

Sr. John Robinson is desired to pay to Mr. Radison tenn poundes upon acct.

That Mr. Radison bring in an account of wt. goods may bee needfull to be provided for the next yeare.

November  
17, 1673

*A Gennerall Courte of the Adventurers to Hudson's  
bay at the Prince's Lodgeing's in Whitehall the  
17 November 1673 presente*

his Highnesse Prince Rupert	
Earle of Shaftsbury	John Kirke Esqr.
Earle of Craven	John Forth Esqr.
Sr. George Cartrett	Dannet Forth Esqr.
Sr. John Robinson	Mr. Young
Sr. Paul Neale	Mr. Hawkins
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker

Ordred, That the names of all the Adventurers in this Company & theyr Severall Stockes respectively bee putt in printe,<sup>1</sup> & a copie thereof Sent to each member, against the next gennerall Courte, which is ordred to bee upon this day Sevensnight at tenn of the clocke in the morneing at the Prince's Lodgeings in Whitehall, & that every hundred poundes Stocke Shall have one Vote<sup>2</sup> in the choice of governour deputy governour & Committee from yeare to yeare yearly, which votes they may if they please Sende in to the gennerall Courte, that is to say such members as cannot then bee presente which Shall bee deemed & accounted as good & valid as if they were presente<sup>3</sup> and it is further ordred that none Shall bee chosen of the Committee who hath not at the

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. xxxiii and n. 4.

<sup>2</sup> See Introduction, p. xxxvi, and Appendix A, p. 145.

<sup>3</sup> A.1/2, fos. 1-2d., On November 28, 1679, at a General Court, the earliest surviving set of bye-laws was recorded under the title "Rules and Orders for the better Regulateing and Governing of the Company". Part of No. 1 read: "But any Member of the Company who cannot be present at the Gennerall Court shall if he please send his Suffrages to the Court which shall be received and allowed of as if he himselfe were present."

least two hundred poundes Stocke;<sup>1</sup> & that three of the Committee Shall be interchangeably varied every yeare :

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., fo. 1d., No. 4, "Every Adventurer shall vote at all Generall Courts according to the Adventure he hath in the Generall stock of the Company that is to say for every £100 he shall have one Vote but no person shall be Capable of being chosen of the Committee who hath not £200 Adventure in the Generall Stock."

November  
20, 1673

*A Committee of Adventurers to Hudson's bay at the  
Fleece<sup>1</sup> in Cornehill the 20th of November 1673  
presente*

Sr. John Robinson	Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edward Hungerford	John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. John Griffith	Mr. Hawkins

Ordred That upon readeing Severall letters from Plimouth relating to the beaver Landed there out of the *Messinger Dogger*, Mr. Rastell bee desired to attende Mr. Millington who is requested to give Such answer thereunto as in his discretion he Shall thinke fitt; & that if the beaver Landed there bee not reshipt, it bee ordred to remayne there untill further order bee taken therein :

That upon producing an account of moneyes due for Seamen's wages, belonging to the two Shippes now arived, & to Severall tradesmen for goodes Suplyed the former voyage, & an estimate made of what moneyes are necessary to bee rayseed amounteing to about three thousand five hundred poundes, it bee proposed to the next gennerrall Courte to finde Such expediente as may be conveniente in order thereunto: & alsoe to apointe a fitt treasurer for that Service of the Company:

<sup>1</sup> G. C. Wilkinson (ed.), *Trade Tokens Issued in the Seventeenth Century in England, Wales and Ireland, by Corporations, Merchants, Tradesmen, etc. A New and Revised Edition of William Boyne's Work* (London, 1889), I, 573, "Will Hinton at ye Golden fleece on Corne hill 1666."

*At a gennerall Courte of the Adventurers to Hudsons  
bay Munday the 24th day of this November 1673  
at the Prince's Lodging's in Whitehall*

November  
24, 1673

Presente the greatest parte of all the Adventurers.

Ordred By the major parte of the votes then produced after the proportion of one vote for each hundred poundes adventure, accordeing to an order of this Courte dated the 17th day of this instant november, That for mannageing the affayres of this Company for the yeare ensueing the followeing persons are now chosen vitzt.

his Highnesse Prince Rupert Governour		
The Right Honable. Earle of Shaftsbury Deputy governour		
Sr. George Carterett	Francis Millington Esqr.	} the Comittee
Sr. John Robinson	Dannet Forth Esqr.	
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Richard Hawkins	
John Kirke Esqr.		

To whom the Same is accordeingly referred; & that every thursday at three of the clocke afternoone is apointed for the Comittee to meete in pursuance thereof, at Mr. Hawkins his house in Birchin Lane<sup>1</sup> London each member of the Company to have notice thereof, & that Mr. Hawkins bee made Treasurer for the Company for this yeare ensueing.

