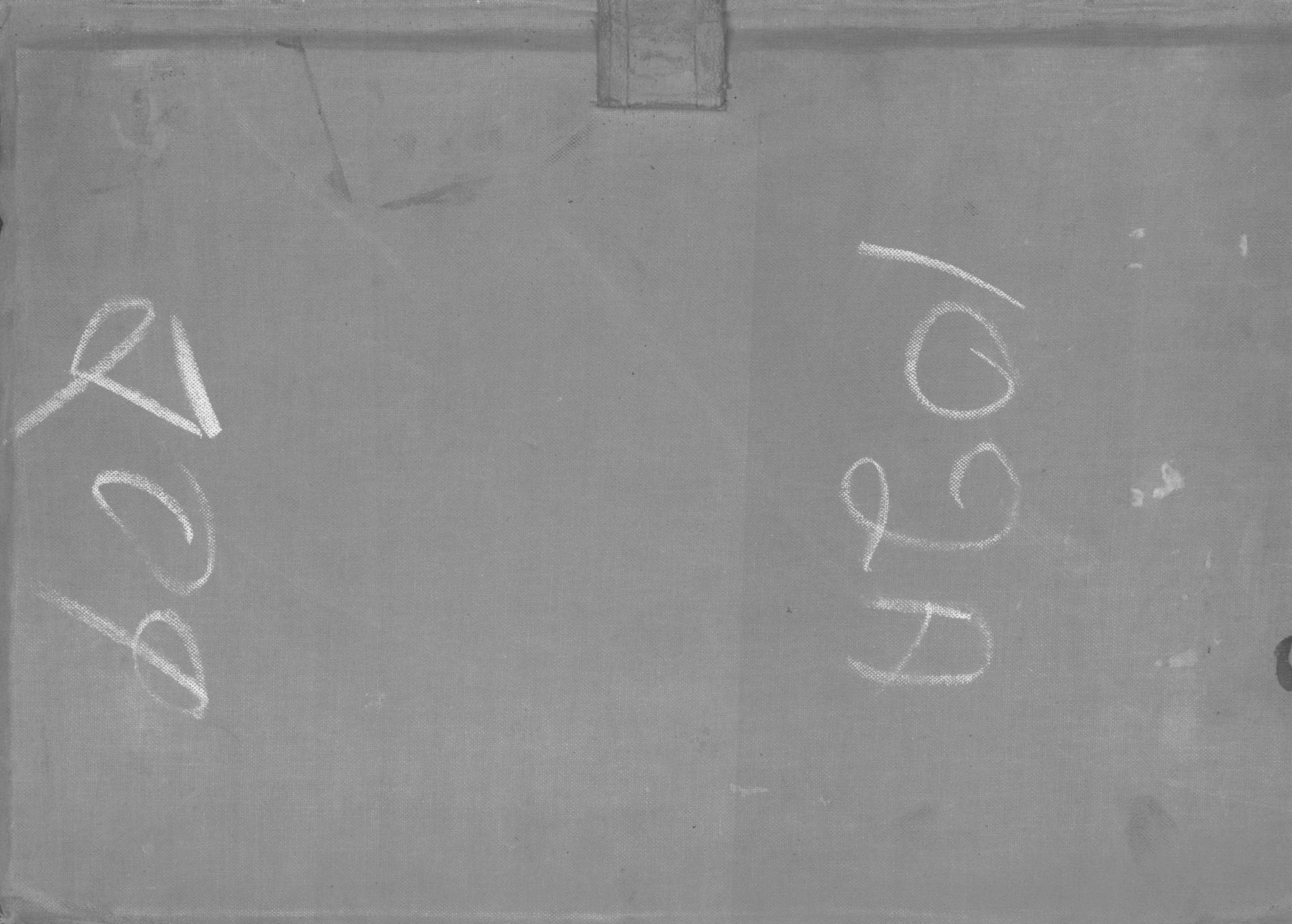

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Received Letter from Col. Braithwaite as entered in Mss. Book N. 18 advising of his having burnt & discharged a Number of Gun Carriages &c. at Pondicherry belonging to the Inhabitants which for want of Tonnage he could not export to Madras when he was about evacuating Pondicherry

destroyed

export

Received the following Letter from Mr. Mowbray

From Mr. Mowbray

from Mr. Mowbray

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

By Mr. Secretary Huddleston's Letter of the 16th Instant Your Lord-ships &c. orders have been Communicated to me relative to the Accounts required by the Honble the Governor General & Council when the like requisition was made by them two years ago it was not in our Power to Comply with it, as almost the whole of our internal resources depended on

