



Letter from Mr. James Jones, dated the 11th inst. tendering two ships to be built for the China trade alone; also Vide App.
No. 663.

Letter from the Managing Owners of Shipping, dated this day, repeating their request for payment of the arrears of freight due to them. Vide App.
No. 664.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 19th May, 1786.

Letter from Captain John Oliver and Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, dated 17th inst. was read, signifying that as the Court have ordered the ships building by Mr. Brough to be surveyed by them, they request to have the Committees commands as to their proceedings; that one ship is building at Liverpool, another at Yarmouth, and the third at Limehouse; also signifying a ship is building by Mr. Fiott, as they are informed, at a place near Chichester, and although they have not received any instructions respecting this ship, they presume it may be the pleasure of the Committee, that they should survey her likewise. Vide App.
No. 665.

The Committee, upon taking the same into consideration, reported their opinion thereon to the Court as follows, viz.

The Court having ordered that the ships building by Mr. Brough, should be surveyed by the Company's Master-Attendant and Surveyor of Shipping, this Committee have, on the application of those officers, given directions for their proceeding on that service, at such times as they shall find most convenient and proper, consistently with their duty of attending the ships building in the river.

The Committee have likewise ordered them to proceed in like manner respecting the ship building by Mr. Fiott, so soon as the Court shall be pleased to transmit the same intimation to that gentleman, respecting his ship being surveyed, as has already been done upon the like occasion to Mr. Brough.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 19th May, 1786.

The Committee of Shipping in a report, dated this day, now read, stating to the Court that they have ordered the Company's Master-Attendant and Surveyor of shipping, to survey the ships building by Mr. Brough, at such times as they shall find most convenient and proper, consistently with their duty of attending the ships building in the river; and also to proceed in like manner respecting the ship building by Mr. Fiott, so soon as the Court shall transmit the necessary intimation to that gentleman respecting his ship being surveyed, as has already been done on the like occasion to Mr. Brough.

Resolved, That this Court do approve the said report, and that the necessary intimation be given to Mr. Fiott accordingly.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 23d May, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 666.

On reading a letter from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated this day, offering the ship which he has already tendered, at £22. per ton, for the first two voyages; and at £20. per ton for the third and fourth voyages.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 24th May, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 667.

On reading a letter from Mr. William Greer, dated this day, withdrawing the tender delivered in by him on the 22d February last, and tendering a new ship in the room of the former ship.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

Vide App.
No. 668.

On reading the request of Mr. Barrington Buggin, for leave to build a new ship in the room of the Montagu.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 25th May, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 669.

On reading a letter from Mr. John Fiott, dated the 24th inst, stating his wish that the Company's Master-Attendant and Surveyor of shipping, would examine and survey the ship building by him for the Company's service.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 26th May, 1786.

The following order of the Honourable House of Commons being laid before the Court, viz.

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“ Ordered,

“ That there be laid before this House, by the Court of Directors of the East-India Company, an account of the freight and demorage paid between the 21st January, 1784, and the 1st March, 1786; and from thence estimated to the 1st March, 1790, distinguishing each year; also the savings on the six ships taken up season 1785, and the four ships taken up season 1786, at low freights; and the savings per annum if all the ships should be taken up at the same low rates.”

Vide App.
No. 670.

Ordered, That the same be complied with.

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On reading a letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated this day, submitting to the Court, whether it would not be equitable that ships under 800 tons burthen, should be allowed full freight for 800 tons, provided they bring home that tonnage; and stating that a reduction of £1. per ton, on the China freights, is as much as in the present circumstances of the Owners can be reasonably expected; also

Vide App.
No. 671.

Letter from Nathaniel Tanner, Esq. dated this day, amending his former tender, by offering to let the ship therein-mentioned for a fifth voyage, at £18. per ton; if after her performing her four voyages, she shall be found capable of going another, and if a war should take place before the expiration of the period necessary for the completion of her five voyages, the Court to make a reasonable allowance, in consideration of the difference of insurance, and other unavoidable expences.

Vide App.
No. 672.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COURT,

The 26th May, 1786.

The Committee resuming the consideration of the several tenders of ships referred to them by the Court,

A letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated this day was read, proposing that ships under 800 tons should be allowed full freight, provided they bring home that tonnage, and stating that £1. per ton is as much as can be reduced on the China freights.

Vide App.
No. 671.

An account of the tonnage of ships in the Company's service, and building, was also read.

Vide App.
No. 673.

It was then, on several motions,

Resolved, That this Committee having taken into their most serious consideration, a letter from the Owners of shipping, dated this day, are of opinion, that the terms therein offered are inadmissible.

Resolved unanimously, That the Owners of ships heretofore employed in the Company's service, are entitled in fairness to such preference as the Court of Directors can, consistently with the interest of the Company, give them.

Resolved, That all bottoms employed by the Company, when the annual average consumption of tea did not exceed 6,000,000 pounds, are to be considered as entitled to such preference.

Resolved unanimously, That in consequence of an act of parliament passed in 1784, for altering the duties on tea, it will be expedient to send ships to China, in the ensuing season, to bring home at least 18,000,000 of pounds of tea.

Resolved, That the ships have not (in the last year) on an average, brought home more than 712,000 pounds of tea each.

Resolved, That calculating 750,000 pounds of tea to each ship of 800 tons, builders measurement, will be a full allowance,

Resolved,



Resolved unanimously, That to bring home the increased quantity of 12,000,000 of pounds of tea, reckoning 750,000 pounds to each ship of 800 tons, will require 12,800 tons of shipping, or 16 ships of 800 tons, builders measurement.

Resolved, That the Company may take up 12,800 tons of shipping for the ensuing season for China, for the increased tea trade, from such persons as may tender suitable ships on advantageous terms for the Company, without deviating in the least from that fair preference to which they admit the Owners of old bottoms are justly entitled.

Resolved unanimously, That of the said 12,800 tons of shipping, they have already engaged for four ships, which they estimate at about 3000 tons.

Resolved unanimously, That the Company can therefore confidently and most honorably to themselves, take up 9800 tons of suitable shipping for the ensuing season, if offered on better terms than by the old Owners.

Resolved, That no ship be taken up from among the tenders made to the Court (not coming from the old husband) without such security being given for the performance of the agreement, as shall be satisfactory to the Court.

Vide App.
No. 627.
No. 666.
No. 672.

Letters from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated 16th February last, the 23d instant, and this day, being read,

It was moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court to accept Mr. Tanner's tenders of the 23d and 26th May, for a new ship of 1000 tons or upwards, builders measurement, to carry 110 men, including 40 officers only, and on condition that he have no claim to rebuild on her bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her fourth or fifth voyages, and that she be at Gravesend by the 15th March, 1787.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to

Messrs. William Greer
John Thompson
Richard Parkes

Messrs. William Agnew
John Troutbeck, and
John Munt

requesting their attendance at this house on Tuesday next, on the subject of their respective tenders.

Ordered, That the proper officers do survey the several ships tendered, and report.

Vide App.
No. 674.

Letter from Mr. John Oldham, dated this day, tendering a ship to be employed the ensuing season to China, at £22. per ton, was read.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 26th May, 1786.

The Chairman, from the Committee of the whole Court, submitting to the Court the following opinions, viz.

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That the Committee having taken into their most serious consideration a letter from the Owners of shipping, dated this day, resolved, that the terms therein offered are inadmissible.

That the Owners of ships, heretofore employed in the Company's service, are entitled in fairness to such preference as the Court of Directors can, consistently with the interest of the Company, give them.

That all bottoms employed by the Company, where the annual average consumption of tea did not exceed 6,000,000 of pounds, are to be considered as entitled to such preference.

That in consequence of an act of parliament, passed in 1784, for altering the duties on tea, it will be expedient to send ships to China in the ensuing season, to bring home at least 18,000,000 of pounds of tea.

That the ships have not, in the last year, on an average, brought home more than 712,000 pounds of tea each.

That calculating 750,000 pounds of tea to each ship of 800 tons, builders measurement, will be a full allowance.

That to bring home the increased quantity of 12,000,000 of pounds of tea, reckoning 750,000 pounds to each ship of 800 tons, will require 12,800 tons of shipping, or 16 ships of 800 tons, builders measurement.

That the Company may take up 12,800 tons of shipping for the ensuing season for China, for the increased tea trade, from such persons as may tender suitable ships, on advantageous terms for the Company, without deviating in the least from that fair preference, to which they admit the Owners of old bottoms, are justly entitled.

That of the said 12,800 tons of shipping, they have already engaged for four ships, which they estimate at about 3000 tons.

That the Company can therefore, consistently and most honourably to themselves, take up 9,800 tons of suitable shipping for the ensuing season, if offered on better terms than by old Owners.

That no ship be taken up from among the tenders made to the Court (not coming from the old husband) without such security being given for the performance of the agreement, as shall be satisfactory to the Court.

Resolved, That this Court do agree with the Committee in their said several opinions.