<sup>1</sup> Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, I, 186, Birchin Lane "was a great mart for ready-made clothes as early as the end of the 16th century".

November  
27, 1673

*At a Committee at Mr. Hawkins his the 27th  
november 1673 presente*

Earle of Shaftsbury

Sr. James Hayes	Dannett Forth Esqr.
John Kirke Esqr.	Mr. Hawkins
Francis Millington Esqr.	Mr. Young

Ordred

That a liste of the names of all the adventurers bee presented to the next gennerall Courte in order to the confirmeing of them at which time the Earle of Shaftsbury will bee pleased to assigne over to his Sonne my Lord Ashley<sup>1</sup> two votes which is two hundred poundes Stocke parte of his adventure in this Stocke.

That Mr. Rastell Speake to Mr. Crispe for to bee husbunde for the Company if hee accepte thereof; or else to Some other person for the same purpose & give reporte thereof to the next Comittee :

That Mr. Kirke & Mr. Hawkins with the assistance of Mr. Palmer See to take the particular weight of the beaver Landed & housed & give reporte thereof to the next Comittee.

That Mr. Kirke & Mr. Hawkins examine the instructions given to the Severall Comanders & others, & how they have bin observed, & with the helpe of Mr. Palmer State the account of the Seamen's wages in order to their being paid.

That Mr. Raddison attende Mr. Millington forthwith with a patterne of biscay hatchetts to bee provided for this Company, Such as are usually Sent from thence for France to Serve the indians in & about Canada, & that Mr. Millington

<sup>1</sup> Anthony Ashley Cooper who succeeded his father in 1683 as the second Earl of Shaftesbury. See p. 67.

bee desired to give order for two thousand hatchetts to bee brought from Biscay by the first oportunity, & that Mr. Kirke bee desired to treat for provideing Such french goodes as may be necessary, & give reporte thereof to the Committee.

That Captain Morris putt the powder belonging to the *Messinger* ashoare forthwith into Mr. Goslin's<sup>1</sup> handes & take his receipt for the Same to the use of this Company.

That an account bee prepared by Mr. Rastell & Mr. Heatley of the whole Stocke by way of creditt, & by way of debt how it hath bin disposed of, in as cleare a way as can bee for giving Satisfaction to the Comittee,<sup>2</sup> which Shall bee audited by Mr. Aldn. Forth & Mr. Hawkins, who are to reporte the Same to the Comittee.

<sup>1</sup> A. 14/1, fos. 111d.-112, John Goslin's account shows that he first supplied the Company with gunpowder in May, 1669.

<sup>2</sup> The only accounts surviving from this period are those in the Grand Ledger (A. 14/1). There is no trace of this statement of the financial position as at November 27, 1673.

December  
4, 1673

*Thursday the 4th december 1673 at Mr. Hawkins  
house presente*

the Earle of Shaftsbury	Dannett Forth Esqr.
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Hawkins
John Kirke Esqr.	Mr. Prettiman

It is now Ordred that there Shall bee a husband appointed for manninge the affayres of the Company & that Mr. Crispe, Captain Sheers, Captain Proud,<sup>1</sup> & Mr. Holmes who hath bin formerly Servant to Sr. John Fredrick bee treated with, & Such one of them as Mr. Aldn. Forth & Mr. Hawkins Shall approve of bee employed for that purpose; who Shall thereupon forthwith take care for Landeing & houseing the Stores belonging to the *Messinger Dogger*, & keepe an account thereof:

Mr. Kirke & Mr. Hawkins reporte accordeing to an order of this Comittee of the 27th of november Last that they haveing taken the weight of the beaver brought home in the *Prince Rupert*, the Same produced of coate beaver lb. 5408: & of Skins lb. 1529: in the whole lb. 6937: which is lb. 367 more then the weight in the countrey which is accordeingly approved:

That Sr. John Griffith & Aldn. Dannett Forth bee added to Mr. Kirke & Mr. Hawkins for examineing the instructions given to the Comanders & others this Last voyage outwards, & how they have bin observed, & for Stateing the account of the seamens wages in order to their beeing paid, & to make reporte thereof to the Comittee, & that Munday next at three a clocke afternoon bee appointed for them to meete at Mr. Walkers in the Strande for that purpose, where Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Presumably the Captain John Proud who is frequently referred to in the *Calendars of State Papers, Domestic, Charles II*, circa 1665, as surveying ships for the Navy Commissioners.



