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their engagements in Europe - Moreover as this War would be wholly on the Company's account! We could not expect that any part of the Expence would be borne by the Nabob - May should the Carnatic, in consequence of the Measure proposed, be invaded which I by no means think improbable; might we not justly be accused of bringing Misery on the Nabob's Country and of throwing him in Difficulties and Distress? The Season of the year, as the Crops will soon be cut, has been urged as an Argument for our taking immediate possession of the Guntoor Circar - May it not be expected that the same Argument may be an Inducement with any of the Country Powers and to enter and lay waste the Carnatic and Coicars? And may we not in that case, sustain far greater Loss than any advantages to be obtained by the measure now proposed, can repay?

6th Because, from the Account lately received from Captain Duncan, I consider the Foreigners, in Bazalut Jung's Service, as a more Banditti, without Discipline, Subordination or controul, and that while they are in that State, which I think will be so long as they continue in the Service of Bazalut Jung, less danger is to be apprehended from them, than if they were removed from him, since if he were to dismiss them, they

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they would probably go off to Hyder ally, which by being kept in proper order and Subjection, they might become very useful to him, and in time very dangerous to us - at any rate I am of opinion that their removal is not an object of such Importance as to justify our undertaking it without the Soubah's concurrence; as the advantages to be acquired therefrom, are by no means to be put in competition with the difficulties and danger to which we may expose ourselves by such a Measure.

Mr. Proctor's Motion against the Motion.

The more I reflect on the consequences which must attend the Intercourse between the French and Bazarat Jung, the more I am convinced of the necessity of putting a Stop to that intercourse. For tho' the French have not openly appear'd in it I have not a doubt but they are secretly and intimately connected with him, and if ever Bazarat Jung should aspire to the Musnud of Hydrabad, in right of being the elder Brother, it is thro' the assistance of the French, by which he means to obtain it. Bazarat Jung has ever been a favourer of the French interests and I believe it would not be easy to point out a single instance wherein he has shown a friendly disposition to the English, and did not his natural attachment to the French preponderate

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preponderate, against the real benefits which
he has received from the English, in giving
him a Revenue of 8,000 L a year, it should
sure that gratitude alone should have
attached him to the latter. If ever the French
mean to figure again on this Coast, they
must form an Alliance with some Country
Power, that with Hydr Ally, who is the
most able to assist, yet is attended with many
difficulties, because of the Carnatic lying
between, thro' which the supplies of Men
and Stores may be intercepted, this is not the
case with Bazalot Jung, their intercourse
with him is immediate and direct, thro'
the Seaport of Mostajittur, and in case of
a War with the French, it seems more than
probable, their first stroke would be in the
Northern Circars to cut off by his assistance our
Revenue there, which amount to near 10
Lacks of Pagodas & Annams, and as the Nabob
has told us in case of troubles in the Carnatic, he
will not be able to supply us, our Finances
then would be reduced indeed — It seems
therefore of the greatest consequence that our
Provinces from our Circars should be per-
manent and secure, and I think they cannot
be deemed so while Men and Stores are sup-
plied Bazalot Jung by the French, but as
they have not jointly appeared in this
intercourse, they cannot openly take
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embrage at our interrupting it. This then
seems the most favorable juncture to take
vigorous Measures, for should we wait, until
they publicly declare their intentions, we
could not then take any Step in this business
without endangering a rupture between the
two nations. With respect to the Question whether
Bazalt Jung has broke the Treaty or no,
I must acknowledge that when it was entered
on our Minutes, that he had not, I gave my
assent thereto with great reluctance, and I may
with truth say that I did not object to it, rather
than, that I concurred in that opinion. And if
we at this time take a Review of the whole tenor
of Bazalt Jung's conduct, his Attachment
to the French in preference to the English, his
encouraging our People to desert us, his granting
a Saguer in the Sunkoor Circar to a French
Officer, when the Company have a Provisionary
Right to it, his employing another Officer in
the Management of his affairs at Mootapille
who has taken upon him to alter the ancient
Water courses, Land Marks and usage of the
Country, and persecuted vigorously the People
of the Company's Villages, I cannot think
that Bazalt Jung, who enjoys the Sunkoor
Circar by Treaty, on sufferance and good be-
haviour, can be said to merit much regard
from the English, on the contrary I think
this Government had a right to call him
to an account by the spirit of that Treaty,
in

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1579 in the very first instance of his receiving our
disorders, and that his Conduct ever since
has been an aggravation of that fault —
I am therefore of opinion it would be right
in this Government, to take an active part
in this business, having first obtained the
concurrence of the Governor General and
Council thereto, and in case satisfaction is
not obtained, then to take possession of the
Sambor Circar, and thereby break off his direct
intercourse with the French, even tho' we
should after possession give him the whole
of the Dividends, which are in my opinion
but a secondary consideration, in comparison
of the consequences which may attend the con-
tinuation between Bazajet Jung and the French.

The Nizam it may be imagined would
not chuse to give his public concurrence to this
measure, to save appearances to the World, tho'
secretly he may wish it should take place, for
it is well known that jealousies have for a
long time subsisted between the two Brothers;
and as suppression is the great Law of
nature, the more the Nizam can reduce the
offensive power of the other, the less will be his
own apprehensions, and nothing can contribute
more to this end, than cutting off the means
of assistance which the French may afford.
what then can rest with the Nizam, but the
fear that his Brother may become burthensome
to him, but if this can be provided for by
Treaties

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praying Bazalut Jung the Revenue of the
Circar, the Nizam will not probably object
but on the contrary will think himself be-
sifted by the measure, and this may lead
to further occasions of mutual benefit be-
tween the Company and him for as his
Country is the natural Barrier to the Mor-
thure Circars, the Marattas cannot easily
disturb our possessions there, while he continues
to favor us. The relinquishing also of the
Pishcash of five Lacks of Rupees, might pro-
bably be obtained, if assistance was sent him,
in case his Country was invaded.

Mr. Dawson's
Minute ag^t
the Motion.

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So far from considering the French, as they
are treated in Bazalut Jung's Service, an
establishment from the French Government!
I have always understood them to be prin-
cipally the natives of every European Settle-
ment in India, and on the whole are unde-
sciplined Rabble, who like many others in the
Service of the Country Powers, cannot find
subsistence elsewhere. They may be regarded
merely as adventurers not of sufficient con-
sequence to be employed to promote any
Views of Government, and in fact objects
almost unworthy our Consideration. It
is well known that Foreign Ships import
Military Stores from Europe on account
of Individuals, and these Stores are disposed
of to the several Country Powers. What Mi-
litary

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15-21 Military Succours have been imported at Moor-
lapille. I have reason to believe from the In-
telligence received from Captain Duncan
were not intended for the defence of the Sunkor
Sircar, but conveyed as usual, thro' it, and
for the defence of Bazul Jungi possessions
in the Adoni Country, which are extensive
and surrounded with powerful Chiefs,
among whom, it is good policy in him to
appear as respectable as possible. The Troops
Bazul Jung lately marched into the
Sunkor Sircar was from Adoni, in conse-
quence of the alarm he has received from a
detachment of ours being stationed on the
borders of his Country, and with no other
design than to defend that Country from
any Hostilities we may commit.

It is from experience sufficiently proved
that in the present System of the Com-
pany's Affairs, their first and grand Object
should be the defence of that very great
extent of Territories they are now in pos-
session of, and not the acquisition of new
ones. May I propose myself of opinion,
that the Company do not even wish for
an increase of Territory at the hazard of
interrupting the present Tranquillity
of the Country, And incurring an expensive
War. I on no account would submit
to any thing which would carry with it

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15th Europeans in Bazalib Jungi Service, as they are allowed (by the Intelligence we have received) to be undersigned and in want of pay - and I will remember at the time that Captain Thomas Fletcher commanded at Angole, this Party were so dissatisfied with their Situation that he gave it as his opinion that if he was allowed to march with his Battalion into the Guntoor Circar every Man (then commanded by Bona Infans) would come over to him - about that time the Board determined on seizing a quantity of Stores landed at Moolapittah for Bazalib Jungi Service but on mature deliberation they resolved to deliver them up - The Company approved of the measure as appears by their General Letter dated 25th March 1768. Par: 15. 16. 17. & 18 to which I refer -

Having been for these three years absent from Madras I took some time to refer to the Records respecting what had passed - respecting the Guntoor Circar and while I was writing the foregoing, Mr. Stoni's Minute on the Subject was sent for my perusal, which makes it unnecessary for me to add further for I approve of the reasons assigned by him in the support of my opinion.

Provided into Mr. Stoni's Minute against the Motion

The Company being advised that we should wait the answer to the Letter wrote the Subak before we took any further steps regarding this

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15-25 the Guntoor Circular, also the Gov^r Gen^l & Co.
who by their Letter of the 23^d ult^o so far
approve of what we have done, as to tell us
they shall not give us any further instructions
until they know his answer — And as nothing
has occurred since to induce us to alter our
former Resolution — For I consider Razah
Jung's sending the French into the Guntoor
Circular, and calling upon the Zemindars for
assistance and an advance of their Zemi:
bundies as things that we have to expect — I
therefore give my vote against the Question —
and have no doubt within myself that
if at any future time it should be judged
by the Board advisable to take possession of
that Circular from the assurances that were
given me as I passed thro' it, that the Zemind:
are will be ready enough to put themselves
under the Fort St. George's Government.

Carried in the
Negative.

Carried in the Negative by all Present, ex:
cepting Sir Robert Fletcher, who will send
in his Reasons to the Secretary, and requests
they may be entered on this Day's Consultation.

Sir Rob^t Fletcher's
Minutes in
support of his
Motion.

The Letter from the Gov^r Gen^l & Co.
of Bengal under date the 23^d ultimo,
which was received and read at the Board
yesterday, ought not in my opinion to have
prevented our adopting immediately the
Measure recommended in their Letter
of

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15th of the 1st of July,
Firstly - Because, the Gov^r General and Council
Letter of the 23rd ultimo, appears to me to be
nothing more than an unavoidable acquiescence
in the Letter this Board had written to the Subah
on the 18th of August, without containing any
thing that can be construed as an approbation
of the Board, having declined to follow the
Idea recommended by the Gov^r General and
Council, could not. I think, consistently
with the dignity of this Presidency, and the
regard that is due to the Subah on force in
their Letter of the 23rd ultimo, what they recom-
mended in their Letter of the 5th of July. Be-
cause in doing so, they would have superseded
the act of this Board, and endangered the present
Harmony which subsists between us, and the
Subah.

Secondly - Because, Bazalut Jung's present prepara-
tions for War, and his correspondence with the
French gives me apprehensions, that if much
more time be allowed him, he will form
connections with that nation dangerous to
our peace, every delay may add to the evil,
till our future possession of the Guntoor
place shall daily become more & more
precarious, circumstances being so altered
since the date of the Gov^r General & Council's
first Letter, as to render what appeared to be
expedient then absolutely necessary now.

Mr. Joudan's
motion

Mr. Joudan moves, that a Letter
be

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Motion for an
address to the Gov^r
Genl & Co. regarding
the necessity of
offering
B. Turg into
compliance.

be wrote to the Gov^r General & Council setting
forth the necessity of obliging Bazarat Turg, in
immediately to comply, with what they had proposed.
minded, in their Letter of the 5th July, whether
the Propositions put to the Nabob, is met with
his concurrence or not.

Mr. Mackay	For the Motion
Mr. Jordan	For the Motion
Mr. Palmer	Against the Motion
Mr. Stone	Against the Motion
Mr. Brooke	For the Motion
Mr. Dawson	Against the Motion
Sir Robert Fletcher	For the Motion
Mr. Stratton	Against the Motion
The President	Against the Motion

The Majority against the Motion.

carried against
the Motion.

The Gov^r Genl &
Council to be fur-
nished with a copy
of this day's pro-
ceedings.

The Majority of the Board, during
it difficult to frame a Letter to the Gov^r General
and Council agreeably to the different opinions,
which have appeared, in the course of this debate,
it is agreed, that a Copy of this day's proceedings,
as far as relates to the subject in question, be
transmitted to the Gov^r General and Council
for their opinion.

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to the
Nabob, with the Substance of the Letter from
the Gov^r Genl and Council of the 23rd ulto,
as far as relates to the Treaty, proposed by him
to be entered into with Hyder Ally Khan.

The President acquaints the Board,
that

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independently
that part of
Hyder's army
was on its way
to Surra.

That since their last meeting, Venajee Punt the
Nachul of Hyder Ally, had informed him, that
Part of his Master's Army, had left Seringapatam
and were on their way to Surra, that he did not
know for a certainty, whether Hyder Ally him-
self was with them, or that his Son Tipjee com-
manded. In consequence of this Intelligence,
that he, (the President) waited on the Nabob, to
learn from him, if he had any advice of it -
That the Nabob, acquainted him, he had heard
reports to that effect, but not knowing whether
they were to be depended on, he had not commu-
nicated them to him. That some Intelligence
was however then come in, which he would
immediately send.

Read Letter from the Committee of accounts.

To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r
President & Sec^y of Council

Honble Sirs of Fort St. George

Report from the
Committee of Stores

We have examined the accounts
of the following out Garrisons.

Vellore	From May to July
Amboor	do
Trichinopoly	do
Vellum	do
Madura	do
Pallam Co th	do
Ongole	do

also

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the Nabob's Accounts with
the Company, his last Acc^t do
and have nothing to Remark on them, but on
the Military Paymaster's Accounts of the Presidency.
We have the following.

Para 1st In February the De-
puty Military Paymaster
paid a Bombardier for 31
days in Jan^y as Writer for
the Practice of the Artillery
at the Mount 186 Tanams
which appears to us unusual

Para 2^d The Charge for oil
at Poriannales appears to
us very high. There are
charges for Mat^t, P. M. & Cam necessary for the Garrison
which are Vouched by In: & the quota of Mat^t, P. M. &
dents of the Officers, but Cam required for one hundred
there seems to be no Need, Dred Men & Manth, &
for these Indents. We report the same in
submit therefore to your writing to the Board.
consideration whether
it would not be proper
to determine the quota
to every hundred Men
as a Guide for the In:
dents.

3. The Military Pay-
master in February paid
full Batta to Capt. Serce
for
I am further to order any
Officers are ordered from
one Garrison to another
on

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for 12 days, to Lieut. Howard on a Court Martial Batta
for 6; Lieut. Stafford & Francis to be allowed, to & from
for 6, for being on a Court that Garrison & during
Marshall, as Batta is not the continuance of the
allowed at Poornamallee, Court martial, they are
it appears to us these officers to have the same allowance,
ought to have had Batta as were made on Col. Wood's
for going & returning but Tryal & Ver.
none to him there.

4th The Military Paym.ⁿ The President ac:
also charged 33 Pag^s for acquaint, the Board, that
House must paid the Town one of the Houses is dis:
Major for sick Officers. charged. The others to be
As there are Barracks given up, at the end of
which may serve, we sub: the month.
mit it to your Consideration
whether this ought not to
be discontinued.

Cuddalore

5th In July there is
a Charge of Cooley hired for
bringing 100 Tin plates To be sent to Cuddalore
from Madras for the use for explanation.
of the Troop - As every m:
necessary for the Troop, ex:
division of Arms & Ammuni:
tion is decided in Capt.
Torry's Contract, We think
this Charge to the Company
improper.

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We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Geo^r. Dawson
Fran^{co}. Bourdan
Geo^r. Moubray
And^m Majendie

Recd Letter from Captain Bruce, Com^d
manning at Amboor, with Papers enclosed as
indicated hereafter.

To the Honble Alex^r. Warrick Esq^r Amboor 4 Nov^r 1775
President Council &c. &c.
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt. Bruce
with Papers
affixing the
Falshood of
the Amuldar
Complaints to
the Nabob.

I could not but be exceedingly
surprized at the Receipt of a Letter from Mr.
Sutivan, accompanying complaints against
us to His Highness the Nabob from the Amuldar
of this Place, in consequence of Irregularities
committed at this Garrison, and tho' conscious
of never having given cause for such Complaints,
cannot but feel myself exceedingly hurt at
the Malice and Falshood contained
in them, for there is not an Officer in
the Service, who is more desirous of avoiding
giving his Highness's Servants the least
cause of complaining, nor one, who has
made it more his Study since his arrival
in the Country, as I am very sensible,
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It is my duty to keep them in peace, & Tran-
quility, and make them perfectly satisfied with
their Situation, and convince them that the
Company's Servants are their friends, & not as
this Man has advanced, to keep them in
continual fear and apprehension, than which
nothing can be more false, to prove which
I shall be particular in answering every article
he has advanced against me, minutely & re-
peatedly, and find myself exceedingly happy
in being able to assure you, that in the two
Letters, wrote to His Highness on the occasion,
there is not one single Word of truth, except
that I did take 20 Sheep, for the use of the
Garrison, but not as he would willingly
persuade his Highness wantonly and without
the least necessity, nor at the time he mentions—
When I first came to this Garrison I requested
of the Amuldar a few Sheep, but was infor-
med there was no order from his Highness
to furnish me with any, & as there was
the necessity of writing to him that an order
might be sent to his Servants here, to supply
the Garrison with a few, in the mean time
wrote to the Minister of the Saint George District
for some, to serve us, till His Highness's order
arrived, and tho' there were thousands
feeding about this place, never attempted
to take one. After the Amuldar had received
direction to furnish Sheep for the use of
the

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1533 The Company's ^{of Servants} Sheeps here, were supplied
tho' not regularly with a Sheep a day; but he
demanded for them the extravagant Price
of a Pagoda, for ^{three} them, but being told he
could not expect so much, he desired to be paid
at the rate Officers at Vellore paid for them,
to which I immediately agreed, and told
him to send in his accounts constantly at
the end of every Month, and they should be
punctually cleared off, but in a day or two,
he sent me Word, he could not let me have
them, at that price. My answer was, I could
not pretend to give more than they did at
Vellore, a neighbouring Garrison, & on the same
footing and desired he would come to a Press:
but as soon as possible as I was convinced
the Shepherds must want the Money for their
Sheep, and that they could not afford to be
kept so long without it, & not obliged to trouble
his Highness a second time, as I should be under
the necessity of writing to him to settle the Price,
to which he at last consented; but my ap-
prehensions respecting the Shepherds were
far from being groundless, for finding
their Sheep constantly taken from them,
& not paid, in return, they drove their herds
out of the Country, and were then entirely
without Sheep. I sent to the Amildar that
as the Sheep were gone he'd to know what
method he would take to supply the Gov^t.

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1534 Garrison, but got no Satisfactory answer, I then sent to the Hillidar requesting he would send for the Amuldar, and consult with him that some way might be fallen on to prevent my being under the disagreeable necessity of sending out for them. The Hillidar did send for them, but they came to no resolution about the matter. Just about this time the Amuldar had disputes with the head man of several of the neighbouring Villages; the consequence of which was, that they left their habitations and went to reside in the Gorgatham District, he followed them in order to bring them back, to accomplish which, he was under the necessity of remaining there a considerable time in his absence. I applied to his people, but was always answered the Amuldar had left no directions to get any, I then requested the Hillidar would write to him, but no Satisfactory answer was obtained, as no Sheep was to be had. I then and not till then, sent out and took 20, for which I immediately paid the usual price; on his return I again sent to him enquiring some Method might be adopted to prevent the requisition of a thing so very disagreeable to me, He accordingly allowed himself to be prevailed on, by the Hillidar to be with the Shepherd, who have since returned and I am now supplied with Mutton

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1535 Murther but of a very bad kind tho' thousands
of fine Negroes within sight of the Fort. With
respect to his insinuation of my pressing Pal-
lankun boys into my Service to distill Arrack,
I flatter myself I can prove equally as false,
as the rest of the head boys of this place was in the
Service of most of the commanding Officers
of this Garrison, and was intended for about
a Month after my arrival; but finding
him very far from being an honest Man,
I dismissed him, after which, I detected several
of his people clandestinely selling Arrack in the
Pettah, much to the prejudice of my Sergeants
and Drummers, who were often drunk, and
I never could before find out the reason, but
on the intercession of the Amildar, who I
have great reason to believe supported them
in it, they were always released, at last I
detected this head fellow, and it was a duty
incumbent on me to stop a practice so very
pernicious. I sent some people to his
house to look for the things made use of
in distilling Arrack, and prevent their
selling more and not as the Amildar
says, to press people into my Service that
would rejoice at coming into it, on being
asked, and who made me several propos-
als for that purpose, which were as often
rejected.

He next says, I take Labor from the Villages,
his

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his Highness is kind enough to allow the
Officer, Commanding here ten Cows for Milk
&c. and whenever any of them run dry, I
apply for a Cow from his people, who take
the Cow to the Village it belongs to, & brings
back another; which method I observed
whenever I want Tools, or other things that
my people may have nothing to do in the
Villages —

I am next accused of demanding Sheep, big
with young, but every body will believe that
such Sheep are not fit for me.

What he means by saying I wanted Sheep
fed in houses, I cannot comprehend, as
I never heard it was practised in this Country
nor did such a thought ever occur to me.

He further says, the people of the Country
are disturbed and in fear, but if at all it
must be of his making, as I declare I never
allow my people to go into the Villages,
nor do I allow a European to go out of
the Castle but to exercise, nor have I ever
heard of any disturbances, as this Country
bears the Yaw of greater plenty than I
have seen in the same place —

and that when I was ^{asked} to take some Sheep
he asked me the reason why I did so, &
that I answered I would always do so,
I declare upon my honor he never
asked that Question, nor did I ever
give

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1537 give such an answer, for he was then at Gov:
Zetans —

Now Honble Sir & Sir, having assured you
that my taking 20 Thugs was not at the
time the mention, nor wantonly, and with-
out cause, as he alledges, but from necessity,
the consequence of his neglect & inattention
to his Highness's Order — that I never prop^d
Palanquin boys into my Service, on the con:
trary, that I discharged the head one from
it! that I detected them several times flari:
destinly setting arrack in the Pettah, to the
prejudice of my People, that my sending
Thugs to the head Man's house, was to prevent
such improper practices and not to oblige
them to come into my Service which they would
have been happy to have had, without that
I never sent for a loss myself from any of the
Villagers, that his highness's Servants get them
exchanged for me. — that I observe the same
practices in other Provinces, that I never take
any thing from any of the Villagers — That the
Country people are not disturbed, on the con:
trary, that they are in Peace and tranquility —
I take the Liberty to refer you to the Thiladai
Answers to these questions which I flatter
myself will corroborate every thing I have
mentioned, and should I not in my answers
to any of the Amuldan accusations be myself
sufficiently explicit I will if you please to direct
me.

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Mr. Sullivan to mention them to me, be more particular. I cannot conclude Honble Sir & Sir without assuring you it has ever been my constant Study to avoid those things as much as possible, and am exceedingly thankful to you, for giving me an opportunity to confront this Man, and that I am beyond expression happy that it is to be laid before you, who never condemn unheard, or censure without just Grounds, who judge with reason and decide with Candour; I remain

Honble Sir & Sir

Your most obliged and
most obedient Servant

Thos^r Bruce

N. B. I have often found one & day not to be sufficient for the Officers, and to supply both them and the Sergeants will require Ten Men Weekly.

To Mader Saib Commandant of the 10th Battⁿ of Sepoys.

I desire you will answer the following Questions which are to be laid before the Honble the Gov^r Council in answer to some Complaints made to his Highness the Nabol by the Amildar.

Thos^r Bruce.

What Gulam Moywood Diwan Command^t of the 10th Battalion has wrote here he declares to be truths.

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Quest. 1st Did I not equatedly send you to the Hilladar to request of him to prevail on the Amildar to settle his Account for the first two Months of my being here that the Shepherds might be paid.

Ansⁿ Two Months after the arrival of the 10th Bⁿ at Amboor Capt. Bruce ordered me several times to go to the Hilladar and tell him to order the Amildar to receive the price of the Sheep. I accordingly went to the Hilladar and delivered the message he answered that he would give Orders to the Amildar to receive the price of the Sheep.

Quest. 2nd When I took a few Sheep for the use of the Garrison, was it before or after the Shepherds had drove their Sheep away.

Ansⁿ The Shepherds took away their Flocks & left Amboor — Captain Bruce was distressed by this for provisions and ordered a few Sheep to be seized when they could be found — when these Sheep were taken the Shepherds were gone to Forzathum.

Quest. 3rd What do you think was the reason of their driving their herds away?

Ansⁿ Captain Bruce told me that the Shepherds had gone away with their Sheep, and he could not tell for what reason — I answered that the Amildar had not paid them the money for the Sheep which the Captain had given them, and on this account they had run away.

Quest. 4th Did I not detect Palankun boys (Lundis: *simly*)

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1540 *Clandestinely selling Arrack in the P.M.H.*

Ans^r The Pallankumb boys sold arrack in Amboor when the Captain heard this he confined them.

Quest. 5. - did you ever hear of any profiting those people into my Service?

Ans^r Captain Bruce, never ordered the Pallankumb Boys to serve him.

Quest. 6th - Are the fows allowed the commanding officer exchanged by me or the Nabob's people?

Ans^r It was the Custom of every Commanding Officer at Amboor to have ten fows giving Milk, if any one of the fows did not give Milk it was sent back to the Ammir who sent another in its stead. - The Captain never sent for a fow for any other reason.

7th Have you ever heard that the Country People are disturbed or oppressed?

Ans^r - I never saw or heard that any of the Country people were dissatisfied with the Captain or made Complaints against him.

8th Have I not in your province desired Shaikh Amur Jemidar to bring what demands he had on me for Sheep and other things, at the end of every month and they should be cleared off?

Ans^r Shaikh Guzaphur is stationed by the fircas with the Jemidar, and it was usual to pay to him at the end of every month the money for the fowls that were taken - The Captain told him in my presence to.

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13th to take the price of the Sheep and pay it to the Sheep-herds.

9. Do I not request a Person of the Hillidar whenever I want fowls or other things from the Villages that my people may have nothing to do with the Country.

Ans^r - It is usual to send to acquaint the Hillidar what things are wanted by the Commanding Officer and Shaikh Sazagher was sent when any thing was wanted - till this time the Captain never sent a Person from himself, for if he did, it would have caused the Village people to be frightened.

10th Did you ever hear of my insisting on Female Sheep in particular - or Sheep big with young?