relative to the Accounts required by the Govr Genl. & Council

internal

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then

of on the then doubtful Success of the
Campaign the Troops in every quarter
were many Months in Arrears & the
Communication was so much interrupt-
-ed, that we Neither Knew the Amount
of the Arrears nor could we for want
of Materials estimate the Current
Monthly expenditure —
Now that peace is restored —
some Kind of Estimate may be made
of the probable receipts and disburse-
-ments of this Presidency and its Subor
-dinates from 1st May last to the 30th
April ensuing. but not with Accu-
-racy nor on the form recommended
where from Bengal when they seem to
be furnished with Recent Accounts —
transmitted Monthly from each Depart
-ment or Employ and on those they
form Estimates of the Succeeding Months
Whereas the State of our Accounts
is far Different Some of the Army
& out Garrison Accounts being upwards

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8 of Twelve Months Collected, and for the Disbursements of the Presidency. the Sum requisite even for the present Months expences cannot be made as contained no regular payments having been made for any one Months since the Commencement of the late War. — as soon — however as the Accounts which have been called for from the Several departments may enable me I shall form a General Estimate for the period — required —

Should Your Lordship &c. in the interim come to a resolution to make a Reduction in the Military establishment I beg You will direct the proper Officer to furnish me with an Account of the savings thereby occasioned that it May be Attended to in the Estimate —

I request also to know your Directions in regard to the Arrears due to the Civil & Military establishment.

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8 establishment whether any & what part
of them you Advise to have inserted
in the estimate required.

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
31 August 1784

(Signed) Geo. Moubray
Accountant

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
Letter Accompany our next dispatch to
Bengal.

Sent the undermentioned Letters as
entered in M. B. Nos. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23

addressed

To the Resident of Tanjore, enclosing
him a Memorial addressed to the Court
of Directors, with an extract of their
Orders dated 10th September 1783. & desi-
-ring him in Consequence to investi-
-gate the Nature of Mr. Mullers Claims
& if well founded to request the Rajah
will make ample Compensation for
the length of time that the Amount
has been due.

To Capt. Crawford permit-
-ting him to proceed to Bengal for
the re-establishment of his health.

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8 To Colonel Sullivan informing him that in Consequence of the urgent request of the Rajah of Tanjore the Select Committee are pleased to desire he will Countermand the Orders which were issued for the Tryal of Messrs Gibbins & Millenwood

To the Resident at Mayore covering the foregoing Letter & desiring him to forward it without delay

To the Resident at Tanjore advising him of the above Orders sent to Col. Sullivan

Resident Letters as entered in the Book Rece

Nos 24. 25. 26

From Dr. Munro requesting leave to proceed to Bengal on his private Concerns & hoping the Committee will grant him leave of Absence for six Months

From Mr. Andrews to Mr. Sullivan respecting the Village of Cauttalore & that in Consequence of its belonging to the District of Carroor he will execute

his

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8 Gave Directions of delivering it over to
now as Beg—

Seven Enseign Gibbins enclosing
an attested Certificate of his all State
of health & requesting permission to
proceed to Europe for his Recovery

9 Dispatched the following Letter to
the Governor General & Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq:
Governor General & Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal with dispatches from Bombay for that Government request they will return the Ship Admiral Higher without delay

We have the honor to dispatch
the Company's Ship Admiral Hughes
Agreeably to the desire of the Gentle-
men at Bombay from Whom We
enclose a Packet for your Presidency
We request the favor of You
to return this Ship to us as soon as
she shall have landed her Freight
& the Troops on board from Bombay in
Addition to whom We have sent on
board a Number (as will appear by

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q the List which We have the honor
to enclose) who were unwilling to enlist
in the King's Regiments are to stay in
India ~ We have the honor to enclose
a Return of the Detachment of the
100th Regiment An Account of Subsi-
stance paid to them & a Copy of Capt.
Smiths Sailing Orders ~

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

Fort St. George
the 9th September 1784

P. S. We shall send You by an
early Conveyance an Account of all the
different Sums paid by us to the Kings
Troops for which the Kings Paymaster
is to be debited, exclusive of Batta
Gratuity And Allowances ~
Twenty Days Provisions
have been put on board the Admiral
Hughes for the Troops embarked at this
Presidency ~

The foregoing Letter being
signed the following sailing Orders
were sent with it to Capt. Smith the
Officer

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9 Officer Commanding the Honble Com-
-pany's Ships Admiral Hughes &

