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Letters from
England,
1673-1683

Folio	Dates	Ship, from location	Summary of content	Notes on content	Notes on preservation/ numbering
1			Table of contents in pencil		Reverse is blank
2	16/12/73		Begins half way through. A charter or commission from Charles II. Permission granted to take possession of all arms, ammunition, and moveable goods. Note the convenience of the island for ships returning from the 'hot clymes' for care of the sick, notes the confirmation of the management of the trade to the East Indies to the Company and 'grants and confirms' their ownership of the island with rights to all land, water and fishing in sea bays, rivers and inlets, to gold, silver and precious stones, royalties, revenues, rents etc. as well as the rights to erect fortifications, buildings, etc. .	not the charter of 3 April 1673 copied by Goodwin.	Condition very poor, torn at edges obscuring much of text
2r			Cont. On allegiance owed by Governors and officials to the crown. Grant of St Helena to the Governor, Council, and their successor 'in the same manner as the same manner as East Greenwich in the county of Kent in free and common soccage'. Permission for use of weapons, shipping, permission to send goods out of England without payment of customs, and to transport there any men willing to go.	Note that the American plantations received the same grant. See McPherson of East Greenwich'	
3			Cont. Privileges to constitute laws and ordinances and to inflict bodily punishments and to revoke or change such laws		
3r			Administration of justice through Court of Judicature. Judgments to be 'reasonable and not lenient or contrary but as near as may be agreed to the agreeable to the laws, statutes, Governmt and policy of our Kingdom of England.'		
4			Power of Governor and Council to exercise their authority in cases of 'rebellion, mutiny or sedition or refusing to serve in war, flying to the enemy, Forsaking Colours or Ensigs.' Power also granted to administer a legal oath.		Folio numbers 6,7 missing
4r			English subjects and their children born in St Helena entitled to 'have and enjoy all liberties franchises, immunities capacities & abilities of free denizens and natural subjects wthin any of our dominions to all intents and purposes as if they had been abiding within this Kingdom of England.		
5	19/12/73	London	Notice of Charles II's charter granting St Helena to the EIC. Consideration of 'how we may best settle the island for its future safety & preservation, and taking notice of the several psons yt were left by ye said Richard Munden on the said island and of the wages which they were entertained.'		
5r			Cont. Munden's date of landing given as 15 May 1673. Appointments made of Governor and Deputy Governor and Francis Moore, John Coulson and Richard Swallow to the Council. Succession of Deputy Governor in the case of the death of the Governor.		

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6 Institutions to be observed by the Governor: on the arrival of any shipping, to obtain from the Commander an account of all the ammunition, stores, provisions and to check them against invoices and bills of lading. Stores only to be distributed to shipping with a warrant from the Governor, register to be kept of disbursal of stores.

6r The Governor and Council are told to 'take into your possession all the cattle that can possibly be attained or gotten on the said Island. And to register the same that a distribution may be made to the several Inhabitants according to the Rules and Directions hereafter mentioned'. Three boats left after retaking of the island to be kept in good repair, inhabitants to be permitted to fish in them and that those fish caught should be distributed equally among the inhabitants. Fourteen hundred pounds in European money sent, Soldiers to be formed into two companies with the Governor as commander of one and the Deputy Governor as commander of the other. Salaries given.

7 On establishment of constant watches and maintenance of military discipline. Strengthening of the Forts, safe housing of ammunition and supplies for the guards.

7r Planters who were previously on the island to be repossessed of their old houses. All new planters to receive twenty acres of land 'rough and smooth' on arrival as set out for them by the Governor and Council. Plantations to lie as near to each other as possible. Two cows to be given to each family, and each family to be supply from time to time with victuals from Company stores for nine months, until their plantations can support them. Planters to be trained in bearing arms.

8 All inhabitants to be permitted to build houses in the valleys, 'provided they build the said houses regularly in order to a Towne of Defense'. Any houses between the sea and the forts to be removed. A free market to be set up 'on the arrival of shipping to be kept in the most convenient places, as may best accommodate both Inhabitants and Marriners'. Planters not to be permitted to sell or alienate their lands until they have 'planted and improved them for four years.

