

are for trade with the indians & not Such as are for the inhabitants of Canada: <sup>1</sup>

That Mr. Bailey & Capta. Guillam bee desired to Looke out for a small vessell of about 30 tuns of Small draught of water, fitt for coasteing in the Countrey, & reporte the same to the next Committee.

The Committee to meete thursday next 15 febra.<sup>2</sup> at the Excise office in broad street at 3 a clocke, & then to consider of fitteing the *Wivenho*, & makeing provision of Such cargo as is needfull.

<sup>1</sup> The following is written in the margin by the side of this resolution: "given order for to Biscay the 25 february". The distinction in quality between "trade goods" and those for use by the Company's servants or other Europeans reappears throughout the Company's history, especially in ironwork and guns. The problem of getting iron which would stand the intense cold was still not solved by the nineteenth century. Governor Simpson, for example, had to complain of the axes and ice chisels supplied that "The axes . . . are . . . of the worst materials and badly tempered, they should be manufactured of the best Swedish Iron and German Steel and tempered with great care: those we had this Season were as brittle as Glass during the severity of the Winter; the maker should be informed that they are most required when the Thermometer is about 50 degrees below Zero: it is scarcely possible to describe the misery we have this Season suffered from the bad quality of the axes, frequently unable to provide Fire Wood. . . . Our Iron Work is the most important article of Trade in this Country, the utmost care and attention should therefore be paid to have it of good quality." (Hudson's Bay Company Series, I, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Journal of Occurrences in the Athabasca Department by George Simpson, 1820 and 1821, and Report* (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1938, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1938), p. 408.)

<sup>2</sup> There is no record of this meeting, or of its postponement, if such occurred.

N.S.  
March 4,  
1672

*At a Committee of the Adventurers trading to  
Hudson's bay at the Tower the 4th march 1671  
present*

Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. Pr. Colletton  
Sr. John Griffith

Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Millington  
Mr. Portman

Ordred, That Captain Guillam & Mr. Bailey doe forthwith take a Survey of the *Wivenho* & *Prince Rupert*, & of theyr Stores, & make an Inventory of the Vallue thereof, & an estimate of what charge may bee needfull for setting both or either of them severally to Sea, without the charge of provisions, & give reporte thereof together with an account of the presente condition of both the Sayd Shippes to the next Committee, & that they likewise bee desired to make search for a Small Vessell of about thirty Tunns fitt for the Companyes Service & give reporte thereof alsoe at the same time as aforesaid:

That Mr. Portman bee desired to treat with Mr. Glover Mr. Gauthorne or any other person about the price & Sale of the Companyes beaver, & Mr. Heatley is accordeingly apointed at demande to Shew the Same reporte thereof from time to time to bee to this Committee.

That besides the two hundred fowleing pieces formerly ordred with a proportionable quantity of Shott fitt thereunto, foure hundred powder hornes bee alsoe provided as an additional Cargo to what was proposed & agreed unto by this Committee upon the 16th of January Last.

That Mr. Gorst attende Mr. Rastel at his Lodging the morrow morning every day after the meeteing of the Committee to take copies of orders that Shall bee made to bee by him from time to time communicated to Such persons as Shall bee concerned to putt the Same in execution:

That Mr. Radison Mr. Groselyer & Mr. Bailey wth. the assistance of Mr. Gorst or any two of them doe take a Stricte view of the returned cargo belonging to the Company, & Such parte thereof as is in good condition to bee by them packt up in good order each comodity by itselſe as neare as they can; & to make an Invoice thereof of the quantity & quality markes & numbers of each parcell Severally, to bee from time to time reported to the Committee.

That Sr. Robert Viner & Mr. Portman bee desired forthwith to draw the proceed of the beaver Sould at genoa<sup>1</sup> out of the factors handes there for the Companies use:

That Mr. Bailey with the Advise of Mr. Radison & Mr. Groselyer treat with Such persons as they thinke fitt for Such goods as may bee needfull for Suplyeing a cargo for the next yeares expedition for Hudsons bay, that is to Say, two hundred fowleing pieces & foure hundred powder hornes, with a proportionable quantity of Shott fitt thereunto, first bringeing patternes of the gunns to bee bought, unto the next Committee, & more two hundred brasse kettles Sizable of from two to Sixteene gallons a piece, twelve grosse of french knives & two Groose of Arrow heads & about five or Six hundred hatchets; & further that they with the assistance of Mr. Gorst take care to bringe ashoare Such goods as remayne aboard the *Wivenhoe* belonging to the Company into their warehouse in Buttolfe Lane<sup>2</sup> there to bee disposed of with the rest of the goods as the Committee shall give directions and

That Mr. Heatley bringe in an account to the next Committee of what beaver which was exposed at the Last puplick Sale hath bin delivered, & to whom & what money hath bin

<sup>1</sup> The archives contain no information on this point.