To Captain Joseph Smith
Commander of the Honble Company's
Ship Admiral Hughes

To Capt. Smith
with instructions
for his future
Guidance

Sir

You are hereby directed to
repair On board your Ship & proceed
immediately to Bengal where on your
Arrival you will deliver the Accompa-
nying Packet to the Honble the Governor
General & Council, & follow their Orders
for your future

where

9th

Dated in Fort St. George this 9th Sept 1780
& Signed by Order of the Right Honble
President & Select Committee

Signed John Huddleston
Secy

Sent the following Letters

To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath
Vice Admiral of the Blue Commander
in Chief of His Majestys Ships in
Indies

To Sir E Hughes
with extract a
Letter from Bombay
on the Subject
of

Sir

We have the honor to inform you
that We have received a Letter from the

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of his conveying their Troops round that have return ned from Captivity

9 President & Select Committee at Bom-
bay dated 12 August in which they
desire us to make Application to
you for your Assistance in Conveying
their Troops from this Presidency to
Bombay, in the following Words —

"We flatter ourselves that the
"Admiral will Assist this Presidency
"on this occasion with his wonted Read-
"iness and We request that an Applic-
"ation may be Made to Sir Edward
"Hughes, Assuring him We shall look
"upon his Affording a Passage to our
late unfortunate Prisoners as an essential
"& Acceptable Service

We have only, Sir to Add
in Addition to the above quoted Paragraph
that unless you Are pleased to afford
us Your Assistance in this Service We
Apprehend We Shall be unable to Ac-
complish it —

We have the honor to be
&c.a
Signed

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Fort St. George
the 9th Septr 1782

To

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To Lieutenant Col. Sir Henry Cosby

Sir

To Col. Cosby informing him that the Committee cannot make any alteration in the cavalry Establishment but will communicate his Claim to the Court of Directors

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 4th Instant and to inform you that the Establishment of Cavalry being fixed they Cannot at present make any alteration in it but that your Claim will be Communicated to the Honble Court of Directors who being well Acquainted with your Merit & Services will doubtless pay due Attention to it

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secy

Fort St. George
9th Septr. 1792

To Mr. William Collins Jackson

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th August with its enclosures and

To Mr W C Jackson with Copies of the Minutes delivered in Committee the 3d Inst. desiring him to produce such proof

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proof as does not refer to the records of the Commission & to inform the Committee what use have been made of the Papers which accompanied his Letter of the 25 Ult.

and to furnish You with the enclosed Copies of Minutes delivered in Committee Yesterday by the Right Honble President Mr. Sadlier upon which I am to inform You with regard to the first Motion Contained in the Minute of Mr. Sadlier the Select Committee resolved that You should be desired to produce such Proofs as You Could not refer to in the Records of the Commission. I further inform You that the Second Motion being to, the Select Committee desire You will inform them if any or what use has been made of the Papers which Accompanied your Letter of the 25th Ultimo previous to their delivery

I am Yours &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston Secy

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Sent Letters as entered in A. B.
Nov. 27 28

To Lieutenant Marshall informing him that the Commanding Officer

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9 Officer of the Regt will have Orders to receive him on board that Ship agreeably to his Request

To Major Gels Advising him that the Committee cannot alter their determination respecting him but will refer his Case to the Court of Directors. and that they have no Objection to his proceeding to Europe but on that Case he must resign the Service

Received Letters as entered in M.B. Nos. 29.30.31.

From Captain Eneas Mackay inclosing a Certificate of his ill State of Health & requesting to proceed to Europe & hoping the Board will so recommend him to the Court of Directors as on his Recovery he may be able to return without prejudice to his Rank

From Paymaster of the 1st Army will be careful to effectually prevent the Bullock Mastrics being paid

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— their Arrears, unless he receives fur-
— ther Orders respecting them

From Ensign Blunt requesting
in Consequence of the Permission
granted him to proceed to Bengal
that the Committee will order him
a Passage upon any Vessel bound
to that Settlement —

Sent Letter as entered in ditto
B. N.° 32. to Ensign Blunt in-
— forming him that as he is not
going to Bengal on Public Service
he must make such Arrange-
— ments as will procure himself
a Passage —

Dispatched the following Letter
to the Governor General & Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General
& Council
at
Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We

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To Bengal relative to the disbursements of this Presidency, enclosing Copy of the Presidents Minute

10

We have the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th July, and beg Leave to inform You that We are employed in Making every possible reduction in our Expences this great Object Accomplished. We shall immediately Acquaint You with the Result, and forward to You the Statements. And Papers Agreably to Your Requisition.

