Owners of this ship being paid demorage in the above proportion.

Vide App.
No. 111.

The Committee having in consequence of the reference of Court, of the 27th last month, reconsidered their report of the 25th, on the request of Messrs. Williams and Maxwell, that the iron riders, on board the Hinchinbrooke, may be considered as part of her kintledge; do report, that as no new matter has been offered in support of that request, the Committee see no reason to depart from the opinion which they then submitted to the consideration of the Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 30th November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 124.

Mr. Snodgrass's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 27th instant, was read.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 30th November, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 125.

On reading the request of Mr. John Fiott, that the ship Tartar may be surveyed with her masts standing; that the guns may be admitted with their present proof, and that the number of guns may be reduced to 20, as has been allowed to the Hinchinbrooke.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 1st December, 1780.

Vide App.
No. 125.

The Committee taking into consideration the request of John Fiott, Esq. referred the 30th ult. and having examined Mr. Snodgrass on that part which relates to the masts.

Resolved, That the masts belonging to the Tartar, be lifted, and if no defects should be then discovered, by the Company's surveyors, they be allowed to remain without further survey.

That the number of guns for this ship, be reduced to 20, and that fourteen of them, which are the original French King's guns, with the royal proof mark, be allowed to go in the ship; provided Captain Oliver, upon examination, does not discover any material defects.

That the chartered tonnage of this ship be 494 tons, and

The demorage the same as allowed the ship Chapman.

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Letter from Messrs. Snodgrafs and Ferguson, dated this day, offering, as their opinion, that the Lord Mulgrave can be made a proper ship for the Company's service, and that they conjecture she may come afloat in all next month, was read, and

Vide App.
No 126.

Mr. Moffatt the Managing Owner, and Mr. Barnard the builder attending, and having engaged that she shall, in all respects, be repaired and fitted to the satisfaction of the Company's officers, and shall be afloat the last springs in next month; the Committee agreed, upon those conditions, to recommend her being taken up for the Company's service.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 6th December, 1780.

The Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that the following ships be taken up in further part of the tonnage to be employed for the present season, viz.

	Tons.	
Southampton	- 758	Capt. John Lenox
Nassau	- 723	Arthur Gore.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 7th December, 1780.

A report from the Committee of Correspondence, dated the 6th instant, being read,

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That the following ships be taken up in further part of the tonnage to be employed for the present season, viz.

	Tons.	
Southampton	- 758	Capt. John Lenox
Nassau	- 723	Arthur Gore.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 8th December, 1780.

On reading the request of Robert Williams, Esq. that the ship Locko may be permitted to carry 120 men, and 30 guns; also, that the demorage may be increased in proportion.

Vide App.
No. 127.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 13th December, 1780.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 8th instant, the Committee have considered the request of Mr. Williams, that the ship Locko

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No. 127.



Locko may carry 120 men, and 30 guns, and that the demorage may be increased in proportion; and as this ship was taken up, in all respects, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season, and the largest now going out, is only allowed demorage upon 500 tons: the Committee are of opinion, a compliance with Mr. Williams's request would be attended with many inconveniencies, and as it does not appear that this ship has any preferable right to other large ships; the Committee therefore recommend to the Court, that the same be not granted.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 13th December, 1780.

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

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Robert Williams, that the ship Locko may carry 120 men, and 30 guns, and that her demorage may be increased in proportion, be not complied with.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 19th December, 1780.

Resolved, That this Committee will on Thursday next, reconsider their resolutions of the 11th October; 2d and 22d November last, on the demorage to be allowed the ship Chapman, and which likewise governs of course, the demorage of the Hinchinbrooke and Tartar.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 21st December, 1780.

