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I dare not further trespass
on the patience of the Honble Board. by
presuming to suggest the Minutes &
incidental to such Regulations many
little arrangements more Connected with
local convenience than with the greater
objects of the Rajah's rights or the safety of
the Garrison would necessarily occur and
should the Honble Board think it
advisable to adopt the great outline of
partition, these minor considerations might
probably in the judgment of your Lordship
&c. be left as points of arrangement between
your Resident and Col. Fullarton at
present Commanding to the southward, &
whose Judgement and public Zeal
have invariably disposed him to Cordial
Cooperation -

Such arrangements having the
Subsequent Sanction of your Lordship &c.
might become the Basis of a permanent
System of interior Police too pointed
to

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To be easily perverted

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most faithful

and Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Sanjore

23rd December 1788

(Signed) J. Sullivan

The Committee having taken
into consideration the foregoing Letter, are
of opinion that the line of Instruction
Minute thereon given by the Company in their letters of
the October 1780 and the Instruction
added by the Select Committee in their
Letter to Mr. Sullivan of the 6th February
1782, relative to the respective duties and
authority of the Resident and Commanding
officer, are clear and explicit, and ought
to be the Guide of both; and whenever
deviated from, or offended against by either
the Select Committee are immediately
to interfere. Agreed that Mr. Sullivan
be informed We wish him to specify
the

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the Cloakings which he alludes to, in order that the remedy, if not already provided, may be administered without delay. If the Commanding officer goes beyond the province assigned him by the Instructions of the Company, and of this Government, or assumes any undue authority either with respect to the Rajah or to the Resident, the Committee will, after full enquiry, take proper measures to bring him to a sense of his duty.

but as to making so important an alteration with regard to the Command of a great fortified place, it will require the most mature Consideration. The decision passed upon a late Complaint from the Rajah and the letter written to him on the occasion, will, it is hoped, convince the Rajah of our determination not to suffer the slightest Injury or disrespect of any kind to be shown him; the Resident must endeavour to impress this

Minute thereon

Minute thereon

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this truth upon his mind and takes every opportunity of proving to him our disposition to promote his happiness to the utmost of our power.

Read the following letter from
Mr. William Burke with the Bond &
therein mentioned -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R.B.
President and Governor &c Select Committee

From W. Burke

advising of his
appointment
and enclosing

Copy of a Penal
ty Bond to be
compared with
the Original

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

By an Office Letter I found
that Mr. Grenville had confirmed my
appointment as Paymaster General
of his Majesty's forces in India, but
the actual Deputation which in the
course of things was taken out by my
friends and not by Office has not reached
me -

I have however from Office &
received a penalty bond for the due per-
formance of my Duty, and it recites
the

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The Right Honble William Wyndham
Greenwich's Deputation to me in the follow-
ing words. —

"To receive from the East India &
Company's Presidencies in India, or from
whomever else the payment thereof doth
or may concern, all Monies that now are
or shall hereafter become payable by
the East India Company for his Majes-
ty's Forces, that now are or shall hereafter
be serving in India: to issue so much
of the same as shall be wanted for the
Subsistence of the Commissions, non &
Commissions Officers and private &
Men of the several Corps serving there,
and to remit, through the Channel of
the Commander in Chief of the Navy,
the difference between the Subsistence
issued in India and the full amount,
to be paid by the East India Compa-
ny for his Majesty's Forces serving or
to serve in India —

Yours

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Your Lordship &c will perceive that Mr. Grenvilles Deputation is made perfectly conformable to that of Mr. Edmund Burkes; it directs me to receive all Monies payable by the East India Company for the Kings Troops. I trust there can remain no doubt with your Lordship of the obligation of the Company to pay me the balance over and above the Subsistence that I have received. My Letters too from office continue to urge me to remit the Money to Europe. —

are ~~The~~ distresses of this Settlement, which I am sensible are every day rendering it impossible for your Lordship &c to discharge the Balance due from the Company for the use of the Kings Troops I must beg your Lordship formally to call on the Presidency of Bengal to remit Money for the specific purpose of my remitting the Balance thro' the Admiral. I consider it in as more respectful

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ful to your Lordship & thus to beg you to call on the Council General for the payment of the debt due from the Company to His Majesty than that I should do so myself. -

On the 30th of March 1783 I delivered you a general Statement by which it appeared that the Balance due to the public amounted to ^{Curt. Acc. as} (£2704. 69. 6) That Balance has of Course been increased by the time since elapsed, and I will very soon draw out a fresh Statement of what the same may now have amounted to, deducting what has been received on the recruiting account, but at the present I will only beg your Lordship &c to apply to the Council General for the discharge of the Balance, as due on the Statement I have already had the honor of delivering in. -

Mr. Porcher will do me the favor to take with him to Mr. Torians the penal Bond that I have received to the

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End that the Copy which I send herewith
may be compared with the Original -

I am with great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant -

(Signed) William Burke

Agreed that Copy of the fore-
going letter be transmitted to the Gover-
nor General and Council and that the
following answer be written to Mr Burke

To William Burke Esq^r

Sir

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 25th Instant informing
us of your reappointment as Paymaster
General of His Majesty's Forces in In-
dia and enclosing the Copy of a Penalty

Bond for the due performance of your
Duty in that Office - We have also
attended to the observation you make
thereupon in Answer to which as our
Situation

To Mr Burke
copy of his letter
and Bond to be
transmitted to
Bengal

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Situation continues the same We can only refer you to our former Letter upon the Subject and Acquaint you that We shall transmit a Copy of your Letter to the Governor General and Council of Bengal -

We have the Honor to be

Sir your Most Obedient
Servants

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31st August 1784

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

Read the following letter from
Major General Sir John Burgoyne -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor
of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl. Burgoyne
vindicating his
Conduct for
using his Maje-
sty's Name and
that now having
received such
Satisfactory In-

I have the Honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Inst.
in answer to mine of the 20th in which
you are pleased to tell me that the letters
from His Majesty's Secretary of State
and

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intelligence from
himself regarding
himself his situation
Consequence &
perfectly recovered
red from his Com-
plaints and resol-
ed to wait the issue
of the subsisting
disputes.

State and war, which I enclosed for your
Perusal, refers only to the transaction in Septem-
ber last, and that the Sentiments they express
are chiefly formed upon my own represen-
tation of my Conduct: that the Subject of
those transactions had not been investiga-
ted, and that it did not appear that even
all the materials necessary to elucidate
it, had been laid either before His
Majesty's Secretary of State or War.

I beg in answer to observe, that
the representation of my Conduct, on
which His Majesty's Approbation is
founded, was from the Correspondence
I had the Honor to hold with you on
the Subject of General Stuart's Death
my refusal to supersede him, and
my withdrawing Myself from the
Army. Copies of all Letters and Orders
relative to all these Subjects up to
the 30th of September having gone as I
directed

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bars in my Dispatches. His Majesty
must have been apprized of my having
refused to supersede General Stuart;
of my having with drawn Myself from
Camp and of my having refused Obedi-
ence to Colonel Lang. - His Majesty
has signified his Approbation of my
Conduct up to this time, little doubt
therefore can remain in any unpreju-
diced Breast, but that my subsequent
Conduct will be found equally mer-
itorious in his Eyes; in fact it has been
no other but carrying into execution
that very line of Conduct which has
met with Royal Approbation, this is
exemplified in Nineteen Charges by you,
My Lord and Gentlemen, with the
appellations of Mutiny and Sedition -
you are pleased further to remark
that I must be sensible that however
culpable my Conduct in September
appeared to you yet the immediate
Cause

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 Cause of Arrest was my subsequent A
 Conduct, chiefly in December. I had
 conceived that was to you, My Lord &
 and Gentlemen, in my Letter of the 1st of
 February 1784. I had plainly made it
 appear you had been mistaken in your
 Conjectures relative to the Affair with
 Colonel Strauchenzie, and that I had
 not ordered him, in opposition to your
 Commands, to leave the Fort of Pondam
 alee. Nothing surely can more strong
 ly indicate you had perceived this Error
 yourselves, than after having, on the 31st
 of December, put me under an Arrest
 for quitting Camp without leave the
 19th of September and for having ordered
 Colonel Strauchenzie to leave the Fort
 of Pondamalee in order to sit a General
 Court Martial. on the next day you re
 charged me with the Capital Offence
 of Mutiny and Sedition, it must
 surely appear strange that an Offence
 of

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of this nature should not have struck
you at first, unless perhaps it may be
supposed it was purposely overlooked, out
of tenderness and Lenity to me, this, &
your unremitted persecution of me, &
gives little reason to believe. — your
own Letter of the 23^d of September 1783.
allowed me to assemble any General
Court Martial. I should think it
proper, and you even went so far as to
send me an authentic Copy of the War-
rant to enable me so to do. — Confid-
ent of the legal powers vested in me
to hold General Courts Martial,
I want no other Authority; but if I did,
surely your refusing to give any satis-
factory answer to my Letter of the 30th of
December 1783 (where in I offered to
suspend all my powers and relinquish
my design of assembling a General
Court Martial, if you ordered me
so to do) would be sufficient to prove I
was not acting in opposition to your wishes —
you

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You say you cannot omit to express the great surprize you feel in my employing the high Name of Majesty when I desire you to release me from Arrest, of which His Majesty had not been apprized. - You will be pleased to recollect that keeping me under an Arrest after my repeated Demands for a General Court Martial has been contrary to Law and an infringement of the Articles of War the making of which is constitutionally vested in His Majesty. As a Soldier, it is to His Majesty I look up for Redress, and when I know I am illegally confined it is in that high Name I will call for a release, not on my own personal account but that I may be enabled to serve His Majesty in the Station he has placed me by commanding His Troops and carrying his Orders into execution.

I conceive therefore my having asked a release in that high Name is proper, the

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the Object being His Majesty's Service; but
at all Events for so doing, it is not to you,
My Lord and Gentlemen, I am amenable.

On the whole you tell me, you will not
release me. With all due respect I submit,
and shall with patience and resignation,
await events, which perhaps may sooner
than you expect call me from my present
situation to one more honorable, and I
prove to the World, whose Opinions are
best founded —

You seem to make great distinction
between Arrest at large, and Con-
finement; perhaps it may be necessary
to tell you, My Lord and Gentlemen,
that the feelings of a Man of honor are
not confined to personal Distress only,
and that because I am allowed to crawl
about, Stripped of Command, my
Military Character and my life at-
tached by a Charge, which, if true, must
be expiated by both, and not even allowed
to be the Guardian of my own honor you

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May suppose my Mind at ease: but I will own, tho' perhaps the Confession may be grateful to your Ear, ^{my} Mind has suffered more than my Body could have done in the closest Confinement. And I trust I should my Letter be found to have been illegally forg'd, a Day of ample Retribution will arrive. — You conclude your Letter by telling me I had informed you of my resolution to go home, and of my having gone so far as to name the very Ships I meant to embark in. as I can assure this to be a distant hint of suspected Insincerity on my part. They observe that the French Ship the *Brillant*, in which I first intended to go, as I informed you, was ordered to go no farther than the Islands, which made me alter my resolution: and as to the *Concomby* the Captain of which had given me a Passage, the Marquis De Bufoy ^{objected}

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objected to my going in her, unless the Government of Fort St. George asked it as a favor. You may readily, My Lord and Gentlemen, believe this was too high a price ~~a price~~ for me to pay for the Accomplishment of any, the most desirable object. My Mind, thank God, is now at Ease. His Majesty has graciously poured the most healing Balm into my Wounds. I find my Health mended, my Spirits revived, and my determination fixed to wait the issue of our disputes -

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt. humbl^e
Servt.
(Signed) J Burgoyne
M. G.

August 27th 1784

The Committee think it unnecessary to add to what they have already written to Sir John Burgoyne on the subject of his situation and Conduct -

Read

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Read the following letter from
Brigadier General Horne with the paper
thereon mentioned Vost.

The Engineer's report of what
might have been the expense of repairing
the Officers Quarters amounting to Pay: 1245
Letter to General Horn from Captain Stevens
representing the necessity of building
temporary Barracks for the Cavalry and
estimating the Expense at Pay: 620 each
Regiment.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
Presid. Gov: & Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

from General
Horne respect-
ing repairs at
Ard and the
accommodation
of the Cavalry

I had the Honor of receiving
your Lordships & Commands in a letter
from Mr. Dep^y Wasey of the 16th Ind
directing me to inform your Lordships &
what compensation should in my opinion
be given to the Officers of the 36th Regiment

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for the repairs they have made to their
 quarters. It is undoubtedly true that the
 Houses at Arcot, in which the Officers have
 been quartered, were most of them in great
 want of repairs, and the rains would have
 brought the roofs of many of them down
 had they not recd some repairs: but the
 Officers of all the different Corps have an
 equal right to be Allowed a Compens-
 sation as those of the 36th Regiment, and
 Lord W^m Murray hearing Col.
 Knowlton had written to me on that subject,
 applied to me on behalf of the Officers of
 the 73^d, and the other Corps Doubtless will
 apply. — I have therefore had the whole
 of the Officers quarters examined by
 the Engineer and directed him to report
 to me what he conceived must have been
 expended on every House, to secure it &
 make it habitable — but not to include
 any unnecessary alteration &c. I have
 the

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the Honour of inclosing to your Lordship & the report he has made. Which I believe is considerably less than several Officers have laid out, but as they had no authority to repair their quarters at the expense of the Government, should your Lordship think proper to make them an Allowance of 30 Rupees a Field officer 20 a Captain and 10 a Subtⁿ. I should conceive the officers would have reason to be satisfied. I have

prefer that made to paying, agreeable to the Engineers report, as no Officers is informed what sum the repairs he has made are estimated at and some might be dissatisfied and conceive some partiality had been shown.

The Town of Arcot being low and the ground in wet weather soft & had had for Horses that are not under Cover, at the desire of Major Campbell and Captⁿ Stevenson I encamped the Native Cavalry on a fine dry plain on the North Bank of the River, a situation allas very convenient for Troop but as the Men are

should

officer

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Officers are in tents and the Monsoon season is approaching, — should your Lordship &c determine to keep the Native Cavalry at this Contonment, some cover more than Tents for the Officers and Men would be necessary. — Captain Stevenson has addressed a Letter to me on that Subject which I do myself the Honor to inclose for your Lordship's perusal.

The sentences passed on Lieut. Cooven and Ensign Lighter, by the Court Martial, having been issued in G. O. I have dissolved the Court. I own I was somewhat surprized at the sentence passed on the former and informed Genl. Campbell I could have wished as Mr. Cooven was an Officer in the King's Service that the Court had directed him to have reprimanded him instead of me. — I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) Mat.^r Horne

agreed

Contonment
at Arcot Augth 26. 1784

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Agreed that the officers at Arcot
be granted the Allowances recommended
by General Horne for the expence they have
been at in repairing their Quarters Wits.

a field Officer 30 Pagodas

a Captain 20

a Subaltern 10 but as it appears

Minute thereon

that all the Officers are accommodated with
quarters the Tents must be returned into
Store, respecting the native Cavalry the Com-
mittee consent to the expence of building
temporary Buraachs agreeably to Capt.
Stevensons Estimate for one regiment only
as it is intended that no more shall remain
at Arcot -

29th Read the following letter from
the Bombay Officers &

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
Governor and President &c &c Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Bombay
Officers stating
their distress and
requesting their
pay may be paid
regularly -

The extreme distress we at present
sit labour under for want of Money to purchase
the common necessaries of life compels us to
Address your Lordship &c in a style highly

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Repugnant to our wishes -

Lord Macartney having expressed us on our arrival, that we should receive our monthly subsistence, so long as we might remain here, his positive refusal to advance us any Money for the present Month has much disappointed us. The Pay Abstracts have hitherto been given in for every Month since our arrival in the Honble Company's Territories, and that having happened in April, the first Abstract was of course drawn out for that Month and not the smallest objection has ever been made to it till very lately, and we understand that the 27 Pagodas which we each received at Marmalong, and which were given to us to relieve us from the state of a set of wandering Beggars, is now considered as our full subsistence for the Month of May -

Since our arrival at Madras, each Lieutenant has received 110 Pagodas in Cash and 222 Pagodas in Bills of Exchange on Bengell

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Bengal. and every Ensign has been paid 84 Pagodas in Cash and 168 Pagodas in the Aforesaid Bills. The Bills of Exchange on Bengal we have been necessitated to discount at the enormous rate of 40 % Cent, and upwards, so that the whole Sum received by each Lieutenant, amounts to 243 Pagodas and that paid to each Ensign amounts to 185 Pagodas.

This Sum may perhaps at first sight appear considerable, but we request your Lordship &c will be so good as to recollect that on our return from confinement, we were totally unprovided with every necessary article, even without a Shirt to our backs and then your Lordship &c surely cannot deem it a large advance but on the contrary we imagine you will esteem it a very moderate Sum.

A great part of the Cash has been expended in the purchase of Cloths, and the necessary articles for keeping House &c which we could not possibly do without, the

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Remainder of the Money has been laid out in the maintenance of ourselves and our Field Servants, and we do not suppose your Lordship expects that we should live no better than private Soldiers, besides every thing is sold at the most extravagant rate in this expensive Settlement—

Some of us have been supplied with Cash through the generosity of a few Individuals, but the most of us have met with no extra assistance. Many of us are at present in such a distressed situation as absolutely to be in want of a dinner which is sometimes relieved by the Hospitality of private Gentlemen—

It has been affirmed that we can obtain as much credit as the Officers of this Establishment; but this is an assertion which we beg leave to deny the truth of; for none of the Country Merchants will trust us for a single Pagoda, knowing us to be Strangers and that we are going to leave the place; indeed were they inclined to do it they

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They would exact such an exorbitant price for their goods, that we could have no prospect of discharging the debts on our departure from Madras:—

We likewise beg leave to inform your Lordship &c. that unless our distresses are immediately relieved we shall be reduced to the disagreeable alternative of either going naked or starving with hunger if your Lordship &c. will not be pleased to pay attention to our requests we shall be compelled to sell the contents of our backs to procure us food. In short our present exigencies are so urgent that we are under the necessity of requesting your Lordship &c. will either be so obliging as to grant us a Sum of Money to supply our wants, or that you will as speedily as possible, send the Detachment round to Bombay where we are thoroughly convinced we shall receive supplies equal to our necessities.—

We

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We have the Honour to be
with the utmost respect -

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants -

(Signed)

J. Weuman Lieut.

Alex^r. McDonald Lieut.

Wm^o. Baker Lieut.

Wm Williamson Lieut.

J^r. Chiche Lieut.

Hugh Fridge Lieut.

David Reddie

Robert Wilson Lieut.

Robert Cooke Lieut.

Richard Scale Lieut.

Tho^s. Grumman Lieut.

J. Baird Lieut.

J. Thompson Lieut.

Cesar Sutton Lieut.

E. B. Gillmor Ensign

Robert Gordon Ensign

Math^o. Brattan Ensign

James Gilkie Ensign

James Marley Ensign

George Mow Ensign

The President delivers in the following
Minute

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25th Aug^t. 1784

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Minute on the above Letter -

Vote upon the Bombay Officers
Letter August 31 1784

President's Minute
on the foregoing Letter

When it is Considered how Inadequate
the means of Government have been to the
Claims of Individuals upon it, it must appear
that the Bombay Officers in particular, so far
from having Reason to Complain, ought to
be thankful for the Ill-treatment they have recei-
ved since their Arrival from the Mysore
Country, in preference to the Officers of this Estab-
lishment, a preference which can only be
justified upon the Plea of their being Strangers
here, no less a Sum than 38695 Pagodas ac-
cording to the Account annexed, has been advanced for
the use of the Bombay Troops Since that
Period: their Numbers not exceeding 120 Euro-
peans and 1600 Sepoys, exclusive of the Officers
and the former, excepting the Sepoy Sergeants,
long since embarked for Bombay. Agreeably
to the Account mentioned in their Letter each
Lieutenant has received 110 Pagodas in Cash
and each Ensign 84 besides several Months
Pay

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Pay in Bengal Bills. The Bombay Sepoys have not only had their full Subsistence issued to them regularly, but have been allowed to draw Rice and Wood from the Public Stores, which, Constituting almost the whole of their Wants in the Article of Provisions, they have not only been able to provide themselves with Staples out of their Pay but to procure any necessary which they wanted while the Sepoys of this Garrison are now 12 Months in Arrears and have nothing allowed to them but their Subsistence, & yet no Murmur or Complaint has ever been heard among them.

The Bombay Officers have had time, since their Arrival on this Coast, to receive remittances from their Friends and agents at Bombay, or whom they had the same Claim for private assistance as any of the Madras

Officers could have on their Acquaintance here, seeing that Government could not possibly do more for them than they had done and since it is evident that they have been

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been treated with greater attention than
our own people, their Complaints are
very little to their Credit, as they must be
Sensible that the Distress of Government
to Support the Army, has not been less
than that which they so feelingly represent
in themselves. The Month's Subsidies
lately issued, for the Bombay Officers to
Mr. Cowan was ordered to be withheld
in Mr. Torrian's hands for some time,
merely from Motives of Attention to them
for as it was not probable that any more
could be issued before their Departure for
Bombay. This Money was reserved to be paid
to them just before their Embarkation at
which time they might be supposed to want
it more than at any other, to provide some
Conveniences for their Voyage and to pay off
their Servants &c. this Money however
has been issued to them since their letter of
the 25th Instant, but they must take the
risk of being distressed hereafter, as Government
cannot undertake to promise any further advance
before

advance

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Before they leave Madras. — There is no doubt that some of these Gentlemen feel distress in the same manner our own Officers do, but if one may judge from appearances, Their description of it must be greatly exaggerated. — But indeed their whole deportment in this and former occasions, (vide records) is extremely censurable and ought to be represented strongly to Bombay when they return thither. I therefore move that a Copy of the Bombay Officers Letter of the June last, with the observations upon it, also this Letter of 25th Aug^t with this Minute and the annexed Account, be sent to Bombay and a Letter written to that Presidency expressing our Sense of the Conduct of their Officers. —

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 An Account of Cash Rice Wood &c Supplied
 to the Officers Men of the Bombay Establishment lately
 Returned from the Mysore Country from 1st May
 to 28th August 1784. —

1784, May 31 Cash Advanced in this Month 111. 12. —

Do — Do by Bill on

Bengal } 520. 1. 1. 10

Rice &c Supplied as per Account 926. 11. 2. 1

June 30th Cash Advanced in this Month 516. — 15379 10 6 11

Do — Do by Bill on Bengal 1,076. 1. 1. 20

Rice and Wood 374. 19. 7. 7

July 31st Cash paid by Bill on Bengal 4,561. 29. 1. 18 96. 11. 19. 17

Rice and Wood 1376. 38. 3. 1

August 27th Cash Advanced 3890. — 5938. 26. 2

Do Do By Bill
 on Bengal } 392. 4. 4. 0

Rice & Wood 1176. 36. 5. 6

Cash Advanced at Vellore 553. 6. — 5458. 1. 1. 16

28th Do — Do to Mr. Cowan 1250. —

7262. 5. 16

Pagodas 3869 19 17

Errors Excepted

&

(Signed) W. H. Torriano

D. M. Payant

Fort St. George
 28th Aug. 1784

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Resolved that Copies of the former Letter from the Bombay officers, dated the June, and the above letter and the President's Minute, be transmitted to the Select Committee at Bombay together with an Account of the Money advanced to the Bombay Troops from their arrival to this time. — These papers will enable the Gentlemen at Bombay to judge whether their officers have any real cause of Complaint upon the Score of Assistance or attention to them from this Government, and if it shall appear that they have been assisted in full proportion to our means and to the just Claims which others have upon us particularly our officers, who are in general ten or twelve Months in arrears. We hope their Conduct will be thought deserving of reprehension.