<sup>2</sup> H. B. Wheatley, *London Past and Present* (London, 1891), I, 228, "Botolph Lane, Billingsgate, so called from the church of St. Botolph, Billingsgate. . . The original London Bridge is said to have abutted on Botolph's Wharf."

received thereupon & of the present state of the Cash & of the quantity of beaver remayneing:

Sr. John Robinson is desired by this Committee to Speake to his Highnes Prince Rupert the Earle of Craven, my Lord Arlington,<sup>1</sup> & my Lord Ashley, to know theyr pleasure concerneing what may bee fitt to bee moved to his Royal Highnesse.<sup>2</sup>

That the examineing the pretences of all persons who have served this Company or of the executrs. or administrs. of any Such persons bee referred to Mr. Bailey Mr. Rastell & Mr. Heatley, who are to reporte the Same to Mr. Portman, to bee reported by him to the Committee.

That Mr. Heatley deliver to Mr. Bailey thirty poundes weight of the Companies beaver upon demande about three quarter partes of the coates & one quarter of the Skins equally to bee assorted, the vallue thereof to bee charged to Mr. Bailey's debt in his account with the Company:

It is ordred That the next Committee Shall bee upon Tuesday the 12th of this instante march.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Henry Benet, Earl of Arlington. See Appendix G, pp. 213-15.

<sup>2</sup> James, Duke of York and Albany and Earl of Ulster (1633-1701). See p. 35. He succeeded Prince Rupert as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1683, and held this office until his accession to the throne as King James II in 1685. He continued to hold his stock until his abdication in 1688 when it was held by the Governor and Committee then in office to have "rightfully devolved" upon his successor, King William III.

<sup>3</sup> There is no record of this meeting, or of its postponement, if such occurred.

*London the 2d aprill 1671 [sic] presente*

Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. Pr. Colletton

Sr. James Hayes  
Mr. Portman

N.S.  
April 2,  
1672

Ordred, That whereas Mr. Fenn's<sup>1</sup> Share of three hundred poundes in this Stocke of the Adventurers to Hudsons bay was formerly assigned by him to Mr. Portman and since by the sayd Mr. Portman assigned to Sr. James Hayes, It is accordeingly ordered that the same bee past in the bookes to the credit of the sayd Sr. James Hayes & whereas the said Mr. Fenn Standes creditor in the Companyes bookes for fifty poundes Lent it apeares to this Comittee that the Sayd fifty poundes was advanced by the sayd Mr. Portman in his name & therefore it is alsoe ordred that the sayd summe of fifty poundes bee transferred from the credit of Mr. Fenn to Mr. Portman's creditt.

That there bee a gennerall Courte at the Robes Chamber<sup>2</sup> at Whitehall thursday next the 4th of this instante<sup>3</sup> aprill at foure of the Clocke afternoone & that Notice bee given by Mr. Gorst to all the adventurers accordeingly.

<sup>1</sup> John Fenn, Paymaster of the Admiralty, who, according to Pepys (February 21, 1665) made a "great profit" from his office, "he being, though he demands but  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. of all he pays, and that is easily computed, but very little pleased with any man that gives him no more". Fenn acquired £20 Hudson's Bay stock on December 10, 1667. See Appendix C, pp. 162-3.

<sup>2</sup> It has not been possible to ascertain where in Whitehall Palace this Chamber was. In medieval times the King's Wardrobe acquired great constitutional significance as a means of receiving and disbursing royal revenues, but by the end of the fourteenth century the Wardrobe had lost its national importance and was once more merely a domestic department of the royal household. Cf. H. T. Riley (ed.) *Munimenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum et Liber Horn* (London, 1859), II, pt. 2, pp. 729 and 804, and T. F. Tout, *Chapters in the Administrative History of Medieval England* (Manchester University Press, 1920), I, 20 et passim. The Chamber was probably the office of the purely domestic department which had survived from the former greatness of the Wardrobe.

<sup>3</sup> This meeting was presumably postponed until Wednesday, April 10, 1672. See p. 32.

That upon Mr. Paul Mercers clayme of Succession to the second mates place upon death of the chiefe mate, which employment it apeares he did not officiate at Sea above two monthes, it is therefore ordered that besides £3 : 11 : 9 due to him for wages at 45/. p. moneth there Shall bee payd him three monthes wages more after the rate of fiftene Shillinges p. moneth more which makes in all the Summe of £5 : 16 : 9 : <sup>1</sup>

That Mr. Manneinges claymes bee referred to Such time as Mr. Kirke who recomended him to the Companyes Service Shall be presente at ye Committee.

That Mr. Gorsts claymes bee referred to the consideration of Mr. Bailey & Mr. Rastell to bee by them reported to the next Committee.