8r For the encouragement of the planters, those that produce 'Sugar Canes, Indico, Cotton Wool, Ginger, Tobacco or any other sort of commodities more than will suffice for their owne use, the Company will take the same off their hands yearly and [[^] all of them] for a Price for the same as is Usual for such commodities at the places where they are procured for the first seven years.' Experienced persons to be appointed to advise inexperienced planters. Any soldiers who desire to be discharged and become free planters to have permission and their wives to be sent to join them, passages home to be allowed to any wishing to return. No person with a living wife to be permitted to marry another.

9 Produce of the Company plantation to supply the table, the provision of ships, and the food of slaves and cattle. Mr William Swindle employed as Minister. 'Our conditions wth him that he Preach once (and also catechise) Every Lords day, and that he teach or direct the Teaching of the Children as their Schoolmaster to Read and Write and also as many of the Negroes Children who are capable of learning, and to catechise the younger sort of people at convenient times'. Francis Moore employed as surgeon, 'to attend to the cure of all the Inhabitants and Soldiers of the Island'. Chest of medicine and necessary instruments sent with him.

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Employment of a Smith. Freeing of Oliver: 'We having Received an acct: from Sr Richard Munden that a Certaine Negroe was very serviceable in Guideing those of the English that first landed in order to its retaking, and that Sir Richard Munden redeemed him from a Portingall to whome he was sold, We have repaid the money to the said Richard Munden and haue also paid Mr Coleson, 18tt which he allegeth he disbursed in Charges for the Negroes wife and his two children, so that wee have sent the sd Negroes wife and his children ouer to him as free People to [^ live] with him and declare him to be a free Planter and do order that he receives Land & two Cowes as other Planters with all privileges, as a reward of his Service and the encouragement of faithfulness...We also order and appoint that all Negroes both men and women lueing on the sd: island that shall make Profession of Christian faith and be baptised shall within Seven years after such their publick embracing the Christian Religion, be free planters and Injoy the privileges of other Planters both of land and cattle.' Capt. Keigwin to be discharged from service and sent to England.

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Religious observation of the Lords Day prescribed. Account of planters' land to be sent periodically to the Company in London.

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A copy, signed by Blackmore and attested by Stephen Legg

'A list of what men were left vpon the Island of St Helena out of the Severall Shipps Following, Vizt: and their Wages in the King's service.' List of men arranged according to ship.

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Arrival of *Loyal Merchant* with supplies, permission to return to England for those brought by Richard Munden. Planting urged as soon as possible.

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19/12/73 London

Three copies of receipts for all goods taken from ships to be made and two to be sent to England.

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Planting urged as soon as possible. Peace made between England and Holland noted. A reasonable garrison to be kept, but soldiers to be reduced to seventy-five when the ships arrive from India. General account of soldiers and provisions to be sent.

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10/04/74 London, *Johanna*.

Notes that the above is a copy of the text sent by the *Johanna* 'who we hope in God came safely to our island from Barbados.' A ship *Hanborough Merchant*, coming from Barbados to London carrying communications from St Helena to London is feared lost. Urging to be industrious in planting and to distribute the seeds sent by the *London* between the inhabitants.

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18/04/74 London, *London*

Fishing ground to windward to be explored, Europeans at amity with England to be refreshed but not trusted too far. Yearly account of stores to be sent. A supply of Kermania Goats to be sent from Surat – 'we would have you put them in one of the remote Vallies at a distance from all Plantations and to appoynt a couple of Negroes to looke after them and to be carefull of their Young & to preserve their woole, and wee tale what care wee can to procure some Indians by our return voyage to be left with you'. Further note adds that the arrival of the ships *Europe* and *John & Alexander*, reporting the death of the Minister and return of Keigwin.

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14r Complaints about the soldiers lack of 'ingenuity', a rumour that they were to be transported to Bombay as free planters denied, and 'whereas the soldiers say they will have diett as well as wages, it is contrary to all Custome for soldiers in Garrison to have it, but if they plant and worke for us when they are off the guard then we will allow it.'

