



Vide App.
No. 312. Captain Oliver's rough abstract of building and fitting out a ship of 758 tons burthen, with provisions and stores for 100 men for fourteen months, at the present market prices, also

Vide App.
No. 313 &
314. Two calculates of the outfit of a ship on her fourth voyage, and the produce of her freight at £26. and £30. per ton, by Captain Oliver.

Vide App.
No. 315. An account of the difference of prices of the principal articles in fitting out a ship, between last season and the present, delivered to Sir Henry Fletcher by one of the Owners.

And a motion being made thereon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that previous to their entering any further into this business, the Owners be desired to favour them, without loss of time, with a calculate upon what ground they demand £37. 4s. per ton freight.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 6th August, 1783.

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

Vide App. No. 310.	The Dutton,	-	-	Capt. James West
	Royal Admiral,	-	-	Joseph Huddard
Vide App. No. 316.	Ponborne,	-	-	William Hammet
	Kent,	-	-	Peter Stoakes
	Lord Mulgrave,	-	-	James Urnston
	Neptune,	-	-	Robert Scott
	Valentine,	-	-	John Lewis
	Berrington,	-	-	John Johnston
	Lady Townshend,	-	-	John Congalton
	New ship in the room of the	}		Wm. Hardcastle
	Northington,			George Blachford
	Ditto Hillsborough,	-	-	Thomas Larkins
	Ditto Egmont,	-	-	

Each ship being proposed to be let upon the same terms as the ships tendered last Court, excepting the Lady Townshend, which is tendered at £36. 10s. per ton, instead of £37. 4s.

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

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 6th August, 1783.

Vide App.
No. 317,
and 318. Letter, signed by ten of the Managing Owners, under yesterday's date, enclosing a calculate on which they founded their tenders, was read, and

The Committee having met to confer with the Owners on the subject of their tenders, agreeably to the notice given them of the appointment for that purpose; Mr. Lane and Mr. Cameron were the only two gentlemen who attended, and informed the Committee there had been a meeting of the majority of the Owners, who had appointed four of them to treat with the Committee, viz.

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Mr. Durand, Sir Richard Hotham, and
Mr. Preston, Mr. Cameron,
and as three of the gentlemen were not present, they declined
entering into the business.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow, having first
Ordered, That the above four gentlemen be desired then to
meet the Committee.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 7th August, 1783.

The following papers were read, viz.

Letter from Sir Richard Hotham, dated at Merton-Place, sig-
nifying that he was yesterday deputed one of the four Owners, to
act for the other Owners, and shall wait on the Committee to-day. Vide App.
No. 319.

Calculate of the outfit of a ship of 758 tons, 110 men, at £30.
per ton. Vide App.
No. 314.

Estimate of fundry expences and receipts for a ship of 758 tons,
in four voyages, calculated with 6 per cent. per annum interest
on expences, and at £28. 15s. per ton freight, drawn out by the
Accountant. Vide App.
No. 320.

Account of sums charged to the Owners for damage and short
delivery per ships 1768 to 1772, inclusive, together with the sums
paid them for surplus tonnage out and home, and demorage, and
the rate of freights for the same period. Vide App.
No. 321.

Terms on which the ships were taken up last year, compared
with the terms of the present tenders. Vide App.
No. 322.

The Committee were acquainted, that Mr. Durand and Mr.
Preston were confined at home by indisposition, but that Sir Ri-
chard Hotham and Mr. Cameron were now in the house; and
those two gentlemen being called in, the Committee entered into
a long conference with them respecting their freights, in the
course of which Mr. Cameron delivered an estimate of the amount
of the respective bills, on the outfit of a ship in 1783-4, upon the
prices compared with those of 1782-3; which, being compared
with the estimate drawn out by Captain Oliver, the consideration
of the propriety of the charges on the most material articles, as
stated in the two different accounts, became matter of further
conference. During the conversation, Sir Richard Hotham and
Mr. Cameron desired it might be understood, that in consequence
of the absence of Mr. Durand and Mr. Preston, they acted only
for themselves, and the gentlemen with whom they were imme-
diately connected, and not for the Owners in general. It being
remarked, that the account delivered in by Mr. Cameron was not
drawn out in the same manner as Captain Oliver's, he promised
that his clerk should meet Captain Oliver to explain any parti-
culars stated therein. The Owners being withdrawn, It was or-
dered, That the further consideration of the freights be post-
poned to Wednesday next at half past ten o'clock, and that the
Husbands of the several ships, which have already been tendered,
be desired to meet the Committee that day at one o'clock.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 8th August, 1783.

Vide App. Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building,
No. 324. dated this day, was laid before the Committee.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 13th August, 1783.

The Committee having met to consider of the terms proper to be offered the Owners for the ships of the ensuing season, the following papers were read, viz.

Vide App. A comparative view of the difference between the Owners estimate,
No. 325. of the outfit of a ship, (received from Mr. Cameron the 7th inst.) and that drawn out by Captain Oliver.

Vide App. The Accountant's estimate of interest to be realized to the Owners
No. 326. of ships of 758 tons, let at different freights for four voyages, from £28. to £37. per ton.

Vide App. The Accountant's estimate, shewing that £32. per ton freight
No. 327. for a ship of 758 tons, will produce an interest at £11. 10s. per cent. per annum.

The Committee having now finished the investigation of the several accounts which have been laid before them; it was, upon the question being severally put on the sums of £30. £31. and £32.

Resolved unanimously, That the sum of £32. per ton freight ought not to be exceeded.

Robert The several Husbands, whose names are mentioned in the
Preston, Esq margin, being then called in, a conference ensued upon the subject
Sir Richard of their freights, during which they delivered another estimate
Hotham. of the outfit of a new ship of 755 tons, and intimated, that in
Donald Ca- consequence of some reductions, they agree to let their ships at
meron, £36 per ton.

James Far- The Owners were then acquainted with the Committee's re-
quharson, solution, that £32. per ton is a proper freight to be given;
D. Bristow, and the Owners having declined accepting the same, withdrew.
R. Williams And the Committee reported their proceedings to the Court as
W. Moffat, follows, viz.
Esquires.

Vide App. Pursuant to reference of Court of the 30th ult. the Committee
No. 328. have taken into consideration what freights are proper to be given for the ships of the ensuing season; and having had several conferences with some of the managing Owners on this subject, one of those gentlemen delivered an estimate of the outfit of a ship, and the same having been compared with the several papers prepared under this Committee's orders, by the Company's officers, from which several papers, and from what has passed in conversation with the Owners, the Committee offer, as their opinion, that the following freights and terms are proper to be allowed to the ships of the ensuing season, viz.

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£32. per ton freight from China, and all parts of India.

£2. 10s. per ton imprevs.

£13. per head for passage.

And that the ships in all other respects be taken up on the same terms and conditions as last year.

That the above terms have been communicated to the Owners, which they decline accepting.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 13th August, 1783.

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping reporting, under this day's date, as their opinion, that the following freights and terms are proper to be allowed to the ships of the ensuing season, viz.

£32. per ton freight from China, and all parts of India.

£2. 10s. per ton imprevs.

£13. per head for passage.

And that the ships in all other respects be taken up on the same terms and conditions as last year.

Also, that the above terms have been communicated to the Owners, which they decline accepting.

Resolved, That this Court do agree in opinion with the said Joint Committee, respecting the propriety of the above freights and terms.

Draught letter to the Owners of Shipping was accordingly read and approved. Vide App. No. 329.

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

The Essex, Captain John Cotton, on the same terms as the ships tendered on the 30th ult. Vide App. No. 310.

Tartar, Captain Edward Fiott;

Chapman, Thomas Walker. No. 330.

Each ship being proposed to be let at £34. per ton, with demorage, imprevs, and other contingencies as usual, also No. 331.

Two other tenders of the Chapman and Tartar at £32. per ton, with the same Commanders. Vide App. No. 332,

Ordered, That the said tenders be referred to the Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, to examine and report. 333.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 19th August, 1783.

Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated the 18th instant, requesting to have a copy of the account drawn out by the Company of the freight of a ship at £32. per ton, was read. Vide App. No. 334.

And the Committee being informed Mrs. Tyler's request had been complied with, approved thereof.

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AT AN OPEN COMMITTEE
OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 20th August, 1783.

