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**Thomas Pengelly as apparent recipient, 1659-1675 & 1691.
Norfolk; and London, Scotland, Oxford, and unknown.**

1. **Davies** [or Davie], Nathaniel To Thomas Pengelly. 1p (1 piece)
1658/9 Feb 5
Receipt. For rupees due to me for balance of his account at Ballasor.
Notes: "Ballasor" is probably Balasore, Orissa, Bengal. EB: "The English settlement of Balasore, formed in 1642...became the basis for the future greatness of the British in India. The...**East India Company** here fortified themselves" and carried on a brisk trade, which fell away when the harbour silted up in the 18th century.
Davies: Alumni Oxon lists a Nathaniel Davis, son of John of Dartmouth, matric. 2 Dec 1631 aged 17.

2. **Harper**, John To Mr Thomas Pengelley. 1p & d (1 piece)
1661 [1662 NS] Mar 20 [Norfolk:] Yarmouth
Letter. Please get Mr Rainer to send me the money due me; I shall tell you when Mr Robert Moudey comes.
Docketed in Hand A: 20/3.
Notes: "Rainer": Woodhead's Rulers of London lists a John Rayner, 1624-1678, a small merchant; and Michael Raynor, councilman for Farrington Within, b. in Norfolk, d. 1661 in Cambs; see also Raynes (items 8 & 15).

3. **Harper**, George To Deare Bro: (Mr Thomas Pengelly at the widdow Bendishe in Norwich) 2p & a (1 piece)
1665 Sep 15 [Norfolk:] Trunch
Letter. If Thomas Kipper needs money, he should get it from Peter Wiggitt who has not yet paid him for the coals; I ordered Lawrence Purgall to pay Mr Bird; prices of rope; John Turner--ship in debt; my money in Holland. Captain Amis. May the Lord keep you & Bro: Sam.
Docketed in Hand A: 15/9.
Notes: Trunch is about 3 mi N of North Walsham, and about 2 mi inland of Mundesley. Amis family: see also item 27.

4. **Ellington**, John To Sire 1p (1 piece)
1667 May 2 [Scotland:] Leith [Leith]
Letter. Searching Scotland for ships to buy. Detailed description of a dogger fit for merchant trade. But some prizes have come in which are fit for colliers, which my cousin Harper prefers; is the coal trade economic? Describes the ineffectual siege of Burent Island [Burntisland, Fife] by the Dutch fleet; they took the Yarmouthman John Chamberlen. Have received letters from you and from your brother Harper.
Notes: Leith is the port of Edinburgh; Burntisland is across the Firth of Forth. The Second Dutch War began in 1665 and ended in July 1667.
Idiosyncratic spelling.
Recipient: reference to "your brother Harper" may indicate Pengelly.