The Secretary lays before the Committee the following list of Officers absent from their Corps besides those gone to Europe; at Bengal on leave Absent —

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Captains John Oldham

John Darnell

Francis Gower

Captain Lieut. George Aubrey

Lieutenants William Sheriffe

Arthur Rolleston

John Moore

Cullen & Macaulay

Ensigns Stephen Cullen

Thomas Grant

W. M. Healy

At Bombay

Ensign William White

The following Officers are absent
from their Corps and it is not known where
they are -

Lieut. Ludovick Sundt

Ensigns Alexander Dunbar

James Turner

Henry Wilber

Thomas Parley

Roger Stevenson

Anthony Moore

Nathaniel Forbes

Harmanahie Kurling

Alexander Stratton

Resolved that a General Order

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Ludowick

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Be issued directing the Officers at Bengal, as per the above List, and any other Coast & Officers there, tho' not included in it, to return to Madras or to their stations within 6 months from this day, on pain of being struck off the list of the Army. — and the Officers last Mentioned, to report themselves to the Adjutant General without delay on pain of being struck off the list of the Army. —

Read the following letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam with the enclosures therein Mentioned; the letter from Colonel Pearse is a transcript of that entered in last Committee —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
R. B. President and Governor &c

Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Vizagapatam
respecting the Bengal
detachment's request
to be informed what
conduct to pursue
regarding some
People that have
been detained by
them —

On receiving your Commands of the 29th Ult^o. Signified to us by Mr. Secre-
tary Wacey, We wrote to Colonel Pearse
to request he would give us as early Notice
as possible, of the Numbers of his Detach-
ment.

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informant that might be prevailed upon to go by Sea, that we might endeavour to procure Passage for them. but by his answer, Copy of which We have the Honour to enclose, it appears that we shall have no occasion to take any further Trouble on that Account.

Enclosed We send for your Lordship's Information, Copy of a Letter received from the Chief and Council of Ganjam respecting a Subedar and a Number of armed Men who were stopped at Abohpour on their way to Cuttack. On Enquiry we find that the Subedar who had formerly been in the Nabob's Service in the Carnatic had about two years ago entered into the Raja's Service at Vizianagaram and about two Weeks since was discharged with a Number of People to save Expence, but not for any Fault, for he is said to have borne a good Character. The Men we have set at Liberty, but the Subedar as well as the Arms, are detained until we are

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favoured with your Orders concerning them,
altho We have reason to apprehend there
are too Many Instances of People emigrating
in quest of Service which it is impossible to
prevent. The Subedar in Question, we
understand came originally from the
Neighbourhood of Banares and some
of the People had been in our Service.

We have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
and humble Servant -

(Signed) Claud Ruffel

Char. Mason

Jos. Baker

Mich. Keating -

Agreed that the chief of Council be
directed to set the Subedar at Liberty and
grant him a pass for his Journey through
the Company's districts, provided he will
sign a declaration that he will never bear
Arms or Serve in any Shape against
the Company or the English Nation, and
thus

Wizagapatam.
16th Aug. 1784

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this to be observed as a rule on all future occasions of the same nature -

Read the following Letters
The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President & Member of the Select
Committee - of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Captain
Lamotte respect-
ing the Money
he wishes to have
reimbursed -

I have the Honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter dated the 19th Instant
in which you inform me it will be necessary

I should make Oath that the Money I
carried into Chittoor was actually and
Bonâ fide disbursed to the Garrison in the
Company's Account for order to my
being reimbursed. Thus, Gentlemen, I can
not do as the whole of the Money was
not disbursed, but I am ready whenever
you shall think proper to make the
following Oath - that I carried into
Chittoor Seven Hundred and Fifty Six
Pags on the Company's Account with
the concurrence of General Certe, that
part of it was disbursed on this Account

reimbursed

when ever

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"and the remainder fell into the Enemy's Hands
"on the surrender of the Place"

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
your Most Obedient Servt.

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(Signed) H. J. Sumner
Captain 9th Battalion

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor of
Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Gubb.
stating the diff.
recollies he en-
countered in bringing
dispatches requests
to him from
that Period he is
to draw his sub-
sistence and to
what Corps he
naturally belongs

I left England charged with a dispa-
tch the 7th of March 1783 and after remaining
some time at Paris for the French Orders reached
Buffsarah the 2nd of June.

I was detained at Buffsarah
and in the Gulph, tho' I immediately sent
Copies of the Dispatch by Cosad through Poria
to Bombay. — till October when I arrived
at the latter Place and where from ill Health
I was under the necessity to deliver over my
Packets to the Government.

After leaving Muscat I was
attacked with an intermitting Fever and have

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 had frequent relapses particularly when
 I landed at Angam in order to Proceed
 over land to Madras, I was obliged to
 reembark and proceed with the Ship to
 Bengal and return by land at a considerable
 expence.

I request the Honble Committee
 would be Pleased to say from what Period
 I am to draw my Subsistence -

I intreat further to be
 informed to what Corps I actually belong
 and am to be returned in

I am with much respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
 Your Most Obedient and
 Most Humble Servant
 (Signed) Thomas Galt

Fort St. George
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Minute on Capt.
 Lammotte's Letter

Agreed that Captain Lammotte on
 making the Affidavit he proposes before
 the sitting Justice be Allowed his Charge
 of 750 Pagodas -

Minute on the
 fore:

Agreed that Major Galt be
 for the present considered and returned as Major

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foregoing Letter
from Major Gills -

of Engineers, but that his application be referred to the Hon^{ble} Court of directors for them to determine ultimately in what Corps he is to be fixed, he is to draw subsistence from the period of his arrival at Bombay.

Read the following Letter
and enclosure from M^{rs} Lind -

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor &c Members
of the Select Committee -

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From M^{rs} Lind
with Copy of a
Letter to him
from Captain
Close respecting
their transactions
to the Northward

The accompanying Letter from Captain Close arrived late last Night and is explanatory of his Transactions at Cudda-
pah. Since I had the Honor to address you on the 17th Instant. Your Lordship &c will be pleased to determine and instruct him with the least delay possible on the points he has submitted to your Consideration. I will venture with due respect and deference to your Superior Judgements, to offer it as my humble opinion that if Captain Close

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Dearest Sir, hitherto ineffectual attempts
to obtain restitution of Gannapally
(which was the first and most essential
point of Contention) / I humbly trust
Dear Chan will be so much elated by his
success and will moreover entertain so
extravagant an opinion of his Adroitness
that he will not only increase his Demands
upon the Rajah but conceive that
he will be able to carry every thing with
an high hand in future: -

I have the Honor to be with
Much Respect -

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Thos. Lind

Venkatagery
25th August 8/84

Dear Sir I do myself the pleasure of acknow-
ledging the Receipt of your Letter of 1st Inst
with its Inclosures, Considering the impor-
tance and serious tendency of the points
which have unexpectedly come under
discussion since my arrival here it is a

demands

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Matter of no ordinary satisfaction to me to reflect (that the line of Conduct I decidedly took upon the occasion, has met with your most hearty concurrence, Kummer Ud Deen Chan having settled his business at Vengy Cottah, returned to this Place on the 2nd Instant and on the same Evening sent a Choudahar to me with a Message which from the confused Manner it was delivered in I found it difficult to understand. In the End what I could collect from it was to this Effect Vizt. that from the sentiments I had declared and persisted in concerning Gooliulla the Subject of it must not be talked of in future, and that as I did not seem desirous of conferring upon other points my remaining here any longer was improper as it would answer no purpose, upon which I endeavoured to make the Choudahar who had a stupid appearance, understand that from the period of our last Meeting I had repeatedly requested to have an audience without effect, and that in consequence of

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of what his Master had told me previous to his departure. I had waited but in vain, the whole morning in expectation of being called upon. That as Rummur Udd Din Chan refused to listen to any thing I had advanced, relative to General pally, the Subject would of course be treated of between the Company and the Nabol Tippoo Sultan, that I had still much to say on that and other matters and hoped he would not desire me to return from hence without seeing me and giving me my dismissal in form. Previous to this I had sent Anon Chan, the Rajah's Valet, to the Durbar to find out, if possible, whether Rummur Uddin Chan meant to see me or not. The Valet not getting admittance, went to the house of a person, who is much in Rummur Uddin's confidence in hopes of collecting some information from that quarter, but was disappointed, the person however after talking much upon the Subject of the differences, said in

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a friendly manner he would use his endeavours with Kummurld Deen Chan to induce him to weigh matters and continue the conference. — Yesterday Kummurld Deen Chan was visited with two or three of his Favorites, so that there was no access for others to him; and to day, from being displeased at something, he desired no person to be admitted on business. He talks of going soon to Sidout and has been distributing Shavals amongst his people, as a preliminary to his intended marriage. — If in the Interval, till the Arrival of further instructions from the Honble the S^r Committee, I should be desired positively by Kummurld Deen Chan to drop the Subject of Goculpully, and confer upon other points, towards accommodating the differences between him and the Rajah, and in case of refusal in this respect to quit this place and return, I shall find myself some what embarrassed, as at present I am in ignorance whether or not it be the

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Intention of the Honble Committee that during the continuance of the disposition Hummoldt & de la Chan has hitherto manifested. I should proceed to settle. Supposing I should find it practicable other matters in an amicable manner.

When the Resolves of the Honble Committee arrive therefore, you will forward them to me with all possible dispatch. We have a report here that a scuffle has lately happened between a party of our Troops and some of Tippoo's, concerning Saint gher -

To Francis Lind Esq^r I am Dear Sir
very obediently
Yours

(Signed) B. Close

The Instructions already sent for Capt^r Close will fully shew him the conduct We wish him to pursue.

The President thinks it proper to lay before the Committee the following papers and desires they may be ordered to be in the Proceedings.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
R. B. President and Governor
of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major
Lamont to the
Governor respect-
ing his Batta
Bills -

I will not trouble you by
repeating what I have already said concern-
ing my situation, when serving in the Carna-
tic, during the Months of September, October,
November and December of last year. Your
Lordship holds the reins. I present Batta
Bills for these Months to your justice and
request your signature to them. - If you
reject them, I beg you may put your objections
to the bottom of the bills, as I shall carry
my claim to Bengal and from thence (if
there too rejected) to the Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be with respect -
your Lordship's

Most obedient and

Most humble Servant

(Signed) H. Lamont

A. Thome

20th Aug^r 1784

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Accounts of Men of the 100th Regiment
entertained in the 2nd Light Dragoons -

	Bullion due to each		
	L	S	P
John Hill Sergeant	29	1	9
Tho ^t Fargham	13	1	5
In ^r & Brubson ^(even balance 8/7) ^(helden)	26	2	8
Rd Brown	22	1	6
W ^t Doyle	23	3	6
Corp ^t Rice	23	19	10
Corp ^t Waster	25	7	2
W ^m Almar	20	5	2
As ^t Hobb	19	12	9
Thom ^t Thornbit	19	15	3
Corp ^t Smith	22	3	4
Corp ^t Dykes	21	1	-
W ^m Cameron	13	10	6
W ^m Barming	13	12	10
W ^t Darragh	13	15	-
Tho ^t Harper	13	9	9
Don ^t Doyle ^(even balance 11/8) ^(Fanele)	31	13	-
In ^r McAvoy	14	7	2
Tho ^t Guffy	20	6	6
In ^r Hewitt	11	6	11
Tho ^t McLean	12	10	9
In ^r W. Gure	21	3	1
J. Alexander	20	6	7
J. O'Brien	21	-	6
J. Fulton	20	16	11
Tho ^t Kettle	21	1	6
Geo ^t Lowe	33	13	1
Tho ^t Lons	15	2	13
(Signed) H. Lament	591	92	1/2
Major	77	28	-

Accounts of Men of the 100th Regt. entertained
in the 7th Regiment

	L S P		
James Stewart	31	12	9
Donald Campbell	25	11	7
Robert Titterby	19	7	3
	76	11	9

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transferred in the 78th Regiment)

	Balance due to each		
	L	S	D
Mich ^l Newlam	21	9	1/2
Edw ^d Burgess	16	12	3/4
Sam ^l Fisher	18	16	6
Dennis Kelly	18	7	10
Robert Smith	18	9	5
Wm Henry	19	15	3/4
Wm ^d Colgin	21	16	2
Sergeant Hawkins	29	19	11
Capt ^l Stephenson	20	11	11
Capt ^l Cawkshaw	21	17	4
Anth ^y Sayton	13	11	10
Jas ^l Clark	16	10	18
Geo Ruston	17	6	11
Jas ^l Wright	17	14	5
Wm ^d Bill	20	8	13/4
James Clark	17	14	3/4
Tras ^l Clark	18	12	1/4
Tras ^l Law	17	2	3/4
Beng ^t Weeks	18	8	13/4
Robt ^l Block	26	12	3/4
Thos ^l Wilmally	17	5	3/4
Capt ^l Paterson	21	2	10
Dan ^l Howe	18	17	9
Thos ^l Smith	22	11	6
Wm ^d Castles	19	4	2 1/2
Corn ^t Callaghan	20	1	5
Edw ^d Skelton	18	16	11
Jas ^l McArthur	17	12	8
Wm ^d Weather	19	2	6 1/2
Wm ^d Lawrence	22	6	11
Thos ^l Rice	19	11	11 1/2
Wm ^d Spellman	19	13	3
David Staples	23	7	3
Abraham Stradwick	21	8	1
Serg ^t M ^l Guffock	32	17	3/4
Jas ^l M ^l Key	18	13	2 1/2
(Signed) W ^m Larnoud	72	31	3 1/4
Major	18	10	4 1/2

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(Abstract of Balances due to recruited Men as within particularly specified - Vizt

2 nd Regt. Light Dragoons	L 12 P 46
73 rd Regt. of Foot	591 9 1/2 11 1/2 7 1/2 38
78 th Regiment of Foot	76 11 2 1/4 195 10 70
	12313 1 1/4 1810 1 20

L 1391 11 3/4 51 7 9 10

(Signed) H. Larnmont
(Major)

To Major Larnmont of 100th Regiment of foot

from the President in Reply - Sir, I have received your Letter of the 21st Instant. enclosing some Batta bills, to which you desire my Signature. In answer to which I am to inform you that the Commissary is the proper officer to Sign Batta Bills and not the President - I am Sir

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21st August 1784
I return the Bills - your Most humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney

My Lord

From Major Larnmont acknowledging the Presidents Note
I have received the Bills without your signature and am not insensible to the manner in which you have returned them

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My Lord
your Most Obedient
(Signed) H. Larnmont

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The President proposes to the Com

Mr. Weasey appointed
Paymaster of
Palamcottah
Mr. Chennar appointed
deputy Secretary to
the Select Committee

mittee that Mr. William George Weasey
be appointed Paymaster at Palamcottah in the
Room of Mr. Light deceased, and that Mr.
John Channier be appointed deputy Secreta
ry to the Select Committee, in the room of
Mr. Weasey. Agreed to, and they are so appoint
ed accordingly. The Committee in Justice to

The Committee
approve of Mr.
Weasey's Conduct
while he acted as
Subsecretary

Mr. Weasey record their entire satisfaction
with his conduct and the Zeal, diligence
and assiduity manifested in the discharge
of his duty, as deputy Secretary to the Select
Committee. —

Mr. Call appointed
Sepoy paymaster
to the Garrison

Resolved that Mr. James
Call be appointed Sepoy paymaster of this
Garrison. —

Read Letter from the Nuloh
as entered in C. C. ^A stating in substance
that. —

Altho the useless task of return
ing answers to the Inveectives of the Nabob's
adviser, has been very properly given up;
it may be right to notice some of the
Assertions they contain for the Information
of our employers. — The Nabob's Cavalry
were taken into the pay, and in effect, into
the service of the Company, at the Beginning
of

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of the War and at the conclusion of it, they were formally enrolled on the establishment, and rank and Commissions given to the Officers, when the Nabob was in the receipt of the whole of the Revenues of the Carnatic, they often complained, for want of pay, it is obvious therefore that the charge of Maintaining them added to his other expences, would not have been borne by him, out of his sixth part of the revenues, and they must have disbanded themselves, and sought the Service of Tippu or some other power if We had not continued them in the Company's Army; but had the case been otherwise We could not consistently with our duty have countenanced the Nabob in keeping up such a force: the Troop he does keep up within the Walls of our Black Town and in the Cavasses, under the name of his Body Guard, are equal to our own Garrison: he numbers at

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they already were, it became absolutely necessary to take some steps to prevent their Increase, when we found that the Amier al Omrah was clandestinely raising recruits for that purpose, in various parts of the Country. — as to the not consulting with the Nabel, on the subject of the Cavalry, he has precluded any desire to communicate with him, unless when it might be essentially necessary by resuming Communication with ^{the} President, and even refusing to receive the Company's letter from the President and Council personally, as has been usual, and as ordered by the Company to be so presented but also another and stronger reason why the Nabel, in his present temper of Mind, ought not to have been consulted, was a well grounded suspicion of the Amier's having tampered with the Cavalry and encouraged them to making the forged Letter, sent from the Durbar to Government, as if written by the Cavalry to him, and several other similar

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Similar Incidents, strengthen that
Suspicion. — certainly we judged it necessa-
ry to prevent the discharged Troopers, who
had been in the mutiny, from being enter-
tained again in the Nabob's Service, our
reasons for preventing any Increase of his
Infantry operate equally against admitt-
ing of any in the Nabob's Cavalry, if we
can possibly avoid it. — It is unnecessary
to observe further upon the assertion of
putting to death his subjects, without his
knowledge, than that it must allude to the
execution of the principal Mutineers, very
properly ordered by the General and field
officers. — as to the rest of the Nabob's Letter
the Complaint of his not being included
in the Treaty with Tippu and the supposed
assurances to M^r de Bussy, they have
been already fully answered in other parts
of our records. —

Resolved on the following promo-
tions in the Army

Lieut. Ecker Smith to be Capt.
Lieut. date of rank the 9th May 1781.
Ensign Robert Turing to be Lieutenant

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Date of rank 9th May 1784.

Mr. Thomas Stevenson to be a
adjutant at Vellore in the room of Ensign
Blair.

Mr. Michael Henry Cornick
nominated a Capt and appointed Ensign

Read Letter as entered in
C. C. (M) from his Highness the Nabol
stating, that in Return for his friendship
for the English Nation, and though he conceived
the Measure of his Woes was full,
and could not admit of further Aggravati-
ons yet nevertheless, fresh Injuries are
daily heaped upon him and his Family.

That the Measures adopted by
the President, respecting his Regiments of
Cavalry, were what induced them to revolt,
and that no part of the Presidents Conduct,
respecting them, could in the least degree
tend to the furthering the Business of the
Revenues.

That the President has repre-
sented these Acts to his employers, as events
which redounded to his Credit - but though
they might serve to amuse for a Short time
yet

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Yet he may depend that when matters become to be clearly understood, they will not be taken in the light he would wish. that his Son Amicetel Cinnah does not possess one fighting Man, but through his Authority & Signature, and that they are dismissed in the same Manner; that the President does every thing in his power to dishonor him and endeavoured to deprive him of his Country altogether, by not mentioning his Name in the Peace with Tippu, that every part of the President's Conduct was infringement upon all Treaties and a Violation of the Faith of the English Nation and that he is resolved to convey his Complaints to Bengal, to the King of Great Britain and his old friends, the Company.

August - Received letters from Mr. Sind (as entered in the M. B. for this Month N. 100) enclosing his Correspondence with Captain Close, on the Subject of the Deputation to Run over Deer Chan. Captain Close's first letter advises of his Arrival at Cuddasah, of the

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the Reception he met with from Kummer
 Ud Deen Chan, of the Conversation which
 passed on the Subject for which he was
 Deputed; of the lofty and extravagant
 Style which Kummer Deen Chan con-
 ducted his part of the Conference in the
 Hope of intimidating him / Captain
 Close; of his Apprehensions that he shall
 not be able fully to Accomplish the Object
 of his Mission, in conciliating the Minds
 of the Parties concerned, and terminating
 the Differences between them; of Kum-
 mer Deen Chan's obstinate Perseverance
 in the Claim he lays to Goolpilly
 and that his own Argument, that it was
 Dependent on the Carnatic Payen
 Ghaut, and that it had always been
 included in the Jaghire of Vellore
 availed nothing. Captain Close con-
 cludes his Letter by requesting the
 immediate Sentiments of M^r. Lind
 on the Conduct of his Letter. (M^r. Lind
 in

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In answer approves of the line of
Conduct Captain Close has adopted,
and recommends him to persevere in
it, and that he will write to the Govern-
ment of Madras to request their
further Instructions. The next

Letter from Captain Close to Mr.
Sind, is dated the 22^d of August
and makes mention of Hummer Deen
Chan having sent to him to
inform him, that, as they could not
agree on the point in Dispute,
relative to Goolpully, that it would
be improper for him to remain any
longer there. Captain Close in reply
observed that he had still much to
say to Hummer Deen Chan, and
that he hoped he should receive his
Dismission in Form. In consequence
of which, Mear Hummer Deen Chan
on the 24th, Depicted some of his Gravelles
to

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To Confer with him, respecting Goolpully, and of Tippoo Sultan's charges upon the Rajah of Venkatagerry, for the rent of Corichgerry, and other Places. During this Conference, Captain Close convinced the Grandees that our Claim of Goolpully was just and proper, and the Affair had now the Appearance of a speedy Issue. But on the 28th at another Conference, Humayun Deen Channagain refused to Deliver up that Place, and also laid Claim to Cocherlab Cottah and Surlopath, two Villages belonging to the Rajah's Jaghire, together with Rs. 632 $\frac{3}{4}$ Madras Pagodas, indebted to the Circar by the said Rajah. Captain Close having positively refused a Compliance to these Demands, and requesting at the same time his Dismission, Humayun Deen Chann again seemed a little to retract and Desired Captain Close to remain with him for 10 or 12 Days, untill he should have received an Answer from Tippoo on the Subject, which the other agreed to. — Read

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Read Letter from Colonel Keeney
(as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 11)
stating the present Establishment of the Artillery
and recommending an augmentation.

Ordered to be lie on the Table.

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In consequence of the Resolution
This day in Committee and Letters as
entered an Moullany Book Nos 175. 176. 173. 172.
171. 170. 169. 168. 167. 166. 165.