That whereas it apeares by the reporte of Mr. Bailey Mr. Rastel & Mr. Heatley that there is due to bee payd to Captain Ewins the administr. of Capta. Robert Newland fifty poundes three Shillinges for Wages & clothes & other goods of his Sould to Sundry persons,<sup>2</sup> Mr. Wm. Dawson is now ordred to pay the Sayd Summe of fifty poundes three Shillinges together with fiftene poundes more for  $\frac{3}{4}$  partes of twenty poundes which this Committee allowes in consideration of a cargason

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fo. 118d. This amount was paid to Mercer on June 22, 1672. It is included in the wages total given on p. 15, n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> In the absence of detailed accounts of the early voyages it is impossible to decide exactly what were the relations of the adventurers to the captains and crews, or of the latter to the trade—a point which caused considerable dispute and which appears frequently in these minutes (see Introduction, p. lvii et seq.).

of goods belonging to Capa. Robert Newland & Wm. White<sup>1</sup> which was delivered into the hands of Mr. Bailey in the Country for the Companyes use, in all Sixty five poundes three Shillinges to Mr. Rastel who is to bringe the same to Sr. John Robinson to whom certain differences between Mr. Wm. Heatley & the administr. of Capta. Newland are referred, & Sr. John Robinson is desired to take a full discharge from Capta. Ewins of all demands from the Company, & bond to Save them harmelesse from any claymes from the Seamen of the *Wivenho* for moneyes which Should have bin payd them before hir going Last to Sea.

That Mr. Dawson pay to Wm. White five poundes for his  $\frac{1}{4}$  of £20 for goods delivered into Mr. Baileys hands belonging to him & Capt. Newland & to Mary Hurst admx. of Humfry Hurst foure poundes foure Shillinges, for Soe much due to him, & to James Tatnum one pound five Shillinges due to him & twenty Shills. more as a gratuity in all two poundes five Shillinges.

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 68d.-69, April 6, 1672, William White, combmaker, was paid £5 for his quarter share of the cargo. Ibid., January 31, 1674, he received £25. 18s. 8d. on account of wages for service in Hudson Bay. A.14/2, fo. 76, February 9, 1677, William White was credited with £30 for "ten months wages from Appl. 9th 1676 to this day at £3 p. mo.", and ibid., February 21, 1677, he was credited with £35 as "a Reward for his good Service". Ibid., fo. 52, February 21, 1677, a combined amount of £50 (the reward, plus £15, the balance of his account) "by the Companyes pmission & order" was "put into the Generall Stock", and was held by White until March 21, 1678, when he transferred it to Captain Joseph Thompson (A.43/1, fo. 10d.). See p. 119, n. 1.

April 10,  
1672

*A generall Courte at Whitehall the 10th aprill  
1672 presente*

Lord Ashley  
Sr. John Griffith  
Sr. James Hayes

Mr. Young  
Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Portman

Ordred That the *Prince Rupert* bee forthwith fitted for this yeares expedition & another vessell of about hir burden to bee hyred by the moneth to goe & returne this yeare another Small vessell of about 25 tuns to goe alsoe & Stay in the Countrey to Serve for discovery & to coast from place to place in those partes. These three vessells to carry five & fourty men, & provisions for them besides the cargo & Stores, & it is referred to the Committee or any three of them to buy a Small vessell, & take care for hyreing a Ship by the moneth for the purposes abovementioned & for provideing the cargo & provisions necessary, & agreeing with the men who Shall goe the voyage; & to doe Such other things as in theyr discretion they Shall See good for the advantage of the Company.

That it bee referred to the Committee or any three of them to treat & make Sale of the beaver & such other goodes as belonge to the Company, for theyr best advantage; & that any one of the Company may bee presente at any time with the Committee & have theyr votes with them: & whereas it is necessary that Some one person bee apointed to bee answerable for what bargaines Shall bee made for goodes or provisions Shall bee bought or otherwise Sr. John Robinson the deputy governour is desired to undertake the Same, & for his indemnity therein the charge of the beaver & other goodes belonging to the Company is referred to his care: & alsoe the Sale & disposeall thereof is chiefly referred to his manangement, care & discretion:



*At a Committee of Hudsons bay adventurrs. fryday  
the 12th aprill 1672 present*

April 12,  
1672

Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. James Hayes

Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Bailey

Ordred That £52 : 14 : - bee payd to Capta. Guillam in full for money due to him to the 20th of february last accordeing to the reporte of Mr. Bailey Mr. Rastell & Mr. Heatley, & £20 : 3 : 6 to Mr. Gorst in full for moneyes due to him accordeing to the reporte of Mr. Bailey & Mr. Rastell, to whom the Sayd accountes were referred.

That Captain Guillam take care forthwith to cause the *Prince Rupert* to bee putt into a docke, & See that Shee bee fitted with all convenient Speed for this next intended voyage, & that hee & Mr. Bailey or eyther of them take care to finde out a vessell of 50 : 60 : or 70 tuns fitt for the Companyes Service to bee bought or hyred by the moneth to bee joyned to goe in company with the *Prince Rupert* in this present intended expedition, & give theyr reporte hereof to the next Committee.