Palmer is to attende them, & my Lord Shaftsbury declareth that hee will bee pleased to bee there presente alsoe :

That Mr. Rastell make enquiry among the mchants. if hee can finde any Biscay hatchets to bee bought to the ende that by the Samples of them Such hatchets may bee provided here as may bee most agreable to the minde of the Indians: & that Mr. Millington gett patternes forthwith from Biscay of three Severall Seizes, Vizt. of lb.  $1\frac{1}{4}$ : lb.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ : & of lb. 2 a piece :

That Mr. Hawkins doe accept & pay one bill of exchange of £77 : 1 : 7 : drawn from Portsmouth for charges of beaver there, & one other bill of £25 drawn from Plimouth by Mr. Palmer, & charge the same to the debt of this Company, & that he alsoe pay £20 to Mr. Radison :

That this day Sevensight this Comittee will consider of giveing Order for disposing of the beaver at Plimouth.

December  
8, 1673

*At a Committee at Mr. Walkers munday the 8th  
of december 1673, presente*

the Earle of Shaftsbury

Sr. George Cartrett	John Kirke Esqr.
Sr. John Robinson	Aldn. Dannett Forth
Sr. John Griffith	Mr. Hawkins
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Prettiman

Ordred That Aldn. Forth Mr. Millington Mr. Kirke Mr. Hawkins & Mr. Prettiman or any three of them take all accountes from Mr. Palmer & audit & state the same accordeing to all the articles relateing thereunto, & make reporte thereof to the Committee.

That Mr. Holmes bee employed as Husband for the Company, & take care of the Stores & other things belonging to both the Shippes now come home, & give account thereof to the Comittee.

That Mr. Rastell & Mr. Heatley State an account of all the provisions putt aboard the three Shippes at theyr Last goeing to Sea deducteing therefrom Such quantiytes of provisions as have bin left in the Countrey whereby an estimate may bee made thereof, & Sr. John Robinson is desired to moove Captain Proud to consider thereof & to give his judgment therein.

*At a Committee at Mr. Hawkin's the 11th of  
december 1673 presente*

December  
11, 1673

Earle of Shaftsbury

Earle of Craven  
Sr. James Hayes  
Mr. Kirke

Mr. Millington  
Mr. Hawkins  
Aldn. Dannet Forth

Ordred, That Mr. Jeffs bee proposed to the Committee for the  
Companyes Service Soe farre as hee Shall bee found capable;

The Said Mr. Jeffs is now apointed to Looke after the Ship  
*Prince Rupert* & repaire forthwith aboard the Said ship & that  
hee attende the Committee upon this day Seven night.

That for the future two of the Comittee Shall bee apointed to  
examine & State all accountes of what money is or Shall bee  
oweing by the Company to tradesmen or others, & all Such  
bills Shall bee Signed under theyr handes.

That it bee proposed to the next gennerall Courte for Sendeing  
a Ship to Buss Island,<sup>1</sup> & getteing a Pattent for the same, if  
it Shall then bee thought fitt.

<sup>1</sup> This island, supposed to be somewhere in latitude 57° north, was alleged to have been discovered by the *Emmanuel*, a buss (i.e. a small strongly built, two-masted Dutch fishing-boat, generally of from fifty to sixty tons burden) of Bridgewater, one of the vessels belonging to Sir Martin Frobisher's third expedition (1578). Although it maintained its position on marine charts for nearly three centuries, the island's existence was doubted by the middle of the eighteenth century, when it seems generally to have been concluded that it had become submerged, so that it began to be called and marked on charts as "the Sunken Land of Buss". Amongst the manuscript collection of the Toronto Public Libraries there is an item entitled "Inquiry as to existence of Busse Island" in which the unknown author, writing shortly after 1769, attempts to prove the existence of the island and concludes that the Hudson's Bay Company kept its location secret so as to retain the trade monopoly. For an almost

That Captain Guillam give his advise in writeing to the next Comittee, what course hee judgeth may bee best to bee taken for the future for Sendeing a Ship into the bay to returne the Same yeare, & what place may bee best for a ship to touch at to deliver her outward cargo, & provisions for the factorye & to receive Such beaver & other goods as may bee ready to bee putt aboard & brought home.

That Mr. Hawkins accept & pay a bill of exchange of £27 : 5 : 10 : drawn from Portsmouth for charges of the beaver there, & charge it to the Companies account, & to Sr. James Hayes £4 : 1- for charges obtayneing a gold chayne & meddall for Mr. Raddison.

exhaustive study on the subject see C. C. A. Gosch (ed.), *Danish Arctic Expeditions, 1605 to 1620* (London, The Hakluyt Society, 1897), I, 164-202, Appendix B, "On 'Buss Island'," by Miller Christy. A revised version of this study has been published in pamphlet form under the title: *On "Busse Island", one of the Lost Islands of the Atlantic* (London, Printed for the Author, 1897), pp. 1-42. See also *The Beaver*, December, 1942, pp. 43-7, A. M. Johnson, "The Mythical Land of Buss".

