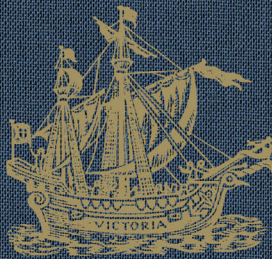


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January 1.—I delivered these bills to Mr. Osterwick this day, viz.:—

1 bill Kyng Firandos, Figen a Came, for	-	3000	<i>tuis.</i>
1 bill Unagenses, for $\frac{1}{2}$ barill gunpolder	-	0010	0 : 0
1 bill Unagenses, for 8 pec. dutts 8 R. <i>corg.</i>			
sould for 1 <i>tay</i> pec., is	- - - -	0008	0 : 0
1 bill Kitskin Donos, for money lent hym	-	0020	0 : 0
1 bill of Guarian Ushenusque Dono, mony lent	- - - - -	0020	0 : 0
1 bill of Gueenchque or Tonomon Same, kinges brother	- - - - -	0050	0 : 0
1 bill ditto Tonomon Same, for 8 pec. red zelas	- - - - -	0008	0 : 0

And I gave hym my writing for my boy Tushma, called Bicho, bought of Jno. Japon.

We had much adoe with the mareners of our junk about carrying passingers along with them, and som of the officers of junk came ashore, but I sent them back per kinges order.

And about midnight I went aboard the junk to Cochy my selfe, and carid 20 loves bread, a veneson pastie, a peece roasting beefe, and a bottell Spanish wyne; and in the way met an offecer of the junk, called Tiquan, and caryed hym back againe. Mr. Eaton had much ado aboard, before I came, and turned 9 passingers ashore whom he fownd hid in mareners cabbins.

Capt. Adames rec. 900 *tais* plate bars in parte of payment for his junk.

And I had these newyears giftes following geven me:—

A barill *morofack* from Capt. Adames.

A *maky* contor from Mr. Ric. Wickham.

A compas for variation from Mr. Wedmore.

A band and a nightcap from Jno. Cook.

A peece black taffety from Capt. China.

And I gave these newyears giftes following, viz.:—

To Capt. Adames a nest of 5 *maky* beakers.

To Mr. Wickham a *wakadash* and knife geven me per Safian Dono or Chubio Dono.

To Mr. Wedmor 2 *maky* beakers.

To Jno. Cook a pere silk stockinges, ash culler.

January 2.—Oure junk *Sea Adventure* put to sea this mornynge betyme from Cochy.

I rec. the writing of my boy Lawrance from Mr. Eaton. He cost me 20 *tais* Japon plate.

I delivered one hundred *tais* plate bars to Mr. Nealson, proceed of thinges of his sould per Ric. King at Miaco. And ther was a bar plate, containing 4*ta.* 3*m.* 3*co.*, geven to the botswains wife of our junk which is gon to Syam, per a generall consent, she coming to se her husband.

January 3.—The ould man of Langasaque being desirous to retorne, although he were sick, Mr. Osterwick paid hym 1½ *tais* plate for his payns coming from Langasaque, buying and setteinge the 8 trees.

And we rec. of the *Tono* of Firando one thousand *taies* plate bars in parte payment of his bill of 3000 *tais*, and 1000 *tais* more was paid before in rise and money and tymber. So now restes 1000 *tais* to be paid upon that bill. This 1000 *tais* Mr. Osterwick received, and paid it instantly to Andrea Dittis, China Capt., yt being lent to hym and his brother Whaw gratis for a yeare, without intrest, to be employd about procuring trade into China.

Grobby Dono ment to play the villen, and thought to have brought me in danger for sale of 30 *pico* silk unto hym, having made a falce writing, as Capt. Adames, Mr. Wickham, our *jurebasso*, and others can witnesse; and procured Takamon Dono (our enymie) to bring the matter in question, he being cheefe justice in the kingdom of Firando. And so he sent 3 men unto me in the name of Groby Dono to demand performance of sale of 30 *picull* of silk. But I took such a course that my bad writing proved good, and served hym as he served me, yet nothing but the truth.

The King of Firando sent unto me to make an end of the processe I have with Cazanseque, scrivano of Giquans junk, which Mr. Sayer cam in from Syam.

January 4.—I began a plito (or processe) this day against Cazanseque, the scrivano of Giquans junk, and Goresano, our quandom *jurebasso*, the coppie wherof, in Japons, I keepe in my hand, and sent the princepall to King of Firando per Mr. Sayer and Jno. *jurebasso*.

We cleared yisterday with King Firando for his bill of 3000 *tais*, wherof he paid 1000 *tais* in money, 1000 in tymber and rise, and this day gave me a bill for the other 1000 *tais* to be paid within 3 monthes.

January 5.—I wrot a letter to Capt. Whaw to Langasaque how I had paid the 1000 *taies* to his brother, Andrea Dittis, tuching our busynes (or entrance) into China, and that my selfe and what else was in my power, was at his comand. Also that I hoped our shipp would be ready to departe towardses Bantam within few dayes, and was ready to serve hym in what I could, and ment to com to vizet hym at Langasaque within few daies, being very sory for the death of his yong sonne, etc.

January 6.—Semi Dono made a new junk, and the mareners danced about towne with 3 whores in their company at Semi Donos apointment, I not having seene the lyke till now.

January 7.—Capt. Adames being at supper at our howse, and going hom, met Toncha Samas wife going hom, and on of her slaves strock the lanterne out of Capt. Adames mans hand.

January 8.—I went and advised Oyen Dono how Capt. Adams was abuced yesternight, I being an eye wittnes. He tould me I was best to enforme Torasemon Dono of the matter, and Semi Dono, yf I thought best, whoe would take order the fello should be punished.

Niquan came from Langasaque to accord with Capt. Adames to goe pilot for Cochinchina.

January 9.—I wrot a letter to Capt. Adames expreesse, at request of China Capt., to will hym to goe with the Chinas rather then the Japons, in respect the Honorable Comp. adventure with Ed. Sayer goeth in her, and they offer to geve hym more then any other.

The Hollandes shipp, called the *Galleas*, put to sea from Cochy 4 daies past, hearing that the Amacau shipp was falne downe and thought to seale away before they were aware.

January 10.—We had news this day that the Amacou shipp put to sea 4 daies past and of purpose to fight with the Holland *Gallias*, but I am of opinion, yf they meete, that the Amacau ship will goe for Bantam or Molucos.

January 11.—News came from Langasaque that the Amacau ship put back to Langasaque per meanes of contrary wyndes, but sowne after put out to sea againe.

January 12.—I rec. a letter from Capt. Adames, dated in Langasaque 2 daies past, in answer of myne sent hym per expres the 9th currant, and that he meaneth to retorne to Firando within 2 or 3 daies, and end with the Chinas.

The fownders, or mynt men, came againe to melt plate this day.