- Vide App. No. 335. The following letters were read, viz.
From Sir Richard Hotham, dated the 18th instant, that he cannot attend the Committee to-day, but whatever is agreed to between the Company and the Managing Owners he will abide by.
- Vide App. No. 336. From Henry Boulton, Esq. and ten other Managing Owners, dated 19th instant, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 13th, expressing the Court's resolution, that £32. per ton is a proper freight to be given for the ensuing season; and signifying, they have perused the account at Mr. Coggan's office with due attention, and as it appears to them by no means adapted to the object of their treaty for the terms of the freight of the present season, they desire to inform the Court thereof, previous to their attendance on this Committee to-day.
- Vide App. No. 337. From Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, under this day's date, that she will abate of her tender of the Lady Townshend, by reducing the freight to £32. per ton.
The following estimates, prepared by the Accountant, were likewise laid before the Committee, viz.
- Vide App. No. 338. Estimate, shewing the profit to the Owners of a ship of 758 tons, let at £37. made up from the Owners calculate of outfit and expences.
- Vide App. No. 339. Calculation, shewing the profit to the Owners of ships of 758 tons, let at £32. per ton, made up upon Captain Oliver's estimate of outfit and expences.
- Vide App. No. 340. Calculation, shewing the profit to the Owners of ships of 755 tons, let at £32. per ton, made upon the Owners estimate of outfit and expences;
- Vide App. No. 341. Captain Oliver's rough calculate of the sale of a ship of 758 tons, and her stores, after performing four voyages, was also laid before the Committee.

Robert Preston, Donald Cameron, D. Bristow, W. Moffat, Robt. Williams, James Farquharson, Esqrs.

The several Managing Owners, whose names are inserted in the margin, being with the Committee, a conference ensued on the subject of the freights, in the course of which the Owners declined to let their ships at £32. per ton, declaring they do not approve of the calculation for four voyages, unless the Court would agree to contract with them for the same freight for the whole four voyages; the Owners also delivered in a paper, stating the account of the sale of three ships, lately arrived, and their stores.

Vide App. No. 342. The Chairman then informed them, the Court could not enter into such contract, but that they would have the same advantage every year as the present. The calculation of the outfit being made for a new ship and new stores at the present prices, the Owners then withdrew, and a doubt having arisen, whether the Owners should be acquainted, that ships are tendered to the Company at £32. per ton freight, it was, on the question being put,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, the Owners ought to be acquainted, that ships are offered at £32. per ton freight.



The Owners were thereupon called in, and acquainted by the Chairman, that before they give any answer respecting their terms, the Company have received tenders at £32. per ton; the Owners intimated to the Committee, they were previously informed of it, and that they have come to a determination not to alter their terms from £35. per ton.

The Owners being again withdrawn, the Committee made the following report to the Court, viz.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of this day, on a letter from Sir Richard Hotham, and another letter from Henry Boulton, Esq. and several other Managing Owners, respecting the account of freight of a ship of 758 tons, at £32. per ton, which has laid for their inspection; and the Committee having again conferred with the Owners on this subject, and in the course of the conversation intimated, that some ships have been offered at £32. per ton freight, those gentlemen signified they were previously acquainted of that circumstance; but notwithstanding which, they informed the Committee they are come to a determination not to lower their terms below £35. per ton; upon the whole, the Committee see no prospect at present of agreeing with the Owners for their ships upon the conditions, which the Committee have already reported to the Court on the 13th inst. and under this predicament the Committee can recommend no other plan than that of advertising in the public papers for the hire of such ships as shall be suitable for the Company's employ.

The Committee then adjourned to go into Court, and after remaining there some time, returned, and took into consideration their report of this day, which was recommitted; and it being moved, that the said report be amended, by leaving out the following words, viz.

“ And under this predicament the Committee can recommend
“ no other plan than that of advertising in the public papers for
“ the hire of such ships as shall be suitable for the Company's
“ employ.”

It was, on the question,

Resolved in the affirmative; and the report so amended, being as follows, was made to the Court.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of this day, on a letter from Sir Richard Hotham, and another from Henry Boulton, Esq. and several other Managing Owners, respecting the account of freight of a ship of 758 tons, at £32. per ton, which has laid for their inspection; and the Committee having again conferred with the Owners on this subject, and, in the course of the conversation, intimated that some ships have been offered at £32. per ton freight; those gentlemen signified they were previously acquainted of that circumstance; but notwithstanding which, they informed the Committee, they are come to a determination not to lower their terms below £35. per ton; upon the whole, the Committee see no prospect at present of agreeing with the Owners for their ships upon the conditions, which the Committee have already reported to the Court on the 13th instant.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 20th August, 1783.

An open Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, reporting under this day's date, that having considered a letter from Sir Richard Hotham, and another letter from Henry Boulton, Esq. and several other Managing Owners respecting the account of freight of a ship of 758 tons, and £32. per ton, which has lain for their inspection; and the Committee having again conferred with the Owners on this subject, and in the course of the conversation intimated that some ships had been offered at £32. per ton freight, those gentlemen signified they were previously acquainted of that circumstance, but notwithstanding which, they informed the Committee they are come to a determination not to lower their terms below £35. per ton; that, upon the whole, the Committee see no prospect, at present, of agreeing with the Owners for their ships upon the conditions, which the Committee have already reported to the Court, on the 13th instant, and that under this predicament the Committee can recommend no other plan than that of advertising in the public papers for the hire of such ships as shall be suitable for the Company's employ.

It was moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That the above report be recommitted to the said open Joint Committee, and to report.

The Court then adjourned to go into an open Committee of Correspondence and Shipping.

And the Court being resumed,

A report from the said open Committee was read, wherein, after stating the conference with the Owners as before, they report that, upon the whole, they see no prospect, at present, of agreeing with the Owners for their ships, upon the conditions which the Committee have already reported to the Court on the 13th inst.

It was then moved, and on the question,

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

A motion was then made,

“ That £33. per ton freight be given by the Company to the Owners for ships for all parts of the East-Indies and China; that the Owners be acquainted therewith, and in case of their refusal, that advertisements be immediately issued for fresh tenders of ships for the Company's service.”

An amendment was proposed and agreed to, by inserting the words [which have been built by the permission of the Company] between the word [ships] and the word [for]

And the question being put on the said motion, so amended, being as follows, viz.

“ That £33. per ton freight be given by the Company to the Owners, for ships, which have been built by the permission of the Company, for all parts of the East-Indies and China; that the Owners be acquainted therewith, and in case of their refusal, that advertisements be immediately issued for fresh tenders of ships for the Company's service.”

The same passed in the negative.

It was then moved, and

Resolved,



Resolved, That the Owners be called in and acquainted, that the Court of Directors cannot accede to their proposal of £35. per ton, but before they issue an advertisement, which they mean to do immediately, for fresh tenders, they wish to know if the Owners are determined to abide by their former declaration, or will make any, and what abatement.

Those gentlemen were accordingly called in, and the Chairman having communicated the above resolution to them, and questioned them in the Court's name thereon,

They declared that they could not make any abatement whatever in the terms already offered by them.

It was then on a motion,

Resolved, That advertisements be inserted in the public papers for the hire of such ships as shall be proper for the Company's employ,

And draught of an advertisement for that purpose was accordingly read and approved, viz.

East-India House, the 20th August, 1783.

“ The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give notice: That they will be ready on or before Friday the 29th instant, to receive fresh sealed proposals from all persons whomsoever, inclined to offer the same, of suitable ships for the Company's employ for China and the several parts of India, each tender to be signed by two of the Owners and Commander, expressing therein the names of all the Owners; also the builders contract tonnage.

“ The form of the tender, and other information, may be had at Mr. Coggan's office, at this House. Vide App. No. 343.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the Accountant do prepare an estimate, shewing what interest per cent. per annum £32. per ton freight, for a ship of 758 tons will produce to the Owners, and that the same be laid before this Court.

On reading a letter from Sir Richard Hotham, also a letter from sundry other Owners of Shipping, in reply to the Secretary's letter to them, of the 13th instant, and stating their objections to the terms offered by the Court on that day; Vide App. No. 335, 336.

And the resolution of Court of that day, having been read, as also,

The Secretary's letter to the Owners in consequence thereof, Vide App. No. 329.

Ordered, That it be referred to an open Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, to confer with the Owners, and to report.

A tender of the ship Paerl, Captain John Thompson, at £32. per ton, with demorage, &c. as usual, being presented to the Court, Vide App. No. 344.

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

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 29th August, 1783.

Vide App.
No. 345,
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Letters from Sir Richard Hotham, and John Hyndman, Esq. on behalf of the Owners of the ships Royal Admiral and Neptune, offering to let those ships on the same terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon with the Owners of the other ships regularly built for the Company's service, being read,

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

The Chairman acquainted the Court that it was appointed, at this Court, to open the tenders which had been brought in pursuant to their order of the 20th instant, but that some of the Managing Owners had desired that previous to opening the said tenders a conference might be held, which was accordingly done yesterday, by such of the Directors as were then at the House, and several of the Owners, of which conference the Clerk to the Committee of Shipping had taken minutes, which the Chairman offered to the Court,

Vide App.
No. 347.

