

Instructions from the Captain and merchants of the Darling to
Sophony Cozucke, proceeding on a mission to Landak.
April 11th, 1614.

BEFORE this our arrival with the Darling in Succo-
dania we had understanding by sundry the letters of
you Mr. Sophony Cozucke and Mr. Greete, of the
great desire the people of Landacke had that our
nation should come and settle a factory with them, whereby they
might be free from the slavery of the Sukadanians, who suffer
them not to sell anything but what they list, having the first
view themselves; and we, at our coming, finding things agreeable
to former reports, and that our case is no better than those of
Landacke, and in consideration the junk Patience with John
Williams departed four months past for this place and is not
yet arrived, and for that the winds will be this month variable
and with much foul weather, so that without prejudice to our
voyage intended for Pottania, we may both spend some time
here to be truly instructed touching these parts, and by God's
assistance see the safe arrival of the junk; and not to spend this
time of our stay here idle, we think it good to send you,
Mr. Sophony Cozucke, with a sufficient mariner along the river
to Landacke, with an especial charge that your absence be not
above six and twenty or thirty days and that you speedily confer
with the governors or chief of those parts, touching our nego-
tiation, upon what security we may settle a factory or leave
goods of charge with them, and that you acquaint them of the
arrival of our ship in this place, whose chief hath sent you truly
to understand their minds, whereby he at his coming be not
mocked withal, and find such good dealing at their hands as they
shall be sure to find at his; and withal it would not be amiss you
privately to learn whether they stand in fear there of the Sucko-
danians, or not, for if so I see not how our people can be in
safety with them, and above all things be not flattered with
fruitless hopes, but if possible, bring their chaps, their firms, for
what they sav or promise. that so at your return. I may the
bolder leave former business and undertake a new; not doubting
your wise and discreet carriage in remembrance what may be

here forgotten. And for depths and soundings I doubt not but Richard Newell, sent along with you, will be careful of, touching whose opinion if you do ask at any time I hold it not amiss, for that I have sufficiently had proof thereof. We send herewith musters of our cloth with indifferent prices, which I pray understand how will be the vent of the like. And so the Almighty add blessing to your endeavours. We rest,

Robert Larkin,
Nathaniell Courthope,
Sophony Cozucke,
Hugh Greeete.

In Suckodana
this 11th of April. 1614.

Nathaniel Courthope to Captain John Jourdain [in Bantam].

The 14th of June, 1614.



CAPTAIN JOURDAIN, my commendations remembered unto you. These are to certify unto you that the second day of April last [we] arrived in the road of Soccadania, finding there Mr. Sophony [Mr.] Greeete and John Clough with much contention betwixt them, [in such?] sort that absolutely they would not upon any terms stay longer together, and not hearing any news of the junk [] Mr. Williams, upon a council held here by the Captain [and] rest of the factors, doubting of the junk coming in, it [was] agreed that myself should stay in this place but [since my?] arrival, upon Mr. Sophony's and Mr. Greet's extraordinary [] Captain Larkin sent Mr. Sophony, Richard Newell and [one] man more up the river of Landucke in a small prow with 4 [of the? or o] blacks, thinking to settle a factory in the said place. [But they] were repulsed by the Dieackes and so returned without [] of the Landucke men. So their persuasions being still [] to send and make another trial with more strength, [] Mr. Sophony and seven Englishmen more and seven blacks went [] time, all of us escaping a miraculous danger as Mr. Sop[hony] will certify you at large; and the first of June we returned. The iunk arrived in this place with Francis Kelly and [Benjamin] Farie from Macasser, Mr. Williams being dead

[] taking out the goods which were for this place
 [] all the money that the silk and []
 chest of money which was for this place [] eight.
 Sir, these are further to let you understand your porcelain will
 not sell for half the money it cost at Bantam; beside I have
 not received the supplement [you?] maketh mention of by 600
 pieces, I think the fault [] the masters, for that I believe
 they were sent ashore at Ban[tam] amongst the Company's. I
 have not as yet sold any of [them] and for your sugars they are
 much hurt by the cockroaches; for your rack the Captain had
 it for the ship's use, paying me one rial a jar, being as much as
 it would yield in this [place?]; but assure yourself I will do my
 best in the sale thereof [as] soon as I can. Yet although I have
 not sold any of [] have paid out of my own money to
 Sophony the [] rials of eight which you willed me to pay him.
 Receive of Mr. John Parsons five rials of [eight I] have lent him
 for his needful use, which [] a note of his hand here
 enclosed for the payment []. Thus praying you by the
 next supply for [] us these commodities as in the next
 side [] are vendible in this place. Captain []
 this place towards Potany the 9th of [] Cassarian is to
 go for Sambass [] praying to God for your good
 health [].

These are the cloths vendible in this place and the prices that
 they will yield here and the quantity we desire to have sent.

	rials	madins	
[] gugeratt 5 corge worth here	. 01	24	per piece.
Dragons a good quantity worth here	. 02	00	„
Popolungs a good quantity will sell at	. 02	00	„
Chindes some 2 corge at 06	00	„
Loyonge some 10 pecul			
Tapesererasses very fine some 3 corge will sell 02	00	„
Fine gobersaresses will sell for 08	00	„
Tapes Challie Cuttans 4 corge will sell at 2 elephants' teeth	03	00	„

Likewise I pray send me some 6 pieces of chowtars for shirting
 for myself.

Your loving friend to his power,
 Nathaniel Courthope.