This day newes came that the Amacau ship is returned to Facunda, 3 leagues from Langasaque, and have sent a

pinisse (or barke) to Goto, to look out for Hollandes shipp, being afeard to put to sea, yf she be out.

January 13.—We had much adowe in fending and provinge betwixt the chirurgion of th' *Adviz* and Ric. Wedmor, the master his mate, the chirurgion saying that Wedmor had broken open his chist and taken out 2 bottell of oyle or medsonable stuffe; but the other denid it. Yet there was witnes he took them out, but put them in againe. The truth is, the chirurgion is a fowle mouthed fello and on that is two much geven to drinking; and, on the other syid, Wedmor is a pivish overwyneing fello.

Going about to melt plate in *somo*, we found it would stand us in about 23 per cento losse in Japon plate bars. So we gave it over, and melted but 500 *tais* in *fibuk* or first melting, to send to Bantam for a triall. In which plate we lost $14\frac{1}{2}$ in som, $15\frac{1}{2}$ in other, and in som more.

January 14.—The Hollanders broght the junk ashore which they took from the Chinas and will trym her on a sudden (as they say) to send for Cochinchina.

Capt. Adames retorned from Langasaque, haveing byn 4 daies on the way per meanes fowle wether and contrary windes. He sayeth the pilot of the Amacou shipp tould hym they had sight of the Hollandes shipp, which made them to retorne back into Langasaque roade for feare she would have set upon her.

The China Capt. desyrd to have our *fro* heated for hym and other Chinas; which was donne.

January 15.—Taffy Dono sent us 2 pine trees to set at our dore on the new years day of Japon, being *Shonyuach*, which begyneth on Sattarday next, being the 17th currant.

January 16.—Mr. Neelson in his fustion fumes did beate Co Jno., our *jurebasso*, about the head with his shewes in the streete, because he came not to hym at his first calle, and yet had a *jurebasso* of his owne as good a linguist as he. This man still seeketh quarrells against all men, which is no

small trowble and greefe unto me, I having much adoe to please all and yet cannot.

I gave a bar plate containing *2ta. 9m. 0co.* to the *maky* man in respect he gave me a banketing box.

We gave Taffi Dono a present of $1\frac{1}{2}$ *tatt.* black bayes and 2 *tatta* fustion, and the oyleman $1\frac{1}{2}$ *tatt.* blak bayes: they being our money changers.

January 17 (Shonguach 1).—I sent the China Capt. a present of a *keremon*, a bottell Spanish wyne, and a banketing box Portingall fartes¹, diet bread, and other sweet meates; and to Niquan the China, his kynsman, a *keremon*; and to Matingas father a *kerremon*; and to the women 3 boxes of Portingall fartes, etc.; and to China Capt. doughter a *keremon*, she coming to vizet me and brought a peece damaske.

And many Chinas came to vizet me in a troope together, wishing me a good new yeare. And Tonomon Sama, the kinges brother, passing by, sent his man in his behalfe to wish me a good new yeare, exskewsing his not entring, he being going to his mother.

January 18.—Ther was presentes sent as followeth, viz.:—To the king or *tono* 2 *barsos* wyne and 2 fyshes; to Tonomon Sama, his brother, the lyke; to Bongo Sama, his uncle, the lyke; to Sangero Sama 2 barilles wyne and 1 fysh; to Semy Dono, the lyke; to Oyen Dono, the lyke; to Taccamon Dono, the lyke; to Sugeon Dono, the lyke; to his father, the lyke; to Torazemon Dono, the lyke.

And I went and viseted Capt. Adames and his host and carid hym and thother a bottell Spanish wine and a banketing box sweet meates, with 2 little bottells *morofack*.

January 19.—We gave the mint man a *tattamy* and a halfe of bayes for a present, and paid him for melting plate, viz.: for *fibuk*, or once melted, 5 *mas* per c. *tais*; for bars twice melted, one per cento; they to find coles and

¹ *Farte*, a tart.

we lead; as the Hollanders did the like; and yf we melt plate *somo*, to pay $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cento.

The oyle man, our money changer, brought a present of 10 bundelles money paper and a baskit of mustard seed. And the founders brought a bundell Japon writing paper containing 5 quire. We sent a present of 2 *barsos* wyne and fyshes to Unagense Dono, and Sugien Donos father came to English howse and brought a present of *muchos*, wyne, and fysh to me, and the like to Mr. Wickham.

January 20.—Oyen Dono came to vizet me and brought me 5 fans for a present, wishing us a good new yeare.

And after dyner Torazemon Dono sent me word that Capt. Speck ment to vizet the kyng to wish hym a good new yeare, and gave me counsell to doe the lyke, this day being held a happie day, and taken in kynd parte by them which were vizeted. So I went and carid a jar of conservs, not to goe emptie handed. And sowne after came Capt. Speck with a cheane of gould about his neck, being accompanid with Capt. Barkhout, Mr. Albartus, and Leonard. And I had Mr. Nealson and Mr. Osterwick with me. And I think there were above 1000 Japons at same tyme to vizet the king. I thought at first they would have called in Capt. Speck before me, which yf they had, I would have retorned home without seeing the king. But in the end I was called in and my present of 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 fyshes, and jar conservs present, for which the king gave me thankes with many complementall wordes that he held my visetation that day in much esteem, and so drank to me and to the rest. And, at our going out, Capt. Speck entred, his present being a barrill wyne and fysh, with a long table or present bord, filled with trenchars, *gocos*, and tobacco boxes, China *maky* ware.

The China Capt. sent to borrow a jar conserves of me, which I sent unto hym; and his littell doughter came and brought me a present of 2 *maky* standing cups and covers,

her father being present. The kinges brother, Bongo Same, Semi Dono, and Torazemon Dono thanked me for the presentes sent them; but Unagense saw me, not speaking to me.

Also Yasimon Dono and the smith came to vizet me, and brought each on a bundell paper and a fan; as divers neighbors brought fans, *nifon cantange*.

January 21.—We sent presentes this day:—To Gonoske Dono, 2 *barsos* wyne and fysh; and to Nobeske Dono the like. The scholmaster brought a basket oranges for present.

News came from Langasaque how the Amacau shipp riding at an ancor at Faconde, a league from thence, som caffros or slaves of the Spaniardes or Portugezes went ashore in the night and stole a cow, having kilde her; but, before they could get her into their boate, the owner pursued them with other cuntrey people and laid hould on them. But the Spaniardes or Portingalles came to sucker them, and soe they fell from wordes to blowes, the Portingall etc. killing 2 or 3 Japons. Whereupon the King of Umbra sent downe soldiers to take the offenders and would have forced the shipp, except they had deliverd the princepall offenders into his handes, which he caused to be cut in peeces, so many of them as they had kild of Japons.