15 Dutch prisoners to be given passage home on an EIC ship or taken to Bantam.

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16 08/03/76 London Letters and soldiers sent home received. Reduction of the garrison to fifty approved. 'Wee are pleased to hear from you that or island is in a flourishing condition and all things there well with you; But yet we finde there is wanting Industry and Pains lacking in many of yr Inhabitants which we will not permit to continue to be amongst you, for they that will not Plant and take [[^] care] for provisions of their owne, wee will not supply them rather send them home under the (title of drones).

16r Rumour about transportation to Bombay denied, reference to a hint in the letter from St Helena about 'mutineers'. Appointment of John Wyne as minister, again notes that he should catechise children including those of slaves.

17 'Wee have advice from Bantam yt the Agent & Council have sent you several plants &c. for improving of our Island, of which you make no mention in your letter to us. Wee hope you have bin careful in their disposall & that they do thrive with your hands'.

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18 02/01/77 Swally Marine (Surat) Carmania goats sent from Persia via the Surat factory, along with combs to gather their wool and instructions to keep them apart from other flocks of goats. The letter repeats the Company's hope that the goats will prove useful 'both for refreshment and merchandise'. Signed Thomas Rolt, Charles James, Cear Chamberlain, John Child, John Petit. Invoice for keeping and transporting them.

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19r 20/02/77 London Copy of Blackmore's commission to succeed Field as Governor. Field is ordered to return to England by the first possible ship. Deputies and council members named.

20 Anthony Beale's succession in case of Blackmore's death.

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21 20/02/77 London Instructions to Blackmore on 'the better Government and Managing of our affairs'. Observation of the Sabbath, prohibition of gambling, fomications, drunkenness etc. Accounts of stores received to be sent. Copied by Goodwin, ff. 6-8

21r Management of stores, none to be issued without a warrant from the Governor signed by two or more of the Council, '879 Mexico and Civill peece 8/8 in severall 1/2 pieces and 1/4 peecs' (i.e. Spanish American money) for Beale as the storekeeper.

22 Appointment and organisation of soldiers into two companies under the Governor and Deputy, securing of passages from enemies, esp. in Lemon Valley, inspection of forts to be undertaken.

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22r 'And that all Planters may be better encouraged to act for the benefit of our island, we have sent over severall fruit trees and Vines and other Seedes that when our own Plantation is Sufficiently furnished and taken care of, that you distribute the Overplus gratis unto such persons as you See most dilligent & Industrious in improving of their plantations'. Previous orders on the planting and raising of 'sugar canes, indico, cotton wool or any other sort of commodity' repeated. All 'artificers and workmen' to be encouraged in their callings. Windward part of the island to be planted to encourage settlement there.

23 Duties of planters on raising of alarm and training to be given. Permission to build houses in valleys if in good order for defense. No houses to be built between the sea and forts. Free market to be set up.

23r Register of land to be kept, planting and improving required for seven years before sale of any land, register of lands to be kept, and minister to record marriages, births and deaths. 'For the improvement of our own Plantation you have severall of our Negroes which you may Imploy about the planting...

24 'and setting of fruit trees and seedes as we now send over'. Care to be taken that the Company table is supplied and that shipping is provided with 'sufficient fruits, herbs, and fresh provisions that the island affords'. List of those to dine at Company table. Minister to catechise 'the younger sort of people and Negroes children'. Slaves embracing Christianity to be freed after seven years of publicly embracing Christianity.

24r Planters' land to be 'legally and firmly' confirmed to them and a 'description' to be made of the land of each family and its 'buttalls and boundaries'. These things and others that might tend to the 'Improvement and Welfare of the Inhabitants' to be enacted by the Governor and Council. Practice of 'Religion, Virtue, Justice and all honest and good converse with one another' impartial justice to be administered 'That the good may be encouraged and Evill persons for their crimes punished & that Peace and Quietness be preserved.'

Note 'language, on improvement' of the inhabitants, similar to that used about the land, cattle etc. of the island.

25 Notes several letters received from St Helena by ships returning from India. Joshua Johnson employed as a soldier, a small 'Chirurgery chest' (i.e. Chest of medicines) sent but without a surgeon – Governor is told to treat with one from returning ships. Rat-catcher also sent.