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5. **Davis, S** To Dearest Brother (Mr Thomas Pengellij March' at Mrs Bendish
her house in Norwich) 1p & a (1 piece)
1668 May 7 [Norfolk:] Yarmouth applied armorial seal
Letter. Glad you got safe to Norwich; you're welcome at my house. My cousin Roger
will sell you his mare in foal. Poor Thomas Comfitt writes that he is unladen
except the brandy; in the name of the Owners here write him at Paul Farringtons
(March Yard near the Armintage) and advise him. John Ellington now at Ramsgate.
My bro: Harper does not pay me. The Thomas. Mr Greene has arrived here after
being blown off course to Norway.
Interior blank.
Notes: "Paul Farringtons" may possibly refer to the London ward Farringdon Within.
Farringdon Within [the City wall] is the west of the City proper; it contains St.
Paul's Cathedral, and touches the Thames at Blackfriars. Farringdon Without is to
the west of the old wall. The Fleet River ran partly between the two wards, and
partly in Farringdon Without; in the 17th century not only were there wharves and
quays for shipping on the Thames near Blackfriars, but colliers and wharves ran up
the Fleet as far North as Holborn Bridge (now Ludgate Circus; the Fleet is now
covered by Farringdon Street and New Bridge Street).
"March" may be short for Merchants.
"The Armintage": possibly one of the three hospitals founded by Lady Mary
Armine or Armyne, d. 1676? (see DNB).
Seal: a chevron between 3 heads--possibly boars' heads. A chevron between 3
boars' heads was used by many families, including Davis and Davies.
Writer: See item 7 for possible mention of a Samuel Davis.
6. **Comfort, [Comfitt?] Thomas** To Ser 1p & d (1 piece)
1668 [1669 NS] Feb 23
Letter. Still seeking freight for this voyage. Alderman Foutt wishes to go to
Rochall [La Rochelle?] and Newfoundland and then to some port in the Straits:
Naples, Galleplo, and home. Shall I undertake this profitless voyage for your
friend?
Docketed Comfitt; see also item 5.
Notes: "Alderman Foutt" may be Samuel Foote, briefly an alderman for Farringdon
Without in 1661 (a merchant trading to Turkey in 1663; lost his capital as an East
Indiaman in 1672); not likely to be the wealthy Thomas Foot, alderman 1643-48 (who
had been made a baronet in 1660), nor the merchant Samuel Foote, Council member
1661-6 (all these in Woodhead Rulers of London); but note that Samuel Foote the
dramatist (1720-1777) was son of Samuel Foote mayor of Truro (1679-1754); just
conceivably the latter's father could have been a Truro alderman (DNB).
Recipient: Probably Thomas Pengelly--docketed in same hand as item 8.
7. **Greene, Christopher** To Sir 2p & d (1 piece)
1669 [1670 NS] Mar 23 Loundon [London?] applied armorial seal
Letter. Have come to a poor market for my coals: voyage took seven weeks. Finan-
cial details: payments by the order of my owner Harper to your brother Mr Samauel
Fanne[s?] for the account of George Roper's ship sailing to sea; your brother
Samaual Dawes [Davis?]; profit poor; ship needs repairs; when I come home I'll make
a reckoning and discuss this employment.
Notes: Idiosyncratic spelling.
Seal: griffin surrounded with crosses.
Recipient: Probably Thomas Pengelly--docketed in same hand as item 8.

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8. **Albertson, John** To Mr Thomas Pengelly (Mr Thomas Pengally Mcht at Mr Symond Trobridge Messer in Exeter) 1p & a/d (1 piece)
1671 Aug 7 [Norfolk:] Yarmouth
Letter. The ship has returned; financial details concerning salt bought in France and masts; have sent Mr John Raynes a bill upon you. Can you hear of a chapman to buy the ship? or get her a freight? "Herring adventures are noe wayes in-courageing."
Docketed in Hand A: 7/8.
Notes: "Raynes": cf. Rainer item 1.
Simon Trowbridge: cf. items 12 & 15. Most Trowbridges come from Devon.
9. **Atwill(?), Pet:(?)** To Hon: Sir (his friend and kinsman, Mr Thomas Pengelly March.) 1p & a/d (1 piece)
1673 [1674 NS] Mar 10 G(?)ijsh MYLARED
Letter. Effusive apology for ingratitude and not writing; commissions TP to get him a suit of clothes in London for his wedding to Elizabeth Martin.
10. **Sheldrake, William** To Sr 1p (1 piece)
[16]74 [1675 NS] Mar 17 [Norfolk?: Yarmouth??]
Letter. Your brother Harper has taken up shopkeeping and made a success of trading in what ships need, and now wants money to expand his stock; will you buy his interest in Southrapps or make him a loan?
Some text obscured by damp-stains.
Notes: "William Sheldrake" may be one of two entries in Alumni Cantab: 1) b. ca. 1627, d. ca 1685, Minister of Yarmouth 1670-1685; 2) b. ca. 1630, Rector of Barton Bendish, Norfolk, 1658-1698. DNB says the Sheldrakes are an old Norfolk family.
Southrepps, Norfolk, is ca. 4 mi N of North Walsham and ca. 2 mi inland from Trimingham. See also item 15.
Recipient: reference to "your brother Harper" may indicate Pengelly.
11. **Sheldrake, William** To Sr 1p (1 piece)
[after 1674/5 Mar 17] [Norfolk?: Yarmouth??] TORN
Letter. Further arguments for backing your brother Harper: his ruin will ruin your sister...
Right margin of text missing.
12. **Cooke(?), Victor** [or Valor or ?] To Dear Cous. (my Cousin mr Thomas Pengally) 1p & a/d (1 piece)
1690 [1691 NS] Feb 13 [Oxfordshire:] Oxford
Letter. I have sealed the documents (witnessed by Mr Pawling and his Servant and my cousin Gyles Marlyn [or Martyn]--Mr Pawlyn's brother was not at home). Deliver all documents concerning me to my brother.
Docketed in Hand A: 13/2.
Notes: A Giles Martyn, son of John of Yercombe (presumably Yarcombe), Devon, matric. at Oxford in 1670 aged 18, and was in the Middle Temple in 1672. (Alum. Oxon.)