*Thursday the 18th decemb. 1673 at Mr. Hawkin's  
presente*

December  
18, 1673

	Earle of Shaftsbury
Earle of Craven	Mr. Hawkins
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Prettiman
Mr. Kirke	Aldn. Forth

Ordred, That there bee a gennerall Courte on munday morneing next at 10 of the clocke at the Princes Lodgeings in Whitehall, his Highnes to have notice of it, that a roome may bee ready for the purpose :

That Captain Morris give his advise in writinge what course he judgeth may bee best to bee taken for the future for Sendeing a ship into the bay, to returne the same yeare, & what place may bee best for a Ship to touch at to deliver hir outward cargo & provisions for the factorye, & to receive Such beaver & other goods as Shall bee ready to bee putt aboard & brought home : as it was ordred at the Last Committee that Captain Guillam Should doe & that [each] of them give account thereof Severally in writinge to the next gennerall Courte on Munday next, & then alsoe bringe in an estimate of what provisions may bee needfull for 20 men for 16 mo. pease excepted, & what tunnadge the Same may take up.

That Sr. James Hayes, Mr. Kirke, Mr. Aldn. Dannet Forth & Mr. Hawkins or any two of them doe attende my Lord

Shaftsbury to prepare Such an oath<sup>1</sup> as they Shall finde agreable to the Charter, for to bee administred to every member of the Company against the next gennerall Courte.

A Comittee to bee on munday next in the afternoon at Mr. Hawkin's, & that George Hunter,<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Cooke, Francis Tubby,<sup>2</sup> & John Cole<sup>2</sup> have notice to attende; Mr. Holmes alsoe to gett a hoyman to attende for whom Hunter brought home two Letters.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A, p. 136. A.1/2, fo. 1d., November 28, 1679, "Rules and Orders", "Every Member of the Company before hee shall be Free of the Company or have libertie to be present at the Meetings of the Comittee shall take an Oath to the Company according to the form agreed on and herein expressed. I A.B. doe sweare to be good and true to our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King & Queenes Matie. yt. now are his heires and successors, and that I will be faithfull to the Governour and Company of Adventurers of England trading to Hudsons Bay; in the Mannagement of their Trade, the secretts of the said Company which shall be given me in charge to conceale, I will not disclose; and dureing the present joynt stock of the said Company, I will not trade to any of the Limitts of the Company's Charter, without leave of the said Company first had and obtained So help me God." See pp. 67, 75 and 76.

<sup>2</sup> A.14/1, fo. 154d., seamen.

*At a gennerall Courte at Whitehall at Prince  
Rupert's Lodgeinges Munday Morneing the 22th  
of December 1673 presente*

December  
22, 1673

his Highnes Prince Rupert  
Earle of Shaftsbury  
Earle of Craven  
Mr. Vice Chamberlain<sup>1</sup>  
Sr. Paul Neale

Sr. James Hayes  
Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Prettiman  
Mr. Hawkins  
Mr. Young

Ordred, That my Lord Ashley bee admitted an Adventurer in & member of this Company, & hee have credit given him in the Companye's bookes for £200 : Stocke assigned over to him from the Earle of Shaftsburyes Stocke.

That his Royall Highnesse, his Highnesse Prince Rupert, the Earle of Arlington & Mr. Vice Chamberlain bee desired to Moove his Majtie. for a pattente<sup>2</sup> for Buss Islande.

That the Committee prepare an oath to bee administred to all the members of the Company & others relating to theyr Service,<sup>3</sup> accordeing as the Charter Shall directe.

That it bee referred to the Committee to examine the bookes & the Charter by what authority Mr. Linsey<sup>4</sup> was admitted into the Company, whereupon the Company will determine

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Carteret, who was appointed Vice-Chamberlain of the Household in 1660.

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix B, pp. 151-3, for the Buss Island Charter, and Appendix C, p. 171, for the cost of obtaining this patent. See also p. 215.

<sup>3</sup> The earliest surviving form of oath for the Company's servants, as revised by Sir Christopher Wren about 1680, is dated May 21, 1691, and is in A.6/2, p. 49. See pp. 75, 76.

<sup>4</sup> See pp. 44 and 103.

the Same, & that Mr. Cooke,<sup>1</sup> Mr. William Dashwood,<sup>2</sup> the Lady Drax,<sup>3</sup> Mr. Charles Bailey, Alderman John Forth, Alderman Dannett Forth, Mr. James forster, Mr. Marke Hildesley,<sup>4</sup> Mr. Richard Hawkins Mr. Nehemiah Walker; & Mr. Wm. Young, who payd theyr Severall Stockes unto the Companyes treasurer Long since, bee admitted as members of this Company for their Severall Stockes respectively.