January 22.—I wrot a letter to Capt. Whaw per Niquan, and sent him 2000 *tais* plate bars to melt into plate *somo* per Emperours *rendadors*.

Unagense Dono sent me a present of 2 littell *barsos* wyne, 2 fyshes, a phasant cock, 2 Japon cakes or *muchos*, and certen rootes. And 2 Chinas brought a present of sweetmeates, called by the Japons *ye by god*, made of barley flower, suger, and other matters.

January 23.—The herb woman brought a small *barso* wyne and 1 string cuttelfish for a present.

January 24.—I rec. a letter from Jor. Durois, dated in

Langasague, 1th February, new stile, wherin he advised me that a Laskero, or More, which was a slave in the Amacan shipp, had stolne a beefe ashore at Faconda, the which coming to the capt. eares, and that there was a man slaine about it, he caused the Lascaro to be carid ashore, and hanged. This he sayeth was the brute which hapened at Facondo, of which I took notis before.

I made up the *maky* ware for my Lady Smith this day, for her contor rec. in the *Adviz*, rated at 40 mark str., is 106 : 6 : 7 : and packed it up in 5 parcelles in chistes, viz. :

				<i>ta. m. co.</i>
No. 1, containing 3 nestes trunks, cost	-	-	24	0 0
No. 2, containing 1 case bottelles, cost	-	-	10	0 0
No. 3, containing 3 scritorios, cost	-	-	24	0 0
No. 4, 1 greate scritorio, cost	-	-	12	5 0
No. 5, divers matters, viz. :—				
			<i>ta. m. co.</i>	
01 scritorio, cost			05	0 0
03 basons and spout pots, greate			10	5 0
03 ditto lesser sort, cost	-		07	5 0
02 standing cups, cost	-		02	6 0
02 tankardes, cost	-		01	6 0
20 beakers, cost	-		06	0 0
For 5 chistes silk watta, cotton woll, ropes			02	9 7
and mattes to pack them in	-			
Som totall cost				- 106 6 7

Which I sent in the *Adviz* for Bantam, consigned to Capt. George Bale, to send it for England per first conveyance. Mr. David Watkins, Sir Tho. Smiths man, wrot 2 letters in my Lady Smiths name, to have the contor, or scritorio, sould, and retorne made in such matters as the Company did not deale in ; and Mr. Bale advised it to be in *maky* ware.

January 25.—The Chinas at night came to our English howse, and made fyreworkes.

January 26.—I gave Andrea Dittis, China Capt., 4 letters

testimoniall or of favor, directed to all English ships at sea or others, frendes to his Ma^{tie} of England, on for a junk bound to Tonkyn at Cochinchina, and the other 3 for 3 junks bound Island Fermosa, called Taccasanga or Piscadores.

Skiamon Dono brought a present of a bundell paper and a fan.

January 27.—Skidayen Dono set the mastes of his junk this day, and made a feast, *nifon catange*; and I sent hym a banketing box, sweetmeates, and 2 bottelles *singe*.

Groby Dono came, accompanid with Yasimon Dono, Capt. Adames host, and an other merchant of Sackay, to make frenship with me before he went back; and offred to deliver me back my bill of sale of silk to Croby Dono, and to rec. in his delivered to me with the 1000 *taies* I had in hand, and with all desird a letter to Croby Dono of what past for his owne discharge. I demanded (or desird) of hym to let me have the 1000 *taies* which I had in my handes, and to receave the like som of Tozemon Dono of Sakay; of the which they said they would bethink them selves, and soe departed.

January 28.—Certen Chinas came to vizet me after daylight, and brought fireworkes, which shewed well per night.

January 29.—The China Capt. had letters from Langasaque that they were content to parte the *tiquan*¹ office of tow, to let Capt. Adames men have the one halfe to send one or 2 in it, as he would, and for marreners to send 3 or 4, yf he would.

The governor of Langasaque, in the abscense of Gonrok Dono, passed by this place, and sent me a letter his brother had wrot unto me, complementall, for using him kyndly as he passed this way the last yeare. This man is bound to the Emperours court, haveing a processe against Tuan Dono, the rich (as they terme hym), of Langasaque, whome this

¹ Chinese: *ti-kwan*, local office.

man hath gotten a sentance against, and utterly undon Tuan. This man brought me a *chaw* cup covered with silver for a present, being worth som 3 *tais*. And in his company came a servant of Safian Dono, and an other of Chubio Dono ; and the first brought me a *barso* of wine.

Skidayen Dono and his consortes had the feast of Baccus for their junk this day, dansing thorow the streetes with *caboques*, or women players, and entred into our English howse in that order, most of their heades being hevier than their heeles, that they could not find way hom without leading.

January 30.—This day ended the Japon feast of 15, and they took downe the trees sett up first day, and fet their faggotes with rise and wyne, as yearly they doe on this day.

Ushenusque Dono sent me a phaisant cock, exskewing his not coming per meanes of his emploimentes abroad. And I sent the governor Langasaque and Safian Donos man, eache of them, a quart bottell strong waters, with eache of them a China cup to drink it in. Also Figen a Came, Kyng of Firando, sent me 2 *barsos* wyne and a wild boare for a present, wishing me a prosperous new yeare. And Ike Dono, the cavelero of Xaxma, came and vizeted me, with a present of 3 bundelles or reames Japon paper, he being lately retorned from Xaxma, where he sayeth the king is much affectioned to our English nation.

January 31.—Groby Dono wrot a letter to Capt. Adames to Cochy in bad termes, that I went about to deceave hym, and would force hym to take 150 *tais* in bad Nishew counterfet plate. Unto which I retornd answer that all he said was falce, and that I offerd hym no money but the same I receved from hym. This fello is he which would have cozend me with a falce writing, to have brought me in domages for 2000 *tais* for sale of 30 *pico* silk upon delivery, contrary to my trew meanyng, as Capt. Adames, Mr. Wickham, our *jurebasso*, and 3 other Japons are witnesse.

February 1.—Capt. Adames fell into extreme termes this day about Groby Dono, he which falcesied the writing, taking his part against me and all the English. I never saw hym in the lyke humour. We paid this Groby Dono the 1000 *tais* spoken of before, and receved in my bill of Croby Dono for sale silke in question before, and deliverd hym in his bill of Croby Donos geven to me.

February 2.—Mr. Nealson said he had certen monies taken out of his scritorio, the theefe drawing the neales out of 2 boxes, he laying it to the charge of Mr. Wickhams servant, whome he newly entertayned, Mr. Nealson haveing put hym away. But Mr. Wickham held it done of mallice rather then a truth.

February 3.—The China Capt. went to Langasaque, and Capt. Adames tould hym before he went that he would be as good as his word and goe on the voyage to Cochin-china.