The Chairman acquainting the Court, that the Committee of the whole Court recommend to the Court to accept Mr. Tanner's tenders of the 23d and 26th May, for a new ship of 1000 tons or upwards, builders measurement, to carry 110 men, including 40 officers only, and on condition that he have no claim to rebuild on her bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her fourth or fifth voyages, and that she be at Gravesend by the 15th March, 1787.

Vide App.
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Resolved by the ballot, That the said ship be taken up accordingly.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 30th May, 1786.

Vide App. No. 675. On reading a letter from Messrs. William Foster, and Thomas Hinderwell, jun. tendering three ships already built, for the Company's service, and offering to build others; also

Vide App. No. 676. Letters from Mr. John Fiott

No. 677. John Julius Angerstein

No. 678. John St. Barbe, and

Vide App. No. 679, 680. Two letters from Mr. Robert Thompson, on behalf of Mr. James Jones, each tendering a ship for the Company's service.

Vide App. No. 681. Letter from Mr. John Munt, renewing his former tenders of two ships; likewise

Vide App. No. 682. Letter from Mr. Anthony Brough and Mr. Samuel Hurry, jun. tendering the ships Lansdown, Wyndham, and Norwich, for one voyage to China; and

Vide App. No. 683. Letter from Mr. Anthony Brough, tendering the ship Madona for two or more voyages to China, on the terms therein-mentioned respectively.

Ordered, That the above letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COURT,

The 30th May, 1786.

Vide App. No. 636. Read a letter from Messrs. Camden and Calvert, dated the 21st February last, tendering 4000 tons of shipping for the ensuing season, at £22. per ton to China, and £23. to India.

Mr. Calvert attending was called in, and acquainted the Committee, that since the date of the above tender, his situation was so changed, that he could not engage to fulfil the same, as he found on enquiry that it was now impossible to build a ship of 700 tons, in the river, for the ensuing season.

The Committee being informed, that Robert Preston, Esq. Chairman of the Committee of Managing Owners, was very desirous of having a conference with the Chairman and Deputy, those gentlemen withdrew, and being returned, they acquainted the Committee that Mr. Preston had declared on the part of himself and his friends, a readiness to accept of £24. per ton to China, which was the lowest that could be taken.

Vide App. No. 676. Read a letter from John Fiott, Esq. dated this day, tendering a new ship for the next season, to be of 750 tons and upwards, and commanded by Mr. William Greer, at £22. per ton to China for the first and second voyage, to the other parts of India at

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£24. per ton; for the 3d and 4th voyages at £2. per ton less, and for the 5th voyage at £18. per ton.

And Mr. Fiott being called in, and heard thereon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Mr. Fiott's tender for a ship of 750 tons and upwards, builders measurement, to be commanded by William Greer, Esq. to carry men in proportion to her tonnage, and with forty officers only, be accepted on condition that he have no claim to rebuild upon her bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her 4th or 5th voyages, and to be at Gravesend by the 20th March, 1787, provided Mr. Fiott will engage not to charge demorage, in case the ship should lose her passage, and should not have been at Gravesend by that day.

Read a letter from Captain William Agnew, dated the 17th February last, offering to build a ship from 750 to 900 tons burthen, in the river Thames, to be ready to launch by the middle of October, at £22. per ton for China direct; £23. per ton for Madras and China or Bombay; £24. per ton for Bengal, with half freight for any surplus tonnage.

Vide App.
No. 628.

And Mr. Robert Wigram attending the Committee on behalf of Captain Agnew, was called in, and said that the said ship could not be ready for this year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the above tender be not accepted.

Read a letter from Mr. John Troutbeck, dated the 21st February last, offering to build two ships for the Company's service of 750 or 800 tons, at £22. per ton, for China direct, on the whole tonnage, or £23. on builders tonnage, the first to be ready by the 1st February, 1787, and the other in the following season.

Vide App.
No. 626.

And Mr. Troutbeck being called in, acquainted the Committee, that neither of the ships could be ready for this year, but they might be depended on for the next.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the above tender be not accepted.

Read a tender from Mr. John Thompson, for building a new ship in the river, of 650 tons or upwards, to be launched in March, 1787, the 1st and 2d voyages to China at £22. per ton; to Coast and China £23. to Bengal £24. and to abate 40s. per ton to either of the above places, the 3d and 4th voyage.

Vide App.
No. 651.

And Mr. Thompson being called in, acquainted the Committee that he declined proceeding in the same.

Read a letter from Captain Richard Parkes, dated the 10th February last, offering to build a ship for the Company's service, for the ensuing season, at £22. per ton, to China; £23. to Coast and China, and the different parts of India, £24.

Vide App.
No. 614.

And Captain Parkes being called in, acquainted the Committee that the said ship could not be got ready for this season.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the same be not accepted.



Vide App.
No. 655.

Read letters from Mr. John Munt, dated the 26th April last, and this day, offering a ship now building in the river, on the terms therein-mentioned.

And Mr. Munt being called in, acquainted the Committee that the ship was building for 420 tons, but might be made very near 500.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the same be not accepted.

Vide App.
No. 663.

Read a letter from Mr. James Jones, dated the 11th instant, offering two ships for the Company's service, to be built in the summer of 1787, on the terms therein-mentioned.

Resolved, That the same be not accepted.

Vide App.
No. 679.

Read a letter from Mr. Robert Thompson, dated this day, stating that he has received an express from Mr. James Jones, informing him that he is willing to engage to build a ship which shall be at Gravesend by the 1st April, 1787, on the terms specified in his letter of the 11th instant.

And Mr. Thompson being called in, acquainted the Committee that the ship should be of any size the Court might think proper, but that she could not be at Gravesend before the 1st April.

Resolved, That the same be not accepted.

Vide App.
No. 684.

Captain John Oliver delivered a report of several ships surveyed by the Committee's order of the 26th inst.

The Committee being informed that Mr. Thompson was desirous of being heard again on the subject of Mr. Jones's tender before-mentioned;

He was accordingly called in, and offered, on the part of Mr. Jones, to engage that the ship shall be ready by the 15th March next, from 750 to 1100 tons burthen, and of such dimensions as the Court may fix.

Mr. Thompson was thereupon desired to state his offer in writing.

The Committee then adjourned the further consideration of the tenders of ships till to-morrow.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 30th May, 1786.

The Chairman from the Committee of the whole Court, reporting, as their opinion, that Mr. Fiott's tender for a ship of 750 tons and upwards, builders measurement, to be commanded by William Greer, Esq. to carry men in proportion to her tonnage, and with forty officers only, be accepted on condition that he have no claim to rebuild on her bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her 4th or 5th voyages, and to be at Gravesend by the 20th March, 1787, provided Mr. Fiott will engage not to charge demorage in case the ship should lose her passage, and should not have been at Gravesend by that day.

Resolved by the ballot unanimously, That this Court do agree in opinion with the said Committee.

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Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated this day, signifying his acquiescence in the Court's proposal, respecting the dimensions of his ship of 1000 tons, was read. Vide App. No. 683.

AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COURT,

The 31st May, 1786.

Read Captain Oliver's report of the several ships surveyed by the Committee's order of the 26th inst. Vide App. No. 684.

It was then, on a motion,

Resolved, That the following ships be taken up for one voyage to China, provided the Owners will let them at £20. per ton, builders measurement, and the surplus tonnage at half freight; the said ships to be subject to all the conditions and restrictions usual in the Company's Charter-Party, viz.

Clinton

Prince George

South Carolina

Admiral Barrington

And provided the Owners of the South Carolina engage to stand to any extra expence the Company may be put to for loading, unloading or lightening the ship in England and China.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 31st May, 1786.

On reading a letter from Godfrey Thornton, Esq. offering his ship the Admiral Barrington, tendered by him on the 15th inst. for a third and fourth voyage. Vide App. No. 662, 686.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

Letter from Mr. John Rogers, dated this day, offering to build a ship for the Company's service, on the terms therein-mentioned, and to be commanded by himself; and Vide App. No. 687.

Letter from Mr. Robert Thompson, dated this day, amending the tender made by him yesterday, in behalf of Mr. James Jones, of a ship for the Company's service, were read and taken into consideration. Vide App. No. 688.

It was then moved, and

Resolved by the ballot, That Mr. Thompson's tender, on behalf of Mr. Jones, for a ship of the burthen of 750 to 1100 tons, builders measurement, to carry men in proportion to her tonnage, and with 40 officers only, be accepted, on condition that he have no claim to rebuild upon her bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her fourth or fifth voyages, and to be at Gravesend by the 15th March, 1787, provided Mr. Thompson will engage not to charge demorage in case the ship should lose her passage, and should not have been at Gravesend by that day.

Mr. Thompson being then called into Court, was acquainted with the above resolution, and declared himself perfectly satisfied with the same.

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Another motion being then made, it was
Resolved, That the offer made by Robert Preston, Esq. to the
Chairman and Deputy Chairman, yesterday, in behalf of himself
and others, be now taken into consideration.

