=tanna a place formerly of considerable [illegible]
if you stop there you will Anchor some distance without the Bar
the fellow who comes off on the Catamaran will pilot the boat
over the Bar — Mr Alexander A merchant of Colours born in
England will shew you hospitality, & assist you in your
business — when there you can determine whether to go for
Coringa & other small places of little trade but extensive manu=
=factories — the Manufactories on the Coast differ from
those in Bengal but at Calcutta you will find the Center of
~~the~~ all the English trade in India, & also that its resources are
Immense — The Currencies on the Coast differ at almost
every port, & Calcutta is Unlike the whole — Some who sell
on the Coast Exchange their Pagoda Rupees &c. for Government
Bills which are negotiated at Calcutta the seat of Government
to prevent a loss which sometime takes place in exchanging
for Sicca Rupees [illegible] of Calcutta — Bills on Govern=
=ment I found on the Coast at Par but the year before they had depreci=
=ted — it requires caution in recieving them —

The Dollars you carry will afford
an advance by Putting them in the mint at Calcutta & recieve Sicca rupees,
when I was there the mint was a safe deposit — & if I recollect
it would turn out about 209 7/8th Sicca rupees for 100 Dollars
— The Super Cargoes from American Vessels always afforded
Accommodation for Strangers of America at their factories
until they Obtain one of their own — you will find no Taverns
except at Batavia were is one licensed Hotel & Every Vessel
has to pay 5 Rix Dollars ⅌ Day whether you live on Shore or
not — the Master is Obliged to furnish Victuals Lodging & Geneva
with a Coach & pair — your other Liquors are an Extra Expence
Batavia ~~the~~ is the Capital of the Dutch Settlements & affords
the best sugar in India at a low Price also arrack, Coffee Pepper,
&c — but our flag Was when I was there excluded from trade &
others were very limited —

I recommend you to Obtain Letters of Recommen=
=dation from Mr Harriet & Mrs Green — but Letters in par=
=ticular to merchants might induce them to expect you would give them the
preference — Gardner Stewart Brown &c are Auctioneers
& gave me satisfaction — enquire about this house before you
engage with them — at Calcutta the sales were principly made at
Auction in the Years 93 & 94 —

At China you will recieve a Pilot at Mocoa
& applications from Compradores with recommendations will meet
you there, but I think it best to engage none until you arrive at
Wampoo — take advice from others before you engage a Security