The Committee agreeably to their resolution of the 19th instant, now entered upon a review of their several resolutions of the 11th and 25th October, and 2d and 22d November last, respecting the demorage to be allowed the Owners of the ship Chapman, and upon the most mature investigation of this business, it now appears to this Committee, that their second resolution, which was on the second of last month, directing, "That as the complement of men was reduced from 99 to 80, the demorage should be decreased in the same proportion," was so far as regards the number of men, very proper; and although the third resolution, which was on the 22d of that month, declares, that four-fifths of demorage, was adequate to the size of the ship and number of men, this Committee are apprehensive this resolution was entered into rather too hastily, because the first resolution on the 11th October last, establishes the Owners right to demorage upon 500 tons, provided they carry 99 men; upon the whole, the Committee are of opinion, that demorage being an allowance for wear and tear of the ship, as well as for wages and victualling the ship's company, it is reasonable and proper to deduct from the stipulated sum for demorage, the saving only which arise from the reduced number of men.

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The Committee therefore resolve, that their several resolutions of the 11th October, 2d and 22d November last, relating to the demorage for the ship Chapman, be rescinded.

Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion, for the reasons above stated, that the Owners of the ships Chapman and Hinchbrooke, being of the burthen of 500 tons and upwards, are intitled as ships of this season to demorage, at the rate of 10*d*. per ton per day on 500 tons, amounting to - £20 16 8
From which is to be deducted wages

for 20 men, at 26*s*. per month,
which is per day - - - £0 17 4
Vicuallling 20 men, at 1*s*. per day 1 0 0

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Nett demorage to be allowed for wear
and tear of the ship, and for wages
and vicuallling of 80 men - - - £18 19 4

Resolved, That the ship Tartar, being of the burthen of 494 tons, the demorage of that ship at 10*d*. per ton per day amounts to - - - £20 11 8

Deductions for men as before - - - 1 17 4

Nett demorage to be allowed - - - £18 14 4

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 29th December, 1780.

Tender of the ship Egmont for a voyage to India or China, on the terms of the ships of the present season, being read, Vide App. No. 128.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 29th December, 1780.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progreffs of the ships now building for the Company's service, dated this day, was read. Vide App. No. 129.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of to-day, on the tender of the ship Egmont, late in this service, for a voyage to India. Vide App. No. 128.

Ordered, That Mr. Snodgrafs do examine the condition of this ship in the best manner he can, in order to form a judgment how long time will be necessary for her repairs, and to attend with his report on Tuesday next.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 2d January, 1781.

Mr. Snodgrafs attending the Committee, agreeably to order of the 29th of last month, informed the Committee he had been on board the Egmont in the dry dock, but that the ship is not sufficiently forward for a survey, nor can he at present form a judgment how long she will take up to be repaired.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 3d January, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 128.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the tender of the ship Egmont, and Mr. Williams, Mr. Barnard, and Mr. Snodgrafs, attending the Committee, and having conferred with the two former, as to the expected time of the repairs, made the following report to the Court, viz.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 29th last month, the Committee have considered the tender of the ship Egmont for a voyage to India, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season; and having conferred with the Managing Owner and Builder, as to the probable time of her repairs being completed, the Committee are informed she cannot be finished in less than ten weeks, and perhaps will require three months; but whether this will be sufficiently early for a ship of this season, must be submitted to the determination of the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 3d January, 1781.

The Committee of Shipping reporting, under this day's date, that they have considered the tender of the ship Egmont, and having conferred with the Managing Owner and Builder, as to the probable time of her repairs being completed, are informed, that she cannot be finished in less than ten weeks, and perhaps will require three months; but whether this will be sufficiently early for a ship of this season, must be submitted to the determination of the Court.

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That the ship Egmont be taken up for a voyage to India, on the same terms and conditions as the ships of this season.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 11th January, 1781.

The Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that the following ships be taken up in addition to those already entertained in the Company's service this season, viz.

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	Tons.	Captains.
Blandford - - - - -	700	James Williamfon
Lord Mulgrave - - - - -	700	James Urmston
New Ship in the room of the Deptford	750	
New ship in the room of the Salisbury	750	Philip Bromfield

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 11th January, 1781.

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

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That the following ships be taken up, in addition to those already entertained in the Company's service this season, viz.

	Tons.	Captains.
Blandford - - - - -	700	James Williamfon
Lord Mulgrave - - - - -	700	James Urmston
New ship in the room of the Deptford	750	
New ship in the room of the Salisbury	750	Philip Bromfield

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 16th January, 1781.