February 4.—I rec. a letter from botswain of our junk *Sea Adventure*, dated at Tomare¹ in Xaxma 23 dais past: how they put in theare the 5th day after they went from hence, per meanes W.erly wyndes and hie sea, and ment to put to sea som 16 daies past.

The Japon slave I saved from the gallous, and gave to Mr. Wickham, ran away, and, sending after hym, was fownd in a horehouse with 2 or 3 *tais* plate in his purse, parte wherof he had spent amongst those leawd people, and the reste delivered to a Japon to keepe. He confeseth that he had sould certen buttons (as he cald them) to a Japon for 1½ *mas*, they being som 50 in nomber, which he sayeth he stole from Mr. Wickham; which (as he sayeth) were littell corall beades and som pearle, which he now misseth, looking for them.

February 5.—The China which went to Edo to get out *goshons*, or pasports, retorned to Firando this day, telling

¹ Tomari, on the coast.

me he staid 42 daies at Edo before he could have a dispatch, and was 13 daies going from Miaco to Edo, and as many in retorning, and 18 daies coming from Osakay to Firando. He sayeth the sonne of Safian Dono is to succeade his father as governor of Langasaque, and that Gonrok Dono, his cozen, is to com to remeane at Langasaque as his deputy. This China brought me a present of 2 *barsos* wyne and a greate charger of chistnuttles, and departed for Langasaque on such a sudden that he was gon before I sent to thank hym, thinking to have sent hym a present.

February 6.—The theevishe slave I gave to Mr. Wickham did accuse his father, mother, and many others, to whome he said he delivered all such matters as he had stolne ; but they denid all. And he still accused others ; but no prooffe.

February 8.—Extreme cold wether.

Miguell, our ould *jurebasso*, envited Capt. Adames and me to breckfast, being recovered of a great sicknesse, wherof our chirurgion had healed hym when he was speechlesse and thought past cure ; which he did at my request.

February 9.—Frost and snow.

Soyemon Dono sent to borow money of me, for that, as he sayeth, he is shortly to goe to the Emperours cort with the *tono* (or king) of Firando his master, whoe (as he sayeth) is to marry themperours kynswoman ; but my answer was, I had noe money.

Also Semy Dono would borow the mast of a small junck we have, to make a foremast for his new junck. I answered hym, yf he would take junck and mast together at price I paid for her, I was content, but to lend the mast I could not, having occation to employ the junck.

February 10.—A hard frost, the lyke I not having seene since I came into Japon, it being above an inch thick, the ise frozen this last night. Snow all day and parte of night following.

There was a howse broken open the night past and 15

or 20 Japon *keremons*, or coates, stolne out. But the theefe was fownd, being a carpenter, and put into prison.

February 11.—Still cold frosty wether.

Sangero Samma and others still send to borow money, which maketh me awery to live amongst them; for lend money I will not to such as I know will never repay it.

February 12.—Pasquall Benita came from Langasaque to Firando and brought me a present of *coiebos*, *micanas*,¹ and peares. He tells me the Amacau carick will not goe out this yeare for feare of the Hollanders, and that the merchantes and capt. major goe to law about it. The capt. would goe out, but the merchantes will not. I think this fello came for an espie to se whether the Hollanders and we were ready to goe out. He is an Italian borne.

February 13.—I went to the king, accompanid with Capt. Adames, Mr. Wickham, and Ed. Sayer, to tell hym our ship was ready to goe out towardses Bantam, and Ed. Sayer for Cochinchina. Soe, yf he pleased to comand my service to Bantam, England, or Cochinchina, we were ready to doe it; for the which he thanked us. Also I demanded justice against Cazanzeque and Goresano, the which he tould me he would doe me reason in.

Jno. Yossen the Hollander came from Edo this day.

I went to Hollandes howse to vizet Capt. Speck. So I met Capt. Barkhootheare, whoe envited me and rest of English aboard the *Son* to dyner on Sondag next.

Jor. Durois wrot me there were speeches at Langasaque that Shongo Samme themperour was dead; but I esteeme it a lye, Jno. Yooson coming from Edo and saw hym; delivered thordinance to hym which the Hollanders sent for a present.

February 14.—A cavalero of Osakay sent me a present of a banketing box, meate, *nifon catange* (or Japon fation), with a *barso* of *singe*, because I made hym colation thother

¹ *Mikan*, an orange.

day ; but I rather think it a preparative to borrow money ; yet herein he may be deceived, for I find many borrowers but none that make repayment.

February 15.—We dined aboard the *Son*, where Capt. Barkhout used us kindly, and drunk healths to the Kinges Ma^{tie} of England, and at every cup a gun, round about table, being 11 or 12 persons, and was answered the like out of the *Adviz*. And at our coming aboard gave us 3 peeces ordinance and 7 at our departure ; and we had 5 out of the *Adviz*. Capt. Speck came not at feast, as I thinke only of pride, doubting whether I should sit above him or no.

We had news that the junk *Sea Adventure* was in Xaxma 13 daies past, yet I have no letter from Mr. Eaton.

I gave the coxswaine and company Hollandes shipp, for fetching us aboard and setting ashore, ii R. of 8.

February 17.—We sent 5 chests money aboard *Adviz*, all refined plate, containing 9063 *tales*, which with exchange is 10920 : 7 : 8½.

February 18.—The shipp *Adviz* went out to Cochi roade this day and shot off 7 peeces for a farewell ; and the Hollanders answered with 3 from the *Son* and 3 from the howse, and a Japon junk 3 ; and we replied with 3 more ; and at our departure from Cochi back the *Adviz* gave us 7 peeces more.

There were some speeches passed betwixt Mr. Wickham and Mr. Totton, as also betwixt Mr. Neelson and Mr. Totton, which were taken in ill parte on thone parte and other. But in my opinion Mr. Totton was in the fault. I did what I could to make friendship, and made it betwixt Mr. Wickham and hym ; but Mr. Neelson would not be friends upon no termes, although Mr. Totton desired it and before all the company drunk a health to hym, wishing it might never goe thorow hym yf he bare hym any mallice.

The Hollanders sent out their *foy fone* to helpe to toe out our shipp, rowed with 16 ores, and we set out 2 *foyfones*, dowbting whether the Firandesas would send barkes to helpe us or no, because they fealed in the junk. But they sent out 10 or 12 barkes, which had byn enough, although we had no others.

February 19.—The Hollandes shipp *Son* went out to Cochy roade. Went out our *foyfone* with 18 owres to help to toe them out. The kyng sent 2 of his *foyfones* to helpe them out, besydes the towne boates. I note downe he sent non to us yisterday.

I deliverd up my letter and acco. to Mr. Wickham to be sent for Bantam and London.

February 20—Som two howers before day we went aboard the *Adviz* at Cochy, and presently after Capt. Speck came aboard, desyring us the ship might stay an hower or two for hym to write a letter; which I promised hym, in respect we could not be ready no sowner, having forgotten provition behind us at Firando. Soe about 9 a clock she set seale. God send her a prosperous voyage.