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 58d.-59, June 1, 1670, Stephen Cooke acquired £50 stock. A.43/1, fo. 59d., September 5, 1687, "Whereas Stephen Cooke late of London Furrier deceased at the time of his decease had of right belonging to him the Sume of Fifty pounds Stock in the Generall Stock belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company, And by his Last Will and Testamt. did give and bequeath, the one halfe part of all his estate unto Benjamin Cooke Marriner, Now Wee Francis Roberts of Upper Shadwell in the County of Middx. Watterman and Ann my wife, late the wife and Administratrix of the Goods and Chattles rights and creditts of her said late husband Benjamin Cooke deceased, Doe and each of us doth hereby assigne unto Nicholas Hayward of London Notary publick, Twenty and Five pounds Stock. . . ."

<sup>2</sup> A.14/1, fos. 59d.-60, June 18, 1670, he acquired £150 stock and transferred it to Sir James Hayes in 1674.

<sup>3</sup> Lady Margaret Drax, See Appendix G, pp. 224-5.

<sup>4</sup> A. 14/1, fos. 61d.-62, and A.43/1, fo. 35 et seq., Mark Hildsly of Lincoln's Inn acquired £300 stock on November 28, 1670. He held varying amounts until January 14, 1687, when he disposed of his last £50 worth. He was the son and heir of Mark Hildsly of London, and was admitted to Lincoln's Inn on December 30, 1648.



*a Committee at Mr. Hawkins'es munday the 22th  
of december 1673 at three a clocke after noone,  
presente*

December  
22, 1673

the Earle of Shaftsbury

Lord Ashly

Mr. Kirke

Sr. James Hayes

Aldan. Dannett Forth

Mr. Millington

Mr. Hawkins

Ordred, That Mr. Shepheard<sup>1</sup> forthwith give an estimate to the Committee or one of them, of what Ship & of what burthen, & what number of men & the charges & wages which may grow due for the Same, & what other thinges may bee necessary for a Voyadge & for discovery & fisheing at Buss Islande, at the cheapest rate it can bee computed :

That Mr. Hawkins pay to Mr. Shepheard £5 upon account & place it to the Companyes debt.

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Shepard, formerly employed by the Company, and just returned from a voyage in which he claimed to have sighted the island. See Appendixes D and G, pp. 190-3 and 251-2. There is no copy of his estimate.

N.S.  
January 1,  
1674

*A Committee the pmo. January 1673 presente*

Earle of Shaftsbury  
Lord Ashley  
Sr. James Hayes

Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Prettiman  
Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Cornish & Mr. Langworth propose to give 8/- p. lb. for all the Companyes beaver, conditionally that the parcell at Plimouth bee of equall goodnesse with this parcell here, with a reasonable allowance for what Shall bee found damaged by Salt Water, but this proposall is not accepted :

My Lord Shaftsbury produceth a letter from Mr. Phillip Lannyon<sup>1</sup> of Plimouth concerneing information about private trade from Mr. Delamor Arundell & Mr. Ephraim Ellis there, which is referred to further consideration :

Sr. James Hayes reportes from Ireland beere to bee had there at 40/- p. tunn & beefe at 1½ d. p. lb. or under.

Ordred That Sr. John Robinson Mr. Kirke, Aldn. Forth & Mr. Hawkins or any two of them doe examine the accountes of all tradesmen's billes oweing to them from the company & Mr. Holmes to bee assisteing therein, which is to bee reported to the next Comittee.

That Captain Morris & Captain Guillam attende the Comittee this day Sevensnight with theyr resolutions as to theyr discovery of private trade.

<sup>1</sup> Philip Lanyon was one of the Prize Commissioners at Plymouth in 1666 (*Cal. S.P., Dom., Charles II, 1665-66, p. 338*).

*A Committee the 15th January 1673 presente*

Earle of Shaftsbury  
Sr. James Hayes

Mr. Kirke  
Mr. Hawkins

N.S.  
January 15,  
1674

Ordred That a bill bee prepared & exhibited in Chancery<sup>1</sup> in the name of this Company against Captain Guillam Captain Morris & the rest of the Seamen & others employed in this Last voyage for discoverye of private trade.

<sup>1</sup>There is no record in the Company's archives that this decision to prosecute private traders in Chancery was proceeded with. Under war conditions it has not been possible to consult the Chancery Files in the Public Record Office, but presumably the costs of the suit would appear in the ledger if the case had been prosecuted. The decision marks the clearest attitude of the Committee (probably under Shaftesbury's influence) on this important subject.