On reading the request of John Durand, Esq. for leave to build a new ship in the room of the Northington, to be commanded by Captain John Sealy. Vide App. No. 130.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 23d January, 1781.

On reading the requests of Charles Foulis and William Godfrey, Esquires, for permission to build new ships in the room of the Hillsborough and Godfrey. Vide App. No. 131, 132.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 25th January, 1781.

Letter from Henry Boulton, Esq. and Capt. Samuel Bonham, dated this day, requesting, on account of the Dutch war, to withdraw the tender of the ship Norfolk, on the terms therein mentioned, provided she should be wanted to go out immediately, was read. Vide App. No. 133.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 7th February, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 134. On reading the request of Thomas Thomas, Esq. for leave to build a ship on the bottom of the Royal George, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Foxall,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 7th February, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 135. Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 30th ult. was read,

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 13th February, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 136. Letter from Sir Charles Raymond, Bart. dated the 9th instant, stating, that the Earl of Talbot not being arrived in the river, cannot ascertain at what time that ship will be fit for sea, was read.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 22d February, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 77, 78,
94, 95, 96,
107, 130,
131, 132,
134. The Committee taking into consideration the references of Court of the 16th and 30th August, 11th October, 16th and 23d January last, and 7th instant, do offer as their opinion to the Court, that leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, 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 completed as expeditiously as possible, viz.

George Willson, Esq. to build on the Gatton, to be commanded by Captain James Rattray.

George Ramsay, Esq. on the Mount Stuart, to be commanded by Captain John Haldane.

John Durand, Esq. on the Northington, to be commanded by Captain John Sealy.

Charles Foulis, Esq. on the Hillsborough, to be commanded by such gentleman as shall be approved of by the Court.

William Godfrey, Esq. on the Godfrey, to be commanded by Captain Henry Grueber.

Thomas Thomas, Esq. on the Royal George, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Foxall.

Thomas Liell, Esq. on the Stafford, to be commanded by Captain George Hutchinson, provided upon his examination, when he returns to England, that his conduct is by no means impeachable



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peachable respecting the loss of the Stafford in Bengal river, on the 29th August, 1779.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 22d February, 1781.

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

Resolved, That leave be given for building on the bottoms of the following ships, 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 soon as possible, viz.

George Willson, Esq. to build on the Gatton, to be commanded by Captain James Rattray.

George Ramsay, Esq. on the Mount Stuart, to be commanded by Captain John Haldane.

John Durand, Esq. on the Northington, to be commanded by Captain John Sealy.

Charles Foulis, Esq. on the Hillsborough, to be commanded by such gentleman as shall be approved by the Court.

William Godfrey, Esq. on the Godfrey, to be commanded by Captain Thomas Foxall.

Thomas Liell, Esq. on the Stafford, to be commanded by Captain George Hutchinson, provided upon his examination, when he returns to England, that his conduct shall appear by no means impeachable, respecting the loss of the Stafford in Bengal river, on the 29th August, 1779.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 8th March, 1781.

Mr. Snodgrass's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 28th ult. was read. Vide App. No. 137.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 14th March, 1781.

On reading the request of Messrs. Newte and Cameron, that the situation of the Owners of the Earl of Chesterfield, in consequence of the advance in the outfit of a ship, may be taken into consideration, Vide App. No. 138.

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

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 27th March, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 140.

Letter from Sir Charles Raymond, Bart. dated the 23d inst. and

Vide App.
No. 141.

John Durand, Esq. dated this day, severally intimating that the ships, Earl of Talbot and Ganges, having met with accidents, they cannot conveniently be got ready for this season, were read.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the Owners of the Calcutta, Alfred, Morfe, Royal Henry, Norfolk, and Ceres, be acquainted that a ship being wanted immediately for the Company's service, the Committee desire to know how soon either of those ships can be got afloat.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 28th March, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 139.