It is now agreed between this Committee & Samuell Timberlake for the Ship *Employ*<sup>1</sup> of about 25 tuns burden, which is now by him Sould to the Committee for £130 : - to bee payd upon his giving a bill of Sale to the use of the Company, of the Sayd Ship with all hir tackleing & aparell, accordeing to the Inventory now produced, & it is now ordred that the Sayd £130 bee accordeingly payd to the Sayd Timberlake, wch. is to bee at the disposall of Sr. John Robinson untill the bill of Sale wch. is to bee made from the Sayd Timberlake & one Thomas Ball to the governor & Compa. of adventrs. trading to Hudsons bay bee Signed in Such manner & forme as Shall

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 128d.-129, May 1, 1672, "Mr. Samll. Timberlake & Compa." were paid cash for "the Barke called the *Employ* bought of them valued at £126". See pp. 37, 39.

bee to the likeing & Satisfaction of Sr. John Robinson as aforesayd; & upon the motion of the Sayd Timberlake that hee may go mate in the Sayd Ship in the Companyes Service the Same is by this Committee consented unto:

That Sr. James Hayes bee desired to endeavour the Exchange of *Wivenho* for Some other vessell fitt for the Companyes use.

Mr. Cole who was chiefe mate in the *Wivenho* & James Tatnum who went wth. Capta. guillam the first voyage in the *Nonsuch*, & afterwards in the *Wivenho*, & comanded the Shallop in the countrey, beeing recomended to the Comittee by Mr. Bailey & Capa. guillam, it is ordred that the Sayd Mr. Cole forthwith take charge of the Small Ship called the *Imploy* as master of hir, & take care with the advise of Capta. Guillam or Mr. Bailey to put hir into a docke to bee fitted for the voyage, & that hee & Capa. guillam make reporte to the next Comittee what the charge may amount unto in fitteing the Sayd Ship: & for Mr. Tatnum it is ordered that hee Shall bee employed in the best quality that the Comittee Shall hereafter thinke fitt & convenient for him:

That upon treaty with Mr. Dulivier<sup>1</sup> about Sale of the beaver the Comittee haveing Sett theyr price at 8/- p. lb. & hee takeing time to consider thereof, the Same is referred to the consideration of the next Comittee.

That Mr. Bailey & Capt. Guillam treat wth. Such persons as they thinke fitt for provisions needfull for the next voyage & make reporte thereof to the next Comittee.

That no persons hereafter bee employed to Stay in the Countrey or otherwise but by consente of the Comittee: nor any goods put aboard the Ships but with theyr knowledge & consente to the ende the Ships bee not hereafter pestered as they were the Last voyage.

<sup>1</sup>The precise identity of "Mr. Dulivier" is not clear. See p. 37, and p. 39, n. 1.

*At a Committee of Adventurers to Hudson's bay  
at the Tower the 17th of Aprill 1672 presente*

April 17,  
1672

The Earle of Craven

Lord Ashley	Sr. James Hayes
Sr. John Robinson	John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. Peter Colletton	Mr. Aldn. John Forth

Upon an humble motion lately made to his Royall Highnes by Some members of this Committee by direction & in the name of the Company that hee would be pleased to accept of a Share in this stocke & become an adventurer therein; his Royall Highnes haveing bin pleased to Signifie his acceptance thereof it is ordred that his Sayd Royall Highnes bee entred in the Companyes bookes as an Adventurer of one equall Share with them in this joint Stocke & that credit bee given him for three hundred poundes which is the just Summe that one equall Share amounteth unto as aforesayd, & the accountant is ordred to take notice hereof & enter the Same in the Companyes bookes accordeingly.<sup>1</sup>

It is the opinion of this Committee that the *Prince Rupert* & the *Impley* doe procede upon this voyage & no more Shippes <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The following is inserted on the last page of the Minutes Book, the wrong way up :

“ Tower, 17 aprill 1672

Sr. J. Robinson  
Sr. P. Colletton  
Sr. J. Hayes  
Mr. Aldn. Forth  
Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Bailey

Ordred

That his R. Highnes beeing pleased to accept of a Share of £300— Stock in this Company, it is ordred that credit bee given to his Sayd R. Highnes for the Same accordeingly.”

<sup>2</sup> But some time between this date and the sailing of the ships the Committee Members changed their minds, and the *Messenger* dogger (Captain Morris) also left for Hudson Bay.

with thirty men or two or three more & if they can conveniently Stow provisions for them the *Prince Rupert* to returne with 14 or 15 men this yeare if She can possibly, & Captain Guillam upon his returne to have a reward for his good Services accordeing to his merit the *Imploy* with the rest of the men to Stay in the Country:

That Mr. Bailey & Captain Guillam doe make an estimate of the quantity of provisions for 30 or 34 men for this voyage & of the vallue thereof & how & from whom it is fitt to have the Same furnisht & make report thereof forthwith to Sr. John Robinson who is desired by this Committee to take the care thereof, & the same is referred to his discretion.

That the £65 formerly ordred to bee payd to Mr. Rastell by Mr. Dawson for Captain Ewins bee forthwith payd to him for the uses following, vizt. £5 to bee payd to Mr. Cole for incident charges about the *Imploy*, & £25 to Mr. Grosselyer & Radison upon the Companyes account, & £4 to Mr. Colburn for a bill left unpayd at the fleece<sup>1</sup> & the rest hee Shall bee accountable for to the Company.