And the same being accordingly taken into consideration,

It was moved,

“ That the offer of Robert Preston, Esq. for letting the re-
gular ships for the ensuing season, at the freight of £24. per
ton for China, be accepted.”

And the question on that motion being put by the ballot,
The same passed in the negative.

Mr. John Rogers was then called into Court, and interrogated
as to the terms on which he this day tendered a ship for the
Company's service, and Mr. Rogers being withdrawn,

It was moved, and

Resolved by the ballot, That Mr. Rogers's tender for a ship of
the burthen of 1020 tons, builders measurement, to carry men
in proportion to her tonnage, and with 40 officers only, be ac-
cepted, on condition that he have no claim to rebuild upon her
bottom in case of loss, or after her having performed her fourth
or fifth voyages, provided she be at Gravesend by the 20th
March, 1787, and that Mr. Rogers will engage not to charge de-
morage in case the ship should lose her passage, and should not
have been at Gravesend by that day.

The Chairman, from the Committee of the whole Court, sub-
mitting to the Court as their opinion,

That the following ships be taken up for one voyage to China,
provided the Owners will let them at £20. per ton, builders mea-
surement, and the surplus tonnage at half freight; the said ships
to be subject to all the conditions and restrictions usual in the
Company's Charter-Party, viz.

Clinton
South Carolina

Prince George
Admiral Barrington

And provided the Owners of the South Caroline engage to
stand to all extra expence the Company may be put to for load-
ing, unloading or lightening the ship in England and China.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 1st June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 689:

Letter from Mr. John Julius Angerstein, dated this day, sig-
nifying that he will accept the Court's offer for the freight of the
ship South Carolina, was read, as was also

Vide App.
No. 690

Letter from Mr. Thomas Newby, dated this day, signifying his
acquiescence in the terms offered by the Court for the ship Prince
George,



George, and that he has appointed Samuel Secretan, Esq. to be husband of that ship.

East-India House,
1st June, 1786.

Richard Hall, Esq. delivered in the following dissent, viz.

“ The Court having yesterday resolved by ballot, to reject
“ the offer made by the Owners of the old or established ships
“ of £24. per ton, and accepted £22. from other Owners for new
“ ships, and £20. for old and foreign built ones; I not having
“ concurred in the measure, beg leave to state my reasons; be-
“ cause, when it is considered the Owners of the old shipping
“ have been obliged to build their ships under regulations of the
“ Company, which not only limited the tonnage, but lately
“ restricted the length, breadth, and depth of hold, and that
“ many of them must have incurred heavy expences during the
“ war: whereas the Owners of the new ships are permitted to
“ build of a size from 200 to 300 tons larger, thereby giving an
“ advantage which had been frequently denied the old Owners;
“ and when it is considered the little expence or cost of the old
“ and foreign ships, when compared to the established ones, I
“ cannot but be of opinion, the terms refused the old Owners
“ were not so beneficial to them, as those given to the Owners
“ of the new ships, and less so those of the old and foreign ones;
“ and because I think men, who had aided the Company with
“ a capital, from a million to a million and an half, and had
“ shewn every readiness during the Company's difficulties not
“ only to assist but to forbear their just demands, might have
“ reasonably hoped to have had terms of freight preferable to
“ those who have no such claims upon the East-India Company.
“ For these reasons I beg to be permitted to record my dissent
“ to the said resolutions.”

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The following letters were read, viz.

From Mr. Godfrey Thornton, dated this day, desiring he may be allowed till Tuesday next, to return his final answer to the Court's proposal for taking up his ship, Admiral Barrington, for one voyage to China, at £20. per ton. And Vide App.
No. 691.

From Mr. James Margetson, dated this day, expressing his hope that the Court will, on reconsideration of the low terms offered by them for his ship the Clinton, agree to the freight of £22. per ton. Vide App.
No. 692.

On a motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Joint Committee of Private Trade and Shipping, with the assistance of the Company's Solicitor, to consider of making such alterations in the Charter-Parties of the ships of the ensuing season, as they shall judge necessary and expedient.

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John Manship, Esq. delivered in the following letter, viz.

GENTLEMEN,

East-India House,
1st June, 1786.

I did not think to have troubled you with any animadversions on the business of yesterday, had not a very respectable member of our society, for whom I have the highest esteem, entered his dissent this day, which I must acknowledge surprizes me beyond measure, how there can possibly be two opinions on so plain a question, is to me astonishing; as whether we are to accept the tenders of a certain number of ships offered by a new description of gentlemen, to those who have had the arrangement of the regular ones, when the terms, in consequence of our advertisement, are so palpably advantageous, according to my ideas, as I must and will consider both sets of ships equally proper for the service, the absolute stipulation being, that they should all be entirely under the inspection of our own Surveyors.

With much esteem, I remain,

GENTLEMEN,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN MANSHIP.

To the Honorable the Court of Directors of the United East-India Company.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 7th June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 693.

Letter from Mr. John Rogers, dated the 2d inst. stating that he cannot build a ship for the Company's service, within the period fixed by the Court for that purpose, was read.

Vide App.
No. 694.

On reading a letter from Godfrey Thornton, Esq. dated the 6th inst. signifying that he will accept the Court's offer of £20. per ton for his ship, the Admiral Barrington, to China for one voyage, in full dependance, that the Company will employ her at the same rate for another voyage.

It was moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That Mr. Thornton be acquainted, that although the Company have taken up the ship Admiral Barrington for one voyage to China, they cannot engage to take her up for a second voyage.

Vide App.
No. 695.

Letter from Mr. James Margetson, dated the 2d inst. desiring leave to withdraw his letter of the preceding day, signifying that he will accept the Court's offer of £20. per ton for the ship Clinton, for one voyage to China, being read,

Ordered, That the ship Clinton be taken up for the Company's service, on the above terms.

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On reading a letter from Mr. John Deffell, tendering a new ship for the Company's service; Vide App.
No. 696.

Letter from Mr. James Jones, dated this day, signifying that he is ready to confirm the engagement made by his broker, Mr. Robert Thompson, for a new ship, which he let to the Company, and requesting an answer to another tender of a ship made by Mr. Thompson on his behalf; Vide App.
No. 697.

Letter from Mr. Abel Chapman, tendering a ship for the Company's service; and Vide App.
No. 699.

Letter from Mr. John St. Barbe, requesting the Court's attention to his tender of the ship Dennis. Vide App.
No. 700.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

Letter from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated this day, being read, stating that he shall not be able to complete his engagement for building a ship for the Company's service this season, and requesting the Court will permit him to build a ship of 1000 tons burthen and upwards, for the season 1787. Vide App.
No. 698.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to the consideration of the Company's Solicitor.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 7th June, 1786.

Letter from Mr. John Fiott, dated the 24th, and referred by the Court the 25th ult. intimating his wishes, that his ship may be surveyed by the Company's Master-Attendant and Surveyor of shipping, as often as the Court shall please to order; and Vide App.
No. 669.

Letter from Captain John Oliver, dated the 2d inst. signifying that he and Mr. Ferguson are going to Itchenor, near Chichester, on the above service, were read. Vide App.
No. 701.

AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COURT,

The 9th June, 1786.

Read letter from Mr. Robert Thompson, on behalf of Mr. James Jones, dated 30th ult. and from Mr. Jones of the 7th instant, tendering a Dutch ship at Bristol of 700 tons for the Company's service; also Vide App.
No. 680.
No. 697.

Letter from Mr. John Deffell, dated the 6th inst, tendering a new ship for the Company's Service. Vide App.
No. 696.

Ordered, That the said letters be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

Read letter from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated the 7th inst. stating that he shall not be able to fulfil his engagement for building a ship for the Company's service this season, as Messrs. Vide App.
No. 698.



and Brent have pledged themselves, jointly, with several others who have been in the habit of building East-Indiamen, not to build a ship for any person who shall engage to let their ships at a reduced freight.

Ordered, That the Company's Solicitor do take the opinion of council as to the measures proper to be taken in consequence.

Messrs. John Oliver and Gabriel Snodgrafs were called in and examined respecting the ships lately furveyed by them.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 13th June, 1786.

Vide App. No. 702. An account of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 9th instant, signed by Mr. Gilbert Ferguson, was laid before the Committee.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 13th June, 1786.

Vide App. No. 703. On reading a letter from Anthony Brough, Esq. dated this day, tendering his ship the Madona, for Bengal, at £23. per ton, for one voyage, or at £22. per ton, for Madras and China; also,

Vide App. No. 704. Letter from Mr. Timothy Mangles, dated this day, tendering a ship now building, for one voyage only; and offering to build a ship to be ready the latter end of next year.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

Vide App. No. 705. Letter from the Committee of Managing Owners of Shipping, dated this day, being read, requesting copy of the estimates of savings on freights, delivered by the Court to the House of Commons, and also a list of the extra ships tendered to the Company, and upon what terms and tonnage.

Vide App. No. 670. Ordered, That the Owners be furnished with copy of the estimates mentioned in their request, and also with a list of the ships taken up this season for the Company's service.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 14th June, 1786.