Ans^r - The Captain never told the Amil or any body else that he wanted female Sheep, but as the Europeans Officer belonging to the Battalion most of necessity have Sheep, he ordered the Amil to send fat ones.

11th Did you ever hear of my taking any thing from any of the Villages?

Ans^r - I never heard from any body that Capt. Percus had ever taken any thing from the Inhabi-
tants by force and never paid them for it.

12th - Did not the head Pallanthur Boy apply to me in your presence, to take the Arrack business into his hand, and did I not refuse him?

Ans^r - The Pallanthur boys who sold Arrack told the Captain in my presence, that if he would allow them they would sell the Arrack, to which he answered, that he would not agree or give his

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his consent to it.

Lt. of Gulam Moyeenud Din.

From Akarum Ally Cann to Capt.
Bruce. dated 29th Oct^r

"After the usual Compliments, "I received
"with pleasure your friendly Letter wrote
in English and understood the contents you
tell me that it is reported, that the Inhabitants
of the District where you are stationed, are
kept in terror by the Agents of your Batt^y.
Your humane disposition is such that on the
contrary I am convinced all the Inhabitants
are perfectly satisfied with your conduct &
no one has yet made any complaint to
me - At the time the Shepherds left the
District to go to another, you ordered fifty
Sheep to be brought to you from Pachcom Patta,
and took twenty for which you paid the price
agreed upon, being 6 Sheep for a Pagoda, &
you returned the rest to the owners. The Account
of Tooty Pet has received twenty Pagodas from
you for what Sheep you took for your own
use, and your Dubash has paid me ten Pag. on
that account.

A Palanquin Bearer who lives
in the Patta of Hellargur and whose name
is Singa applied to you, to farm the Arrak
farm, which you did not consent to you,
some time after, this man brought word
into the Fort of Hellargur, to sell privately,
which

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1343 when your people acquainted you with this, you ordered him to be taken up, and put a guard over him.

I am thoroughly acquainted with that affair— Whenever you have wanted fowls you have always applied to the Amildar of Tooty P^{er} or to me for a Peon to go along with your Servant to the Villages, and you have always paid for them, and have never sent any Servant alone.

I have lately been told, that you had sent some people to Kellargurry, who had taken things in the houses of Inhabitants, but as nothing of this kind ever happened before, I hope you will take care it never shall again, What shall I say more?

P. S. Your my friend are as well wisher to the Vicar, & an intelligent Person, I hope therefore you will continue your favorable disposition towards me.

Read Letter from the Nabob as
inserted in Co: Carr. N^o 132, dated 12th Mo!
accompanying Sundry Papers of Intel:
ligence.

Read Letter and report from the Comm:
ittee of Shores.

To the Honble Alex^r Myrick Esq^r

President & Gov^r & Council of
Fort St. George
Humble Sir & Sirs.

Herewith

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Let Mr. Bayard from
the Com^{rs} of Stores.

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Herewith we have the honor to lay
before you our Minutes of the 9th Instant.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very devoted humble Servants

Rob^t Fletcher

Leg^e Dawson

Patrick Profs

At a Committee of Stores Pres^t
Brig^r Gen^l Sir Robert Fletcher

George Dawson Esq^r

L^{ieut} Colonel Profs.

Major Horne absent.

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Fort St George
Nov^r 9th 1775.

1st Gen^l Fletcher Order of the Board thereon
requests that 200 of the
Amm which were some
years ago sent out for sale
at Madagascar & of
which there are several
in Norway be filled Approved & ordered accord^g
up, upon Mr. Pringle's singly.
Plans of the Hammer, &
agreeably to the directions
which the General will
give, for the use of Light
armed Troops, Agreed that
it be recommended to the
Board.

2^d General Fletcher
recommends that number
of

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1545 of the Pouches & other small Inve. Masters to be made
Military Stores made up, One to be sent to the
at Subordinate & out Garri: Committee at the Presi:
sons may be sent to the Com: Dancy & another lodged
mitted of Stores at the Pre: with the Commandant
sidney, together with their of the Garrison.
prices for the approbation
of the Committee & that
no deviation from such
Masters be made without
Order from Madras—
Agreed that it be recom:
mended to the Board.

The Secretary acquaints the Board,
the Commissary General has informed him,
that,

There are a number of the Com:
pany's Officers absent upon leave, acting in
the Service of the Nabob; whose names are
not known to the Commissary General.
That the Officers immediately in the Service
of the Company, are also frequently absent
from their different Corps: and are allowed
to draw their Pay where they please, which
causes so much confusion, that the Pay
Rolls and Muster Rolls never agree; &
that unless they are made to correspond,
it will be impossible to examine the
Accounts with any Degree of Accuracy.
The Book of Military Regulations,
and.

The Commissary
Gen: Reports re:
warding of the
inconvenience
of Officers being
permitted to
draw Pay
where they please

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in Chief, that had he decided this matter
in public orders as I requested, I should
have been satisfy'd but a private opinion
could by no means be sufficient in his
case, when other Officers of Infantry are
acting differently, I mention Capt. Chetwynd
who now commands at Poernumale, the
Major Brown is present during the ad-
journment of the Court Martial.

Major Horne I know argues
that his being obliged to attend Committee
of Stores is the same thing as a Court Mar-
tial, but as the former duty is no more than
a civil Branch, or will require his absence
more frequent than on a visit to Madras,
no Officer would on that account demand
any Batta. It therefore can be no cause
to alter the Military Line of Duty.
As I abominate all disputes with any Officer
I have no point of view but knowing what
is my right and what is not, therefore I
shall be satisfied with your decision.
And am

Honble Sir & Sirs
with the utmost respect.

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Clifton
Capt.

To

Mount
7th 12th 1775

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To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r 1349
President, Governor &c^t Council of
Honble Sirs of Fort St. George

from Major
Hume on the
same Subject.

When the Orders were issued
for holding the General Court Martial at Fort
St. George the 27th August, Myself, Captⁿ Morgan,
& Clifton were put down as members As I wished
to have one Captain executed that duty; that
the Command at the Mount might not for
a duty be left without some Officer of Rank,
I applied to General Smith and requested
that either Captain Morgan or Clifton might
be excused sitting on the Court Martial.
Otherwise I should think it necessary to live
at the Mount and daily attend the Court
Martial, which as there was a prospect of its
continuing for some time would be rather
inconvenient, The General in consequence
of my application directed the Adjutant Gen^l
to put another Captain on that duty and
directed me to order one of the Captains to
remain at the Mount. I ordered Captain
DeMorgan, but one Capt. Dugood expressing
his desire that that Gentleman might
remain as one of the members, and it being
no ways disagreeable to him to do so, Capt.
Clifton was putched on as equally agreeable
to him to be excused that duty, and another
member was chosen accordingly.

During my Adj^t constituents of this
Court.

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Court Martial, and often at other times, I have resided at the Mount, and have in every respect issued orders as Commanding Officer; and attended to every Department necessary for the supply of provisions &c. of the Cantonment, and regulation & order of the Men; I therefore conceiving myself justly entitled have drawn up by Batta as Commanding Officer as usual.

Captain Clifton conceives that until the Court Martial is dissolved he ought to be esteemed Commanding Officer of the Cantonment and is entitled to Batta as such; and applied to me the 1st of this Month for that allowance; As I could not admit of this demand as Matter of Right, We agreed to refer it to the Commander in Chief whose decision I was determined to abide by; and desired him to accompany me to Head Quarters for that purpose. But that not being convenient he said he would write a Letter and that I might take an opportunity of squaking to Sir Rob^t Fletcher also. I accordingly next morning mentioned the circumstances to Sir Rob^t Fletcher, and among other things mentioned the following reasons (which I now likewise submit to the consideration of the Honble Board) That the Vicinity of the Mount to Madras occasioned the Field Officer stationed there to

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1551 To be called down on every occasion what so ever, when any one of that Rank was wanted without any regard to a Roster of Field Officers, except the Rosterment of Penamala. That exclusion of what the Commanding Officer of that Station might be equally liable to, I was in a different situation that I per-
sonified the Garrison of Madras with an Officer which relieved Weekly, and such Men as were wanted for the Laboratory whose conduct &c. were regularly reported to me; That my duty constantly required my attending every Survey of Area, Committee of Area, occasional Inspections into the Arrangement of the Ar-
mies of the Garrison of Fort St. George, within the limits of the Station belong-
ing to, This I understood from General Bird
was one reason for the Gentle Board's de-
termining the artillery Rosterment being
so contiguous to the Presidency.

These Circumstances under my Situation very different from any other Commanding Officer who may be in the present Court Martial.
And as Captain Hylton informs me that he means to apply to the Honble Board as their decisions must determine what I must expect in future whenever it is necessary for my being on Duty at Madras.
I have taken the liberty of troubling your Honors with this Address, I am very
respectfully

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1552 respectfully.

St. Tho^s Mount
Nov^r 12th 1775.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed^t hum^l
Servant

Math^w Horne

Sir Rob^t Fletcher
informing Board
that the Matter
had been referred
to him.

Sir Robert Fletcher acquaints the Board
that Major Horne & Capt. Clifton referred this
Matter to him - that he will lay Capt. Clifton's
Letter before the next Council, & desire Capt.
Clifton may be called upon for his (Sir Rob^t.)
Answer. Major Horne's application was verbal.

Appointments by

M^r Alexander Macpherson, James Munro
Macomity & Th^s Locke appointed Cadets.

Mr. Baindop:
appointed Sub
Secretary.

The President recommended that
Mr. Duncan Andrew Baindop, who is the
Eldest Assistant in the Military Department,
& represented by the Secretary as well qualified,
be appointed Sub Secretary. Agreed to, by
all the Members present, excepting Mr. Mackay.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. Rep. Chief
Engineer.

To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r

President & Gov^r of Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

from Lieut. Col. Rep.
respectfully the ad:

ditional buildings
necessary to the
Bungalows at
the Mount.

In obedience to your Com^{ds}
I have directed me to form Calculations
of the expence of the proposals made by
Major Horne for enlarging the Bungalows.

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1553 Bungalows at the Mount, together with any other
:work of that which will but answer the end pro:
posed — I have the honor to acquaint you, that
an hundred feet additional Building to the
Barracks, allowing for another Wall to enlarge the
Square of the yard will come to — 1700 Pag.
Four Doors at 10⁰ 40
Iron Bars for Windows at 16⁰ Pag^t 38 1778.
The Veranda proposed will come to about 1250 or
1300 Pag^t — But it will not admit so free
a Circulation of Air, & will reduce the size
of them a^d considerably; I would therefore
recommend the former, though attended
with some additional expense, as it will
be infinitely more convenient and if a Wall
is made with in the Compound it will afford
the necessary convenience they could wish. I have
the honor to be with Respect. Most Obed^t Serv^t &c

Fort St. George
9 Nov^r 1775.
Ordered to be made

Your most Obed^t & most h^l Servant
Patrick Bops. Lt Col. & Chief Eng^r

As the Chief Engineer, represents an addition of one
hundred feet to the Artillery Barracks at the Mount,
to be preferable to the Veranda, which has been pro:
posed, it is Resolved, that the addition be made,
as expeditiously as possible

Richard Salmon
Francis Brindan
Geo: Mackay

Wm. M^r
Geo. Stratton
Wm. T. L. L^r
Geo. Darron
Henry Mook
J. H. M^r

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13th Dispatched the following Letter to Gen. Halcock,
Commanding at Vankjollum,
To Ensign Thomas Halcock
Commanding at Vankjollum.

To Gen. Halcock
Desired to inform
himself of the
Number of our
Deserters and
Sailed by B.
Surge.

On receipt hereof, you will be
pleased to inform yourself, from the French
Gentleman, who you say is desirous of entering
into the Company's Service, or others, of the
Numbers of Bazalt Sings' forces, particularly
Morn. Lally's Corps, and whether there are
not many Europeans with, who deserted from
Moré and other parts to him. You will
be careful to note the Number and Dispo-
sition of the Europeans, & especially of those,
who may have fled from the Company's
Service. I am.

Fort St George
13th Nov^r 1775

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
R. S. Sullivan

To the Nabob
with Substance
of Letter from
G. G. Council.

14th Wrote a Letter to the Nabob as intended in Co:
with the Substance of the Letter
from the Governor General & Council 23rd
Ultimo.

Monday
20th Nov^r

At a Consultation President
Messrs. Wynch Esq^r Gov^r President
George Stratton Rob^t Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke

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1535 Jⁿ M^r Noyes Arch^d Palmer

Thos^d Courdan Geo^d Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.
The President lays before the Board,
the following Letter, which he has received
from Mr. Whitcomb Chief at Masulipatam.

To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

from Mr. Whitcomb
with Letter
from the Nizam.

I have the honor to transmit
you with this, a Letter received this day from
the Subah, addressed to you. It carries by
express Supplies, and altho' I have no Letter,
as has been usual, with such addresses, yet
I am given to understand, it is an answer
to your Letter, upon the Subject of the Gunter
Circular.

Fazul Beg Cawn having applied
to me for a Cowle or safe conduct for his
Brother Allyar Beg Cawn & his family to
come here, to celebrate the Marriages pro-
posed to be made with the family of Thapan
Ally Cawn, I have granted and in com-
pliance with his desire, & hoping my having
done so, will meet with your approbation.

I am with Respect.

Masulipatam
22nd Nov^r 1775.

Honble Sir
Your most Obed^t Serv^t!
John Whitcomb
Read

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Letter from the
Nizam - Raja:
let him direct
ed by him to
withdraw the
European inter:
city from the
Guntur fircar

1556 Read Letter from Nizam Ally Khan,
as entered in Co. Court. No. 135. acquainting
the President of his having sent directions
to Bazarat Jung, to withdraw the Foreign
Party from the Guntur fircar, & Station them
in the Country dependant on Adoni - and to
make them relinquish Moolagutta & the other
Villages, and draw their Pay from the Adoni
Country.

In consequence of which, Mr. Stone
begs leave to deliver in the following Minute.

Mr. Stone's Mi:
note thereon &
Motion for with:
Drawing the
Seyys Stationed
at Vantipolemm.

The Letter from the Nabob appears
to me to be expressed in Terms exceedingly proper,
and highly becoming his Situation, as it requests
his Brother and this Government. He therein
shows his good will towards the Company, &
his desire of maintaining the Treaty established
with them; and at the same time he manifests
an earnest inclination to live in Harmony with
his Brother, & to prevent, if possible, a rupture
between him and the Company - It affords
Us in my opinion, the most favorable opportunity
that could be of relinquishing him, with
honor, and measure, which I shall always think
too precipitately undertaken, and which if
pursued, will I am afraid, probably en:
danger the Peace and Security of this Company
& the Nabob's possessions, and be productive
of consequences highly detrimental to the
Interests of our Employers. I therefore move
that

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1557 That the extraordinary Number of Agents stationed
at Vandygollam be immediately withdrawn &
that the Europeans sent to Ongole, be ordered to
Ellora — As such a Measure will be a proof to
the Soubah of our confidence in & of our friendly
disposition towards him, & will convince him
that we mean not to injure his Brother Baga:
del Jung, who I think would thereby be indu:
ced to comply the more readily with the Soubah's
requestions of removing the Europeans from
the Guntoor Fort. It might also be a means
of preventing him from making any further
Preparations for its defence, which the collection
of our Troops had obliged him to set about — This
may be done with the more propriety as it will
be a considerable time before any Hosts can be
imposed at Mootajittur from the Southward —
I also move; that a Letter be wrote to the Soubah
informing him of the Measures we have taken
& assuring him that we are induced thereto by
the firm reliance we have on his friendly In:
terposition and endeavours to prevent his Brother
from giving us any just cause of Complaint.

Whereupon Mr. Stairs first motion
being put to the Vote, it is carried in the Negative
by a Majority of the Board — Because —
They have written to Baga, & they think
it improper to make any alteration in
the present Arrangement, until they shall
have received, the Sentiments of the Gov^r

Gen^l

Carried in the
Negative by
a Majority.
Their Reasons.

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General & Council: — Because, — There are no more than two Companies of Europeans at Pondicherry, which is a Company's Village, and the Europeans sent from thence, are stationed at Ougole in the Nabob's Country — and Mr. Mackay further adds.

Because while the Party of Europeans commanded by Mons^r Lally remains in any part of Bazajet Jung's Dominions, and while the Port of Moolapillet is open to him for receiving Men and Military Stores from Pondicherry, the evil which we complained of & which occasioned our writing to Bengal, will still exist the same as before.

Sir Robert Fletcher observed to the Board, that the Soubah's Letter appears to him exactly such as he said in his former Minutes he expected, Vague and inconclusive. He further thinks that the Soubah will take no active part unless he shall receive assurances of our complying with the Articles of the Treaty of 1763, particularly the Article wherein we agreed to assist him with Troops.

Mr. Stour first Motion being there carried in the Negative, it is thought unnecessary to put the Surrender, it being founded on the withdrawal of the Troops.

Ordered, that a Copy of the Soubah's Letter be transmitted to Bengal, with an Extract of this day's Proceedings, as far as relates to the

Mr. Mackay's
additional res:
ons.

S^r Rob^t Fletcher's
Opinion.

The Soubah's Letter
& the proceedings
of this day to
be sent to Bengal.

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1579 The Subject in question, and a Letter prepared
in consequence to the Gov^r General and Council.

The Secretary lays before the Board, the
following Letter, received from Capt. Clifton
To Richard Jos^{ph} Sullivan Esq^r

Military Secretary
Sir

from Capt. Clifton

I received your Letter yesterday
morning signifying the President & Councils
desire for the copy of the Letter I sent a few days
ago to Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher, with that of his
Answer, you'd please to inform them, that when I
wrote to Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher, I was under the
necessity of dispatching the Letter without Copy, as
the late Major Horne & self had agreed to refer the
Point to him, & did not admit of its being copied:
I have however in order to comply with the Honble
Boards desire sent the Annexed Letter,
To Brig^{er} Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher.
Sir.

The Honble Board of Council having called
on me for a Copy of the Letter I sent you upon the
Point in dispute with Major Horne, & self, & having
wrote it to you off hand, I shall be much obliged
to you for the original (which I will return)
or the Copy. I am

Sir

St. Tho^s Mount
Nov^r 15th 1775.

With respect

Your most obed^t Servant
Charles Clifton
To

1561 Fort St. George 20th Nov^r 1775
To ¹⁵⁶⁰ Captain Piffon
Sir.

I am directed by Brig^{er} Gen^l Sir
Robert Fletcher to acquaint you that he has
received your Letter of this morning, but can
not comply with your request.

I am

Sir

Head Quarters

3^o Clock 15th Nov^r 1775.

Your very Obed^t Servant
W^m Sydenham

Aid de Camp

as by the above refusal it is out of my Power to
send you a Copy of my Letter, I can only give
as far as my recollection the heads of it which
were acquainting Sir Robert, that Major
Horne did assume the command on his
coming as a visitor to the Mount, tho on a
Court Martial, that it was contrary to all
Precedent, & mentioned the case at Pondicherry
& in which, the Hon^{ble} Board I was informed
had decided a Point in favor of the Subaltern
during the absence of Captain McKenzie
on leave from long service I believe I
expressed myself confident of my right
to Bathe, & command from the usual
Custom of the Service, intreated to have
the dispute decided in a Public manner
by Gen^l Orders, at least used Arguments
to such effect; to which Letter as desired

I

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I have sent you an exact Copy of the Answer.

You will be pleased to represent that as this answer of Sir Robert Fletcher relates only to the Point of Batta, and not to the Command, I thought it not sufficiently full, nor could I be satisfied with the reason assigned me for favoring Major Horne as it would still subject me to dispute, with any other answer Officer, did not appearing to me an Order, I waited next morning for Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher, and expressed my dissatisfaction, that it would appear to every other Officer pointed at me, when the case with the Infantry was shewn; and it was not so much the Batta I requested, as the Point of command which every Superior Officer would in future times take from me only; therefore I requested him to give his opinion publicly in Gen^l Order, which was rejected, saying I was not to dictate to him upon my telling Gen^l Sir Robert Fletcher that I thought the Board would give me the Batta, he said he did not mean to prevent my applying, and on my asking if ^{my} doing so, would oblige him, replied in the Negative; as this part of Conversation is subsequent to his answer of my Letter, which no doubt Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher will produce to the Hon^{ble} Board; I hope therefore, should I have been accused of the least disobedience or disrespect to stand exonerated.

I am

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St. Thomas Mount
Nov. 16th 1775.

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t Servant
Charles Clifton

Nov. 6th

Sir

As Major Hornes' Court Martial
Duty is no more hindrance to his carrying on
the Command at the Mount than his Duty as
a Member of the Committee of Stores and his
other necessary duties in Madras. I do not see
how he can be deprived of the Batta you
mention, and in Madras I know he must
frequently be on different duties, because
we cannot do without him,

I am

Sir

Your very obedient Servant
Robt Fletcher

Sir Robert Fletcher in consequence of
Captain Clifton's Letter to the Secretary, delivers
in the following Minute.

I do not recollect having expressed myself
to Captain Clifton, in the terms set forth in
his Letter to the Secretary. I remember his
quitting his command at the Mount so
remotely with me upon the decision
I had given the day before, in the matter
in dispute between him & Major Hornes,
and that I reprimanded him for his
unmilitary

(A true Copy)

S. R. Fletcher's
Minute on the
impropriety
of Capt. Clifton's
conduct.

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military Conduct, desiring at the same time, that the Battalion of Artillery might not again be left in the charge of a Subaltern Officer, and in answer to his mentioning a further reference to the Board, I said I never would endeavour to prevent any Officer from addressing the Board. When Captain Clifton's Letter was read, I told the Board, what had passed between him and me upon the Subject of it, with a declaration which I now repeat, that I took upon Capt. Clifton's conduct, to be extremely disrespectful to me as Commander in Chief of the Army, "tending to destroy all discipline & Subordination, by introducing a practice of troubling the Board with appeals from every Officer of the Army against the Decisions of the Commander in Chief, and upon points so inseparable from the discipline of the Army, that his decision so long as he has capacity to decide, should never be controverted, but in case of notorious necessity; and when that necessity comes, it is time to remove him from his Station; for his Authority is then lost in the Eyes of the Officers and Soldier & it remains impossible for him to command; & if ever there was a time when relaxation made it necessary for the Commander in Chief to call for the Board's support, I think it is the present — When I was
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on this Establishment under Gen^l. Lawrence,
whose name I cannot write without every
feeling of reverence and respect, few orders
were issued, but such as were issued, were
proper, & sufficient; they were attended to with
a passive obedience, every duty was performed
with alacrity & spirit and whether or not
the same obedience is observed in these latter
times, either to the orders of the Board, or
to those of the Commander in Chief. I leave
to your own Observations, & to your perusal
of the Book of General Orders, I confess
myself to have been one of the most dis-
orderly Subalterns in the Army, but a little
sobriety & many good examples soon re-
formed me. I remember having been twice
in Arrest, once by Major Palk for having
been seen out of my Quarters, in the evening
of the day on which I had reported myself
sick, & unable to mount Guard; & again by
Captain Beaver, for not being present at an
evening Review of the Linnet, & companies of
the Grenadier Company, to which I belonged,
If Majors and Captains, were to observe
the same discipline now, they would be
thought harsh & severe, & might give
their Subalterns a more tolerable
excuse than anything they have at
present, for their daily applications
to remove from one Corps into another
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or to be excused for years from joining any
Corps whatsoever, as has been the case with
some; Nay I am told by Col^l Lang, that
he has seen the European Regiment Paraded
at Vellore, without more than one Officer
present — How these things come to pass
now I know not; but I will remember,
that in the time of General Lawrence, when
our Establishment of Subaltern Officers
to each Corps, was much more consider-
able, & less expensive than it is now, no
pretence was ever admitted, or ever used
I believe, to justify a deficiency of Officers
in any Battalion, or in any Company in
the Service, but as I mean not to dispute,
& wish only to look forward, it is my
Resolution, under the Authority & Support
of the Board, & the example of old Officers,
to cure this Evil as soon as I can; not
by harshness, & Severity, but by Moder-
ation and advice — And I cannot
Doubt of Success, because Discipline &
Subordination, being the very Life, &
Soul of a well regulated Army, every
Man must on Reflection, concur in the
necessity of it; I shall endeavour to
avoid all partiality & Distinctions &
I trust you think I have done so, in
the last now brought before you, by
Captain Clifton — I will recommend
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no Officer to the Board, either from favor or affection; but as rewards & punishments are equally necessary, I shall think it my duty, to treat every Deserving Officer as I would my Brother, & every Deserving Soldier as my Son, & to recommend them to the Board for Promotion, & every honorable mark of your favor & regard & I shall think it no less my duty; to recommend Supercession or Dismission, if in any, I should find misconduct & Obstinacy, incurable. —

Capt. Clifton
having appeared
to the Board
from the deci-
sion of the
Comm^{rs} in chief
is censured in
Gen^l Orders.

As the Dispute between Major Horne
and Captain Clifton, was by mutual con-
sent, submitted to the Decision of General
Sir Rob^t Fletcher, who in consequence gave
his opinion thereon by which (as by Agree-
ment) they should have been determined,
And Captain Clifton having notwithstanding
standing thought proper to appeal from
the Opinion of Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher,
to the judgment of the Board — The Board
cannot avoid expressing their disappro-
bation of Captain Clifton's conduct which
they deem highly improper & disrespectful;
And to General Sir Rob^t Fletcher. A
General Order to be given out in conse-
quence, & Captain Clifton censured ac-
cordingly.

Wm^m Brooke, Gourdan &
Mackay

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1567 Madras, at a former Consultation having laid before, & recommended to the Board, a Plan for making a Bound Hedge from the Redoubt of St. Thomas, to the Sea, at about a mile distant from the Northern Wall of the Black Town, It was then ordered to be on the Table for further consideration. Since which the Chief Engineer has dropped the following Letter to the President, containing his Sentiments on the Subject.

To the Honble Alex^r Mynck Esq^r
Honble Sir

From A. F. C. Esq^r
Chief Eng^r his
opinion on the
Subject of a
Bound Hedge.

As you were pleased to desire my Sentiments on the propriety of the Bound Hedge proposed to surround the Invasions of Madras, I have now the pleasure of stating to you the considerations on that Subject, which appear to me, to merit most attention.

