

the 13th of April next, from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until Six in the Evening, for the Election of Six Directors of the said Company for Four Years.

And that the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered on the 23d of said Month.

William Ramsay, Secretary.

East India House, March 2, 1796.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street on Tuesday the 8th Instant, from Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till Six in the Evening, for the Determination, by Ballot, of the following Question, viz. "That this Court do agree with the Court of Directors in such Parts of their Resolutions and Reports as regard the Freight for the current Year, and the permanent Peace Freight during the Existence of the present Fleet; but as it is admitted on all Hands that our present Fleet cannot be exceeded either in its complete Equipments, or the Skill and Gallantry of our Officers and Commanders, they are of Opinion that it would not be consistent with sound Policy to adopt a System entirely new, which would gradually produce a complete Change in the Management and Conduct of our Naval Affairs, and which may eventually affect the Security of our Foreign Possessions and Commerce."

William Ramsay, Secretary.

East India House March 4, 1796.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice to the Military Officers belonging to the said Company's Establishments in India, who are now at Home with Leave of Absence, and who are entitled to receive their Pay, under the late Army Arrangements, from the 1st of January, 1795, that the Regulations under which they are to draw such Pay, may be inspected by applying at the Secretary's Office.

William Ramsay, Secretary.

East India House, March 4, 1796.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That at the Quarterly General Court to be holden on the 23d Instant, the By-Laws of the Company will be taken into Consideration, particularly the present By-Laws relating to Shipping, which it will be proposed so repeal, and to ordain new By-Laws upon that Subject.

The Court of Directors do also give Notice, that further Papers relative to Shipping will be printed and ready to be delivered to the Proprietors on Tuesday next.

William Ramsay, Secretary.

East India House, March 4, 1796.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That they have agreed, with the Consent of the Right Honorable the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, to discharge in England the Bonds granted by the Governor and Council of Madras to the

Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore, in Liquidation of the Debts of the said Rajah, together with the Interest thereon, pursuant to the Option stated in such Bonds.

And all Persons in Possession of Bonds of the above Description are desired to bring them to the Secretary, in order that the proper Certificate may be written upon them.

The Court further give Notice, that no Interest will be allowed on any Instalment of the said Bonds after such Instalment shall become payable.

William Ramsay, Secretary.

East-India-House, March 4, 1796.

At a Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, held the 4th of March, 1796,

The following DECLARATION, on the Part of the Court, was agreed to and signed, viz.

THE Court of Directors, deeply impressed with the Importance of the Question submitted to the Consideration of the General Court on Wednesday the 2d Instant, respecting the Shipping Concerns of the Company, feel it incumbent upon them to state to the Proprietors and the Public at large, that the Question to be ballotted for on Tuesday the 8th of March instant is an amended one, brought forward on Behalf of the Owners of the Shipping, and that it directly tends to preserve the old System, and entirely to do away the Reports of the Court of Directors upon that important Business. It seems necessary to apprise the Proprietors, that Amendments thus brought forward, and supported in the General Court by Persons immediately interested in the Question, can tend only to delay and to prevent the main Question from being openly and fairly decided. The Court of Directors annexed the original Question and the amended one for the Information of the Proprietors, and they trust that they will see the Necessity of supporting their Executive Body by voting against the Question, thereby confirming and approving the Sentiments they have already expressed upon the late Ballot taken upon another amended Question.

Lionel Darell
James Irwin
William Denny
Tho. Theophilus Metcalfe
Simon Frazer
Charles Mills
Paul Le Mesurier
Robert Thornton
Charles Grant

Step. Lushington, Chairman
Dew. Scott, Dep. Chairman
John Manship
Hugh Inglis
George Smith
George Tatem
Arch. Montgomerie Campbell
Abraham Roberts
Thomas Parry.

The following is the original Motion made the 2d Instant:

"That this Court do agree with the Court of Directors in the Sentiments expressed by them in their first Report respecting the Shipping Concerns of the Company, and do confirm the same and the several Resolutions of the Committee of Shipping and Court of Directors therein referred to and annexed to the said Report."

The Undermentioned is the Amendment to be put by Ballot:

"That this Court do agree with the Court of Directors in such Parts of their Resolutions and Reports