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**Pengelly-Snow-Hartstonge correspondence, 1663-1664 & n.d.
Devon; and Norfolk, Ireland, and unknown.**

13. **Snow**, , (cousin) To Cosen (Mr Tho: Pengolly merchant in London) 2p & a (1 piece)
 [16]63 Oct 12 Xo [Devon: Exeter?]
 Letter. My deceased bro: was taking care of our stock with Mr Summers. Would you inspect your own books and advise me of its state? Who owns my brother's correspondence? My address next week: the parsonage of St Mollyn, Cornwall...
14. **Snow**, , (cousin) To Cosen (Mr Tho: Pengelly at the pestl & mortar in Mincing Lane in Fanechurch street Londo.) 1p & a/d (1 piece)
 [16]66 Apr 18 Exo [Devon: Exeter?]
 Letter. My Bro: (with my cos: Leach) to Totness; he wishes me to remove from this house to Cos Trobridge & Walrond in his house above; sickness and deaths in his family. Cos Taylor jocond; more like to see his son-in-law than to die.
 Docketed in Hand A: 18/4.
 Interior blank.
 Notes: Writer's initial illegible; may sign himself "Uncl" (also illegible). Same hand as item 13.
15. **Hartstonge**, Standish To Mr **Snow** (mercht in Exeter) 1p & a (1 piece)
 [16]66 Dec 28 [Ireland:] Dublin MYLARED
 Letter. Making another proposal to buy **Southrepps [Norfolk]** property (former proposal posted to London). You have been a dealer and understand prudential dealing. I would not purchase in Norfolk did I not know the estate; the rents are racked. Wool.
 Notes: "Hartstonge" (Hartstong, Hartstung, Hartstongue). Francis Hartstonge of South Repps, Norfolk, married an Irish heiress, Elizabeth Standish of Bruff, Limerick, and d. by Nov. 1635 (by when she had married a Mr. Raynes). His son, Standish Hartstongue, was born ca. 1630, began the study of law at the Middle Temple, London, in 1647, and ca. 1650 married (firstly) Elizabeth Jermy of Gunston (perhaps Gunton, Norfolk? Jermy is a Norfolk name). They had 11 children of which at least the first 3 were born in Norwich, or in Catton, Norfolk, between 1651 and 1654; the first two were schooled in Norfolk.
 In 1658 S.H. entered the Irish bar, and began an Irish legal and political career; he was made an Irish baronet in 1681 and attainted in 1689; he apparently died in England between 1695 and 1697. His 2nd son, Standish, was b. ca. 1654, and was too young to be responsible for this letter.
 Note that the Hartstonges listed as Cambridge students are apparently all members of S.H.'s family, except for 3 Norfolkmen, of whom James Hartstonge matriculated in 1544 from South Repps, Norfolk. (Based on Cokayne's Baronetage v. IV p. 213; Alum. Cantab.; Alum. Dubl.; DNB; Manuscript Sources for History of Irish Civilization v. 2 p. 427. Rough notes in MS Records.)
 Southrepps: see items 10 & 11.