Vide App. No. 706. A letter signed by Jervoise Clarke Jervoise, Esq. and thirteen other Proprietors, dated this day, desiring that a General Court may be called as soon as convenient, on special affairs; and to take into consideration the present state of the Company's Shipping, being read;

Vide App. No. 707. Ordered, That a General Court be summoned to meet at this House on special affairs, on Thursday the 22d instant, agreeably to the draught of an advertisement, now read and approved.

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Letter from Mr. John St. Barbe, dated this day, signifying that he has no doubt of making his ship Dennis full 550 tons, by lengthening her; and offering another ship for the Company's service, on the same terms as the Dennis, being read; also, Vide App.
No. 708.

Letter from Mr. Peter Meftaer, dated this day, tendering the new ship Surry, for the Company's service, on the same terms as the other new ships lately taken up; and, Vide App.
No. 709.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Hall, dated this day, offering to build a ship for the Company's service for next season, on the terms therein-mentioned, Vide App.
No. 710.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 16th June, 1786.

Draught of a letter to the Managing Owners of the several ships lately taken up for the Company's service, was read and approved. Vide App.
No. 711.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 20th June, 1786.

On reading a note from George Dempster, Esq. stating his idea of compromising the present dispute between the Court of Directors and the Owners of Shipping, respecting the freights of this season; Vide App.
No. 712.

Resolved, That an answer be given to Mr. Dempster's letter, expressing the thanks of this Court for his interference to bring about an accommodation between the Company and the ship Owners, in confidence that it arises from the best motives; and, to assure him, that the Court would be happy to come to such an accommodation with the Owners as may be made consistent with the interest of the Company, and the duty the Court owe to their Constituents; but, as the Court are possessed of undoubted proof that ships may be freighted for the two first voyages at £22. per ton, and for the two latter voyages at £20. per ton, and for a fifth voyage at £18. per ton; and, although the Court are willing to give something more to the old Owners, they do not think themselves justified in submitting to a reference, whether the freight demanded by the old Owners should be given, nor does the subject appear to the Court as a proper matter of reference.

On reading a letter from Mr. John Julius Angerstein, dated this day, signifying that the ship South Carolina, is in Messrs. Dudman and Barnard's dock at Deptford; also, Vide App.
No. 713.

Letters from Messrs. Anthony Brough Vide App.
No. 714.
James Margetson No. 715.
Thomas Newby No. 716.
Godfrey Thornton No. 717.
John Fiott and No. 718.
Robert Thompson on behalf of Mr. J. Jones, No. 719.
feverally



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severally acquainting the Court, that the ships let by them to the Company, will be ready at the times, and fitted agreeably to the conditions agreed upon by the Company; and,

Vide App.
No. 720.
No. 721.
No. 722.

Letters from Messrs. Anthony Brough
Robert Thompson on behalf of J. Jones and
Nathaniel Tanner,

severally contradicting the reports circulated of their intending to sell the commands of the ships let by them to the Company, and the appointments of the several officers of those ships,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 21st June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 723.

Letter from Captain Oliver, dated the 16th inst. stating, that he and Mr. Ferguson intended to proceed on the following day to Yarmouth and Liverpool, to survey the ships building for Mr. Brough, was read.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 21st June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 724.

On reading a letter from Mr. John Munt, dated this day, offering to build a ship for the Company's service, on the terms therein-mentioned.

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 22d June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 725.

Letter from Mr. John Fiott, dated the 21st inst. contradicting the report of his having sold the command of the two ships now building by him for the Company's service, being read,

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

On several motions,

Vide App.
No. 726.

Resolved unanimously, That it appears from an account produced by the Freight-Accountant, that on thirteen ships arrived from China in 1784, and on nine arrived from China this year, the difference of the cost of full freight between chartered tonnage and builders measurement, reckoning the freight at £24. per ton, would amount to £8904. or 10s $\frac{8}{10}$ per ton.

[The ships arrived in 1785 are omitted in this calculation, as they brought, on an average, 1318 chests each of bohea tea, which is by far more than the usual proportion.]

Resolved unanimously, That it appears by an account produced by the Freight-Accountant, that the average number of each ship's

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Company from England of the ships arrived from China in 1784, 1785, and 1786, was 119.

Resolved unanimously, That the whole tonnage of the six new ships building for the ensuing season, to load tea in China in 1787-8, amounts to 4809 tons, viz.

580	}	3 ships building by Mr. Anthony Brough
575		
620		
928	}	2 ditto - by Mr. Fiott
about 1000		
1106	}	1 ditto - by Mr. Jones
4809 tons		

That the tonnage of four ships taken up for one voyage only, at £20. per ton from China, amounts to 3220 tons, viz.

1200 tons,	ship South Carolina	from Mr. Angerstein
600	- Admiral Barrington	- Mr. Thornton
700	- Prince George	- Mr. Newby
720	- Clinton	- Mr. Margetson
3220 tons		

Resolved, That it appears by an estimate of the freight of the above ten ships from China, viz. four for four voyages, two for five voyages, and four for one voyage only, prepared by the Company's Freight-Accountant, at the rates at which they have been taken up, the cost will be less to the Company by £86,744. than for an equal tonnage of the ships from the old Owners at the rate demanded of £24. per ton; and that the tonnage of the said ships, being 8029 tons, is considerably short of the additional tonnage wanted for the increased importation of tea necessary to carry the Commutation Act into effect.

Resolved unanimously, That as it appears to this Court, that some of the ships of this season have not brought 550 chests of common bohea tea, and yet have brought surplus tonnage, the resolution of Court of the 21st March, to load that quantity on board each ship of 800 tons, ought to be, and is hereby revoked.

A printed copy of the resolutions of the Owners of East-India shipping, at a General Meeting, held the 21st inst. and transmitted by the Clerk to the Committee of Managing Owners, was read,

Vide App.
No. 727.

The Court then adjourned to attend the General Court.



AT A GENERAL COURT

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

Held on Thursday the 22d June, 1786.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that it was called at the desire of fourteen Proprietors, by letter to the Court of Directors, dated the 14th inst. and that those gentlemen would give their reasons for it.

Whereupon the letter from the said fourteen Proprietors, desiring this Court to be summoned, was read, being as follows, viz.

Honourable Sirs,

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being duly qualified according to law, as Proprietors of East-India stock, do desire that a General Court of the said Company may be called as soon as convenient on special affairs, and to take into consideration the present state of the Company's shipping.

We are, Honourable Sirs,

Your most obedient servants,

J. Forbes
C. Ommaney
Robt. Preston
H. H. Pelly
Alex. Hume
Rich. Hotham
Tho. Newte

J. Clarke Jervoise
Robt. Palk
H. Mackworth
Edw. Ommaney
William Hornby
Ed. Antrobus
James Bond

Then one of the gentlemen who signed the above letter acquainted the Court with the business for which it was called, and the following motion was made and seconded, viz.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to reconsider their resolutions of the 16th March and the 26th of May, relative to the freight of their ships for this season; and also to consider the following resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Owners of shipping, held at the London Tavern, on Wednesday the 21st day of June 1786, viz. That an offer be made to the Court of Directors to accept £24. per ton under the stipulations of a letter of 26th May from the said Owners to the Court of Directors, for the China freights of the ensuing season only; and, as an experiment, whether under any possible regulations or conditions ships built on the principles required by the Company from the present Owners, can be afforded at so low a freight.

The following papers being called for were read, viz.

Vide App.
No. 727.

Vide App.
No. 58c.

Vide App.
No. 648.

Letter from the Managing Owners of the East-India shipping to the Court of Directors. dated 27th January, 1786, and
Letter from the Committee of Managing Owners of East-India shipping to the Court of Directors, dated 22d March 1786.

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The Deputy Chairman recommended to the Court to read the proceedings of the Court of Directors, and of the Committee of the whole Court, on the subject of receiving tenders, and taking up ships for the ensuing season; the following papers were then read, viz.

Minutes of a Committee of the whole Court, dated 7th and 8th February; the 7th, 8th, 14th, 16th, and 21st March; the 26th, 30th, and 31st May.

Minutes of the Court of Directors of 16th March; 10th April; 2d, 26th, 30th, and 31st May; 1st, 7th, 13th, 14th, 16th, and 20th instant.

Rough Minutes of a Committee of the whole Court of Directors, on the 9th inst.

Account freight of ships from China in 1784 and 1786, on builders measurement, and also on chartered tonnage. Vide App. No. 726.

Also the two following papers delivered to the Court of Directors by Nathaniel Smith, Esq. late Deputy Chairman, the 16th March last.

No. 1. Remarks on the subject of the shipping employed by the East-India Company. Vide App. No. 644.

No. 2. Estimates for building and fitting out ships of different dimensions. Vide App. No. 645.
No. 646.

A note from George Dempster, Esq. to John Motteux, Esq. Deputy Chairman, being called for, was read. Vide App. No. 712.

And after a debate of considerable length, the motion before the Court was read, and a ballot being demanded by the following gentlemen to be taken on the said question agreeably to the 28th By-Law, viz.