The carrying of a Hedge composed of Palmiras, Bambos, Jaldoras, with Hedge, Prickly Thorn &c. from St. Thomas to the Northward of the Black Town, defended by Redoubts at proper Distances, will Undoubt, add greatly to the Security of the Inhabitants & will enable us to protect their property & Cattle from the Invasions of a Country Enemy, & they will prove to us a certain Supply in case of necessity - Should we be attacked by an European Power - it will supply us with Materials for

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1568 a Siege, and will enable us to gain time, by making them cautious of their approach, & by obliging them to begin their operations at a distance; as the forcing it injudiciously may cost them dear — On the other hand — an European Army once in possession of it, will have a Line of Circumvallation ready formed, which can easily be defended with a few people, who will thereby be enabled to cut off our communication with the Country. & to prevent our supplies from thence. — It will likewise furnish the Enemy with materials for a Siege.

Having Stated the Arguments on both sides of the Question; It remains to determine, how far the advantages exceed the Inconveniences that will attend the proposed Round Hedge; and as this will greatly depend on the reliance that is to be placed on the supplies & assistance to be procured from the Country in times of danger, those most experienced in Transactions with the Country Powers, must be the best Judges — Independent of this I think the Arguments are in favor of the Round Hedge, provided it be so formed as to afford no means of approach to the Works already constructed.

I have the honor to be with Respect,
Your most Obed^t & most humble Serv^t

Patrick B. Esq. Chief Engineer
Garrison

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Whereupon, the following Minutes were
delivered in.

W^m Mackay's
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The Arguments in favor of the Bounded
Hedge proposed, appear to me, to be of much greater
weight than any which in my opinion, can be
brought against it. The advantage it will be
of, when grown up, to a considerable part of
the numerous Inhabitants of this Settlement,
who live without the Walls of the Fort & Black
Town must be evident to everyone; as it will
be sufficiently secure them, against any sud-
den attempts of Country Enemies. At present
on the least alarm, they are under continual
Terror and apprehensions and obliged to
remove their families & valuable Effects,
sometimes on the Shortest notice & leave their
Houses to be plundered, as happened in 1767,
when a few of Hyder's Horse came to this place
& were so quick in their Motions; that they
appeared in Choultry Plain after having
plundered part of St. Thom's, before we
knew of their coming; & in 1773. when the
Marattas were on their March to invade
the Carnatic.

Such a Bounded Hedge would in a few
years greatly increase the value of the Land
it enclosed; and of course the Rent of the
St. Thom's & two or three other Farms.

Ground in the Black Town has tripled
its value since that place has been surround-
ed with a Wall tho' that Wall is yet not
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perfect, the same reason holds good for the ground enclosed by the Bound Hedge increasing in value in proportion to the Security which that Hedge will give it. — The French at Pondichery were so sensible of the utility of their Bound Hedge; that one of the first Things they did after the peace, was to repair the Breaches which our Army had made in it, and the loss we suffered in forcing it, is run in every one's Memory.

In our late War with Hyder, when some of his Flows came to St. David, their Bound Hedge tho' broke in several places, and the Indiscreet disposition of Mr Brooke their Chief made of the few Troops he had, saved the Inhabit^{ts} from being plundered. The Commander in Chief of the Force and the Chief Engineer; to whose Judgement great attention is due in the present case, have after taking the advantages and disadvantages attending a Bound Hedge gives their opinion in favor of it. The only objection made to it which seems to me to have any kind of weight, is that in case of a Siege, the Bound Hedge may be so easily defended by the Enemy, as to prevent our getting any supplies of provisions from the country. when ever it is our misfortune to have an European Enemy strong enough to beat us out of the field and lay Siege to Madras, (for I will not suppose any country Enemy capable of doing it) we can place but little dependence on supplies from the country our resources must be with:

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within ourselves, or come to us by Sea. We did not during the last Siege get the least supply of provisions from the Country; even tho' we had a party in the field, that greatly harassed the Enemy. The immediate loss to the Company's Revenue or to private property, by the Cultivated Land that will be taken in to form the Bound Hedge, will be so trifling, as not worth mentioning. as the great part of it will run over Ground incapable of cultivation & every strong argument in favor of it, in that we are not to put the Company to any expense.

M^r Palmer's
Minute.

I have the many advantages that will accrue from the making a Bound Hedge, as it will be a great protection of private property in the Bounds of Madras, and as will be of a public Utility in retarding the approach of an Enemy, until you are sufficiently supplied with Provisions, and that the Natives have conveyed their property within the Walls, But if it is to be constructed at the private expense, I am against it, as I look upon it will be too burdensome to be supported by Individuals unless a general taxation of the Natives was to be set on foot for defraying this expense.

M^r Dawson's
Minute.

I disapprove of the Bound Hedge proposed, because I am of opinion it can be of little or no defence to the Inhabitants of this Settlement, unless there be proper Barriers, or the doubt, which will lead the Company to a considerable expense for Buildings, Repairs, Stores &c. and as such

Barriers

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157^r Barriers or Redoubts will be in some places
the distance of four or five Miles from the
Fort, supposing the Garrison capable of fur-
nishing Guards for them, & experience witness
that Troops alone will not defend but desert
them, in doing which their communication
with the Fort is frequently cut off by the Enemy
whose cavalry are of late years often attend-
ed with Infantry, and it is more than
probable from the example of discipline

Let the Country Towns by the Nabob's Troop,
and the great advantage derived therefrom,
will in the course of time form into regu-
lar Brigades with Cannon. The Enemy
when once in possession of your Barriers
or Round Hedges are not easily dislodged -
And they may not only make the like
use of them our Army did before Pondicherry,
but serve as a defence from any Party, we
may have without or without with Provi-
sions.

The Hedges proposed, if defended
by Redoubts at proper distances will add
much to the security of the Inhabitants,
& their property in all cases of Invasion
or Attack, and it will secure them
effectually against the Marattes &
other Indian Cavalry.
Should an European Enemy attempt to
besiege Madras, the proposed Hedges will
retard their approach, it will be the

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Fletcher's
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1573 means of gaining to us much time to prepare for our defence, if the Enemy should attempt to force it injudiciously.

On the other hand when an ill-assured Enemy once gets possession of it, it will be of great advantage to them - They can easily defend it, & thereby cut off the chance of supplies from the Country; but the Materials with which it will furnish them for carrying on the Siege, are of very little consequence when we consider the many Inland and Trees already growing, & daily increasing, within the limits proposed for the Hedge - These will always supply them with sufficient Materials for a Siege, and will in time, I fear, render Madras less healthy than it now is, for I believe nothing can add more to its Healthiness than Inland more open and a circulation of Air more free upon the whole. I am not against the planting of the Hedge provided it be fortified with Redoubts at proper Distances.

Order thereon
to the Chief
Engineer.

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer be directed to mark out the Hedge proposed, & the four miles of the river to inform themselves, for the information of the Board - of the Nature of the Soil - the value of it - the quantity that may be required, & unto whom it appertains.

Read Letter from the Nabob as
entered in Co. Corr. No. 133 & 136 dated 13th & 18th
Instant

Letter

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1574 Instant, accompanying Papers of Intelligence from the Soubah's Camp. Ponnah, and the Mysore Country.

The Secretary lays before the Board, the following Letter received from Captain Hopkins, Commanding at Pallam Cotta.

To Rich^d Jos^s Sullivan Esq^r
Military Secretary.
Sir

from Captain
Hopkins com:
manding at
Pallam Cotta.

Your favor of the first Instant daily came to hand, and am to acquaint you, it is true that the Nabob's Troops under the command of Captain Bruce, took the field against Pollygar sometime since for arrears due to the Nabob, as the Pollygar had not force to oppose a Body of Regular Troops, thought it a matter too trivial to trouble the Hon^{ble} Board with however in future of the like in short ever other Intelligence, shall be communicated to the Hon^{ble} Board as soon as it comes to my knowledge, I am
Sir

Your most Obed^t Servant
Chas^s Hopkins

Read Letter and Report from Major Browne
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

from Major Browne
with Report of the
Articles necessary
every month for

In obedience to your commands,
transmitted to me, by your Secretary, I now do
rejoice of the pleasure of enclosing you a Report.

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the Garrison of Poonamallee what is at present expended monthly in this Gar-
rison, of Oil, Pott, Pans, Matts &c. which gives
me leave to assure you is absolutely necessary, I
have the honor to be.

Humble Sir & Mrs

Poonamallee
18th Nov^r 1775.

Your very obedient and
most humble Servant

George Browne
Major 1st Bⁿ 2^d Brig^d

Report of the Globes, Oil, Pott, Pans, Matts,
&c. necessary for the Garrison of Poonamallee

Globe Lamps 22

Wall Lamps 52

Daily expenses of oil for the above Lamps 11¹/₂ Muns

For every 100 Men.

Water Pott 20.

Sea Pott 20.

Large Chalks 20.

Small Chalks 20

Fryin Chalks 20

Mansing 20

Matts 100

Matts 100

For every 100 Men there are light Sergeants who
besides their proportion of the above allowance
of Pott & Pans, have always had the necessary
Indulgence of one Sugar and one Tea C^o.
each.

B. Two Matts of Man have (as I am informed)
been always been charged, & only one saved oil.

George Browne
Major 1st Bⁿ 2^d Brig^d

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Referred to the Military Paymaster, who will make enquiry, and report to the Board, at a Subsequent Consultation.

Read Letter from Colonel Cyprian Commissary General.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Whilst there was any probability of Instructions coming from Home relative to the Establishment of my Office, before the Commencement of the Monsoon, I was determined not to give the Honble Board any further trouble on this Subject, but since the Season for the arrival of the Europe Ships on this Coast is now passed I will take the Liberty of making some further Observations to them on the Matter of my Office, and endeavour to point out what appears to me defective in the present arrangement of it.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their General Letter to Harcourt, say, they have appointed a Commissary General on this Coast, in like manner as at Benegal, this certainly cannot be denied an Order to the Governor & Council of this Presidency, to adopt unvariously the Arrangement made by the Governor & Council of Calcutta; but I humbly apprehend as it is particular expressions of the Intentions of the Court of Directors, it may serve to demonstrate that like the Commissary General at Benegal, I am appointed to act as an officer of Control upon all Contracts for fortifications, and

from Col. Cyprian
relative to the ar-
rangement of his
Office, proposing
to station assist-
ants at out Gar-
risons desiring
to supply contin-
gent Articles &
to have delibe-
ration Voice
at the Board.

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1577 and also on the Military Disbursement in Gen^l.
Before my appointment took place, there doubtless
was a Check established on all Contracts; but
the Honble the Board of Directors thought pro:
per to appoint a special Officer for that purpose,
as a Relief to the Honble Board, whose attention
must be engaged upon business of much greater
Importance. It cannot be suspected, that
I have any interested View in offering to under:
take this troublesome, and disagreeable Task,
I may make enemies, but cannot obtain the
Shadow of an Encomium from it. The Honble
Board observe in their Instructions to me of
the 25th April 1774. that delays must neces:
sarily arise in Military Payments, if the Pay:
masters are not permitted to act as my ap:
pointed; for otherwise Bills must be sent to, ex:
amin'd at, and returned from Major as, which
might often be productive of dangerous conse:
quences, if a Deputy Commissary was appoint:
ed to examine, and certify all Bills upon the
Spot, previous to their being paid by the Pay:
master, it would surely prevent any such
delays; for every Bill must first be Subject
to the Inspection of the Commanding Officer, next
to the Deputy Commissary, and finally to the
Paymaster, who if he thought it an extra:
vagant demand, would report it to the Gov^r.
and Council, I imagine there can be no greater
necessity for sending Bills to the Presidency
to be certified by the Commissary Gen^l. than
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for sending them to the same place to be paid
by the Paymaster General.

The Paymasters of Uloom, Vittore and
Trichunipoly act in the several capacities of
Storekeepers, Deputy Agents to the Contractor,
Assistant, to the Commissary General of Musten,
& Paymasters; As Storekeepers they make up
what stores are required and then pay themselves;
As Deputy Agents to the Contractor when Bull^s
are wanted, it is their Business to supply them,
they are subject only to their examination as
Deputies to the Commissary, and therefore, whether
good, bad, or deficient in Number, depends
entirely upon their Honor. The Lascars also are
under their direction; if they chuse to employ them
in their own Service, or not to retain above
one third of what stand upon the Company's
Books, who can detect the Fraud, not the Com-
manding Officer, for he does not even attend
the Musters, and if he did, it would not be
very difficult for a Paymaster to get footing
from the Bazar to wear Lascars Sackets
for a day; and answer to any given Name.
It is unnecessary to enumerate the various
disadvantages that might possibly arise
from mustering and paying being vested
in the same Person; The Office of Commissary
in this Case must be merely Nominal; for
what Man will check himself; & thereby
give a public Testimony under his Hand,
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either of his own Dishonesty, or Inattention
to public Business. All these Inconveniences
would be remedied by appointing Deputy
Commissionaries, at each of the above mentioned
Garrisons; but these they must be deemed
independent of the Paymaster; who besides
not being subject at present to any control,
cannot possibly execute duties of both Offices.
To muster all who depend upon the Mi-
litary Establishment, together with the
Bullocks, and Drivers, to examine, and cer-
tify all Bills for Military Payment; to visit
the Hospital, and attend to the Surgeons fulfilling
their contract, and to make out the necessary
Partments of the whole in due time, will leave
him no leisure to attend to his other Office
of Storekeeper Deputy Agent to the Contrac-
tor and Paymaster. If the Hon^{ble} Board
Object to the expense, they will please to ob-
serve that the Court of Directors & proprie-
tors must have expected, that the establishment
of an Office of check would be productive
of expense; if the savings do not more than
equal the extra Charge of appointing
an Assistant, it must be supposed, that all
present and future Paymasters, are, and
ever will be, Men of the most uncorruptible
Virtue.

I have formerly applied to be allowed
to furnish those incidental or contingent
supplies, that are not, and cannot be
supplied

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supplied by Contracts; I flatter myself the
 Honble Board upon a reconsideration of my
 Request, will condescend to grant me this
 Indulgence. In all the Armies of the different
 Countries of Europe; the Trust of supplying
 these contingencies is reposed in the Commissary
 General, for whoever furnishes the supplies
 of any kind, becomes in that Instance a
 Commissary; this Mode is universally adopted
 because the Commissary General being at the
 head of all the Branches of this Department,
 is supposed to be a better Judge of the Prices
 Current at the different places, when the ne-
 cessary supplies can be most expeditiously, and
 reasonably procured. If this Mode has al-
 ways been found eligible in the Contract
 Kingdoms of Europe, when the articles of
 incidental expence are fewer in Number, &
 more easily supplied; it certainly becomes
 much more eligible in this extensive Country,
 when the Manufactures are still in a very
 imperfect, when Military Stores are very
 difficult to be got, and when the utmost at-
 tention, and the best Informations are requi-
 site to procure them, both good & cheap.
 The Paymasters who are fixed to one spot,
 remote from the Presidency, cannot make
 themselves thoroughly acquainted with
 those particulars, and therefore it cannot
 be supposed that they can supply the Con-

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Concommy with these Articles so well as the Com-
missary General; the following Method I hope
will obviate every objection to the want of
check, if I am permitted to furnish the suggestions.

An Indent being made out for
Contingencies by a Quarter Master, Storekeeper,
or any other Person properly authorized; he
should first get such Indent countersigned
by the Commanding Officer. If the dif-
ferent Articles should be of an inferior Nature
to what have been constantly used, and there-
fore unfit for the Service; he may report
the defect to the Commanding Officer, who
would doubtless reject them. The Company
by these means can never suffer from the Bad-
ness of the Contingencies, with respect to check
upon the Payment of the Money; I do not
desire to receive any part of it, until the Acc^{ts}
are signed by the Paymaster, & Commanding
Officers of the Garrison, the Paymaster Genl.
or Superintendent, and the Committee of
Acc^{ts} which must produce an Advantage to
the Company of the Interest of the money
for three Months for the Sum advanced;
and I will also engage to furnish them
5 Cent, cheaper than they have been
charged to the Company for these three years
past. As the Interest of the Company, join'd
to the Example of the Government of Bengal,
and the custom of every Service in Europe,
rendering

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rendering claim to this Privilege superior to that of any Paymaster; I am in hopes the Honble Board will not hesitate to grant it to me; for the World must judge very unfavorably of my Principles and Abilities; if it should appear that my inferiors in the Service, and even my Deputy, with a superior Power, of Abuse, are deemed more worthy of confidence, and deserving of greater Encouragements than myself. If I am unworthy of holding my Employment, The Honble Board have it in their Power to remove me from it, if otherwise, as an Officer of Trust and Responsibility, I hope to be properly encouraged & supported in it.

As the Company have been pleased to confer on me the most respectable Rank, both Civil and Military I flatter myself the Honble Board, will not think it improper to allow me a deliberative Voice in Council, upon the business of my own Department. It must be very obvious that the Court of Directors, when they appointed a Commissary General, to which all Military and fortification Accounts, could not intend, that he should trust to superficial observation, or to the uncertain reports he might hear by accident, the former would imply a severe Reflection on my Services; for being suspected to overlook Defects which might so easily be discovered; & the

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1583 The latter must make me appear in the countenance: little Light of an Informer, instead of an Officer supported in the execution of my Duty, by the Sanctions of the Board. To appoint an Officer of Information, and at the same time to conceal all Information from him, would be an inconsistency that the Honble the Council of Directors could not be guilty of.

As supposed Differences in the two Establishments seem to prevent the Honble Board, from arranging my Office in like manner as the Commissary General at Bengal, I am not without hopes of being able to remove this objection. In a former Letter of the 6th of May 1774. I have proved, or attempted to prove the Resemblance in the Military Establishments. In the Military Disbursment there is an immaterial Difference; for the Nabob pays a certain proportion of them here; but the Honble Board will doubtless wish to preserve the same Degree of Economy in spending the Nabob's money, as the Company; and when His Highness finds the advantage of having Dignity Commissioners appointed; I do not doubt but he will cheerfully contribute even more than his proportion of the Extra. Expenses. With respect to the Contracts for fortifications they are conducted exactly in the same manner at both Establishments, nor by the time these Works are completed will they be much less expensive than those of Fort William.

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The Company have taken the
Vedicaling the Europeans, & supplying the
Bullocks into their own hands. I committed
the charge of this business to Deputy Agent;
this is a different Mode from what is used
at Benga^l, but I should suppose not less
subject to abuse, especially whilst the Company
and Contractor continue to be the same Person.

If in this Memorial, I have seemed to
express the least improper personal Suspicions, I
must beg leave to assure the Honble Board that
it is entirely without design. In speaking
of abuses I have not intended to reflect on
Individuals, or any Class of People, nor to
say, that Frauds are practised in any partic-
ular Direction, but to prevent the probabi-
lity of their Existence.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful and most
Obedient Servant

J^o Capper

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Davis, & Mr Gahagan.

To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r & a Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

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Letter from Mr.
Davis Surgeon on
the Subject of Mr.
Lahagan's Exa-
mination.

It is many days now since I was
honored with your commands, jointly with
Mr. Anderson, to examine Mr. Lahagan, in
Anatomy, Physick and Surgery -
In consequence of which Mr. Lahagan appeared
before us, and was interrogated two Mornings by
Mr. Anderson, principally in Anatomy; After which
Mr. Lahagan fell ill, & his indisposition has ever
since prevented his further attendance in order
to be by me examined in the Practice of Physick;
but the same I judge quite unnecessary, since the
same disadvantages he laboured under to Mr.
Anderson, in the course of his examination,
will not be got the better of, even if his familiarity
with the Practice of Physick should appear
in his favor - And indeed Humble Sir & Sirs
I am of opinion that very few young Men
who are called upon to stand the Test of an Ana-
tomical examination (of two days) would be
able to answer each question with precision; more
especially if the examiner was led to believe the Person
thus examined was defective in a regular Ana-
tomical Education, and which seems to be Mr.
Lahagan's chief misfortune.
A regular education in the School of anatomy
is beyond doubt the strongest recommendation
to a Physician as well as a Surgeon; be-
cause it is the Basis of both Physick & Surgery.
Nevertheless I believe it will be allowed that
it is not uncommon for Men by more
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dent of Application and much practice, to
conduct themselves in a Physical Line, with Cre-
dit, even though the Basis of their profession was
not regularly inculcated in the early part of their
Education — and I am persuaded too that
many Instances might be found of Men who
have run through the Schools of A. & S. carrying
along with them the spirit of the
Aristocratic, of certain professions who, after all
would be staggered at the very examination
put to Mr. Sakagaw. — From what has
been said, I would by no means infer, that
I ever wish to see the day, when the Honble
Company's Service should be more than
it already is crowded with Practitioners, who
lack the advantage of a perfect knowledge in
Anatomy; because without it, no Surgeon
can use his knife, with precision, nor can he
be a well qualified Physician. — These friends
I am persuaded, I am sure to be by Mr. Sakagaw
to make you acquainted that he is so sensibly
chagrined at Mr. Anderson's pointed Mode of
examination, that he with submission, intends
the indulgence of the Honble President & Council
to make mention of him in their next General
Letter to the Honble Court of Directors — to whom
Court of Physical examiners He with your
permission will submit himself, and not
in this place attempt further to remove
Prejudices which he says appear too flagrant
against him — I have the honor to subscribe
myself

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myself with the greatest Regret.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Madras

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Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

Tho^s Davis

To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r

President & Gov^r & Council of

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Sahagan
complaining
that Mess^{rs} Carley,
Anderson, & Lucas,
Surgeons are
prejudiced ag^t
him & of par-
tiality in his
examination.

It gives me the utmost concern
to be under the absolute necessity of soliciting your
attention to an address I beg leave to make, in order
to lay before you the particulars of my present em-
barrassed Situation in which I have been involved
in a most unprecedented manner, aggravated by
many falling Circumstances, in order to render
my endeavours for promotion ineffectual, hurt
my Character, & ruin my prospect in Life.

I had the honor of being appointed as Surgeon's
Assistant, in the year (1767) and attended with the
Army during Hyderi War - I was afterwards sta-
tioned at Trichinopoly, where I acted under the
Inspection of Mess^{rs} Lucas, Kitchley & Davis;
& latter General Mr. Whyte - as I have been
honored with the approbation of the three last
Gentlemen, whose Abilities, Candour, & Sinc-
erity, will (I humbly conceive) over balance
Mr. Lucas's opinion, which it is well known
charged against me, Merely from a private
Dispute during my acting at Trichinopoly.

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not regularly inculcated in the early part of their
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chagrined at Mr. Anderson's pointed Mode of
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myself

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Madras
20 Nov^r 1775.

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Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Tho^s Davis

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President & Gov^r &c^a Council of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

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to lay before you the particulars of my present con-
fused Situation in which I have been involved
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& latter General Mr. Whyte - as I have been
honored with the approbation of the three last
Gentlemen, whose Abilities, Candour, & Sinc-
erity, will (I humbly conceive) over balance
Mr. Lucas's opinion, which it is well known
charged against me, Merely from a private
Dispute during my acting at Trichinopoly,
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1588 I have often been intrusted with the charge of a ~~small~~ Hospital, and there are many Patients here, and in the different Garrisons whose health I have established, & whose Wounds &c. I have effectually cured.

When General Smith marched from the Morrawar Country, I was ordered by him to remain with Lt. Col. Boryer's Detachment as Surgeon. The Colonel's particular recommendations of me, &c. your Honors are already acquainted with, which I hope will in some Measure induce you to believe, I acted in my Capacity, with some merit to myself & particular attention to the Service —

It was upon this particular occasion, that Mr. Lucas, exerted his influence to prevent my Promotion — He has ever been known to pursue his intentions, tho' at the same time he endeavoured to procure an Appointment, for his Black Assistant, or at least he wished so to do. I am persuaded he has been the cause of the unmerited prejudices Mr. Parley & Anderson possess against my Abilities; As I never acted under them, their Opinion of me must entirely arise from Report —

In answer to my last address to the Honble Board, they were pleased to signify to me, that I had their permission to go home, or remain in India, when I must undergo an examination into my Knowledge of Anatomy, Physics & Surgery, by a Committee, consisting of

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1582 of Mess^{rs} Bowell, Anderson & Davis —

Convinced that the Honble Board's warmest intentions are to promote the Welfare of the Service, & encourage deserving Men, I readily submitted to the examination at the same time humbly conceiving, that the Sentence of a committee, could only avail against me / with the Honble Board / provided I could advance nothing in my, or had no grievance to lay before them for redress — But as I hope to be able to convince the Honble Board of the Severity of my Case, I flatter myself their Indulgence to my Situation will incline them / at least / to allow me the Merit I deserve — Nor do I question the success of my endeavours therein; if the Honble Board will assist my Cause, by conceiving what I have not the confidence to represent or ask — Some days before my examination, I commenced, Mr Anderson, signified to me / as I understood / a desire of seeing me, and I accordingly waited on him, and after some conversation, He positively declared, I had no indulgence to expect & thought I had better decline the examination, as he looked upon my perseverance therein as very idle attempt. To which I replied, he must surmount his Sentence & if he had the concurrence of the other two Gentlemen, before whom I would shortly appear, to stand the Test — The morning of the examination I subjected to Mr Campbell / Assistant / being present,

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as I conceived it highly improper, that a Junior
Assistant to myself, who I imagined must
hereafter undergo the like Trial, should be
employed in committing to writing the
questions to be proposed, with my answers.
Mr. Anderson opposed this in the warmest
manner, and at last (with the greatest
difficulty) was prevailed on to request of Mr.
Langbelle to retire — I beg leave to trouble
Sirs to lay some Stress upon this Instance
of Mr. Anderson's conduct towards me as an
examiner, as well as his Behaviour in gen^l.
to me that day which was particularly dis-
respectful, & insulting, Triumphant over
me as a Victim already condemned — Thus
situated & distressed in Mind, at the Idea
of what evidently appeared what I had to
expect, you, Honble Sir & Srs, will but say
how incapable I must be to do even common
Justice to my knowledge or abilities. Mr.
Anderson's Questions were the most intricate
and unconnected that could be suggested, & tho'
I was interrogated for / at least / two hours, yet
I flatter myself, my answers were satisfactory.
My Birth & Parentage did not even inspire a
Security, imagining no doubt, Their Regard
so despicable, that their means when dis-
covered, would be a Barr to my Claim to
the Rank of a Gentleman, and of course
disqualify of education — In this however
he was disappointed; for I convinced them
that

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that I was born, and had the education of a
Gentleman, was regularly bound to an eminent
Surgeon, and Apothecary, well known to
several Gentlemen now in India, that I
afterwards kept the best Company in the
City of Dublin where I pursued my Studies.
He was obliged to this, but by the greatest accident,
I had by me a Testimonial of my having
served an apprenticeship which I produced.
The examinations not being finished the first
day, I was ordered to attend a second time,
but as may be well imagined my mind
was so agitated, that I could neither well
conceive nor give coherent Answers to all Mr.
Anderson's Questions - Nor indeed in my hum-
ble opinion, could a person of the utmost Con-
fidence acquit himself clearly to an examiner
situated as Mr. Anderson was, surrounded
with several Volumes, of Anatomica & &
Physica Books, to which he might have
had recourse, had he found it necessary,
but of this last particular I will not
pretend to accuse him, but that he
undoubtedly puzzled & perplexed me, is
beyond doubt My Abilities as a Surgeon,
or Physician he scarce touched upon,
but fled to (what I may justly term)
Obscure Intricacy, of Anatomy &c. without
generously reflecting that the Service in
general is divided into distinct Branches,
with professors of each, but far of all It

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1592 is an easy Matter for Mr. Anderson, prejudiced as he appears against me, & is easily to require that Anatomy is the Basis & grand consideration of Our Profession, that the most Minute and perfect knowledge in it, is indispensably Necessary, or the Surgeon who with his knife means to relieve & assist, May thro' his Ignorance become the ignorance become the Patients Destroyer. Observing that without perfect knowledge of Physick &c. the Disorders may be mistaken — Medicines of different qualities, whose effects and virtues are diametrically opposite may be prepared and fatally administered to the tortured patient. These and such like Remarks on an examination, would never have been pronounced, had it not been resolved to impede my promotion at all Events —

I shall now Hurtle Sir & Sirs conclude, by observing, that I humbly conceive, it is neither Pindantic Technical Terms, Abstract Observations & Reflections, upon the Cause & Effects of Medicines, or the operations performed on the human frame, from the casual Accidents it is liable to, that entirely constitute the good practical Surgeon; the Speculative Man will observe it in this Country, as well as in other parts of the Globe — And Instances might easily be produced. S.