Letter from Henry Boulton, Esq. dated the 16th instant, being read, requesting to be informed, whether the ships Hawke and Worcester will probably be taken up for the season, 1781.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 28th March, 1781.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the Owners of the several ships lately arrived, be acquainted, as it is absolutely necessary to take up those ships immediately, the Committee desire to confer with them on this subject to-morrow, at twelve o'clock precisely.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 29th March, 1781.

The several Managing Owners of the Earl Talbot, Ganges, Calcutta, Royal Henry, Morfe, Norfolk, Alfred, and Ceres, attending the Committee agreeably to the summons of yesterday, were acquainted that the exigency of affairs required that those ships should be immediately taken up for the Company's service, and the utmost dispatch exerted in repairing and fitting them for sea; that the Committee had desired this early conference to enable them to prepare with the greatest expedition, their several stores, provisions, and other articles, and desired to be informed of the terms on which they proposed letting their ships: after some time spent in conferring on this subject (in the course of which, the Owners assured the Committee their ships should be docked



docked as soon as cleared, and every other exertion used on their part) the Owners withdrew; and, shortly after, acquainted the Committee they should have a meeting on Tuesday next, to consider what had been proposed, and should attend on the following day, and acquaint the Committee with the result thereof.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 3d April, 1781.

Letter from John Durand, Esq. and several other Owners of shipping, transmitting the terms for which they are willing to let the ships under their management, being read,

Vide App.
No. 142.

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

On reading a note from Mr. Thornton, dated the 2d instant, enclosing the dimensions of the ship Minerva, which is ready for sea, and may be delivered to a purchaser in a few days.

Vide App.
No. 143,
144.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 4th April, 1781.

The Committee taking into consideration the reference of Court of the 3d instant, on the note from Mr. Thornton, enclosing the dimensions and other particulars respecting the ship Minerva, a fir built ship.

Vide App.
No. 143,
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Ordered, That Mr. Ferguson take the earliest opportunity of surveying her, and making his report.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 4th April, 1781.

The Committee, pursuant to a reference of Court of the 28th ult. taking into consideration the letter from Henry Boulton, Esq. requesting to know, whether the ships Hawke and Worcester, lately arrived on their fourth voyage, will probably be taken up for the season, 1781, do offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that it may be very proper to take up those ships for one voyage certain, upon such terms as may hereafter be agreed on; and upon the same being finished, and either or both of the said ships appearing, upon a survey, to be in a proper condition, the Committee presume that 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

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mittee apprehend it will be necessary to move the General Court for a suspension of the 39th By-Law in favour of those ships.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 4th April, 1781.

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping reporting, under this day's date, as their opinion, that it may be very proper to take up the ships Hawke and Worcester, lately arrived on their fourth voyages, for one voyage certain, upon such terms as may hereafter be agreed on; and upon the same being finished, and either or both of the said ships appearing, upon a survey, to be in a proper condition, the Committee presume that 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 those ships.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 5th April, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 145.

Mr. Ferguson and Captain Dampier, in a letter dated this day, now read, advising their having surveyed the Minerva, and submitting, as their opinion, that the ship is not fit for the Company's service; and Mr. Ferguson and Captain Dampier being called in and examined thereon, the Committee concurred with them in opinion, and made the following report to the Court, viz.

Vide App.
No. 143,
144.

The Committee, in pursuance of the reference of Court of the 3d inst. have considered the letter from Mr. Thornton, offering the Minerva, a fir frigate built ship, for the Company's service; and the Company's officers having surveyed her and made their report, the Committee offer, as their opinion, that she is not a proper ship for the Company's employ.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 5th April, 1781.

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

Resolved, That the ship Minerva is not a proper ship for the Company's service.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Monday the 9th April, 1781.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the state of the ships building for the Company's service, dated the 4th instant, was read. Vide App. No. 146.

AT A GENERAL COURT

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

Held on Tuesday the 10th April, 1781.

The Chairman acquainting the Court, that it was appointed to consider of the suspension of the 39th By-Law, whereby it was ordained, that no ship should be repaired for going more than four voyages in the Company's service.

And the same having been read, it was

Resolved, That the operation of the said 39th By-Law be suspended during the present war.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 18th April, 1781.

