

## **Draft Project Chronology, Jan 2014**

1600 Founding/chartering of the East India Company

1600 Levant Company's charter revoked over its levying of duties on imports of currants and soon regranted upon agreement to make an annual payment to the Crown

1601 The first Voyage of the EIC

1601-1615: Antonio de Herrera y Tordesillas, *Historia general de los hechos de los*

1603 *Basilikon Doron* republished in London

1603 – Death of Queen Elizabeth Accession of James I

1604 Report of the Committee of Free Trade in HoC

1605 Permanent Charter for the Levant Company (traded on a regulated basis since early 1590s)

1606 Renewal James I renewal of LeC charter

1606 Founding/chartering of the Virginia Company

1606 Plymouth and London Company's founded to colonize America (Virginia Company's):

1606 William Bradshaw publishes *A Myld and Just Defence* 1606 illustrates the attitudes of Presbyterianism against individual authority in his attack against James intervention in ecclesiastical laws, point out Parliaments authority over these matters.

1606 – Bates Case

1607- Jamestown established; August, first settlement at Popham, Maine; first migration of Powhatan Indians to England supervised by the Virginia Company.

1608 The Establishment of the first EIC factory in India

1609 Hugo Grotius, *Mare Liberum* (Dutch Argument for Free seas)

1609 Renewal of EIC charter by James I

1609 Plantation of Ulster launched

1610 Newfoundland Company formed

1611 William Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

1613 EIC running stock (from founding pr. voyage to founding for four year)

1613 Samuel Purchas publishes *Purchas His Pilgrimage: or Relations of the World and the Religions observed in all Ages and Places discovered, from the Creation unto this Present.*

1615 Dudley Digges, *The Defence of Trade* (defending the EIC)

1615 Establishment of the the EIC Factory of Surat

1615 First Treaty with the Mughal Empire

1615 Following victory over Portuguese at the Battle of Swally English establish factory at Surat; Thomas Roe made Ambassador to court at Agra

1615-19 Sir Thomas Roe, *The Embassy of Sir Thomas Roe to India* [Manuscript]

1616 Thomas Coryat's *Greetings from the Court of the Great Mogul* published

1617 Pocahontas arrives in England

1618 Change in the EIC running stock

1618 Thomas Roe leaves Court at Agra

1618 First Guinea Company chartered

1618 Thomas Coryat letters home published

1619 First General Assembly held in Jamestown

1619-1623- Anglo-Dutch cooperation against the Iberian nations and their Spice Island settlements

1620- November, 11 signing of the Mayflower Compact following months the first permanent colony established by Plymouth Company at Plymouth, Massachusetts

1621 League of Peace between Plymouth Colony and Wampanoag Indians under Massasoit

1621 Thomas Roe appointed ambassador to Ottoman Empire

1621 Thomas Mun, *A Discourse of Trade from England unto the East Indies*

1622 – Indian massacre in Virginia

1622 Capture of Hormuz by English

1623 Massacre of Amboyna

1623 Missleden, *The Circle of Commerce*

1623 John Smith, *General History of Virginia*

1624 Statute of Monopolies passed in Parliament

1624 Virginia Company's charter revoked by James and colony becomes crown colony

1625 Death of James I, ascend of Charles I

1625- Purchas publishes *Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes contayning a History of the World in Sea Voyages and Lande Travells, by Englishmen and others*

1626: Francis Bacon, *The New Atlantis*

1627 November 8, Jahangir dies and is succeeded Shah Jahan

1627 1<sup>st</sup>; English Settlers begin to arrive in Barbados

1628 LeC and EIC refuses to lend the Crown money

1628 Passing of the Petition of Rights

1628- Charles grants MBC charter,

1629 Charles I dissolves Parliament

1629 Founding/chartering of Massachusetts Bay Company

1629 - Directors of MBC begin to debate moving company's governing seat to colony

1630- First settlers arrive in Massachusetts after sailing from the Isle of Wight in April;

1630 - William Bradford begins to write *Of Plymouth Plantation*

1632- Lord Baltimore granted charter for Maryland Colony as a haven for Catholics (charter granted to be ruled by Palatine Lord)

1633-38: Dispute between Crown and Levant Company over strangers consulage (what was the relationship between corporate authority and Crown prerogative in the Levant?)

1633: Hugo Grotius, *Mare Liberum*

1634-38- Pequot War. Gov. of Mass: Winthrop succeeded by Thomas Dudley

1635 John Selden, *Mare Clausum* (English Argument for State sovereignty at Sea)

1635 Richard Williams banished from Massachusetts;

1635 After a series of actions Japan finally isolates itself following the Closed Country Edict allowing only Europeans access to trade through Dutch bases on the artificial Island of Dejima in Nagasaki's harbour.