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1593 it not therefore a hardship Honble Sir & Srs,
that I, who have been thought worthy of
material Trust, and have not comm: M. &
any egregious error in the course of my Prai:
M^{ty}, and who will make my Profession my
continual Study, should have my probi:
quity in Life, at Short - and had I rem:
ained silent, and not troubled the Honble
Board, with the hardships of my Situation,
I will venture to affirm, M^r Parley would
have never given himself the smallest con:
cern about me, tho' he must be conscious/
even in my present situation / according to
the Nature of the Service I am still liable
to be entrusted with a charge of consequence.

These circumstances I humbly beg leave
to Submit the consideration of the ^{Honble} Board, flat:
tering myself that my Service, and Character
as a Gentleman, joined with M^r Davis's Sen:
Aiments (to whom I will gladly appeal) of
the treatment I have experienced during the
marrimaton, with his opinion of me while
I acted under him, will I hope procure for
me, Some Indulgence from the Honble Board.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Resp^t

Honble Sir & Srs

Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t
Terence Sahagan.

Ordered to lie in the Table.

General Sir M^{ty} Fletcher recom:
mends Lt. Henry Wyndham Hearst, to be
appointed

Madras
Nov^r 19th 1775.

Appointed M^{ty}

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1594 appointed to the 3^d Co^l of Sep^t
in the room of Lt. David Baillie deceased.
and Lt. Colworthy Thompson, to the adju:
tancy of the 2^d Battⁿ 2^d Brigade at Ulu:
in the room of Lt. Hearst, Approved & ordered
accordingly

Wmth

Geo. Stratton

Wmth Lister

C. S. Sanson

Henry Brooke

J. Wmth

Archibald Paterson

Francis Davidson

Geo. Mackay

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21st Sent Letter to the Nabob as ordered in Co. Lett.
N^o 137. acknowledging the Receipt of thirty
five thousand Pagodas on account the 1st
Thist. & three thousand five hundred Pagodas,
the Thist Dec^r the 1st Instant, for the Ponnacul
District.

22nd Came in the following Letter from John
Whitcomb Esq^r Chief at Maraligatam.

To the Honble Alex^r Weyrich Esq^r
President & Governor

Honble Sir of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr.
Whitcomb as:
comprizing a Letter
from the Subah's
begging, from
the State of the
Nizam's Durbar,
the propriety
of seizing the
Pentecost for car

The enclosed Letter from the Subah
was brought me this morning by the Hircarab's
who carried your Letter of the 8th Sept^r to him &
came accompanied by one addressed to me as
usual.

The extraordinary dispatch which was
sent in sending me the duplicate of this Letter,
would of itself have been sufficient evidence of
the solicitude with which your answer is
expected, but if it needed any further de:
monstration, the care which has been used
to send a copy of it here, to be explained to
me, carries the strongest confirmation of
the Subah's Anxiety and renders it in:
cumbent on us to be cautious and determined
in our Measures —

I am informed by very good authority
that the opposing Interests of Bazalut Jung
& Fazil Beg, have particularly occasioned
this

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This anxiety in the Soubah's mind upon this occasion, that while the opposing Views of Bazalut Jung are set forth by one Party as a Motive for the Soubah's improving his connections with the Company; the Power of Fazil Beg and the Designs of the Nabob are urged by the other, to show the danger of admitting the Company to any further footing in the Country, if this should really be the State of the Durbar, and Bazalut Jung's conduct on the one Side, gives us, as much reason to credit it, as that of Fazil Beg intending his family, to this place at so critical a time, does on the other, if this should be really the case, we cannot I think, more effectually assist the Party, which favors our Views, than by taking immediate possession of the Gentoor Circar, and then offering to pay a reasonable Rent for it, as was at first proposed; for by this means not only the Scourge which is now entertained by our Intentions would be removed, but a Degree of credit be acquired, which might give an entire redundancy to the Party we wish to favor. Whereas by Delaying to act & trusting to further Negotiations, for getting the Circar, we must necessarily weaken Fazil Beg's Interest & that real strength to the Party of Bazalut Jung, by the Money, which in the Interior he will draw from the Gentoor Country.

I shall anxiously expect the Board's
Order

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1597 Order upon this Subject that I may be enabled
to remove the Surplices under which the
Zeminidars of that Circar are now held, and
to relieve the one, who has particularly made
advances to me, from the pressing Demand
of near two hundred People who have been
sent in consequence of the Surpicious order.
I aimed of him to exact his proportion of the
Money required by Bazalet Jung. The
Viceroy of this Zeminidar had been some
time there, and as I thought it might be of
consequence, to have one on the Part of
Vasireddy Ramanah. I ordered him as a
Zeminidar of the Mustaphanagar Circar, to
send a Person to me, which he has accordingly
done and I hope any having taken this
Step will be approved of by you. The other
Zeminidars I make no doubt of being able
to secure, in our Interest, as soon as the appear-
ance of our Troops, in the Circar, can give them
a Confidence in our Protection.

I am with great Respect
Humble Sir.

Your most Obedient hum^{ble} Serv^t
John Whitehill

In consequence of which the following
Answer was immediately dispatched to
Mr Whitehill.

To John Whitehill Esq^r
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

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To Mr. Whitwell
indigly.

Your Letter to the President
of the 12th & 15th Instant, have been laid before
Us,

As We have already come to
the determination of not taking any further
Measures, until we hear from the Governor
General & Council We shall for the present
only direct, that you give such Answer to
the Vachels from the Governor General, as may
appear to you most consistent with this our
Resolution. In the meantime, you will
keep us regularly advised, and be particu-
larly attentive, that no fresh alarms are given
to Bazajet Jung, or his party.
We are

Fort St. George
22^d Nov. 1775.

Sir

Your affectionate friends

Alfred Mynck & Co. Council

Dispatched Letter to the Gov. General as intended hereafter
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor Genl. & Council
at Fort William
Gentlemen

We have been honored with your
Letter of the 23^d ultimo, previous to the receipt
of which, we had advice from the Chief
Magistrate, and the Commanding
Officer at Ongole (Copy of which I have
inclosed) whereupon we have reason to
suppose Bazajet Jung is making prepara-
tions

To Gov. Genl. & Co.
withdⁿ Board
proceedings &
Copy of the Doubtless
Letter -

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preparations for Resistance. This together with the Measures to be pursued in consequence. We had under deliberation; but, as you have deemed it expedient, to wait the result of our Letter to the Soubah, We shall not take any further Steps till his answer arrives.

In the course of our deliberations on the Subject Matter of the Advice before mentioned, and of the measure proposed by the Chief of Marudigalam, of taking Possession of the Sunkoor Fort immediately, a difference of opinion appeared at our Board. But as this, is a Matter of Moment to the Company, cannot be too attentively weighed & considered, We shall accordingly furnish you with our separate Opinions on the Subject.

Since writing the foregoing, We have received a Letter from the Soubah, copy of which comes inclosed, you will observe it is not a direct Answer to the proposals that were made to him; We also send inclosed our further deliberations on this Subject for your information & we request you will favor Us with your Sentiments, with all convenient expedition, We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
22 Nov^r 1775

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
& most hearty servants
A. Wyndham Esq. Council

Same in Letter from the Council at Vizagapatam.
To.

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Fort St. George 27th Nov^r 1775
To the Honble Alex^r. Mynch Esq^r 1600
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

from Vizagap^m
Capt. Hagecock
Diss.

It is with much regret
to acquaint your Honor &c. with the death
of Captain Richard Hagecock, of Invalids,
who yesterday departed this Life, after a
lingering Illness. We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam
11th Nov^r 1775

Your most Obedient
humble Servant,

J. Derrin
M. Williams
H. Crawford
N. Barlow

Monday
27th Nov^r

At a Consultation Present
Alex^r. Mynch Esq^r Gov^r President.
George Stratton
George Dawson
J^r. M. Stone
Fran^s. Jordan Geo^r. Machay
Henry Brooke
Arch^d. Palmer
Sir Robert Fletcher indig^r.
The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from Mr. Pitt
dated 20th Instant as entered in Co. Sec^y.
N^o 138. enclosing an Indent of Men
wanted for his 2^d Regiment of Cavalry.
Referred to the Committee of Trade,
and ordered to be complied with.

Read Letter from the Council of
Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam, as entered hereafter.
To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r & Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

from Vizagap^m
the Honble Lemine:
Dars & Sagganad
Doo - informed
of Sagganad's
promise in to
reside at Madras.

We have received your Honor &c.
Councils' Letter of the 25th Ultimo, and have
in consequence written to the several Lemine:
Dars directing them to make known to their
Dependants your reasons for suffering Sagganad
to reside at the Presidency; We have
sent to Sagganad Doo a translation of your
Letter, which we doubt not will fully satisfy
him. We are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam
12th Nov^r 1775.

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
P. Perrin g.
M. Williams
J. Francis
A. Parlow

Read Letter from Mr. Anderson Surgeon.
To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r & Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

from Mr. Anderson
Surgeon, now
explaining that
Mr. Davis had
made was re:
quered Report,

In consequence of your Order of
the 27th Ultimo, Mr. Davis & I met two different
times to examine Mr. Gahagan, but interrup:
tions and his sickness prevented us from accom:
plishing so serious a business Mr. Gahagan agreed to

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requesting Mr.
Gahagan's exa-
mination.

to come the Friday following to have his
examination finished, but neither appeared
that day, nor had the civility ever since to
make an Apology or give any reason for
his absenting himself —

As far as the examination had proceed-
ed Mr. Davis and myself been entirely of the
same opinion re^y Mr. Gahagan's education &
improvement but I understand Mr. Davis
has now taken the Liberty to write on the subject
to the Honble the President Council without any
knowledge or ^{con-}currence, and Mr. Gahagan
likewise to withdraw himself from any further
examinations, both which Letters, I should
hope the Honble the President Council in Justice
and respect to their own Orders, will think
proper to return them, that a regular & joint
Report, consistent with the Orders of the Board,
be addressed by me and Mr. Davis, to the Honble
the President Council, & the intention of ap-
proving this Committee be fulfilled — I am
with Respect.

Fort St. George
Nov^r 22^d 1775.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Obed^t Servant
Jas. Anderson

Whereupon Mr. Davis & Mr. Gahagan's
Letters entered in last Consultation and ordered
to lie on the Table, are taken into consider-
ation.

Minute taken

Mr. Davis furnished.

The Board cannot avoid expressing
their disapprobation at Mr. Davis's separate
address.

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address to them, on the examination of Mr.
Gahagan. The order to him, & Mr. Anderson,
directed a joint examination, and of course a
joint report, and therefore his addressing the
Board, without the concurrence of Mr. An:
derson was highly improper. Ordered, that
a copy of Mr. Anderson's Letter be given to Mr.
Davis, and that the Secretary call upon them
for a Regular and joint Report, of the exami:
nation which Mr. Gahagan has already
undergone, when the Board are in this man:
ner regularly informed — they will take
Mr. Gahagan's Letter into consideration.

The Secretary
to call upon
them for a joint
Report.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. James

Commanding at Trichinopoly.
To the Honble Alex^r. Wynch Esq^r
President & Gen^l. & C^o. Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Col. James
representing the
unhealthy State
of the European
Barracks at
Trichinopoly.

I am under the necessity of
addressing the Honble Board on a very In:
teresting Subject.

The condition of the Barracks of our
Europeans has been the occasion of frequent
complaints. — In order to be convinced of
the propriety or impropriety of the Com:
plaints, I examined them and found to
my surprize that almost half the space
is occupied by a crisp Mud Wall within
on which nothing but a Stone Bull is
put

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put, and no use made of it by the Brains or any
body else. I would have removed that Wall
immediately, but was apprehensive of the Storm
which might be raised, by the removal of it. I
beg leave to ask the Honble Board it is highly
necessary, for without it, no circulation of
Air is possible, and of course the people cannot
preserve their Health; To prevent this in-
convenience the poor Soldiers lie out in the
open Street at Night, to the destruction of
their Constitutions; As therefore the granting
down that Wall may be done in a few
hours time, without any expense, and to the
greatest advantage of preserving the Soldiers
health, and will also make room to Lodge
at least two hundred more with ease - I
hope the Honble Board will be pleased to
signify to me their approbation, which
doubtless tends to the benefit of the Soldier.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very respectful and
most Obed^t hum^t Servant

Edw^d James

The President desired to recommend
this Matter to the Nabob -

Read the following Letters from
Captain Duncan commanding at Ongole,
& Ensign Hallett commanding at Varr:
Apollam.

of
So

Trichinopoly
17 Nov^r 1775

1606 Fort St. George 27th Nov^r 1775
To the Honble Alex^r. Wyndham Esq^r
1605 President & Gov^r &c.

Honble Sir of Fort St. George

From Capt. Duncan
Report that
Bellair has been
relieved by Hydri's
Troop & Men.
obliged to retreat,
100 Horse & 200
Sergeants employed
to collect Money
of the Gumbur
Tumindan.

Of late nothing material has
occurred to me, worth troubling you with
the mention of. My Intelligence from Adoni
says that Mons^r. Lally, has recommenced
Hostilities, against Bellair, and is now carrying
on the Siege of that Fort. with more vigor than
ever. —

But I just now hear, it is reported; that it
has been relieved, by a strong Body of Hydri's
Troops under Tippy Saib. that Lally had
been obliged to raise the Siege with considerable
loss, but had made good his retreat to Adoni.
I can't say what credit is to be paid, to this report,
but shall probably know in a few days. —

The Hannout Nabob is at Gumm, a place,
a good way on this side of Hannout, & just
beyond the pass. he has been there for some
time, and has a considerable force along
with him, not less than 3000 Horse & Foot —

The French Officer, who now commands
at Pondarur is using the greatest diligence,
in repairing & strengthening that Fort in a State
of defence. He has from 4 to 500 foot
constantly at work upon it, all the arti-
ficers, Smiths, & Carpenters, that can be got
together, are also employed there & at Gumbur,
making

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1608 making and repairing, Gun Carriages, and
Platforms &c.

I have had the Motions of all the Tennindaws
very closely observed, ever since I had information
of their being required by Bazellet Esq^r, to
furnish Troops for the protection of London,
but I do not learn that they have taken
any extraordinary Steps in consequence of it.

Demands for considerable Sums of Money
in advance, are just now enforcing in the Circle
with uncommon earnestness. A Party of
Black Homs have arrived lately, for that
purpose - I suppose there may now be near
one hundred Homs and above two hundred
Syroes employed in different parts of the
Circle, in that way. I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect,

Humble Sir

Orango

18th Nov^r 1775.

Your very devoted and
most Obedient Servant

Alex^r Duncan

To the Honble Alex^r Murch Esq^r
President of the Council

Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St. George

from Bro. Halcott

to the same person
the strength of
Lally's Party.

I have received y^r Letter
which you caused to be written me on the
13th Instant.

With Respect to the Europeans
of Mr. Lally's Party, their Members (from
every circumstance I can learn amount
to

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1607 to about four hundred. One hundred of these are Cavalry, fifty Artillery, the Grenadier Company, should be a Hundred strong. As Mr. Sully finds some but Men of approved valour, and those he can depend on, into it. It is very seldom complete, the remainder are formed into two Companies of Infantry. One hundred or upwards of these Europeans are sent on from the Portuguese Regiments, who lately arrived in India.

Mr. Depon tells me, that he believes at least, an hundred and fifty of them, have deserted from the Company's Service, though very few of them are English. Being mostly French and Germans. The number of English do not exceed twenty. There is only one Instance, of his having promoted an English man, several have been offered promotion (by Mr. Sully) to more conspicuous Office. But a question previous to their being promoted was always put, i. e. In case of a War between Bazalut Jung, and the Company, would they fight against their own Country men. They have to a Man answered in the Negative, & were accordingly rejected; except in the Instance before mentioned. This Man's Name is Smith he deserted from Ellore, and on several Occasions, behaved remarkably well, with the Party. He was made a Lieutenant notwithstanding his

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1608 his telling Mr. Sally, that he never would fight against his Country, and is very lately promoted to a Lieutenant. Whether he got over his scruples, on his late promotion, Mr. Difford is not able to inform me, besides Enquiries, Mr. Sally has a hundred Sepoys Artillery Men, six Battalions of five hundred Sepoys, two Battalions of Sycees, each a thousand strong, and some Black footed, whose Number, I am not able to learn. The Sepoys and Sycees Battalions are commanded by a Lieutenant, and have a Serj^t to each Company. The whole party are very little instructed with discipline but are said to be brave; and hardy from having seen much Service.

Bazalot Jung usually keeps a standing Army of five thousand Horse, but in case of a War, is able to augment them, to near double that number in a short time. as there are always a great Number of Horse men, in his Country, who think themselves very happy in getting employment. His Infantry are no better than Peasants having the least discipline amongst them. Their Number is not great. They are greatly distributed amongst his Ministers.

In my Letter of the 6th Instant. I informed the Board, of my having Sir: Intelligence

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1607 Intelligence of the arrival of two hundred
Horse, and three hundred Syroes at Secnde
Cannanore. The people which I sent to
examine, tell me, that the Horse do not
exceed forty, the Syroes amount to about the
same number. They belong to Bazal Jung,
and are sent for the purposes of collecting the
Rents.

Mr. Deffour tells me that some
people arrived from Adoni yesterday, &
inform him, that it is reported there that
Mr. Lally has been beat off from Bellari,
He had entered into agreement with the
People to cease Hostilities, in consideration
of their giving up some Fort to him, &
the Sum of Sixty thousand Rupees. in
Money. Forty thousand of this was paid,
where he commenced fresh hostilities &
had opened Trenches before the place,
when Hyder Ally sent a strong Detachment
of Horse, under the command of Tippu
Saib. to its relief. The Garrison rallied &
attacked Bazal Jung's Army in front,
while Tippu Saib followed in some other
quarter, at the same time, and gained
a complete Victory. Mr. Lally's Party
suffered very considerably. They are
retreating to Adoni. Mr. Deffour
says he cannot place much dependence
on the reports of these people, yet he is

apt. &

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1610 apt to believe, that there must be some foundation for such report,

Camp at Vantapallam
18th Nov^r 1775.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Thomas Halcott.

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account current with the Contractor for Gun Carriages supplied the Company, and requests the Orders of the Board for the Payment of the Balance due to him. In this Account, there is an increase in the Price of Wagⁿ 12 for each 12 P^{rs} Carriages, & 13 for all above, which the Military Storekeeper is informed, was allowed by, in consequence of a Letter from Col^l Butler recommending English Wheels in preference to French Wheels—

The Storekeeper also represents that the abovementioned Carriages were brought to account in the year 1773— at the original contract price— And the Nabob is charged for them accordingly; It is therefore submitted to the Consideration of the Board, whether, or not, the Nabob's Account should not be debited for the Difference.—

Dr

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The Contractor being called upon
represent, that when the Contract was made, it was
on Masters with French Wheels; that the Committee
of Stores sent to them to know the difference of Price
that would be required if made with English
Wheels, that they informed the Committee, that
addition would be 12 Pigs for 12^{Pr} Carriages, 15 for all
above; & that this being deemed reasonable, the
Garrison Carriages were accordingly made with
English Wheels, W^m Stratton, who was then Military
Storekeeper & of the Committee of Stores, confirming
the above Representation, & the amount current accoun-
tancying the above Report, having been examined
by the Military Storekeeper. Ordered, that the Balance
be paid.

The Military Paymaster represents to the Board,
in consequence of Major Percival's report, that the Oil
& Materials he judges necessary for the Barracks at
Pocoman actually correspond with the quantity
usually issued. On inquiring into the Articles of
M^{ts} it appears they have always been supplied
conformably to the Quarter Master's Indent.

To order for value

Geo: Mackay

Wm Stratton

Wm. Ritchie

Cas. Sanson

Henry Brooke

Edw. W. W.

Archdall Palmer

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from the Nabob 28th Received a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Co. Cor^r.
with Intelligence N^o 139. containing Intelligence from Cuddayah—

29th Sent the following Letter from Bengal—
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r.

Governor Gen^l. & Council of
at Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs

To Gov^r. Gen^l. & Co.
with Copy of a
Letter of Intelligence
received from y^r.
Nabob.

Accompanying We have the
honor to send you, Copy of a Letter which our Council^s
hath received from the Nabob, containing some
Material Intelligence relative to Bazalet Jung,
Hyder Ally Cawn, and the Neighbouring Powers
Letter from the Officers Commanding at Madras
and Vantiprolam, confirm the above particulars,
and We therefore enclose you Copies of them, for
your information.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs

your most Obed^t and
most humble Servants,
A. Wynch & Council

30th Sent the following Letter to Vizagapatam in
consequence of a Minute of Consultation
passed yesterday in the Revenue Department.
To Mr Peter Perren Military Department
and the Council at Vizagapatam.

Genl. Munn

To Vizagapatam ordering
a Reinforcement of
Troops to the Ganjam
District.

As it is probable the Chief &
Council at Ganjam may soon find it necessary
to apply to you for a Reinforcement of Troops.
We

Fort St
George,
29th
November
1775

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We desire in such case that you will send
them the five Companies of Capt. Landers
Battalion which are under your direction,
together with such other of your Military,
as they may request.

Fort St. George
30th Nov^r 1775

We are
Gentlemen

Your affectional friends
A. Wynch Esq^r & Francis

Monday
the 4 Dec^r

A Consultation Present
Alex^r Wynch Esq^r Governor Presid^t
George Stratton Rob^t Fletcher
George Dayson Henry Brooke
Jⁿ M. Stone Arth Palmer
Francis Loundan Geo^r Mackay
The Minutes of last Consultation read.
Read Letter from the Nabob as referred in
the Diary of this Consultation, containing
Intelligence from Cuddah.

Read the following Letter from
Captain Duncan & Ensign Halcott.
To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r &c.

Honble Sir, of Fort St. George

From Capt. Duncan
a Detachment of
Hyder Ally's Troops,
who were defeated
Bazalut Jung.

In my Letter of the 18th I had
the honor to acquaint you of a Report, that
Bazalut Jung's Troops before Bellary,
had been defeated by Hyder Ally's Sons.

1618 Fort St. George 4 Dec^r 1775.

1617 I now have it confirmed to me, by People who arrived here last night and were present at the Action.

It happened on the 5th Instant. Tippu Saib's approach was known to Bazajet Jung's People, but he was supposed to come with friendly intentions, he having, some time before, been invited to assist in the Reduction of Bellary. Upon his arrival near their Camp, he was saluted, and returned the Salute. Mon^r Lally's Party and the rest of Bazajet Jung's Troops were encamped separate, at a small distance, from one another. I have not learnt whether there was any Intercourse or not between Tippu Saib and them; but when they did not expect it, He suddenly charged that Quarter where the main Body of Bazajet Jung's Troops were, who immediately fled in the greatest disorder to Mon^r Lally's Camp, spreading equal confusion there, & rendering any attempt of resistance, he might have endeavoured to make ineffectual. The Rout immediately became general, & Lally himself with great difficulty made his escape, with 25 or 30 of his European Horse — He had with him in all about 200 Europeans (of which 70 were mounted) — and it is supposed the greatest part of them, are either killed or.