We have the honour to enclose to You our Letter to the Accountant & his Answer thereto by the latter You will be Acquainted with the Reasons which have hitherto prevented our furnishing You with the Accounts required in Your Letter to this Presidency of the 25th February 1782

In order however to give You as much Satisfaction as is immediately in our power We enclose to you Copies of our Presidents Minutes of the 29 March and of the 28th Augt

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10 31st August relative to the Force neces-
-sary to be Kept up as a Defence of
the Carnatic Against its Country
Neighbours with an Estimate of the
Expence of it in time of Peace, but
to provide for an effectual Barrier —
against the Incroachments of the —
French and to Secure Bengal against
them, (whose Security Must in a-
great measure depend upon the —
power & exertions of the Carnatic)
We Submit to Your Consideration —
whether an encrease to our Establish
-ment may not be a proper measure
by a proportionable reduction of Yours.
There is but one British Intrest in
India and the Revenues of the whole
will naturally be disbursed where
they are most wanted and where —
their effect will be the most use-
-full & extensive Enclosed is a Sketch
of the probable resources of this Presi-
-dency After a three Years Peace which
our

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10 our past Misfortunes, our present difficulties & uncertainty of future Success will We hope induce us to preserve as long as possible.

We have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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10 September 1784

Sent Letter as entered in Mr. P.
N.º 33 to the Committee of Accounts
Desiring them to comply with the Court
Bailiffs Letter which is sent to them
inclosed.

Received the following Letter from
Vice Admiral Sir E. Hughes

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have had the Honor of
Your Letter of Yesterday, informing
me that You had received a Letter
from the President and Select Com-
mittee of Bombay in which they desire

them

From the Admiral
Assuring the Com-
mittee of his
readiness to pro
mote & give as-
sistance to the pub-
lic Service will
take the Bombay
Troops provided
they are Europeans
Admiral agree to take
natives on board that
squadron

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10 You to make application to me for
my Assistance in conveying them
Troops from this Presidency to Bom-
bay and that unless I was pleased
to afford you my assistance in this
Service You apprehend You shall be
unable to Accomplish it

Per answer to which I beg
leave to assure You of my readiness
at all times to give every assistance
in my Power with his Majesty's
Squadron under my Command to
the Companys Service at all the Presi-
dencies without Distinction and I
will with pleasure give Orders to the
Commanders of His Majesty's Ships
of the Squadron when about to Sail
for Bombay to receive as many of
the Bombay Troops as can with con-
venience be accomodated provided
such Troops be Europeans (which
You have not specified in Your
Letter) but if Natives Sepoys whose
religious

tenets

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10 religious Tenets render it impracticable
for them to associate with the Sloops
Companies to drink the same Water
or eat the same Victuals. I cannot agree
to their being received on board His
Majesty Sloops for so long a Passage
at this time in particular when so
many of the Companys Ships are
unemployed on the Companys Service

I have the Honour to be
&c.
(Signed) Edwd. Hughes

Received Letters as entered in M.B.
No. 31.35.

From Colonel Bruce with Copy
of Evidence sent to Altered the Court
Martial of Lieut. Hall

From General Lacy will agreeably
to the Orders of the Committee desire
General Horne to proceed to Madras
& that he will follow with all conve-
nient Speed —

11th Dispatched the following Letter
to the Honourable the Governor General
&

Sultan in Madras Road 10th September 1784.

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11 P Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c Council
at Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal requesting that they will make the proper agreements with the Commanders of Country Ships that are bound to Bombay to carry round the troops of that Establishment lately return'd from Tricon

After having been informed by Sir Edward Hughes (to whom We made Application in Conformity to the Desire of the Gentlemen at Bombay) that he could not receive Sepoys on board his Majestys Ships We are apprehensive that We shall be unable to send to the Malabar Coast all the Sepoys (upwards of 1500) whom We wish to have conveyed thither The Return of the Admiral Hughes to this Coast will enable us to transport some of the Sepoys to Bombay, but We must depend upon You for the Means of procuring Tonnage, by which We may send the remainder, and We in Consequence beg leave to request that you will make the proper Agreement with

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11 with the Commanders of any Country
Ships who may be bound from your
Presidency to Bombay by which We
may be provided with the Conveyance
Necessary for the purposes abovementio-
-oned –

We have drawn Bills upon
you for the Arrears of Batta & Pro-
visions due to the 100 Pagodas and beg
Leave to request that the Amount
may be immediately discharged As
Officers of the Regiment will remain
here to Settle the other Accounts of
Extra Allowances &c.