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16. [Snow], Simon, (uncle) To Dear Nephew (Mr Thomas Pengelly at the pestle & Mortar in FenChurch Street London) 1p & a (1 piece)
 [16-- Jul] 22 [torn] "Westwood" MYLARED
 Letter. Cosin Crew. Although executor, I cannot attend the funeral in London; you must open the will, etc. [Death may be of his brother?] Mr Hollcomb acts in my absence. Our loss. My cosin Simon Trobridg is come.
 Signed "Simon" (torn); resembles item 17 strongly.
 Torn: much text missing down right margin.
 Postmark "IY/24" (torn). This is a "Bishop Mark" instituted by Henry Bishop, first Postmaster General (1660-1662) as the first postmark in the world.
 Docketed in Hand A: 22/7.
 Place: ? There are presently two hamlets in Devon (7 mi NE of Exeter; 5 1/2 mi E of Chudleigh), a manor-house in Wilts near Trowbridge & Bradford-on-Avon, and 25 less likely possibilities.
17. Snow, Simon, (uncle) To Dear Nephew [Thomas Pengelly?] 4p (1 piece)
 [16]67 May 22 "Westwood"
 Letter. Family and business news: thanks for the news of the India ships which may make up for my recent losses in ships (e.g., the George of Plymouth). Mr Buckingham dying; his estate; marriage treaty with Miss Doune. Survey of Waterslade. Family business. Improvements to Westwood: regret the expense to Mr Holcombe and myself. Part of Cosin Trowbridge's house to Widow Holdish. Exeter. My mother bedridden. Service to Mr Christopher Willoughby.
- Shales family of Oxborough (Norfolk) and Stowmarket (Suffolk), 1686; 1702-1703.**
18. Shales, Dionis [or Dyaius or Dyanis], of Oxborough, Norfolk, gent. 2p & d (1 piece)
 1686 Nov [or Dec] 6 [Norfolk: Oxborough?]
 Promissory note.
 To Thomas Adamson of Dereham, Norfolk £100; and to Charles Turner for the use of Adamson £50. To be repaid 2 Feb next.
 Endorsed by Adamson on p. [2] with notes of re-payment on 20 Dec, 30 Dec, 12(?) Jan. Witnessed.
19. Shales, Ph[ilip] To nephew Keymer, [Oxborough, Norfolk] 1p (1 piece)
 1702 Aug 6 [London:] Westminster FRAGILE
 Letter. I approve of whatever you and my Bro: Dennis decide about Mr Young, but get a discharge from Sir Hen: Bedingfeld for the farm. Best to all at Oxborough. Is Job Edwards, a former Excise Officer, there?
 Notes: Oxborough still belongs to the Bedingfeld baronets (cf MS A4).
20. Shales, Ph. To nephew Keymer, [Stowmarket, Suffolk] 1p (1 piece)
 1703 Aug 21 London FRAGILE
 Letter. I'll meet you at Colchester at the Three Crowns; we'll go to Stowmarket. I'll stay a week with you. Have my two nephews Dionises meet us later.

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21. **Shales, Ph.** To nephew **Keymer**, [Stowmarket, Suffolk] 1p & d (1 piece)
 1703 Oct 13 [London:] Westminster FRAGILE
 Letter. Family finances: my nephew Dennis Shales and your brother Dennis should
 sign; your sister Leggotts child's christening; my sister Mary's bond; my Father's
 bequest. Best to all at Stow-Market.
 Docketed "Mr Philip Shales' Letters"