1621 Fort St George ^{the} Dec^r 1775

1620 Baggage &c. The Majority of his Infantry,
were either killed, or taken Prisoners. The European
Prisoners are detained, the Syngs ^{were} disarmed,
I heard out of the Camp, to go where they pleased.
The people who gave me this Intelligence said
they were taken Prisoners, but discharged two
Days after the engagement. — They came by
way of Adoni. Mr. Sally had collected in all,
about eighty of his Europeans when they left
that Place. They say 'tis reported there, that Mr.
Sally on his arrival went to Bazalut Jung,
and upbraided him with being the occasion
of his defeat, insisted on seeing him, the Murder
of Syngs, which he had promised, rebuked
him for entering into a league, with such
a Man as Hyder Ally, and with all told him,
that he must get some body else to fight for
him, for that he never would again, as he
was walking out of the Room in a violent Passion
when Bazalut Jung caught him by the hand,
and bided he would not think of leaving him,
assured him, that he should be paid the full
value for every thing, he had lost. His Europeans
are the only loss which he cannot quickly
repair. Mr. Duffau tells me that he has
plenty of Guns and small arms in Shangou,
and the Syngs being released, will im-
mediately join him. The Loss in the
Dewan's Camp was trifling, being mostly
Horse, they mounted & got off, favored by the
approaching

1622 Fort St George 4th Dec^r 1775.

1621 appears a fine Night, it was very late in the day,
before the attack began —

Tippu Saib still remains in the neighbourhood
of Bellary. They told me, that he had a
considerable Number of Europeans with him,
particularly two Troops of Cavalry, he posted
a Strong Guard of Europeans, over the Prisoners.
His Troops were all regularly armed, & clothed,
in Red Jackets, faced with Blue, & Blue
Turbands — My Intelligence varies, with
respect to the Disposition of the Besieged,
during the attack. some say that they sallied,
others that they did not. The People who
gave me the above information, seem to be
very clear, & say that they did not Sally, as
they were afraid to trust Tippu Saib —
Perhaps this account of the action, may not
be just in every particular. I shall be able
to get exact information from Mr. Duffour
whenever Mr. Lally or any of his Officers write
to Mr. Horriot. I am

Camp at Vantapollam
Nov^r 22^d 1775.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hum^t Servant
Thomas Halcott

To the Honble Alex^r March Esq^r of
President & Governor &c of Fort St George
Honble Sir.

I have accounts in ten days,
from Adonis that they are in no small
consternation there on account of the
vicinity of Hyder's Army, which still
continues

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from Capt. Duroan
confering the
Account of B.
Jung's defeat
herein to
defend Adoni.

continues at Bellari; that Fort having been
deserted by its Inhabitants was taken possession of
by Tippu Saib soon after the Action with Sally.
Bazal Jung is making every preparation
at Adoni for defence, and is drawing thither
all the Force he can, from different Places,
Two hundred Tappas, commanded by a
European with one Euro, which were in the
Fort of Kundyal on the Borders of the Tan-
nour Country, have been sent for, Four hundred
of the Syngs, which came lately to Garrison Lon-
-dower, have actually marched, some days ago,
from that place to Adoni, in consequence of
Orders from thence, My Messengers on their
return, met with both these Bodies, marching
with the utmost expedition for Adoni, they
also met with a convoy of forty Bullocks, loaded
with different things, particularly some Casks
of Flint — supposed to be going to Mr. Sally,
from some where in the Interior —

My latest Accounts make the Losses
suffered by Sally's Corps at Bellari on the 5th more
considerable than what I mentioned to you
in my Letter of the 24th. They assert, that from
230 to 250 of the Europeans are killed and
taken Prisoners. And as I don't hear, that
there are, now at Adoni, Shering, or any
other Place, above 100 or 130 Europeans,
in all remaining, it agrees pretty nearly
with what I take, to have been the
strength

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strength of that Coyn Bellard is represented as
an acquisition of great Importance to
Hydr, commanding a free entrance for
him into the Adoni and the adjacent
countries — and that from the Natural
advantages of its Situation, May be
easily rendered a Place of great strength.

Bazalut Jung has sent some of his prin-
cipal people, particularly one, Asud ally
Lawn, to treat with Hydr. I have the honor
to be with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir

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30th Nov^r 1775.

Your very devoted &
most Obedient Servant
Alex^r Duncan

Since Writing the ^{above} within, I am informed
from Pondaver, that the Sepoys which were
sent from there, some days ago, marched
off in the night, in a private manner
and that Garrison, has been since
reinforced, by two hundred Libindies,
or Country Peons — From the same
quarter I have also Intelligence, that
Mahomed Koupain one of Bazalut Jung's
Managers, has received Instructions
to repair to Mootapillet, to have delivered
over to him those Villages, or district,
at present in the possession, or under
the Management of "Moris" Lally &
the French settled there — but I don't
hear

1625 Fort St. George 1th Dec^r 1775

1624 hear that any Orders are given, for the latter,
to remove from thence.

To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r
President & the Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mrs. Hal:

as Mr. Hyder in
possession of
Bellary - the
importance of
the acquisition.

The latest Accounts I have
received from Bellary, mention Hyder ally,
being in possession of that Fort. These Accounts
are given me by two People, who were ser-
vants to an Officer of Mr. Lally's. They tell
me that only twenty two of Mr. Lally's
European Infantry at Bellary, were saved;
these were much wounded, and made
Prisoners, the rest were to a Man all so
killed with all their Officers except two.
I enquired how they became acquainted,
with the exact Number of the Prisoners,
they answered that they were detained, by
the French in Hyder's Service, to attend the
Wounded, I asked them what Number
of Mr. Lally's Europeans, they judged, might
have been killed in the action. They
answered to the best of their Judgment,
there must have been about two hundred
killed. They further informed me, that Hy-
der had with him, a large body of
Europeans but could not tell their
Number —

The day after the action, Hyder
sail

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1627 Lieut. Sumner, the people of Bellary, to
Surrender their Fort to him. This they
refused, and he immediately set down before
it, taking possession of the trenches and
Batteries, erected by Mr. Lally. The Garrison
capitulated on the 12th or 13th Instant, &
he took possession of the Fort. — Bellary is
from its Situation a great acquisition to
Hyder Ally, it is described to me, as the key from
the Mysore country to Adoni: Gudager, & Harwar.
It is reported that Hyder Ally is now at Bellary
and it is supposed, was engaged in the camp, during
the engagement. I inquired of Mr. Dafford,
if he knew what Number of Europeans,
Hyder had in his Service, he told me that
he did not know their exact Number, but
believed from the accounts he had received,
by People, who had deserted from Hyder
to Mr. Lally, that he must have between
five and six hundred, about half of them
are European Prisoners who deserted to
him from Goa. —

Mr. Lally had some Europeans in
Garrison at Changle, an Officer & thirty de:
tached, at the time of the action, these with
the Cavalry, who escaped, make altogether about
a hundred & fifty.

It is reported that the three hundred Sepoys
in Garrison at Gondavur, are recalled out of
the Guntoor Circar and will march im:
mediately to Adoni. — I am
Yours

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Camp at Wandjoram
Nov^r 28th 1775

Honble Sir & Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Tho^s Halcott

Minutes in apper-
tation of Captain
Duncan and
Ensign Halcott.

The Board are well pleased at the diligence & accuracy
with which the foregoing Intelligence seems to have
been procured and the Secretary is directed to express
their Sense of it to Captain Duncan & Ensign Halcott.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.
To the Honble Alex^r Wynn Esq^r
President &c^a Council of Fort St. George
Gentlemen

from Gov^r Genl.
of permitting
a Deputation to
the Nizam if
necessary. The
Nabob's request
requir^d by Mr. Cham-
berlain granted.

We have received the Letter
which you were to us on the.

If Nizam Ally Saib shall not
agree to the terms proposed to him in the Letter from
your President respecting the Country of Bazai
Set Jung, or if he shall give an evasive answer
to that Letter, We then shall approve of your
deputing a Person to his Court, but We desire
that this Commission may be confined mainly
to the Affairs of the Southern Circars, agreeably to
the Instructions we have already given you.
The principal Object of which is to deprive the
French of any footing, which they may have
obtained in that District, and in case you
find it necessary to depute a Person on
this Service, We request to be furnished
with a Copy of the Instructions which you
may give him.

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The Nabob has applied to us for permission to employ Mr. Chambers on a negotiation from him to meet Colonel Upton at Poona, and to assist him in negotiating any matters on the part of the Nabob, also to propose such articles, as he may wish to have inserted as conditions in the Treaty of Peace with the Maratta State, As we conceived this attention due to the Nabob's request, We have told him that we comply with it, if you shall make objection, but that Mr. Chambers must transact his business only thro' Colonel Upton, who has been ordered to attend to his different representations and to confer with them as far as he may be authorized by the Tenor of our Instructions —

We are

Gentlemen

Fort William
the 9th Novr. 1775

Your most Obedient
& humble Servant
Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Geo. Monson
Rich^d. Barnwell
J. Francis

Minute taken

The Board having acquainted the Gov^r General & Council in their Letter of the 22^d ult^o, that they had resolved to wait their Sentiments upon the Saheb's Letter to the President, before any further Measures were taken for the removal of the French from the Junoon

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1629 General Sir Robert Fletcher, they are of opinion that it
will not be proper to send a person to the
Soubah's Court, or to pursue any other step
in the way of negotiation until they receive
an answer to that Letter.

Agreed that a Letter to the following
Effect be written to the Gov^r Gen^l &c and that
We enclose for their information copies of
the last Letter received from Captain Duncan
& Ensign Halcott relative to the defeat of Bago.
Let Sirr's Troops before the Fort of Bellary

Ordered, that a copy of the Para
from Bengal concerning Mr. Chambers, be
sent to that Gentleman and another copy
to the Nabob —

General Sir Robert Fletcher
desires to enter the following Minutes. —

Sir Rob^t Fletcher's
Minutes on the
Subject of the
Company of
Guides. —

I expressed my desire at two
former meetings of the Board, & I now repeat
it, that the Sepoys assembled under Capt. St.
Giles, should be ordered to join their respec-
tive Battalions I approve of the principles
set forth in General Smith's Minutes upon
the Subject of the Guides, but I cannot think
that Sepoys are proper for that Service. —
It is a service which they do not consider
as a part of their profession, and there is
great danger that any knowledge they
shall acquire as Guides may instead of ser-
ving the end proposed, turn out very
much

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much to our disadvantage, for they cannot be established into a Company of Guiden, with: out being publicly known as such, subjects will always put it in the Power of an Enemy invading the Carnatic, either to corrupt their fidelity, or to buy them entirely into their Service.

It cannot be supposed that they will not desert in common with the other Syroy boys in the Service, and perhaps in a greater degree, since their Duty, must be a Duty of greater fatigue, and the care of longer absence from their families. We cannot hope to make them Judges of the Heat proper for heavy cannon, unless they were, like the Bramin Mivarraks, trained to that particular Service from their Infancy & when they that were a Mistake of this Nature is punishable with Death. I believe adorned Wages would hardly induce them to persevere in an employment so different from their Notions of the Duty of a Syroy - a another mode has been mentioned that of employing European Officers, which is likewise liable to great Objections - The Board would hardly think of employing more than five or six Officers to gain their knowledge, and if we may judge by the Deficiency of Officers from Sickness & other Causes which we daily see in every Regiment in the Service

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Agreed that a Letter to the following Effect be written to the Soc^y Gen^l &c and that We enclose for their information Copies of the last Letter received from Colonel Duncan & Lucius Halcott relative to the defeat of Raja's at Pung's Exogues before the Fort of Bellary.

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much to our disadvantage, for they cannot be established into a Company of Guides, without being publicly known as such, subjects will always quit it in the Power of an Enemy invading the Carnatic, either to corrupt their fidelity, or to buy them entirely into their Service.

It cannot be supposed that they will not desert in common with the other Spyry boys in the Service, and perhaps in a greater degree, since their Duty, must be a Duty of greater fatigue, and the cause of longer absence from their families. We cannot hope to make them Judges of the Heat proper for heavy cannon, unless they were, like the Bramin Mercenaries, trained to that particular Service from their Infancy & when they that were a Mistake of this Nature is punishable with Death. I believe advanced Wages would hardly induce them to serve in an employment so different from their Nations of the Duty of a Spyry — a matter which has been mentioned that of employing European Officers, which is likewise liable to great Objections — The Board would hardly think of employing more than five or six Officers to gain their knowledge, and if we may judge by the Deficiency of Officers from Sickness & other Causes which we daily see in every Regiment in the Service

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Service, we may reasonably conclude that we might not be able to avail ourselves of the knowledge of perhaps any one of the five or six Officers at times when the Service might most require it. — Promotion must in time call them to other duties & to Commands more advantageous to them than this Service can be supposed to be the knowledge they would gain now, might become useless at a future time, from the unsettled cultivation of the Grounds, which causes constant change, and Shiftings of the Roads necessary for an Army, to march through and the employing European Officers in this Service would I fear be so great a discouragement to the Hirecars of the Country, that they must either quit their profession, or carry the knowledge they have already acquired of the Language into the Service of foreign Powers which I should be extremely sorry to see, because I look upon them to be almost useful set of People in time of War, & deserving of every encouragement —

The Plan I would therefore recommend is, that a small Body of proper Bramin Hirecars, not exceeding twenty Men, be established under any head man who shall be best recommended for his great Services —

W^m

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1631 He should remain constantly with the Com:
mander in Chief of the Army, & I am sure
they would answer many more good purposes
than can be hoped for either from Syroes or
Europeans — The inferior Officers knowing
the Nature of their professions and that Death
is the Punishment due even to an error
in Judgement, will be answerable to their
Head, for the performance of their Duty
both in Peace and in War. The Commander
in Chief will include them in his Return
and be as much responsible to the Board for
their conduct as for that of any other Part
of the Army, and the Nation cannot object
to this, as he does to every Idea of Surveying
his Country —

The proposed Com:
of Guides to be
reduced, &
Barracks in:
obtained.

Resolved in consequence of the
Reasons given by Sir Robert Fletcher that
the Company of Guides be reduced and
the Syroes returned to their respective Regts.
resolved also that the Officers who proposed
by him be entertained —

The Board are nevertheless sensible
of the propriety of having the Meads surveyed
when the Nation will consent to it, or when
the Court of Directors order the Measure &
are of opinion that the Survey will be
secret & best executed by a Number of Offi:
cers or Gentlemen properly qualified for
that Service —

Agreed

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The Major to
be informed
thereof.

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Agreed that the Major be acquainted
with the Progress of the above Resolutions.
I informed that Captain Linn^{ts} Field of
course will be ordered to return with the
others unless he has further occasion for his
Service in which case he will be pleased
to express that that Service.

Read the following Letters and
opinions of M^{rs} Anderson and Davis re:
quoting Mr. Sahagun.

To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esq^r

President & Gov^r &c^r Council

of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

from M^r And^r:
son Surgeon his
report of M^r
Sahagun's
Medical Abi-
lities.

In answer to my last address
to the Honble Board, I had the honor to
receive through the Secretary your Orders
to meet M^r Davis, and give in a joint Report,
of what had passed regarding the examination
of M^r Sahagun, in compliance with these
Orders, as M^r Davis had been acquainted
with the Resolutions of the Honble the
President Council I endeavored to effect
a meeting with him which he has hitherto
evaded, and now without a conference
on the Subject sends me a separate &
undesignate opinion.

The daily avocations of my duty here
will not allow me leisure to waste more
time on this Business and as the Service

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163³ is at the same time at a Stand, with a view to
bring Matters at issue to a conclusion, I have the
honour to lay before you the Request Mr. Davis
thought proper to send me, which if it means
any thing is contrary to his opinion was at the
two Meetings we had, so that you may be
under some difficulty to form a Judgment,
however as it is a Business of serious concern
to the Service, I shall not hesitate in any
degree to assure you His Excellency Sir & Sirs, that
Mr. Gahagan comes into the Service without
any previous Education, Physical or ana-
tomical, that the little Anatomical Educa-
tion he has acquired is from Books and
not from Human Subjects, therefore he can
have no distinct Idea of the ^{Body of the} Human Body
to guide him in the practice of Surgery
Of Chemistry and Pharmacy he has not the
least knowledge and on that account can
know nothing of the Analysis of Medicines,
nor whether one Medicine will unite &
enter into composition with another, as to
the Practice of Physick his knowledge is
limited to the modes of the Hospitals he has
attended here, but as he has never had an
opportunity to Study the Theory of Physick or
the Laws of the Animal Economy, it is im-
propable for him to judge on any occasion,
why different Constitutions and the same
Disease under different Circumstances require
a treatment.

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1634 a treatment essentially different, that is to say,
Mr. Sahagham may have learned in England
that Louis's ingenious influence Mergny in the
Liver and Venereal Disease and that Barts is a
Lancet for a quack, but without a knowledge of this:
say he can never learn why or where these things
did ascertain' instruction, under particular
circumstances, of these very Diseases.

The above Hon^{ble} Sir & Sir is the opinion
expressed of Mr. Sahagan from the examination
of him some general questions in Anatomy,
he answers from rote, not from a comprehension
of the Subject, for he knew not even where per-
ticular Bones were situated, and during his
Answer to one of my Questions was a mistake
which would have cost the Patient a Limb.
in Practice of Physick he knew neither the
composition of the Medicines he would have
prescribed the indications of cure, nor had
any distinct notion of the Nature of the Disease.

Mr. Sahagan took leave to suppose, Mr.
Oarley prejudiced against him, I am aware of
the like unjust surmises, but as I have had the
Service chiefly in view such insinuations shall
give me no concern, considering it only as
the refuge of every illiterate though not a
very Medial Man —

As I understand Mr. Sahagan, since
he abruptly withdrew himself from further
examination has applied for permission
to proceed to Europe — I thought it a Duty
imposed on me

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1697 I remember I am sure that the Honble Board should think proper to recommend him for further Rank here to assist them; that unless the Condition of his Education and his Attendants or courses of Learning. Physics & Chemistry, he never can be fit for promotion in the Service.

With such principles & education as such as I have now the honor to address, I am sure in matters of so serious import is a dangerous Liberty.

I have the honor to be with very great Respects.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
Dec^r 3rd 1775.

Your very obedient &
most humble Servant
Jas. Anderson

P.S. Monday even 5 o'clock forenoon, having this moment seen Mr. Davis, a joint Letter from us, accompanying this -

To the Honble Alex^r. Mynck Esq^r.

Presid^t & Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

from Mess^{rs} Davis
& Davis

In obedience to your commands. We have now the honor to address you, touching the execution of Mr. Takagan - respecting which we find ourselves under the necessity of giving you our opinions separately which we hope you will be pleased to accept of. We are with the greatest Respects.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Madras
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Your most Obed^t Servants
Jas. Anderson
Mr. Davis -

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Mr. Davis's Opinion of the examination
put to Mr. Sahagan by order of the Hon^{ble}
President & Council

Mr. Davis, his
opinion of Mr.
Sahagan's abi-
lities.

Mr. Davis's Opinion that Mr. Sahagan did
acquit himself on the first day's examination
very much like a Skillful Man of his Profession;
But that the day following, He, Mr. Sahagan was
apparently confused, & did not answer Mr. Anderson's
questions, either in anatomy, Pharmacy, or Chi-
surgery — Therefore Mr. Davis does not think Mr.
Sahagan's examination was such as he in his
opinion can determine whether the Gentleman
is or is not fit for the Service.

Thos^r Davis

Surgeon

To be read to the
Court of Directors.

Mr. Sahagan having requested leave
to go to England, the Board think it unne-
cessary to pass any Opinion upon his examination.
But resolve to refer the Proceedings on the subject
to the Court of Directors and to inform Mr.
Sahagan, that he has leave to go home at
greatly to his request.

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agreeably.

Letter from Col.
Sahagan taken
into considera-
tion.

This Letter from Col. Sahagan
which in consultation the 20th Nov^r was
ordered to lie on the Table is now read, requesting
that his appointment of Commissary Genl.
may be reconsidered, & put on a different foot-
ing —

reconsidered.

Determined to wait
the order of the Court
of Directors.

The Board having already come
to a determination with respect to Colonel
Sahagan

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1637 Captain's Office I written to the Court of Directors
concerning it, they cannot with any propriety
make any alterations without their orders,
which may be expected by the next Ship that
arrives —

Wm. Murch

Geo. Stratton,

W. Lelher

C. Danson,

Henry Brooke

J. H. H. H.

Arcturali Salomon

Francis Dorrden

Geo. Mackay

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Letter from the 4th Received a Letter from the Natab, as entered in Co:
 Natab requiring Corr: N^o 140. relative to the motions & designs of
 Hyder Ally. another Letter from him
 N^o 141. giving his account with the Company
 on 1st of December — another Letter 142 —
 enclosing an Order for 3500 Pagodas on account
 of the Trust of Poonamalee due the 1st Instant —
 another Letter N^o 143. enclosing an Order for
 Stores for the use of his Cavalry — another Letter
 N^o 144. relating to the Payment of the November
 & December Trusts to the Company.

Tuesday
 5th Dec^r

At a Consultation Present —
 Alex^r Wynch Esq^r Gov^r President
 Geo^r Mutton Rob^t Fletcher
 Geo^r Dawson Henry Broome
 John M. Stone Arch^d Palmer
 Fran^s Jordan Geo^r Mackay
 Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.
 The Proceedings of the General
 Court Martial held on Captain Alex^r Dugood
 of Engineers having been laid before us at
 yesterday's Consultation, part of them was
 read at the Board in the evening of that day,
 & the remainder is read this morning. The
 Charges against Captain Dugood with the
 Sentence of the Court upon each are as
 follows —

Charges — 1st For neglect of Duty.
 2^d For having observed a conduct & Conversation
 tending

Proceedings of
 Capt. Dugood's
 Court Martial
 read.

November.

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1639 tending to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.

3^d For having attempted by means unbecom-
ing the Character of an Officer & Gentleman,
to injure the Character of Lt Col. M^r M^rg^r.
Specially by representations to the Board
the Governor & Council, dated the 2^d July

Sentence —

1775. — The Court having Maturly & Deliber-
ately taken into Consideration, the various
Matters produced by the Parties, for & against
the first Charge, "Neglect of Duty," & having
also attended to time, place, Circumstances,
so generally alluded to, and the many inter-
ruptions the Prisoner was subject to from
Sickness, want of Quarters & Anxiety of Mind.
Are of opinion, that the Charge of Neglect of
Duty is not sufficiently proved & do therefore
acquit him —

As to the second Charge. It does
not appear to the Court, that any Conversation
or Conduct of the Prisoner had any bad effect,
with respect to good Order & Military Discipline.
They do therefore acquit him of the Charge.

And having also maturly considered
the whole train of Circumstances & Incidents
which draw from Capt. Dugood his Letter
to the Board of the 2^d July — on which
the 3^d Charge was founded. Do therefore
acquit the Prisoner Capt. Dugood of the
said

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1640 said charge, of behaving unbecomingly the character
of an Officer and Gentleman." Tho' it does not
appear, that Col. Prof. had not reason to consider
his professional character, in some respects
attempted to be sullied by the said Letter. —

Robert Scouler

Dputy Judge Advocate.

Prof Lang

Colonel

President

The Board having taken the
Proceedings into consideration, the Sentence upon
the first charge is approved by all the members
except Sir Robert Fletcher

Upon the second charge the
several Members deliver their opinions as
follows —

Mr Mackay — Disapproves the Sentence
upon the 2^d charge, because he is of opinion,
from the Proceedings that Captain Dugood's
conduct, as charged therein was contrary to good
Order & Military Discipline, & altho' it does not
appear, to have produced any bad effect, yet
that it had a tendency that way & might
have occasioned many ill consequences. —

Mr Gourdan

Mr Stratton

The President

} Approve the Sentence on the 2^d charge, not
for the reasons given by the Court Martial in
support of it, as they agree in opinion with Mr
Mackay in respect to Capt. Dugood's conduct,
but because they are of opinion that Col. Prof.
should have taken notice of his Behaviour
at the time, & not have suffered it to pass so
long without bringing him to a Trial for it.

Sir

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Sir Rob^t Fletcher. Disapprove the Sentence upon
this Article for the reasons urged in his Minutes
which will be entered hereafter —

Mr Palmer
Mr Stone
Mr Brooke
Mr Dawson

Approve the Sentence upon this Charge

Sentence approved
by the Majority.

With respect to the Sentence upon the 3^d Article
of the Charge the Majority of the Board upon
the Question approve of it — the Sentence upon
the other Articles being also approved by the
Majority, it is ordered that the Court Martial
be dissolved, and the approbation of the Sent.
unpublished in General Orders.

General Sir Robert Fletcher desires
to enter the following Minute. —

S^r R^t Fletcher's
Minute on the
Charge proceed-
ings & Sentence.

I cannot approve either of the Charges
as they are exhibited, of the Proceedings, as they
have been admitted, or of the Sentence as it
has been passed — I disapprove of the Charges —

Because, In the first & Second, neither Time,
Place nor Circumstance, is mentioned, which
leaves an illegal opening for shifting the
Charge to different Periods, until some
thing criminal can be fixed on the Prisoner
I think there is an impropriety in the third
Charge, Col. Ross having grounded it solely
on a Letter from Capt. Dugood to the Gov^r
& Council, exhibiting Charges against him:
self, & before any Enquiry what ever had
been made, either to support or disapprove
them

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them — And as appears in the proceedings
an unwarrantable time has elapsed between
the time the crimes were committed, & the time
of the Trial — I disapprove of the Proceedings.
Because, they are swelled to an unreasonable
Size, by the admission of a matter, neither for
nor against the Charge, and altogether im-
proper — The Evidence which the Governor,
the General, Colonel Rep. and the Secretary to the
Board were called upon to give, & which I
think the Court should not have insisted
on, or admitted is improper; particularly as
the Secretary, states the opinion given
in Council by Individual Members of the
Government, as a way tending to prove or
disprove the crimes charged on the Prisoner.
I disapprove of the Sentence.

Because, if the Charge, and the evidence as
they appear in the Proceedings be admitted
by the Court I do not conceive that Capt.
Dugood can be acquitted; for he appears
to me by the Evidence of the Governor, Col.
Rep., Major Stevens, Captain Wad & others
to have been guilty of "Neglect of Duty, &
to have held a Council contrary to good order
and Military Discipline" —

Mr. Storer's Minutes

Mr. Storer's Minutes
I think there is much unnecessary matter
introduced into the proceedings of the General
Court martial; but which appears to me to
have

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1643 have been in a great measure measured by the
this & charge, which I think the Court could
not with propriety make a Subject of their
Inquiry. Since Captain Dugood, in justification
of himself for having reflected on Col. Prop's
conduct was under a necessity to produce evi-
dence in support of his allegations, by which
means Col. Prop became the Party accused,
without having an opportunity of unde-
cating himself as he was not amenable to
the Court, which appears to me to have been
irregular if not illegal.