John Michie, Esq.	Francis Baring, Esq.
John Motteux, Esq.	John Townson, Esq.
John Manthip, Esq.	Charles Mills, Esq.
George Cuming, Esq.	Paul Le Mesurier, Esq.
John Woodhouse, Esq.	

Resolved, That a ballot on the following question be taken at this House, on Wednesday next, the 28th inst. from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until six in the evening, viz.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors, to reconsider their resolutions of 16th March and the 26th May, relative to the freight of their ships for this season; and also to consider the following resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Owners of shipping, held at the London Tavern, on Wednesday the 21st day of June, 1786, viz.

That an offer be made to the Court of Directors to accept the £24. per ton, under the stipulations of a letter of 26th May, from the said Owners to the Court of Directors, for the China freights of the ensuing season only; and as an experiment, whether any possible regulations or conditions, ships built on the principle required by the Company from the present Owners can be afforded at so low a freight;

And then the Court on the question adjourned.



AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Friday the 23d June, 1786.

The following letters referred by the Court, the 20th inst, were read, viz.

Vide App. No. 717.	From Godfrey Thornton, Esq.	} dated the 17th inst.
No. 715.	Mr. James Margetson	
No. 718.	Mr. John Fiott	} ditto 20th inst.
No. 716.	Mr. Thomas Newby	
No. 714.	Mr. Anthony Brough	
No. 719.	Mr. Robt. Thompson (for James Jones, Esq.)	

severally signifying, that the ships let by them to the Company will be ready at the time, and fitted agreeably to the conditions agreed on with the Company.

Vide App.
No. 713. From Julius Angerstein, Esq. dated the 20th inst. informing the Court the ship South Carolina is in Messrs. Dudman and Barnard's dock at Deptford; and

Vide App.
No. 722,
720, 721.
No. 725. From Mr. Tanner, dated the 19th; Mr. Brough, the 20th; Mr. Thompson, (for James Jones, Esq.) the same day; and Mr. Fiott the 21st, and referred the 22d inst. severally contradicting the report circulated of their intentions to sell the command of their ships.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 23d June, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 728. The opinion of Edward Bearcroft, Esq. on a case respecting the combination between the ship's husbands, and the ship-builders, was read.

Vide App.
No. 729. Letter from Mr. William Gibson, dated Armin, the 21st inst. offering to build a ship for the Company's service, being read,

Vide App.
No. 730. Also letter from Mr. James Jones, dated at Bristol, the 22d inst. contradicting the assertions made of his having meant to sell the command of the ship let by him to the Company;

Ordered, That they be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

John Manship, Esq. delivered in the following paper.

Queen-square, 23d June, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

I am sure to obtain your excuse in presuming to offer for your consideration, a motion, which has been the result of my evening's reflections upon the fatal tendency, be the event what it may, of the reference made yesterday by the Court of Proprietors; I am the more encouraged to this, from a persuasion that I must anticipate



anticipate the wishes of every member of this Court, should I be fortunate enough to effect an amicable agreement with the old Owners, whom, from a very long and intimate connection, it is natural to suppose we must regard, nay, even love; which I am sure I can, with great truth, say is my case, with respect to many of them: without then taking up more of your time, I desire to submit the accompanying motion, and should it be carried, which I trust it will be unanimously, I am sure every gentleman present will admit the propriety of transmitting it immediately to the Committee of Owners; who, I am inclined to think, will in that case, return their answer before the Court breaks up; and, should they accede to the Court's proposal, it would prevent the assembling the General Court on Wednesday next, and happily be the means of once more restoring that harmony which ought ever to subsist between those so intimately connected, as the Owners and ourselves ought to be.

With much esteem,

I remain, Sirs,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN MANSHIP.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 27th June, 1786.

Letter from Mr. Abel Chapman, dated this day, being read, Vide App. No. 731.
desiring leave to withdraw the proposal made by him on the 8th inst. for building a ship at Whitby, for the Company's service;

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A GENERAL COURT

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

Held on Wednesday the 28th June, 1786.

The Court being met to receive the votes brought in for the determination of the question resolved on the 22d inst. to be this day put by the ballot;

The following Proprietors were appointed scrutineers, to examine the votes delivered in, and to report the determination of the said question, viz.

Robert Williams,
William Moffat,
John Mitford,

T. Le Mefurier,
John Sealy,
Robert Preston.

At six o'clock, the glasses being finally closed, were delivered to the scrutineers, and about seven the same evening,

Present

John Motteux, Esq.

Deputy Chairman,

Thomas Le Mefurier, Esq. Chairman of the scrutineers, brought in their report, which was read, being as follows, viz.

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East-India House, 28th of June, 1786.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being appointed by the General Court of the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East-Indies, to examine the votes delivered in this day for the determination, by ballot, of the following question, viz.

That it be recommended to the Court of Directors to re-consider their resolutions of 16th of March, and 26th May, relative to the freight of their ships for this season; and, also to consider the following resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Owners of Shipping, held at the London Tavern on Wednesday the 21st day of June, 1786, viz. That an offer be made to the Court of Directors to accept £24. per ton, under the stipulations of a letter of the 26th May, from the said Owners to the Court of Directors, for the China freights for the ensuing season only; and, as an experiment, whether under any possible regulations or conditions, ships built on the principles required by the Company, from the present Owners, can be afforded at so low a freight.

And being also appointed to report the number of votes for, and against the said question, have accordingly examined the said votes, and find, viz.

362 votes for the question,

94 votes against the question,

268 majority.

Robert Williams,
William Moffat,
John Mitford,

T. Le Mesurier,
John Sealy,
Robert Preston.

Whereupon the same was declared from the Chair, and the Court, on the question, adjourned.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Thursday the 29th June, 1786.

Vide App. No. 670. The following order of the Right Honorable the House of Lords, being laid before the Court, viz.

“ Die Mercurii, 28 June, 1786.

“ Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, That the proper officer do lay before this House,
“ An account of the freight and demorage paid between the
“ 21st January, 1784, and the 1st March, 1786, and from thence
“ estimated to 1st March, 1790, distinguishing each year; also,
“ the savings on the six ships taken up season 1785, and
“ the four ships taken up for season 1786, at low freights, and
“ the savings per annum, if all the ships should be taken up at
“ the same low rates.”

Ordered, That the above order be complied with.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Held on Friday the 30th June, 1786.

On reading a letter from the Owners of the new ship building on the bottom of the Royal Henry, tendering her upon the same terms and conditions as the other regular ships built for the Company's service; also,

Vide App.
No. 732.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Hall, dated the 29th inst. requesting an answer to his tender of the 14th inst.

Vide App.
No. 733.

Ordered, That the said letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Held on Wednesday the 5th July, 1786.

On reading a letter from Mr. Nathaniel Tanner, dated this day, requesting an answer to his former tender of building a ship for the Company's service for the year 1787; also,

Vide App.
No. 734.

Letter from Mr. John Munt, dated the 4th inst. stating his expectations of being able to engage to build a ship of 750 tons for the ensuing season, and repeating his tender of the 21st ult. for building a ship of 900 tons or upwards, for the season 1787.

Vide App.
No. 735.
724.

Ordered, That the above letters be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

On a motion,

Resolved, That the Court of Directors wishing to avoid any misconstruction of the Charter-Party respecting sea damage, propose leaving out the following clause, viz.

" But, nevertheless, the said Part-Owners shall not be charged
" with any sum of money, in respect of goods damaged on board
" the said ship, either in her outward or homeward-bound
" voyage, but such as shall, by the condition and appearance of
" the package thereof, or by some other reasonable proof, appear
" to be ship damage, any thing herein contained to the contrary
" thereof in any wise notwithstanding."

The Court now proceeding to take into consideration the resolution of the General Court of the 28th June last;

It was moved,

That the General Court, having by the 28th June, recommended the re-consideration of the resolutions of this Court of the 16th March and 26th May, relative to the freight of their ships for this season, and also to consider the following resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Owners of Shipping, held at the London Tavern, on the 21st day of June, 1786, viz. That an offer be made to the Court of Directors to accept £24. per ton, under the stipulations of a letter of the 26th May, from the said Owners to the Court of Directors; for the China freights of the ensuing season only.

And



And this Court taking into their very serious consideration the recommendation of the said General Court ;

Resolved, That the following freights be offered for the ships to be taken up for the several parts of India and for China, at builders measurement, viz.

For the old ships.

To China direct	-	-	-	£24 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	25
and Coast and China		-	-	
Bombay	-	-	-	26
Coast and Bay	-	-	-	27

and for the new ships now building by the old Owners,

To China direct	-	-	-	£23 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	24
and Coast and China		-	-	
Bombay	-	-	-	25
Coast and Bay	-	-	-	26

and half-freight for all surplus tonnage.

It being proposed to amend the said motion, by omitting the words, "for the old ships" also the words, "and for the new ships now building by the old Owners.