N.S.  
January 22,  
1674

22th January 1673

Earle Shaftsbury

&

Sr. James Hayes

Mr. Kirke

Mr. Millington

Mr. Hawkins

} presente

Aldn. Dannett Forth

Ordred That all those who are in the Companies Service abroad in the Countrey have twelve monthes pay payd them, or to theyr assignes, abateing out of it the two monthes advance money formerly paid them, & what hath bin Since paid, which Mr. Hawkins is hereby ordred to pay upon certificate from Mr. Rastell under his hande of what is due to them, except Mrs. Tatnam whose money is to bee given to Mr. Holmes the Companies husband, to bee payd to hir upon hir delivereing to him 34 beaver Skins in hir handes for the Companies use, & hir letter from hir husband about private trade.<sup>1</sup>

That Mr. Hawkins pay £20 to Mr. Raddison to bee charged to his debt upon account.

<sup>1</sup> This letter cannot now be found: the Company's action in withholding pay until its conditions had been observed, and especially until a private letter had been handed over, seems open to question despite the presence of Shaftesbury in the chair. The question of the letter seems to have been dropped, cf. p. 75.

*At a Committee Saturday the 24th of January  
1673 presente*

N.S.  
January 24,  
1674

Earle of Shaftsbury

Mr. Vice Chamberlain	Aldn. Forth
Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Millington
Mr. Kirke	Mr. Hawkins

Upon Notice of a Sale made to Mr. glover of all the beaver of the Companyes now last come home accordeing to a Contract now produced, the same is accordeingly confirmed.<sup>1</sup>

Ordred that Mr. Kirke Aldn. Forth & Mr. Hawkins bee desired to See the beaver weighed & delivered to Mr. Glover upon tuesday next.

Mr. Dickinson's<sup>2</sup> wages is ordred to bee Stated & payd.

The Committee adjournes to thursday next at three a Clocke at Mr. Walkers in the Strande at which time Mr. Palmer Mr. White Wakefield,<sup>2</sup> Cole, & Vvall<sup>2</sup> are to give their attendance.

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 69d.-70, January 31, 1674, "To Beaver sold him [Thomas Glover] out of the *Prince Rupert* Frigat at 7s. 6d. p. pound 7044 lb. net" £2641. 10s. od. Ibid., May 31, 1674, "To Beaver sold him out of the *Messenger* Dogger containing 7064 lb. net at 7s. 6d. p. pound", £2649. Ibid., October, 1674, "By Cash allowed for dammage upon ye *Messengers* Beaver", £149. 10s. od. See p. 105.

<sup>2</sup> A.14/1, fo. 154d., Henry Dickinson, Thomas Wakefield and Nathaniel Vvall or Viall, seamen.

N.S.  
January 29,  
1674

*At Mr. Walker's 29 Janua. 1673 presente*

Earle of Shaftsbury

Sr. George Cartrett	Mr. Kirke
Sr. John Robinson	Mr. Hawkins
Sr. John Griffith	Mr. Prettiman

Ordred That Mr. Lydall<sup>1</sup> being proposed by Sr. John Griffith to goe Governour for Hudson's bay, who hath made many Voyages to & from Russia & Lived many yeares therein that Countrey, Mr. Rastell make enquiry of his fitnessse for the employmt. & make reporte thereof to the Committee.

Mr. Thomas Copley of Yorkshire alsoe recomended by Sr. James Hayes for the Said employment formerly apprentice with Mr. Aldn. Ward.

Mr. Manneing recomendes his Sonne who hath formerly Served the Company, to goe again this voyage in the Companies Service.

Mr. Draper<sup>2</sup> Late boatswaine of the *Wivenhoe* is proposed by Mr. Hawkins for the comande of one of the Shippes this next voyage.

<sup>1</sup> See pp. 97 and 114. A.14/1, fos. 138d.-139, Captain William Lydall was credited with £133. 6s. 8d. for "Sixteen months wages as Governor of Hudsons bay from June 7th 1674 to Octobr. 8th 1675 at 100 £ p. annum". State Papers Domestic, Charles II, 373/174, Public Record Office, Morgan Lodge to Sir Joseph Williamson, Principal Secretary of State, Deal, September 24, 1675, "This Day cam in the *Shasbury* pink From hudsons baye in the norwest, Capt. Shapard Commander, it seems thay carryed A new Governour [William Lydall] for that new culleny: but he finding that affaires thare, did not pleas him: he is returned Home Againe & Left the old governor [Charles Bayly] thare."

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Draper, who, in spite of his appointment to the command of one of the Company's ships (see p. 81), did not go to Hudson Bay in 1674. Captains Gillam and Shepard had command of the *Prince Rupert* and *Shaftsbury* respectively, see Introduction, p. lxii, and pp. 113, 114.