And I sent in her these letters following, viz. :—

- 1 to Sir Tho. Smith, knight, with copy last yeare.
- 1 to Mr. Tho. Wilson, with copie of last yeare.
- 1 to Capt. Saris, with coppie last yeare.
- 1 to my brother, Walter Cocks.
- 1 ould to Mr. Fosters wife, enclosed to Capt. Saris.
- 1 to Wor. Company, with coppies of last yeare; with coppie from Syam, Camboia, and Champa.
- 1 to Capt. Georg Ball,
- 1 to Capt. Raphe Coppindall, } of 15th curant.
- 1 to Mr. Westby.
- 1 to Worll. Company, of 17th ditto.
- 2 to my nephew, Jno. Cocks.

February 21.—Taccamon Dono sent me a wild boare for a present.

February 22.—By meanes of contrary wyndes the ship *Adviz* retorned back to Cochy; and Mr. Wickham sent a letter to have a boate sent hym to com ashore, which I sent to hym. So he and Mr. Totton came ashore after nowne.

I wrot a letter to Sir Tho. Smith, how I was enformed Mr. Ed. Willmot, defunct purser of the *Adviz*, dying at Bantam, left me a legasie of 3 *l. str.*, to pay in England.

I left a remembrance with Mr. Nealson and Mr. Osterwick at my going to Langasaque, to look to howse in my abscense.

February 23.—We set forwardes towardes Langasaque this mornyng, and passing by the ship *Adviz*, they shot affe 5 peces ordinance. And we went to bed to Setto,¹ 17 leagues from Firando. We paid 1 *tay* for our lodging and 3 *mas* for fish.

February 24.—We arived at Langasaque at 1 clock after nowne.

Many Chinas, Japons, and Portingals, and Spaniards came to vizet me, knowing of my arivall. Yt is said the carick will not goe out this yeare for feare of Hollanders.

February 25.—We sent presentes this day, viz. To Saco Dono, Riyoyets Dono, Soyen Dono, Saquemon Dono, and Saquise Dono, magistrates in Langasaque, each one 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 *fys*hes. And to Capt. Whow and his wife, 1½ *tatta* sad blew cloth, 1 glasse bottell of annise water.

And divers Chinas brought me presents, viz., Shinquan, 10 boxes marmelad, 4 *cattis* comfets, 150 egges; Ickquam came from Cort, 1 *barso* wyne, 170 egges; Yongsham, 20 loves of bread; Niquan, 2 *barilles* wyne, 2 pec. red cheremis, 60 oringes, 140 egges.

We had news that the Hollandes junck, which went out two months past towardes Syam, is put back into the

¹ Seto.

Liqueas; and the *Gallias* Holland shipp into Xaxma, having lost her mast.

Shiquan, the rich China, owner of the junk Ed. Sayer goeth in for Cochinchina, envited us to dyner to morrow; and Capt. Whaw the day after.

February 26.—We went to Shiquan the China to dyner, where we had extraordinary entertaynment and good cheare.

And at my retorne, I fownd Soca Samma sent me a present of 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 bundelles sea weed; Saquamon Dono, 2 *barsos* wyne and cuttell fish, with many complementall words and offer of frendship. Also Jorge Durois sent me 3 mi[n]ced pies and a dishe of oranges. And from Niquan, a China, 18 peares and 60 *micanos*.

And I sent a present to Jor. Durois of 2 pec. of callicos, bought of Hollanders, at 1 *tay* pece, and a glasse bottell of annis water, and another of *morofack*; and withall delivered hym dyvers cullers silke to get 12 peare silke stockinges knyt for Mr. Wm. Neelson.

We had newes this day that our junk *Sea Adventur* is retourned the second tyme into Xaxma, and that there grew some broyle theare betwixt som Portingals bound out in a junck for Camboja and Mr. Eaton. The reason grew because the Portingales picked occation because Mr. Eaton passed by them without puting affe his hat (he being bound to doe no more to them then they to hym); so that from wordes they fell to blowes, but the Portingalles were well beaten and driven aboard. Soe after, they complayned to the justice that our junck had no *goshon* nor passe from themperor of Japon, but went out on pilfering. Whereupon the justice of Xaxma demanded of Mr. Eaton yf he had any passe (or *goshon*) from themperour or noe. To which he answered he had, and shewed it unto them, desyring them to tell hym wherefore they asked such a question, the which they tould them was by reason of the Portingalles infor-

mation. "Whie, then," said he, "I pray yow demand whether they have any passe or noe, for it may be they are theeves and would put it upon others." Which being brought in question, they were fownd to have no passe. Soe they cauced their junk to be brought on shore, and 15 or 16 Japons to be laid handes on which went in her. And the Kyng of Xaxma wrot forthwith to court of Japon to know the Emperours pleasure, whether they should proceed on voyag or noe.

February 27.—We were envited to Capt. Whaw, the China, to dyner, where we were extraordenarely enter-tayned, with musick at our entry, with the lyke at first, second, and therd course, where there wanted not wyne of all sortes, and each one a dansing beare to serve us, *nifon cantage*.

I gave the China Capt. 2 letters of favour more to the English shiping they met at sea, with 3 flagges, two new and one ould.

February 28.—I delivered 5 bandes and 5 peare cuffes to Spanish woman to make.

Sanquan, a China, sent me 65 egges, 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 greate fyshes, and 2 *cattis* diet bread. Also Sanquishe, the governors brother, brought me 95 egges.

I shewed our conyskins, lambskins, and fitchet skyns to China Capt. and his brother; but it seemeth they had no stomock to buy them, yet heretofore they said they would buy them all.

Marche 1.—I gave a flag and a letter favor to a China which goeth to Taccasanga.

The boteswane of the junk of Giquan, wherin Ed. Sayer came from Syam 2 years past, came to me, being ernest to have me geve hym a letter of discharg tuching the sute I have against Cazanzeque the purcer. But I denied hym, for I heare the purcer and he are consorts in thefte.

Marche 2.—I rec. 4 letters this day from Mr. Eaton out

of Xaxma, 1 dated in Congushma,¹ the 12th January, and the other 3 in Tomare, the 2th, 12th, and 20th February, in which he wrot me of the kynd usage the Kyng of Xaxma cauced to be geven to hym and to helpe our junck. Also he advised how the Portingalles complayned that we were theeves, and came to take their junck, not having the Emperours pas; but it proved we had one and they non, by which meanes they fell into danger.

I also rec. 12 Japan letters from Miaco, Sakay, Osaky, Firando, and out of Xaxma.