25r Hopes that the Persian goats are received – account to be sent of their progress, some 'hard soape' also to be sent from Surat and distributed among the planters. Various ranks of three returning captains – Admiral, Vice-Admiral and Rear-Admiral appointed to avoid disputes. The 'times being troublesome and dangerous', more care than usual to be employed in watching for enemies.

26 Ordered to sent books of accounts for previous year and to be more careful in the entries.

26r Rice and paddy to be sent yearly from Surat, Field to be one of the Council while he remains on the island.

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28 List of stores and provisions laden on the Johanna – cloth, shoe-making materials, muskets,

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28r			Cont. Haberdashers wares
29			Cont. drums, tin ware, 'bodies' and swords.
29r			Cont. cloth and books – mainly religious.
30			Cont. Turners ware, knives, stockings.
30r			Cont. Nails, spades and shovels, seeds – these are carrot, parsnip, parsley, onion, turnip, cabbage, and colewort.
31			Cont. Nails and flags.
31r			Cont. pikes, oil, brandy, shoes, frying pans,
32			Cont. Paper, ink and books, pots and kettles
			Trees – given as “pear apple, plum, cherry, peach, apricot, mulberry, gooseberry, currant, barbaries, quince, raspberry, medlar trees, necktrines, figg, vines, Filberd trees, Chesnut, Walnut, Damask rose trees, Codling trees, chests to put them in.’
32r			Fishing lines and hooks
33			Tar, pitch, gunpowder, wheelbarrows, soap, 'medicine to kill rats'.
33r			Chirurgery chest, timber.
			Letter from Surat noting that they have sent 9 tuns of rice, 3 tuns of paddy and 600 weight of soap. Instructions are given on how to grind the rice in a pestle and mortar (also sent) to remove the husks and skin. Fans also sent to be used during this process. Six male and female Carmentia goats sent with warnings about not allowing them to mix. Signed by Rolt, James, Chamberlain and Child.
34	30/01/78	Swally Marine, sent by 'Europe shipping' – the <i>Sampson, President</i> and <i>Vnicorne</i>	
			Notes the Company's order to send five tons of rice and one of paddy on each returning ship. Notes that 'The rice of these parts is of a courser Grain yn tis Vusual at Surratt & in Bengale, that wch Wee have sent you is Course but New and Good: The paddy is also new & Altho paddy will keep longer yn Rice, yet after it is seven years Old tis not so wholesome as new paddy; for it will bring those that eat it into ye Bloody flux afr: it is of yt age, as hath been this last year Experimented by some of the natives yt held a castle besieged by Sevagee not far from us, wherein most of the men died by eating the Rice of old paddy, Therefore, it is accustomary in all Castles where there they lay in Store of such Cornes to change it every two or three years for so long it keeps well & is rather wholesomer yn ye new come'.
34r	23/01/79	Fort St George (Madras), by four unnamed ships returning to Europe – <i>Nathaniel, Society, Williamson</i> and one other	'Sevagee' is Sivaji, the Maratha enemy of the Emperor Aurangzeb
			Also send a bundle of seed paddy on each of the ships with a 'paper of directions'. A wooden pestle also sent 'and we would have sent you a Black Fellow or two who knows how to Manure ye ground, sow, plow and gather ye paddy wn Ripe, but ye Commandrs tell us there is little hopes of paddy growing on ye Island, it being very stony Ground & difficult to convey such quantities of Water to it as paddy delights in, therefore we forebear sending you such people, until further advice from yorselves or ye Honoble Compy concerning ye same. We understand arrack is acceptable on the island & in case you should be attacked would be very serviceable in encouraging yor: men & having an Overplus we have sent you two Butts of Bengale Arrack, Signed Streynsham Master, Joseph Glimmers, John Bridges, Timothy Wilkes, Richard Mohun.
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35r			Invoice for rice received on the <i>Willam Anson</i> loaded by Streynsham Master. Rice named as 'Samba', prices in pagodas.