To Mr. Gueling

Informing him that
as his resignation of the Service was from
his own application, the Committee can
see no reason for rescinding the General
Orders of the 13th Instant.

Mr. Loy

To Mr. Loy informing him that
the Committee have come to a resolution
not to reimburse Officers for the loss of
their Horses, when the Owners have been
captured with them.

Capt. Davies

To Captain Davies informing
him to send an indent for Tents to the
Military Storekeeper for the accommodation
of the Troops at Poona Malles.

To Mr. Fancis

Informing her that Long Chind Bountly does not include any more than
To Committee of Stores desiring

Comm. Stores

them to comply as amply as the state of the
Stores will admit, with the Paymaster of
Madras's Indent.

Mr. Simpson

To Mr. Simpson permitting him
to proceed to the Presidency agreeably to
his request.

Genl. Lang

To the Commander in Chief
communicating to him the Committee's
approbation for Captain Crawford and
Ensign

desire

Term

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3^d Ensign Griffiths proceed to Bengal

To Mr Mitchell

To Mr Mitchell desiring him to transmit an account of what stores he received for the use of the Garrison of Trincis mullai, with the quantity that have been issued, and to deliver the remainder to the President at Pondicherry

To Mr Daly

To Mr Daly informing him that his request was referred to the Commander in Chief and that it cannot be complied with

Sent the following Letter to Mr Wasey

To Mr William George Wasey
Sir

To Mr Wasey
appointed Paymaster at Palamettah, and informing him that his conduct during the time he acted as such has met with the highest approbation

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you Paymaster at Palamettah in the room of Mr William Light Bessard and with particular pleasure I send to you further Orders to signify to you at the same time their entire satisfaction with your conduct and the zeal, diligence and assiduity which you have manifested in the discharge of your Duty as Deputy Secretary to the Select Committee.

Fort St George
31 August 1798

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) John Mordaunt
Secy

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Fort St George - August 18th

Received the following letter

Right Honble Lord Macartney K^t G.
& G^o Secret Committee

Fort St George
My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Lang
with copy of a letter to him
from Colonel Fraser respecting
the taking possession of
Santgam & Amboor

I had the honor to address you
yesterday informing that Colonel Fraser
had proceeded to meet Samarow. - I have now
the honor to lay before you copy of a letter
I have this morning received from him.

Vellore
1st Sept^r 1786.

I have the honor to be G^o
Signed Robt Lang

Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief G^o

Sir

We arrived at Goriatum at 1/2
past seven this morning, and after having
had a conference with Samarow, I am of
opinion that he will fulfill his promise
of delivering up Santgam tomorrow afternoon,
and Amboor the day following. - I have on
some pretence delayed the delivery of the
order for delivering up Dindigul till
tomorrow at 8 o'clock - By this we shall
gain

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Fort St. George - August 18th

We gain the best part of a day, in case of there
having any intentions to decide, I wished
to have got possession of both Forts tomorrow
morning, but that was impossible.

Goriatam
21st August 1781.
6 P.M.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) C. Fraser

A true copy

(Signed) Joseph Garrison
Lieut. Command. in Chief

to the

To John Audleston Esq^r
Secretary
Sir,

From the Paymaster
in camp respecting the
grain account

I have had the honor to receive
your letter of the 27th Instant, and shall
agreeable to the orders of the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee, settle
such Balances as may be due for Grain from
the Army at present in Cantonment, at
the time that Pay is paid to them and
shall transmit Monthly Monthly to Mr
Jackson or oftener, if necessary, the accounts
of my Collection in this Service

Arnot
28 August 1781.

I am &c
(Signed) Tho^s Melick
Paymaster
Prin^{ce}

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Fort St. George. August 5th.

31st Received Letters as entered in Miscellany Book. N^o 169. 16. 170-163.

From
Capt Montgomery

From Captain Montgomery advising of his being arrived at Engole and having taken the Command of that Garrison.

Mallesfield

From Resident at Nagore advising of the Arrival of the Soubah at Negapatam, and imagining the Troops will be ready to embark in a few days.

to emb

Lieut. Turbot.

From Lieutenant Turbot requesting a supply of Ammunition for his Garrison.

Lieut. Marshall.

From Lieutenant Marshall of His Majesty's 78th Regiment requesting leave to proceed to Europe for the re-establishment of his health.

September 1st 1784

Received the following Letters —

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney K^t & B^t
President and Governor & Chief Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Macartney on the powers given the Chief contrary to former Instructions —

Mr Secretary Middleton, in a Letter from the Political Department, under date the 16th Instant, has informed us in reply to our letters to your Lordship &c of the 30th Ultimo and 5th Instant, that it is not your intention to establish a separate authority

Fort St. George - September 1794.

Authority in the Chief, that that you have
 Judged it for the Benefit of the Public
 Service to visit him with it for a time;
 and you direct that Mr Danuell be commu-
 nicate to us at a proper time, such
 Orders as he may have Judged it expedient
 to issue separate from us, that they be
 entered on our Proceedings. - The letters
 to which the Paragraphs from Mr
 Audleston's letter just recited are in-
 creased, contained a reference and appeal
 to your Lordship. In certain specific
 matters. We are at a loss to ascertain
 the meaning of the decision which has
 been communicated to us, and find
 ourselves obliged to address you again on the
 Subject. - By your Orders under date the
 22^d December from your Revenue Depart-
 ment, we understand it to be your intention
 to vest a separate authority in the Chief only
 in Revenue concerns, maintaining the
 System of Government, here in every
 other respect, as it stood before. - This
 Opinion was strengthened, and as it appeared
 to us confirmed not only by your Silence
 on the Subject of any further alteration
 in this System, but by the constant and
 uniform style of your correspondence on
 matters

separately

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Fort St. George - 6 September 1796.

1st Civil, Political or Military; every letter on these Subjects being addressed not to the Chief alone, but to the Chief and Council jointly; We are now informed for the first time that any other Authority than that of Revenue was voted or intended to be voted in the Chief separately, and this information, which as above noticed is in reply to a reference on certain specific matters, is conveyed to us in words of such General import that when the Circumstance of their forming a reply to certain precise questions is considered, we are perfectly at a loss in what sense they should be understood. The meaning of the separate authority intended to be voted in the Chief may be confined to those Points on which the reference was made. - We incline to think that this is the sense in which your Lordship &c would have us understand the words of your Secretary. - They may however have a much more extensive signification and be intended to include the administration at large of affairs under this Factory or lastly it may have been your intention to leave the construction of them entirely to the Chief, and thereby vest such an

Authority

Fort St. George - September 17th.

Authority in him as he may at any time deem it necessary to assume. But in whatever manner it may be determined, we earnestly request that some clear line of conduct may be laid down for us, when it will become our Duty and we shall most assuredly make it our endeavor, strictly to conform to it. We are aware upon this occasion, that your Lordship may be misled to impute the Deaths we have just been stating to other motives than those which have occasioned them, permit us however to solicit your candid attention to us. We have found ourselves unexpectedly dismissed as we apprehend for a time, from a trust we and our Brethren have uniformly held in words of doubtful meaning, without a reason assigned or other Explanation than a Plea of its being for the benefit of the Public Service. If we silently acquiesce therein and any misfortune happen to the trust we resign, your Orders may be quoted against us in support of a charge of neglect of Duty for having yielded without any appeal, what was never required of

Fort St. George - " September 1884.

I - and in this manner, we may become chargeable with the responsibility of any thing that may happen; we trust therefore it will appear to you to have been our indispensable Duty to entreat with all Submission, that the Separate authority vested in the Chief and likewise the term of its continuance may be pointed out in the specific manner in which he has been empowered to exercise it or be so Explained to us, that in whatever degree or for whatever degree or for whatever time, authority is taken from us the responsibility annexed thereto shall evidently appear to be equally taken away. - Our reflections on this occasion have not been excited by a more speculative view of the matter, they have partly been occasioned by a most striking fact. - Whilst we remain, for any thing we know to the contrary, either from your Lordship or from the Chief, in Joint charge with him of the Political concerns of this Government, a Negotiation has been carried on and some treaty concluded respecting the District of Nozad, in consequence whereof the Chief has called upon us to withdraw the troops stationed

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Yours

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Fort St. George - Sept^r 1844.

For its defence without the smallest communication from him, either of the Steps that have led to this measure or on what grounds the measure itself has been adopted, so that in putting our signatures to the Orders he has proposed to us, we have no proper security, considering ourselves as accountable for the exercise of an authority, that we do not yet know to have been taken away; That we are not abandoning the Country to its destruction the compromise of this matter, whatever the tenor of it may be, has been generally proclaimed to the Country - The Inhabitants invited to return and even the Son of Oppor now has been actually received by the Chief some days since; and still the proper season when the Council should be made acquainted with such transactions is not yet arrived. We hope we shall stand excused to your Lordship &c if impelled by the sense of the contempt then shown to us by the Chief, in addition to the request stated in a former part of this letter, we again solicit you to make known to us those Demerits which have induced you to permit a treatment so little merited

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Fort St George - 11 Sept 1784.

on our part, We have also received your Secretary's letter of the 12th Instant transmitting us Copies of an address to your Lordship &c from Mr Johnson, President at Hyderabad, with your reply to him; but it would seem, by what we have already mentioned in this letter, that there is now no necessity for concerting any measures with Mr Johnson for the seizure of Apparao's Person.

We have the honor to be very respectfully - &c

Nasulipatam
27th August 1784.

(Signed) James Hodge

J. P. Boileau

Thos. Barnard

M. A. Dobyn

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c &c &c Sub Committee

Copy

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Sullivan
respecting the situation
of Disbanded Captains
Mauleo perfectly able to
manage the business

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 25th July, with its enclosures on the 8th of this Month; and in consequence of the instructions it contained, I immediately communicated to Colonel Stuart and to Captain Mauleo

by

Fort St. George - September 1784.

I, by express, every precaution and arrangement that appears in any degree necessary, to fulfill your intentions, respecting the restitution of Dindigul to the Troops of Tippoo Sultan. On my arrival here I found that the measures adopted by Colonel Stuart, and Captain Mauleod, had left nothing for me to alter or amend. We are prepared for any event that may occur in this business, but Tippoo's Officers have not yet made a demand of Dindigul in form, by presenting the Order from your Lordship and the Board on this Subject. Captain Mauleod has deferred removing the Company's Stores from thence, in order that he may have that pretence for some protection, in case the Restitution should be required, before we have any intimation of the restitution of Amboor and Sautgur, on the part of Tippoo Sultan.

I am happy to assure you my Lord and Gentlemen, of my fullest confidence in the ability and circumspection of Captain Mauleod, on this Occasion, I shall not therefore find necessary to proceed towards him at present, for a reinforcement of any consideration, could not be fed in that Quarter, at this season

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Fort St. George, September 1884.

without real difficulty, and my presence here is essentially required to regulate and prepare those measures of reduction which you have decided to take place.

I am dedicating every moment to these important points, and shall very shortly lay before you a Statement of our Proceedings respecting the Mogul, Independants, Nabob's Infantry, and the departments of the Army. With regard to the Draughts from the Timnevelly Independants, they were ordered to strengthen corps immediately employed in the Collections of that Country, or ready to be so employed; but on the first intimation from Mr Irwin of his disinclination to that measure, I instantly countermanded the Orders. It gives me much concern to inform your Lordship and the Board that the deficiency of Grain, and all other supplies in the Trichinopoly District, in whatever cause it originates, has obliged the Troops to be removed from Place to Place, with every circumstance of inconvenience to themselves and of loss to the Public.

Trichinopoly
Plain 15th August 1884.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Fullerton
Wm

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Fort St George, September 18th

My Lord.

From Colonel Bager
preparing to receive
Switzerland and Sarsen

The despatches arrived the evening of the 28th and since that time the General has judged proper to make some alteration in the arrangement I had proposed.

The Troops he was pleased to order from Arcot arrived last night. They consist of 2 European Officers and about 250 Sepoys, with their proportion of Native Officers, and are to be under the Command of Captain Sales, and they are supplied with a month's Rice.

I have proposed to the General that they shall march this afternoon, at half past 4 o'clock to Palionda, where I shall join them early in the morning and fulfill the appointment, which Captain Barr made in my name with Samson.

We are to meet at Gorriatom tomorrow at 3 P.M. and shall go forward from thence as circumstances direct. every particular of which I shall have the honor to inform your Lordship as we advance.

I always am, with the highest respect

My Lord.

Your Lordships
Most obedient humble Servant
C. Fraser

Belour
31st August 1784

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Fort St George 11 September 1844.

I have dispatched the following Letter to Bombay

To the Honble Rawson Mart Boddam
President & Members of the
Select Committee at
Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bombay with copies
of Letter from Bombay
Officers observations upon
it & President's Minute
amount of money advanced
to Bombay Troops

We have the honor to transmit you
enclosed, copies of a Letter dated the 1st Instant
from the Officers of your Establishment lately
arrived here from the Mysore Country, with some
observations upon it; also copies of another Letter
from them received the 25th Instant with a Minute
upon it, delivered in by our President, and an
account of money advanced to your Troops from
their arrival to this time. you will judge from
this account, and from a perusal of our President's
Minute whether your Officers have any real
cause of Complaint upon the score of Assistance
or attention to them from this Government; and if
it shall appear to you that they have been treated
in full proportion to our means and to the
just Claims which others have upon us, particularly
our own Officers, who are in General ten or
twelve months in arrears. We are confident
you will think their conduct deserving of
reprohension.

Enclosed we send you a Letter
addressed to you from Tippos Sullavan which was
sent

last

Fort S. George September 18th

sent to us by the messengers who carried to him your
Ratification of the Treaty. The Orders for the
mutual capture of Amboor and Thalgur, and Sindgal
have been exchanged and we imagine that Cowwep
will be finally concluded in a few days.

We are in daily expectation of the *Shrim*
and the *Greyhound* from your Coast, and suppose
we shall have the pleasure of leaving from you
by those conveyances as the *Patomars* lately arrived
here from *Bombay* have brought us no letters
from you.

Fort S. George
1st Sept^r 1784.

We have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) Macartney
G^t Com^{dr} in Chief

Sent. Letters as entered in his Majesty's
Book nos 2.3.4.5.6.1.

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ed } To Mr. Inver

To Mr. Inver referring his accounts to the
Louthward called during the time they were
contracted.

Lieut^{nt}
Capt. Lamotte

To Captain Lamotte, acquainting to his
mode of making an Affidavit respecting his
charges.

Major Gills

To Major Gills informing him that at
present he is to be considered as Major of Engineers
but will refer the application contained in his letter
of the 27th ultimo, to the Board of Directors, authorizing
him to draw his Subsistence from the time of his
arrival at *Bombay*.

dar Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam with Orders to advise
the *Southward* upon his entering into an Agreement
not to act in any shape against the English, and
desiring

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Fort St. George, Sept^r 1834

Ist desiring them to adopt the same mode on similar occasions

Capt Bileliff's To Commanding Officers at Pallamcottah informing him of Mr Wasy being appointed Paymaster of that Garrison

Gen Horne To General Horne communicating to him the resolutions of the Committee in consequence of his Letter, entered in Committee 24th Ultimo

From Capt. Muat. Received Letter from Commanding Officer at Permacoll, with return of Stores, and an Account of that Garrison, being in great distress for want of Pay

I^{do} Despatched the following Letter to Mr Proctor

To Mr George Proctor,

Sir

Three weeks having elapsed since you were called upon to discharge several Sums of money which the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee had, upon the most satisfactory proofs, determined to be justly due from you to the Bank Company amounting in the whole to pagodas 20440 & 38 of which you have as yet paid no part, I have the orders of the Select Committee to call upon you again for that amount and to desire that you will immediately acquaint me for their Information by what time they may depend upon its being removed

To Mr Proctor requesting to be informed within the means to pay the sum he is ordered to refund

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Received into the Company's Treasury

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
2 September 1784

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Huddleston
Surgeon

I Received the following Letter

The Right Honble Lord Macartney to B.

My Lord.

I have the ^{honor} to inform you of my safe

arrival here, my passage from Madras to the Cape was long and tedious, with a good deal of bad weather, that was the occasion of great mortality in my live stock, and my Europeans falling down with the jaundice.

General Stuart, has been all the course of the passage to this place in perfect good health, but generally finding fault with the conduct of the Ship, which I am very certain without any proper cause, his wish was very much that I should put into the Cape of good hope, and to most people of the Ship; however knowing that Commodore King would be there, and any port belonging to the Honble Company the most eligible in any situation, I conceived to be the most proper for me to push for, and agreeable to your wish I flatter myself, as well as the Interest of the Company, therefore I proceeded to the utmost

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From the Captain of the
Fortitude advising of
his safe arrival at
St Helena and commencing
an account of
General Stuart's conduct
during the voyage.

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Fort St. George, September 8/84.

I in accomplishing any intention of coming to this Island, where I have every assistance for what ever little matters the vessel wants and supplies of provisions &c.

I have very little doubt from the different protests the General sent me at Sea that I should have had in immense trouble with him had I been so much distressed to oblige me to go in to the Cape; here I have none, and the Governor and Council had required his parole of honor to return on board the Fortitude when called on, — after leaving Massey, his first protest to me was respecting my landing him at Trankebar, which I took no notice of nor any of his subsequent ones, by words or pen. He has requested the Governor and Council here, to place on the Company's records of this Island, all the different protests, for which purpose he furnished them with the Duplicates ^{originals}.

I flatter my self you will find the trust your friendship has reposed in me to be conducted in a faithful and proper manner and every caution shall be made use of during the remainder of the passage to England, without giving General Stuart any cause of Complaint on any part, which he has as far done and that Justice of in this place, as well as the Governor and Council applauding my proceedings.

I shall be ready to sail in a day or two having every thing acquired, and only people returned from the Hospital.

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Island

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Fort St George September 18th 1784

S. Helena
15th Febry 1784.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) Sam^r Bowden

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Sub Committee of

Fort St George
My Lord & Gentlemen

From the same on the
longing subject

I permit me the honor to acquaint you
of my arrival at this Island with the Tortoise, my
passage from Madras to here, has been rather long
and tedious with a variety of weather, which has
destroyed the best part of my little Stock, as well
as my European Seaman being laid down with the
scurvy. The salt provisions arrived at Madras
out of the Noble Company's Stores turning very
indifferent. In consequence of which I have been
obliged to put in here, where I have every assistance
of Supplies and a good Hospital for my sick, every
exertion has been used to save some little surplus
to the Ship required, since my arrival and
with the necessity of my Sick people enables
me to fire out for England in a day or two.

Major General James Boscawen has been
accommodated on shore with the respect due his
Rank, as well as on board the Tortoise according
to my Instructions. I am My Lord & Gentlemen
with the greatest respect Sir

(Signed) Sam^r Bowden

S. Helena
15th Febry 1784.

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Pomethbrook

Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book No. 7 from Carnet Brook advising of his arrival at St. Helena, of the improvement of his health and his hopes of being soon able to return to the Presidency -

Dispatched the following Letter to General Lang -

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief -

Sir

We have attentively considered what is stated in your Letter of the 11th ult. in regard to incorporating the native Cavalry of your Body Guard into the two Regiments and are much concerned to be under the necessity of differing from you on this point -

We can see no good reason why the Body Guard of the Commander in Chief should be more numerous now than it has ever been heretofore in time of Peace, and the incorporating into the two Regiments that part of it which consists of native Cavalry would also be consistent with our wishes and intention to bring back the Military Establishment as nearly as possible to what it was before the War, we therefore again request your acquiescence in the measure, and that you will issue the necessary General Orders accordingly ~~incorporating~~ for your Body Guard, the Company of Marksmen, and if it be agreeable to

To General Lang on the subject of incorporating his Body Guard with the Regiments of Cavalry

stated

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To the Hon. all that members of the European Troop

Fort St George

3^d Sept: 1784.

We have the honor to be Sir

(Signed) Macartney

Esq: Secretary

From Mr Mitchell

Received letter from Mr Mitchell
as entered in Miscellaneous Book 3rd 10.
having given up the Stars & to the President
at Pondicherry and advanced 150 Pagodas to
the Troops there on account of Batta

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Received by the Royal Charlotte
Indiaman which arrived this day the following
letter from the Governor and Council at St Helena

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor & Council

Fort St George

My Lord & Sirs

From St Helena
advicing of their having
sent several men belonging
to the artillery Corps

By this Ship Royal Charlotte

we did ourselves the honor of addressing you last

We beg leave to inform you that
Captain Sarah Boyle Commanding the Ship
Royal Charlotte hath paid into the Honble
Comptrolr's Treasury here the Sum of £2000
and Mr John Rogers Chief Officer of said Ship the
Sum of £300 on their Indulgence

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3^d Having received orders from the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors relative to raising a Peace Establishment upon this Island, and sending the Supernumeraries to your Consideration, and Bombay to the amount of fifty men to each Settlement, but not being able to comply fully therewith, reserving our own Establishment, have consigned you 1st Ship Royal Charlotte One Sergeant of Artillery, two of Infantry, One Corporal and forty Privates, who bears those marked Watogues, most of the others have been occasionally practiced in the Duty of the Artillery. you will please to receive enclosed, a List of their Quality, Age and Stature, the time they have served at this Island and the time they have to serve from the 1st June 1784. Further observing on this head, that they have all taken the Hon^{ble} Company's Bounty to serve five years as Soldiers in India, commencing from the above period excepting Corporal John Higgins Charles Cathart, Aaron Davis, William Hottell, and James Donalds, which mode of Enlisting we have fallen upon as we consider it for the good of the Service. The Sum paid for that purpose amounting to £ 347. 12. 8 we have ordered to be wrote off to account of Fort St George. The men have all received their Cloathing for this Year.

We have the honors to be &c

(Signed) Dan^l Cornuille
Henry Grange
C. Barrett

W^m Wrangham
Henry Barrett

S^t Helena
19th June 1784.

Cathcart

Received

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Fort St. George, September 1784.

I received the following Letters.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Lang
advicing of Sautgar
being taken possession
of

I have the pleasure to inform
your Lordship & that from a Letter I have received
from Colonel Traus. I learn that he took possession
of Sautgar yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and
that he was to proceed to Amboor this morning
at 10 o'clock to receive it and finish the
business with Shamrow.

Vellore.
2^d Sept^r 1784.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Ross Lang.

Lieut. General Lang
Sir

We have just now taken possession
of Amboor, and I have left Captain Sale on the
Command with about 100 Sepoys, Officers included
and I shall immediately acquaint Captain
MacLeod with the circumstance.

It grieves me however to find that
numbers amongst whom are some of the
wealthiest of the people are detained as
prisoners by Shamrow, who threatens to carry
them to the Myoor Country, notwithstanding
my remonstrances to the contrary. He says
that the debts due by them are legal, and
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Fort St George - September 8th

It is reported they value to one hundred and twenty
three thousand Rupees -

Amboor
2^d Sept^r 10 at night

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) C. Fraser.