That Mr. Heatley deliver to Mr. Bailey lb. 30 of the beaver more, which is to bee charged to his debt with the Company accordeing to the vallue thereof.

<sup>1</sup> Possibly Hinton's Golden Fleece, in Cornhill (cf. p. 56, n. 1). There were several taverns in London at this time named The Fleece.

*At the Tower the 23 april 1672 present*April 23,  
1672Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. Edw. Hungerford <sup>1</sup>Sir James Hayes  
John Kirke Esqr.

Ordred That upon notice of the Sale of the whole parcell of beaver by Sr. John Robinson to Monsr. Dulivier <sup>2</sup> at 7/- p. lb. present money, & that the Sayd Sale was made by order & with the consent of Mr. Aldn. Forth Mr. Kirke Sr. John Griffith & Mr. Portman the same is now by this Comittee aproved & allowed of, & Mr. Heatley is ordred to deliver the Same this afternoon & Mr. Kirke Mr. Bailey & Mr. Rastell are desired to assist at the delivery thereof, the moneyes to be payd as Sr. John Robinson Shall apointe, to bee by him issued out from time to time as Shall bee needfull for the Companyes occasions.

In Stead of £130 formerly assigned upon Mr. Dawson to pay to Timberlacke which is unpayd, Monsr. Dulivier is now ordred to pay him £126 in full for the *Imploy*.

Mr. Bailey & Capt. Guillam are ordred forthwth. to give an estimate of the Cost of provisions & cargo for this voyage that So an estimate may bee made of the State of the whole account.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix G, p. 237.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 39, n. 1.

May 17,  
1672

*Tower 17 May 1672 At a Comittee presente*

Sr. John Robinson  
Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Portman

Ordred That enquiry bee made of the condition of the Cargo & where it lyes upon wh. it is reported that the old cargo is in the Storehouse all ready packt up, & the new cargo packt & Lyes ready in these followeing places, vizt.

500 hatchets at Mr. Teares at Tower hill  
500 more at Mr. Wilshire's<sup>1</sup> at Ratcliff crosse  
101 kettles at Mr. Hatons in the minories  
50 more at Mr. Phillip's his at Snowhill  
300 powder hornes at Luke's in the minories  
6 barrells powder } at Mr. Goslin's  
45 C. Shott }  
Seamens clothes at Mrs. Williamsons  
170 fowleing pieces in the Storehouse

That the gunsmith recomended by Wm. White Shall take care to view the guns to Morow, that they bee accordeing to the patternes or els to be returned, & yt. Mr. Gorst attende him accordeingly in order thereunto:

That Mr. Radison & Mr. Groselyer & Mr. Baileys accountes bee made up to See what is due to them.

That all persons to be employed Shall enter into articles or otherwise oblige themselves not to trade in beaver upon forfeiture of theyr goods & wages.

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 121d.-122, May 25, 1672, Christopher Wiltshire was paid £23. 12s. 6d. for 500 "Biskay hatchetts at 11d. each . . . & cleaning 85 hatchets at 2d. each".

That the moneyes due to the Seamen of the *Wivenho* or others according to the reportes of Mr. Bailey Mr. Heatley & Mr. Rastell be accordingely payd them forthwith :

That Captain Guillam & Mr. Cole bring a noate of the names of all the Seamen by them entertained & upon what tearmes & Mr. Gorst to give the names of men to Stay in the country: yt they may bee approved of by the Committee.

That whereas there was £65:03 formerly ordred to bee payd to Captain Ewins in full for money due to Captain Newland £5 is to bee abated thereof for moneyes advanced to him at his goinge to Sea for fresh provisions, wch. was not by him disbursd:

Memor.—Monsr. Dulivier hath payd to Sr. John Robinson upon account of the beaver £1000 & to Mr. Timberlake for the *Imploy* £126<sup>1</sup> & assigned now upon him to pay to Whitpayne £300 more upon account of beefe & porke.

Mr. Bailey & Capa. Guillam to give an account of the just cost

<sup>1</sup> See pp. 33 and 37. In A.14/1, fos. 71d.-72, the account is headed "Mr. Lewis & Joseph Deluvier", but is indexed as "Deluvier Joseph & Willm." The following details extracted from the account show how the transaction was settled.

Dr.		Cr.	
1672		1672	
April 30	To 8,000 lb. beaver at 7s. od. per lb.	May 1	By cash received
	£2,800. 0. 0.	" 17	By cash " recd. of them p. Richd. Whitpaine Butcher "
	To " a parcel of Otter and Moose Skins sold them "	" 25	By cash received
	10. 0. 0.	June 8	" " "
		" 22	" " "
		" 29	" " "
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	£2,810. 0. 0.		£1,126 300 409. 6. 0. 267. 14. 0. 207 £2,810. 0. 0.