The following Letter is now received from Lt. Owen—
Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Owen
undering his
Commission in:
Hend to a claim
to Europe

I take the Liberty of enclosing
you my Commission of Lieut^{nt} in the Honble,
I hereby resign all Pretensions to that Service
having signed no Articles or Agreements,
whatever that can lead me to serve any longer
than my own inclinations dictate. I also
agree with this Honble Board that I mean
to leave India, and return to England
within the limited time allowed every
British Subject by Act of Parliament for
settling his Affairs. I request you will
Order my Pay due to be given me, It
seems there is a General Order for the
Pay of Officers on leave of Absence to be drawn
by the Companies they belong to, This by
Respects

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1644 My books of some of the Companies I have been ordered in, has not been done. My Substantive is due to me from the first of July 1774, to the first of June 1775, and my Extra Pay from the 1st of June 1774 to the 1st of November 1775, as I presume will appear by the Books of the Commissary & Paymaster General.

My reasons for my Resignation, I beg leave to Subjoin, after having served any thing as an Officer for the Space of twelve Years, & in the year 1769 entered the Hon^{ble} Company's Service, by his Majesty's particular Leave, as may appear by his Secretary at War's (Lord Barrington) Letter to me on that head; On my Return to India particularly ordered, by the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors in their General Letter of that Season, to Succeed the since deceased Captain Chaigman in the Fort Majorship of Madras, whenever he vacated that Post either by Removal, Dismissment, or Death. There was the express and Positive Order of the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors, I accordingly solicited the Hon^{ble} Board of Madras for the Post of Fort Major, which I looked on as my Right, on coming to the Country, & finding Captain Chaigman removed to the Command of Madras, and I was at that time happy in finding the then & present Commander in Chief Sir Robert Fletcher, agree with me

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1641 me, in his Military Sentiments. That the
Fort Major Ship was my Right, I second
Instance asked the Honble Board to appoint me
to the Post of Fort Major which I continued
to look on as my Right, in the Death of Capt.
Chaigneau, which soon after happened; To both
these public Memos I have received
no satisfaction, and having this last year in
Person, demanded of the present Gov^r the
Honble Alie^d Wyndham Esq^r whether he would
appoint me to the Fort Majorship if the pres-
ent occupant Captain Wood, should by any
means vacate that Post, & having received
from the Honble Governor's own Mouth,
an absolute Negative thereto, find, that the
end of my returning to India, is entirely
frustrated; I left England on the Faith &
Appointment of the Honble Court of Directors
to a Post that would have given me the
Rank of Captain, that Post being with-
held from me, and no suitable Satisfaction
made me, after having waited near three
years, with the greatest patience, I cannot
think of serving any longer without
that Rank which my Appointment
from the Honble Court of Directors would
have given, and I therefore have as above
signified my Complaint of this in the
Honble Company's Service.
I beg leave to subscribe myself with all
proper

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proper Request. Honble Sir & Sons
Yours most Obedt Servt. &c.

Arthur Owens

Sir Robert Fletcher acquaints the Board
that he sent an order this morning to Lt Owens to
join his Corps, & that he imagines the above L^{tr}
from him is written in consequence of that order,
upon which Sir Robert Fletcher desires to make
the following Motion. —

Sir Robt. Fletcher's
Motion that, Lt
Owens shall join
his Corps before
his Letter be
taken into con-
sideration. —

As Lieut Owens (since his arrival in
India / now near three years) has never joined any
Corps nor done any Duty, excepting at "Tanjore",
was a Service of great profit, altho' all the time
in good health. Sir Robert Fletcher moves, that the
Order Lieut Owens has the day received to join his
Corps, shall be enforced, before the Board take into
their Consideration whether they will or will not
accept his Commission. —

Resolved, that
Commission be
returned to him
by y^e Secretary.

The Board having unanimously
agreed to Sir Robt. Fletcher's Motion, the Secretary
is directed to return Lieut Owens his Commission
& to inform him at the same time that the Board
have resolved that his Letter which accompanied
it be not taken into Consideration until he shall
have complied with the order sent him this
day for joining his Corps. —

Archdals Palmer

Francis Jordan

Geo. McKay

March

Geo. Stratton

Mr. Fletcher

C^o. Sanson

Henry Brooke

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To the Nabob 6th Sent a Letter to the Nabob as entered in Co. Corr: N^o 145.

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At a Consultation Present.
Alex^r Wynch Esq^r Gov^r President.
Geo^r Shotton Rob^t Fletcher
Geo^r Dawson Henry Brooke
John M. Stone Arch^d Palmer
Fran^s Jordan Geo^r Mackay
Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read a Letter from the Nabob

Letter from the
Nabob respecting
Hyder Ally's

as entered in Co. Corr: N^o 140. advising of the
late Defeat of Bazalut Jungi Troops before the
Fort of Bellary, of the Motions of Hyder Ally
favour in consequence representing the Necessity
of taking speedy Measures for checking his
increasing Power, and advising that he has
some Design upon the Cuddayah Country
which the Nabob informs he is an Appurtenance
of the Carnatic, entering also three Papers
of Intelligence —

Resolved in thereon.

Resolved that a Copy of the Nabob's
Letter with the Papers of Intelligence be sent
to the Gov^r Gen^l &c. but as it will be necessary
before we can give them our Sentiments on
the Nabob's Letter, that we should be inform-
ed in what manner Cuddayah is depend-
ant on the Carnatic it is agreed that a Letter
be sent to the Nabob on this Subject & that
the Gov^r Gen^l & Council be acquainted that
we shall write them again as soon as we
receive the Nabob's Answer —

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The Nabob requests
Capt. Lisle may be
continued in his
Service for the
present.

The President reports to the Board that
he communicated to the Nabob the Substance of
the Minutes of Consultation the 4th Instant
relative to the Company of Guides & informed
him if he had no further occasion for Capt. Lisle's
Service, he would be ordered to return to
his Corps that the Nabob replied he wanted Capt.
Lisle for the present to regain & form the Glacis
at Vellore, and requested his right person
that Service.

Extra Allowances
not to be given to any
Officers but when
on Duty with
their Battalions.

As the extraordinary Allowance to
the Officers of the Syroy Battalion is in consider-
ation of the extra ord in any trouble in discharging
their Battalions it is now resolved that in future
no Syroy Officer, not actually doing Duty with
his Battalion, unless prevented therefore by
Sickness or having leave of absence conformable
to the Instructions of the Court of Directors
shall receive such Allowance, & that all Officers
may be acquainted with this Resolution, it is
agreed that it be given out in General Order.

Syroy Invalids to
be sent to Chingleput
in place of the In-
valids sent from
Mysore.

It having been resolved that the In-
valids of Syroy at Madras,
shall be incorporated in the Brigades Battⁿ
as soon as the Invalid Syroys can be collected
at Chingleput - It is now ordered that no more
recruits be entertained in the Brigades Battⁿ
until our further Direction shall be signified
It is also resolved that all Syroy Invalids
& Prisoners at the different Garrisons
of the Carnatic do proceed immediately to
Chingleput

all Syroy Invalids
ordered to Chingleput.

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1649 Chingleput and wait there till further orders —

The Private Men of
the Detachment from
Poonamallee to
remain at Ellore
Recruits from Ching-
leput ordered to
Poonamallee.

At the Recommendation of Genl Sir
Robert Fletcher. Resolved, that the Men Commissioned
& Private lately detached from Poonamallee to
Ongole be incorporated in the Battalion at Ellore,
and that the Recruits at Chingleput be sent
in their Room to be incorporated in the Battalion
at Poonamallee —

Messrs Casley & Anderson
now to examine Mr
Mallet & Mr Turing
to report their opi-
nion to the Board.

Ordered that the Secretary do write to
Messrs Casley & Anderson to examine Mr Mallet the
Eldst Surgeon Assistant, and report to the Board
whether he be qualified for a full Surgeon. Ordered
also that they do examine Mr Robert Turing at
the same time & report whether he be qualified
for the Charge of an Hospital. —

Wm Mackay
Geo Stratton
Ab Fletcher
Geo Sanson
Henry Brooke
Edw M
Archdale Palmer
Thomas Jordan
Geo Mackay

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To the Nabob's 7th Agreeably to the Resolution of their day's Consultation
quitting the Regent. a Letter is addressed to the Nabob as entered in Co. Cor.
and of Subdugrah N^o 146.
on the Carnatic.

Also the following Letter to the Gov^r Gen^l
and Council at Fort William.
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor Gen^l & Council of
at Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs

To Gov^r General
Ho with further
Intelligence of
B. Sany's Defeat
before Bellary.

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 9th Ultimo. In view of the Result.
We enclosed a Copy of the Sobab's reply to the Regent
sent him from our President. & informed you that We
had judged it necessary to wait your Sentiment
thereon before we took any further Steps for the
removal of the French from the Canton of Car.
We still think it necessary to receive your In-
structions upon that Letter and the Minutes
which accompanied it, before we proceed further
in the way of Negotiation.

We send you herewith Copies of
Letters from Captain Duncan Commanding
at Angole & from Ensign Hales containing
Intelligence of a Defeat of Bazalot Sany's Troops
before the Fort of Bellary.

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7th Dec^r 1775.

We have the honor to be.
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
A. March & Council

Direct.

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165th Dispatched the following Letter to the Gov^r General
& Council conformably to the Minutes of Consultation
the 7th Instant.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r

Gov^r Gen^l &c^o Council

at Fort William

Honble Sir & Srs

To Gov^r Gen^l &c^o
requesting the Na:
bols Claims to
Cuddapah as
dependant on the
Carnatic.

We have the honor to transmit you
a Copy of a Letter We have received from the Nabob
accompanied by two Papers of Intelligence relative
to Bazalut Jung and the Motions of Hyder. as the
Nabob in this Letter expresses his apprehensions that
Hyder has some design upon the Cuddapah Country
which he says is an Appurtenage of the Carnatic. We
have requested him to explain to us in what man:
ner Cuddapah is dependant upon the Carnatic,
that we may be enabled to give you our Sentiments
upon his Letter, when we receive his answer We
shall do ourselves the honor to write you further
on this Subject. We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Srs

Fort St George
8th Dec^r 1775

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
A. Wynch &c. Secretaries

9th Arrived from England the Honble Company's
Ship Grenville with the Right Honble Lord
Pilot M^{rs} Russell & Dalrymple & one
Merchant.

10th Received the following Letter from Capt.
Bruce Commanding at Amboor.

Amboor

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To the Honble Alex^r Munch Esq^r
President & Council &c. &c.
Honble Sir & Sirs

from Capt. Bruce
advicing of the
Action before
Bellary. —

I have the honor to acquaint you
that a Spy of my Battalion informs from
Hyder Ally's Army, and assures me, that he attacked
& routed the Troops of Bazalut Jung on the 10th
of last Month, & that on the 13th when he was
making preparations to attack the Fort of Admi.
the Troops were sent out to him and the Garrison
surrendered at discretion, he further informs
me that Bazalut Jung fled to the Marathas
his at present in the Garrison of Futta, & that
Bellary, & Hyder Ally's Principal Office,
is yet not taken. — I remain Honble Sir &c.

Your most obed^t hum^t Servant
Tho^s Bruce

At a Consultation Res^d
The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov^r Pres^t
George Stratton Gent. Sir Robt. Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Clau^d Russell M^r Dalrymple
J^r M. Syme Arch^d Palmer
J^r M. Jordan Geo^s Mathay

Monday
11th Dec^r

The Right Honble
Lord Pigot & M^rs.
Russell & Dalrymple
take their seats
at the Board.

oaths

The Right Honble Lord Pigot
having received charge of this Government
now takes the Office of Allegiance Office,
&

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1653 and afterwards administer them to Mr. Russell
& Mr. Dalrymple, who then take their Seats
at the Board.

Genl & Separate
Letter from England
of Mr. Grenville.

The General & Separate Letters from
the Honble the Court of Directors dated the
12th April last and received by the Grenville
are now read.

Minutes on the
Orders respecting
Tanjore.

The Orders from the Company in
their Separate Letter respecting Tanjore, being
of a very particular Nature, the Board are of
Opinion that great Caution & Delicacy will
be required in communicating them to the
Nabob, for altho' they do not apprehend that
he will be so imprudent as to oppose the exe-
cution of them, yet if he can be made thorough-
ly sensible of the Necessity of an absolute
Compliance on his Part, it is probable he
may then be induced to request himself,
that the Orders of the Company may be put
in force — This is the ultimate Point to which
the Board are desirous of bringing him, as the
Company's Intentions, will by this Means be
happily fulfilled, without hurting the Nabob's
Dignity or Importance, in the Eyes of the Country
Powers —

The President Lord Pigot, is requested
to

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The President
to communicate
the same to the
Nabob.

to communicate to the Nabob the Purport
of the Company's Orders. & to endeavour to
engage his Compliance in the manner
above mentioned.

Pilot
Geo. Stratton,
W^m Fletcher
C^o. Darnley
Henry Brooke
Caudwell

I take this occasion to remark that my Name
to the Proceedings of Council only testifies that such
were the Resolutions of the Majority of the Board
and does not imply my particular assent to every
matter

Dalrymple
J^W

Archd^l. Patmer
Francis Gordon
Geo. Mackay

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Port St. George 14th Dec^r 1775
At a Consultation Pres^t

Thursday
14th Dec^r

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gr. Pres.
Geo^e. Stratton, Rob^t. Fletcher
Geo^e. Dawson, Henry Brooke
Claud Russell, A. Dalrymple
J. M. Stone, Arch^d. Palmer
Franc^s. Jordan, Geo^e. Mackay
The Minutes of last Consultation

read & approved.

Genl. Letter to
England &
Salisbury read.

The Company's Ship Salisbury
having arrived last Night from Bengal in her
way to England with permission to remain
here only a few hours, a Draft of a Letter to
the Honble Council of Directors to go by that Ship
is now read and approved.

Lord Pigot informs the Board, that he
has delivered to the Nabob the Company's Letter,
which came for him by the Townville, and
likewise a Letter which was entrusted to his
care by Lord North; and that the Nabob has
acquainted him of his Intention to write
in Answer to them by the Salisbury.

Dalrymple	Pigot
J. M. Stone	Geo. Stratton
Archdale Patrick	Robt. Fletcher
Francis Jordan	Geo. Dawson
Geo. Mackay	Henry Brooke
	Claud Russell

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At a Consultation Res^d

The Right Honble Sir Pigot Geo^r Presid^t

Geo^r Stratton Rob^t Fletcher

Geo^r Dawson Henry Brooke

Claud Russell A. Dalrymple

J. M. Hope Arch^d Palmer

Tran^t Sourdan Geo^r Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Right Honble the President informs the Board that the Nabob has delivered to him a Copy of his Letter to the Company by the Salisbury which is now read & entered in Co. for. No.

The General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 12th April last & received by the Greenville being now read, the following orders pass upon such parts as relate to this Department.

Para 7th On reference to the List of the Army, it appears that Captain Henry Marcell is the only Person on the List of Captains of Superior Rank to Mr. Sear. Sir Rob^t Fletcher reports to the Board that he cannot say any thing of Captain Marcell from his own knowledge but that he has been represented to him as a diligent & good Officer upon which it is resolved that Captain Marcell have a Brevet as Major & Major Sear the next Rank next below Major Marcell.

Par:

Monday
18th Dec^r

Orders inform:
quences.

Capt. Marcell &
Major Sear to
receive Brevet
Commissions
as Majors.

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Capt. Clifton
represented first
Capt. of Artillery.

Para 3rd Conformably to the Direction of
the Honble Court, Captain Clifton of Artillery &
as such to be immediately given out in General
Orders.

Para 4th Ordered that a Copy of this Para.
with the Extract of the Company's Letter to
Bombay relating to the Supernumerary Officer
and private of that Establishment, be forwarded
to the Governor Genl. &c at Bengal.

Para 5th Inquiry to be made whether
Thomas Firman, that he may be discharged
agreeably to the Order of the Honble Court.

Para 19th Agreed that the Governor
Genl & Council be requested to send us
a Copy of the Company's first Order respecting
Colonel Madam's appointment. & Regulations
made in consequence, that by the assistance
of these, and the advice now sent ^{out} to Bengal
of which the Honble Court have enclosed us
a Copy, we may be able to conform to the
Ideas of the Company in the appointment
of Colonel Cargill.

Genl. Fletcher
reports Lt Owen's
having joined
his Corps & his
desire of con-
tinuing in
the service.

General Sir Robert Fletcher
reports to the Board that in consequence of
the Order of Consultation the 5th Instant Lt
Owen had joined his Corps, and had since
intimated to him his desire of withdrawing
his Letter of Resignation, & of continuing in
the Service.

The Letter above referred to, being
now again read, the Board are unanimously
of

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of opinion, that it is expressed in very improper
Terms, and that they cannot consistently with
the Duty they owe to their Employers permit
Lieut. Owen to continue therein whilst he
avows such Sentiments, as are expressed in
his Letter, particularly, that having entered
into no Articles of Agreement with the Com:
pany, he is at Liberty to throw up his Com:
mission whenever he pleases. The Board, how:
ever inclined they may be to indulge Lieut. Owen
in his present Application, are determined
never to give the least countenance to Ideas
of such a Tendency, & Sir Robert Fletcher there:
fore is desired to inform Lieut. Owen they expect
he will make a proper acknowledgement for
the exceptionable Passage contained in his
Letter before they take his Request into Consider:
ation.

Vid. Genl. Letter.

Read the following Letter from
Mascigiam relating to the Laman Currency
at Ulloa.

To the Honble Alex^r. Mynoch Esq^r

President & Gov^r &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Masci:

Signatam a Numero
of Base Janams in
the hands of the
Paym^t. at Ulloa.

The Paymaster at Ulloa
having represented to us, that in consequence
of the Exchange of Janams at that place having
passed thro' his hands, for some years a consider:
able quantity of debased ones had at different
times been paid into him; & having applied

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1659 To us for instructions, in what manner to carry the
Loss upon them to Account we think it necessary
to refer the matter for your consideration, & therefore
now forward his Letter to us, together with the
report of a Committee, whom we appointed to
enquire into the Complaint, which had been
made to us, some time ago, by Colonel Flint &
Mr. Westcott, against Sundry Persons, charged,
with introducing debased Pananas at Ulorc.

As from this report your Honor will
find that the fact is proved upon the Persons
charged, and as they are now in Security here,
we request to be favored with your Orders, how
far & in what manner they should be made
answerable for the Loss, which the Company
have sustained by their Mal-Practices - we
are more particularly desirous of your In-
structions on this head, as the late Arrack Farmer,
is in arrears to the Company in the Sum of
five thousand, five hundred Rupees, and
the mode which you may think proper
to prescribe to us in the one case, may serve
to guide us in our endeavors to recover
this debt to the Company, as the Arrack Far-
mer is possessed of a house in the Pettah, & of
effects, which if sold, would we believe pro-
duce more than sufficient to discharge his
debt.

Mr. Darnley having some private
business to transact at the Presidency, which
require

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1660 required his personal attendance, therefore request
your permission for him to proceed thither. — We
are, ^{very} respectfully,

Masulipatam
30th Nov^r 1775

Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^t humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
John Sullivan

To John Whitehill Esq^r
Chief Sec^y Council
Gentlemen

of Masulipatam

Your Letter requesting the
regrain to be made out at Thondagi Mergoon
the Guard Room. I have been honored with

I must request your orders re:
garding the Quantity of Fanams I have now
in my possession, as it settles my Monthly
Balance, and makes it appear very large.
I have of good Fanam thirteen hundred
& fifty three Madras Pagodas worth, 34^l
worth / 1353. 34 / and of bad Fanam
thirteen & eight Madras and 11 Fanam /
1308. 11. / The reason of my having such a
quantity of the latter, did not arise from
the Sale of Arrack, but the exchange of
this Place passing thro my hands, agreeable
to an order given out here by Mr. Brooke, then
Chief of Masulipatam, by whom I was ordered
to receive from all Persons 46 Fanam for a
Madras

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1661 Madras Pagoda, and to give also 46 fanams for
the Madras Pagoda, and for the management
of this I was allowed a Shroff, there being no
such allowance before to any Paymaster here,
the order was occasioned by a Plea made by
the Soldiers at a General Court Martial
held here, upon some in March & April 1773,
for a diminution of the hardship they laboured
under by the Loss they sustained in their Pay,
from the then high exchange of the Rupees,
In consequence of this the Rupee was abolished,
& the fanam established, but as this latter coin
was an innovation, and the Country all round
these Cantonnments, likely to refuse them, I
was ordered to give and receive Gold for
Silver, & Silver for Gold, I have been thus
prolix knowing none, or but one of the Mem-
bers that now compose your Board, were
then at Madras when this circumstance
happened, and then the Military Authority
ruled solely with the Chief, I also enclose you a copy
of the General Order given out here in consequence
of this Resolution, and of a correspondence that
passed between the Chief and Major Billingham—

I am with respect

Dear Sir

Your most obedient Servant
Geo^d Westcott

Uxore

12th Nov^r 1775

Attest

John Sullivan

Secy.

To

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To John Whitehill Esq^r

166² Chief and the Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Agreeable to a Minute of Consol-
idation of the 19th Ulterior forwarded by your
Secretary we have examined into the Complaint
made by Colonel Flint and Mr. Westcott
against Mumbor Lingiah, Permaul Thist-
manah, Siram, Mongiah, & Munnagilly
Vancayah, Shroffs.

From the examination of Permaul
Thistmanah, Siram Mongiah, Shroffs and
those of Vannala Chidimiah and Condoo
Thistmanah Baricans which agree with
the Depositions transmitted to you by Col.
Flint. We are of opinion Mumbor Lingiah
of Pedinah is guilty of having carried
from thence to Ellore a quantity of debased
Ranams, which he at different times found
means to sell and circulate there, but it
does not appear from the Evidence to what
Amount.

Permaul Thistmanah, & Siram
Mongiah Shroffs confess they purchased
Ranams from Mumbor Lingiah that
they knew them to be bad but as they
passed current, & some good ones to be
procured, they did not think they were
wrong in exchanging them.

It appears from the
Deposition

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1663 Deposition of Maunijilly Vencayah, that he knew the fanams currency was bad, & being under the Paymaster. The Maunijilly, Vencayah, in the absence of the Head Shroff Cocharla Balliah, acquainted Mr. Westcott, head Pra-
mini, Nagpur, that the fanams were debased, but that neither he, nor the Company's head Shroff Cocharla Balliah, paid any attention to what he said.

Since making the above inquiries a Petition has been delivered to us from Purnea Thibnah, and Suram Mongiah—in consequence we have examined them, but can learn nothing that either malpractices them, or that throws further light on the Business.

We are very respectfully
Gentlemen

Shroffs

John Sullivan

Secy

Your most Obedt. Servants
Alex^r. Davidson
James Hodges

The Company's
Shroff at Ellore
to make the
good the Lof.

As it appears from the foregoing
Letters that the Paymaster at Ellore was
allowed a Shroff who was paid by the
Company for examining the fanams
which passed thro' the Paymaster's hands
the Board are of opinion that he should
be made accountable for all the bad
fanams which have stopt with the
Paymaster, and it is agreed, therefore
that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam

be

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Mr. Devocue
permitted
to come to the
Presidency.

be directed to melt down the silver & copper
the Sheriff to make good the Loss arising thereon.

The Gentlemen at Madras
having requested that Mr. Charles Devocue
may have Permission to come to the Presi-
dency for a short time upon his private
Business, the Board give their consent
accordingly.

Recd the following Letter from Ganjam
To the Honble Alex^r Wm Ch Esq^r Military Dictator
President & Gov^r &c^a Council

of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with
your Letter of the 19th ult^o

from Ganjam,
intimate for
building a house
for the Paymaster
at Ache.

Upon enquiring Mr. Lianth
the Expense of Building an House for
the Paymaster at Ache, supposing it to
consist of an Hall, two Rooms, two Closets
and a Veranda with a Terraced Roof &
proper Out House, will not exceed 1200
Madras Pagodas.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most Obed^t

humble Servant

Charles Smith

Thos^t Dymley

Thos^t Hughes

Thos^t Hudleston

As.

Ganjam

22nd Nov^r 1775

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Minute thereon,
Paymaster to be
allowed House
Rent.

1665 As the Board do not at present see the necessity
of laying out £200 Pagodas to build a House for the
Paymaster at Acha, it is agreed that the further
consideration of this matter be postponed until the
Committee of Council appointed by the
Company shall have had an opportunity of
informing themselves in respect to the propriety
of such an expense, in the mean time however
the Chief and Council at Ganjam may be
permitted to allow the Paymaster at Acha
a monthly sum for house rent —

Read the following Letter from Ganjam. —
To the Honble Alex^r Wrench Esq^r

President & Gov^r &c. Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

The Governor Rajah having
returned ~~no~~ answer to the Letter written to him
by the Chief, as mentioned in our address of the
14th ult^o. We have applied to the Chief & Co of
Vizagapatam for five companies of Sepoys,
together with their Guns, and a few artillery
men, requesting that the whole may proceed
with all convenient expedition, and join
Captain Blandin at Acha.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Ganjam
3rd Dec^r 1775.

Yours most obed^t W^m S^r
Charles Smith
Rob^t Mansell
Tho^s Dymley
Rob^t Hughes
Tho^s Hudson

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Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam.
To the Honble Alex^r Weymouth Esq^r
President & Gov^r & C^o Council

of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Gentlemen at Viz:
apatam com:
ply with the ap:
plication from
Sanyam for
Syrogs:—

The Gentlemen at Sanyam
having applied to us, for five Companies of
Syrogs and some of our Artillery, to assist in
an expedition they have undertaken, We have
accordingly complied with their request,
Captain Mathews being of opinion that Mus:
ber might be spared, the Country being at
present in tranquility—

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam
7th Dec^r 1775

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
M. Williams
Wm. Crawford
Math. Barlow

Read the following Letter from Marudigatam
To the Honble Alex^r Weymouth Esq^r
President & Gov^r & C^o Council

of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

from Marudi:
gatam respectg
the removal
of the Circar
Battalions.

In your command of the
4th of November 1774 you were pleased to
inform us, that it had been determined
to change the Syrogy Battalions, doing
duty in the Circar every two years, and
that

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1667 } that this Regulation was to commence from the
Month of January 1774.