True Copy.
(Signed) Joseph Carrow
Surgeon to the Comm^o in Chief

My Lord.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you
that we took possession of Sautgar at 3 o'clock
this afternoon. - I have sent guards to all the
different Forts. The number of ^{Sepoys} I was able to
leave amounts to 90, Officers included, and the
whole to be commanded according to General
Lange's orders, by Ensign Mealy -

It is a pleasure to me to be able
to inform your Lordship that Samarow has
already released some people by my intercession,
and I hope to settle every thing with him to
your Lordship's wish by tomorrow evening -

The troops will march for Amboor
at 6 in the morning. Samarow and I will
proceed thither at 10 and finish the business -
I now write Captain Macleod, and shall send
him another letter tomorrow -

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) C. Fraser

Sautgar
1st Sept^r 9th P.M.

From Colonel Fraser
advising of Sautgar
being taken possession
of yesterday Amboor
tomorrow -

1st

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Fort St. George - Sept. 1784

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. G.
President and Governor of Madras

Fort St. George
My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Davie
reporting the success
of the mission, appointing
his son to the command
will answer my
purpose -

I have received Mr. Mavor's
letter of the 16th instant accompanying one
under a flying seal to Mr. Johnson President
at Agnabal relative to Opparow. My letter
to your Lordship of Council of the 21st Instant
informing you of his son's arrival here, proceeded
on by my boat, and sent by the consent of
Opparow, will I flatter myself under the whole
substance of your letter to Mr. Johnson con-
vey. The Country is now in peace. - all the
Military expenses in it I hope will very
shortly be at an end; while the Son of Opparow
is here I do not apprehend any troubles in the
Country. Our Sannadars are receiving the
Revenues. The Inhabitants are returning to
their habitations the Zemindar of Badracholam,
related to the family of Opparow, would sooner
see a thousand deaths than deliver the person
of Opparow, or without the plea of Relationship
any other Zemindar in the Decan; and to
seize Opparow in the hills appears to me alto-
gether impracticable; your appointment of his Son

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Fort St. George - September 18th.

As to the Zemindary will surely answer all the ends of seizing the person of Apparow, and an infinity of time and expense will be saved by such a fortunate event.

Accompanying your letter to Mr Johnson I mean to forward a copy of this likewise, and I conclude he will of course take no further measure on the Subject of yours, till your further instructions, for tho' Apparow has showered down upon the Inhabitants, a variety of misery, and upon the Company, expense, all that has passed might be trifling in comparison with the expense and measures which would ensue to the Company, and the Inhabitants, by pursuing him for the possession of his person. Indeed the possession of his person in any opinion without more cause would now become a Great Evil. The Inhabitants expecting his return to the Zemindary would once more fly for fear of being sacrificed to his Vengeances for their attachment to the Company's Government, and some expense, would be necessary to support him in Confinement. In short I doubt not your Lordship &c will see the propriety of such a measure in the same point of view, and that you will be well satisfied with the Benefits set on foot for the safety of the Moored districts and Inhabitants, and the expected future welfare of the

Revenue

showered

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Fort St George, September 18th.
Lt. Revenue

Samuelcotah
24th August 1844.

I have the honor to acknowledge
(Signed) James Daniell

Dispatched the following Letter
to Mr Daniell.

To James Daniell Esq
Chief of Marichipatanal

Samuelcotah

Sir

To Mr Daniell in
reply to the foregoing

I am directed by the right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st and 25th
Instant, the latter enclosing copy of one to your
Council of the same date.

You inform the Select Committee of
Oppiarau's Son being arrived at Samuelcotah, and
with his Father's consent. I am directed to state
to you that they are as yet unacquainted with
any particulars respecting the manner in
which this measure has been effected, but the
idea of getting possession of the person of
Oppiarau was first suggested by you, and
considering his conduct it is still a desirable
measure. For whilst Oppiarau is at liberty
it can scarcely be expected that he will remain

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4th quit altho his Son be Zemindar. The Select Committee reserve however their final determination until you shall have explained and in particular informed them what security you have received, or can obtain for Opparow's not disturbing the Country; what terms you have made and how much the Company are to benefit by this settlement. The Select Committee were of Opinion that the Company ^{should receive} not only the whole arrears of tribute paid up, but an ample Indemnification for the expense of the Muzed expedition. According to your original Plan, Opparow's Son was to be appointed Zemindar and the Country managed by the Company for him, during his Minority. The Select Committee desire of you a full detail of all these matters as your present letter is not sufficiently explicit to enable them to form a Judgement of ^{the} real State of things with regard to Noogase nor what is likely to be the consequence of the late Events.

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Fort St George
2 Sept^r 1784

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed John Huddleston
Surgeon

Received the following letter from Mr
Daniell with enclosure

The

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Fort St George September 18th

A^{to}

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &
Sect Committee

From Mr Daniell with
Copy of his letter to the
Council at Masulipatam

Fort St George
My Lord & Gentlemen

This serves only to transmit to
you Copy of my letter of today to the Council
of Masulipatam

Samuelajah
25th August 18th

I have the honor to be very respectfully
(Signed) James Daniell

James Hedges Esq.
S^{ecy} Council

Masulipatam
Gentlemen

I have received your letter of the
23rd with its enclosures. Previous to the receipt
of your letter I have received copy of the Right
Honble The President and Sect Committee's
reply to Mr Johnson of the 29th July. and copy
of my answer to the Sect Committee, which
you will herewith receive, will point out
my opinion
of the measures proposed. In addition to
which

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1st which I have only to observe that if the Right Honble the President and Select Committee should determine to proceed in this business, it appears from the following words of Mr Johnson's letter of the 29th July, that this is not the season to attempt it without losing the greatest number of the people who we ought / I think in vain at any time / send after him among the hills - the speaking of the Nizam observed that this would cause no needless delay as the season would, according to established conclusions founded upon experience, not admit of any successful movement of troops in hills and wilds - Every body acquainted with the fatal effects of the hills in the bad season to people unaccustomed to them, I am sure are of the same opinion; but this circumstance out of the question, I have little doubt that our Superiors will alter their determination, at least for the present, on the arrival of my late Public Letter at the Presidency -

I shall transmit a copy of this letter likewise, and am &c

Samuelstah
25th August 1784.

(Signed) James Darnell

Received a letter from the President at Nagore a letter as entered in Miscellaneous Book 8911 with an Enclosure, being copy of a letter to him from Colonel Stuart advising of 300 men having embarked on board the Swallow, which ship was unable to receive on board about 70 more

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Fort St George September 8th

As more who have enlisted in the 3^d Regiment
will take great care of the Stores.

(Dispatched the following letter

To Colonel Fullarton

Commanding the Southern

Force

Sir,

To Colonel Fullarton
respecting Colonel
Frazer having taken
possession of Satgur
and Amboor, and
requiring the Delivery
of Dindigul.

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to inform
you that the Forts of Satgur and Amboor were
delivered up to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser the
1st and 2^d Instant; notice of these events was
immediately transmitted to Captain Maclachlan
and the Select Committee hope that before
this letter can reach your hands. Dindigul
will be delivered to the Officer of Supplies
Fullarton.

These actual negotiations having
taken place, the Select Committee earnestly
request that you will occur to their Instructions
of the 25th July and proceed without a moment's
delay, to complete every reduction ^{of troops as happening} as well of
every other kind that can be made with
safety. The Royal Cavalry and all the
new raised and independent Companies hoped
will be immediately reduced those excepted
which

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Fort St George - September 1846.

4th which Mr Irwin lately recommended should be kept up; a letter is now written to Mr Sullivan desiring him to assist and cooperate with you in this important work and the Select Committee hope you ^{will} both remain to the Southward till it is accomplished, or at least till it should be put in such a train as not to be impeded or delayed by your absence.

Fort St George
4th Sept^r 1846.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) John Kebleston
Secretary

To John Sullivan Esq^r
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a Letter, now dispatched to Colonel Fullerton, by which you will observe that Tippos Sultan has retired up the Forts of Salgar and Ambor without awaiting for the delivery of Dinigul.

The Select Committee having the utmost confidence in your zealous Cooperation with Colonel Fullerton in these ~~seignificat~~ ^{seignificat} operations which

To Mr Sullivan on the same to cooperate with Colonel Fullerton

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As which they have created, and which the situation of public affairs renders indispensably necessary, hope that you will be able to remain for that purpose to the Southward, until their duties are accomplished or at least put in such a train as not to be impeded or delayed by your absence. But should your health be in such a state as absolutely to require immediate change of air, you ^{have} in that case their permission to come to the Presidency, leaving confided the execution of your Department in such hand as you can depend on.

Fort St George
11th Sept. 1864

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed J. M. Weston
Secy

Sent letter as entered in Miscellaneous Book No 12, to Lieutenant Junot Commanding Chundergerry advising him that an order has been given to supply his Garrison with Ammunition & agreeably to his request.

5th Dispatched the following letter to General Lang

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

to General Lang
advising him to proceed
to the Presidency to assist
in regulating the military
arrangements

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Fort St George - September 1786.

5th President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your late letters informing them of the delivery of Satgur and Amboor which has given them much satisfaction. The consideration of the disposal of those Commands is for the present deferred.

I am directed to signify to you the request of the Select Committee that you will proceed, as soon as may be convenient, to the Presidency, as they wish for your assistance and advice in conjunction with General Horne and Colonel Braithwaite to form a Plan for the Military establishment on the Coast within the limits of a certain annual expense and upon grounds and documents that will hereafter be communicated to you. The Select Committee therefore request that you will direct Brigadier General Horne to proceed also to the Presidency, leaving the Command of the Cantonment in the charge of the most Senior Officer.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) John Austerson
Secretary

Fort St George
5th Sept 1786.

Masulipatam

Sent letters as entered in the Miscellaneous Book No¹⁵ To Masulipatam enclosing a General Order respecting the Army in General and informing them that all Orders respecting the Troops in their Districts shall be sent them.

Mitchell

To Mr Mitchell permitting him to draw on the Paymaster General for the money he advanced

also

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Fort St George - September 18th.
 5th advanced to the Troops for account of Battle of
 Pondicherry.

Received Letter as entered in Accounting
 Book No 16 from Masulipatam, respecting the
 Pay that is to be given to His Majesty's Officers
 arrived there for the purpose of raising recruits.
 6th Dispatched the following Letter.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
 Governor General & Council of
 Fort William
 A Noble Sir & Sirs

At the request of Mr William
 Burke, the Paymaster General of His Majesty's
 Troops in India, we transmit you Copy of a
 Letter which he has lately addressed to the Committee
 also our former Correspondence with him on
 this Subject.

We are preparing a full state of
 our accounts with the King's Troops, which will
 elucidate every doubt that could be entertained
 relative to our arrangements with regard to
 them.

We have the Satisfaction to inform
 you that the Forts of Salgar and Ambur were
 recovered up to us by Tipper Sultan the 1st of
 P. Instant and upon the receipt of Intelligence
 of these events the Commanding Officers at

in Bengal with Copy
 of a Letter to the Committee
 from his Majesty's
 Paymaster General of
 Salgar and Ambur
 being delivered up
 enclosing a Copy of
 General Orders, and
 requesting they may
 be published & published

committee

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Dindigul will have delivered up that Fort and District to Tippoo Sultan.

We enclose an extract of General Orders lately published here and request you will be so good as to permit the same to be published at your Presidency.

We have the honor to be Sir
Signed Macartney
S^r Committee

Fort St. George
6th September 1864.

To James Daniell Esq^r
Chief S^r Council of
Masulipatam
Gentlemen

In Masulipatam Ensign
Melior's Command being only
temporary and not deprive
him of his appointment
as Adjutant, respecting
the Officers who recruit
for his Majesty's Service

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst^o,
and to inform you that Ensign Melior's appoint-
ment to the Command of Nagamundrum
being only temporary, it need not deprive
him of his appointment as Adjutant in the
Gibberdy Corps, tho the Officer acting for him
is entitled to the allowance annexed to it.

As to the application from
Cornet Kitton the Select Committee apprehend
that the men who recruited from the 102^d
Regiment, brought with them their own arms
and Accoutrements, or ought to have done
if

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So

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6th if they have not it is supposed their arms
must have been given into Store at Ellore,
and you have authority to supply them
with others if necessary in their room. Those
who enlist into the Dragoons, are to do
Duty as Infantry till further orders. Those
they only want Infantry clothes, as soon as
they shall be ordered down here to join the
Dragoons, they shall be supplied with the
proper Arms from our Arsenal. The pay
of the men must of course be discharged,
with due attention to the General Orders
of the 15th Ultimo, no full Rate is at any
time, or under ^{any} pretence whatever to be
paid in cases where it is not allowed by
the Book of Regulations without a special
order from Government.

I am also directed to inform
you that the Honble Company's Ship the
Vanwallard will shortly call at Madraspatnam
to take on board such men of His Majesty's
102^d Regiment ^{as are not sent} at Ellore to recruit in the
Regiments that are to remain here Viz^t
36. 52. 73^d Reg^t, together with their Officers, in
order to proceed to Bengal to be sent from
thence to Europe. The Vanwallard will sail
in a very few days, about Sunday at farthest
and it is imagined will be able to carry
all the private men. The Officers for ^{the} ~~the~~

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Fort St George - Sept^r 1784

6th There may not be room, may proceed by any other conveyance that offers, The Select Committee desire you will hasten this business as much as possible.

Fort St George
6th September 1784.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours
John Nudleston

To John Sullivan Esq^r
Resident at

Sir
Tanjore

To Resident at Tanjore
in reply to his letter 23^d
December relative to the
Southern arrangements

I am directed by the Right Honourable the President and Select Committee to inform you that the President has lately laid before them your letter of the 23^d December last, and to communicate to you their Sentiments on the measures therein recommended.

The Select Committee are of opinion that the line of Instruction given by the Company in their letter of October 1780. and the Instruction added in their (the Committee's) letter to you of the 6th February 1782. relative to the respective powers and authority of the President and Commanding Officer are so clear and explicit that they rarely admit the possibility of dispute

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Fort St George - Sept 17th -

1st Dispute or misinterpretation, were neither disposed to interfere in the province of the other. But if experience has shown that the line of separation is not yet sufficiently ascertained, the Select Committee wish you to inform them of the particular facts, and incidents which have afforded that experience that they ^{may} know what remedy to apply. If the Commanding Officer goes beyond the province assigned him, by the Instructions of the Company and of this Government, or assumes any ^{sort of} authority either with respect to the Rajah or the Resident - The Select Committee will, after full enquiry, take proper measures to bring him to a proper sense of his Duty. The Select Committee also direct me to observe to you that if the Rajah or his Ministers has complaints of Grievances of such magnitude as you describe, it may prove of serious Importance to the credit of this administration that they have not been acquainted with those Complaints and the Select Committee regret the more that you judged it unnecessary to communicate them, as they appear to have been of such consequence as to induce you to found on them the recommendation of measures that would involve a total change of System at Tanjore's measures to which there appears

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Fort St George, Sept^r 1784.

Ist appear to the Select Committee the most striking and serious objections, it being no less than the withdrawing the Company's Garrison from the efficient Fort of Tanjore, and leaving it to the care of Libbendius, and the sole and uncontrolled authority of the Rajah; Instead of adopting such a measure the Select Committee are of opinion it were infinitely better to observe that conduct towards the Rajah, which should prevent any Idea of the sort from arising in his mind.

Respecting the Libbendy Corps, the Select Committee concur with you that it ought to be placed under the civil authority so as to be at the disposal of the Rajah for the Collection and care of the Revenue and under his orders through the medium of the Resident. But no orders will be immediately sent on this Subject as the disposal or arrangement of the Libbendy Corps is one of the objects now under consideration.

Fort St George
7th Sept^r 1784.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) John Mordaunt
Secy

To Colonel Fullarton
or Officer Commanding the Troops south of the

Coleroon

Sir

To Colonel Fullarton
respecting these Troops who
are not to be sent out

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Fort St. George, Sept. 8/84
 7th Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee to request you, that having thought it necessary that the men remaining to the Southward, of His Majesty's 9th and 10th Regiments, who will not enlist in the Corps to send in India, should be brought with their Officers to the Presidency, in order to embark for Europe by the earliest opportunity; they desire that you will appoint them without loss of time, and direct them to proceed to Negapatam, to which Place the Swallow Packet is ordered for the purpose of conveying them to Madras; and they also desire that the men enlisted to the Southward, for the 13th Regiment may be sent to Negapatam at the same time, to be embarked and brought thither also in the Swallow.

I am further directed to request you that the Soldiers of the 13th Regiment, who do not choose to enlist, will be provided with a Conveyance for Europe if possible, without obliging them to go to Bengal to be sent from thence, and this I assure will satisfy them, that tho' they do not come up to the Presidency at this time, they will not be neglected.

Fort St. George
 7th Sept. 8/84.

I have the Honor to be Sir
 (Signed) John Austler
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Fort St George, Sept^r 5th 1784

To James Daniell Esq^r

Chief & Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam: His Officers
employed recruiting in his
Majesty's Service to be paid
by General Campbell

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, and to
inform you that the subsistence for the 13th
Regiment has been already paid up to the 25th
of October next, in the usual manner of 2
Masters in account. Captain Hamilton will
therefore settle what relates to that matter, with
the Paymaster of his Regiment. As to Cornet
Milton, whatever money he may want for recruiting
the Select Committee understand that the Officer
Commanding the 23rd Dragoons had undertaken
to arrange that business, and to receive the
amount from General Campbell, to whom
is whom the Select Committee have been
desired to pay a certain sum on account
of recruiting Service.

I have the honor to be Sir

(Signed) J. Audleston
Jcty

Fort St George
7th September 1784.

Received Letter from Captain
Lamotte (as entered in Miscellany Book 897)
enclosing a copy of the Vah he has sworn
(respecting the money he advanced) before Mr
Davidson the acting Justice, requesting it
may be discharged.

At

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Fort St George 2 Sept 1764

At a Select Committee held
The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney's
President

Anthony Sadler Esq. M. S. President
Robert Munnell Esq.

Lieutenant General Lang absent on former
Minutes of last Committee read
and approved

Read the following Letter from
General Lang

My Lords & Gentlemen

I have the honor to receive
your letter of the 3 Instant and have in compliance
with the wishes of your Lordship & ordered ~~the~~
the Cavalry attached as a Body Guard to the
Commander in Chief to proceed to arrest the
remainder of the European troops to be considered
as a part of the strength of the Cantonment
and the Native Cavalry to be equally
distributed between the two Regiments of
Cavalry, and shall retain the Company
of Morkomen as a Body Guard.

Captain Alexander Paterson
Having represented to me, that his ill health
renders his removal from Chingleput absolutely
necessary and requested that he may be
relieved in the Command of that Garrison
by one to whom he has recommended that his request may be

had

From General Lang has
incorporated his Body
Guard into the Regiments
of Cavalry. Captain
Paterson wishes to health
to resign the Command
of Chingleput, proposes
Captain North to succeed
him, & proposes Colonel
Guthrie to succeed
him as Adjutant
of the 2 Regiment of
Cavalry

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Fort St. George 2nd Sept^r 1864.

Be compelled with and to submit to your Lordship by the propriety of recommending Captain John North to that Command, which has generally been considered as a proper place for Officers, who in the course of Service have been disabled and rendered unfit for active Service in the Field. Captain North having lost his leg during the War, may be thought a proper person for your consideration.

Cornet Charles Dighton having resigned the Noble Company's Service I beg leave to recommend that Cornet Gueke be appointed Adjutant to the 3^d Regiment of Cavalry, in his room, in which capacity he has acted for some time.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) R. G. Lang

Vellore
5th Sept^r 1864.

I agreed that Captain Paterson have permission to resign the Command of Chingleput, and that he be directed to leave the to leave the charge of the Garrison with the most Junior Officer.

I agreed also that the appointment of a Successor to Captain Paterson be deferred until the return of the General to the Presidency.

I read the following Letter from the Kings Field Officers delivered to the President by Major General Campbell.

To

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Fort St. George 2^d Sept. 1768

To the Right Hon^{ble} the President
and select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Sirs.

From his Majesty's Field
Officers in the highest
then participating in the
Business of the

Though we conceive the Letter
from your Secretary to us, of the 26th March
was intended as condolence on your parts, yet
we feel ourselves obliged to give it a reply
and that, as well to show our sense of its
reasoning, as to come to your constituents, in
the simplest manner, the Justice and motiva-
tion of our Claim, and to our Royal Master,
the late passage of his Officers, serving under
this Presidency.

We know that in the year 1768
and 1770 there were six King's Troops serving
in India, but says it from thence follows,
that when they did, they should not adjoin
parity of advantages with yours, and we
therefore believe, the obstructions of the principle
was the only cause, why the Directors did
not enjoin a Distribution they naturally
supposed you would have made.

In such an equitable Distribution
of the Military part of the Revenue Fund,
may fall here, for the present, on the
Company's Field Officers, whose persons we
respect, and whose services we applaud, we
yet as well as concerned, whilst exerting our
own

years

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own unquestionable Right, that it should
 meditate with their Interests. But if such a
 Diminution of Income would be Laid on them
 is it not still harder on us, to be obliged to
 support the Representation of that Superior Rank,
 Royal Commissions confer, without a moiety
 of the Emoluments, which the Company's Field
 Officers derive from their Station, and if it
 would weigh heavier on your Field Officers, that
 all those of his Majesty are now serving here,
 as it be remembered, they will be called to this
 Station when the Carnatic was overrun, and
 that, by this assistance cooperating with the
 Company's Servants, your affairs were in
 part retrieved. Thus viewing the Subject,
 and doubting not, our right will be admitted
 by the Court of Directors, we hope, the Idea
 of its being made good from their Treasury,
 may, agreeable to your suggestion, be adopted.

When we refer to the 20th, 21st, 22^d & 23^d
 Paragraphs of the separate Letter from the Court
 of Directors under date 25th March 1768. we
 find, that as the Fund, from whence the Captains
 and Subalterns derive their Gratuity is the same
 from whence the Field Officers draw their
 Benefits, so are the motives for which it was
 bestowed, — "to encourage them, exert their
 Endeavors in the Preservation of those great
 objects, the Trade and Possessions of the
 Company." And surely, My Lord & Sirs, the
 Lustory of the late War evinces, the Zeal
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Fort St. George 4th September 1784.

and Council of His Majesty's Officers not to have fallen short in attending their painted Obligations.

You observe to us that His Majesty's troops in General, are on a much better footing than the Company's in this martial respect, that the former receive their subsistence two months in advance, whilst some of the latter are often ten or twelve in arrear. After remarking that this advantage, if it really exists, is confined to subsistence, let us see how the observation is generally confirmed by facts. We see by the last list of your Establishment, there are on it it Captains 39 of whom appear to be in Command, & extra situations 20 Prisoners with the Enemy, and the remaining 40 only confined to the Emoluments and Duties of the Infantry Line, whilst we do not recollect one King's Captain vested with separate Command to two, indeed, from Casualty, it fell, but though Length and weight of Service might have warranted the Trust, they were immediately superseded by your Lick Officers. We refer to the cases of Ellore and Chinglipal.