And the said minutes were read.

The Chairman then further acquainted the Court, that on his coming to the House this morning, one of the Managing Owners desired to speak with him, when he informed the Chairman, that the Owners had made fresh proposals to the Court, and that if the said proposals should not be agreed upon, they then desired that they might be heard before any final decision was made thereon.

It was then moved,

" That the Owners be called in and acquainted, that as they
" had expressed a desire to attend the Court, to be heard by way of
" explanation, before the Court determine on the tenders; the
" Court have now called them in to give them an opportunity of
" explanation before they open any of the tenders."

And the said motion having been carried in the affirmative,

The Owners were accordingly called in.

The Chairman then acquainted them, that he had communicated their message to the Court, which had been taken into consideration, and was desired to acquaint them that the Court had found difficulties in complying with their request, and had called them in to hear what they had to offer previous to opening the tenders, as when they are opened they will be considered by the Court as final.

The Owners then desired to withdraw,

And having returned, they offered to make an abatement therein.

The Chairman acquainted them, the Court would take the same into consideration.

The Owners then withdrew.

It was then moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That the Owners having expressed a wish to withdraw their proposals in order to amend them, they be accordingly permitted to withdraw the same.



The Owners being then called in and acquainted with the above resolution, withdrew their proposals.

And the Owners having retired and desired to be heard again, were called into Court and delivered their amended proposals.

It was then moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That all the Owners of the ships tendered this day, who may be now attending, be permitted to withdraw their tenders, if they shall desire it, in order to amend them, as the same when amended will be final.

The Owners being acquainted therewith, signified that they had no amendment to offer, except Sir John Henniker on behalf of the Owners of the Chapman, and Mr. John Fiott on behalf of the Owners of the Tartar.

And those gentlemen being called in,

The Chairman acquainted them, that as the Court had given permission to the other Owners to amend their tenders, they thought it right to give the like permission to the rest of the Owners.

Whereupon those gentlemen withdrew,

And being again called in, they delivered in an amendment to their tenders, and then retired. Vide App.
No. 348.

John Julius Angerstein, Esq. sent in an amended tender for the ship George. Vide App.
No. 349.

Read a letter from Robert Preston, Esq. and several other Owners of the ships tendered to this Court on the 30th ultimo, proposing to let them at £33. per ton. Vide App.
No. 350.

The Court then proceeded to open the following tenders, viz.

Ships.		Commanders.	Tons.	Rate.		Vide App.
Superbe,			500	at £32	per ton	No. 351.
General Elliott,			900	32		No. 352.
David,		John Boyd	410	28		No. 353.
Royal George,		Timothy Goldsmith	402	28		No. 354.
Chapman,		Clement Fall	538	31		No. 355.
Ditto,				30		No. 348.
Tartar,		Edward Fiott	494	31		No. 356.
Ditto,				30		No. 348.
George		Andrew Stephens	550	30		No. 357.
Ditto,		Ditto	550	29		No. 358.
Admiral Barrington,		Alexander Sandland	500	30		No. 359.
Menagerie,		Thomas Eden	800	30		No. 360.
Lord Mulgrave,		James Urmston	692	33		No. 361.
Lord Rodney,		Philip Stimpson	440	32		No. 362.
Ponsborne,		William Hammett	758	33		No. 363.
Hydra,		William Hamilton	474	30		No. 364.
Jupiter,		Thomas Ley	872	31		No. 365.
New Ship,		William Parker	550	33		No. 366.
Ditto,		James Young	420	30		No. 367.
Paerl,		John Thompson	900	31		No. 368.
Fame,			426	33		No. 369.
Betsey,		Thomas Webster	354	31		No. 370.
Adventure,		John Fast	420	31	10s.	No. 371.
Lady Townshend,		John Congalton	776	36	10s.	No. 372.
Ditto,		Ditto	776	32		No. 373.
Hero,			400	30		No. 374.
Tartar,			400	30		No. 375.
Emperor,		James Rennie	460	30		No. 376.



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

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE
OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Friday the 29th August, 1783.

Vide App.
No. 348, a
377.

The Committee took into consideration the tenders of the several ships, referred by order of Court this day, and having debated some time thereon, adjourned till Tuesday next.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 2d September, 1783.

Vide App.
No. 348, a
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The Committee resumed the consideration of the several tenders referred by the Court, on the 29th ult.

Vide App.
No. 378.

Estimate of the amount of 10,000. tons of the old ships, and the like tonnage of the largest of the new tendered ships, shewing the difference in price, was laid before the Committee.

Mr. Snodgrafs was called in and examined, respecting the ships tendered by the new Owners, who gave it as his opinion, that French ships, in particular, are slightly built, and not well built for taking the ground; and that foreign ships, in general, were not equal to the river-built ships; the West-India ships are the best built, next to the East-India ships; that previous to his taking a survey of a ship, she must be docked and part of her sheathing stripped. And being asked, if he knew in what condition the Paerl, Dutch East-Indiaman was in, he replied, that he had heard she was five years old, had been a year in dock, and she may require considerable repairs; that the Lady Townshend was a very slight built ship, as he apprehends she is the same ship the builder had recommended it to the Owner not to repair for an East-India voyage, upon a former survey, when she was called the Denbigh.

Captain Oliver was likewise called in, who informed the Committee he had seen the Jupiter, and thinks her a very weak ship; and the Lady Townshend a slight ship, wanting great repairs.

The Committee likewise find that the General Eliott was a Dutch Indiaman, taken on her second voyage, by Commodore Johnstone.

That the Menagerie is a French built ship now lying at Portsmouth; and the Jupiter, a French built ship, lying in Mr. Barnard's dock, and that the before-mentioned five ships are nearest in point of tonnage to the Company's freighted ships, and

A motion being then made, and the question being put separately on the following twenty-three ships, whether they should be taken into the Company's service, describing the tonnage, terms of



of freight, and other particulars, those several questions passed in the negative, viz.

The David	The Jupiter
Royal George	Paerl
George	Betsey
Chapman	Adventure
Tartar, tendered by Mr. Fiott.	Superbe
Admiral Barrington	General Elliott
Emperor	Lord Rodney
Managerie	Lady Townshend
Hydra	Lord Mulgrave
New ship (Mr. Boddington's)	New ship (Mr. Skottowe's)
Hero	Fame
Tartar (Mr. Gale's)	

The following report being then prepared, the same was read and approved, viz.

The Committee having, in consequence of the reference of Court of the 29th last month, examined the several tenders of ships, which were then presented to the Court, do find,

That the old Owners have tendered all their ships at £33. per Ton.

That the other ships (two only excepted) are tendered at lower freights.

That upon a supposition that about 10,000 tons of shipping may be wanted, that tonnage, at the price of the old Owners, will amount to

The same quantity of the new tendered ships, taking those of the largest size, will come to

Which makes a difference of

And, on a medium, is £1. 16s. 10d. per ton.

But as the Court have already offered the Owners a freight of £32. per ton, which for the above tonnage, would have amounted to the sum of £320,000. the saving by the new tendered ships may, in this light, be considered only at about £8000.

The Committee therefore considering that the regular ships are built under the directions of the Company and the particular inspection of their officers; and their strength and abilities well known, while the new tendered ships are of various dimensions, built in different countries, in a manner unknown to the Company, and in the opinion of the Company's officers the foreign built ships bear no comparison in point of safety to the cargo to the former; and that so far as regards the size of ships, those from 700 to 750 tons are best calculated for the service, because those ships are capable of bringing home a considerable quantity of surplus tonnage, which will reduce the nominal freight, besides their being more essentially serviceable as ships of defence in the event of war.

The Committee for these reasons, and from the important consideration of the great value of the Company's cargoes, are induced to offer, as their opinion, that a preference be given to those ships which have been built purposely for the Company's service,

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and that they be taken up this season at £33. per ton freight from China, and the several parts of India.

£ 2. 10s. per ton imprefs.

0 0 10d. per ton, per day, demorage.

£13. 0 0 per head for passage of military; and, in all other respects, on the same conditions as the ships of last year, being (except in the instance of an increase of 20s. per ton on the freight) precisely the same terms as this Committee submitted to the Court in their report of the 13th last month.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 2d September, 1783.

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping reporting, under this day's date, that having examined the several tenders of ships, presented to the Court on the 29th of last month, they find,

That the old Owners have tendered all their ships at £33. per ton.

That the other ships (two only excepted) are tendered at lower freights.