Ordred that a copie of the Charter bee delivered to Mr. Rastell, accordinge to the direction whereof hee is to prepare an oath to bee administred to the members of the Company & to theyr Servantes,<sup>1</sup> & alsoe an affidavit to bee drawn up to bee Sworne to by Such as Shall bee deemed needfull.

Mrs. Tatnam is ordred to bee payd to hir 6 mo. wages upon hir delivereing to Mr. Holmes for the Companies use 34 Skins, wch. Shee confesses to bee in hir handes.

Mr. Dickinson to bee payd his wages abateing £3 oweing by him to Hunter with the interest of it.

Wm. White to bee payd his wages at £1 : 15 p. month with the usuall abatements.

Mr. Bond & } in the Countrey to be paid 12 mo. wages wth.  
Mr. Moore <sup>2</sup> } usuall deductions.

Solomon's Soles wife to have 6 mo. pay cleare paid to hir.

Laurence Keeble to bee paid 40/- for paynes used about the beaver.

Sr. John Robinson Mr. Kirke, Aldn. Forth, & Mr. Hawkins doe apointe munday morneing next<sup>3</sup> at 8 a clocke to meete at Mr. Hawkins his house to examin the account of the tradesmens bills, notice to bee given, & Mr. Rastell Mr. Heatley & Mr. Holmes to attende them.

<sup>1</sup> See pp. 66, n. 1, and 67, n. 3.

<sup>2</sup> A.14/1, fo. 154d., Thomas Moore, seaman.

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

N.S.  
February 5,  
1674

*At the Excise office the 5th February 1673*  
*Present*

	Earle of Shaftsbury
Sr. James Hayes	Aldn. Dannett Foorthe
Aldn. John Foorthe	Mr. Richard Hawkins

Ordered that Mr. Draper attend the Comittee this day Seavenight in order to bee imployed as Comander of one of the Companies shippes to Hudsons bay.

That Mr. Raddison and Mr. Palmer take the oath now proposed<sup>1</sup> before one of the Masters in Chancery.

That Obediah Coates bee paid forty shillings in parte of payment for his taking care of the Shipp *Prince Rupert*.

<sup>1</sup>The earliest recorded oath is that found in the "Rules and Orders" of 1679 (cf. p. 66, n. 1). The oath administered to Radisson and Palmer was probably the same, especially as far as concerned the phrase "I will not trade to any of the Limitts of the Company's Charter, without leave of the said Company first had and obtained".



*At the Excise office ye 16th Febr. 1673*  
*Present*

N.S.  
 February  
 16, 1674

Sr. James Hayes  
 John Kirke Esq.

Aldn. Dannett Foorthe  
 Mr. Richard Hawkins

Ordered that Nathall. Vyolls wages bee stated and paid deducting 10 lb. for 20 beaver skinns and the remainder to bee remitted being 15 skinns more according to his oath.

That Mathew Trims<sup>1</sup> wages bee paid and the 19 skins confest by his oath bee charged to Solomon Saules account and the rest remitted.

John Cole to bee paid his wages deducting 8 lb. for 16 skinns and the rest remitted except the 30 skinns confest in his Oath on Capt. Morris his account wch. is to bee placed to his acct. accordingly.

William Rascoe, Henry Kerby,<sup>2</sup> John Stewarde,<sup>2</sup> John Hawkins,<sup>2</sup> James Dowell,<sup>2</sup> & Cuthberd Winter,<sup>2</sup> bee all paid there wages without any abatements and the bundle confest by Cuthberd Winter bee charged to James Tatnams account.

In case that William White doe not testifie against Charles Reeves that hee bee paid his wages without any abatement.

Upon the Examination of the Tradesmens accots, these persons following were ordered to bee paid

To Samll. Mann Grocer £67:14s. to Mr. Easte Oyleman  
 £49 to Mr. Byles Mealman £90 to Mr. Wiltshire  
 Ironmonger £59 to Mr. Bartlett Baker £62, to

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fo. 154d., seaman.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., seamen.

Mrs. Kempthorne Tallowchandler £17:09s. to Mr. Raymond Brewer £79 to John Pelling apothecary £17 to Mr. Neale Cheesmunger £40 to Mr. Gorum Cooper £77 to Mr. Goffe & ptner. Fishmungers £27 to Henry Manchester shoemaker £8 to Thomas Thompson Oaremaker £7:08s. to Mary Newman woodmunger £10:16s.<sup>1</sup> to James Sellers cumpassmaker<sup>2</sup> £07:14s. to Capt. Boulton plumber £24 to Lazarus Weedon