Altho' by the above Orders, command
which ourselves at liberty to direct these removals,
to be made, yet as there is time for our receiving
your further Instructions upon the Subject,
we shall wait the receipt of them, and we
request to be favored with their soon, as a con-
siderable time will be taken up in effecting
the different removals. — We are very respectfully

Honble Sir & Miss

Your most Obed^t humble Servants

John Whitehill

Charles Devosux

James Hodges

John Sullivan

Masulipatam
11th Dec^r 1775

Agreed that the removal of the Battalions
doing duty in the firears & taking place im-
mediately. —

Read the following Letter from Angengo
& Bombay.

To the Honble Alex^r Wyndham Esq^r

President & Gov^r & a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Miss

Letter from
Angengo in:
Angeng General
Letter from
Bombay with.

This is very properly to convey
to your Honor &c. a Letter to your address,
Received yesterday from our Superior,
We are with respect
Honble Sir & Miss

Yours

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Angungo

30th Nov^r 1775

Your most obed^t humble Servants
Nath^l Hackhouse
Geo^r Bigger
Bⁿ Callow

Secret Department
To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r & Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We addressed you last in this
Department on the 23^d of August, by his
Majesty's Ship's Sea horse —

In our address of the 1st Dec^r, we
advised your Honor &c^r, of a Treaty being in
Agitation, between the Dutch and Hyderally
Raoon, and our Resident at Onore having
since obtained a copy of the proposed Articles,
We enclose them for your Honor &c^r Informa-
tion,

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Bombay Castle
31st Oct^r 1775

Your most obedient Serv^t
W^m Hornby
Dⁿ Draper
Jⁿ Mosloyer
Bⁿ Fletcher
Rob^t Garden
W^m Ashburner
And^{rs} Ramsay

To the Honble W^m Hornby Esq^r
President & Gov^r & the rest of the Select Committee
of

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1669 of Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the
President at Carna
&

I addressed the Board, in a
Separate Letter under the 7th May, touching some
Overtures I had learnt were made by the
Nabob, for concluding a Treaty of Alliance
with the Dutch, and Mr. Adams at Seringa-
patnam, having privately procured, & sent me
a Copy of the Proposals made and delivered
to the Dutch Ambassadors, Mess^{rs} Constantine
& Robert. I think it proper imperfect as they
may be, to lay the same before your Honor &c.
Mr. Adams, gives me hopes, of being able to procure
also, Copies of some Letters, which have passed
between the Nabob; The General of Batavia,
The Commodore of Cochin, and the Governor
of Negapatnam; on this Subject, which I intend
to forward to your Honor &c. The instant I
get them, as they may probably, give you
further light in the Affair.

In my above mentioned address,
I mentioned the Nabob had sent some
Orders for building & equipping some Fleet
at his Sea Ports, of which I am now inform
your Honor &c. with greater certainty —
At this Place two Frigs, of ninety eight &
Seventy two feet Keel, & one Gallies of forty
two feet Keel, which with other Frigs as
here under noticed address, are all in the
Stocks, and at work upon with as much
Despatch as possible.

At

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167^o At Mirju — One Crab of Seventy two feet Thal.
At Mangalore Vith.

One Crab of 103 1/2 Feet Thal.

One :: 8^o of 56 1/2 — 8^o.

One :: 8^o of 54 — 8^o.

The Thal of another large Crab is pre:
paring for the N. ch. at Cuddalore — one Crab
of 98 feet Thal.

The Nabob himself was still at Si:
ringapattam the 22^d of last Month. It is said
he intends taking the Field after the approaching
Feast of Depura is over in all this Month,
but whether he intends to direct his March,
cannot yet be known, so very cautious is
he of saying all such Matters, entirely in
his own Breast. I remain with the greatest
deference & respect.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Onoro
3^d Oct^r 1775

A true Copy

Edw^d Ravenscroft. Secy

Your most obedient &
most hum^l Servant
W^m Townsend

Translate of a Proposal, for a Treaty of alliance be:
tween the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudr^e on
the one part, and the Honble Dutch Company, on
the other part, signed with the Nabob's Seal at Seringapat:
nam the 30th March 1775.

Article 1st

Should the Nabob Hyder ally Cawn Behau:
And

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Terms of a Treaty
between Hyder Ally
& the Dutch—

Terms of a Treaty
between Hyder Ally
& the Dutch—

Behaudri, be at War with any Power the Dutch
Company is to assist him—

Article 2^d

Should the Honble Dutch Company be at War
with any Power, Hyder Ally favours Behaudri
is to assist them—

Article 3^d

The Honble the Dutch Company agree to
send & continue with Hyder Ally favours Behau-
dri two hundred European Soldiers, either in
time of War or Peace, and to be paid by Hyder
Ally favours Behaudri &c. he is to furnish them
with all Necessaries, Cloths & Accoutrements,
half of which are to be Cavalry, mounted by
Hyder Ally favours Behaudri and he is to pay
each Horseman twenty eight Rupees per Month,
the other hundred to carry Musquets, to each of
which he is to pay twenty Rupees per Month,
& to command the above Forces, the Governor
of Batavia is to send a good Officer, whose
pay is to be, as ordered by the Governor of
Batavia, and to be paid by Hyder Ally
favours Behaudri—

Article 4th

When Hyder Ally favours Behaudri is at War
with any Power the Honble Dutch Company
agree to assist him with what Forces he
demands, with the leave of the Governor
of Batavia—

Article 5th

When the Honble Dutch Company is at War with
any

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any Power, Hyder Ally saion Behaudro,
agrees to assist them, with what Force they
demand —

Article 6th

Should the Honble Dutch Company send
Assistance to Hyder Ally saion Behaudro,
he is to pay for each Soldier fifteen Rupees
per Month, and for each Syroy Seven Rupees
per Month, Their Officers Pay, agreeable to
the Order of the Government of Batavia —

Article 7th

Should Hyder Ally saion Behaudro, assist
the Honble Dutch Company, they are to pay
for each Horseman fifteen Rupees per Month,
and for each Syroy Seven Rupees ~~per~~ half
per Month —

Article 8th

I Hyder Ally saion Behaudro, being in Treaty
with the English, and Mahomet Ally saion,
that they are not to make any Dispute with
me, to make War, and I am not to make
any Dispute to make War with them, but
I know Mahomet Ally's heart is not true,
therefore should he or the English, make
War with me, the Honble Dutch Company
agrees to assist me with all the Forces they
have in India, and should the Honble
Company choose at any time to recover their
Country in Tanjore, I will go in Person
to their Assistance with all my Force —

Article

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1673 Article 9th

Should the Honble Dutch Company, agree to the above Treaty, I will deliver into their Hand, all the Sandal Wood, Pepper, Cardamom, & Rice producing in my Dominion in preference to any other Nations,

Article 10th

The Honble Dutch Company, agrees to give in exchange to Hyder ally (as per Behaudri's) for the Sandal Wood, Pepper, Cardamom & Rice, Iron & Brass Guns, Shot, Musquets, Iron Lead, Powder, and all sorts of Stores wanted —

The Dutch Ambassadors, to whom the above Treaty was delivered, were M^r Samuel Louis: Antoine and Charles Robert —

True Copy
W^m Townsend

True Copy
Edw^d Ravenscroft

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores, accompanying their Minutes of 16th Inst^t —

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
President & Gov^r & C^o Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith We have the honor to lay before you our Minutes of the 16th Instant accompanied by a Letter from Capt. Manassey. —

We

Letter from the
Committee of Stores
with Extract from
their Minutes
& Letter from
Company of Stores.

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We are with respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very obliged humble Servants

Rob^t Fletcher

Geo^r Dawson

Jabrick Rops

Math^w Horne

Fort St George
Dec^r 18th 1775

A Committee of Store Presents

Saturday 16th Dec^r Brig^d Gen^l Sir Robert Fletcher
Geo^r Dawson Esq^r Lieut^{col} Rops
Major Horne

1st The Commission^{ers} of Store lays before the Committee a Report of unserviceable Cartridges & Bullets ret^d from the different Companies from the 1st May to 20 Nov^r 1775. Also List of Store delivered in by the Mil^l Storekeeper in the Month of November the Muster of which being approved if they are directed to be received —

Order of the Board —
Requires no Remark

2^d An Error having been made in the calculation of the Lead &c^r considerable the Board approved wanting for the Practice of what the Commission^{ers} recommended

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167⁵ recommended by the Committee recommended for opening
in their Minutes of the 6th it - they are of opinion
February last, and it appearing however that instead of
that the expense according to delivering to the Troops
the Instruction of the Com: Materials for making up
ammunition would be too great - their own Ammunition
Agreed that it be recommended: it would be better if all
to the Board, that light Ammunition were made
days be allowed in the year up by Proper Persons under
for Ball Cartridges instead the direction of the Military
of sixteen which will open Storekeeper - ordered
the expense near three thousand accordingly that this be
and Pagoda - and that should be observed in future
as there are not a sufficient and with the view of further
quantity of Moulds &c. &c. reducing the expense of
plummet, to prevent all the Practice. The Storekeeper
Troops for making up this is desired to cause only half
own Ammunition. The the usual quantity of
several Commanding Powder to be put in the
Officers of Sympy be directed Black Cartridges. Sir Robt.
to Indent for Balls in the Fletcher being of opinion,
room of the Lead allotted by that, that will be sufficient -
the Committee -

3^d - The Clerk lays before the Deferred for future
Committee a Letter from the Consideration. -
Company of Men - under
made in the manner re:
recommended by him, being
examined, is approved of
by the Committee for the
reasons given in the above
Letter -

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15th And the Storekeeper says
the Committee that the
differences of Prices between
the present, & the Powder
Barrels formerly made,
will be twice by first half
of hundred. Agreed that
this matter be submitted
to the Presid^t & Council.

16th In the Indent for Powder requires no Remarks.
Communis being examined
by the Committee are direct
ed to be complied with—

5th Indent for Store Consideration of the Board.
for the 1st & 6th Regiments Deferred—
of the Nabis Cavalry being
referred by the Board to the
Committee— Sir Rob^t!

Fletcher requires the Com-
mitted that he thinks it
unhappy they should be
again presented to the
Board, before any part
of them be complied with.

6th Orders of the President All Orders of the Board
to sign the Minutes of and to be communicated
the Committee not up: by the Secretary, to the
person to be sworn. Persons to whom they are
regular Channel of Comm^o—
munications to the Person
whom they concern—
Agreed

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1677 Agreed to report to y^e Board
that a proper Officer may be
ordered for this Purpose.

To Sir Robert Fletcher Brig^d General
and Gentlemen of the Committee of Stores.
Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent, that our
present Powder Barrels are too slight for this
hot climate, for being made out of old staves,
the heat in the Magazine since a few months
render them so very dry & brittle, that the
Staves break in the staves in turning or re-
moving the Powder, whereby a quantity of
Powder is lost; and also may be the cause of
fatal consequences; Therefore beg leave to
present for the Inspection of the Committee
a Powder Barrel, the Staves half an Inch
thick with two copper and ten Rattan hoops,
which I imagine will answer the service
required; Should be approved of how they will
please to order the Barrels in future to be made of
these same dimensions, that is, for the Powder only;
as the present Barrels will answer for the Musquet
Ammunition and dry Stores,

I am
Gentlemen

Fort St. George
Nov^r the 9th 1775

Your very obedient
humble Servant
J. Mansoury
Commissary Stores
Jm

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The Lascars from
Vellore ordered
to the Mount.

General Sir Robert Fletcher reporting to
the Board that the Company of Lascars & Mollows
are wanted for the Artillery at the Mount, agreed
that they be ordered there —

The 1st & 2^d Brigades
later moved from
Pannam to
this Garrison —

Ordered that the 1st Battalion of the
2^d Brigade stationed at Pannam do hold
itself in readiness to march from thence into
this Garrison, and that Col. Ross Lang do act
as Commandant of the Fort, until further
Orders.

Col. Lang Com-
mandant of the
Fort. —

reports

Gen. Sir Robt.
Fletcher's Report,
respecting L. J. W.
Southwell. —

General Sir Robert Fletcher reports
that he has received a Letter from Lt. Colonel
James commanding at Trichinopoly inform-
ing him that a Court-martial having been
appointed to try Lieut. Fireworker Southwell,
that Gentleman had sent in his Commission
which Col. James refused to accept without
the Orders of the Board —

thwell.

A Gen. Court-Mar-
tial to be held
at Trichinopoly
on L. J. W. South-
well —

The Board are of opinion that Lt.
Colonel James has acted very properly in this
Respect, & it is ordered that the Court-martial
be proceeded in the Trial of Lieutenant Fire-
worker Southwell —

Capt. Rumley
resigns the Nabob's
Service & joins
his Corps —

Sir Robert Fletcher further
reports that Captain Charles Rumley has
informed him that he has resigned his
appointment in the Nabob's Service and
joined his Corps in the Company's —

Read the following Letter from
Mr W. Chambers, Secretary to Col. John Wood —

To

1680 Fort St. George 18th Dec^r 1775
To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r

1679 President & Gov^r & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St. George

M^r Chambers
Executor to Col.
Wood applies
for his arrears
of House Rent.

The Honble Board of Directors,
in their General Letter of this year, having
signified their Pleasure that the arrears of
House Rent should be paid to the Estate of
the late Colonel Wood, from the date of his
dismission to the time of his Reinstatement
in the Service, as the only Executor on the
Spot, I request, that you will please to
grant the necessary Orders for that Payment.

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
M^r Chambers—

Fort St. George
6th Dec^r 1775

M^r Chambers to
make out a Bill

Ordered, that M^r Chambers be
desired to make out a Bill for House Rent
& lay it before the Board.—

The following Letter from Lieut^l
Colonel James, Commandant at Trichinopoly
is hereby read.—

To the Honble Alex^r Mynch Esq^r

President & Gov^r & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St. George

The distressful circumstances
the Officers are in, on account of their
bad

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from Col. James
representing the
distress of the
Officers at Tri-
chinqually for
want of Quar-
ters —

bad Quarters, has given rise a great deal of
concern almost from the first day of my ar-
rival here, as I have not been able to drop
the frequent Complaints I have had made
to me,

Not only the Officers desire to be put
in Quarters, when it is possible to preserve their
Health; but the Doctors represent likewise
the necessity of having better Quarters, other-
wise they cannot venture to give the Medicine
required by some Gentlemen, afflicted with
particular Diseases. — The representation
made by the Doctors to me, I sent to Genl.
Smith, who promised to lay the whole before
the Board. but whether or no he had time
to do so, I have not heard —

A great many of the Quarters
were Malabar Houses of the poorer Sort,
the roofs very low, & the floors more so, which
renders the houses very damp & unwholesome.
Several of them fell down this Monsoon, which
has increased the difficulty of accommodating
the Officers, and as some more is expected
from Madras, I am wholly at a Loss how
to provide for them —

Duty and humanity obliging me
to lay these circumstances before the Honble
Board, waiting for the Resolution concerning
the Removal of the Difficulties —

I am

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1681 I am with due respect

Honble Sir & Mrs,

Trichinopoly
18th Dec^r 1775

Your very obedient and
most humble Servant
Edw^d James

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

Rt Hon^{ble}
Gen. Stratton,

M^r Fletcher
Col. Sanson

Henry Brooke

Capt. Russell

Col. Dampier

Col. M^r

Archdale Palmer

Francis Tennant

Gen. Mackay

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At a Consultation Pres^t

Tuesday
26th Dec^r

The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Pigot, Gov^r, Pres^t
George Hatton Sir Rob^t Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Claud Russell Alex^r Dalrymple
J^r N. Stone Arch^d Palmer
Wm^o Jordan Geo^e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read

General Sir Robert Fletcher lays
before the Board, the following Letter, which
agrees to their directions he had written to
Lt. Owen, together with the answer he has received
from him in consequence.

To Lieutenant Owen

Sir

Letter from Sir
Rob^t Fletcher
to Lt. Owen.

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President & Council to inform you, that
having read your Letter to them of the 5th
December, they cannot pass over your asser-
tion of a Right to resign when you please
merely because you have signed an Article
or Agreement to the contrary, and that unless you
shall be sensible that you cannot in all
cases, and circumstances, resign when you
shall think proper, they cannot consent
to your continuing longer in the Service
of the Company — If therefore you are
desirous, of remaining in the Service
I would advise you to correct this Error
in

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1683 in your Letter, by acknowledging yourself sensible
that you have no such Right.

The acceptance of a Commission is by Law,
a Contract — Officers cannot resign but on reasonable
Notice; and when their Service is not re-
quired; and the Officer wanting to resign, is
not to be the Judge of the reasonableness of the
Notice, or of the Service he may first be required
to perform.

Fort St. George
Dec^r 19th 1775

I am Sir
your most obed^t humble Servant
Robert Fletcher

To Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher
Sir

St. Vincent's ans.
Michele.

I am honored with your Letter
of the 19th Instant, and have a proper Sense
of the Advice you are pleased to give me
relative to my application, To the Right
Honble the President, & Council, in case
I have any intention of continuing in the
Company's Service I take the Liberty of
acquainting you that I mean to address
the Right Honble the President, & Council,
in regard to the Paragraph in my former
Letter of the 5th Instant, alluded to,

and am

Fort St. George
Dec^r 21st 1775

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t!
Arthur Owen
Read

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Read Librined Letter from L^d Town
to the Board, as entered herewith.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

From L^d Town
requesting his
appointment
by the Court of
Directors, &
his late resign-
ation.

I am honored with a Letter from
Sir Robert Fletcher of the 19th Instant wrote
by the direction of the Right Honble the Pri-
sident and Council, in consequence of a
Paragraph, part of a Letter addressed by me,
To the Honble Board of Madras, to the following
purpose, that I presumed I had a Right to
resign any Commission, having signed no
Articles or Covenants that obliged me to serve
any longer than my inclinations dictated,
and I am acquainted by Sir Robert Fletcher,
that the Right Honble the President & Council
cannot grasp over this assertion, and permit
me to remain in the Service, which I
have since my Letter of the 5th Instant said,
I should be glad to be indulged with, with-
out I correct this Error in my former Letter,
and allow, that I have no Right to resign
the Service.

In my Letter of the 5th Instant I said, I
apprehended I had a Right to Resign, having
signed no Articles or Covenants whatever,
that could lead me to serve any longer
than my Inclinations dictated, But, the
Principal motive that induced me to think
I had a Right to resign, and to return to
England, were founded on the Reasons,
I in that Letter subjoined. The not having
been

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168⁵ have appointed to the Post, which the Honble
the Board of Directors ordered me, viz, the
Fort Major Ship of Madras, whenever the
said deceased Captain Chaigneau, quitted that
Post, either by Removal, Retirement or Death,
This Breach of the Company's Order, and on
which my agreement of serving them was
founded, is the Basis, on which I thought
I had a right to Resign, and not merely
from the Idea, that I had signed no Articles
or Agreements as Sir Rob^t Fletchers Letter
specifies; I am of opinion, that Officers serving
in the appointments, and Commissions
which they at first agree to, at entering into
a Service, have no right to resign when
they please; some Circumstances might
occur, when it would be highly im-
proper, and perhaps prejudicial to the
State, for an unlimited Liberty to be
given Officers to Resign their Commissions,
The Augmentation of a Commission, as Sir
Robert Fletchers Letter most justly observed,
is by Law, a Contract, & Officers cannot
resign, but on reasonable Notice, and when
their Service is not particularly wanted
provided with all, that the Employing
Party, keeps up to their Agreements; But
my Case is not the least in Point, is singular,
The Service does not afford its parallel:
In all Services at first engaging in them,
There are certain mutual Agreements,
between

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1686 Between the Lord, and the Serving, must
must be adhered to, on both sides, to make the
contract binding, and even Military Law,
will not bind you; if your Thing or Employers,
fail in their part of their agreement, I engaged
to serve the Honble Company as a Souldier.
with the following Claims on their part
assigned, viz. that I should succeed to the
Fort Majorship of Madras, whenever the then
Fort Major Captain Chaigneau, should quit
the Office, either by removal, Retirement, or
Death. These were the express Terms of the
Honble Court of Directors in their Letter
Letter to the Presidency of Fort St. George,
relative to me I have remained there three
years with the greatest gratitude, expecting
Satisfaction for my Disappointment, and
at the time of only addressing the Board, in
the Letter alluded to, there being no prospect
of Redress, I imagined as the Faith of the Faith
of the Honble Company had been forfeited
to me, that I had a Right to resign my
Commission and to return to England.
After having desired leave to resign the
being permitted to withdraw my Petition,
and to remain in the Service, would most
certainly have been an Indulgence and
as such I should have been happy to
have acknowledged it, I send my
Military Commander, Sir Rob^t Fletcher,

signed

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since the arrival of the Right Honble Lord
Pegot, was so obligingly considering as I am
humbly to ask me, whether I did persist
in any Resolution of Resigning, and going
home, and so any acquainting him that I
would at present, with to have any former
Letter with drawn, as it had been brought
into consideration by the Honble Board.
Sir Rob^t Fletcher was so kind as to say, he
was glad I had altered my Resolutions, he
would speak on the Subject to the Honble
Board. I need not address another Letter
to them, But if my being harassed with
a continuance in the Service depends on
my engaging, what I have said, I must with
all humility, waive any Pretensions to such
Indulgences, as my Ideas are still the same,
that I have a right to resign, and return to
England, without the aid or of the Court of
Directors are enforced relative to me, or that
I have some adequate appointment given
me for the Loss of the Post, which I originally
agreed to serve the Company in I beg leave
to observe, that as I am conscious since my
being in the Service I have in every respect
acted with the Strictest Propriety to Law, Honor,
and Military Discipline I also feel my-
self particularly happy in submitting the
Discussion of my Case, to so Respectable &
so just a Tribunal, as the Right Honble the
President

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1685 Prindick & Council of Madras. I am dear
that my cause will meet with Justice and
Benevolent Humanity from the Right
Honble the President and Board, And
that they on deliberation, and the above ex-
planation of my Case, would not wish I
should retract my Ideas, which my reason
& Honor dictate to me, that I cannot do,
consistent with propriety, I have the greatest
deference, for, and Attachment to the Service
of the Honble East India Company, and
even desirous of continuing in it, that if of the
appointments of the Honble Court of Directors
is adhered to, relative to me, or that I have
any other adequate appointment given
me in lieu thereof. I have the honor to sub-
scribe myself with the greatest deference &
Respect,

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient^h Servant

Arthur Owen

Fort St. George
Dec^r 26th 1775

Resolved, that General Sir Robert
Fletcher do acquiesce in Sir Owen, that
the Board will not on my account,
give him the appearance which he desires,
in

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in the foregoing Letter, and that they have ac-
cepted his resignation accordingly. The
Secretary to acquaint M^r Owen, that in
consequence of his resignation he is to pre-
pare himself and return to Europe, within
the time limited by Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the arrears of Pay due
to Lieutenant Owen be paid.

Rigot
Geo. Bratton,
M^r Helmer
C^o. Barron,
Henry Brooke
David Russell
Dahymple

W^m W^m

Archdale Palmer

Francis Borden

Geo. Mackay

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1695 26th Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief
and Council at Maudslayiataun.

To John Whitehill Esq^r Military Department.
Chief &c^o Council at Maudslayiataun
Gentlemen

To Maudslayiataun
the Company's Sheriff
to be answerable
for the Bar of
at Umore.

We have received your Letter
of the 30th Ult^o on the Subject of the debased
Pawans in the Hands of the Paymaster at
Umore.

It appears that a Sheriff was
retained and paid by the Company for
examining all the Pawans exchanged by
the Paymaster, he certainly should be warrant-
able for the bad Pawans which have slipped in
the Paymaster's hands, and we desire therefore
that you will cause the whole of this debased
Coin to be melted down, and compel the Sheriff
to make good the Loss which may arise upon
it. We are,

Shroff.

Fort St. George
26th Dec^r 1775.

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends
J. G. &c^o Council

27th In conformity to the Order of yesterday, the
following Letter was this day wrote to
Mr. Arthur Owen.

To Mr. Arthur Owen

To Mr. Owen and
to be kept
within the time
limited.

Sir

The Right Hon^{ble} the President &
the Council, having been pleased to accept
of

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1691 of your resignation of the Company's Service,
I am commanded to signify to you this notice,
that you may prepare yourself and return to
England, within the time limited by act of
Parliament.

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26th Dec^r 1775

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
R. S. Sullivan

Sir

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov^r Presid^t
George Spalkow Robert Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Clau^d Russell A^d Dalrymple
Jⁿ M^r Hanco Arch^d Palmer
Fran^c Jordan George Mackay
The Minutes at last Consultation read.

Read the following L^{ts} Men

To the Honble Alex^r Mynoch Esq^r

President & the Council

Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St. George

From Mr. Walter &
Mahomed Hussein
ordered by B. Jung
to take possession
of Kanchi's farm —
Hussein's family seen
wounded Abdoni: —

A Man whose Name is Mahomed
Hussein arrived yesterday at Madapatnam. he has
orders from Bazalut Jung, to take possession
of the Farm at present in the hands of Mr.
Hornet, who is collecting his Rent & preparing
going to Pondicherry very shortly — I have had
no

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no Intelligence of any kind from Adoni lately.
The last Hircarab^{is} I sent there, returned two
days ago, and inform me that Hyder Ally's forces
are stationed at about ten Cos distance, all round
Adoni, in order to cut off the Communication
between that Place, and the Tombur Serai.
The Hircarab^{is} sent there by Mr. Hornet have
been stopped & imprisoned, on which my
People were afraid to go on. Mr. Lally's
Letters to Mr. Hornet have been many of them
interrupted, particularly that which gave an
account of the action before Bellary.

I am

Camp at Vistapolam
27th Dec^r 1775.

Humble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most humble servant
Thomas Hallett

To Rich^d Esq^r Sullivan Esq^r

Sending to the Military Department.
Sir

From Capt. Hedges
Lutayah Nag
sized Pungallam
Country in the
Night.

I have this Instant received
Intelligence that the Pollygar Lutayah Nag
lately displaced from Pungallam / a place about
30 Miles to the Eastward of this / by a part of
the Nabob's Troops under the command of
Captain Bruce, returned the night before last
with about two hundred Men & attacked
the place, which he is now in possession of.
Killed the Man that was put up in his
House.

The Braviers who act as Messengers
has sent off two Companies of Nabob's Troops,
with

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1692 with about fifty irregulars have to give him, I have sent out to get further Intelligence which I shall communicate as I receive, in the mean time, you will be kind enough to advise the Honble Board with the above, I am

Sir

Salam Catta
5th Dec^r 1775.