That upon a supposition that about 10,000 tons of shipping may be wanted, that tonnage at the price of the old Owners will amount to - - - - - £330,000

The same quantity of the new tendered ships, taking those of the largest size, will come to - - - - - 311,586

Which makes a difference of - - - - - £ 18,414

And, on a medium, is £1. 16s. 10d. per ton.

But that as the Court have already offered the Owners a freight of £32. per ton, which for the above tonnage would have amounted to the sum of £320,000. the savings by the new tendered ships may, in this light, be considered only at about £8,000.

Considering therefore, that the regular ships are built under the directions of the Company, and the particular inspection of their officers; and their strength and ability well known; while the new tendered ships are of various dimensions, built in different countries, in a manner unknown to the Company; that, in the opinion of the Company's officers, the foreign built ships bear no comparison, in point of safety to the cargo, to the former; and that so far as regards the size of ships, those from 700 to 750 tons are best calculated for the service, because those ships are capable of bringing home a considerable quantity of surplus tonnage, which will reduce the nominal freight, besides their being more essentially serviceable as ships of defence in the event of war.

The Committee for these reasons, and from the important consideration of the great value of the Company's cargoes, offering as their opinion, that a preference be given to those ships which have been built purposely for the Company's service, and that they be taken up this season

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At £33 0 0 per ton freight from China, and the several parts of India.

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Resolved, That this Court do agree in opinion with the said Joint Committee, and that the Secretary do acquaint the Owners therewith, agreeable to the draught of a letter read and approved. Vide App. No. 379.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to consider of the proper number of ships to be entertained in the Company's service this season, and to report.

A tender of the ship Asia, to be commanded by Captain Robert Maw, on the same terms as the other ships are tendered this season, being presented to the Court, Vide App. No. 380.

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

On reading a letter from Mr. James Mair, on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, Owner of the ship Lady Townshend, desiring to know, as the Owners of that ship have accepted the terms offered by the Court on the 20th ult. whether they may dock and fit her out. Vide App. No. 381.

Ordered, That the Secretary do acquaint the Owners of the above-mentioned ship, that the Company have no occasion for her, and draught of a letter to Mrs. Tyler was read and approved. Vide App. No. 382.

A note from Sir John Henniker, Bart. and Mr. Fiott being read, desiring to know whether the Chapman and Tartar are included among the number of ships intended to be now taken up for the Company's service,

Ordered, That the Secretary do acquaint those gentlemen, that the said two ships are not considered by the Court as included in that number.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 3d September, 1783.

The Committee took into consideration the reference of Court of yesterday, for considering of the proper number of ships to be entertained in the Company's service this season.

And the Committee offer to the Court, as their opinion, that 13 ships be entertained this season, and that the following be accordingly taken up, viz.

		Tons.	
New ship in the room of the			
	Lord Camden	755	Capt. Nath. Dance
Ditto	Grenville -	755	Burnet Abercrombie
Ditto	Northington -	755	William Hardcastle
			New



	Tons.	
New ship in the room of the } Hillsborough -	755	Capt. George Blachford
Ditto Egmont -	755	Thomas Larkins
Berrington -	755	John Johnston
Earl of Mansfield -	758	William Frazer
Royal Charlotte -	758	Josiah Pryce
Contractor -	758	James Baldwin
Ponsonbe -	758	William Hammett
Valentine -	755	John Lewis
Royal Admiral -	903	Joseph Huddart
Neptune -	758	Robert Scott

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 4th September, 1783.

Vide App. No. 383. Letter from the Owners of the ship Lady Townshend, stating that they consider that ship as engaged for the Company's service, notwithstanding the Secretary's letter of the 2d instant, and

Vide App. No. 384. Letter from the Owners of the ship Jupiter, complaining of the tender of that ship having been rejected, were read.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Shipping do prepare an estimate of the expence of building, outfit and other charges of an East-India ship fit for sea, and that the same be laid before this Court the first week in May in every year.

A report from the Committee of Correspondence, dated the 3d instant, being read,

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That thirteen ships be entertained for the Company's service this season, and that the following be accordingly taken up, viz.

	Tons.	
New ship in the room of the } Lord Camden	755	Capt. Nathaniel Dance
Ditto Grenville -	755	Burnet Abercombie
Ditto Northington -	755	William Hardcastle
Ditto Hillsborough -	755	George Blachford
Ditto Egmont -	755	Thomas Larkins
Berrington -	755	John Johnston
Earl of Mansfield -	758	William Frazer
Royal Charlotte -	758	Josiah Pryce
Contractor -	758	James Baldwin
Ponsonbe -	758	William Hammett
Valentine -	755	John Lewis
Royal Admiral -	903	Joseph Huddart
Neptune -	758	Robert Scott.

Vide App. No. 385. A report of the length, breadth and tonnage of several new ships therein-mentioned, built on old bottoms, signed by Capt. John Oliver, being presented to the Court,

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

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 9th September, 1783.

Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated this day, begging that she may have timely notice to dock her ship the Lady Townshend, and requesting the Court's orders for that purpose, being read, Vide App. No. 386.

Ordered, That the Company's Solicitor do prepare an answer to the said letter, to be signed by the Secretary. Vide App. No. 387.

On reading a letter from Messrs. Thomas Eden and C. Court, dated the 8th instant, tendering the ship La Ménagère, if the Company should want another ship, or as a store ship. Vide App. No. 388.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 10th September, 1783.

Letter from Beetson Long, Samuel Long, and George Drake, Esquires, dated this day, complaining that they have received no answer to their tender of the ship Fame, was read. Vide App. No. 389.

Draught of the Secretary's letter in reply thereto, was read and approved. Vide App. No. 390.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 17th September, 1783.

On reading the petition of Captain James Baldwin, requesting the Court's acceptance of a tender from him, now also read, of a ship burthen about 900 tons, at £31. per ton, to be commanded by himself. Vide App. No. 391, 392.

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

On reading a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated the 11th instant, repeating her request that the Court will give directions for docking the Lady Townshend. Vide App. No. 393.

Ordered, That the Company's Solicitor do prepare an answer to the above letter. Vide App. No. 394.

On reading a letter from the Owners of the Tartar, Captain E. Fiott, renewing their tender of that ship, upon such terms as the Court may think reasonable; also, Vide App. No. 395.

Letter from Mr. Robert Preston, tendering the ship Lord North for a voyage outward to India, on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Court and himself. Vide App. No. 396.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 23d September, 1783.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated 22d instant, was laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 397.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 23d September, 1783.

The Deputy Chairman acquainted the Court, that Robert Preston, Esq. in the name of the rest of the Owners of Shipping, had notified to him, that they decline entering into an obligation to ship £500. in silver on board each of the ships, but are willing to oblige themselves to pay any bills the commanders may draw during the voyage.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping to confer with the Owners on the above matter, and to report.

Vide App.
No. 398.

A tender of the ship Chapman, Captain William Parker, for such surplus tonnage as the Company may have occasion for, being presented to the Court,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 1st October, 1783.

Vide App.
No. 391,
392.

The Committee took into consideration the reference of Court of the 17th ult. on the petition of Captain James Baldwin, late commander of the Contractor, setting forth, that notwithstanding the tender was made in his name, Mr. Durand has informed him he is not to command that ship, and being thereby left in a very singular predicament, requests the Court will accept of his tender of a ship which accompanies his petition, and is in every respect fit for their service. And the Committee having received a letter from John Durand, Esq. dated 30th ult. that Captain Baldwin was appointed, by the majority of Owners, to the command of the Contractor, on the express condition and agreement, that he was to continue therein for one voyage only, and as the same is completed, he can have no further claim on the Owners; which fact Captain Baldwin having admitted, on his examination before the Committee, it does not appear for this reason that there are sufficient grounds for the Court to interfere with the Owners nomination of Captain Mackintosh for the command of that ship.

Vide App.
No. 399.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 9th October, 1783.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of 23d ult. to confer with the Owners on the proposed clause in Charter-Party, obligatory on their parts to ship £500. in silver, as stock for the ship's use.

Resolved, That from some of the Owners having already acceded thereto, it appears unnecessary to enter into a general conference with those gentlemen, but that the Committee are ready to consider such objections which may be made individually, by any of the Husbands, to the proposed clause.



AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 9th October, 1783.

Letter from Messrs. Thomas Eden and C. Court, dated the 6th inst. advising their having disposed of the ship *Ménagère*, by private contract, was read. Vide App. No. 400.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 31st October, 1783.

Mr. Snodgrafs's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 29th instant, was laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 401.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 20th November, 1783.

Letter from the Owners of the *Locko*, tendering her for an outward-bound voyage, in case any ships should be taken up in that manner this season, being read, Vide App. No. 401.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 5th December, 1783.