A China pilot brought me a present of 5 pound citrons and 80 egges; and Capt. Adams host, 60 *micanas* (or oringes), and the boteswains wife of our junk *Sea Adventure*, 4 rowles of bread. Also a China, whoe was hurt in his lip, brought a present of 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 greate fyshes, and 12 lobstars, with a bar plate to Robert Hawley, for dressing of his lip. The plate I cauced to be retorned, but the rest Robt. Hawley took.

I went and vizeted ould Gorge Durons (*sic*) with Capt. Adames and rest, he using us kyndly. I gave his littell son Jonico a Riall of 8.

Marche 3.—I retorned answer to Mr. Eaton per same expres he sent letter by.

We dyned at Goquan, a Chinas, this day, where we were well entertayned.

Marche 4.—We were envited to dyner to the plate fownder (or mynt man) called Gota Shozamon Dono, where we had good cheare after Christion fation, syting at a hie table with cheares. But the good man of howse did not eate with us, which [made] me jelous of poison. But in the end he came and drank with us. I think his abcence was for that he is a papist Christion, and now tyme of Lent. The China Capt. was at dyner with us. I gave this mans two children, each of them, a R. of 8.

¹ Kagoshima.

Marche 5.—I sent presentes as followeth, viz.:—

To Fingo Shiquan, the rich China, 2 *tatta*. yelo bayes, 1 fowling peec.

To Goquan, other rich China, 2 *tatta*. yelo bayes, 1 fowling peec.

To Capt. Whow, China Capt. brother, 1 fowling peec.

These men are emploid about geting trade into China.

To Goto Zhozabra Dono, mynt man, 2 *tatta*. yello bayes.

To Chimpow, capt. junk which Ed. Sayer goeth in, two *tatta*. yello bayes, 2 *barsos* wyne, 2 fyshes.

And an ould China called Shiquan sent me two *barsos* wyne, egges 50, oranges 30, diet bread a platterfull. And from a China which went to Kagalion, 2 *barsos* wyne, 5 bundelles sea weed. And I gave this China an English flag and a letter of favor, at request of China Capt.

Also I sent a present to a China called Chintay.

Marche 6.—I went to Capt. Whowes with Andrea Dittis, the China Capt., and Capt. Adames, where we translated one of the Kinges Matis, letters into China, dated in Westminster Pallace, the 10th January 1614, and 12th yeare of His Matis. rayne of Great Brittany, France, and Ireland; wherof I took 3 coppies in Chinas. One was sent to China with the said letter, an other to send for England, and the therd to keepe my selfe.

I gave Fingo Shiquan, the China, a letter of favour and an English flag in his junck.

Co Jnos. kynsman brought me a present of a marchpane made lyke a miter.

Marche 7.—News came to Langasaque that they should make very dilligent search for padres (or pristes) and in whose howse they were fownd, not only to kill all that famely, but allso all the street in which they are fownd.

I sent a bar plate, containing 3 *tas* 9 *mas*, to the China musitions which plaid at Capt. Whows when we weare at dyner. Also I sent the rest of a pece of straw culler baies

for a present to a China called Lanquin Niquan, he coming the other day to vizet me with a present, and is of the place neare unto that we hope to enter for trade.

And I paid the China notory for translating the kinges letter x *tais* iij *mas*.

The China Capt. went late at night towards Firando, per whome I wrot a letter to Mr. Nealson and Mr. Osterwick that I ment to follow within 2 daies. His going was to put money into the 2 junks afforsaid.

Marche 8.—Ric. Hoodson paid Georg Durons for sope and candelles, viz :—

			<i>ta.</i>	<i>m.</i>	<i>co.</i>
For 18 cakes sope	-	-	1	0	0
For 128 tallo candelles	-	-	1	6	0

Marche 9.—I gave the dansing bears 4 *ta.* 5 *m.*, and ther servant 4 *mas*. And I paid the shew maker, for 2 peare clampes and 2 peare pumps, 1 *ta.* 2 *m.*

Ric. Hudson paid 1 *tay* 3 *mas* for a vyne tree to be carid to Firando.

Marche 10.—Niquans junk departed towards Tonkyn this day.

I gave Jorges doughter 2 *mas*, her father (Capt. Adams host) sending me a hare.

Marche 11.—Sanquishe Dono, the governors brother, sent me a banketing box, meates, fish, and other matters, *nifon cantange*, with 2 bottels wyne, with many complementall wordes.

The dansing beares came againe, and I gave them a bar plate of 3½ *tais*.

Marche 12.—Tozayemon Dono deliverd Ed. Sayer 41 *picull* 39 *cattis* 6 *ta.* goco copper, which he laden aboard Fingo Shiquans junk for voyag to Cochinchina, at 65 *mas picull*.

A China, which was capt. of junk which goeth to Cagellon, died on the sudden this day, as they think being blasted.

Marche 14.—A Portugez called Garçia Machado, a Portugez of Amacau, came to me at such tyme as a Japon was about to sell me a rapier and dagger, which he laid cleame to, as being stolne from hym per a silvere smith with 15 *tais* of plate he had deliverd hym to plate the sword and dagger. The dagger hilt was plated, but not the rapier. Soe he rec. it out of the Japons owne handes, and gave me a recept to save me harmlesse, yf in case it were brought in question.

There was an extreme storme or tuffon this day, which drove one of the China junckes on shore; and, had it not byn for good helpe, she had byn cast away. Wynd vering to N.W.

Marche 16.—I delivered iij C. *tais* plate bars to the China Capt. to goe in adventure for Tacca Sanga or Isla Fermosa, and Mr. Osterwick paid hym iij C. *tais* more at Firando, is all vj C. *tais*, and goeth for accompt of Right Honble. and Worll. Company, our emploiers, to be disbursed for silke. God send a prosperous voiage.

I envited Capt. Adames, Yasimon Dono, Mr. Sayer, and Robt. Hawley, and had the dansing beares, which cost ij *tais* plate bars, and two *mas* small plate geven their boy, all paid my selfe.

Shoyemon Dono, the master of dansing beares, came and brought me a present of 2 *barsos* wyne and 16 loves bread.

Ghiquans junck went downe to Facondo; soe Capt. Adames, Ed. Sayer, and Robt. [Hawley] took ther leave and went aboard.

Marche 17.—I gave dansing bears one bar plate containing 3 *tais*, and 4 *mas* to *neremonnears*¹ brought them.

This night about son seting the junck of Fingo Shiquan put to sea, wherein Capt. Adames went pilot, and Ed. Sayer

¹ The bearers of the sedan chairs or *neremons*.

and Robt. Hawley for Worll. Company, Chimpow a China being capten.

Tachemon our cooke had $3\frac{1}{2}$ small plate, which he paid to Jor. Durons to reedeme his son, and the money goeth on his wagis.