On reading a letter from Godfrey Thornton, Esq. offering the ship Minerva to the Court. Vide App. No. 147.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 19th April, 1781.

The Committee having in consequence of the reference of Court of the 3d instant, entered on the consideration of the terms proposed by the Owners for the freight of their ships, and having had a conference with the Owners thereon, adjourned the further consideration till to-morrow.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 20th April, 1781.

The several Owners whose names are mentioned in the margin again attended the Committee, and after a considerable time spent in conferring with them on the subject of their tender, the further consideration was adjourned to Wednesday next.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 18th instant, the Committee have considered the letter from Godfrey Thornton, Esq.

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again Vide App. No. 147.

Thomas Boddam,
Donald Cameron,
John Durand, and
Thomas Lane, Esqrs.
Mr. Bristow
for Henry Boulton,
Esq. Mr. Willson,
jun. and Mr. Mavor for
Geo. Willson, Esq.

again making an offer of the Minerva, a fir built ship, and are still of the same opinion, which was reported to the Court, on the 5th instant, that the above ship from the report of the Company's officers who have surveyed her, is not a proper ship for the Company's employ.

John Durand, Donald Cameron, Thomas Lane, Thomas Newte, Esqrs. Mr. Bristow for Henry Boulton, Esq. Mr. Willson, jun. for Geo. Willson, Esq.

Vide App. No. 142.

Vide App. No. 148.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 25th April, 1781.

Several Managing Owners again attending the Committee, and having further conferred on the subject of their tender, the Committee reported their opinion thereon, for the determination of the Court, viz.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 3d instant, the Committee have considered the letter from John Durand, Esq. and several other Owners of shipping transmitting the terms on which they are willing to let the ships under their management; and having had several conferences with them on this subject, the Committee have exerted their utmost endeavours to prevail upon the Owners to lower their terms, or to produce some accurate statement of the difference in the expence between the time when the last freights were agreed upon and the present period; but in these endeavours the Committee have been very unsuccessful, and the only paper delivered in by those gentlemen, is rather incorrect; but, admitting it to be otherwise, the difference is thereby stated to be about £10. 14s. per ton; the Committee, sensible of the immediate want of tonnage, did upon the sanction of this paper, offer as their opinion, that £45. per ton freight should be given to China and Bencoolen, and £47. per ton to all other parts of India; but it is with much concern the Committee are obliged to report to the Court, that the Owners insist upon £47. 4s. per ton freight to China, and the several parts of India (being an abatement of £1. 10s. per ton, on their original tender) together with the other terms mentioned in their tender, without delivering any other paper in support of their claim than that before-mentioned, which terms are as follows, viz.

Imprefs	£4. per ton.
Demorage	10d. per Ton, on 500 tons.
Passengers	£15. each.

And that it has not been in the Committee's power (notwithstanding they have held out to the Owners great encouragement to expect a favourable alteration in the cargoes consigned from China) to induce the Owners to relax in their demands before-mentioned.

The Committee therefore could not refrain intimating to the Owners, that the present distresses of the Company for tonnage were such, that the Court must be forced to submit to any terms that the Owners should think proper to insist upon, however disadvantageous to the Company, as there was no other channel through which the Company could get a supply of shipping.



ping. The Committee have only further to observe, that they have not any opinion to offer on this business; they must beg leave to submit the whole to the determination of the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 25th April, 1781.

The Chairman moving the Court,

Resolved, That the Owners of the ships Blandford, Deptford, and Earl of Chesterfield, be allowed all the expences they may actually incur in consequence of hostilities having commenced with the States General of the United Provinces.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated the 20th inst. being read,

Resolved, That the Minerva is not a proper ship for the Company's service.