We still hold it a Duty we owe to ourselves, to our Ranks, and to those who may follow us in this Country, to require that our Rights to participate in the Revenue Land be admitted, and thus to protect against any further Decisions being made on it to

Country

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to the Company's Field Officers, until such time as our claim shall be finally settled by the Court of Directors, and we therefore, declare our self you to be legally & individually responsible for any Injuries, which may arise to us by your not complying herewith.

We have only to add our request, that the whole of this Correspondence may be made members in your first Dispatches to the India House; and to inform you, we shall ourselves, transmit it to the supreme Council at Bengal, as the superior Power of this Country and by Major General Sir John Burgoyne, as the Senior Submitting Officer to lay it before His Majesty's Ministers for the Royal interference in our Behalf.

We have the honor to be Sir

Yours John Burgoyne

C. Reinbold Col.

J. Floyd Colonel

Turner Straubenzie

A. Bar Wingenheim

Barray for the Month

Lt Col Knox.

M. P. Sterling

Barray Lt Col.

Bruse Major

J. Grattan Major

A. Lamont Major

& Lieut Colonel in India

Upon

Fort St George
1st September 1784.

Fort St. George 8 September 1781

Upon which the President delivers
in the following observations

Minute of the President in Committee 8 September

The President observes
on the foregoing Letter

As the Subscribers of the Letter before
the Committee seem but imperfectly acquainted
with the nature of the Company's Service, upon
which they write, it is therefore unavailing to
continue a correspondence with them.

The Company's Captains, when
commanding Battalions of Troops, are in
fact, tho' not in Rank, to Kings Officers who
command Regiments, and they must usually
command at the Places where their Battalions
are stationed, if unmix'd with other Troops:
in this instance therefore no kind of comparison
can be drawn.

With respect to Elmore Captain/now
Major/ Chyffure is altho' in the Company's
Service, a Kings Captain, and would of course
if still only a Captain take rank in Service
by His Majesty's Commission and Command
all Kings Captains who are his Juniors.

As to Clingfput, the Company's
Officer commanding there was ordered to the
Presidency for a short time, and another
Company's Officer appointed to Command &
during his absence in this there does not
appear any supposition.

The Kings Field Officers cannot
expect Command where their Corps are not
stationed, but to prove just account that
they

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They cannot justly impute partiality to this Government, as List is ^{here} added of such Commands as are now, or have been enjoyed by His Majesty's Officers during the present Government.

Major General Jones ----- Commanded in the
Madrass District,
afterwards the Army
in the Carnatic
Circar.

Major General Adams ----- Commanded the

Major General Ogle ----- Commanded there at
present.

Colonel Fullarton ----- Now Commands
the Southern Army

Colonel Forbes

Colonel Stuart

Colonel Fraubenzie ----- Commanded at
Poonamallee

Colonel Reinbold ----- Is in the Black Lion

Colonel Elphinstone ----- Commanded the
Expedition to
Calicut in 1761.

It is needless to enlarge upon this Subject. let it suffice to remark, that the Government here will always employ those whom they most approve, whether they be Kings or Companies' Officers, and of course the most effectual mode of procuring Commands will be by studying to deserve them.

I send that the foregoing Letter

Amended thereon

be sent home a number in the Packet, and that the Gratuity to the Field Officers be kept in deposit, and no further Dividend made, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known.

Read

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Fort St George 6th September 1781

Read a Report from the Committee
of Stores with sundry Papers, as lodged in the
Office upon which the following Resolutions
are passed

From the Committee of
Stores, with several propositions
for the approbation of the
Committee

Fort St George 6th September 1781

At a Committee of Stores
Present

Lieut Colonel Ross
Lieut Colonel Kennedy
Bryan Scottney Esq^r
Lieut Colonel Moorhouse
Lieutenant General Ross Long Absenton Lord

Proceedings of the
Committee of Stores

1st Read the Proceedings
of the 3rd of July and 7th
August with the remarks
of the Right Honble the
President and Lieut
Colonel Munn, agree-
able to whose orders the
Military Storekeepers were
brought before the Committee
an estimate of the charges
of Stores wanted for
immediate use in his
Department which it is
agreed to lay before the
Right Honble the
President

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President and Select Committee, agreeable to their Orders, also the Board now acquaints them that the amount of the Stores received from the Military Storekeeper in July is Rupees 2132. 27 1/2

2^o The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee a list of Ordnance and Military Stores sent to the Mount for the use of the Artillery which it is agreed to lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee.

3^o The Commissary General of Stores acquaints the Committee that a considerable Ordnance having been lately sent to Vellore without any addition of Gunpowder and that, that which is there having been in Store 3 years recommends that a proper Officer be ordered to prove it, and that an additional supply of 500 Hundred Pound Bombs be sent to that Garrison, and for the purpose of transporting them further recommends the Carts at Aret in the Department

Approved

2132

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Department of the Approved
Commissary of Stores
Ordered to the President

The Committee
approves of the above and to be ordered
by leave to recommend
it to the Right Honble
the President and Select
Committee

4th The Commissary
General of Stores acquaints
the Committee that there
are at Tanjore 392
sixteen Pound shot and
40 Grapes where there
are no Guns of that
Caliber and proposes
that they be removed to
Trichinopoly where they
are wanted which may
be easily done without
expense before the Balls
of the Army are discharged
5th The Commissary
General informs the
Committee that there
are 346 unserviceable
muskets in Store which
are only taking up room
It is therefore agreed to
recommend to the Right
Honble the President
and Select Committee
that they be broken up
the

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The Barrels to be delivered
to the Civil Storekeeper as old
Iron, and the Brags and
Lockwork to be appropriated,
as usual, for the repairs of
Arms in Garrison - Approved -

6th The Committee of
Hores take this opportunity
of expressing their entire
approbation of Captain
Toussaint's Conduct as
Commissary of Hores
in this Garrison during
the late War, and being
of opinion he has acquitted
himself with great diligence
and Industry, they leave
to recommend him to the
Bright Honble the President
and Select Committee and
as they think it necessary
for the good of the Service
that a proper well informed
Person should be constantly
in readiness to take charge
as Commissary of Hores
in this Garrison in case
of the absence of the
Commissary General,
they leave to recommend
Captain Bedford as a fit
Person to be paid in that
Capacity and to take
charge, whenever the
Order

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Fort St George 1st Sept 1846

either maybe arrived at the consecration
the first

Patrick Roff
John Kennedy
B. Lottney
Jos Moorhouse

Recd the following letters from
Lieutenant General Lang with his letter to
Samarang, and one from Lieutenant Colonel
Fraser to the President

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Lang with
his letter one from him to
Samarang, respecting the
Disturbance of some of the
Inhabitants there, also from
Colonel Fraser of the 1st Regt
of Foot, respecting the
disturbance of the
Inhabitants of Samarang
and that Samarang has got
near 200 Inhabitants
persons in

I have the honor to enclose a letter
I have received from Colonel Fraser and beg
leave to congratulate your Lordship & am and
being again in possession of Samarang

In consequence of the information
respecting the inhabitants. I have written a letter
to Samarang (a translation of which is enclosed)
and directed Colonel Fraser to deliver the same
to him if he thinks it will be of any service.
As the obtaining the release of the Inhabitants
is of much consequence, a letter should be
immediately transmitted to Samarang from
the Right Hon^{ble} President, respecting them

Villere
3rd September 1846

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Roff Lang

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To Shamaroo

I have been informed by Colonel Fraser, that you have delivered up to him the Forts of Sautgar and Amboor agreeable to what was written in the order of Tippoo Sultan Bahadur which is well.

Peace being now concluded by the English and the Circar, we should endeavor to be upon the best terms, and in the strictest Friendship which is the interest of both. I have been informed that many Persons inhabitants of the Carnatic, are now detained by you, and that it is your intention to take them to the Mysore Country on account of Debts said to be contracted by them. This between Friends is not well borne, I therefore protest against any such proceeding as contrary to the Friendship subsisting between the Nabob Tippoo Sultan and the English, and desire that you will release them, and whatever demands you may have, that you will transmit an account thereof to the Government at Madras who are ever ready to do justice.

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3^d Sept^r 1785

What can I say more.

My Lord.

I am happy to inform your Lordship that we have this evening taken possession of Amboor. Captain Sale remains in the Command with

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Command with about 190 Sepoys. Officers included. and I have augmented Captain Maitland with this circumstance.

It gives me however to find that ^{Amura} appearances of all of the country people are detained as Prisoners by Sannam, who threatens to carry them to the Mysore Country. He says that the debts due by some of the wealthiest of them are legal, and that they extend to one hundred and twenty thousand Rupees. They have been mostly sent to his Camp at Jangur. In the course of this day he now promises with seeming sincerity to release them all tomorrow except Appage, Comipah, Labriah, Venkataiah Property Kestam Rajah, Verappa Nates and Jayaraj who he pretends to make responsible for the whole money, and he insists that those people engaged in the Civil Service of his Circar.

He did release a few people yesterday, and some women at my request, But he failed in his intimation and almost his promise, to give up the whole captured. codes to assist in carrying his baggage for a few days and gives as a reason that the horses are far greater than he imagined, and that he should incur his master's high displeasure if he were to lose so much property. But I do not yet give up the point, and shall at

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East have another Tryal -

The Forts of Sautgar are in very good order, and considerably improved by Hyder's People, I climbed up as far as the middle Fort or the Sally Dargam this morning and Captain Parr procured to four of the others, the whole together, seems to me to be defensible with seven or eight hundred men, and provisions against any Army, I have not yet been on the hill Fort of Amboor but it looks well - and in fine repair

Amboor

2nd Sept^r 12 at night

I have the honor to be Sir

Signed Charles Fraser

I agree that the President be desired to write to Tippoo Sultan on the Subject of the men detained, and to request that they may be enlarged -

Read the following Letter from Mr William Collins Jackson with one intended to have been sent to the Select Committee dated the 3rd Apr^l together with their Enclosures -

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President of Select Committee of
Fort St George
My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr William Collins Jackson with 4 Enclosures, states his Reason for not laying them before the Board especially to their satisfaction relates the treatment of

On Mr Sadler's return to the Presidency, in April last from Mangalore,

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He met with from Mr.
Sutler, while visiting
the Office of Secretary to the
late Commission to Tippu
Sulthan.

I do myself the honor to address your Lordship
& in consequence of the extreme ill usage
I had experienced from him during the late
Negotiation with Tippu Sulthan. I informed
your Lordship & that Mr. Sutler had accused
me of attesting the records of the Commission,
of representing Conferences to his Disadvantage,
and of making a false report of a Convention
held by me with the Representatives of Tippu
Sulthan at Calicut, by order of the Com-
missioners, and I requested an Investigation
to be made into my Conduct, that I might
have an Opportunity given me of proving
how groundless these accusations were. As
Mr. Sutler was a Member of Council,
and had seen the Letter which was addressed
to your Honorable Board, I consequently
concluded that Mr. Sutler would have
submitted these Charges against me, which
he had not scrupled to tax me with, when
I was acting in the Commission; but that
I have taken the liberty to address your
Lordship & twice since on the same
Subject, still I find my accuser does not
stand forward to bring the Matter to a Con-
clusion, I therefore, my Lord and Gentlemen,
now beg leave to lay before you the enclosed
Paper which gives an account of the whole
From

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first to last, and which but for the Reasons
afore mentioned, would have been sent to you
at the time they are dated -

If after the Perusal of these
Papers, your Lordship & should be of Opinion
that I have not just cause to complain, or
that ^{my} Injuries are not sufficiently great to
merit redress, I shall be perfectly satisfied,
because your Lordship & who have always
administered Justice with so impartial a
Hand, cannot fail of deciding on this affair
with equal Impartiality, and I shall therefore
cheerfully await your Decision, and humbly
trust it will be at a short Period -

Should your Lordship & find
it necessary to refer to any of the Proceedings
of the Commission, it can easily be done,
because the whole of them have been delivered
by me, to the ^{Dep^t} Military Secretary, who can
immediately produce any paper your Lordship
& may wish to see -

I have the honor to be, with the
greatest Respect -

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful

& obedient Servant

Wm Collins Jackson

Fort St. George

25th August 1785.

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To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney

President of Select Committee of

Fort St. George

Mr. G. Jackson's letter
to the Select Committee,
circumstantially reciting
the treatment he met
with from Mr. Sadler, in
the execution of his duty
as secretary to the Embassy
to Tippu Sultan.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

To recommend, is not the
object of a Man, who is only desirous of a
personal Explanation for an Injust
-able to the Character of a Gentleman: But
when it that inculc he finds charges, on
which depend his future welfare and happiness,
charges in which the public in general
are concerned, it would but ill become
him to suppress facts which should be open
to the public view; facts which to every
Observation, would be acting with Injustice
to himself, and inequality to his Honorable
Employers. - In the situation thus mentioned,

My Lord and Gentlemen, I have long
stood, and have long experienced from Mr.
Sadler, a treatment as ungenerous, as I hope
it is uncommon; I may justly add, that the
Charges with which I have been accused
by Mr. Sadler, if he can prove them to
have been really committed by me, would
deserve a Punishment much beyond a
Dismissal from the service of the East
India Company - By the enclosed
Papers 1, 2, 3, your Lordship & will
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perceive that the Malice of my accuser must have been superlative. He did not stop at the attempt of taking from me my Bread, but even endeavored at my life, by accusing me of Crimes to have been guilty of which, much have made me a Traitor to my Country; The first I felt, acknowledged me to be sitting in a public Character, in which was placed a Responsibility, which to have deviated from, however small the Deviation, must have proved pernicious to my Employers and the state; and to that State, I was therefore to those Employers, to become answerable for my Conduct. As Secretary to the Commission I was intrusted with all its Secrets, and I had used my best Endeavors, to give to those under whom I immediately acted, no cause to be dissatisfied with my Conduct, and was conscious there was no Ground for Displeasure. I could not but be much alarmed to find that the first Commissioner had become without any visible causes my Enemy. But that cause did not long remain inviolable, and as it is now incumbent on me to be clear and explicit, that cause shall also be made known to your Lordship & as briefly as I can state it — On the first appearance of a Difference of Opinion between the two Commissioners at Arnee, relative to the important

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important point of Management, Mr. Tableir took the first Opportunity that offered of talking to me alone; - his Address, his Conversation, his Manner, and in short his whole Conduct were so different from what I had experienced before, that it could not escape my notice, that Mr. Tableir was acting in a borrowed Character; from an arbitrary, authoritative Countenance, well known to be usually assumed by him, he now put on a sweet, placid look, and addressing me with a mild voice, and in a softened accent, said, "You see the Disposition of my Colleagues, and of our unfortunate Disagreement, but from you I expect no leaning Partiality towards Mr. Stanton, altho' I had no share in your appointment; you will have more an Opportunity of exerting yourself, which I cannot fail of advancing you hereafter; and it is very probable, that you may have a much more considerable share now adding to the Records of the Commission, than you were at first aware of. - You will find in me, Mr. Jackson, a Friend, and when you consider that I am a Member of that Government to which you belong, and of my Expectations, you will no doubt have

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"have your future welfare in view," This to the best of my Memory was the purport of Mr Sadler's words, and to which I am ready to make oath; It rests with your Lordship &c to form an Opinion on it, and you are the best Judges whether Mr Sadler had any other motive in view than the advancement of my welfare, unaltered, and at that time unthought of by me,

Mr Sadler did not fail to reiterate his Promises of Friendship, - all personal Communication between the Commissioners was now at an End, I was therefore wholly employed for three Days in conveying the Sentiments of each to the other. At last came forth the Agreement Mr Sadler was inclined to make with the Representatives of Tippoo Sultan at Serree and I was expressly invited by him to carry it to those Representatives, - I declared "that it was necessary I should have Mr Staunton's Sanction." He replied, "that I should not be able to obtain it: that it was nothing to me, & that he would make it his sole act, and be alone responsible for the consequences." I made Mr Staunton acquainted with the Orders I had received from Mr Sadler, and that it is true, he did not consent to my going, yet he did not direct me not to go. Before I went however, Mr Sadler said to me

View proceedings of the
Commission of the 24th.
November

+ View Letter to the Sultan
Commission of the 24th. Nov: -

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These Records of the
Commission of the 24th Nov.

onest of you will inform the Representatives
of Tippoo Sultan, how serious I am of
signing that Agreement, but tell them the
Reasons which impede it. When I
returned, I gave in ast Paper, containing
an Account of the Conversation that had
passed. From this moment, I perceived a
Change in the Behaviour of Mr Sadler,
which I attribute to an Expectation that
he had formed, that tho^t I had reported to
Tippoo's Representatives by his Directions,
that it was not his Fault, that that
favorite Point was not obtained, yet that
I should not have entered that Report in
the Account of the Conversation I had given.
Because it now became a Part of the
Records of the Commission; because it now
became demonstrable that Mr Sadler
was desirous that the Representatives of
Tippoo Sultan should be made thoroughly
acquainted with the Difference of Sentiment
in the Commission, from whom of all
others, as your Lordship & I observed in ast
Letter to the Commissioners, it ought to have
been kept secret; and because it but too
plainly manifested a Coincidence of Inter-
est between Mr Sadler and those Repre-
sentatives, to the extreme Prejudice of the
Company's welfare, by hazarding the
Lives and Liberty of two thousand Europeans,
who had been made Prisoners by Tippoo
and his Father; and because, it would be

+ See Letter from the
Sub-Commissioner 26th Nov.

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unreasonable to suppose from Tippoo's well known Character, that he would act with equal Generosity, by setting at Liberty all the Prisoners, when he saw the Company had no Claim on their Hands, to oblige him to such an Act;—and, because, it is very unreasonable to suppose from many recent instances, that he would not fail of taking advantage of that good Faith, which Mr Sadler was then willing to rely on, by retaining, in order to increase his Demands on the Company, those unhappy Captives, whose Calamities at that very moment were unsupportable, and loudly called for speedy Relief, for on that very day, the 24th of November, when Mr Sadler was willing to consent to evacuate all our Conquests made from Tippoo, and to trust to him for the delivery of the Prisoners. Messieurs Speeriman and Rutledge at Seringapatam, underwent Circumcision, and were forced into his Service. An horrid Example of the good Faith of Tippoo!

Whether it was from those Notices I have stated above, that Mr Sadler suddenly changed his mode of Conduct towards me, is humbly submitted to the consideration of your Lordship &c. But whatever were the motives, it was sufficiently sensible, that I had forfeited the promised Friendship, and had even one Hope remained, it must have been immediately expelled, when Mr Sadler said to me, Sir, I once gave you good advice, that
you

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"you have not thought proper to follow it,
to which I replied, that I had not sworn
"from any Duty." But five days had now
elapsed, when I was charged by Mr. Sackville
with a capital Crime, that of altering
the Records of the Commission for a bad
Design. Your Lordship &c will observe
by the Paper st^d, how I refuted that
Charge, and that if the accusation was made
for a bad Design, how I publicly proved
that Mr. Sackville was the Author of such
alteration, and consequently the Inventor
of such Design: But such an illiberal
Idea could not have proceeded from a
pure or an ingenuous Heart; and the
unparalleled Assurance with which he
accused me, and the meanness of his
acknowledgment when he was detected,
will serve to convince your Lordship &c
that Mr. Sackville's Conduct in this affair,
was neither judicious, consistent, nor
upright. - Here had he stopped, it would
probably have been better for himself,
but no sooner did I acquit myself of one
Charge, than he taxed me with another,
that of misrepresenting Comferences to his
Disadvantage. N^o 2, will fully explain
that affair to your Lordship &c, and of the
Insignity I received from Mr. Sackville, in
flinging the New-Debate over me as a
Countercheck; and as by a Supremacy of

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Vide Mr. Staunton's
Minute of the 23rd February

* Vide proceedings of the
Commission the 3rd
December.

I have made in it to a Minute of Mr. Staunton's,
which corroborates the Circumstances, you will
be well assured of the groundless Foundation there
was for such a Charge; Being thus foiled in
two attacks, Mr. Sadler endeavored at a third,
and charged me, "with having made a false
* Report of a Conversation held by me with
the Representatives of Tippu Sultan at Calicut."
I beg leave to refer your Lordship to No. 3,
wherein you will see the Injustice of that
Charge, and of the uncommon Malignity of my
Accuser.

It would be needless after what
I have represented to your Lordship to say
that I was extremely cautious, and acted with
the greatest Circumspection; fortunate it was
indeed that I did so, for a Gentleman of the
party, Mr. Macalister, informed me, that Mr.
Sadler had declared to him, that he would
roughen me, may come as he would rough
me, and try the snaffle I was made of
It now became absolutely necessary, without
the least Delay, to confront Mr. Sadler, and to
charge him with it; — Principle as well as
self-Preservation urged me to this, for whether
it was Mr. Sadler's Intention to corrupt
the former, or attack the latter, I could not
tell; but surely such an Expression limited
to one, or the other. I now took the first
Opportunity of speaking to Mr. Sadler on the
Subject, having previously obtained Mr.
Macalister's

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Macartney's Consent, but not to mention his name, without it was immorally necessary; I begged Mr Lachar to give me an Explanation of the words, and added, that now when ever he thought proper to put that matter to trial, I hoped he would find it secure! — Mr Lachar denied ever making use of the Expression, and demanded my father — I told him, that I was not authorised to inform him at present — some few hours afterwards he renewed the subject, and said to me — that on a reconsideration of the affair, it was possible, that he might have made use of an Expression in common Conversation, similar to that which I had alluded to — But, said he, you must have obtained your Information from Mr Dallas, and no one else, and I desire you will inform me if it was not that Gentleman I again refused to satisfy him, but left him, and going to Mr Dallas communicated the whole to him — It is impossible to give you a just Description of his surprise, for he had but shortly before had a long Conversation with Mr Lachar on the same subject, when he declared to him on the oaths of a Man of Honor, that he had never even in Discourse with me, hinted at such an Expression — This was not all, for on a Comparative view of

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Circumstances warranted by Facts, we found that Mr Sadler had delineated my Character to Mr Dallas as void even of one good Qualification, and wanted to convert Mr Dallas of being void of Veracity; and now it was, we discovered the machinations of Mr Sadler, and that his aim was to foment a Quarrel between us, in the hope of rendering it advantageous to himself by securing at least one of the Parties to second his future views, whatever they might have been. By this Conduct of Mr Sadler's, in speaking with the Characters of two Young Men, behind the backs of each, in full expectation of availing himself of one of them, was an Act, so dreadful in its consequences, that we shuddered even at its Idea. we were not a little rejoiced, at having frustrated Mr Sadler's Intention, of making us Papers to his malice; But when before most of our little Society we charged Mr Sadler with having acted in this manner, he firmly and boldly denied the whole. I then stood forth in Vindication of myself, and as firmly and boldly declared, that not two hours had elapsed, since Mr Sadler had said to me, what he now thought proper to deny, in order to extricate himself. The next day the Aid. De. Camp brought to Mr Dallas and me a Paper, signed by Mr Sadler, and addressed to Mr. Stanton and Mr. Hudson, requesting that the Conduct of Messieurs Dallas and

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and Jackson might be investigated, for that the one had publicly declared that M^r Sutherland had acted unlike a Gentleman, and the other had contradicted him. We desired M^r de la Camp to inform us, why he brought a paper to us, which was ascribed to the Commissioners, he replied, "that M^r Sutherland had ordered him to do so, previous to its presentation to those to whom it was directed. Thus as your Lordship is must suppose, appeared to us, as if M^r Sutherland had hoped that we should have been intimidated by the refusal of this important Question, but we wished for nothing more, than that the strictest Investigation should be immediately made, and so we told M^r de la Camp, who on delivering the Paper to M^{rs} Haunton and Middleton, was informed, that the Gentlemen thus accused, must have a Copy of it, in order to enable them to make their Defence - But this was not M^r Sutherland's desire, he, no Doubt, wanted an acknowledgement, without an Investigation, and when he found that he could not obtain it, this very Paper was withdrawn by him from the Records of the Commission.