Marche 18.—I delivered 30 *tais* plate bars to Andrea Dittis, China Capt., for our diet since we came to Langasaque; but he would have taken nothing, it being in a howse of his slave where we la. Also I ment to have geven the good wife a bar plate of 4 *ta.* 4 *m.*, and an other bar to servantes of 3 *ta.* 1 *m.* 8 *co.*, and a therd to the children, containing 2 *ta.* 4 *m.* 3 *co.*; but he would not suffer me to geve nothing to wife nor servantes, but the 2 *ta.* 4 *m.* 3 *co.* to the children.

Albartus the Hollander came to Langasaque this day and came to vizet me, and tould me he ment to have sent 1000 or 2000 *tais* plate in the junck where Capt. Adames went, yf she had not departed from hence before he came. So now he menes to send it in the junck of Barnardo.

Marche 19.—I rec. 2 letters from Mr. Osterwick and Mr. Neilson, dated in Firando, le 17th currant, sent per a Japon, advising of the needfull, namely, how the King of Firando had geven a streete of above 50 howses joyning to their howse, to pull it downe and build their howse larger with 2 new warehowses (or gadongs). I wish we had our howse at Langasaque, and then let the Hollanders domener at Firando, for out of dowbt they pay for it.

Phesemon Dono, a kinsman of Sugian Dono of Umbra, came to vizet me, being an inhabitant of Langasaque, and had built a howse (second to our lodging), reared but 2 dais past, offering me greate frendship, enviting me to his howse, he having married a frend of Gonrok Donos, governor of this place, she being a Christian, whoe urged me much to know our principles of religion, and whether we had churches in our cuntrey. Unto all which I answered in particular that

we had both archbushopps, bushops, and other sortes of church men, but not mas pristes which said service in Lattin, but in our owne language, etc.

Palle the *bozes* father, called Yoshiemon, came and brought me a present, 2 fyshes; and I gave his littell doughter he brought with hyme a peece of two single Rialls.

Marche 21.—I bought a *catabra* for Tango Dono, cost in plate bars 6 *tais*.

Marche 22.—We departed from Langasaque towardes Firando in the after nowne, and the dansing beares with Mr. Saris host were in the way in 2 boates with severall bankits; unto whom I gave a bar plate 4 *ta.* 4 *m.* to make mery at retourne. The China Capt., Albartus, and Tozeyamon Dono went with us and went to Setto this night, lying aboard bark.

Marche 23.—We arived at Firando after dyner this day, and Tozayemon Dono and other merchants of Sackay envited them selves to our *fro*.

Marche 24.—Three of the kynges soldiers being in drinck (as it is said) fell out, and two of them drue their *cattans* and kild the therd, and after thought to flie in to the moun-tans, but were instantly followed by Oyen Dono and cut in peeces with his owne handes, telling them they were villens and cowards, not worthie the name of soldiers, that, having kild a man, did run away and not kill them selves according to order of Japon.

Marche 25.—I envited the King of Firando to dyner for Sondag next, with such noble men and others as it pleased hym to bring with hym; which he tooke in good parte, and named these 12 persons, besides hym selfe, to accompany hym, viz. Tonomon Samma, Bongo Samma, Sangero Samma, Taccamon Dono, Shesque Dono, Gonosque Dono, Sofo Samma, Sichsaymon Dono, Jubio Dono, Oyen Dono, Torozemon Dono.

Ther was but one of the 3 soldiers kild outright, but two wounded, the one his arme and shoulder halfe cut offe, and the other all the side of his cheeke and one eye, but both soe sore wounded that nether lyke to escape it. He which did it (and is dead) was brother to Shosque Dono, whoe lately cut his bellie, as I noted heretofore. The quarrell was about a woman whoe this Shosque was in love withall, and, as it should seeme, jolose, did use the other two as afforsaid, leveing them for dead, and then went into the chamber where the woman was, calling her aparte, and cut her throate and put her into a chist, and after came and knockt at dore where the kyng was, having two *cattans* drawne, as it is thought, to have kild the king in reveng of his brothers death. The king hym selfe openyng the dore, thinking it had byn his brother, Tonomon Samma, which knockt, but seeing the other armed in that sort, and having his *cattan* drawne before, hearing the nois was made, did strike Shosque a deadly bloe over the bellie, and was seconded with Oyen Dono with a *langenack* and one of his pagis with a lance, whoe made an end of hym and cut affe his head.

Ould Synemon Dono sent his yong doughter of 3 months ould, with her nurce, and brought me a *barso* of wyne and egges for a present. And I gave the child a silk coate, and the nurce 5 *mas* in small plate.

Marche 27.—The King of Firando sent me a doe or veneson for a present, with many complementall words.

Marche 28.—Capt. Speck sent me an other bottell Spanish wyne, with offer of any other matter in the Duch howse, knowing we had envited the kyng.

Marche 29.—The kinge and rest of noble men *ut supra* came to dyner and, as they said, were entertayned to theire owne content, and had the dansing beares to fill them wyne, *nifon catange* (or Japon fation), with a blind fidler to singe, ditto.

And in respect the king is going up to Edo, yt was agreed to geve hym a present of 5 peeces of stuffe, viz. damask, velvet, and grogren, severall cullers, bought of China Capt. at 5 *tais* per peece.

Marche 30.—Sent a bar plate of 4 *ta.* 3 *mas* to dansing bears; and to Skyamon Dono and the kinges cook, each of them, 2 *tatta*. fustion, to make them breeches; and to Yasion Dono, a *bose*, and to the gilder, each of them, a *barsoe* of wyne and fyshes; and to an ould cook 5 *mas*; and to other 2 carvers, 6½ *mas* per peec., and to the blind fidler.

Marche 31.—I wrot another letter to Jor. Durons, to Langasaque, and sent hym 3½ *gantas* of *jurialin*, cost me 1 *mas* 4 *condrin*, and wrot hym to send me som gardin seed, espetially carret seed, called in Japon *ningin*.

I lent the China Capt., Andrea Dittis, fyve silk *keremons* with silk watta, of them geven me at Japon Cort. The occation he borrowed them is for that he sendes his doughter to Langasaque to be betrothed to Goquans son, and geves her 50 *keremons*, with other matters amounting to above 300 *tais*, as China manor is.

Aprill 1.—Skiemon Dono took the bar plate that should have gone to *cabokes* (or dansing beares), being 4 *ta.* 3 *m.*, and sent them but 3 *tais* small plate. Soe he kept 2 *tais* wanting 4 *condrins* to hym selfe. Which coming to my knowledg, I caused restetution.

There was 2 *tais* small plate with 6 *cattis* gunpolder geven to two Chinas for making fireworkes.

We bought 1484 fagottes of wood, every faggot being ½ a *tatta* in the band, and 20 fagg. for a *mas*.

Aprill 2.—Our host of the China howse at Langasaque came to vizet me, and brought me a present of a live phaisant cock and 10 loves of bread.