On the last page of the Minutes Book—the wrong way up—the following is written, "pmo. June 1672 Ordred That Mr. Dulivier pay £884 to Mr. Wm. Heatley [the Company's accountant] in full for beaver Sould".

of all the provisions & the cargo yt an estimate may bee made of the State of the whole account & yt to bee done forthwith.

That Mr. Heatly & Mr. Gorst take care to Ship the goods upon munday morning next.

That Mr. Kirke & Mr. Rastell consider of instructions to bee drawn for all persons to bee employed.

Memor. the account of Mr. Grosselyer & Mr. Radison is Stated as followeth Viz.

due to them for beaver	£162 : 15
pd. them £90 & by Sr. J. Robinson £25	£115

Restes due      £47 : 15

wch. is now assigned them to receive of Monsr. Grosselyer.

Mem. the brandy onely is yet wanteing, which is promised to bee delivered by Mr. Dulivier & to bee received of him if it comes in time.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 71d.-72, June 10, 1672, "Mr. Lewis & Joseph Deluvier" were paid £109. 6s. 0d. for "Eight hundred thirty four Gallons of Brandy delivered for the Companyes use at £33 p. Tonn".



*Tower 21st may 1672 presente*

May 21,  
1672

Sr. John Robinson  
Mr. Kirke

Ordred That a perfecte factorye bee forthwith made of all the goods to be Shipt this voyage both of the old & new cargo, with the cost or just vallue thereof, & alsoe an Inventory to bee made of all the provisions & Stores belonging to the Ships & an account of the charge Setteing them to Sea.

That Mr. Gorst Speake to Mr. Goslin to provide two barrells of powder & 5 C. Shott more then the former quantity for cargo.

That Mr. Rastell & Mr. Heatley make up Mr. Baileys account to bee adjusted at the next Committee.

That there bee payd to Thomas Luke £3 : 1 for 300 powder hornes, & to Tho. Teare £22 : 14 for 500 hatchets,<sup>1</sup> & to Ro. Haton for 150 kettles<sup>2</sup> 15 : 2 : 23 : at 15*d.* p. lb. £110 : 7 : - accordeing to theyr Severall Bills.

That Mr. Pelling the Apothecary bee Spoken to about the Chirurgeons chest; hee haveing overrated the thinges to bee provided at least one third pte.

That there bee payd to Mr. Romulus<sup>3</sup> the Chirurgeon to Stay

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 129d.-130, May 21, 1672, Thomas Teare was paid £22. 14*s.* *od.* for "Five hundred hatchetts . . . at 11*d.* a peece & several other things". The error in calculation occurs in the ledger.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, May 21, 1672, Mr. Thomas Hatton was paid £110. 7*s.* *od.* for 150 brass kettles "wt. 15 C. 2 qr. 23 lb. at 15*d.* ye pound . . . & charges".

<sup>3</sup> A.14/1, fo. 101, surgeon of the *Nonsuch* in 1668. *Ibid.*, fos. 79d.-80, his account under the heading "Peter Romulus ye French Chirurgion" was opened on February 8, 1668. In the course of her researches on Groseilliers and Radisson Dr. Grace Lee Nute has been able to identify this man as Pierre Romieux, dit Romulus, a native of Three Rivers.

in the Countrey tenn poundes to bee deducted out of the first wages due to him:

Mr. Palmer offeringe himselfe now to Serve the Company & to Stay in the Countrey is accordeingly to his request entertayned to go & to bee Seconde to Mr. Bailey in the countrey, at Such wages as Shall thereafter bee agreed upon.

Shipt by Sr. John Robinson one Thomas Wilkinson Gunsmith who reportes that hee cann stocke & locke Gunns & make all manner of edge tooles & other househould worke and doeth promise to doe the same & serve the Company at forty shillings p. month.

*A gennerall Courte at Whitehall the 28th of  
November 1672 presente*

November  
28, 1672

the Duke of Albermarle<sup>1</sup>  
Earle of Craven  
Sr. John Robinson

Sr. Georg Cartrett  
John Kirke Esqr.  
Mr. Hawkins<sup>2</sup>

Ordred for the year ensuing his Highnesse Prince Rupert to bee governour, & Sr. John Robinson deputy governour, Sr. Robert Viner, Sr. John Griffith, Sr. James Hayes John Kirke Esqr. Francis Millington Esqr. Mr. Richard Hawkins & Mr. John Portman or any three of them to bee a Comittee whereof the governour or deputy governour to bee alwayes one for mannageing affayres for the Company of Adventurers tradeing to Hudson's bay for this year followeing to whom or any three of them the same is accordeingly referred.

<sup>1</sup> Christopher Monk, second Duke of Albemarle. See Appendix G, p. 239.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Hawkins. See pp. 57, 105, and Appendix C, pp. 166-7.