It is necessary before I conclude to inform your Lordship by, that every Respect was paid, and every attention observed by me, towards M^r Sutherland, which his rank in the Commission, as well as in the Government, entitled him to expect, while he supported that Rank, and until his conduct became

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so much the reverse, and his Principles so much disliked, that but very few of the party ever exchanged a Syllable with him, except when the public Service required it; - nor so much did he abuse the Character he bore, and so much did he disgrace the Nation he represented, that he has been at full Barb, may even on the first Visit, interested to such a Degree, that he could not maintain a Conversation with Tippu Sultan, without committing Errors. For which his colleagues were obliged to request him to be silent. For the Truth of this assertion your Lordship & will be pleased to call upon the Gentlemen who were present, but indeed, this was no unusual thing with M. Sadier, and it is with the greatest Concern I add, that but very few were the days, whilst the Commissioners were encamped near Mangalore, and negotiating with Tippu Sultan, that M. Sadier escaped being more or less in a state of Intoxication.

Nothing, my Lord and Gentlemen, but the most absolute necessity could have induced me to pen the preceding Paragraph, A necessity springing from an anxiety of mind for my situation, and from an hope that others may escape the Rock which was destined for me to split on. I am well aware of the Respect and attention

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due to the Rank and Station of Mr. Sadler;
but however great a Distinction there
might be, between my Accuser and me,
yet still my Reputation and Character
are as valuable to me, as Mr. Sadler's
can be to him; - They are all I have
to depend upon, and must be my dearest
care; - I esteem myself however somewhat
fortunate, that I have it in my power
to call many Gentlemen to bear Testimony
of the profound Respect observed by me
towards Mr. Sadler, till his Conduct
was such, that I was compelled to avoid him,
in order to seek my own safety, except
only when my Duty required to the contrary;
I flatter myself that when your Lordship
shall have perused the many attempts
made by Mr. Sadler for my Destruction,
you will pardon me for observing, that it is
acting on Principles most just and equitable,
to paint my own Innocence in the most
lively and expressive Colours that I am
capable of, and which in this Instance,
will necessarily change the Situation of
things, and make the accuser, the accused.

I beg leave to assure your
Lordship, that the utmost solicitation,
united with the greatest Coolness and
Dispassion, guided my Pen thro' the
following Lines, and if I have unwittingly
made use of any improper warmth of
Expression

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Excuse me. I humbly hope your Lordship & will attribute it to the uneasiness of my mind, and the disagreeable sensation of my feelings, in standing accused of charges diametrically opposite to the sentiments, which have been my greatest ambition and pursuit in life to adhere to.

I have now only to request that your Lordship & will be pleased to transmit your Decision on this affair, by the first opportunity to my Hon^{ble} Masters, who, I trust, will see, that I have been actuated throughout the whole, by a sincere desire of removing those aspersions, without which I should deem myself unworthy of holding a Rank in their service.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect &c &c

Fort St. George
30th April 1784

W^m Collins Jackson
Signed
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Mr Sadler's first Charge against the Secretary.

For altering the Records of the Commission

On the 30th of November in the Evening at Collispaucke, a draft of a letter to Messrs Fulton having been prepared by Mr Haunton, was ^{sent} to Mr Sadler for approbation, who

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On the disapproving of part of its contents, and
 his Ben through it, and make an addition
 the next Morning a fair Copy was taken
 and that, which had been ^{put} ~~erased~~ by Mr. Sackin
 was consequently omitted. Mr. Stanton on
 perusing the fair Copy, which had been
 previously signed by Mr. Sackin, took notice
 of the alteration, and declared it impossible
 to put his signature to the Letter, while the
 Paragraph, altered by Mr. Sackin, ^{as stated}
 and which ran as follows: "We have ^{the} ~~have~~ ^{the} ~~have~~
 with concern, that some of the Troops of the
 Company stationed to the Southward, have
 notwithstanding the Limitation of arms, advanced
 beyond the due limits: The word have had been
 marked by Mr. Sackin in the first Draft, as it
 is above, and the Interlineation had been in
 his own hand writing. By omitting to insert
 the word have, it was acknowledging a
 fact, of which the Commissioners had
 only received a vague Report, and that
 report from the Vachels. Mr. Sackin's ^{first} ~~first~~
 considering that he was the author of this
 alteration, without hesitation charged me
 with it, and declared to Mr. Stanton that
 he could not much my Integrity, and turning
 to me, said, I am afraid, Sir, you must have
 had some bad Design in altering the Letter
 so materially, and I am apprehensive that
 you are destitute of Honor, Principle, and
 Integrity."

as indicated by Mr. Sackin, the first draft }
 to be marked by Mr. Sackin }
 in the first draft. }

MS.

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Mr. Dallas, the Commander of the Fort, was then called upon by Mr. Sadleir to bear witness to his (Mr. Sadleir's) Detection of my Guilt, and so ungenerous was he, that he resorted to the Idea of effecting my Ruin. And when I produced the final Draft of the Letter in the presence of Mr. Dallas, wherein it evidently appeared, that the allegation for which I had been so unjustly accused, had been done by him: and that the very word which he had charged me with omitting for a bad purpose, had been ~~for~~ for ~~some~~ purpose erased by himself. he acknowledged himself in the wrong, and that he had used me ill. - But a private Acknowledgment after so ungenerous a Treatment, was not doing Justice to my Feelings. I was determined to submit it to the Consideration of my Superiors at Madras, to whom I now beg leave to appeal, and by whose Decision I shall be willingly determined.

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30th April 1784-

Signed William Col^d. Jackson
(S^d.)

Mr. Sadleir's second Charge against the Secy^r.
For misrepresenting conferences to his Disadvantage

On the 30th of November, the day the first accusation took place. Annorapsee
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Now one of Tippoo Sultan's Peshkars, had a Conference with the Commissioners at Calicut during which, he Enquired if an answer had been received from the Select Committee at Madras, respecting the difference of Opinion subsisting between the Commissioners ~~on~~ ^{in relation to the} Evacuation of Mangalore by our troops, to whom a reference had been made for a Decision on that point. Mr Lister replied to the Peshkar, that Letters had been received from the Select Committee, but that they contained nothing ^{particular} and referred to Mr Munro, ^{to know} if it was not so, who answered (in order to prevent any Controversy before the Peshkar) that no Letter had been received from the Select Committee, in answer to the joint Letter of the Commissioners, requesting a Decision on the Subject of Mangalore - Two Letters however had been received from the Select Committee, but in answer to their joint Letter, were actually in the Commissioners' possession, and had been so for two days, when Mr Lister declared that they contained nothing ^{particular}, tho' at the same time the ^{joint} ~~points~~ ^{points} of the Board were explicitly included in those Letters, as will be seen by the following Paragraphs -

The faithful Conduct of Tippoo in several Instances well known to you, will certainly present any, the least ^{confidential} ~~confidential~~ ^{from}

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"from being pleased in his Engagements, which
 "it may be possible for him, either from Interest
 "or Caprice to abuse, - We have every reliance
 "on your Prudence, Circumspection, and address,
 "and that you will be able to baffle any
 "insidious Proposition, which attempts may
 "be made to introduce in your Conference
 "with his Minister."

"I think seriously for a moment of
 "of delivering up Mangalore to Tippoo Sultan,
 "without securing beyond the Possibility of
 "Disappointment or Delay, the release of the
 "Prisoners in his hands, which is the principal
 "object of your mission, would be a Piece of
 "Temerity totally inexcusable; we therefore
 "charge you to have particularly in view the
 "accomplishment of their Release, and that
 "whatever Sacrifices on the Malabar Coast,
 "the particular Circumstances of the Company
 "of the Company's affairs, which you well
 "know, may require, they must be made
 "chiefly for the Preservation of the Lives, and
 "the Recovery of the Liberty of the Prisoners,
 "whose sufferings demand your earliest attention"

Some few days after Mr Sadler
 applied to me to know if I had ever heard him
 make use of such an Expression, I assured him
 that he had, that it was so mentioned
 by me in the account of the Conference, and
 that Mr Staunton could bear testimony of
 its Truth. Mr Sadler with an angry tone
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of Yours, declared that I had taken a partial account of the Conference that on that account I had deviated from the truth, and had misrepresented Facts, for that he had never made use of such an Expression, and that for the future the said De Camp to the Commission, should be appointed, to attend at the Conference to act as a "Countercheck" on me

Thus far relating a fact, which Mr. Stanton's minute of the 21st February corroborated. I was charged by Mr. Sadler with falsehood and Disrespect, and the said De Camp at a future Conference was absolutely placed over me by Mr. Sadler, as a "Countercheck", as termed by him, and minutes taken by the said De Camp, which on being compared with mine, were found so little to differ, that Mr. Sadler thought proper to with draw from the Records of the Commission, the account the said De Camp had taken, as being of no use, because it would not refute mine.

Thus was every Indignity offered to me, which I submitted to with Patience, from an apprehension that an opposite Conduct would be detrimental to the Service I was employed in, and from the flattering Expectation that my Superiors would afford me ample Redress.

Fort St George
20th April 1785.

Signed W^m Collins Jackson

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Mr Sadler's third Charge against the Secretary

For making a false Report of a Conversation
held by the Secretary with the Representatives
of Tippoo Sultaun, by order of the Commissioners
at Callicut.

On the 4th of December, I received
Directions from the Commissioners to wait on
Mr Moyun No Dan Cawn, the Commander
of Tippoo Sultaun's Forces in the Carnatic, to
give him, agreeably to his desire, an Explanation
of a Paper which had been sent him by the
Commissioners. I acted in conformity to those
Directions, and on my Return, gave an
account of the Conversation that had passed
in writing, and to which account Mr
Sadler's Dubash who attended me by his
Order, in the Capacity of Interpreter, declared
to be accurate and Just; and Venkata Rangiah
the Company's Interpreter for Cuddalore,
declared he would not be answerable for any
other. Mr Sadler not choosing to give
Credence to my Account of the Conversation,
interrogated his Dubash, who it seems
answered him agreeably to his wishes, for he
immediately informed me, that he had received
a Different Report from his Servant, and
that he was quite doubtful which was
right; and that therefore he would propose
to Mr Haughton, "that the representations of
Tippoo

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Tippoo Sultana has Requested to send in their own Language, "the Substance and purport of their Conference with the Secretary," To this Proposition Mr. Staunton objected at the Choice of Mr. Sadler, but declared that he knew no reason why the account given by the Secretary appointed by the Select Committee as trust worthy should be doubted; and that he conceived that the Representatives of Tippoo Sultana, had already sufficient Communication of the various sentiments the Commission, without the further and indecent Manifestation of distrust, in the confidential Officer appointed to attend them."

In vain were my incessant Solicitations to Mr. Sadler, not to make me appear to the Representatives of Tippoo Sultana, as one who was distrusted by the first member of the Commission - I assured him, that he had already made me sufficiently unhappy from the knowledge I had Experience, of his having given Credit to the report made by his Dubash, and of his Determination to give Credit to that which would be made by Tippoo's Ministers, sooner than that which had been given by me - I urged him to consider how Dangerous it was to sport with the Character and Reputation of a Person in my Situation, and begged him with Earnestness to give up all Thoughts

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Thoughts of making such an application

Mr Sadler was not to be
persuaded, and a note was accordingly written
with such a Requestion. The Commissioners
received the Ministers Account of it, and as was to be
conjectured. It rested solely on their favorite Object,
The Evacuation of Mangalore

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30th April 1864-

Signed William Collins Jackson

The Letter from Mr Jackson dated
28th April entered in the Committee of the 3rd
May also his letter of the 26th July and 4th of
August entered in the Committee the 23rd August
are now again read, and taken into consideration
upon which Mr Sadler delivers in the following
Minutes.

Mr Sadler's Minutes
on the foregoing letters

Previous to any remark upon
Mr Jackson's Letter dated 30th of April, which
was not seen by Mr Sadler before the 30th
of August, and only delivered to the Board as
Mr Sadler believes on that or the preceding
day he intended to have been delivered sooner.
Mr Sadler says to call the attention of the Com-
mittee to Mr Jackson's Letter dated the 30th of April,
and his subsequent letter dated 4th August: in the
former of these letters, Mr Jackson states "While
I had the honor to act as Secretary to the late
Embassy to Upper Sullawa, it was my fortune
to be publicly and repeatedly charged by Mr
Sadler with attiring the records of the Commission
of misrepresenting Conferences to his disadvantage

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words of making report of a Conversation held
by me with the Representatives of Tippoo Sultan
at Collihaute, by order of the Commission.
The last of these accusations was brought
against me by Mr Sadler, under pretence
that his Dubash had given him a different
account of the Conversation. - The aid de Camp
to the Commission was even appointed by
Mr Sadler, to act as a Counsellor
to me.

In motion

Mr Sadler therefore moves that Mr
Jackson be desired, through the Secretary, to
produce such parts of the Records of the Commission,
and all such other proofs as the above charges
are founded upon.

Mr Sadler cannot conceive that
Mr Jackson will have any difficulty in
producing such proofs, after the time he has had
to prepare them, and he therefore hopes the
Board will order him to deliver them
immediately or as soon as possible before the
next Committee.

Mr Sadler likewise moves that Mr
Jackson be called upon by the Secretary to know
if any or what use has been made of the Papers
now before the Board previous to their delivery

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In Committee

I Signed Anth: Sadler

Before the motions contained
in the foregoing Minutes are put, the President
declines

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acquires the following observation may be read

Note upon Mr Jackson
8th September 1784. in Committee.

President's minute
on the subject of Mr Jackson's
letter

The Company's affairs requiring peace
and the Peace being made, it became more
immediately the object of Government to turn
that Peace to the best advantage without
delay, than to enter into a long discussion of the
respective conduct of the Commissioners who
made it.

Therefore it will ^{be} proper to do it,
but the variety of business now pressing upon
us and the length and voluminousness of their
proceedings render it very inconvenient at
present to take up the matter at large
in Committee. — The matter now before us
is, whether Mr Jackson is deserving of the
Particular censure thrown upon him by
Mr Sadler. It will therefore be proper
to proceed upon the 3 Charges against
Mr Jackson now before the Committee.

Either Mr Sadler will say that
he did not make the charges or if he did,
he will endeavor to make them good. This
brings the matter to a short issue without blending
it with the rest of the steps of proceedings which,
as I before observed, would take up more
time than we can at present conveniently
give it —

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Mr Sadler's first motion is now put viz^t

Mr Sadler's first motion put viz^t

That Mr Jackson be directed, through the Secretary to produce such Parts of the Records of the Commission and all such other Proofs as the above charges are founded upon.

Mr Maunsell for the Motion as he conceives Mr Jackson's letter mentions proof on the records. Mr Jackson to produce other proofs.

Mr Maunsell in consequence delivers his Opinion that Mr Jackson does himself refer to the Records respecting the charges exhibited against him by Mr Sadler. with regard to any other proofs not in the Records Mr Maunsell thinks Mr Jackson might be called upon to produce them.

Mr Davidson for the Motion.

Mr Davidson has no objection to the Motion.

President concurs with Mr Maunsell.

The President is against that part of the motion which directs Mr Jackson to point out the parts of the Records which regard the Charges; he does not object to his being called upon for any other Proofs, not on the Records.

Mr Jackson to produce such proofs as is not on the records.

Resolved in consequence that Mr Jackson be called upon to produce such Proofs as he cannot refer to in the Records.

Mr Sadler's second motion is then put. Viz^t

Mr Sadler's second motion.

"That Mr Jackson be called upon by the Secretary to know if any, or what"

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House has been made of the Papers now before
"the Board previous to their Delivery!"

Resolved accordingly, and the Secretary
is directed to write to Mr Jackson to the foregoing
Effect, and to enclose Copies of the Minutes of the
President and Mr Sadler on the Subject of his
Papers. Mr Sadler delivers in the following

Minute—

In Committee 8th September 1764—

Whatever moderation Mr Sadler
might have been willing to show to a young
man rising in the Service, like Mr Jackson,
as long as he confined himself to a vindication
of his own Character. Mr Jackson's long and tedious
but subsequent attack upon Mr Sadler, now
places him on a different ground, and he
pledges himself to demonstrate to all unpre-
judiced Persons, that Mr Jackson has been
substantially guilty of the charges induced
by him, against himself as stated in his
Letter of the 28th of April, and that his liberal
and unmediated attack upon Mr Sadler
in his intended Letter of the 30th of April is
as ill founded as it is malicious.

(Signed) Anthony Sadler

Mr Davidson delivers in the following
Minute—

The

address

of

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8th September 1784.

Mr Davidson
Minute,

The Records of the Western Commission
have I understand been ordered into the Office,
but have not to this time been sent in Circulation

I enclose that they be forthwith sent
authenticated in Circulation for the perusal of
the several Members.

(Signed) Alex^r Davidson

Read the following letter from
Major Gills.

My Lords & Gentlemen

From Major Gills
relative to his situation
in regard to return to
England to settle the
business before to be
permanently recommended
by the Board.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant
and cannot help thinking it extremely hard
upon me, as I flatter myself it must
appear also to your Lordships & that from a
want of Prospectivity in the Orders of the Court of
Directors I can only be considered as one
of, but not actually belonging to a particular
Corps, and to remain cut off, as I humbly
conceive will be the consequence of your
present resolution from every advantage
in respect to Promotion, or otherwise in
the Corps of Artillery, Engineers or Infantry
until the Pleasure of the Hon^{ble} the Court
of Directors is known.

I cannot hope that your Lordships

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will be induced from anything I can say or point out, to make an alteration or Deviate in any measure whatever from your present Determination respecting me, but I flatter myself mine will be considered as a singular and uncommon case, and as your Lordship &c. very well know that such references without a particular interest to bring them forward frequently lay over two or three years or perhaps are never more thought of. They have to request that I may be permitted to return to England to have it settled speedily and effectually and that cannot possibly be done without a resignation of the Service, I hope that your Lordship &c. will be pleased to make such mention of me in the General Letter as will enable me to return without Injury to my Rank as soon as it is ultimately determined to what Corps I am to be fixed and as no Private Business whatever has any share in this application and that my going to England, which will be attended with great Inconvenience and Expence to me, is merely to see myself Justice and to get removed from a Situation so prejudicial to my Prospects in the Service, as the one in which I am now placed evidently is. I hope your Lordship &c. will be pleased to grant this my earnest request which I am the more induced to make at this time as there is no Prospect of Service here and

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Here and I shall return to India as soon
if not sooner than any Answer could be received
to a second Application from hence on the subject
of my Situation -

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7th Sept. 1784.

I have the honor to be with respects
(Signed) Tho^s Gills

The Committee cannot alter their
determination conveyed to Major Gills in the Secretary's
Letter to him of the 16th Instant and they have
already resolved to refer his case to the Court of
Directors.

Major Gills permitted
to go to England but
cannot resign the Service

With respect to his application for
leave to go to England, it is Agreed that he have
permission to proceed thither, but he must in that
case resign the Service, agreeably to the positive
Orders of the Court of Directors.

Ordered that the Secretary do signify
the foregoing Resolutions to Major Gills.

From Capt. Baillie

Read a Letter from Captain Baillie
dated the 3^d September (as entered in the Miscellaneous
Book) requesting that his Brother's account
may be examined.

Ordered that Copy of it be sent
to the Committee of Accounts, and that they be
desired to comply with the request contained
therein.

Read the following Letter from the
Committee of Assigned Business with an Enclosure

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
President of Select Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Committee of
Assigned Revenue
relative to the Disturbances
committed by the Polygars

We have the honor to enclose for
your Information Extract of a Letter from the
Renter of Arcot, and at the same time to request
that measures may be taken to put a stop to the
Irregularities complained of.

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31st August 1784

We have the honors to be &
(Signed) Charles Cakely
David Haliburton
Geo Moubray

Extract of a Letter from Vincent now the Renter of Arcot
to the Governor. Dated 5th Shoal or 22^d August 1784.

As this is the season of cultivation
in the districts of Manargoody, Chellumburam
and Vardachellam, it is necessary I should go
there to give every encouragement to the Ryots;
The Polygars in that quarter are troublesome
beyond description, and it will be absolutely
necessary to send four or five hundred Sepoys to
keep that country in Peace, and protect it against
the Polygars of Arrialore and Warrapallam. I
therefore hope your Excellency will give immediate
orders on this subject.

True Extract
(Signed) J. Landon
Secretary

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Agreed that General Langbe desired to inform the Committee what Troops he can spare and to settle with the Dealer with regard to their Accommodation during the time they may be employed in protecting the Country.

The Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue dated the 16th June is again taken into Consideration and it is Resolved that the Payment of the Puskash from Company be not at present admitted, but that he be Credited for the Grain which he has advanced on

Read the following Extract of a Letter from Mr Irwin to the Right Honble the President

Extract of a Letter from Mr Irwin to the
Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Governor

Fort S. George

Dated Annamally 12th August 1784

From Mr Irwin
requesting that Captain
Biddleph may be allowed
to receive the Customs

"On the evacuation of Telicore and the Dutch Factories on the Coast, Captain Biddleph suggest himself of the little purquisites on the Sea Customs, that were enjoyed by the Dutch Commandant. But this step seems to have been attended with no advantage before the reduction of the Polygars, who usurped all authority on the Coast; some time before that period, I appointed Ladi Telwan to Superintend these Collections, and

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to our justice come to the merchants on the Coast;
 what with the business of the Pearls and Shank
 Fishery, it is but lately that I have been able to
 obtain any accounts from him, and to know what
 he has paid to Captain Biddiffe on that score. I hope
 for your Lordship's pardon for this delay and further
 for taking on me to request that you will permit
 Captain Biddiffe to receive the Customs in question.
 They amount to 100 Pagodas a month or thereabouts
 and are for the present, a kind of equivalent for
 the advantages of his Station in the time of Nabob.
 Did not that Circumstance, and the good Conduct
 of Captain Biddiffe give me an opening to speak
 in his behalf, I should be the first to recommend the
^{Customs} being appropriated to this Treasury as no pretensions
 of my own would have been intruded on your
 Lordship.

The Committee cannot consent to
 Captain Biddiffe's receiving the Duties which is
 a part of the Revenue. But would not have any
 objection to some less exceptionable mode of testifying
 their sense of his Conduct.

