

Elected Chaplains
for

Bombay.

[Gayer.]

Surat.

Fort St. George.

India.

from the Bishop of
at Mr. Powell had
the Diocese of Nor-
being sent ashore.]

Surat.

St. Helena.

Bengal.

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Garrison, and in the Names of the other Gentlemen here under-written and all the other contributors whether present or absent to represent unto you, that whereas this ffort St. George and Towne of Madrasspatam *alias* Chinapatnam, upon the coast of Chormandell in the East Indies, hath been near fourty years under the government of the English Nation, and wee have hitherto had noe Church for the publick Wors^p of God, Wee have now erected one at our owne cost and charge with an intent and purpose that it may bee dedicated to the publick Wors^p of Almighty God, and that his holy and blessed name might there bee honoured and called upon by all Christian Protestant people that are at present in or shall come hereafter unto this place, I therefore in the name of the said Streynsham Master Esq^r, and in the names of all the other contributors, whether present or absent, do promise hereafter to refuse and renounce to put this Church or any part of it to any profane or common use whatsoever, and desire it may be dedicated and consecrated wholly and onely to relegious uses for the glory of God and the salvation of our Souls. In which respect wee doe humbly beseech God to accept of this our sincere intent and purpose, and doe unanimously desire you as God's Minister and by virtue of that power which you have now upon this occasion received from the Right Reverend ffather in God Henry Lord Bishop of London, to accept of this our ffree will offering, and do desire this Church to bee severed from all common and profane uses, and soe to severe it, as alsoe by the Word of God and prayer and other spiritual and religious dutyes to dedicate it to the sacred Name of God and to his service and Wors^p onely, promising that wee will ever hold it as an holy place even as God's house, and use it accordingly, and that wee and our Successours in this place will from time to time and ever hereafter as need shall bee soe far as in us lyes, see it conveniently repaired and decently furnished in such sort as a Church ought to bee, and wee doe further promise for ourselves and our successours in this place, to use our utmost endeavours to procure allwayes from time to time a sufficient Clerke or Clerks being in the order of Presthood Licenced and authorized according to the Laws of England, to the end that hee or they may take upon them the cure of the said Church and duely say Divine Service in the same at times appoynted, and performe all other such offices and dutyes as by the Canons of our Church and y^e Laws of the Kingdome of England every Minister is bound to doe; provided notwithstanding that for the future noe Corps may be