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36			Cont. Prices in Bengal rupees, paddy called Chitteraca. Note at bottom gives the date of the stores being mentioned in the general letter of 31 May 1679.	
36r			Invoice for arrack, rice, paddy laden on the <i>Society</i>	
37			Invoice for goods received on the <i>Nathaniel</i> – rice from Bengal and Madras and Samba paddy. Note that mentioned in General letter of 21 June 1679.	
37r	18/11/78		Letters received and note 'great want' of provisions. Chaplain	
38			'We are troubled to hear there should be so much disorder amongst those in Councell', troublesome times in Europe with war likely, therefore fortifications are necessary, fires prohibited on the island and warnings given against allowing intemperance on the guard, these are said to be two of the reasons the Dutch were previously able to take the island.	Copy
38r	21/01/80	Swally Marine, sent by 'Europe shipping' – the <i>Sampson, President</i> and <i>Vnicorne</i>	List of goods sent from Surat – rice, paddy, goats, mortar and pestle, two fans. Asks for men to put onboard any ships lacking crew.	
39			Clause of the Company's letter to Surat, 28 Feb and 17 March 1680 and clause of charterparty concerning putting extra men on ships.	
39r	26/01/80	<i>Bengalla Merchant, Anne</i> and <i>New London</i>	Invoice for rice and paddy laden on these three ships.	
39(i)			Cont., nails and stores on the Bengal Merchant.	Interleaved page
40	26/04/80		'Great necessities recd out of the Suratta fleet', paper, nails and other supplies	
40r	16/05/79	London, sent on the <i>Cesar</i>	Notes receipt of letters from Dec and Jan 1678 by the <i>Expectation, Unity, Eagle, and Berkley Castle</i> . List of requested supplies agreed to, but 'so as not to encourage slothfulness' all foods should be raised from plantations and none sent from England. Also orders that rather than sending clothing to the island, material should be taken out of ships returning from Surat. Urges industry in planting corn and other provisions, as 'ye business will not forbear sending of shipps often directly from England.' Implication that unlicensed trading is going on between EIC ships returning from India and the 'Negro ships' (i.e. Slavers from West Indies).	Copy
41			Peace in Europe, therefore some old soldiers can be permitted to return.	
41r	02/02/80		Rice supplied from India, island to make up complement of seamen for all ships.	
42	13/05/80		Invoice for goods laden on the <i>Cesar</i> – shoemakers' materials, knives	
42r			Blank	
43			Blank	
43r	24/03/80	London	Some 'ruled laws' sent according to request. One man capable of bearing arms required for every twenty acres of land; all planters to be trained in bearing arms; survey to be made of all 'plantable lands'; discharged soldiers can become free planters and those who marry widows take on their land.	