1636- Roger Williams and follower establish settlement of Providence from land bought of Massasoit Sachem of the Wampanoags;

1636 - Thomas Hooker after disagreeing with colony policy on limited suffrage leads large group from Massachusetts to settle Connecticut

1638- Antinomians establish settlement at Pocasset (modern day Portsmouth, Rhode Island); General Court meets in Connecticut to frame a written constitution and establish a government.

1638: Francis Godwin, *The Man in the Moon*

1639 EIC buys land on the Coromandel coast which later becomes Madras

1640: John Wilkins, *A Discourse Concerning a New World and Another Planet, in*

1641 Lewes Roberts, *The treasure of traffike, or, A discourse of forraigne trade*

1641 Massachusetts passes law making Slavery legal

1642- March 1, Georgeana, Massachusetts (York, Maine) becomes first incorporated city in America;

1642-46- 1<sup>st</sup> English Civil War

1642-49- Confederate Ireland

1642-51: Civil Wars (the monopolies of both the EIC and Levant Company come under pressure)

1644- Roger Williams granted official charter for Rhode Island Colony allowing for the establishment of an assembly; Long Parliament agrees upon the Solemn League and Covenant (allowing Presbyterians freedom in the British Isles).

1644: John Milton, *Areopagitica*

1645- *Directory of Public Worship* in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland replaces *Book of Common Prayer*; January 10, Archbishop of Canterbury William Laud executed.

1646 House of Commons renew the EIC Charter

1646-7: Conflict between Levant Company factors and Crown Ambassador in the Ottoman Empire, culminating in seizure of ambassador and his dispatch back to London (Further opens questions of the relationship between corporate, Crown, and Parliamentary authority in the Levant and provokes series of lawsuits between company and ambassador that ought to be investigated)

1647-9: John Lilburne et al., *An Agreement of the People*

1648-49- 2<sup>nd</sup> English Civil War

1649- Charles I executed; Interregnum and Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell;

1649 - The Qur'an is first published in English.

1650- Jews allowed to return to England.

1650-51- 3<sup>rd</sup> English Civil War

1650: John Milton, *The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates*

1651 – 52, Maryland and Virginia acknowledge parliamentary rule

1651 Navigation Act: English Trade on English Vessels

1651- Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan* is published;

1651: John Milton, *Defensio pro Populo Anglicano*

1652-54 First Anglo-Dutch War

1654- Cromwell establish political Union between Scotland and England

1654 – Cromwell launches quest to expand English territory in the Caribbean against the Spanish. – Western Design

1655: Anon., *An honest discourse between three neighbours touching the present*

1655: Edmund Terry, *A Voyage to East-India*

1656- *Speedwell* arrives in Boston with approx. 8 Quakers all arrested at request of Governor and imprisoned for 11 weeks, then deported back to England.

1657: New charter for EIC with permanent and enlarged joint stock. The EIC would begin to behave in a far more 'sovereign' fashion and increasingly turn its attention to its permanent, fortified settlements and away from its former factories.

1658- Massachusetts legislature pass law that those Quakers who did not inhabit the colony but lived in its jurisdiction should be arrested imprisoned and face trial banished upon pain of death;

1658 - EIC court committee orders first general Chaplain to Indian factory;

1658: William D'Avenant, *The Cruelty of the Spaniards in Peru*

1660 Navigation Act II – the composition of crews

1660: John Milton, *The Readie and Easy Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth*

1660 – Company of Royal Adventurers Trading to Africa established

1661 Corporation Act of 1661

1661- Marriage treaty between Charles II and Catherine of Braganza securing Tangier, and Bombay and trading privileges to Brazil and

East Indies as well as religious freedom for Portuguese Catholics in English run towns

1662 – Foundation of Royal Society for the Improvement of Natural Knowledge

1662 First policy passed enacting religious tolerance in Bombay;

1663- Navigation Act renewed (also known as Act for the Encouragement of Trade)

1663 – New Charter for Africa Adventurers

1663 - John Eliot publishes first Bible in a Native American dialect

1664- Charles II sends Royal Commissioner to investigate New England colonies.

1664 –Proprietary Charter in New York

1664, Thomas Mun, *England's Treasure by Foreign Trade* [written c.1630]

1664: John Dryden, *The Indian Queen*

1665- Municipal government installed in New York

1665 – Duke's Laws for New York

1665 – Canary Company established

1665 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Charter of the Province of Carolina expanding its borders:

1665 - Paul Rycault publishes *The Present State of the Ottoman Empire*;

1665 - In Bengal Committee insists that religious buildings should be protected.

