Memorandum containing the outlines of those Treatises which have determined to compile, for my Kind, Bishop Lord Bishop.

The Ceyloues are said to have been descended from the best chiefe of the Indiennes called Andros or Adrers and in other words Velonas — They are divided into 12 diffirent castes and each caste is subdivided into several orders — their respective duties or privileges — Their Manners and customs very different from that of the Indiennes.

Their religion is a kind of atheism for they never believe in God, they say about Buddha whom they look up as a holy man descended to protect them and not as a god. They with the Indiennes, admit Transmigretion.

Their Opinion is, that the soul is subject to annihilation after a course of transmigrations which is their eternal salvation.

This chronological, geographical & Historical Accounts are, on many respects, different from that of the Indiennes.

Their Astrology & Astronomy are the same with the Indiennes. Their Pyschology differs not from that of the Hindous.

Their Buddha of this age is styled Goutama and the Buddha of the former age were Buddhah, Simanama, & Bouhara, and it is now about 2540 years since the Buddha has promulgated their religion on this Island of Ceylon.

This Island is divided into 3 parts and each part subdivided into Boxes and each Boxes into Villages and each Skinner.

Trees Plants and Worts is worth our while, and also Clocks of the Island. The customes & Manners of the Maltese, Maltese, Maltese, &c.

The Ceyloues are reputed for their Manners and their Bible, called Budhagouram. All the foregoing Particulars I have learnt from my Surgeon-School Master, who are the most learned of the Ceyloues.
and with whom I have studied their language and Pidgin English which are very useful to me.

I have made the chronological account of the
Indians from the beginning of the World and am going to write it down to that of New England and am likewise translating the Pidgin English into the English, for the kind inspection of my Most Gracious Patron, the Right Hon. Lord Maitland, from whom I humbly expect some encouragement.

Columbus 12 Sept 1771

Teroorecanoe Mootiah
Memorandum

containing the outlines of those
trials which I am determined
to compile for my late Patron
Lord Bolingbroke.

No. 24. As Traveller, ever
always last in the Way
Coming here, yet a Muck
Year finishes my undertaking
One after another, as soon as
possible. If I can yet conceive
everything from Government.

T.M.