On reading the requests of Mrs Jane Wilson and Mr. William Moffat, for leave to build new ships in the room of the *Rochford*, which ship has completed her fourth voyage; and the *Duke of Athol*, which was blown up in Madras Roads, the former to be commanded by Captain James Tod, and the latter by Captain James Rattray, Vide App. No. 402, 403.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 12th December, 1783.

On reading the request of Messrs. James and David Webster, for leave to build a new ship in the room of the *Fairford*, to be commanded by Captain John Haldane, Vide App. No. 404.

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

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 13th January, 1784.

Vide App. No. 405. Mr. Snodgrafs's report of ships building, under date the 8th inst. was now laid before the Committee.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 3d March, 1784.

Vide App. No. 405. On reading the request of John Raymond, Esq. for leave to build a new ship in the room of the Duke of Kingston,
Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 5th May, 1784.

Vide App. No. 406, 407. A letter from Captain Oliver, dated 3d instant, accompanying a rough estimate of the expence of building, outfit, and other charges of an East-India ship fit for sea, amounting to £19,835 and an account of the difference in the expence of fitting out a ship between the years 1783 and 1784, being laid before the Committee.

The Committee, agreeably to the order of Court of 4th September last, reported the same to the Court, but observed, that probably there will be a material difference in several articles between the present period and the usual time of conferring with the Owners for the freight of their ships.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 5th May, 1784.

Vide App. No. 407. The Committee of Shipping, by a report dated this day, submitting to the Court an estimate of the expence of building, outfit, and other charges of an East-India ship fit for sea, amounting at the present prices to £19,835. and observing at the same time, that there will be a material difference in several articles of the outfit of a ship between the present period and the usual time of conferring with the Owners for the freight of their ships.

The said report and estimate were read and approved.

Vide App. No. 409. On reading a letter from Captain John Oliver and Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, dated this day, acquainting the Court of the exceedings in measurement of the new ship building on the bottom of the Stafford.

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

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 7th May, 1784.

Pursuant to reference of Court of the 5th instant, the Committee considered the letter from Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs, stating the exceedings in the dimensions for tonnage of a ship building on the bottom of the Stafford; and having examined Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs thereon, the Committee reported to the Court, that they find the rake of the stem of the ships built by Messrs. John and William Wells, have, for some years past, exceeded those built at any other yard; that by this means the nominal length of the keel is increased without materially adding to the real tonnage, and for which they understand the builders do not make any additional charge; that this is the case of the ship building in the room of the Stafford, but the Committee presume on this principle the Court will not object to the length of the keel for tonnage.

Vide App.
No. 409a

That in regard to the excess in the breadth of this ship, the Committee beg leave to observe (through the same information) that the frame of a ship, by the settling of the shores, and other unavoidable causes, will in the common course of building increase the breadth a few inches, but that an allowance of six inches is fully sufficient for every thing of this sort, and that the Committee are clearly of opinion, that if the ship when built should exceed 35 feet 6 inches, it must be considered on the part of the Owners, as improperly and unnecessarily departing from the Court's orders in respect to the present established dimensions, and that she ought not to be taken into the service.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 12th May, 1784.

The Committee of Shipping reporting, under date of the 7th instant, that having considered the letter from Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs, stating the exceedings in the dimensions for tonnage of a ship building on the bottom of the Stafford; and having examined Captain Oliver and Mr. Snodgrafs thereon, the Committee find that the rake of the stem of the ships built by Messrs. John and William Wells, have for some years past exceeded those built at any other yard; that by this means the nominal length of the keel is increased, without materially adding to the real tonnage, and for which they understand the builders do not make any additional charge; that this is the case of the ship building in the room of the Stafford, but the Committee presume on this principle the Court will not object to the length of the keel for tonnage.

That in regard to the excess in the breadth of this ship, the Committee observe (through the same information) that the frame of a ship by the settling of the shores, and other unavoidable causes, will in the common course of building, increase the breadth a few inches, but that an allowance of six inches is fully sufficient for every thing of this sort, and that the Committee are clearly of

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opinion, that if the ship, when built, should exceed 35 feet 6 inches, it must be considered on the part of the Owners, as improperly and unnecessarily departing from the Court's orders, in respect to the present established dimensions, and that she ought not to be taken into the service.

And a debate ensuing thereon,

Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs was called into Court and examined relating to the subject matter of the above report.

And Mr. Snodgrafs being withdrawn,

It was, after some further debate moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That this Court do agree in opinion with the Committee of Shipping, as stated in the above report.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 19th May, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 385. Letter from Captain John Oliver, which was referred the 4th September last, reporting the length, breadth and tonnage of several new ships, was read.

Vide App.
No. 388,
395, 396,
398, 401. The references of Court of the 9th, 17th, 23d September, and 20th November last, on the tenders of the La Menagere, Tartar, Lord North, Chapman, and Locko, for an outward-bound freight, being laid before the Committee, the Committee are of opinion, it is unnecessary for those tenders to be now taken into consideration.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF PRIVATE TRADE AND SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 25th May, 1784.

The Joint Committee met to take into consideration what alterations or additions it might be necessary to make in the Charter-Parties previous to taking up ships for this season; and it being observed that the times only are limited, after which, if ships are dispatched from Coast and Bay, Bombay or China, the Company are bound to allow the Owners demorage for all the time above six months, which the ship shall be in her passage to the Downs, so that the same do not exceed 120 days, and the Owners are not responsible for any damage that may happen to the cargo occasioned by such late dispatch; and the Committee thinking it requisite that dates should likewise be inserted, before which, if she should be dispatched, the said demorage should be allowed, and the Owners exempted from payment of the damage;

Resolved, On the question being put to report it to the Court, as the opinion of the Committee, that the following dates be inserted in the Charter-Parties of the present season, between which ships are to be dispatched from the under-mentioned places, or else the Owners to be paid demorage above six months homeward, and also to be exempted from payment of damage, viz.

Bengal, 21st November and 10th March.

Madras, 15th September and 10th March.

Bombay,



Bombay, 31st October and 15th May.

China, 15th November and 11th February.

The Committee also esteeming it reasonable that the Commanders should be bound to receive their Charter-Party tonnages in India, or the Owners be liable to some penalty on the deficiency; the Company, on their part, being bound to pay freight on the Charter-Party tonnage on sufficient proof of the capacity of the ships to receive the same.

Resolved, on the question being put, to report it to the Court, as the opinion of the Committee, that a clause to the following effect be proposed to the Owners to be inserted in the Charter-Parties for the above purpose, viz.

“ That if any ship shall not bring home her Charter-Party tonnage, the Owners shall forfeit to the Company the same sum which they would have been entitled to have received for such deficient tonnage if it had been brought home, which sum so forfeited, shall be deducted from the freight otherwise payable the Owners, unless the Commander shall, on application for more goods, have been refused them, or unless the Owners shall make out some good reason for such deficiency to the satisfaction of the Court of Directors.”

And the same was reported to the Court accordingly.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 26th May, 1784.

The Joint Committee of Private Trade and Shipping, in a report dated the 25th instant, now read, submitting to the Courtundry alterations and additions to be made in the Charter-Parties, previous to taking up the ships for this season.

Resolved, That this Court do agree in opinion with the said Joint Committee, and that the Solicitor do prepare a clause for the Charter-Parties accordingly.

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 June next, and that notice thereof be given agreeably to the draught of a publication now read and approved, viz.

“ East-India House, 26th May, 1784.

“ 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 June next, from any persons, on what terms and conditions they are willing to let their ships to China and all parts of India, 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 therein 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 the Court.

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“ N. B. As some alterations are proposed to be made in the
“ Charter-Parties of the ships of the ensuing season, the same
“ may be seen by applying to the Secretary.”

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 2d June, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 410.

On reading the request of Mr. Robert Williams for leave to
build a ship on the bottom of the Lord Holland,

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 9th June, 1784.

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

Vide App. No. 411.	{	The Northumberland,	-	-	Capt. James Rees
		Dutton,	-	-	James West
		Osterley,	-	-	Samuel Rogers
		Effex,	-	-	John Strover
		Locko,	-	-	John Baird
		General Coote,	-	-	Thomas Compton
		Houghton,	-	-	James Monro
		Asia,	-	-	Robert Maw
		Winterton,	-	-	Raymond Snow
		Rodney,	-	-	Henry Wakeman
		London,	-	-	John Eastbrooke
		Deptford,	-	-	James Elkinton
		York,	-	-	J. A. Blanford
		Tartar	-	-	Edward Piott
No. 412.	{	Montagu,	-	-	Thomas Brettell
No. 413.		Raymond,	-	-	John Cotton
Vide App. No. 411.		Francis,	-	-	Henry Grueber
No. 414.		Chapman,	-	-	Leonard Fall
No. 411.		New ship in the room of the Prince of Wales,	-	-	Jonathan Court

Each ship being proposed to be let at builders contract tonnage
to all parts of India and China alike, at £32. per ton.