N.S.  
February  
17, 1673

*At a Committee held at ye Tower of London ye 17th  
of February 1672/3 Present*

	Sr. John Robinson	
Sr. John Griffith		John Kirke Esq.
Sr. James Hayes		Mr. Hawkins

Ordered that every member of this Company shall advance and pay into ye genll. Stocke the Summe of 50 lb. for every 300 lb. Subscripcon, and after ye same rate for every greater and Lesser Summe, for and towards ye paymt. of ye debts of ye Sd. Company, To be repayd out of ye first money that shall Come In by reason of ye Trade of ye sd. Company Or to be added to the sayd Stocke at ye Election of Such psons. as shall advance ye same, To be declared upon ye advance of ye sayd money. The sayd money to be payd into ye hands of Sr. John Robinson Deputy govrr. for ye purpose aforesd.

Ordered that Mr. Lindsey<sup>1</sup> of Lumbard Street London goldsmith be recd. into this Company as a member thereof he having this day payd to Sr. John Robinson 300 lb. for his Adventure in ye Joint Stocke.

Ordered that Such other persons as desyre to be recd. into ye sayd Company shall by the allowances of Sr. John Robinson be Recd. Theyre Subscripcions of not exceeding in ye whole the Summe of 1500 : lb. nor any Single psons. Subscripcon being lesse then three hundred pounds.

Ordered that Mr. Lindseys 300 lb. and such other money as shall be payd In in pursuance of the Orders now agreed & Established shall Remyne in the hands of Sr. John Robinson,

<sup>1</sup> See pp. 67 and 103. A.14/1, fos. 62d.-63, February 17, 1673, John Lindsay acquired £300 stock. He was treasurer in 1674-76. A.43/1, fo. 12, June 14, 1678, he assigned his holding of £300 to Henry Cornish of London.

untill the Summe of 800 lb. bee compleated and that then the Sayd Sr. John doth Summon a Comittee of the Company to direct and appoint the disposall thereof.

Ordered that Sr. John Robinson doe pay unto Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer wyfe of Mr. John Palmer who is now Employed by the Company at Hudsons Bay and is designed to remayne for some time in ye Countrey, the Summe of Twenty pounds in pt. of his Sallary.

July 16,  
1673

*At a gennerall Courte of the Adventurers trading  
to Hudson's bay at My Lord Chancellors house<sup>1</sup>  
this 16th July 1673 presente*

My Lord Chancellour  
Earle of Craven  
Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. Paul Neale

Mr. Aldn. John Forth  
Mr. Young  
Mr. John Portman  
Mr. Richard Hawkins

Ordred That all assignmts. that Shall bee made in this Stocke by any adventurer to any other person either among themselves or otherwise the Same Shall bee Signed by Such Adventurer who Shall Soe assigne the same under his handes in a booke<sup>2</sup> that Shall be provided for that purpose and Such assignement shalbee a good title in Law against any other assignement whatsoever that shall not bee so entred: & there is now produced an assignment made by Mr. Aldn. John Forth to the Right Honable. the Earle of Shafsbury Lord high Chancellor of England of the Summe of three hundred poundes Stocke belonging to the Said John Forth Esqr. in this Stocke; with all proffitts wch. shall arise of the same therefore it is ordred that the Sayd Summe of three hundred poundes Stocke Shall bee assigned over from the credit of the Sayd John Forth Esqr. to the credit & Stocke of the Right honorable. my Lord high Chancellour of England, in the publick booke belonging to this Company; memor. Mr. Aldn. Forth's assignmt is delivered to mee T.R.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lord Ashley, created Baron Cooper of Pawlett and Earl of Shaftesbury on April 23, 1672, was appointed Lord Chancellor of England on November 17, 1672. For several years he lived at Exeter House, which occupied the sites of the present Burleigh and Exeter Streets. The house fronted the north side of the Strand and was disposed of for demolition in July, 1676.

<sup>2</sup> This "Booke of Assignments." is the first in the A.43 series and covers the period July 16, 1673, to September 3, 1690. Except for the years 1779-96 inclusive, this particular series remains unbroken until 1863.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Rastell.

That it bee referred to the Committee to take care for procureing money by way of loane on the best tearmes they can for payeing the debts, & to cause £2000 to bee insured for Security thereof.

October 9,  
1673

*Att A Committee held at the Tower ye 9th October*  
1673 *Present*

Sr. John Robinson  
Sr. John Griffith

Francis Millington Esqr.  
Richd. Hawkins

Upon advise that ye Dogger Capt. Morris<sup>1</sup> is arrived at Plymouth and ye *Prince Rupert* Capt. Gillam is arrived at Portsmouth, It is ordered that neither of the said Comandrs. doe stirr from ye Said ports without Convoe<sup>2</sup> or further order from the Comittee, and they were wrott unto accordingly.

Ordered That Mrs. Baylie have Soe much money as will make up ye money, Shee has already had Fifty pounds in parte of her husbands Salary.