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44		Ten acres of land to be given on marriage of every single man sent out of England, rules for inheritance, 'as much as it might be dangerous to have too many slaves on the plantations lest they mutiny and overpower the English, And Wee observing that there is about 80 blacks already on the island, Wee require you that noe more blacks be brought or recd on the Island without special order from us, And that you do publish this Order to the Inhabitants so that they may conforme thereunto.' Ten or twelve soldiers to be permitted to leave annually.	Compare 1682 shift in policy based on Barbados
44r		Company table to be supplied from plantations, tamed cattle, and fishery. Accounts of stores to be better kept – a list follows of the procedure to be followed.	
45		On Captain Bealle's house, how to prevent inhabitants leaving in a 'clandestine manner' on ships, wages for craftsmen restricted, information has been received that Capt. Alley in the ship <i>Expectation</i> left for the Indies the previous December intending to go to the Coromandel Coast and that other ships are proposing the same 'We doe require you in case the sayd Capt. Alley or any others tradeing beyond the Cape of Good Hope shall on their returne touche at our Island, that you shall hold no countenance with them [^ nor suffer any person to go onboard them], or come on shore, nor to afford them any countenance, assistance or refreshmt, their design being soe destructive to our Trade and commerce'.	Compare later policy on charges for 'interlopers' below
45r		Debts of soldiers and planters, soldiers' wages, twenty tons of lime send to make platforms for guns, but also instructed to make lime on the island if possible.	
46		Joseph Church employed as chaplain, the commission above is repeated but without the reference to teaching the children of slaves. Francis Moore surgeon to be permitted to return to the island. Bullion and goods worth over three thousand pounds sent from India, the two parcels of Carmania wool sent are judged 'course and hairy' but the stock of goats is ordered to be increased.	
46r		'We take notice of what you write concerning the mutiny of the free planters and their great proneness to drinking' – 'good council' urged although it is noted that drunkenness tends to be a problem in all plantations if the inhabitants are not restrained by punishment. Request for equal numbers of soldiers to planters denied as 'wee...intend to reduce the most part of our Military force into free planters and to rely upon them, as other plantations doe who have no soldiery'.	
47	20/03/1679(80?)	Reference to Royal Charter of 1673, notes disagreements concerning land holding and repeats lands on defense.	
47r		Registration of land required. Land held free after five years and can be inherited.	
48		Wills and division of property not bequeathed.	
48r		Land bequeathed to a person not on the island to revert to the Company after two years vacant.	
49	14/03/80	Notes sending home of 'three mutinous persons and wish you had rather caused them to be tryed and punished according to the nature of their offense and the Law of England upon the island than [^ soe] to dismiss them hither, which we doubt will rather encouarge than dismay men of that temper'. All offenders to be tried on the island in future.	Copied by Goodwin, ff. 11-12
49r		Cont, wages of workmen.	Original
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55r	1679		List of goods remaining in the stores in 1679 – nails, axes, carpentry tools.	
56			Cont., Cooper's tools	
56r			Cont., trowels, hammers, knives etc.	
57			Cont. Empty surgeon's chest, bottles of chemical preparations, writing materials.	
57r			Cont., incl. 'longboat' and anchors, grapples etc.	
58-59r			Blank	
60	26/03/80	London sent on the <i>Society</i>	Invoice for stores from the <i>Society</i> – carpentry goods etc.	
60r			Cont,	
61			Cont, household goods.	
61r			Cont, tools	
62			Cont, cloth	
62r			Cont, dairy equipment	
63			Cont, tanners' tools. Note about diet connected with the chirurgery chest (unclear).	
63r			Cont, stockings.	
64			Cont, haberdashers ware	
64r			Cont, brandy, grindstones.	
65			Cont, fishing materials, iron and steel, hard soap.	
65r			Cont, oil, vinegar, fustians.	
66			Cont, cloth.	
66r			Cont, printed books – all religious except 'Grayes Warfare', paper.	
67			Cont, silver in dollars, gunpowder, garden seeds – cabbage, turnip, carrot etc (as above).	
67r			Total value of cargo given as 3138 pounds, signatures of the Council.	
68			Blank	
68r	24/07/81	Swally Marine <i>William, Lancaster and Joanna</i>	Account of rice sent from Surat, men to be put on ships lacking crew.	
69			Details of rice and paddy sent – 130 bales.	
69r	20/01/81	Bantam,	Sent four bales of rugs, a butt of arrack and two chests of sugar. Requests advice about 'roots and seeds proper for your island' which will be sent. Signed Francis Bowyear.	Original
70			Invoice for goods from Bantam.	
70r	23/01/82	Swally Marine, sent by the <i>Josiah</i>	Notes rice sent – 30 bags on <i>Josiah</i> , more to follow in the <i>Success</i> and <i>Masonburgh</i> .	Original
71			Invoice for rice from Surat	
71r			Note on receipt of rice by William Parker, Purser, and Council.	
72	19/01/81	Fort St George, sent by <i>Golden Fleece</i>	50 bags of rice, 10 bags of paddy and 1 bag of paddy for seed sent – same quantity to be sent on three further ships. Order to supply any missing men. Signed John Bigrig, Elihu Yale, John Nicks, William Gyfford, John Bridgewes and Tim Wilkes.	
72r			Invoice for rice received from the <i>Golden Fleece</i> . Seed paddy is named as 'Ponchaue'.	