The China Capt. Whow wrot me he understood our junckes were arived at Goto, wherin Capt. Adames and

others went; but that is a tale, etc. Also here is speeches that Shongo Samme, themperour of Japon, is dead; but this is Japon newes, etc.

April 3.—I rec. a letter from Ed. Sayer, dated at Narra in Goto, the 25th ultimo, how they put in there with the junk the 18th ditto, and, the grownd being bad, were driven upon the rockes, lost their ruther, and split the sterne post it was hanged at, and were in danger to have lost all; yet, per the pleasure of God, got her affe, recoverd the rother, and mended that which was amis, and put to sea againe the 26th ultimo.

He writes me that another junk of Shiquan, a China, bownd for Manillas, put into an other roade of Gota, and was driven agrownd, yet saved in the end, and hope to goe on their voyage.

He also wrot how all the junks which put out of Langa-saque of late, with the 2 went out of Firando, are all driven ether into Goto or Xaxma. God send them a good voyage.

April 4.—Jno. Japon paid the carpenters and labourers, and for tymber and other matters, for building an old China howse, whose kay we use contynewally to trym and calke our boates, the sum of 10 *ta*.

April 5.—The China Capt. sent me a peece blew tuft taffety, with 2 barrills wyne, for a present at this feast of Easter. And I gave the China Capt. 2 doughters for a present, whom he sent to vizet me, 1 pec. black wrought satten and 1 pec. blew damask, and lent hym 4 pec. stuffs more. He also sent me a present of a *caw* box of China, gilt and varnished, being in 4 peces.

We envited 10 of our neighbours and the China Capt. to dyner.

April 6.—The king sent Oyen Dono to entreate me to let hym have one of my golden fyshes of China, I having geven hym and his brother 4 of same sort before, and now much against my will gave hym one other, and sent it per

Michell, our *jurebasso*, which it seemed he took in good parte.

Sangero Samma sent to borrow our *foyfone* to accompany the kyng on the way, whoe is thought will departe towardes Edo to morrow. So I lent yt hym with 15 ores.

News came to towne that the King of Umbras brother is dead (whoe is uncle to King of Firando). So it is thought it will stay his voyag som dayes.

I went and vizeted Capt. Speck, whoe was sick, and fownd hym looking on the ruens of a hill or mountayne fallne downe against their howse; the reason being the pulling downe of a ston wall made before to keep it up, which being taken downe to buld it better, all the hill slipt downe and fell upon a banketing howse and other buldinges, spoiling them, etc.

Aprill 7.—Cushcron Dono, our neighbour, bult and reared his new howse this day; and I sent hym 2 *barsos singe* and 2 fyshes for a present, as he did to us at our buildinge, and each neighbour doth the lyke according to Japon fation (or *nifon catange*).

Aprill 8.—Cushcron Dono envited me with Mr. Nealsen and Osterwick to a colation, with all rest of neighbours that sent presentes, where there wanted no drinking, Japons being well seene in that facultie.

Aprill 9.—I wrot a letter to King of Firando, to have justice against Cazanseque and Goresano. The cause I did it was for that I sent formerly to hym about same matter, and spoake my selfe lykwais to hym to same effect, and wrot a former letter last yeare to lyke effect, but can get no remedy, only he answerd he would geve order to Taccamon Dono to doe me right. Soe this day I sent Mr. Osterwick to Taccamon Dono, to know his pleasure herein. His answer was, the king had not spoaken to hym thereof, and without order from hym he would not meddell therein. Which is the occation I have now wrot this letter, and sent

it per Mr. Osterwick, because the king is now ready to to take bark to goe for Edo, etc. The coppie of this letter I keepe by me, in Japon languadg, written on the back side what it is, etc. The king retornd me word he would geve such order as I should have justice; but nothing but wordes have I fownd hitherto.

Aprill 10.—Sugean Dono of Umbra envited the kyng to dyner this day, and sent to borrow *bubes*, swetmeates, and other matters: a singular uuse they have in Japon (*nifon cantange*). Also his yonger brother sent to borrow 20 *tuis*, for that he was to goe up with the king, and, yf we had no money (as I had non to lend hym), then to trust hym with the vallue in merchandiz. But I lyked not such mens payment, having fownd it per experience, etc.

Aprill 13.—I sent to Capt. Speck to have had 4 peeces lynen to make me sherts of, and sent money to pay for it. But he retornd me answer, it was all sould, when I knew to the contrary they had thousands of peeces of that sort taken from Chinas lying by them. I had bought before of same sort for 1 *tay* 3 *mas* peece, which made me 2 sherts.

The kinges brother, Tonoman Samma, sent to beg or buy an English hat. Soe I sent him one which I had of Mr. Nealson.

Aprill 14.—A yong man of Sakay, walking out at towns end of Firando, met with a villen whoe cut his throte and took 3 *tais* or 15 shillings str. of money which he had in his purce, and soe escaped. Yet the man was fownd alive and soe brought into towne, I seeing hym carid by all bloody. He said he had seene the man before which did it, but knew not his name. Yt is thought he cannot live.

Aprill 15.—The partie which had his throte cut yisterday is said to have donne it hym selfe, because he had spent his masters money upon whores, and soe wounded hym selfe (but not deadly) to make the world beleieve theeves had taken it from hym.

Aprill 16.—There were rymes cast abroad and song up and downe towne against Matinga and other English mens women. Wherupon matters being brong in question to put them all away, noe proofes could be fownd against them, but a mater donne of spyte by their evell willers, all the neighbours coming to speake in their behalves, affermyng all was lies and that they would take such order that handes should be laid upon such as were heard to sing it hereafter and punishment inflicted upon the offenders. I imagen they were set on by the Hollanders, songs having byn made against them to lyke effect before, but not against us.

Aprill 18.—This day most of the inhabitantes of Firando, marid men and their wives, went a gossiping to Tabola, over to an other iland, many boates being filled with them.

Geffrey the boy wanting 3 or 4 daies, we thought he had byn lost, yet was fownd at a kinsmans house. Soe I sent hym hom, except his parents would geve a writing he should serve the Company for terme of yeares.

Aprill 19.—Kytskin Dono made me a bill in Japons language, wherin he gave me Jeffrey the boy for to dispose of hym hereafter as I would my selfe, to cary hym into England or otherwais. And Taffy Dono was wittnes unto it, in presence of Jno. *jurebasso*, Mr. Nealson, and Mr. Osterwick, and our Japon vintner whome we buy our wyne of.

Aprill 21.—Jeffrey, the boy geven me the othe day, broke up a chist of Co Jnos. and took out some thinges, and upon his examenation hath confest he had stolne dyvers thinges before. Soe I determen to retorne hym to them which gave hym to me.

Aprill 23.—I sent both Jeffrey and the writing back to Kitskin Dono, whoe gave hym me.

Mr. Nealson tould me this day that Mr. Osterwick reported to hym that he thought I kept 1000 *tuis* in my