The Committee of Shipping in a report, dated this day, now read, acquainting the Court, that they have had several conferences with the Owners respecting the terms on which they are willing to let their ships; and have exerted their utmost endeavours to prevail upon the Owners to lower their terms, or to produce some accurate statement of the difference in the expence between the time when the last freights were agreed upon and the present period; but in these endeavours the Committee have been very unsuccessful, and the only paper delivered in by those gentlemen is rather incorrect; but admitting it to be otherwise, the difference is thereby stated to be about £10. 14s. a ton. The Committee, sensible of the immediate want of tonnage, did, upon the sanction of this paper, offer as their opinion, that £45. per ton freight should be given to China and Bencoolen, and £47. per ton to all other parts of India; but it is with much concern the Committee are obliged to report to the Court, that the Owners insist upon £47. 4s. per ton freight to China, and the several parts of India (being an abatement of £1. 10s. per ton on their original tender) together with the other terms mentioned in their tender, without delivering any other paper in support of their claim than that before-mentioned, which terms are as follows, viz.

Impress	£ 4. per ton.
Demorage	10d. per ton, on 500 tons.
Passengers	£15. each.

The Committee have not had it in their power, notwithstanding they have held out to the Owners great encouragement to expect a favourable alteration in the cargos consigned from China, to induce the Owners to relax in their demands; they therefore could not refrain intimating to the Owners, that the present distresses of the Company for tonnage were such, that the Court must be forced to submit to any terms they should think proper to insist upon, however disadvantageous to the Company, as there



there was no other channel through which the Company could get a supply of shipping. The Committee have only further to observe, that as they have not any opinion to offer on this business, they must beg leave to submit the whole to the determination of the Court.

Resolved, That this Court doth approve of the above terms, and

That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to endeavour to prevail upon the Owners to make an equitable abatement in their freights, provided insurances may be lowered for their homeward voyages, in consequence of the cessation of hostilities; and that a clause should be inserted in those ships Charter-Parties accordingly.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 26th April, 1781.

The reference of Court of the 25th inst. for this Committee to endeavour to prevail upon the Owners to make an equitable abatement in their freights, provided insurances be lowered for their homeward-bound voyages, in consequence of the cessation of hostilities; and that a clause should be inserted in those ships Charter-Parties accordingly, was read; and the Committee upon taking the same into very mature consideration, are of opinion, that if the Court should insist upon an abatement under the circumstances before-mentioned, it might be productive of many inconveniencies on the other hand, in case of an increase in the premium of insurance, or other unavoidable expences from the continuance of the war, and that therefore, upon the whole, it appears to the Committee most prudent not to press the Owners upon this head.

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Thomas
Boddam,
Donald Cameron,
Tho. Lane,
Thomas
Newte,
Esquires.
Mr. Brif-
tow for
Hen. Boul-
ton, Esq.
Mr. Mavor,
for George
Willson,
Esq.

Copy of the minutes of the Committee of Private Trade on the 25th January last, was then read, recommending that the times should be settled *before which*, as well as *after which*, the ships should be dispatched from the several ports of India and China, and the several Owners whose names are mentioned in the margin, attending agreeably to the Committee's summons of yesterday were acquainted, that the Court have acceded to the terms for taking up their ships; and that at a future time the Committee will desire a conference with them on the subject of the minute from the Committee of Private Trade before-mentioned.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 27th April, 1781.

On a motion,

Resolved, That the indulgence directed last Court to be made to the Owners of the ships Blandford, Deptford, and Earl of Chesterfield, be extended to such other ships of this season as
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come under the description of having incurred extraordinary expences, in consequence of hostilities having commenced with the States of Holland.

On a motion,

Ordered, That tenders for ships to be entertained in the Company's service the ensuing season be received on Wednesday, the 9th May next, and that notice be given thereof, agreeably to the draft of an advertisement, now read and approved, as follows:

“ East-India-House, 27th April, 1781.

“ 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 9th day of May 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 kintledge 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 builders 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.”

On reading a letter from Messrs. Newte and Cameron, dated this day, inclosing a fresh tender for the ship Earl of Chesterfield, agreeably to the terms settled by the Court on the 25th instant, as the former tender was withdrawn by Captain Pelly.

Vide App.
No. 150,
151.