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73			Bill of lading for rice and signatures of Council on receipt.	
73r	11/02/82	Fort St George, sent by the <i>George</i>	'Wee now send you by the George a female spotted deer and intend to send you a Buck by ye Cesar and another Doe by the Bengall Merchant which wee desire you to keep for a breed & hope they will greatly increase upon the island, which bee both to yr & ye Shipps convenience and be ready likewise to supply his Majesty and te Honoble Compy when they shall have occasion'. Signed by Gyfford and council.	Original
74	20/05/81	London, sent on Scipio Africanus, for Bantam.	On supplies sent, encouragements to be given to planters, number of soldiers to be decreased, rules on land holding to be strictly kept.	Copy
74r			All slaves to be employed on Company plantation, duties and privileges of the minister, glass sent for windows.	
75			Bealle discharged and replace with Joshua Johnson. 'Ingrossing and buying of goods upon the arrival of our shipping' prohibited as it hinders the inhabitants' trade.	
75r			Invoice of goods received from Scipio Africanus.	
76			Bill of lading for Scipio Africanus	
76r	26/01/83	Swally Marine, sent by the <i>Oaklander</i>	Notes that the Company has ordered them not to send rice, extra men for shipping requested.	
77	14/03/81		Letters received, reproof for relieving and supplying two 'interlopers', Capt. Taylor and Alley, excuses are dismissed as 'very impertinent and unsatisfactory' and complains of the inhabitants claim to the 'just right' to trade with them as 'very extravagant as well as the highest ingratitude'. Complaints about the high cost of settling the Island.	Copy
77r			Interlopers to pay 20 pounds sterling for every ton of cargo of every ship to be permitted to trade. .	
78			Ships from Madagascar without goods from the East Indies onboard to pay two pounds and six pence sterling or the value in goods for every ton of cargo. Exact register to be kept of all ships visiting the island, with an account of their names, cargos, and previous and intended voyages	
78r			Minister Church to remain.	
79	10/03/81	London	Reference to Royal Charter of 1673, noting power to make laws.	
79r			Observation of Lord's day.	
80			Prayers to be said for the King and for the 'good and welfare' of the Company.	
80r			Trials to be held, no imprisonment upon private account.	
81			Oath to be taken by sheriff, Court of Judicature	
81r			Trials by jury, punishment of vice.	
82			Intemperance, fornication, uncleanness and theft to be punished.	
82r			Witnesses and conduct of court.	
83			Fines for fighting, death as punishment for murder, visitors to island may be appointed to the jury.	
83r			Corporal punishment for attacking Governor. Death penalty for any inhabitant or visitor raising sedition or betraying the island to enemies.	
84			No wasting of powder, any meetings held for purpose of insurrection or any correspondence with the enemy to be punished with death.	

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84r Concern expressed about trading with interlopers and more 'private persons' are said to be fitting out ships for trade with the Indies

85 Fine of twenty pounds for the Council trading with interlopers. Trading with any ships banned until permission given by Governor and proclamation to that effect to be made.

85r Any non-Company ships freely delivered to the Company or masters and mariners of ships wishing to join to be employed. Conditions as above on trade with Madagascar.

86 14/03/81 London, Surratt Merchant
 Private letter to the Governor. Intelligence has been received of private ships using the island to meet with ships returning from India and buy up calicoes etc. from the ships' company – 'Thereby to defeat his Majesty of his customs'. Ordered to take note of all proceedings and a diligent inspection of the cargo of the ships. Empaneling of any Englishmen left to Governor. Notes that many things have been left solely to his authority to prevent mutinies.

86r On retailing of liquor and tobacco only with license from the Governor – said to follow practice in Madras and other English settlements. Small fine to be made for this and send with other 'little Revenue' to the Company and of all the land disbursed and improved 'by which you will give us a measure of your sufficiency in oeconomics and civil government as well as the military'. Governor given power to suspend Council but not add to it without confirmation.

87 On anchorage and charges per tonnage of cargo for foreign and interloper ships.

87r Accounts to be sent of households, accounts of stores kept, Company cattle, employments of slaves.

88 If more slaves are acquired from Madagascar ships they are to be employed in enlarging the plantations.

88r 01/08/83 London Letters and consultations received, triviality of complaints noted. Trial by jury reserved for cases involving loss of life or limb.

89 Complaints about excessive number of guns fired and of Mr Church for going onboard the ship of the interloper Pitt. Inhabitants banned from going aboard ships without license from Governor.

Thomas Pitt, later Governor at Madras. See also his part in the rebellion of 1693 (Vol.5, f. 23-26 and mentioned giving a gift in Vol. 5, f. 226).