Read the following Letter from Lieute-
 nant Colonel Sir Henry Cooby.

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney
 President and Governor and the
 Select Committee
 of Fort St. George
 My

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Agreed that General Langbe desired to inform the Committee what troops he can spare and to settle with the Dealer with regard to their Accommodation during the time they may be employed in protecting the Country.

The Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue dated the 16th June is again taken into Consideration and it is Resolved that the Payment of the Peshkash from Bombay be not at present admitted, but that he be Credited for the Grain which he has delivered in

Read the following Extract of a Letter from Mr Irwin to the Right Honourable the President

Extract of a Letter from Mr Irwin to the
Right Honourable Lord Macartney
President and Governor

of Fort S. George

Dated Annually 12th August 1784

From Mr Irwin
requesting that Captain
Billschiff may be allowed
to receive the Customs

"On the cessation of Telicore and the Dutch Factories on the Coast, Captain Billschiff supposes himself of the little purquisites on the Sea Customs, that were enjoyed by the Dutch Commandant. But this step seems to have been attended with no advantage before the reduction of the Polygars, who usurped all authority on the Coast; some time before that period, I appointed Sadi Tulwan to Superintend these Collections, and

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to our justice done to the merchants on the Coast; what with the business of the Pearls and Shank Fishery, it is but lately that I have been able to obtain any accounts from him, and to know what he has paid to Captain Bidcliffe on that score. I hope for your Lordship's pardon for this delay and further for taking on me to request that you will permit Captain Bidcliffe to receive the Customs in question. They amount to 100 Pagodas a month or thereabouts and are for the present, a kind of equivalent for the advantages of his Station in the time of Nabob. Did not that Circumstance, and the good Conduct of Captain Bidcliffe give me an opening to speak in his behalf, I should be the first to recommend the Customs appropriated to this Treasury as no pretensions of my own would have been intruded on your Lordship.

The Committee cannot consent to Captain Bidcliffe's receiving the Duties which is a part of the Revenue. But would not have any objection to some less exceptionable mode of satisfying their sense of his Conduct.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sir Henry Corby.

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney
President and Governor and the
Select Committee
of Fort St. George
My

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Carley
requesting to have his
former rank in the
Cavalry

As I find that shortly before
my arrival from England the Nabob's Cavalry was
taken into the Company's service, and Rank given
in that Corps to all such as had served in them,
and as my being absent from the Coast at the
above period is, I presume, the only reason that
can be assigned for my being omitted in that
arrangement, am now to request of your Lordship
& that being returned to my Standing in the Army
from which I was only absent on leave, I may
also be appointed to the Command of the Cavalry,
that being the Corps I served in for the last three
years before my Departure; and which Situation
I should no doubt still have enjoyed had not extreme
bad health obliged me to seek relief in England.
I must here also by leave to mention that I had
the Nabob's plain promise that I should have
the same ^{rank} the Command on my Return. There-
fore flatter myself you will not let me suffer
in an material a point by the Cavalry being
taken into the Company's Service, and that ^{at} ^{the} ^{same} time
when I have upwards of 20000 owing me for dis-
bursements for their support, I must also take this
Opportunity of informing you my Lord and Gentlemen,
that I have never given up my pretensions to
serve in that Corps, on the contrary set them
forth

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forth in a letter I had the honor of addressing
(when in England) to the Honorable the Court of
Directors, on a supposition that they would come to a
resolution of raising Cavalry; as also in a particular
Letter to Mr Sullivan one of the Directors; but as
it was not at that time thought proper to raise
any, my Claims of course could only lay by till they
did, and I have very feasible reason to suppose that
had the account of the Madras Cavalry being taken into
our Service reached England before my leaving it
I should have returned with my appointment
in that particular line, my having been regularly
lent by this Government to Command the whole
of the Madras Cavalry, and continuing so as from
the time of the Siege of Pondicherry 1778, until the
hour of my Embarking for Europe in October 1781. and
for which appointment I resigned the Office of Assistant
General, is a fact as well known, as to render my
saying any thing further on that Subject unnecessary
I shall therefore only beg leave to call your Lordship
and the Honble Committee's attention to my present
awkward Situation after enjoying five such honorable
appointments, hoping you will take it into consideration
and place ^{me} in that situation in the Cavalry which
but for extreme bad Weather brought on by severe
Service, when acting with them. I conceive I should
at this moment have enjoyed, should you, my
Lord and Gentlemen, be disposed to view my claim
in the light, I flatter myself you will, and think
proper to reappoint me. Hoping it will be
without

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without any restriction to my rank; for however
scarious I may be of serving in the Cavalry I
cannot think of foregoing the prospect I at present
have, (the perhaps a distant one) of rising to a
higher situation.

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4th September 1784.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt. Servant
Lieut. Col. M. Cosby

The Establishment of Cavalry being
fixed, the Committee cannot make any alteration
in it at present, but as Lieutenant Colonel
Cosby's merit and Services are well known to the
Court of Directors to whom it is resolved to
mention his Claim in the ensuing Dispatches, the
Committee could not but that proper attention
will be paid to it.

Agreed that the Secretary do write to
Lieutenant Colonel Cosby to the foregoing Effect.

Read the following Letter from
General Lang with proceedings of a Board of
Officers as lodged in the Office.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President of the Select Committee

Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to receive your

Toom General Lang
with proceedings of a
Board of Officers respecting
Appointments.

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Letter of the 26th Instant at the time that the final instruction for the Exchange of Pondichy for Amboor and Sautgur were received by Colonel Fraser, an appointment was made with Shamson, to meet him as this day at 3 O'clock in the afternoon at Goriattum for the completion of this business: in consequence of which Colonel Fraser proceeded last night having with him five Companies of the 2nd Battalion of Sepoys, under the Command of Captain Sale, which I had ordered from Arcot to remain in the Fort of Sautgur and Amboor, until your Lordship &c shall appoint the Garrisons that are to be placed in those Forts. I have directed that Captain Sale shall remain at Amboor and Mr. Mealy, the eldest Subaltern, with the Sepoys, at Sautgur, under the Orders of Captain Sale. I am in hopes that this business will now be very shortly completed, and that in my next address, I shall have the pleasure to acquaint you that those plans are in our possession - immediately after which I mean to proceed further, that I may inform myself particularly of the state they are left in -

The Detachment from Arcot has very much reduced the strength of Sepoys in the Cantonment. As your Lordship &c may think it proper to order some Corps from the Southward without delay, I shall beg leave to mention those

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that I would wish to have ordered soon to land
the 8th, 15th, 16th and 24th Battalions of Sepoys.

In order to prevent the outrages
complained of in Mr. Agilno's letter to the Honble
President, and which was transmitted to me,
it would be necessary that parties of troops
should be so stationed as to keep the Poligars in
awe; a sufficient force cannot be spared from
Arcot for that purpose at present. I am of
Opinion that letters written by the Honble President
to the different Poligars, holding them responsible
for any disturbance or outrage committed
within their respective districts, and acquainting
them that a Detachment will be ordered against
the first who shall transgress, may have the
desired effect. Should it not, when more troops
arrive from the Southward, they may be effectually
checked by Sepoys properly stationed. Should Letters
be written, it may be well that they were
sent to me to forward.

I have the honor to forward the
Proceedings of a Board of Officers with their
Opinions on the claims of Captains Lamotte
and Crawford for Officiations.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) Robt. Lang

As General Lang will soon return
to the Presidency. It is agreed to postpone the
determination

Vellore
31st August 1796.

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Determinations upon his Letter until his arrival.

Ordered that Captain Lamotte be informed that the Board of Officers have decided that he ought not to receive the Lipoy Off Richmonings during his absence, and that he is to conform to such decision.

The Board of Officers having given it as their opinion that Captain Crawford is intitled to Off Richmonings for that Corps to which the Companies commanded by him belonged, it is Agreed that the Secretary do acquaint him that the Select Committee acquiesce in such Opinion.

Read the following Letter from Mr George Proctor -

To John Audleston Esq^r
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir,

I received your Letter dated the 6th and 13th ult^{mo} communicating to me the Opinions and Resolutions of the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee on the Enquiry held concerning me before Mr Bowen in the Town of Limerick together with the Accounts Nos 1, 2, and 3 inclosed.

The first Article in the Account No 1 states the Sum of Pagodas 6796 - 39 - 50 as the Difference between the Exchange of Tanams in the Bazar and what I gave my Receipts for to the Renter -

From the account of the Money that

From Mr Proctor in
Indication of the 3
Charges brought against
him -

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Mr Light received from the Revenues of the Tannecilly
 Country in consequence of an Order of the Nabob
 dated the 7th January 1784 to pay the Sum of forty
 thousand Pagodas on account of the Company,
 which is entered on the Proceedings of the
 Enquiry, I am persuaded it (will appear that the
 Renter had settled with Mr Light for the amount
 above the rate of the Exchange in the Bazar. Mr
 Light replies in reply thereto that he was no
 Participator of the Profit. If Mr Light was so
 fully impressed with a Consciousness of his own
 Innocence, he must equally have been thoroughly
 convinced that I could not have received the
 Difference between the Bazar and the Exchange
 my Receipts were given at; and as Mr Light
 in no part of the Proceedings of the Enquiry
 produced any Evidence or Proof that I or any
 Body employed under me received the whole or
 any part of the Difference of Exchange, I did
 not conceive that it was incumbent on me
 to produce accounts on the Enquiry to show how
 that Difference was expended through the
 unavoidable necessity of dealing with a variety
 of People for the Exchange of the Panams
 into Pagodas, in which last office only, Advances
 were made to Mr Light and the Company's
 Money sent to other Parts, which, when I was
 to other Parts, which when I was on the spot
 and every assistance that was necessary being
 at

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At Hand, I could without Difficulty, or great Delay
have made out, but being deprived of the necessary
advantages here, the time it will require, and great
Bulk of those Accounts would not admit of my
sending an answer to your Letter on that account.

Experience of the Conduct of the natives
in Important Trusts and Stations in this Country,
have ever demonstrated that they are at one
moment capable of agreeing to what is just and
usual, which at another time they will deny,
and allege was forced upon them to answer particular
views of their own. ~ As the accounts of the Company
were to be kept in Pagodas, I applied to the Renter
Tremoleppa Moondalper to exchange the Yennams into
Pagodas, that he paid me, the first month after
my arrival in the Unnally Country on account
of the Company, to which he answered, that if
he were to pay the Sum of five hundred or one
thousand Pagodas only that he might manage
to pay it in Pagodas, but as the Company were
to receive the whole Revenues of the Country,
that it would not be in his power to get
Pagodas to pay it in, from the Saucars and
Principal Inhabitants having carried their
money out of the Country on account of the War,
with Ayer Ally and the Disturbances of the
Several Polygars about, which prevented any
Aroffe and other Merchants from coming from
other Parts to deal for money in the Country, and
who further said that in any Sum of money
that was to be paid from the Revenues of the
Country

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Country to any Person, that it was ^{usual} the
 mode of Exchange it should be paid at, and to give
 Whosoever I am or usual Toucher thereof, and that
 I might accordingly exchange the Janams into
 Pagodas in consequence. The Renter being
 however some time after greatly disappointed
 in his views of embezzling considerable parts of
 the Revenue for his own Use, and otherwise to
 misappropriate the rest, by the necessity I was
 obliged to of placing Facultars in the Districts,
 and of sending Mr. Bowen with a Detachment
 of the Company's Troops to a situation that
 appeared the most favorable for securing of the
 Revenue as much as it was possible, the
 Renter, among every obstacle in his power
 that he threw in the way of the Company's
 Business, declined regulating the Bazar Exchange
 for several Months together, although it was
 usual to do it about once a week which
 increased the difficulty of procuring Pagodas.
 The Janams therefore I received from the
 Revenue I sent to the Public Cutcherry
 when the Renter, Perian and Hindoo Thrista-
 vers Cutcherry, Paraga and Mutarsars were
 all assembled, and applied to the Renter to
 exchange the Janams into Pagodas, the Renter
 being by the Authority of his Action best able
 to do it, to which he always answered that he could
 not get Pagodas, but desired that I would dispose
 of the Janams, and that he would give the Whosoever

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Turned for the Exchange as before, which he was therefore told could not be done as he declined settling the Bazar Exchange which made it daily more difficult to obtain Pagodas, this discourse being repeatedly urged with the Renter and his objections to the procuring of Pagodas, continuing, he was desired to receive the fanams to pay the amount in Pagodas, or to appoint any Soucar he chose to do it, sufficient time being left him to take for that purpose; to which the Renter said that the Bazar rate of Exchange would do for small Sums, but not for any considerable amount, and that the Soucars would not therefore agree to the Bazar Exchange, but would require a higher rate, and who desired to know if I would consent to let them have it which he was told that he or the Soucars might have the fanams at the rate he thought proper, as I only required that he would pay the money in Pagodas which he still declared he was unable to do, and after several meetings and similar Arguments and Discussions on the Subject he settled the rate of Exchange for the money paid on Account of the Company, and gave the Whosoal Turned, heretofore always given in consequence. I flatter myself therefore that the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee will be fully satisfied that the Exchange for the Company's Money was settled as had always been usual in the Country and that such rates only

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only were determined upon, as, upon a full and mature consideration of the Tenacity and difficulty at the time, in procuring Pagodas, appeared most just and equitable. And I may moreover venture to affirm that while the Treasuries of the Carnatic Country are paid in fanams, and all Issues and Disbursements of money on account of the Company are made in Pagodas, and the Scarcity of Pagodas is great in the Country, there will be a loss in the Revenue, from the impracticability of purchasing Pagodas at the Bazar rate of Exchange which is regulated for Dealings in small Articles only and that such loss, must consequently have existed since as well as during my management.

The second Article in the Account No 1 states the Sum of Pagodas 2630. 14. as the Difference between the Bazar, and rate of Exchange in my Receipts for the Grain received from the Renters on account of the Company.

The Grain I received from the Renter I delivered to Mr Light for the Service of the Garrison of Palamcottah, and any Difference in the Exchange between what it was received from the Renter at, and again issued to Mr Light could leave no Profit and advantage to me. It was an Article received and issued in kind and value. It was accounted for to the Renter at a rate above the Bazar Exchange it was an advantage to the Company only, the Grain having thereby become cheaper

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cheaper than it would at a different Exchange have been, in which light I am persuaded it will appear to the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee.

Charge of Mr Light for the alteration of the Marcell in the Month of July 1782

Mr Light having been asked by Mr Jauin at the Enquiry the 14th January last, if ^{he} had anything further to offer in support of his several Complaints against me, answered that he had none; upon which I entered immediately on my Defence and the 22^d of the same Month had finished when the Proceedings of the Enquiry closed. I attended however my stay at Palamcottah till the 1st February but during all that time heard nothing of Captain Kalcott's Letter to Mr Light in Question - Captain Kalcott was not in Palamcottah nor in the Tinnevely Country when I arrived there and who had I believe been but two or three days arrived on the Examination of my Marcell at Captains Bilibiff's the 23^d August 1782. what he observes therefore in his Letter must I conceive be considered as referred to some distant undefined Period of time. And having for its Object to show the loss the Sepoys sustained in all Payments that were made them in Grain, since the measure he speaks of as having been the old Established measure at Palamcottah was no longer used in serving out Paddy to the Sepoys; the whole of his Letter may be considered as containing

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matters more apposite to have been given in Evidence had an Enquiry been instituted in the manner in which Mr Light served the Sepoys with Passy, that in the Enquiry concerning and on Mr Light's Complaint, as I had nothing to do with the delivery of the Passy to the Troops, and the more that I followed in delivering the Passy to Mr Light could have operated as no authority with him for deviating from any former usage by which the Sepoys had before been supplied with Passy by him or any preceding Paymaster of Palamcottah. What Marcell may therefore have been established at Palamcottah at any time before my arrival there, as a Standard for the Delivery of Passy to the Sepoys, I am quite uninform'd of. The rules by which I conducted my Duty to be guided in all my Deliveries of Grain to the Paymaster, was by the measure that I might receive it from the Country. Accordingly I first delivered Passy to Mr Light in the month of November 1781, with the measure I received it by, when no complaint was made, and in respect of the complaint that was made by Mr Light a year afterwards, of any having made the Marcell less in July 1782, I am persuaded it will clearly appear by the Proceedings of the Enquiry that it was made larger in the month of May before when Captain Belknap's Shop was affixed to it, since which time it never appeared to have been altered. The manners of the

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The Sifays therefore as mentioned by Mr. Light, in his charge may justly perhaps be imputed, to what appears in the answers of two Witnesses on the Enquiry on the 16th January last to Interrogatories put to them by Mr. Light, that the Sifays were served the Passy by his People with the Murre short of the once by which I had delivered it him.

This matter having been very fully treated in my Defence in the Enquiry, I will presume on the attention of the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Sub Committee no further, but trust to their Candor to weigh my Conduct hereon, according to the charge made against me by Mr. Light and the Evidence produced for and against me on the Enquiry in consequence.

Balance of Pagodas 3491. 33- 11
stated as being due from me to the Hon^{ble} Company
as P^r Account Current N^o 2 dated 10th August 1786.

I sent Mr. Irwin while I was at Tanjore
the following accounts the 31st December last viz^t
N^o 1 Account Current of Passy with the Hon^{ble}
Company from the 26th February to the 30th September
last.

N^o 2 Account of Passy paid for Cooly Hire

N^o 3 Disbursements and Account Current of Cash
from the 30th April to the 30th September last

The Account Current for Passy
N^o 1. is finally closed, and the Account thereof
given Credit for in my Account Current of Cash. N^o 3.
the

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matters more apposite to have been given in Evidence had an Enquiry been instituted in the manner in which Mr Light served the Sepoys with Passy, that in the Enquiry concerning and on Mr Light's Complaint, as I had nothing to do with the delivery of the Passy to the Troops, and the mode that I followed in delivering the Passy to Mr Light could have operated as no authority with him for deviating from any former Usage by which the Sepoys had before been supplied with Passy by him or any preceding Paymaster of Palamcottah. What Marcell may therefore have been established at Palamcottah at any time before my arrival there, as a Standard for the Delivery of Passy to the Sepoys, I am quite uninform'd of. The rules by which I conducted my Duty to be guided in all my Deliveries of Grain to the Paymaster, was by the measure that I might receive it from the Country. Accordingly I first delivered Passy to Mr Light in the month of November 1781, with the measure I received it by, when no complaint was made, and in respect of the complaint that was made by Mr Light a year afterwards, of my having made the Marcell less in July 1782. I am persuaded it will clearly appear the Proceedings of the Enquiry that it was made larger in the month of May before when Captain Bellinger's Report was affixed to it, since which time it never appeared to have been altered. The summaries of the

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the Sipsys. Therefore as mentioned by Mr. Light, in his charges may justly perhaps be imputed, to what appears in the answers of two Witnesses on the Enquiry on the 16th January last to Interrogatories put to them by Mr. Light, that the Sipsys were served the Passy by his Office with the same short of the one by which I had delivered it him.

This matter having been very fully treated in my Defence in the Enquiry, I will presume on the attention of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee no further, but trust to their Candor to weigh my Conduct hereon, according to the charge made against me by Mr. Light and the Evidence produced for and against me on the Enquiry in consequence.

Balance of Pagodas 3491. 33- 11
stated as being due from me to the Honble Company
as A Account Current No 2 dated 10th August 1784.

I sent Mr. Irwin while I was at home
the following accounts the 31st December last viz.

No 1 Account Current of Passy with the Honble
Company from the 26th February to the 30th September
last.

No 2 Account of Passy paid for Cooly Hire.

No 3 Disbursements and Account Current of Cash
from the 30th April to the 30th September last.

The Account Current for Passy
No 1. was finally closed, and the Account thereof
given Credit for in my Account Current of Cash. No.
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Mr Ballance Master of B. N. Pagans 2122-3.20
Being due from me to the Company.

In answer to the foregoing Account,
Mr Irwin wrote me the 3rd January last, that he
had nothing to remark on it¹ and 2 containing
account of Bussy, but that as I had not given
credit for the amount of my Bay and House Rent
for the Months of March and April being Bay
437 that he should consider the Balance as being
due from me to the Company. Pagans 15th 3.26.

Mr Irwin not conceiving that he
was authorized to make me any allowance
after the receipt of the Right Hon^{ble} the
President and Select Committee's Orders for the
discontinuance of my Bay. In consequence of the
Letter I wrote him the 31st December last, con-
cerning the accounts before mentioned, that he
would permit me to receive the Balance of
my Account Current, hoping that the Select
Committee, from the Representation I should
make them on my arrival here of the particular
hardships of my Situation, in having been
prevented proceeding to the Presidency from the
Obligation he considered himself as being under
of holding an Enquiry on the spot concerning
Mr Light and me, which the public business
he was engaged in had obliged him to postpone,
to which he wrote me in answer - In respect
of what you say on the Head of receiving your
Balance I have no objection to your accounting
for

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"For that the Presidency as it is possible the
 "Select Committee may take into consideration your
 "Detention at this place from the time that it
 "may appear the Enquiry was postponed by the
 "public Business in which I was engaged"

The Orders of the Right Hon^{ble} the
 President and Select Committee for discontinuing
 my Pay and House Rent not having reached me
 till the 1st of June last, and having at the time
 received my Pay for the months of March and
 April. I hope they will be pleased not to require
 me to refund that money, and that they will
 moreover be pleased to make me such allowance
 from that time on account of my Detention at
 Palamcottah as in their Judgment shall appear
 most proper, when agreeably to their Orders, I shall
 discharge the Balance of my Account Current
 with the Hon^{ble} Company

Account N^o 3 of Charges amounting
 to Pagodas 5500.. 38. 7. The particulars thereof
 are explained as follows Viz

Charge for House Rent Pagodas. 225

On my arrival in the Tinnevely
 Country there was no House at Palamcottah or any
 where else of the Company's, where I could be lodged
 - I was necessitated to build a House on a spot of
 Ground, situated conveniently in respect of the Town of
 Tinnevely, where the Business of all the Country was
 carried on, and the Charge I have made of fifteen Rupees

Pagodas

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Pagoras a month for house Rent, was not more than common Interest of the Principal money I was obliged to spend in building a necessary Accommodation to live in.

Sundry Bills of Mr Corpen
for extraordinary Charges amounting to Rs. 265. 8. 4.

I in order more effectually to secure the Revenues of the Tinnevely Country for the Company I was necessitated to Station Mr Corpen supported by a Detachment of the Company's Troops, in such Part of the Country where it appeared to me his Services would prove of most advantage to the Company. This placed Mr Corpen in such a Situation where he could not decline occasionally having interviews with the Poligars or their Vassals which were solicited on their part to obtain marks of favour and Protection from the Company, when Mr Corpen might not be able to make the usual presents of Shaws, Cloths &c on such Occasions. The charges thereof, together with some other small Charges that arose entirely from the Service he was employed on, I did not conceive I could justly refuse to pay him for, especially as I had every reason to believe, from the Explanations he gave me, that they were much short of the money he actually disbursed herein.