"To China direct	-	-	-	£23 per ton.
"St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	24
"and Coast and China		-	-	
"Bombay	-	-	-	25
"Coast and Bay	-	-	-	26

in order to insert in lieu of the words last mentioned, the words "agreeably to the recommendation of the General Court."

It was accordingly moved, that the words "for the old ships," and the words "and for the new ships now building by the old Owners.

"To China direct	-	-	-	£23 per ton.
"St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	24
"and Coast and China		-	-	
"Bombay	-	-	-	25
"Coast and Bay	-	-	-	26

do stand part of the main question.

And the question thereon being put by the ballot, the same passed in the affirmative.

And the main question being then put by the ballot, the same was carried in the affirmative, being as follows, viz.

The General Court having, by a vote of the 28th June, recommended the re-consideration of the resolutions of this Court of the 16th March and 26th May, relative to the freight of their ships for this season ; and also to consider the following resolution, passed at a General Meeting of the Owners of Shipping, held at the London Tavern on the 21st day of June, 1786, viz.

That an offer be made to the Court of Directors to accept £24. per ton, under the stipulations of a letter of the 26th May from the said Owners to the Court of Directors, for the China freight of the ensuing season only.

And



And this Court taking into their very serious consideration the recommendation of the said General Court;

Resolved, That the following freights be offered for the ships to be taken up for the several parts of India and for China, this season, at builders measurement, viz.

For the old ships.

To China direct	-	-	-	£24 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	25
and Coast and China				
Bombay	-	-	-	26
Coast and Bay	-	-	-	27

and for the new ships now building by the old Owners.

To China direct	-	-	-	£23 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,	}	-	-	24
and Coast and China				
Bombay	-	-	-	25
Coast and Bay	-	-	-	26

and half-freight for all surplus tonnage.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 11th July, 1786.

The Court taking into consideration a letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated at the London Tavern the 7th inst. objecting to the omission of the following clause in the Charter-Party, viz.

Vide App.
No. 736.

That the majority of Ship Owners, shall have the same power of displacing the commander and officers, as the Court of Directors now have;

Also the following clause, viz.

But nevertheless the said Part Owners shall not be charged with any sum of money in respect of goods damaged on board the said ship, either in her outward or homeward bound voyage, but such as shall by the condition and appearance of the package thereof, or by some other reasonable proof, appear to be ship damage, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof, in any-wise notwithstanding.

And desiring the same freight for the ten following ships now building with the Company's leave for this season, viz.

The Hawke	The Princess Royal
Duke of Kingston	Fairford
Latham	Duke of Portland
Prime	Lord North, and
Lord Holland	Earl of Dartmouth

as has been offered to them on the 5th inst. for the old ships.

Resolved unanimously, That in consideration of the following words being added to the first clause, viz. "Provided they shew sufficient cause to the Court of Directors for the same;" and on their agreeing to approve of a revision of the Charter-Party by a Committee of the Court of Directors, with the assistance of their law officers, with a view to amend the same, to the satisfaction



of the Company and the Owners, the said freight be allowed for the above-mentioned ten ships.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 12th July, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 737.

On reading a letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated this day, signifying that they cannot possibly admit of any alteration in the clauses of the Charter-Party, relative to sea damage, and the power vested in the Owners of displacing the commander, that they shall be happy to concur with the Court in revising the Charter-Party, so as to render it as correct as possible, and that they accept of the £24. per ton as the China freight, and the others in proportion on the present Charter-Party terms;

Ordered, That the consideration of the above letter be postponed until Wednesday the 19th inst.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 12th July, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 738.

Letter from Captain Oliver and Mr. Ferguson, dated the 7th inst. reporting the progress of the two ships building by Mr. Anthony Brough, one at Yarmouth and the other at Liverpool, was read,

Vide App.
No. 739.

An account of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 7th inst. and signed by Mr. Gilbert Ferguson, was laid before the Committee.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 19th July, 1786.

On a motion,

Vide App.
No. 737.

Ordered, That the consideration of the letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated the 12th, be deferred to the 26th instant.

Vide App.
No. 740.

On reading a letter from Mr. Anthony Brough, dated this day, repeating his request to have an answer to his tender of his ship Madona,

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 21st July, 1786.

On reading a letter from Mr. William Moffat, dated this day, requesting the Court to decide on the right of the Owners of the Duke of Grafton, to build on her bottom.

Vide App.
No. 741.

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COURT,

The 26th July, 1786.

The Committee took into consideration the references of Court of the 12th inst. on a letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated the same day, signifying that they cannot possibly admit of any alteration in the clauses of the Charter-Party, relative to the sea damage, and the power vested in the Owners of displacing the Commander; that they shall be happy to concur with the Court in revising the Charter-Party, so as to render it as correct as possible; and that they accept of £24. per ton as the China freight, and the others in proportion in the present Charter-Party terms.

Vide App.
No. 736.

The letter from the Managing Owners of shipping, dated the 12th inst. was read; the resolutions of the Court of Directors of the 5th, 12th, and 19th inst. were also read.

Vide App.
No. 737.

It was then moved, and on the questions being severally put,

Resolved, That this Committee taking into consideration the letter from the Managing Owners of the 12th inst. and considering the advanced season of the year, which precludes the Company from getting other proper ships in time, and the necessity of immediately making a provision of a sufficient number of ships for the Company's service, do agree to take up the ships for the present season only upon the terms and conditions proposed by the Owners in their letter of the 26th May last, and which terms the General Court on the 28th ult. recommended to the Court of Directors to reconsider.

Resolved, That in order to obviate in some degree the difficulties that have of late subsisted, and may hereafter subsist, between the Court of Directors and the Owners of shipping, relative to the freight of ships that have been built for the Company, it be a standing order of this Court, that before any ships, after those of the present season, be employed in the Company's service, and before leave shall be given to build ships for the Company's employ, either on the bottoms of those worn out, or otherwise, the person or persons shall, at the time of making such requisition, express the terms on which they intend letting the said ship or ships to the Company, that is to say, the precise freight to China and the several parts of India, the tonnage and the number of men to navigate each ship; and further, that they will subscribe to a revision of the clauses respecting ship and sea damage, and also the dismissal of the Captains by the Owners, without the concurrence of this Court, now standing in the Charter-Party;

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and until the same shall be finally agreed upon between the Company and the Owners, leave be not given to build on any account or pretence whatever.

Resolved, That the before-going resolutions be reported to the Court.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 26th July, 1786.

The Chairman from the Committee of the whole Court, submitting to the Court two resolutions, adopted by the Committee this day,

It was, on the question,

Resolved, That this Court taking into consideration the letter from the Managing Owners of the 12th inst. and considering the advanced season of the year, which precludes the Company from getting other proper ships in time, and the necessity of immediately making a provision of a sufficient number of ships for the Company's service, do agree to take up the ships for the present season only, upon the terms and conditions proposed by the Owners in their letter of the 26th May last; and which terms the General Court on the 28th ult. recommended to the Court of Directors to reconsider.

Resolved, That in order to obviate in some degree, the difficulties that have of late subsisted, and may hereafter subsist, between the Court of Directors and the Owners of shipping, relative to the freights of ships that have been built for the Company, it be a standing order of this Court, that before any ships, after those of the present season, be employed in the Company's service, and before leave shall be given to build ships for the Company's employ, either on the bottom of those worn out or otherwise, the person or persons shall, at the time of making such requisition, express the terms on which they intend letting the said ship or ships to the Company, that is to say, the precise freight to China, and to the several parts of India, the tonnage, and the number of men to navigate each ship; and further, that they will subscribe to a revision of the clauses respecting ship and sea damage, and also the dismissal of the Captains by the Owners without the concurrence of this Court, now standing in the Charter-Party; and until the same shall be finally agreed upon between the Company and the Owners, leave be not given to build on any account or pretence whatever; and that notice be given to receive tenders agreeable to the Company's By-Law, on Wednesday next.

Vide App.
No. 742.

Letter from Mr. John Fiott, being read, signifying that his second ship is contracted to be built at Itchenor, near Chichester, of the burthen of 978 tons, and that the keel and great part of her frame are ready for survey.

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

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AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 2d August, 1786.

Letter from Mr. Snodgrafs and Captain Coggan, dated this day, reporting the tonnage of the Admiral Barrington, was read. Vide App. No. 743.

The following letters being also read, viz.

From Captain Thomas Larkins, dated the 7th, and Thomas Newte, Esq. the 19th ultimo, to Mr. Snodgrafs, severally representing that the ships Warren Hastings and Rodney, having been stripped, sheathed, and coppered on their second voyage, they imagine it will not be necessary to take off the sheathing from the bottoms under the copper, and submitting the same to his consideration, to avoid the heavy expence attending it. Vide App. No. 744, 745.

From Mr. Snodgrafs, dated the 7th ultimo, desiring Captain Larkins's letter may be laid before the Committee for such instructions as they may please to give him. Vide App. No. 746.

And the Committee having likewise considered Mr. Newte's letter, Vide App. No. 745.

Mr. Snodgrafs was called in and examined, and received directions to make a report of the above ships previous to the Committee's coming to any determination thereon.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 2d August, 1786.