Demorage at ten pence per ton, per day, on 500 tons, and the
immediate payment of all demorage that shall become due at the
time the ship shall leave her last port in England.

To be impressed at fifty shillings per ton on the builders contract
tonnage, and after the ship's arrival at her first consigned port in In-
dia, the Company to advance the Owners (on the same condi-
tions as the imprests paid in England) £200. per month, until
dispatched for Europe, at the following rates of exchange,

The Current rupee at	-	-	2s. 1d.
The Bombay rupee at	-	-	2s. 3d.
The Star pagoda at	-	-	7s. 4d.
The Spanish dollar at	-	-	5s.

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The Company to pay all advance of wages above twenty-six shillings per month.

To pay the diet of foldiers from the time of their first going on board, until the ship's final departure from her last port in England, at one shilling per head, per day, and to be allowed the same during her stay in any port during her voyage out and home, and

Also to pay the passage of the foldiers at the rate of £13. per head.

In case the ship should carry troops from one port to another in India, the Owners to be paid for those troops at the usual rate, at the place where they are landed : but in case the Company's agents should not be able to pay the Captain there, that they do give him a bill on the Company in England, on respondentia terms.

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 the ship may be detained on the Company's account, or waiting for convoy.

The freight to be punctually paid agreeably to the exprefs terms of the Charter-Party.

Letter from Mr. Abel Chapman, dated this day, being also read, stating that since his tender of the ship Chapman, he thinks it necessary to acquaint the Court, that the said ship is equipped and may be ready to sail for China in ten days; and that he will let her go for £28. per ton.

Vide App.
No. 415.

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

The Company's Solicitor laying before the Court draught of a clause for the Charter-Party as prepared by him conformably to the order of Court of the 26th ultimo,

Vide App.
No. 416.

Ordered, That the said clause be referred to the consideration of the Joint Committee of Private Trade and Shipping.

On reading the request of Alexander Hume, Esq. for leave to build a ship in the room of the Princess Royal,

Vide App.
No. 417.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 11th June, 1784.

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

Vide App.
No. 411.

The Lafcelles,	-	-	Capt. Thomas Wakefield
Bellmont,	-	-	William Dick Gamage
Busbridge,	-	-	Alexander Tod
General Elliott,	-	-	Robert Drummond
Pigot,	-	-	Robert Morgan
Southampton,	-	-	John Lennox

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Lord Macartney, - - - William Hall
New ship in the room of the } William Elphinstone.
Triton,

Each ship being proposed to be let upon the same terms and conditions as the ships tendered on the 9th instant.

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

Vide App. Letter from Robert Preston, Esq. dated this day, being read,
No. 418. tendering the ship Lord North for a voyage out, on such terms as may be agreed on between the Court and himself.

Ordered that it be referred to the said Joint Committee, to examine and report.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE
OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,
On Tuesday the 15th June, 1784.

The following papers were read, viz.

Vide App. The several tenders of ships for the service of the ensuing
No. 411, a season, referred by the Court on the 9th and 11th instant.
414, 418.

Vide App. Letter from Mr. Abel Chapman, dated the 9th instant, stating,
No. 415. that since his tender of the ship Chapman, he thinks it necessary to acquaint the Court, that the said ship is equipped, and may be ready to sail for China in ten days, and that he will let her go for £28. per ton; that he begs an immediate answer, as she will fail in a few days upon another voyage, if it should not be agreeable to the Company to accept her.

Vide App. Estimate of building and the expence of fitting out a new ship
No. 407. of 755 tons burthen, signed by Captain John Oliver the 4th, and read in Court the 5th ultimo; also,

Vide App. Letter from Captain John Oliver, under this day's date, that
No. 419. since he delivered in his estimate of the outfit of a ship on the 4th May last, there appears, from the best information he can get, the sum of £566 17 6 to be deducted from building the hull.

Vide App. Captain Oliver's account of the difference in the prices of build-
No. 408. ing and fitting out a new ship of 755 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons, between last year and the present, dated the 3d May last and this day.

And the Committee having made some progress therein, adjourned the further consideration till to-morrow.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,
On Wednesday the 16th June, 1784.

Vide App. Letter from Robert Preston, Esq. referred the 11th inst. signify-
No. 418. ing, that if the Company's affairs should make it necessary to take up



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up any ships for an outward-bound freight, he is in possession of the Lord North, which he offers on such terms as may be agreed on between the Court and himself, was read.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the several tenders, and other papers, entered on the minutes of the 15th inst. and after debating some time thereon, made the following report to the Court, viz.

Pursuant to references of Court of the 9th and 11th inst. the Committee have taken into consideration the tenders of the several ships, and do offer, as their opinion, that it will be more eligible to revert to the old system, by the Owners expressing in their tenders the distinct freights,

To China direct
Coast and China
Coast and Bay
Bencoolen
Bombay

And that the Owners of the several ships be desired to amend their tenders accordingly.

The Committee again considered the tender and letter from Abel Chapman, Esq, and came to the following resolution, viz. Vide App. No. 414, 415.

That Mr. Chapman be acquainted it is not in this Committee's power, at present, to determine whether they will accept or not the tender of the Chapman; but as she has been one voyage in the Company's employ, in case any more ships should be wanted, and the terms of Mr. Chapman's offer approved of, they are inclined to give her the preference.

And Mr. Chapman being called in, the Chairman acquainted him therewith.

Mr. Chapman at the same time signified to the Committee, that the terms of his tender, though expressed for China, were meant to extend to any part of India.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 16th June, 1784.

The tender of the ship Warren Hastings, Captain Thomas Larkins, upon the same terms as other ships may be taken up this season, being opened and read; also Vide App. No. 411.

Letter from Mr. Robert Williams, dated the 15th instant, requesting, that the Locko may be employed one voyage more, at the general freight of the year, Vide App. No. 420.

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

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, in a report, dated this day, now read, offering to the Court, as their opinion, that it will be more eligible to revert to the old system, by the Owners expressing in their tenders the distinct freights.

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To China direct,
Coast and China,
Coast and Bay,
Bencoolen,
Bombay.

And that the Owners of the several ships be desired to amend their tenders accordingly.

Resolved, That this Court do agree in opinion with said Joint Committee, and that the Secretary do write to the Owners accordingly.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 23d June, 1784.

Vide App. No. 421. Letters from several Owners of Shipping, dated this day, being read, signifying, that they are willing to amend their tenders, agreeably to the old system, which they state to be by expressing two distinct freights for the several ships for the ensuing season, making a difference between the China and Bencoolen ships, and those for all other parts of India.

Vide App. No. 422. And Draught of a letter to be signed by the Secretary, in reply thereto, being prepared,
The same was read and approved.

Vide App. No. 423. On reading a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated this day, desiring, the Court will employ her ship Lady Townshend, upon such terms as may be thought reasonable.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 24th June, 1784.

Vide App. No. 424. On reading a letter from sundry Owners of Shipping, signifying, that they are come to the resolution of tendering their ships (provided the Company will engage to pay for the Charter-Party tonnage, whether laden on board or not) at the following freights, viz.

To China direct, -	-	} at £31. per ton.
Coast and China, and	-	
Bencoolen, -	-	
Coast and Bay, -	-	33.
Bombay, -	-	32.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 29th June, 1784.

Vide App. No. 425. On reading a letter from the Owners of the Tartar, dated the 26th instant, desiring leave to amend their tender of that ship as follows, viz.

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To China direct	at £28. per ton.
Coast and China,	28.
Coast and Bay -	30.
Bencoolen -	29.
Bombay -	29.

Impress, at 50s. per ton; demorage in proportion to other ships; diet of soldiers, passage-money, &c. the same as shall be given to other ships.

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

The request of George Stainforth, junior, Esq. that the Owners of the Queen may be permitted to build a new ship in her room, to be commanded by Captain Peter Douglas, and that the order of her turn to be taken into the service may be considered from the completion of the fourth voyage made by the old ship, being also read,

Vide App.
No. 426.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 30th June, 1784.

On reading a letter from Sir Richard Hotham, dated the 29th instant, signifying, that if the ship York is to be taken up at her builders measurement, the Owners will agree to freight the ship at the following rates, viz.

Vide App.
No. 427.