14 October (73)

Recd. then of the honble. Sr. John Robinson Knt. & Barrt. Lieuft. of his Mats. Tower of Lond. the Sume of two and twenty pounds eight shil- lings upon the Accompt of my husband Mr. Charles Bayly I say recd.	} £ s. d. 22 - 8 - 0
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by me de Bailly

14 Oct. (73)

Recd. then of the honble. Sr. Jno. Robinson Knt. & Barrt. Lieuft. of the Tower ye Sume of tenn pounds for the use of my Master William heatly I say recd.	} £ s. d. 10 - 0 - 0
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p. me James Peers

<sup>1</sup> Captain Robert Morris. See Appendix D, pp. 190-1, for his ledger account, and Introduction, p. lv, for a description of a dogger.

<sup>2</sup> The third Dutch War (1672-74) was in progress. It was brought to an end by the Treaty of Westminster, February 14, 1674.



*At a Committee held at the Tower the 23th of  
October 1673 Present*

October 23,  
1673

	Sr. John Robinson Dept. Govr.
Sr. John Griffith	John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. Robert Viner	Mr. Richd. Hawkins

It is ordered that ye *Rupert* arriveing at Portsmouth that Capt. Gillam doe not stirr from thence wth. the Shipp without Convoe<sup>1</sup> or further order from the Committee but that Mr. Raddison take ye first opportunity of comeing up to London and that Capt. Gillam supply him with foure or five pounds for his charges.

<sup>1</sup>The Committee eventually decided to unload the ships at their ports of arrival (see p. 50). The war with the United Netherlands, entailed by the Treaty of Dover, was still making the English Channel unsafe, since the Dutch had vindicated their sea power in the naval battles of Sole Bay and the Texel. England made a separate peace with the Netherlands at the Treaty of Westminster in 1674.

October 30,  
1673

*At a Committee held at Esqr. Kirkes house<sup>1</sup> the 30th  
of October 1673. Present*

Sr. John Robinson Dept. Governr.	Sr. James Hayes John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. John Griffith	William Prittiman <sup>2</sup>
Sr. Robert Viner	Esqr.

It being informed by Sr. John Robinson that his Highnesse Prince Rupert the Lord Chancellor Earle of Craven Sr. Geo. Carterett Sr. Edward Hungerford Sr. Paule Neale Aldn. John Foorthe Aldn. Dannett Foorthe<sup>3</sup> & Mr. William Prittiman have advise that ye Ship *Prince Rupert* now at Portsmouth & the *Messenger Dogger* now at Plymouth both wch. Ships are lately come from Hudsons Bay doe unloade in ye ports where now they are.

It is therefore now ordered accordingly, And that Mr. Millington bee desired to give direction to some person or persons in the Said ports to take care to see the said Ships unloaden that nothing bee done to the prejudice of the Company And that the said Mr. Millington bee alsoe desired to appoynte some trusty person to enter ye Goods at ye Custome house and to pay the Customes of the same wch. shall bee repaid here by Sr. John Robinson Treasurer and that ye Pson. soe imploy'd by Mr. Millington at Portsmouth doe take care to Send up the Goods from thence by land Carriage and to agree for ye Carriage which shall bee paid here consigneing the Goods to Sr. John Robinson and Sr. Robert Viner, And further Mr. Millington is desired to order ye person whom hee shall imploye to see the said Goods landed and entred, that the said

<sup>1</sup> In his will, dated June 12, 1685, Kirke described himself as of the parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, Middlesex.

<sup>2</sup> William Pretzman. See Appendix G, p. 243.

<sup>3</sup> Dannett Foorthe. See Appendix G, p. 225.

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person makes search throughout ye Ship for private Trade that may bee hid under ye fathom wood or Ballast or anywhere else in the Shipp.

Delivered ye Invoyce of Capt. Gillams Ship to Mr. Millington.

November  
10, 1673

*a Committee at Mr. Walkers<sup>1</sup> the 10th November  
1673 presente*

	Sr. John Robinson
Sr. John Griffith	John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Richd. Hawkins

Ordred That Mr. Palmer bee ordred upon Landeing the goods out of the *Messenger* Dogger, to take an Inventory of the provisions & Stores from Captain Morris & also an account of what is due for wages to the Seamen & imediately thereupon repayre hither by post wh. all expedition.

That a letter be written to Captain Morris that hee Sende an account of what wages is due, & also an Inventory of what provisions & Stores are remayneing; the Seamen to be discharged of further pay upon the landeing of the goods, & to bee paid of here & £40 to bee ordred him for Suplyeing the charges home of Such Seamen as Shall wante it & to bee accountable for the Same: if upon receipt hereof a convoy presentes for London, then Sayle directly home & not discharge the men there els the men to bee discharged there as aforesaid & take the oportunity of the next first Convoy home & hyre men therefor the Voyage:

The same order to Capta. Guillam.

This day Sevensight 10 a clock in the morneing to bee a gennerall Courte at the Robes in Whitehall for election of a governour & Committee.

<sup>1</sup> Presumably "Mr. Walkers in the Strande" (cf. p. 60 and Introduction, pp. xlii-iii), the house of William Walker, goldsmith, of London. A.14/1, fos. 57d.-58, May 5, 1670, he purchased £100 stock. By July 22, 1674, he held £200.