Resolved unanimously, That the ship Earl of Chesterfield be discharged from the Company's service, and that all that hath passed between the Court and the Owners, regarding the hire and freight of the said ship, be to all intents and purposes entirely null and void on the part of the Company, unless the Owners of the said ship shall to-morrow, the 28th instant, before 12 o'clock at noon, sign and execute the Charter-Party, subject to the terms and conditions which have been already made to them on the part of the Company.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 1st May, 1781.

Letter from Messrs. Newte and Cameron, dated the 28th ult. advising, that it will be impossible for them to collect the opinions of their Owners at the exact hour appointed by the Court, but expressing their hope to be enabled to sign the Charter-Party of the Earl of Chesterfield in the course of the day, was read.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 11th May, 1781.

On a motion,

Ordered, That a General Court be summoned to meet at this house on Tuesday next, the 15th inst. at eleven o'clock, to consider of the confirmation of the suspension of the 39th By-Law, and on other affairs.

Vide App.
No. 153.

The tenders of the following ships being now opened, were read, viz;

The Alfred,	Captain James Browne
Calcutta,	William Tompson
Norfolk,	Samuel Charles Bonham
Hawke,	John Cotton
Worcester,	John Cook
Ceres,	Thomas Price
Ganges,	George Richardson
Earl Talbot,	Thomas Hindman
Royal Henry,	Ralph Dundas
Morfe,	Joseph Elliott

New ship in the room of the } John Haldane.
Mountstuart,

Each ship being proposed to be let at builders contract tonnage, on the terms settled by the Court on the 25th ultimo, and to be subject to all other articles and regulations under which the ships were taken up last year, also,

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New ship in the room of the } Captain Henry Grueber
Godfrey,

Ditto	British King,	Daniel Griffiths Hoare
Ditto	Nottingham,	Peter Stoakes
Ditto	Dutton,	Henry Rice
Ditto	Gatton,	James Rattray
Ditto	Lioness,	Thomas Larkins.

Each ship being proposed to be let at builders contract tonnage to all parts of India and China alike at £ 47. 4s. per ton, demorage at 8d. per ton per day on the builders tonnage, 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 £ 4. per ton on the builders contract tonnage, and after the ship's arrival at her first consigned port in India, to be advanced, on the same conditions as the impreis paid in England, £ 150. per month until dispatched for Europe, the silver Arcot rupee to be valued at 2s. sterling, the pagoda at 7s. 4d. and in all other parts of India the silver to be taken by weight at 5s. 2d. per ounce. The Company to pay all advance of seamens wages above 26s. per month, and the Owners having completely manned the ship, the Company to pay ten guineas per head for replacing all such seamen as may be impressed or taken out at or after the ship's departure from the Hope, and continue paying the like sum per head as often as the men shall be impressed and taken away before her final departure from England. To pay the diet of the Soldiers from the time of their

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their first going on board until the ship's departure from her last port in England at 1 s. per head per day, and to be allowed the same during the ship's stay in any port during the 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 whole freight. Demorage to be allowed the Owners for the whole time of the ship's detention at any port or place, where she may be detained on the Company's account, or waiting 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; likewise,

New ship in the room of the Ankerwyke, Captain James Barwell, new ship in the room of the Sea Horse, Captain David Arthur, on the same terms as the last mentioned ships, with this proviso, that should the present bill depending in parliament, for preventing desertion in the navy, pass into an act, the Owners will not be bound to man their ships, neither subject themselves to any penalties on that account, but will be paid for detention; and

Vide App.
No. 155.

Letter from the Owners of new ships in the room of the

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No. 156.

Houghton,	Hillsborough,
Talbot,	Bute,
Royal George,	Hampshire, and
Shrewsbury,	General Barker.
Prince of Wales,	

Submitting the same terms in all respects as are proposed for the Ankerwyke and Sea Horse, to the consideration of the Court.

Ordered, That the said tenders 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 Tuesday the 15th May, 1781.

The Court having, according to notice given, considered of the confirmation of the suspension of the 39th By-Law during the present war, did on the question

Vide App.
No. 157.

Resolve, That the operation of the said By-Law be suspended accordingly.