To China direct	} at £31. per ton.
Coast and China, and	
Bencoolen -	-
Bombay -	32.
Coast and Bay -	30.

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

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 1st July, 1784.

The following letters were read, viz.

From Mr. Robert Williams, dated the 15th ult. and referred by the Court the next day, requesting that the Locke may be employed by the Company one voyage more, on account of the heavy expences incurred to the Owners in making that ship eligible for the service.

Vide App.
No. 420.

From Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, dated the 23d ult. and referred that day, offering the ship Lady Townshend, on any terms that may be thought reasonable.

Vide App.
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Vide App. No. 425. From the Owners of the Tartar the 26th, and referred 29th ult. amending their tender with respect to the terms of freight of that ship.

Vide App. No. 426. From George Stainforth, Esq. the 9th, and referred the 29th ult. that the Owners of the ship Queen having been encouraged to expect she would be taken up for a 6th voyage to India, if, in the opinion of the Company's officers, she should be found in good condition upon a survey, and returning the Court thanks in behalf of the Owners for their intended indulgence, but that she turned out so bad, it was agreed she should be sold; also requesting leave to build another ship in her room, to be commanded by Captain Peter Douglas, and that the order of turn for her being taken up may be considered from the completion of her fourth voyage.

Vide App. No. 427. From Sir Richard Hotham, dated the 29th ult. and referred the next day; that in consequence of the letter he received from the Secretary the 23d, if the ship York is taken up at her builders measurement, the Owners will agree to freight her at the following rates, viz.

For China direct	-	} at £31. per ton.
Coast and China, and	-	
Bencoolen	-	
Bombay	-	32.
Coast and Bay	-	30.

Vide App. No. 424. Letter signed by several of the Managing Owners, dated 24th ult. and referred the same day, being also read, intimating, that they are come to a resolution of tendering their ships, provided the Company will engage to pay for the Charter-Party tonnage, whether laden on board or not, at the following freights, viz.

To China direct	-	} at £31. per ton.
Coast and China, and	-	
Bencoolen	-	
Coast and Bay	-	33.
Bombay	-	32.

And the Committee having very maturely considered the above letter, after debating some time thereon, made the following report to the Court, viz.

The Committee in consequence of the reference of Court of the 24th ult. have taken into consideration the letter signed by several of the Managing Owners of Shipping, amending their former tenders; and having likewise considered what freights are proper to be given for the ships of the ensuing season, are of opinion, viz.

That £28. per ton freight be given to China direct, Coast and China, and Bencoolen.

£29. per ton to Bombay, and
£30. per ton to Coast and Bay.

And that in all other respects (the proposed alterations in the Charter-Party excepted) the ships be taken up on the same terms as last year.

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The Committee further offer, as their opinion, that if the above should meet with the approbation of the Court, the same be signified to the Owners of the regular ships, and that they be desired to meet a Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, on this subject, next Tuesday, at twelve o'clock.

On a motion,

Ordered, That the clause in the Charter-Party respecting the Owners sending out £500. stock, for the use of the ship, in specie, be enforced, and that that amount for each ship be sent into the Company's treasury accordingly.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 1st July, 1784.

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

Resolved, That the following freights be given for the ships of the ensuing season, viz.

£28. per ton freight to China direct, Coast and China,
and Bencoolen.

£29. per ton to Bombay.

£30. per ton to Coast and Bay.

That in all other respects (the proposed alterations in the Charter-Party excepted) the ships be taken up on the same terms as last season.

That the same be signified to the Owners of the regular ships, and that they be desired to meet a Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping, on this subject, next Tuesday, at twelve o'clock.

The tenders of the following ships being opened and read, viz. Vide App. No. 411.

The Halfewell, Captain Richard Pierce, proposed to be let at builders contract tonnage to all parts of India and China alike, at £32. per ton; also,

The Francis, Captain Henry Grueber; and

Queen, James Mitchell, at builders contract tonnage, to all parts of India and China, upon the following terms, viz. Vide App. No. 428.

Bengal	-	-	£33 per ton.
Bombay	-	-	32
Bencoolen	-	-	31
Madras and China	-	-	31
China direct	-	-	31

And in all other respects upon the same terms as the ships tendered on the 9th of last month.

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

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 6th July, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 429.

On reading a letter from the Managing Owners of Shipping, dated this day, offering their ships for the ensuing season at the following freights, viz.

To China direct	-	-	} at £29. 10s. per ton.
Coast and China, and	-	-	
Bencoolen	-	-	
Bombay	-	-	30. 10s.
Coast and Bay	-	-	31. 10s.

Also,

Vide App.
No. 429*.

Tender of the ship Trial, Captain John Sherwood, upon the following terms, viz.

To China direct	-	-	at £28. per ton.
Coast and China	-	-	28
Coast and Bay	-	-	30
Bencoolen	-	-	29
Bombay	-	-	29

Impress at 50s. per ton; the diet and passage of soldiers, upon the same terms as shall be agreed upon with the Owners of the other ships to be taken up this year; the demorage in proportion to the number of men, and in other respects upon the same conditions as shall be granted to other ships.

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

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE
OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 6th July, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 429.

Letter signed by several of the Managing Owners, dated and referred by the Court this day, was read, signifying that they have taken into consideration the freights offered by the Court, and are of opinion they are too low, but being desirous of bringing the matter to a conclusion, they are willing to divide the difference between them and the Company, and to let their ships for the ensuing season at the following freights, and trust the Court will agree thereto, viz.

To China direct	-	-	} at £29 10s per ton.
Coast and China, and	-	-	
Bencoolen	-	-	
Bombay	-	-	30 10
Coast and Bay	-	-	31 10

Vide App.
No. 430.

An account of the freights given from the year 1776 to 1783, both inclusive, with the estimated amount of the outfit of a ship at each of those periods, was laid before the Committee, and

The Committee upon taking the above into consideration, and having also taken a retrospective view of their proceedings on the 1st instant,

Resolved,

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Resolved unanimously, That this Committee are clearly of opinion, the Owners present terms should not be complied with, and that it be recommended to the Court to abide by their resolution of the 1st instant, respecting the freights to be given the ships of this season.

And Mr. Pelly and Mr. Newte attending the Committee, as a deputation from the rest of the Owners, were called in, and acquainted therewith.

And the same was reported to the Court accordingly as follows:

Mr. Pelly and several other Managing Owners of ships in the Company's service, having by letter to the Secretary, dated and referred this day, intimated, in answer to the Court's proposition of the 1st inst. that the freights therein-mentioned are too low, and that the Owners now offer to let their ships at

£29. 10s. to	{ China direct
	{ Coast and China, and
	{ Bencoolen
30. 10s.	Bombay
31. 10s.	Coast and Bay

The Committee have considered the above letter, and having likewise taken a retrospective view of their proceedings on the 1st inst. aided by further statements; the Committee are clearly of opinion the Owners present terms should not be complied with, and do recommend to the Court to abide by their resolution of the 1st inst. respecting the freights to be given to the ships of this season; and the same has been intimated accordingly to two gentlemen, who attended as a deputation from the other Owners.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 6th July, 1784.

The Joint Committee of Correspondence and Shipping reporting to the Court under this day's date, as their opinion, that the terms offered by the Managing Owners of Shipping, in their letter read in Court this day, should not be complied with, and recommending to the Court to abide by their resolution of the 1st inst. respecting the freights to be given to the ships of this season; also stating, that the same has been intimated accordingly to the two gentlemen who attended as a deputation from the other Owners.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 7th July, 1784.

A report of the progress of ships building, dated the 30th ult. signed by Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, was laid before the Committee. Vide App. No. 431.



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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 7th July, 1784.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that two of the Managing Owners of Shipping had, in a conference with him, offered, in the name of the Owners, to abate 10s. per ton freight on their last tenders.

It was then moved, and on the question,

Resolved unanimously, That this Court do abide by their resolution of the 1st inst. respecting the freights to be given for the ships of this season.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF
CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Friday the 9th July, 1784.

Several Managing Owners of ships, in the Company's service, having expressed a desire for a conference with this Committee, on the subject of the freights, which in the Court's opinion are proper to be given to the ships of this season, the Committee now met for that purpose, and the several Owners, whose names are mentioned in the margin, attending, were called in, and the Committee having conferred with them thereon, those gentlemen acceded to the terms proposed by the Court on the 1st instant, and signified the same accordingly, in a letter under this date, addressed to the Secretary, which was now read.

H. H. Pelly,
Donald Cameron,
J. Mitford,
Robt. Williams,
Jeff. Jackson,
Culling Smith,
Wm. Dent,
Esqrs.

The Committee thereupon reported the above transaction to the Court, as follows.