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., fos. 95-152, passim, April-June, 1672, Samll. Mann, "By severall pcells. of Suger Fruit & Spice", £67. 14s. od.; John East, "By severall quantities of Salt, Oyle & other things dd. on board ye *Prince Rupert, Messenger and Employ*", £49; Thomas Byles, "By a quantity of Flower, Peas and Oatmeale dd. Capt. Gillam", £90; Christopher Wiltshire, "By Ironmongers ware dd. on board ye *Prince Rupert, Messenger and Employ*", £59; Joseph Bartlett, "By a quantity of fine bisqt. at 12s. 6d. p. C. & Course at 10s. p. C. dd. on board the *Messenger Dogger and Employ Barke & Harbor bread dd. on board the said Vessells & ye Prince Rupert*", £62; Mrs. Rebecca Kempthorne, "By Candles dd. on board the *Prince Rupert Messenger & Employ*", £17. 9s. od.; John Raymond, "By Severall quantities of Ship Beere at 40s. p. Tonn Strong beere at 12s. 9d. a barrrell & Harbor beere at 6s. 6d. p. barrrell with Malt & Hopps dd. Capt. Gillam, Morris, and Cole", £79; John Pelling, "By a quantity of medicines &ca. dd. for ye use of ye Factory", £17; Edward Neile, "By severall pcells. of butter and Cheese dd. on board the *Prince Rupert, Messenger and Employ the Butter at 25s. a firkin & ye Cheshire Cheese at 28s. a C.*", £40; Francis Goram, "By Caske dd. & worke done on board the *Prince Rupert Messenger and Employ*", £77; Thomas Goffe and Partner, "By severall quantities of Haberdine at £3. 5s. p. C. Red Herrings at 22s. p. barrrell & poor Jack at 24s. p. C. . . . dd. on board the *Prince Rupert, Messenger and Employ*", £27, see p. 115, n. 1; Henry Manchester, "By Severall pump Leathers boxes & Scuppers dd. Capt. Gillam, Capt. Morris and Capt. Cole for ye use of the *Prince Rupert Messenger & Employ*", £8; Thomas Thompson, "By severall Oares dd. for ye use of the Boates belonging to the *Prince Rupert, Messenger and Employ*", £7. 8s. od.; and Mary Newman, "By 12000 of Billet wood dd. Capt. Gillam and Capt. Cole", £10. 16s. od.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., fo. 100, May 31, 1672, the account for £7. 14s. od. for "Compasses glasses and other things dd. on board the *Prince Rupert, Messenger & Employ*" is in the name of John Sellers. John Seller, hydrographer to the King, had a shop in Exchange Alley, near the Royal Exchange, for the sale of maps, charts etc., and was also settled at the Hermitage in Wapping for many years. He compiled and published a folio volume of charts and sailing directions circa 1675 under the title of *The English Pilot*. His publications were also on sale at John Seller, junior's, shop at the sign of the Star in Cheapside.

for coales £05:03s. to Thomas Alford Joyner<sup>1</sup>  
 £24:10s. and to William Joyce salemaker<sup>2</sup> £22 in all  
 £694<sup>u</sup> 14<sup>u</sup> 00.

<sup>1</sup> A.14/1, fos. 104.-110, passim, May-June, 1672, Mr. Richard Boulton, "By severall quantites of Lead in sheet, weights & other things dd. on board the *Prince Rupert Messenger and Employ*", £24; Lazarus Weedon, "By Coles dd. on board the *Prince Rupert and Messenger*", £5. 3s. 0d.; and Thomas Alford, "By deales dd. & Joyners worke done on board the *Prince Rupert Messenger and Employ*", £24. 10s. 0d.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, fos. 90d.-91, May 17, 1673, and February 23, 1674, Joyce was paid £30 and £22 respectively for "severall pcells. of Canvase & Sailes dd. on board the *Prince Rupert Messenger and Employ Barke*" in May, 1672.

N.S.  
February  
19, 1674

*At Exeter house<sup>1</sup> the 19th of february 1673  
presente*

Earle of Shaftsbury  
Sr. James Hayes

Aldn. Dannett Forth  
Mr. Hawkins

It is ordred, that what was agreed upon on munday Last the 16th instant, entred next before this order is hereby confirmed.

That Sr. James Hayes bee added to the Comittee for Stateing the gennerall accountes, & that they proceede to Settle all trademens accountes, & Captain Guillam's & other Seamen's accountes, & give order for payment to them accordeingly.

That Sr. James Hayes Aldn. Dannett Forth, Mr. Kirke & Mr. Hawkins or any three of them doe prepare an account of what goods may bee needfull for the next voyadge, as well for the Shippes as factorye, With an estimate thereof, & reporte the Same to the next comittee.

That there bee tenn poundes payd to Capta. Shepheard which Mr. Hawkins is to pay upon the Companyes account to bee charged to his debtt.

That a gennerall Courte bee ordred upon tuesday next & that Mr. Rastell attende my Lord Shaftsbury in order thereunto.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 46, n. 1.