The Chairman then acquainted the Court, that the Company find very great difficulty in procuring ships to carry out troops and stores to the East Indies, and that the Court of Directors, agreeably to the 8th By-Law, cannot purchase any ships for that purpose without the consent of the General Court, wherefore the Court of Directors request this General Court to consider whether it may not be proper to give them authority to purchase such ships as may be necessary for the purposes above mentioned.

And thereupon the 8th By-Law was read, whereby it is ordained "that the Court of Directors shall not invest any of the Com-
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“pany’s money or effects whatsoever in shipping, except such
“small ships as they may have occasion to employ in the East In-
“dies.”

And the matter of the said By-Law, and the present exigency
of the Company’s affairs being considered,

It was on the question,

Resolved, That this Court doth give their assent to, and em-
power the Court of Directors during the continuance of the pre-
sent war to purchase such ships as they may want to carry troops
and stores to India; such ships to be employed by the Company in
India, or sold there, but not to be sent home with merchandize.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 23d May, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 158.

On reading a letter from Mr. James Margetson, offering a ship
of 330 tons burthen for the Company’s service,

Resolved, That the said ship is not fit for the Company’s ser-
vice.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 25th May, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 159.

Tender of the ship Active, burthen 550 tons, for the Compa-
ny’s service, being read,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 30th May, 1781.

Vide App.
No. 160.

Account of the dimensions and other particulars of the ship
Lady’s Adventure, burthen from 800 to 1000 tons, and

Vide App.
No. 161.

Of the Vrow Catherina Wilhelmina, a Dutch ship, burthen
739 tons, were laid before the Committee.

Vide App.
No. 162,
and 163.

Letter from Godfrey Thornton, Esq. dated this day, enclosing
an inventory of the stores belonging to the Minerva, and offer-
ing her to the Company for the sum of £13,000 was read, and
Messrs. Snodgrafs, Warner, Ferguson, and Dampier, attend-
ing the Committee, and being examined respecting the state of
that ship as to her ability for an outward-bound voyage to India
with troops, it was, upon considering what those officers now
submitted as their opinion,

Resolved, That the above ship is not fit for that service; and,
upon Mr. Thornton’s being called in, the same was signified to
him accordingly.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 12th June, 1781.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building and repairing, under this day's date, was now laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 164.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 11th ult. on the tenders of ships to be employed for the service of the ensuing season; are of opinion, that the under-mentioned ships be taken up, on the terms and conditions stated in this Committee's report of the 25th April last, which are as follows, viz. Vide App. No. 153 to 156.

£47. 4s. per ton freight to China, and the several parts of India.
£4. per ton imprevs.
10d. per ton demorage on 500 tons.
£15. per head for passengers.

The Worcester, Earl Talbot, Ganges, Hawke, Ceres, Alfred, Calcutta, Royal Henry, Norfolk, Morfe, and new ship in the room of the Mount Stuart. And a motion being thereupon made, Resolved, That the several Owners who have tendered their ships upon different terms than those recommended in the above report, be requested to meet the Committee on Thursday next, at one o'clock precisely, relative thereto.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 13th June, 1781.

A report from the Committee of Shipping, dated the 12th inst. being read,

Resolved by the ballot, That the ships Worcester, Earl Talbot, Ganges, Hawke, Ceres, Alfred, Calcutta, Royal Henry, Norfolk, Morie, and new ship in the room of the Mount Stuart, be taken up on the terms resolved on the 25th April last, viz.

£47. 4s. per ton freight to China, and the several parts of India.
£4. per ton imprevs.
10d. per ton demorage on 500 tons, and
£15. per head for passengers.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 14th June, 1781.

The Committee having conferred with the Owners, whose names are mentioned in the margin, upon the terms of their tenders, which differ from those ships which have been taken up; and, after some time spent in debate, the conference ended without coming to any conclusion, and the Committee made the following report to the Court, viz.

Messrs.
Buggin,
Cameron,
Moffat,
Money,
Pelly,
Slater,
Smith,
Williams,
and Capt.
Larkins for
Mr. W.
Larkins.

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