On reading a letter from Mr. John Julius Angerstein, dated the 1st inst. requesting, on account of the great expence which will attend the repair of the ship South Carolina, that he may be permitted to withdraw his tender of that ship, unless the Court should think proper to continue her in the Company's service for a second China voyage. Vide App. No. 747.

Ordered, That Mr. Angerstein be permitted to withdraw his tender of the ship South Carolina.

On reading a letter from Mr. Godfrey Thornton, dated the 1st inst. stating, that on measuring the ship Admiral Barrington, he is disappointed in finding her fall short of her estimated tonnage, and requesting that she may, however, be permitted to proceed in the Company's employ; that he may be permitted to send her out with four-pounder guns instead of six-pounders, and with such reduction of men and officers as can be allowed consistent with the safety of the Company's concerns, on account of her small size; also, Vide App. No. 748.

Letter from Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs and Mr. John Coggan, dated this day, stating, that the tonnage of the ship Admiral Barrington turns out to be $527\frac{3}{4}$ tons; Vide App. No. 743.

And Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs having been called in and examined on the subject, it was

Resolved, That the ship Admiral Barrington be continued in the Company's service, upon the terms and conditions on which she



she was taken up, in consideration of the expences incurred by the Owners.

Ordered, That the latter part of Mr. Thornton's request be referred to the Committee of Shipping, to examine and report.

Vide App.
No. 749.

Letter from the Committee of the Managing Owners of Shipping, dated the 28th ultimo, advising that they have received the Court's resolution of the 26th ultimo; referring to their letter of the 12th ultimo, with respect to a revision of the Charter-Party; and requesting leave to build upon all the old bottoms, on fair and equitable terms, and upon such dimensions as the Court shall approve, was read.

Vide App.
No. 750.

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

The General Elliott,	-	-	Capt. Robert Drummond
Lafcelles,	-	-	Thomas Wakefield
Earl of Chesterfield,	-	-	Bruce Boswell
Asia,	-	-	John Davy Foulkes
Royal Admiral,	-	-	Joseph Huddart
New ship in the room of the } Duke of Kingston,			Justinian Nutt
Ditto Duke of Portland,	-	-	John Sutton,
Ditto Royal Henry,	-	-	Ralph Dundas
Ditto Prime,	-	-	James Dundas
Ditto Lord North,	-	-	William Hambly
Ditto Princess Royal,	-	-	Alexander Hume
Ditto Fairfield,	-	-	Philip Dundas
Ditto Major,	-	-	James Elkington
Ditto Pacific,	-	-	Robert Scott
Ditto Duke of Grafton,	-	-	James Mitchell
Ditto Hawke,	-	-	Richard Pennell
Ditto Blandford,	-	-	George Dundas

Vide App.
No. 751.

all tendered at builders measurement, at the following freights, viz.

To China direct	-	-	-	£24 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China, } and Coast and China	-	-	-	25
Bombay	-	-	-	26
Coast and Bay	-	-	-	27

and, in all other respects, to be taken up on the same terms and conditions as the regular ships of last season; also

Vide App.
No. 752.

The tenders of the following ships upon the same terms, at their full tonnage, as far as 800 tons each, provided they can bring that tonnage, viz.

The Raymond,	-	-	Capt. Henry Smedley
Lord Camden,	-	-	Thomas Walker
Essex,	-	-	John Strover
King George,	-	-	John Sherwood
Atlas,	-	-	Allen Cooper
Northumberland,	-	-	James Rees
Deptford,	-	-	John Gerrard
Francis,	-	-	James Urniston
Dublin,	-	-	William Smith
Barwell,	-	-	Robert Carr
Glatton,	-	-	Charles Drummond
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Duke of Montrose,	-	Capt. Alexander Gray
Houghton,	-	James Monro
Warren Hastings,	-	Thomas Larkins
Rodney,	-	Henry Wakeman
Winterton,	-	Raymond Snow
Osterley	-	John Clarkson
General Coote,	-	James Baldwin
Busbridge,	-	Thomas Robertson
Bellmont,	-	Wm. Dick Gamage
Lord Macartney,	-	James Hay
New ship in the room of the } Lord Holland,	-	Stephen Williams
Ditto Latham,	-	Robert Fairfull

Likewise a tender of the ship Alfred for a fifth voyage, at £22. per ton, to China; £23. to St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China, and Coast and China; £24. to Bombay, and £25. to Bengal; and

Vide App.
No. 753.

A tender of a new ship building in the room of the Rochford, at £23. per ton, to China; £24. to St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China, and Coast and China; £25. to Bombay, and £26. to Coast and Bay.

Vide App.
No. 758.

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

The tenders of the following ships being also read, viz.

The Locko,	-	Capt. John Baird	Vide App. No. 754.
New ship in the room of the } Earl Dartmouth,	-	J. H. Dempster, tendered by Mr. Wm. Moffat and others	No. 755.
Ditto Ditto,	-	J. Mills, tendered by Mrs. Jane Willson and others	No. 756.

on the same terms and conditions as the several ships above-men-
tioned.

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

On reading the request of the Owners of the Rochford, that Mr. John Baird may have leave to build on that ship's bottom;

Vide App.
No. 757.

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 9th August, 1786.

A tender of the ship Dutton, Capt. James West, at her full tonnage, as far as 800 tons, provided she can bring that tonnage agreeably to the conditions of the Owners letter of the 26th May last, at the following freights, viz.

Vide App.
No. 759.

To China direct	-	£24 per ton.
St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China, } and Coast and China,	-	25
Bombay	-	26
Coast and Bay	-	27

and, in all other respects, to be taken up on the same terms and conditions as the regular ships of last season, being read,

Ordered,



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

Vide App. No. 760. On reading the request of Mr. Culling Smith for leave to defer the repairs of the ship Houghton, from the third to the fourth voyage, in the expectation of her being able to proceed a fifth voyage; also,

Vide App. No. 761. Letter from Mrs. Jane Willson and others, desiring leave to withdraw their tender of the new ship, building in the room of the Earl of Dartmouth, in favour of that presented by Mr. William Moffat,

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

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Thursday the 10th August, 1786.

Vide App. No. 762. Mr. Gilbert Ferguson's report of the progress of ships building for the Company's service, dated the 4th inst. was laid before the Committee.

AT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SHIPPING,

On Friday the 11th August, 1786.

Vide App. No. 750 to 759. The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 2d inst. on the several tenders of ships then presented to the Court, reported, as their opinion, that the regular ships for the present season be taken up at their builders measurement, at

£24 per ton to China direct

25 - - - St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China, Coast and China, Bombay and China, and St. Helena and Bencoolen

26 - - - Bombay

27 - - - Coast and Bay

(which freights are agreeable to the resolution of Court of the 26th ult.) and that, in all other respects, they be on the same terms as the regular ships of last season.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 11th August, 1786.

Vide App. No. 763. Letter from Mrs. Jane Willson, dated the 9th inst. assigning her reasons for withdrawing her tender of the ship Earl of Dartmouth, was read.

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

Resolved,



Resolved, That the regular ships for the present season be taken up at their builders measurement, at £24. per ton, to China direct

25. { St. Helena and China, Bencoolen and China,
Coast and China, Bombay and China, and
St. Helena and Bencoolen
26. Bombay
27. Coast and Bay

which freights are agreeable to the resolution of Court of the 26th ult. and that in all other respects, they are on the same terms, as the regular ships of last season.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to report the number of ships necessary to be taken up for the Company's service this season.

On reading a letter from Captain George Thomson, pledging himself to prove to the Court, that the right of building on the bottom of the late ship Earl of Dartmouth is vested in him. Vide App. No. 764.

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

Letter from Mr. John Deffell, dated the 10th inst. being read, requesting to know whether his tender of a ship on the 6th June last, for the Company's service, will be accepted. Vide App. No. 765.

It was moved, and on the question,

Resolved, That the ship tendered by Mr. Deffell, be not taken up for the Company's service.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 16th August, 1786.

Letter from John Fiott, Esq. referred by the Court the 26th ult. signifying that his second ship is contracted for, to be built at Itchenor, and of the burthen of 978 tons, that the keel, and great part of the frame are ready for survey, was read, Vide App. No. 742.

The Committee having considered the reference of Court of the 9th inst. on the request of Culling Smith, Esq. for leave to defer the usual repairs of the ship Houghton from the third until the fourth voyage, that she may be able to go a fifth voyage; reported as their opinion to the Court, that Mr. Smith's request cannot be complied with. Vide App. No. 760.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 16th August, 1786.

On reading a letter from Mr. Robert Williams, dated this day, withdrawing his former tender of the ship Locko, and offering her again at £24. per ton, for 758 tons, and at half-freight for the remainder of her tonnage. Vide App. No. 766.

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

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The Chairman acquainting the Court, that in a conversation which himself and the Deputy Chairman had this morning with Robert Preston, Esq. and several other Owners, those gentlemen had stated that the Committee of Managing Owners expect whole freight for 800 tons on each ship, if the ships will take it in, agreeable to the terms of their letter of the 26th of May last.