Several Managing Owners of ships in the Company's service, having expressed a desire for a conference with this Committee, on the subject of the freights, which, in the Court's opinion, are proper to be given to the ships of this season; the Committee had, this day, a meeting for that purpose, and having conferred with the Owners thereon, those gentlemen acceded to the terms proposed by the Court on the 1st inst. and have signified the same accordingly, in a letter under this date, addressed to the Secretary.

Vide App.
No. 432.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 14th July, 1784.

The Committee of Correspondence and Shipping reporting, under date of the 9th inst. that having on that day had a meeting with the Owners of Shipping, on the subject of the freights, to be given for the ships of this season, those gentlemen had acceded to the terms proposed by the Court on the 1st inst. and have signified the same accordingly, in a letter to the Secretary.

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

Ordered,



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Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Correspondence to consider of the proper number of ships to be entertained in the Company's service this season, to nominate the same and to report.

The following tenders being read, viz.

New ship Walpole, Captain Henry Churchill, and
New ship building on the bottom of the Stafford, Captain William Smith, each ship being proposed to be let at builders contract tonnage, at the same freights as the other ships to be taken up for this season, viz.

Vide App.
No. 433.

To China direct	-	}	at £28. per ton.
Coast and China, and	-		
Bencoolen	-		
Bombay	-		29.
Coast and Bay	-		30.

And to be allowed the same demorage, imprevs, passage and diet of military, &c.

Ordered, That the above tenders be referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 28th July, 1784.

On reading the request of Sir Richard Hotham, for leave to build a new ship in the room of the York, to be commanded by Captain John Atkinson Blanshard.

Vide App.
No. 434.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 4th August, 1784.

On reading the request of Mr. Jeffrey Jackson, that the late Fortitude Indiaman may be brought into the service on her old bottom.

Vide App.
No. 435.

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

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF PRIVATE TRADE AND SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 11th August, 1784.

Pursuant to a reference of Court of the 9th June last, the Joint Committee took into consideration the draught of a clause for the Charter-Party, prepared by Mr. Smith, the Company's Solicitor, conformably to an order of Court of the 26th May last; and the said clause being read, also the Joint Committee's report confirmed by the Court on the said 26th May.

Vide App.
No. 416.

Resolved,



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Resolved, As the said report lay for some time for the inspection of the Owners, and as they have agreed to the alterations in the Charter-Party therein specified, that the clauses to be inserted should be conformably thereto, and therefore that the alteration, suggested by the Solicitor, to oblige the Owners to pay a certain sum per ton for deficient tonnage, instead of the freight thereof, be not adopted; and that he be desired to add, in proper legal terms, the following provision, stated in the said report, viz. "or unless the Owners shall make out good and sufficient reason for such deficiency, to the satisfaction of the Court of Directors."

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 13th August, 1784.

On a motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to take into their consideration, and to report, whether any mode can be adopted of altering the construction of the Company's ships in such a manner as to make their freights to India or China cheaper.

Vide App.
No. 436.

The tender of the Barwell, Captain Robert Carr, for a voyage to India or China, upon the terms at which other ships may be taken up this season, being read,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 18th August, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 435.

The Committee considered the reference of Court of the 4th inst. on the letter from Jeffrey Jackson, Esq. representing, that the late ship Fortitude left Bengal in January last, bound to Copenhagen, where she is to be discharged and sold; and requesting, on behalf of the Owners, that she may again be brought into the service on her old bottom.

And the Committee being of opinion, that there can be no impropriety in receiving this ship again into the service, the same as if she had not been captured by the enemy, provided, on a survey by the Company's officers, she shall appear to be a fit and proper ship for the Company's service;

The same was reported to the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 18th August, 1784.

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

Resolved,

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Court, that there can be no impropriety in receiving the ship Fortitude again into the Company's service, in the same manner as if she had not been captured by the enemy, provided, on a survey by the Company's officers, she shall appear to be a fit and proper ship for the Company's service.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 27th August, 1784.

The Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that on account of the heavy expence incurred by the Owners of the ship Locko in her former outfit, and the advantage that will result to the Company from taking her up at only 758 tons whole freight, she be admitted for one voyage only; and, on condition, that no claim shall be made in future for building on her bottom.

The Committee took into consideration the reference of Court of the 14th ult. for considering of the proper number of ships to be entertained in the Company's service this season; and the Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that eighteen ships, including the Locko and the Company's ship Britannia, be taken up for the present; and that if the Fortitude should arrive in time, that ship be taken up as one of the additional number the Court may think necessary to send this season to India and China.

And the Committee offer it as their further opinion, that the following be the eighteen ships before-mentioned,

Ships.		Tons.	Commanders.
The Britannia	- - -	770	Capt. Edward Cumming
Locko	- - -	758	John Baird
New ship in the room of the Triton	- - -	755	Hon. W. Elphinstone
Ditto Prince of Wales	- - -	755	Jonathan Court
Ditto Stafford	- - -	755	—— Smith
Deptford	- - -	755	James Elkington
Osterley	- - -	758	Samuel Rogers
Essex	- - -	758	John Stover
Asia	- - -	758	Robert Maw
Dutton	- - -	755	James West
Rodney	- - -	755	Henry Wakeman
Northumberland	- - -	755	James Rees
Winterton	- - -	755	Raymond Snow
Raymond	- - -	755	John Cotton
Montagu	- - -	755	Thomas Brettell
Houghton	- - -	755	James Monro
General Coote	- - -	755	Thomas Compton
Francis	- - -	755	Henry Grueber

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 27th August, 1784.

Vide App.
No. 437.

Letter from Sir Richard Hotham, dated this day, tendering the ship York for an immediate voyage to Bencoolen and China, provided she has as many goods laden on board homeward-bound, as she can reasonably and safely bring, reckoning the kintlege as part of the cargo, at the rate of £25. 10. per ton, demorage, &c. agreeably to the Charter-Parties of the ships of this year, was read.

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

Resolved, That the ship Locko be taken up for one voyage only, and on condition that no claim shall be made, in future, for building on her bottom.

Resolved by the ballot, That eighteen ships, including the Locko and the Company's ship Britannia, be taken up for the present; and, that if the Fortitude should arrive in time, that ship be taken up as one of the additional number the Court may think necessary to send this season to India and China, and that the following be the eighteen ships before-mentioned, viz.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.
The Britannia - - -	770	Capt. Edward Cumming
Locko - - -	758	John Baird
New ship in the room of the } Triton - - -	755	Hon. W. Elphinstone
Ditto Prince of Wales - -	755	Jonathan Court
Ditto Stafford - - -	755	——— Smith
Deptford - - -	755	James Elkington
Ofterley - - -	758	Samuel Rogers
Essex - - -	758	John Strover
Asia - - -	758	Robert Maw
Dutton - - -	755	James West
Rodney - - -	755	Henry Wakeman
Northumberland - - -	755	James Rees
Winterton - - -	755	Raymond Snow
Raymond - - -	755	John Cotton
Montagu - - -	755	Thomas Brettell
Houghton - - -	755	James Monro
General Coote - - -	755	Thomas Compton
Francis - - -	755	Henry Grueber.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 1st September, 1784.

On reading a letter from the Owners of the Tartar, dated 31st ultimo, requesting that the said ship may be taken into the Company's service for another voyage.

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

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 3d September, 1784.

On a motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Fiott be permitted to withdraw his letter respecting the ship Tartar, which was read in Court on the 1st instant.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 8th September, 1784.

The request of the Owners of the Tartar, that the ship may be taken up for another voyage, and praying to be heard in support of their claim. Vide App. No. 438.

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

The request of the Owners of the Prime for leave to build on that ship's bottom, being read, Vide App. No. 439.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 10th September, 1784.

On reading a letter from fundry Managing Owners of Shipping, dated this day, acknowledging the receipt of a proposed clause for the Charter-Party, and signifying that they have no objection to a deduction of freight for any deficiency of the ships chartered tonnage, provided the Company's servants abroad shall lade on board a proper assortment of goods as customary; but that they do not conceive themselves liable to any penalty over and above the forfeiture of such deficiency. Vide App. No. 440.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Private Trade.

On reading letters from Mrs. Jane Wilson, and from Mr. John Baird, severally, requesting on behalf of the Owners of the Rochford, to be permitted to build on that ship's bottom. Vide App. No. 441, 442.

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 29th September, 1784.

Notification from the Owners of the Rochford, that Mr. William Moffat is appointed Managing Owner of that ship, being read; also, Vide App. No. 443.

The request of Mr. William Moffat for leave to build a new ship in the room of the Rochford, to be commanded by Captain James Tod. Vide App. No. 444.

Ordered,