**Miscellaneous items, Civil War & Commonwealth, 1645-1656.
 Norfolk, Lincolnshire, and unknown.**

22. **Geyb(?)**, William. 1p (1 piece)
 1644 [1645 NS] Jan 25 [Lincolnshire]
Military interrogation, signed by prisoner. "The information of William Guibe (?),
 one of the caporalls to a troupe of horse under the comand of Captain Nelthorpe
 taken 25 Jan 1644"
 On location of quarters; on provisioning.
23. **Do..ley [Dossley?]**, Richard 1 piece
 1652 Jun 29
 Receipt. Received of Mr Peter Halle for a tenement in the minster yard... for the
 use of Mr Willyam Sykes.
 Mounted on heavy paper 13.5 x 17.5 cm.
24. **Watts, William** To Honourd Sr 1p (1 piece)
 [16]56 Sep 26 [Norfolk:] Norwich TEARING
 Letter. As for the seisin of the lands in A'tcham [or H'tcham] the mayor(?) and the
 ? wish no further law-suits but are willing to pay the rent and take it up: what
 is your pleasure? Soldiers in Yarmouth and Norwich because of pretended fear of
 invasion by the King of Scotts; Parliament has passed votes against Charles Stward
 and his abettors. Service to Mrs Mary and Mr Jöhn.

**Miscellaneous legal and financial items, 1678-1697; 1745 or later (printed form).
 England.**

25. **Tyrell**, Sir Timothy, of Shotover, Oxford. 1p & d (1 piece)
 MYLARED
 applied armorial seal
 1677 [1678 NS] Jan 21
 Power of attorney to Anthony Segar, of Westminster, Gent.
 To receive my annuity from the Exchequer.
 Registered. Witnessed.
 Interior blank.
 Notes: Seal: 2 chevrons.
26. **Hannam**, Hugh, of St Martins-in-the-Fields, [London], vintner 1p & d (1 piece)
 1683 Oct 25
 Promise that there shall be no further suits in Chancery or Common Law; he will
 follow the verdict, pay costs, and give quiet possession to William Thurrogoode.

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27. **Simones**, James, of Aldington, Kent, cordwainer 1p & d (1 piece)
 1694 [1695 NS] Jan 10 [Kent: Aldington] applied signet-seal
 Bond to James Simones jr, of Aldington, yeoman.
 The condition appears in a pair of Indentures of Feoffment of even date (not present).
 Signed; sealed with a thistle signet; tax stamp; witnessed by John Amis (his mark); Ann Amis (her mark); William Finch and paraph.
 Engraved form filled in with MS. In Latin and English.
 Notes: Note in pencil says tax-stamp an early use.
 Interior mended with 2 labels "Dr. James C. Goodwin, 170 St George Street, Toronto, Ont."
28. **S., M.:** To Rob't **Gee**, Attorney at Law, Cambridge. 2p (1 piece)
 [196 Mar 18 [1697 NS or 1796?]
 Letter (draft). Protest that he was ready to pay his **feudal dues** (fines and admission-fees) at last Cranwell-Court if he could have an account separate from Messers Dick and Richardson, and that the fines should not be increased from the value settled by B. Taylor and C. Barker in open court; respectable graziers in Sutton St. Edmunds attest to the value of the land.
 Place: There is a Sutton St Edmund ca. 6 mi NW of Wisbech, Lincolnshire, and a Cranwell ca. 4 mi NW of Sleaford, **Lincolnshire**; but Sleaford is ca. 35 mi NW of Wisbech.
 Gee: There are many Gees in Alum. Cantab. Walter Gee (adm. 1802), born 1784 at Cambridge, was the son of Robert Gee, attorney, of Bene't Street, Cambridge.
29. **Montfort**, [(?)Thomas Bromley, 2nd baron, 1733-1799] 1 fragment mounted (1 piece)
 [Between 1745 and 1799]
 Printed governmental form, signed in MS "Montfort". Apparently a receipt for an annuity of £450 p.a. arising from the Act for...duties upon...Wines...and for raising...Money for...1745 (18 Geo II c.9). Mutilated; office of issue unknown. The annuity runs "during the Life of [in MS:] Thomas Bromley". Witness... Richardson.
 Montfort: Henry Bromley, 1705-1755, a Whig, was created in 1741 Lord Montfort, ~~Baron~~ of Horseheath; his son Thomas Bromley became the 2nd baron in 1755. This annuity was probably originally issued between 1745 and 1755, since Thomas is not given a title when named as a "life". It is not clear which Montfort is the annuitant: Henry would sign as "Montfort" between 1745 and 1755, and Thomas between 1755 and 1799.
 Mounted on scrap of album-page, marked "E", 10.2 x 13 cm.