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Letters from William Digges Latouche to the Court of Directors

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About this record

A copy of a letter from William Digges Latouche, Resident at Bussora [Basra], to the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies [East India Company], dated 15 June 1781. Subjects covered include:

• Arrangements for the passage of various East India Company employees from Bussora towards India and related movements of ships in the Gulf

• The activities of the Basha [Sulaymān Pāshā Āl Kabīr, Governor of Baghdad], including his order of gallivat ships from Bombay [Mumbai] and reinforcement of Bussora

• News of the capture of Dutch colonies in the Caribbean, which Latouche has forwarded to Bombay

- News from Bombay regarding English ships
- Intelligence from Madras [Chennai] regarding the movement of French ships and the conflict [Second Anglo-Mysore War, 1780-1784] with Heyder Ally [Haydar 'Alī, Ruler of Mysore].

A duplicate of the same letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/12.

Attached to the letter is part of another letter from Latouche to the Court of Directors dated 27 June 1781. It covers:

• Intelligence from the Coromandel coast concerning French movements and the conflict with Heyder Ally

• The movements of ships.

The remainder of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/15. The full letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/20.

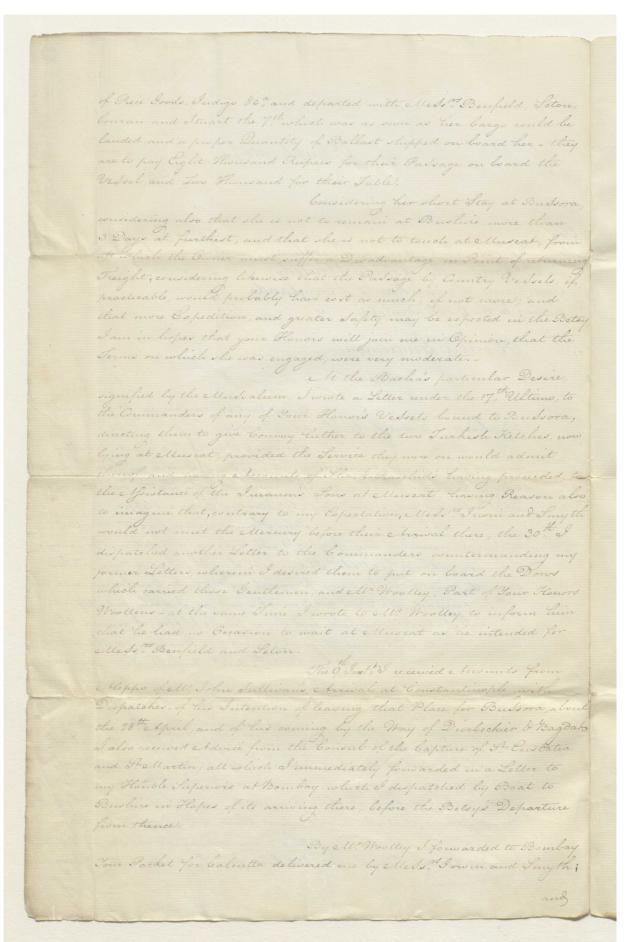
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for & Affairs of the Homble Uniteds Company of ellerchants of Englands trading to the Gast Indies, Honble Gentlemen Duplicate was dated the 1 hand 14 the May. The same Day M" James Woo lley and delivered me your Orders in his and company elle Woolley from a fleppo. my of your Vederles being directed in the vame Manner authore by elless, I win and Smyth, I gave him, at to the same purport as to those Gentlemen Request, a Letter 17 the proceeded in a Dow to ellewcah - but as I daily expected trival of elleds "Benfield and Selon from & Hepps, I desvied the Commander to wait some Days at Muscat, or Bushice for them. Orders regarding thom dated likewise the 30 the november ... these Gentlemen to elluscat but receiving et doice of the et vival their procuring a bonney ance from elluscat, the 27th I dispatche Letter to the Resident at their Request to desire that he would her up in order that she might afford them a Padsage to India ?. Two Days afterwards the Betery Captain Morris arrived from Surat; but last from Bushire, with a 6

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and by elleds " Benfield and Seton, bopies thereof, together with Bacha, and of his being very solicitous for their being se bourse of the year - I mentioned to them also, the of the 1. Tebuary - that the French Squadron of 6 Ships too which had appeared off Madras were to Heyder Ally though he should desire it - the Benfield and Seton to the Houble Committee & Secress



Letters from William Digges Latouche to the Court of Directors [2v] (4/4)

Bussora William Diggie Latouche last address of the 15th Austant, I have the Pleasure Torest who left England the 1. "hovember, around at e tryingo the wat boote who had defeated him in several Akinnished a ly her more authentice fitte foregoing Intelligence for is to Letters from elluseat of the 20 Ellay no English Veder had arrived from India, but Dutch Ship had brought thitter from Batavia about 3000 Camster

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