1665-67 Second Anglo-Dutch war

1666: Lady Margaret Cavendish, *The Blazing World*

1667- Charles gives over Bombay to EIC

1667 – Canary Company dissolved

1667 - Paul Rycault appointed Consul and factor at Smyrna

1667: John Dryden, *The Indian Emperour* [perf. 1665]

1667: John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

1668 Josiah Child, *Brief Observations concerning Trade*

1668-69 - Skinner's Case – Company Liability

1668: EIC takes possession of Bombay and moves its western presidency to that city from the Mughal port of Surat

1668: Josiah Child, *A New Discourse of Trade*

1669 – Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina written

1670 Founding/chartering of the Hudson Bay Company

1670- Navigation Act renewed

1671- Muslims Pilgrims given permission to travel through Bombay; Aungier presides over Witchcraft Trials in Bombay

1672 Founding/chartering of the New Royal African Company

1672- Gerald Aungier made 3<sup>rd</sup> Gov. Bombay and President of Surat factory; first Act is to make it obligatory to observe the Sabbath;

1672-74 Third Anglo-Dutch war

1673 - Navigation act III

1673 - William Temple, *Observations Upon the United Provinces of the Netherlands* (ch. VI “of their trade”)

1673- August Dutch recapture New York name it New Orange;

1673: John Dryden, *Amboyna or the Cruelties of the Dutch to the English Merchants*

1674- Treaty of Westminster Netherlands formally give over New York to English

1675 – Lords of Trade and Plantations Established

1675-78 King Philip's War

1675: John Dryden, *Aureng-Zebe*

1676- Bacons Rebellion;

1677- Daniel Gookin publishes, *An Historical Account of the Doings and Sufferings of the Christian Indians in New England*'

1679- Habeas Corpus Parliament; March 6-July 12, Habeas Corpus Act part of the exclusionary debates to prevent the Duke of York from obtaining throne;

1681 – Establishment of Quaker strong hold at Pennsylvania

1680-1684: Rivalry and pamphlet contest between EIC and Levant Company as EIC imports of South Asian textiles intrude on Levant Company's trade in silk. Meanwhile, the privileges and *firman* of the Levant Company come under assault in the Ottoman Empire. These pressures on the Levant Company probably encourage its attacks on the EIC.

1681 - Robert Knox EIC trader publishes an account of his life and imprisonment and escape *An Historical Relation of the Island Ceylon*

1682 – Frame of Government for Pennsylvania

1683 – 'Charter of Libertyes and Priviledges', New York

1682-5: Sandys Case (prerogative basis for EIC monopoly)

1683 - Suspension of the Corporation of London Charter – Quo Warranto

1684- EIC Permission to trade in Canton

1684 - Suspension of the MBC charter

1684 – Bermuda Company charter annulled

1685 -Death of Charles II, ascend of James II

1685- February, 6, James II becomes King; Revocation of the Edict of Nantes

1686- James II appoints 4 Catholics to privy council; July 12, New York city and Albany granted city charters; English forcefully eject from Hugli by Mughal Emperor and settle in Calcutta

1687- The establishment of civic association such as Anglican Parish in Madras

1687-8: EIC's 'wars' against Siam and the Mughal Empire (new aggressiveness on the part of the Company and major factors in subsequent criticisms of the Company)

1688 Glorious Revolution, flight of James II

1688- Agreement between EIC and Armenians offering the same status as “if they were Englishmen born”

1688: Aphra Behn, *Oroonoko*

1689 Bill of Rights

1689 John Locke, *Two Treatises on Government*

1689- John Locke’s *Four Letters on Toleration* published; Act of Toleration (includes, Congregationalists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Quakers: excludes Catholics, nontrinitarians, and atheists);

1689: *Nightingale v. Bridges* (statute, not prerogative, as basis for corporate monopoly)

1690 Nicholas Barbon, *A Discourse of Trade*

1690-98 Parliamentary discussion on tobacco into Russia

1692 New Massachusetts Charter

1692 Royal Government established in Maryland

1693 Josiah Child, *A New Discourse of Trade*

1694 Founding/chartering of the Bank of England

1696 Navigation Act IV – establishes vice-admiralty courts in America

1696 – New Board of Trade established

1696 – *Dockwra v Dickenson* – prerogative enforcement powers for monopoly companies undermined

1696: John Ovingdon, *A Voyage to Surat, in the Year 1689*

1697 Charles Davenant, *An Essay on the East India Trade*

1698 Charles Davenant, *Two Discourses on the Public Revenues and Trade of England*

1698 End of MuC monopoly on trade to Russia

1698 Founding/chartering of the New East India Company

1698: Trade to Africa Act partially deregulating Africa trade

1699 Charles Davenant, [...] *making the people gainers in the balance of Trade*

1699: Start of unsuccessful embassy of William Norris to Mughal court as representative of Crown and 'New' EIC. Norris carried instructions to obtain a *farman* equivalent to that between England and the Ottoman Empire.