Your very humble Servant
Chas^r Hopkins

Sir

From Capt. Scils
requesting the Sympy
drafted from the
B^{at} at Bombay.

I have received the orders of the Board & Comms, respecting the Company of Guides — Review of the drafts are sent to their Regts, furnished with such Letters of advice, as you desired might be given them, to their respective Commanding Officers. The other drafts belonging to the 9th Battalion, which is at Bombay, remains here; and can be substituted as such Sympy of that Regt, till such time as the orders are more particular regarding them, I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant
Thomas Scils

Uttara
15th Dec^r 1775.

To Mich^r J. Sullivan Esq^r

Sending to the Military Department
Sir

From Capt. Scils
know further
particulars res:
pecting the Sympy
of Panjallone
Lunkh —

I wrote you a Letter dated 4th Jan^y requesting as a favor you would be so kind as to lay it before the Honble Board, as I had gained Intelligence of an inscription broke out amongst the Poligars of this Country for the Honble Board's information, the

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1694 The Pollygar made mention of in my last that was displaced by Captain Bruce had regained possession, and just to death the Pollygar said Mahomet Khan the Muter had set up, with most of his family, it seems by your great possession.

The Troops I also made mention of that were sent by the Manager said Mahomet Khan left to transact the business of the Country during his absence, only proceeded about seven Miles from this place, where they now remain.

The Pollygar now in possession when drove from Pargallam Couche took refuge at a place called Thaveng among the Hills, about fifty Miles from Pargallam Couche, when he assembled the two hundred Men I made mention of in my last, and with which he took the Place the Manager at Trivelly appear to be thoroughly satisfied at what has happened, as I do not hear they mean to send any Troops against him, should they do it. I shall embrace the earliest opportunity of acquainting the Honorable Board thro' you.

Since I wrote the above another Troop has returned from Thaveng the place where the above Pollygar assembled the Men, and informs me that the Pollygars of Moolamally & Cholampetty, joined their followers and took Thaveng the very day the two hundred followers joined Subbarajah Naig, the nearest of these two last places is is sixty or seventy Miles from this —

I am almost certain indeed think there is little room of doubt, but that these people, said

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1645 Said Mahomet Khan left, have been the occasion
of every thing that has happened. I will beg
leave to give my reasons for the above. Said
Mahomet Khan at a place called Trinangalam
within fifteen Miles of Madras on his Road
to Madras, wrote a Letter to Captain Bruce,
wherein he desired the Captain to be particularly
careful as he had received information that
the Poligar Suttajah Naig whom he drove
from Panjallam Cochi was raising Men
amongst the Poligars to retake the place, this
Letter the Government to Trinacelly to be delivered
to Captain Bruce, which Letter was detained
at Trinacelly at least thirty days, & was not
delivered till the very day or the day after
the Poligar had retaken the Place.

And that this Body of People could
march fifty Miles through part of this Country
can be proved, where the Nabob has four Bakh^{sh}
of Troops disposed to collect his Revenues, &
not a Man to give information, is an unpar-
alleled circumstance. besides my Hircar ap-
pear me they marched by a place called Saitputtah
twenty seven Miles from Trinacelly where
there are always, at least four Companies, and
in every place between that & Panjallam Cochi
are some, and a great many within ten
Miles of it, which could have been subdued
in a shorter time, than the Poligar was taking
the Place, for he lay one day before it, and
the next night got possession. I believe of the
truth

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1696 Truth was known, the Sympies in those parts
were not to take the least notice whatever &
the unfortunate Poligar to fall a Sacrifice, as
his Murther matters would be likewise, and I
believe it is beyond a dispute he died very
considerably for the short time he enjoyed
the place; there is several people lost by his
Death at Trinaully one in particular 4000
Pagodas, indeed several others the whole is
a very considerable accession, I am afraid
most of the above has been a corrupted Scheme
with those at Trinaully, I will be no pains
to die at the bottom of it, and every certain
Intelligence will be communicated to the Honble
Board the Instant I receive it, you will
be pleased as in any former to lay this before
the Honble the Governor and Council, and
believe me I am
Sir

Pallanfolka

20th Dec^r 1775

To the Honble Alex^r Weyrich Esq^r
President of the Council

Your Obed^t hum^t Servant
Charles Hopkins

Honble Sir & Sirs
of Fort St. George

From Mrs. Weyrich
Further practice:
Law respects
the defeat of Col.
Lally's Party.

M^r Duffour has received a
Letter from an Officer in M^r Lally's Party,
mentioning the particulars of the action,
which happened before Bellary, on the
3rd Ultimo, this account agrees in general
with

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1697 with what I before learned from my Indians;
and others except in relation to the River killed,
& wounded; I imagine more dependance may
be placed in this, than on any Account given
by black people, I am sure the action hap-
pening in the morning, and that Mr. Lally
lost in killed and taken Prisoners, amounted
to twelve Officers and two hundred & fifty
Private Europeans, with almost all his Squads,
Of these three Officers, and one hundred
Europeans were killed on the Spot, of the hundred
and fifty taken Prisoners, some Officers &
several of the Men, are since dead of their
Wounds, amongst the Officers killed, was
the Captain of Grenadiers — Bazalut Sings
Dioan was wounded and taken Prisoner,
he is since dead of his Wounds. — Mr. Lally
had near one hundred & fifty Europeans
remaining after the Action, including a
Party that was at that time detached, the
Garrison of St. George, and the Party who
were with him, there are since augmented
by the desertion of three Officers, & upwards
of one hundred Europeans, from Hyderabad
to the Party, Mr. Lally has also received
a considerable number of Sepoys, the former
Members of the Gondoor Circar are raising
Men for him, this Party at present, con-
sists of two hundred and fifty Europeans,
& one thousand five hundred Sepoys,
European

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1698 European Division, are every day coming to him, from Hyder Ally; and he continues the recruit Sepoys so that he hopes in a very short time, to have the Party stronger than ever, as he has got orders from Bazarat Jung to increase the Sepoys to double the number he formerly had. Hyder Ally still continues in the neighbourhood, and has taken two Forts of small Note since his taking Bellary.

It is reported that Nizamally has sent thirty thousand Horse, to the Relief of Bazarat Jung, seventy thousand Marattas, & ten thousand of his new Troops, they are not yet arrived at Adoni, but are said (I know not with what foundation) to be on their March thither.

It was at first reported that Tippu Sultan commanded in the action of the 5th Ult^o, but all accounts since, mention it to have been Hyder Ally himself. and from this Officer saying in his Letter, that Hyder was present, and still continues with the Army, I imagine it could have been no other. I am

Humble Serv^t Sir

Camp at Vontaparlane With the greatest Respect
17th Dec^r 1775

Your most obed^t Servant
Thomas Hales

Intelligence
from Poonah.

Read Paper of Intelligence from
Poonah as entered in Ho. Journ. N^o 148;
Read Letter from the Chief Council
at Madrasipatanam.

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To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Gov^r & Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam:
I send with an
Indent for
Military Stores.

We have the honor to enclose to
you under cover with this address, an Indent
for Military Stores, wanted for this place,
together with an Account of the deficiencies
in the Stores sent to us by the Salisbury India
man.

Our Storekeeper represented to us that
the Packages in which the Musk & cartridge
paper was brought down, appeared to
him so corrupt and in such good condi-
tion, that he thinks the deficiency appearing
of 180 Pieces of this Paper must have been
occasioned by a mistake in the Invoice,
& not by any loss on board of the Ship.

We forward the Genl. Books of
this Settlement by this Sloop & are very
respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants
John Whitehill
James Hodges
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
20th Dec^r 1775.

Referred to the Committee of Stores.

General Sir Rob^t. Fletcher lays
before the Board, the following Letter, which he
has received from Mr. Arthur O'Brien.

To

1701 Fort St George 27th Dec^r 1775
To Brigadier Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher K^t & Co^l
1700 Sir

From Mr Owen.

Permit me to acquaint you that
I have received your Letter of yesterday's date,
informing me, that the Right Hon^{ble} the
President and Council have accepted of the
Resignation of my Commission in the
Company's Service. I am
Sir

Fort St George
27 Dec^r 1775.

Your most Obed^t Servant
Arthur Owen.

Through the following Letter from Lieut^l Wood.
To the Hon^{ble} Alex^r Murch Esq^r
President K^t Council
Gentlemen of Fort St George

From Lieut Wood
at Dacca:
quitting leave
to settle his
Affairs.—

I only received your Order from
the Secretary of Date Nov^r 1st a few days ago,
I was then in the Country, at a place without
any Dutch papers thro' I was in obedience
to those Orders, acquaint you I will I join
my forces, as soon as I possibly can, at the
same time I beg your will in indulgence
so far, as to give me time to settle some
affairs that are of consequence to me & you
may depend upon my joining as expedi-
tiously as I can.— I have just received a
Letter from my Correspondent Mr John
Perring of Calcutta, which informs me,
that my Boats which I drew as Lieut^l
in

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1701 in July last, amounting to Rupees 1800, & which Bills were sent to Mr Lyle Swain of Madras and who writes the Auditor would not pass them; but that they were referred to your Board — I most humbly request Gentlemen you will be pleased to order those Bills to be paid; as I apprehend all Officers on a proper leave of absence, have a right to their Pay while absent; except such as have leave for longer, in that case, I believe their Pay is stopped,

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Yours most Obedient
& most humble Servant
R. W. Wood
Lieutenant

Dacca 1st
Dec^r 5th 1775

Minute — to
join his forces
by the 1st May
next —

A Lieutenant Wood reports, that he has some affairs to settle in Bengal, the Board are willing to indulge him in a further leave of absence, and the Secretary is accordingly to inform him, that he must join his forces on or before the 1st May next, otherwise, otherwise he will be struck off the List of the Army on this Establishment —

Recommendation
of Lieut. Sir Robert
Fletcher for age:
promotions &
promotions —

Brigadier Genl. Sir Robt. Fletcher
recommends the following removals,
and appointments to take place —

Major James Fitzgerald to do Duty
as Lieut. Col. with Majors Pay, with the 1st
Battalion

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170 Battalion 1st Brigade at Villore —

Major W^m Baillie to do Duty as Lieut. Colonel with Major's Pay with the 1st Battⁿ 2^d Brigade at Villore —

Major Lewis Nixon to do Duty as Lieut. Colonel with Major's Pay with the 1st Battⁿ 2^d Brigade at the Presidency —

Captain William Cooke to do Duty as Major with Captain's Pay —

Lieut. William Chatterbox to do Duty as Captain with Lieut's Pay with the 1st Battⁿ 2^d Brigade —

Ensign Nathaniel Daves to do Duty as Lieutenant with Ensign's Pay, in the room of Lieutenant Chatterbox doing Duty as Captain —

Brigadier General Sir M^t L. Skene recommends that the above mentioned officers be directed to take notice that they are only to enjoy the Nominal Rank, to which they are now appointed, during the absence of the several Officers in whose room they are ordered to do duty —

Major Henry Marshall to be appointed to the 2^d Battalion 1st Brigade at Trichinopoly —

Major Samuel Lewis to be appointed to the 2^d Battⁿ 2^d Brigade at Villore —

Captain Hugh Robt. Mearns to be appointed to the 1st Battⁿ 2^d Brigade —

Lieut^t

Robert

Daves.

Seers.

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1783 Lieutenant George Modder to be appointed
a Captain Lieutenant in the room of Captain
Lieut^{nt} M^r Hugo deceased, date of Rank 18th
Dec^r 1775.

Lieutenant George Fotheringham to be
appointed Quarter Master to the 2^d Battⁿ 1st Brig^d
in the room of Captain Chatterjee—

M^r ... Nuttall to be appointed
Ensign, date of Rank 9th Dec^r 1775, 1st Battⁿ
1st Brigade Bellare—

M^r Simon Balle to be appointed
Ensign, date of Rank 10th Dec^r 1775, 2^d Battⁿ
2^d Brigade Bellare—

M^r William Farber to be appointed
Ensign, date of Rank 11th Dec^r 1775, 1st Battⁿ
2^d Brigade Madras—

M^r Tho^s Mylne to be appointed Ensign
date of Rank 12th Dec^r 1775— 1st Battⁿ 2^d Brig^d
Madras—

M^r Hector Maclean to be appointed Ensign
date of Rank 13th Dec^r 1775— 5th Bⁿ of Sepoys
Madras—

M^r James Stewart Hall to be appointed
Ensign, date of Rank 14th Dec^r 1775— 6th Bⁿ
Sepoys Conjeveram—

M^r Robert Cameron to be appointed Ensign
date of Rank 15th Dec^r 1775, 2^d Battⁿ 1st Brigade
Trichinopoly—

M^r Hector Dominick to be appointed
Ensign, date of Rank 16th Dec^r 1775— 1st Bⁿ 2^d
Brigade Madras—

Captain

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1724 Captain Patrick Barclay to be appointed
to the command of the 7th Carnatic Battalion
of Sepoys in the room of Major M^{rs} Cooke —
Lieut. Davis to be removed to the 1st Bⁿ
2^d Brig^d Madras —

Ensign Thomas Williams to be removed
to the 3^d Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys —

Lieutenant M^{rs} Augustus Young, to do
duty with the European Troop of Cavalry and
to join immediately —

Ensign Thomas Jones now doing Duty
with that Troop to join his Battalion at Ellore

The Office of Adjutant General being
Vacant, by the Resignation of Captain M^{rs}
Thurpe, Captain James Edington to be
appointed thereto — with the nominal Rank
of Lieut. Colonel, and the Pay and allowances
annexed to that Station —

Captain M^{rs} Thurpe to be obeyed as
Adjutant General, until Lieut. Col. Edington
shall have taken charge of that Office —

The Detachment of Europeans at
Angole, under the command of Captain Edwards,
to be ordered to join the 2^d Battalion of the
2^d Brig^d at Ellore, with all convenient
expedition —

Mess^{rs} Lacombe Sketch & Christopher
East Brooke to be appointed Scribes on this
Establishment —

The 4th Carnatic Battⁿ of Sepoys
from Bellary, to be ordered to relieve the 5th
Carnatic

Europeans.

astabrooke

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1705 Carnatic Battalion at the Presidency —

As the Recommendation of Gen^l Sir Robert Fletcher is entirely conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, respecting Officers doing duty in a Superior Rank, to that of their Commissions, Agreed, that it be carried into execution accordingly, As it appears a hardship however, that they should be deprived of the Pay and allowances annexed to those Stations, while they are doing the duty of those, who, if in the spot, would draw them in full, It is Resolved, that the consideration of this Matter, be deferred to the next of Division —

The President moves to know, whether it is the opinion of the Board, that the Vacancies of Ensigns, shall be filled up, as recommended by Gen^l Sir Rob^t Fletcher, Resolved in the Affirmative by a Majority 10 to 1 —

The President then desires to know, whether those Gentlemen that are recommended by General Sir Robert Fletcher, shall be appointed Ensigns. Resolved, likewise in the affirmative by a Majority 10 to 1 —

The other Promotions and appointments as recommended by Gen^l Sir Robert Fletcher, are approved of, and ordered accordingly —

General Sir Robert Fletcher recommended as Captain Redington is appointed to a Post, which will require his Residence at the Presidency, that his ~~Rank~~ Rank, which is now at Vellore be moved to Madras, and that

The Appointments
ordered accordingly
by —

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that Captain Theobald's Battalion be sent whether
indifferent, resolved accordingly —

Mr. Dalrymple's
disposition
contains the
proposing an
appointment —

Mr. Dalrymple's Letter to from the
approving the resolution of the Board, requesting
the appointment of Ensign of Captain Borden
to the command of the 4th Canadian Battalion
of Light Infantry, and of the continuation of the office of
adjutant General —

The Board has
expressed a desire
to join the Regt^t
at Montreal —

Resolved, that the Secretary do issue
the necessary Orders for the March of the European
from Quebec to Montreal, and that the Chief and
Council at Montreal be advised that the
Commissioners and their families, and other
Officers, and their families, after their arrival, are
to be accommodated at the Residence by the

mission

The Right Hon^{ble} the President lay
before the Board, the following Letter & Papers,
which he has received from Mr. Laro, Governor
of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Latham, Chief Justice
of Pennsylvania 18th Dec^r 1775.

My Lord.

Letter from Mr.
Laro, & Papers
respecting a
violence said
to be committed
within the
Bounds of Pen-
sylvania —

I have the honor to send you
a copy of some Letters, which I have been
obliged to write to Mr. Latham regarding a
violence committed on the 13th Instant
within our Bounds, by some English
Gentlemen — These Letters will inform you
fully of the Subject in dispute. Mr. Latham
has returned most of the Effects which had
been taken away, but at the same time ac-
quainted me that he obtained a warrant on
the 13th Instant

1708 Fort St. George 27th Dec^r 1775

1707 Hircarah in Prison together with the Letters
which he carried; and that the informations
which he had received differ'd much from
my Representation of the Matter, as far
as my Part. I knew not what informations
he can have received, The Faculty naturally
endeavour to exculpate themselves and almost
disguise the Truth. The fact however is cer-
tain; Violence has been committed within
our Bounds, and I know of no manner that
in time of professed Peace can authorize Man-
gers to act in such a Manner — I beg my
Lord you will be pleas'd to give Mr. Latham
such Orders as you may deem necessary that
the like may never happen again, that
the Persons who have committed this violence
may be punished; and that the Hircarah, the
Letters, and a Silver Watch which is wanting,
may be sent back —

I have the honor to be, with
the most perfect Consideration.

My Lord

Yours most humblest
and Obed^t Servant
Law Landon

Translation of Letter from Mr. Laco to
Mr. Latham 14 Dec^r 1775.

I have received Complaints from him
that yesterday afternoon as his People
were conducting to Pondichery two foreign
Soldiers

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Soldiers whom they had taken up for raising a Disturbance, they were met by some English Gentlemen on Horse back, and in a Pallankee, who forced from them the two Soldiers, whom they conveyed to Cuddalore & also that these Gentlemen carried off with them by force a Cooley two Peons and a French Pallankee, from whom they took a Packet of Letters - I am at a Loss to conceive what has occasioned the Commission of this violence in our Borders during a time of professed Peace - I request of you to make enquiry into this Matter as soon as possible and to punish the Persons who have dared to commit an Action so repugnant to the Harmony and good Understanding which subsists between our two Nations - Moreover I request that the Packet which was taken from the Pallankee may be delivered to the Bearer, and that along with this Mass, you will send back the Cooley and the two Peons - I give you notice Sir, that I am under the necessity of laying before the Governor of Madras the Complacencies which have been made on this occasion -

I have the honor &c.

Sir

Pondicherry 16th Dec^r 1775

Among the effects which were taken away and carried to Cuddalore the day before yesterday - Mr. Grand one of our Merchants

1740 Fort St. George 27th Dec^r 1775

70 Merchants claims a Sabre two Watches one Silver, the other Gold, several pairs of Gloves & his Letter. These Effects he had given in charge to a Cooley and a Palkarnas, to carry to the Mysore Country to be sold. I request that you will cause them to be restored.

I have the Honor &c.

Parricherry 18th Dec^r 1775

Sir

I did not receive until this morning your Letter of the 16th Instant with the things which accompanied it. The cohe arrived safely last night - but I was then in the Country. Of the Effects which have been delivered, there is wanting the Silver Watch. It is an English one double faced - belonging to some Person who is with my dear Allypore. I beg you will immediately inquire what is become of it. It is very remarkable that the Silver Watch was in the Box, or Snuff Box which you have returned; and where in I found the old Gold Watch - that had been wrapped up separately in a Bit of blue Cloth. - The Snuff Box only contained a Silver Watch and was covered with Paper & Sealed. There is no doubt of its having been opened before you saw it. The Snuff Box, as well as the Sabre, the two pair of Gloves, and Letters which you have thought proper to keep, were deliver'd as I am assur'd to

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1710

to a Pallamar, for if you please Hircarab /
going to the Mysore Country whom as you
have also detained. I am obliged to detain, as,
well as the Silver Hatch and the L. H. I.
I am not Sir, what report has been made
to you, but having perused the contents of
my Letter of the 14th to be true, I find in it,
nothing to alter, except, perhaps, that I wrote
Cooley instead of Pallamar - for it appears
from my information, that the Cooley is a
Man of this Place, whom the two Soldiers
had hired for a Rupee to carry their Bag-
gage - Probably he knew many things in
addition to my Letter - for the violence offered
by the two Soldiers to the Hircarab gives just
ground to suspect, that having by some
means or other got some goods going to Mysore
they came purposely to carry them off - It
is most certain that the violence committed
on this occasion by these English Gentlemen,
who were got Horn back and in a Pallamar
happened within our Bounds, and I
know of nothing except a declared War
that can authorize Strangers to act in
such a manner -

I am now going to write to Madras -

I have the honor to be Sir

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Gov^r of Fort St George
Suddalore 17th Decr 1775

1712 Fort St. George 27th Dec^r 1775
1711 My Lord

Accompanying I have the
chances of sending your Lordship two Letters
wrote to me by Mr. Luis Lourenco of Pondichery
and the Copy of two Letters wrote by me in
answer, the preceding of a Garrison Court
Martial held here the 15th Instant, the depo-
sitions of four Mahrattas Rishappa, Vellia,
Lomarasam, and Madamula, two French
Letters, one directed to Mons^r. Bouchant Capt.
de Calice, the other to Mons^r. Roupeau
Chirurgien Major au Camp de Mons^r. Pucel
a Patana chey Aidi drali drali kange and a
Saggar corote an in Malabar. The perusal
of all these will acquaint your Lordship
of the disagreeableness of the Subject now re-
presented to you, and of what has been
done here in it, since it's having been pub-
licly represented to me, but as there are
other particulars relating to this Subject
than those contained in the Paper Saggar
I have now sent, I shall make them
known to your Lordship as I have been
informed. Thomas M^t private Trooper,
& Christopher Heaton Invalid, say, that
the Artillery Man, who came out of Pon-
dichery with them, told them that the
Pondichery, who has given his deposition here
under the Name of Rishappa, & says that
he is a Servant of Mons^r. Perant, was a
Hircanah employed to conduct them to
Hyder

1713 Fort St. George 27 Dec^r 1775

1712 Hyder Ally - that within these two months
past he had conducted five of our Men from
Pondicherry to Hyder Ally, and that he had
been told at Pondicherry that Raskhaya was
the same Person, who had led off the
Men we lost from Trichinopoly and other
Garrisons lately - Insig^r Mackay has
also told me that when he met our two
Europeans, he is not certain whether it was
in the French or the Nabob's Bounds -

Having then given your Lordship the whole
information, come to my knowledge, on
the Subject now represented to you, I wait
your Lordship's directions what I am to do
with Raskhaya, - and am with respect
My Lord

Luddalore
17th Dec^r 1775

Your Lordship's
Most Obed^t humble Servant
Rich^d Latham.

To the Hon^{ble} John Law Esq^r of Lauriston
Governor General &c &c
of the French Establishment
in India -

Hon^{ble} Sir

Having finished the publick
enquiry which had the honor of ac-
quainting you with my Letter of yesterday,
should be made in consequence of your
Letter to me of the 14th Instant, I have
now to acquaint that the relation given
here

1774 Fort St. George 27th Dec^r 1775

1713 Here of those grievances you complain of is so
very different from the relations of them given
to you; and by your representation to me, that
I have found myself under the necessity
of transmitting both your representation
of them, and the relations given of them here
to the Presidency. I have however at your
desire now sent you back the clothing and
two Peans by the Bearer who will also
deliver to you a Sword, an Old Watch, &
a snuff Box, and 2 pair of Shoes which
those people had with whom they came to
feed & alone. The Person whom you are
pleased to call a French Pathman, I
shall defer sending you back till I have
Orders from the Presidency, as also, two
Letters, one directed to Monsieur Macfau
Chirurgian Major and Surgeon de M^r Ruper
a Patani by Hyder Ally Khan, and one
to M^r Patani, and a Sadjan consisting of
Barbours upon him—

I am with Respect

Humble Sir

Cuddalore
16th Dec^r 1775

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Rich^d Latham

You ought my dear Rastnach to have
received by M^r Mearns Captain of Artillery,
one of my Letters, in which I had
informed you that I had paid the sum
of

1715 Fort St. George 2nd Decr 1775

1714 of St. Puy are your Account, to a person named Sanimman upon his presenting a Letter of credit, I should likewise have finally closed your Account, had I known exactly its amount.

I have received your Last, which you sent by the Harcarah with 20 Pagod. and a Cushan, for which I return you a thousand thanks — You will receive by the Bearer the Sabre in Question & two pair of Gloves — You should regard as a Miracle the danger from which it has preserved me — I wish it may serve you as well.

It is reported here that your Troops have fallen upon the Army of Bazalot Jung & cut off Lally's Party. You know the truth of it.

I congratulate you on the news you have received from Europe, and the remittance made you by your Father — you see by this that you are not forgot, & that good Turn deserves another — Patience is most necessary & I exhort you to the exercise of that virtue.

Adieu my Dear be careful of yourself for your own sake and for the sake of your good friend —

Perant

There is not a Word of news here.

Pondichery 12th Decr 1775

Pondy 1st Oct. 1775.

M^{re}

1716
1715 Fort St. George 27th Dec^r 1775
Mr. Rouseau

My dear Major I am convinced
you think me negligent as I have had it
in my power to write to you before - but be-
cause my Silence has been occasioned only
by the length of my Journey to this place
I flatter myself you will not doubt the
Truth of this Apology, you ought surely
to be well acquainted with my Sentiments
for you -

I called according to my Promise on
the Sinner Palace - & I must tell you that
it were the highest Folly to quit Mr. Rouseau
and his small society of Worthy Men
to associate with the People of this Place
& Delicacy - I am too much a Lover of
truth to hide these things from you - there-
fore reflect well upon what I have written.

I experience here in Pondichy
the Iron Age, and am a Spectator of Misery
shocking to Humanity. If I had not
met with such friends, I should have been
greatly distressed -

Mr. De launay has kindly pro-
mised me a Passage to France in January -
I must therefore have Patience - but you
know my Finances are low, and I am
at a Loss by what means to shorten
my present Distress -

Be ye you will present my
Respects to Mr. Rouseau & my Compliments
to