Resolved unanimously, That the Company do agree to pay full freight on the small regular ships, for whatever goods the Company may lade on them, beyond the builders measurement, as far as to the amount of 799 tons, and only half-freight for the exceedings of that tonnage; but the Company do not hold themselves bound to lade more goods on such ships than to the amount of the builders measurement.

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

Resolved, That the request of Culling Smith, Esq. for leave to defer the usual repairs of the ship Houghton, from the third until the fourth voyage, be not complied with.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 18th August, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 767.

On reading a letter from the Committee of Managing Owners, dated this day, requesting that the Court will leave out the last sentence of their resolution of the 16th inst. namely, "but the Company do not hold themselves bound to load more goods on such ships than to the amount of the builders measurement," as it may preclude the small ships from the advantages arising from the tonnage proposed.

Resolved unanimously, That the said request be not complied with.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Tuesday the 22d August, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 764.

The Committee having taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 11th inst. on the letter from Captain George Thomson, signifying that he does not doubt he shall be able to prove, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the right of building on the bottom of the ship Earl of Dartmouth, is vested in him; but as the Court of Directors, on the 22d March, 1785, at the request of the majority of Owners of the late ship Earl of Dartmouth, gave permission to Mrs. Willson to build a ship on that bottom, and as in consequence of such permission a keel was laid, and it now appears, by the report of the Assistant-Surveyor of shipping, that the new ship is in such forwardness as to be intended to be launched in the month of October next, the Committee reported their opinion to the Court, that under those circumstances, no further notice should be taken of Captain Thomson's letter.

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The Committee having also taken into consideration the reference of Court of the 9th inst. on a letter from Mrs. Jane Willson and others, desiring leave to withdraw their tender of a new ship in the room of the Earl of Dartmouth, in favour of that presented by William Moffat, Esq. and the Committee having considered another letter from Mrs. Willson (referred the 11th inst.) assigning as a reason for her so doing, that the Owners have appointed Mr. Moffat to be the Managing Owner of the new ship, in which she concurs. The Committee reported, as their opinion, to the Court, that the first-mentioned tender be withdrawn accordingly.

Vide App.
No. 761.

Vide App.
No. 763.

AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 22d August, 1786.

Pursuant to a reference of Court of the 11th inst. the Committee took into consideration the proper number of ships to be entertained in the Company's service the ensuing season;

And the Committee offer it to the Court, as their opinion, that 34 ships be entertained for the ensuing season, including the Company's ship Britannia.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Tuesday the 22d August, 1786.

Letter from Mr. Anthony Brough, dated this day, was read, signifying that the names of his three ships are as follows, viz.

Vide App.
No. 768.

The ship building at London, is called the Marquis of Lansdown, David Tolme, Commander; the ship at Liverpool, the Earl of Wycombe; the ship at Yarmouth, the Lord Walsingham.

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

Resolved, That under the circumstances mentioned in the said report, no further notice be taken of a letter from Captain George Thomson, read in Court the 11th inst. respecting his right to build on the bottom of the ship Earl of Dartmouth.

On reading another report from the said Committee, also dated this day,

Resolved, That the request of Mrs. Jane Willson and others, for leave to withdraw their tender of a new ship in the room of the Earl of Dartmouth, be complied with.

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

Resolved, That 34 ships be entertained in the Company's service for the ensuing season, including the Company's ship Britannia, and the eight extra ships already taken up.

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AT A COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

The 23d August, 1786.

The Committee submit to the Court, as their opinion, that the following ships already taken up, together with the Clinton and Admiral Barrington be stationed for China, in part of the 20 ships agreed by the Court yesterday, to be sent thither this season, viz.

Ships.		Tons.	Commander.
Marquis of Lansdown	-	620	Capt. David Tolmé
Earl of Wycombe	-	580	
Lord Walsingham	-	575	
New ship building by Mr. Fiott		978	
Ditto	-	928	
Ditto	-	Mr. Jones 1106	

The Committee also submit it to the Court, as their opinion, that the following ships be taken up, viz.

Ships.		Tons.	Commanders.
New ship (Duke of Kingston)		799	Capt. Justinian Nutt
Lord Camden	-	775	
New ship (Princess Royal)		799	
Britannia	-	770	Edw. Cumming
Atlas	-	763	Allen Cooper
New ship (Duke of Portland)		799	John Sutton
Ditto (Latham)	-	799	Robt. Fairfull
Rodney	-	772	
Busbridge	-	771	Tho. Robertson
New ship (Lord Holland)		799	Stephen Williams
General Elliott	-	800	Robt. Drummond
Warren Hastings	-	763	Tho. Larkins
King George	-	776	
New ship (Fairford)	-	799	Philip Dundas
Earl of Chesterfield	-	810	Bruce Boswell
Francis	-	789	James Urmston
New ship (Prime)	-	799	James Dundas
Osterley	-	775	Joseph Clarkson
Lafcelles	-	824	Tho. Wakefield
Royal Admiral	-	914	Joseph Huddart
Houghton	-	778	James Monro
Glatton	-	778	Charles Drummond
New ship (Hawke)	-	799	Rich. Pennell
Ditto (Earl of Dartmouth)		799	John H. Dempster
Ditto (Lord North)	-	799	William Hambly

The Committee further submit it as their opinion, that on account of the advantage that will result to the Company from taking up the ship Locko, Captain John Baird, at only 758 tons, whole freight, paying only half freight for such surplus tonnage as she shall bring, she be taken up accordingly for one voyage only; and on condition that no claim shall be made for building on her bottom.

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AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 23d August, 1786.

The Chairman acquainted the Court, that some of the Managing Owners of shipping were in waiting to speak to the Court;

And Robert Preston, Henry Hinde Pelly, and Donald Cameron, Esqrs. being introduced, those gentlemen declared, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the Owners, that they were willing to let all the ships at builders measurement, and have only half freight for such surplus tonnage as they might bring; they then withdrew.

The request of Mr. William Moffat, that with respect to the ship Francis, the usage of ripping all the sheathing off, may be dispensed with, and that a survey by the Company's officers may be ordered thereon, being read; Vide App. No. 769.

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

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

Resolved by the ballot, That the following ships already taken up, together with the Clinton and Admiral Barrington, be stationed for China, viz.

	Tons.
The Marquis of Lansdown	620
Earl Wycombe	580
Lord Walsingham	575
New ship building by Mr. Fiott	978
Ditto	928
Ditto	1106

That the following ships be taken up, viz.

	Tons.		Tons.
New ship (D. of Kingston)	799	New ship (Fairford)	799
Lord Camden	775	Earl of Chesterfield	810
New ship (Princess Royal)	799	Francis	789
Britannia	770	New ship (Prime)	799
Atlas	763	Osterley	775
New ship (D. of Portland)	799	Lascelles	824
New ship (Latham)	799	Royal Admiral	914
Rodney	772	Houghton	778
Busbridge	771	Glatton	778
New ship (Lord Holland)	799	New ship (Hawke)	799
General Elliott	800	Ditto (Earl of Dartmouth)	799
Warren Hastings	763	Ditto (Lord North)	799
King George	776		

That on account of the advantage that will result to the Company from taking up the ship Locko, Captain John Baird, at only 758 tons whole freight, paying only half freight for such

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furplus tonnage as she shall bring, she be taken up accordingly for one voyage only, and on condition that no claim shall be made for building on her bottom.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 25th August, 1786.

On reading the request of Mr. Thomas Newby, for leave to withdraw his tender of the ship Prince George,

Ordered, That the same be complied with.

Vide App.
No. 770.

Letter from Mr. Abel Chapman, dated this day, being read, proposing to build a ship of 500 tons and upwards, for the Company's service, to be ready for sea in autumn 1787, at the freight of £22. per ton for the first and second voyages, and £20. for the third and fourth ;

Ordered, That it be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole Court.

AT A COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING,

On Wednesday the 30th August, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 771.

Letter from Mr. Gabriel Snodgrafs, dated the 23d inst. stating that in consequence of the Committee's orders, he has examined the ships Warren Hastings and Rodney, and, in his opinion, the fitting those ships in the manner proposed by the Owners may be safely complied with, was read.

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Wednesday the 30th August, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 772.

On reading a letter from Anthony Brough, Esq. dated the 29th inst. signifying that if the Court desire it, his three ships for China shall have their ports upon the middle deck, framed but not cut out, and carry light guns upon the upper deck, as was done on board the Mars ; also

Vide App.
No. 773.

The request of Culling Smith, Esq. that the usage of stripping all the sheathing from a ship, after her second voyage, may be dispensed with in favor of the Houghton ; and that a survey may be ordered on her ;

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

AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS,

Held on Friday the 1st September, 1786.

Vide App.
No. 774.

On reading a letter from Mr. Thomas Hall, dated this day, renewing his former tender of building a ship of 750 tons for four voyages to China, the first two at £22. per ton each, and the third