Sundry Charges for presents
amounting to Pagoras 346. 7. 6.

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The Station I was in obliged me on Days of Ceremony, great Feasts among the Nations, the Renter of Masuras coming to me at Tinnivelly, and on other particular occasions, to make sundry presents of Shawls &c which, agreeably to Usage, I could not be dispensed from complying with. Mr Irwin holding the appointment I was in, may at different times have found himself under the same Obligation, and if his Lordship and the Select Committee should judge it Expedient to refer this Charge for his opinion, I am persuaded his Testimony will confirm what I have advanced hereon, I am I did occasion receive a few Presents of Shawls &c and I will accordingly by an examination into my Papers and accounts, bring to my remembrance the several Instances of my having received any and account for the amount thereof.

Charge for Servants employed on Account of the Company at Tinnivelly and in the several Districts of the Tinnivelly Country from the Month of December 1781. to February 1783 amounting to Pagodas 39.32. 19 & 77

I acknowledge that I have been guilty of a great Corruption in not having taken the earliest Opportunity of transmitting to the Right Honble the President the List of such Servants as were absolutely necessary for me to Employ for as effectual a Receipt as was possible of the Revenues of the Country on Account of the Company, and trust to the Equity of

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of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee for forgiving ~~me~~ especially as I was the more unguardedly led into it, from having occasion in most of my Letters to his Lordship the President to speak generally of the number of Servants that I was necessitated to employ, from the Renters taking every means to prevent my obtaining the Revenues that was in his Power.

The Instructions I received on my Appointment of Revenue, allowed me to employ such Servants as might be indispensably necessary for conducting the Business of my Employ, in an effectual manner. This latitude was further explained in different Conversations, I had with the President at the time, and as I found on my arrival in the Tennevelly Country the Renter failed in a due Compliance with the Terms of the Nabol's Assignments, under which I was first appointed, and his Orders to the Renter and Phasadar in consequence, I was forced into the measures of placing Taxdars in the several Districts of the Tennevelly Country for the Security of the Revenue, and which, longer experience of the Renter's Conduct, made it more indispensible to continue on the fresh Assignment. The Nabol on account of the Tennevelly Country by his Agreement with the Right Honble the President the 2^d December 1781.

It is true that by the whole Tenor of the Right Honble the President's Orders to me
after

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after the letting of the Countries to Temoleppa
Moolappa for the Term of four years, commencing
the 13th July 1783, I was not to interfere in
the management of the Tennevelly and Malara
Counties, further than to receive from the
Renters their respective Rents, as they became
due, by which I clearly understood that I was
not authorized to retain any Servants longer in
the Districts, But as a very considerable
Part of the Arrears of the many years
was then outstanding, which the Renter
Conduct did not leave me the smallest
room to expect he would pay me on account
of the Company, had I immediately called
in all the Servants from the several Districts
I thought it incumbent upon me to postpone
for a short time a Compliance with those
Orders for the Security of so great a Sum.

After having furnished Mr. Irwin
with the whole of my Accounts he wrote me
that he perceived no Vouchers to accompany
them, to which I acquainted him in answer,
that the several numbers in the Margins of
my Accounts of Disbursements pointed out
those Charges for which there were Vouchers,
whereupon Mr. Irwin called upon me for no
further Explanation either in person or by
Letter which he had required. I am persuaded
I could have done to his entire Satisfaction.
The Charges for Servants having therefore been
inevitably incurred for the most effectual
securing

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In view of the Revenue of the ensuing Year for the Company, to the almost of my power, I flatter myself with the hope that they will assist with the application of the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee in consequence.

Charges for Servants employed on Account of the Company at Madras from the Month of January 1782 to February 1783. Amounting to Pagodas 815-11-10.

Mr Cooper's assistance was so necessary for me at Timnevelly as would not admit of my sparing him to go to Madras, I was necessitated therefore to employ a Native of Trust and Abilities as the Company's Factor at Madras, and to admit of such an Establishment of Servants, as upon the fullest Enquiry, appeared to me absolutely necessary for the security of the Revenues of that Country to the Company and the money that was received from the Country during the ensuing Year I had every reason to believe was chiefly owing to their Services.

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I am &
Signed George Proctor

The President delivers in the following Minutes regarding Mr Proctor -
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Minute in Committee September 1784

On Mr Proctors Letter of 3 September

Presidents Minutes
on the foregoing Letter

In my Minute of the 19th June relative to the Charges against Mr Proctor, I only proposed that he should be ordered to refund the sums which he ^{apparently} had been unwarrantably acquired by him, during his residence at Trankebar. But it was not my Intention, and I then intimated as much, to stop at that point. The nature of the charges was evidently such as required a step gentle proceeding and my motion for not recommending further Measures at that time was founded on the hope that Mr Proctor by a ready compliance with the order sent him, would have afforded some plea for the mitigation of the penalties he had incurred. But the letter now received from Mr Proctor, instead of a compliance offers nothing but a weak and ill founded Indignation of the Conduct for which he had been already censured. Instead of acquiescing in the Judgment of the Committee, he arraigns their proceedings, and instead of refunding the Sums he had so improperly acquired, he even retains in his hands the balance of his late Employ, and declines paying any part of it; but upon Consideration that certain allowances which his Claims shall be deducted from it. To hold a display of our authority in the unapprovable Proceedment in which Mr Proctor stands

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calls for the most decisive and steady measures not only to punish his delinquency but also to recover the moneys which he has appropriated and the penalties which the law prescribes for Offences similar to those which have been proved against him.

For this purpose I am of Opinion that the Honble Comrps Solicitor be instructed to prosecute him in the Mayor's Court on the 33^d Clause of the 13th of his Majesty's Chapter 68, upon the following grounds.

1st In having received whilst the Comrps Receiver in the Tinnelly Country defrauded the Public Revenue by unconscientiously appropriating to his own use, various sums of money arising from the difference between the Bazar Exchange of Yennams and the exchange at which he granted the Receipts to the Renter.

2^d In having altered the established measure for grain at Palamcottah and acquired sundry advantage for such alteration.

3^d For having debited in his accounts as Receiver, for a variety of charges said to have been incurred for Servants wages, House rent, allowances &c not only without authority but in many instances without even any Vouchers to prove that such charges were incurred.

4th For unconscientiously and illegally withholding the balance of his accounts as

Receiver

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receiver of Tinnivelly, the formally required to pay it into the Company's Treasury.

To support these Charges I would propose that the Solicitor be furnished with all the proceedings of the Enquiry held at Tinnivelly and every other paper and account that may have any relation to the Subject; and that he be instructed to proceed in the most expeditious and effectual manner to substantiate the charges by such further Evidence, as the law may require.

I am also of opinion that until the Decision of the Mayor's Court be obtained that Mr Proctor should on no account be permitted to hold any Office or Employ. whatever in the Company's Service.

Signed Macartney

Agreed that the Consideration of Mr Proctors Letter be deferred.

Read a Letter from Mr Commissary Jackson to the Secretary dated the 5th Sept^r, enclosing a Letter to him from Brigadier General Mome with a Bill of Allowances, full of which are entered in the Miscellany Book p^{er} 13.

Agreed that the Consideration of these Papers be deferred.

Read the following Letter from Mr Sullivan.

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From President at
Seymour with papers
relating to the conduct
of Ensign Willwood

I had the honor to receive on the
16th ultimo, your Communique of the 9th with the
translation of a Letter from his Excellency the Rajah
to the Right Hon^{ble} the President. Mr. Mappley
delivered to me at the same time the copy of his
briefly, he had made in my absence, to your
Orders; In consequence of that and of the assurances
I had received from the Rajah's ministers upon
that part of the Complaint which related to
Ensign Willwood, I requested of Colonel Fullerton
to suspend the Execution of your orders for
appointing a Court martial until I could have
an opportunity of seeing his Excellency.

On the 21st I had the honor of
paying my respects to him, and upon my
referring to him the assurances which I had
long before given to his Ministers, that Ensign
Willwood had formally offered his apology, and me
to his Excellency, the Rajah expressed himself
satisfied and being told by me, that it was
necessary he should write to the President, expressing
his satisfaction with Mr Willwood's apology and
desiring that no further proceedings may be had
against him, He assured me he would inform
the President, and I am as sure that that his
Excellency intended that he would do so. It is
impossible to express the preconcerted
spirit which has caused the delay of the letter,
the misarrangement of the Packet sent to the
Hon^{ble} Board on the 15th by Mr Mappley

terminating

Still intended so
It is impossible to express

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I have left you informed of many circumstances the knowledge of which, would I humbly conceive have had considerable weight with the Committee and have prevented the repetition of the orders for holding Colonel Fullerton and myself, tho I have not hesitated to give him my decided opinion for referring the enquiry till your further orders can be received and I have ^{done} this from a conviction that many if not ^{many} with I think the consequences serious inconvenience of an enquiry upon such a Complaint by Court Martial.

The accompanying duplicate of the Packet of the 15th ultimo will explain to your Lordship and the Board, that the Complaint was first preferred by Ensign Willwood, and in the second instance only, by the Rajah. That cognizance was taken of it without delay. That no person appeared on the part of the Rajah to give evidence still less to prosecute, and that the acknowledgement of Ensign Willwood as to the impropriety of doing himself justice was in itself an apology for his offence, while the injury he had received which was notorious, had become a matter of triumph amongst the natives. It occurred to me that his punishment in this signal circumstance was adequate to a more serious offence, and that it would be neither for the credit, nor the Interest of the Rajah to proceed further in the charge.

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charges. This opinion was conveyed by my ^{English} ~~Letter~~ to the Rajah's Ministers with an apology in the name of Mr Willmott. The answer I received from the ministers led me to conceive the Rajah was perfectly ~~well~~ ^{perfectly} satisfied and I communicated my belief to the Commandant with a personal request that he would avail himself of the occasion to thank young Officers the necessity of Composing themselves properly.

From that time until the receipt of your Commands of the 9th, I considered the Complaint as mutually withdrawn, and I cannot avoid expressing the Surprise I felt when I saw it renewed in the Rajah's Letter to the Right Honourable the President. But as I have already mentioned what passed in my last conference with his Excellency on this subject I will only further observe here, that I am persuaded when all these Circumstances are before the Hon^{ble} Board, they will think it proper to avail the receipt of the Letter from the Rajah.

In submitting this to the Committee I feel an apprehension that either the Hon^{ble} Board or the Rajah can suppose me under any other influence than that of hearty Zeal for the public Service. So long as I have been with your approbation in every other part of my Conduct, I trust it will appear that no

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Verment can be charged to me in the instance
 now referred to. I have too an honest confidence
 that the time of my residence here will be
 remembered by the Rajah, as a period every way
 favorable to his rights and Dignity. It is not
 up from an attention to them, than from principles
 of public and private duty, that I have given
 the Honble Board the trouble of this long
 address to prevent a Trial, the evidence at
 which must go to prove an unfair representa-
 tion of some facts for Suppression of others
 on the part of the Rajah and that it should
 involve the Condemnation of Mr Willwood yet
 as neither the Minister of the Rajah, nor any
 of the principal Officers would attend the
 Summons of the Court, the Chief but the only
 ground for his Condemnation would be found
 in his own Confession, made at the advice
 of those who wished to accommodate matters.
 The effect this would necessarily have on the
 minds of his judges and of the army at large
 could not fail to be to the prejudice of the
 Rajah in the public estimation, and to his
 annoyance, whenever that could be attempted
 with Secrecy, for such injuries are not
 easily forgiven, and the extreme inattention
 of the Rajah's Ministers to Officers of every
 rank have but too much prepared the Army
 to receive unfavorable impressions, every
 endeavor on my part has been used to
 prevent

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prevent this. But the continued ill health of
the Rajah in furnishing his Ministers with
pretence for excluding him even from me,
have rendered any endeavors of little avail.

I have the honor to be with
great respect &c

Tanjore
8th Sept. 84.

Yours
John Sullivan

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K^t,
G. G. President of the Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

In the absence of Mr Sullivan, who
is not yet returned from Pondicherry, I have
the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the
orders of your Lordship and the Committee
dated the 9th instant with a translation of a
letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore
to the Right Honble the President.

In reply to that part of his Excellency's
representation which respects myself, I will
by permission of your Lordship &c to state a
fact, which from the suppressions of some
circumstances, and misrepresentation of
others, has necessarily misrepresented the Honble
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Board with an opinion that I had been guilty of a pointed Commission of Duty and of attention to His Excellency.

On the Receipt of the accompanying Letter No 1 and 2, which was the only representation I had for my guidance, I immediately communicated them to His Excellency, Mr's Luskell, requesting an enquiry on the Subject, on the full belief that the Servants of his Excellency had been the aggressors. I received a promise that the Subadar should be sent to the House of Mr Stewart whose assistance I had secured and requested of the Commanding Officer that he would be present with Mr Melwood and Mr Gibbins, which latter Gentlemen appeared only as a Witness in support of Mr Melwood's allegation.

Captain Knox then in Command of the Garrison, Mr Melwood and Mr Gibbins of the 2nd Battalion, not of the 2nd Subind Battalion, as stated by his Excellency attended, but the Subadar was not sent, nor was any Person sent as a witness on the part of his Excellency. The letter mentioned by the Raja was sent, the Tenor of which was nearly the same as His Excellency's Letter to the Right Honble President. Mr Stewart not being well, I would not then trouble him for a written Translation.

In the presence of the before mentioned Gentlemen, I immediately reduced to writing the

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The Evidence of Mr. Melwood and Mr. Gubbins under their respective Signatures, which nearly corresponds with Mr. Melwood's Original representation, and I afterwards informed the Rajah's Cusheel that I was ready at his own time, and on the promise of Mr. Gubbins to receive the Evidence of the Subalterns and those who were present at the Fact, on the two following days I was informed that the Cusheel was much occupied, and could not attend to the business in question, and on Mr. Sullivan's arrival on the third day, I delivered over the letter and minute of Evidence to him.

I afterwards understood from Mr. Sullivan that Mr. Melwood having acknowledged himself to be wrong in the first instance in seeking redress without application to the Commanding Officer or Parson acting as President had withdrawn his Complaint, and being a few days afterwards with Mr. Sullivan at an interview with the Rajah's Ministers, when no reference was made to this transaction nor having received any information that it was expected Mr. Sullivan should pursue the Enquiry on the part of the Rajah. I concluded that this Enquiry was contented to omit.

I am extremely sorry that for the further information of the Honble Board I cannot immediately transmit, with the accompanying

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Accompanying Letters. The Minute of Evidence which is in Mr Sullivan's possession / nor adduce the testimony of Mr Society who, at present is not in Tanjore but I trust from this faithful representation of Facts I shall stand in the Opinion of your Lordship & entirely exculpated of any omission of duty or of any wilful procrastination on the Subject of his Excellency's Complaint -

I have the Honor to be &c

Tanjore
15th August 1784

To John Coxo Kippesley Esq.

Sir,

The enclosed I have just received which is of so serious a nature that it cannot be overlooked - I therefore make no doubt but you will use your endeavors to have the offender brought to punishment

have

I am &c
(Signed) Tho. Knox.

Tanjore
19th June 1784

To Captain Knox.

Commanding

Tanjore

Sir

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Sir,

Having this morning heard a report of a Brigs being about this place for Bullocks a Camp Coloursman belonging to the 2^d Albany Battalion attended Lieutenant Gibbings with other articles grazing near the Glens for the purpose of making it known where they were.

In consequence of a report made to me, as adjutant of the Corps of the above Camp Coloursman being confined in the Rajah's Guard, I went to Demand him, in order to remove him to the Barrack Guard of the Battalion when one of the Rajah's Subadar struck and abused me, in the most gross style, at the same time Drawing his Sword upon me.

To these Circumstances Lieutenant Edward Gibbings was a Witness.

This being an Insult which I as an Officer cannot attempt quietly to submit to, I take the liberty of Representing it to you, as Commandant, and flatter myself you will obtain for me the redress due to the Injury I have received.

I have the honor to remain with the utmost respect &c.

Witness my hand and Seal
at Fort St George this 8th day of September 1784.

(Signed) Edw. Gibbings
Adjutant

Witness my hand and Seal
this 19th day of June 1784.

(Signed) J. Wellwood.

Comdant of the Garrison

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June 22^d Present Captain Knox Commandant

Received Mr Lantry

Mr. Gibbings

Mr Willwood.

Mr Willwood - Was in Company with Mr Gibbings, on the 11th - Heard that a Camp Coloumman of his the 2^d Battalion was confined by an Inhabitant to whom he owed 15 fanams, which inhabitant had also impressed 6 Bullocks belonging to Mr Gibbings which the Camp Coloumman had in charge, on which Mr Willwood in Company with Mr Gibbings went soon to the first Gate of the Palace, where they found the Camp Coloumman, at the Gate not apparently under any sentry - Mr Willwood took the man telling him he belonged to the Company and bid him go away. Mr Willwood was accompanied with two or three of his orderlys -

Mr Willwood on his return, at the Distance of some paces from the Gate, where this Transaction happened, was followed by a black man, in a red coat who seized Mr Willwood by the Belt before any words had passed and after some words, struck Mr Willwood, Mr Willwood did not offer to strike the person before this, but afterwards, with a small Ballan returned the blow, Mr Willwood was without any Arms. - On this the man who is called a

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Sababar attempted to draw his sword which was entangled by a button. Mr Willwood called to his orderly for his sword. Mr Gibbings begs Mr Willwood to be cool. An American guard of the Company 12th Battalion on Duty at the Palace, seeing what was going forward, stationed, on which the Sababar ran off, and the Guard pursuing him. Mr Willwood and Mr Gibbings called the guard back to prevent further Disturbance, and returned to the little fort.

Mr Gibbings of the 8th Battⁿ Mr Gibbings, who accompanied Mr Willwood to inquire for his bullets confirms the above Statement of Mr Willwood in every part, except to his actually seeing the blow, at that time a Crowd of the Palace People surrounded Mr Willwood and Mr Gibbings saw the Sababar feet hooked frequently near the face of Mr Willwood threatening him. — The American Guard would certainly have proceeded to Extremity at seeing this indignity offered to their Officer, had not Mr Gibbings very positively ordered them to resist.

(Signed) James Willwood

Ensign & Adjutant
Edw^d Gibbings
12th Battⁿ

I recd a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore expressing that he is sensible of the Friendship and good will of the President for

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His welfare, that the two Officers who had been ordered to be tried by a Court Martial for their conduct and ill behaviour, had been with him apologizing for their impropriety, and on that account he requests the orders may be revoked and no further notice taken of the matter.

Agreed that the President be directed to inform the Rajah that in compliance with his particular request, we shall countermand the orders which we had given for the trial of Messrs. Wellwood and Gibbings.

Agreed also that Letters be written to Colonel Fullerton and Mr Sullivan advising them of the foregoing resolution.

The President believes in and recommends to the consideration of the Committee the following Letter addressed to his Lordship by the Military Secretary.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord.

Perfectly acquainted as I am with the difficulties and embarrassments which press upon your Lordship on every side, I hope you will so, and the justice to believe that no motive less urgent than necessity, should induce me at this time to recall to your remembrance the peculiar hardships of my own situation. Thirteen months have now elapsed since my

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I am Military Secretary
stating his desire that his
time should have been spent
in the public service
and requesting his salary
may be continued

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Salary was stopped, and no opportunity being offered to make your Lordship and the Committee to answer to my Office any part of my conduct in law of it, I have not received a single Pagoda since that time, altho' every hour yet has been devoted to the public business. The consequence is, that I have been compelled to have recourse to my Detach for money for my daily disbursements, and to give Interest Bonds for the support of the expense, which the Office I hold involves me in by obliging me to live in this expensive place.

Thus situated, unless your Lordship shall interfere for my relief, I shall not only have sacrificed my time and health to the public service, but with that a considerable part of the very little which 18 Years services had acquired. I humbly request that your Lordship will be so good as to mention these circumstances to the Committee and obtain a resolution for the continuance of the Military Secretary's Salary from the time it ceased, and I have so much confidence in the Justice of my Honble Employers and their consideration regard to my situation, that I most cheerfully offer and propose that the resolution shall be made subject entirely to their approbation, and I will receive the Salary on the express condition that if they shall disapprove of it having been granted to me, I will consider myself

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myself bound to expend every Pagoda that I shall have received, and I am ready to execute an obligation to that effect.

I have the honor to be with the most sincere respects &c

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Yours John Muddison

The Committee are so extremely sensible of the hardship of the military Secretary's situation, and of the truth of what he has set forth in the above Letter that they cannot refuse their attention to it. but trust to the candour and justice of their Employers in the decision they now give upon the subject.

To the unremitting zeal with which Mr Muddison applies his time and talents to the public Service, the Committee have already borne testimony in their Letters to the Court of Directors, and expressed their full conviction of his Integrity, they are confident therefore that their Employers must approve the principles which call upon them not to suffer that which might alone be entitled the servants of the Company to favor and assistance to be the means of distress and injury to them. The Court of Directors cannot be more sensible than the Committee are of the necessity of Economy nor more

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Determined to promote and enforce it, but
 the easing to be made by withholding honest
 and well earned wages from men acting
 faithfully in public and laborious Trusts, is
 not the Economy by which the Company's
 Affairs can be retrieved, on the contrary such
 Economy tends imperceptibly to profusion,
 and the benefit, apparent only, as it may
 be construed into a tacit permission
 to those who hold such offices, and from
 whom Salaries are or withheld, to seek
 for and avail themselves of emoluments
 which bring dishonor and ruin on the
 Service, and it is almost superfluous to
 observe that of all the Officers under
 Government it is most essential that of the
 Secretary to the Select Committee should
 be placed above the necessity of having
 recourse to such Emoluments, or instead
 of giving any part of his time to the ac-
 quisment of some just advantage.

The Committee therefore relying
 on the maxims which govern their Conduct,
 resolve that the Military Secretary's Salary

be

Agreed to continue the
 Military Secretary's Salary upon
 condition of his continuing
 into an agreement to
 refrain, provided such
 allowance may not be
 applied to any other
 use but of Directors.

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He continued from the time it ceased, but as the Orders of their Employers on this Subject are as yet unresolved, it can only be done in the condition which he has proposed, and accordingly further agreed that the above Resolution be made subject to the approbation of the Honble Court of Directors, and that the Military Secretary consider himself bound to refund whenever required, whatever sum or sums of money he shall have received in consequence of it, and create an obligation to that effect —

W Ladbear Having, subsequent to the meeting of the Committee, intimated his Disput to the above Resolution it is noted in this place —

In consequence of a Letter received from his Highness the Nabob Wallajah it is agreed that a Letter which is now read should be dispatched to Tippoo Sulluan (as entered in Secretary Correspondence N^o 1) stating that among the Prisoners who were carried from the Carnatic, and who are not yet returned, were Mahomed Akbar ul Khan, and his family, that the former is dead but his Sons being alive, it is requested that he give the necessary Orders for their release

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Particularly as they are attached to the family
of the late Mr. Walcott

Examined by Sarah P. B.