100th Regiment

Fort St. George
21st Sept.r 1794

11th

We have the honor to be
&c.
(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Sent the undermentioned Letters
as entered in Mil. B. Nov. 26. 97

To the Commanding Officer at
Ongole Vellore stating to them a
Representation from Some Sowcars
relative to Some of their people having
been Plundered on conveying

&

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11 to Madras and desiring them for the future to furnish any Servants of their Sowcars with an Escort to protect them when employing on carrying Money on Account of the Company —

To the Captain of the Swallow Packet Desiring him to receive on board his — Ship and convey to Negapatam a Detachment of his Majesty's 78 Regiment and to deliver a Packet which Accompanied the Letter to the Resident at Nagore —

12th Sent the following Letter to Vice Admiral Sir E. Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath Vice Admiral of the Blue, & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

We have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Instant —

We regret that it is not in your power to receive on board His — Majesty's Ships the Sepoys belonging to

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To the Admiral his inability to convey the Sepoys to Bombay request he will detain the departure of the Juno till the 25 Instant

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12th To the Bombay Establishment. I am
beg you to be assured that We should
not have Made the Request had We
been professed of Tonnage sufficient
for the purpose, but this is so far from
being the Case that We have not a
single Vessell under our Orders which
We can employ for this Service and the
taking up a sufficient number on
freight will be attended with an expence
that the Company in the present situ
-ation of their Affairs can but ill afford
We return you our Acknow-
-ledgements for the intimation You
were pleased to give us in Your Letter
of the 1st Instant of Your intention
to dispatch His Majesty's Ship the
Juno on the 15th Instant for England
in Consequence of which We issued
Orders to the different departments to
prepare with all possible expedition
the necessary papers to accompany
our Dispatches, but We are desirous
ill

-rive

3404 Fort St. George September 1782

12th Inclusive that the variety of business in which this Government has for some time past been engaged will make it impossible to prepare them so soon as the 15th We therefore request (provided it will not be attended with inconvenience to His Majestys Service) that you will be so good to postpone the departure of the Dove until the 21st Instant at which time we flatter ourselves we shall be perfectly ready with Dispatches

We have the honor to be
&c.
Signed Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Fort St. George
12th Sept. 1782

13th Sent Letters as entered in All B
No. 28 & 29 To All. Previn impor-
ming him that tho' they are sensi-
ble of Captain Beleiffs Merit they
cannot consent to his receiving the
duties at Tutocorin. they being a
part of the Revenue To

3405 Fort St. George 1st September 1792

19th

To Masulipatam informing them that the Vansittart will have orders to touch at that Settlement for the purposes of conveying his Majestys troops to Bengal ~

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Asigned Revenue ~

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B. President &c. Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen ~

From Com of Revenue with gross Statement of the Collections ~

We have the pleasure to inclose for the Information of your Lordships &c a general Statement of the gross Collections made from the asigned Districts since the date of the Nabobs Agreement with the Right Honble the President Amounting in the whole to 33.09.720 Pagodas ~ This Statement is taken from the Accounts Actually received at the Presidency, but as some few Accounts

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13th and still wanting, we have supplied that Deficiency by way of Estimate and added it to the Statement that the Honble the Court of Directors may perceive at one view the whole Amount of the Revenues to the present time.

The same method has been observed with respect to the Expences defrayed out of the gross Revenue We trust the charges of Collection will appear extremely moderate when it is considered that the business of the Assignment has been carried on in the midst of a formidable Insurrection of the Country The other Expences mentioned in the Statement such as Allowances to Pagodas and Mosques daily Charities &c. are Expences of Government paid out of the Revenues and provided for in the same manner that they were before the Assignment took place.

We hope in about two Months

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13th Months to furnish Your Lordships
&c with regular Books closed and
balances to the 11th July last and
containing all the Transactions of
the Assignment from the time it
was granted to the Company

We have the honor to be
&c

Fort St. George (Signed) Chas. Oakeley
13th Sept. 1785 David Haliburton
Geo. Monbray

From Mr. William Brown request
-ing leave to resign the Service

From Masulipatam with Copy
of their Military Consultations for
April & May

11 Dispatched the following Letter
to Bengal this day by the Vansittart
Indiaman Capt. Agnew

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General & Council
Gentlemen at Fort William

We have the honor to dispatch
the

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To Bengal with the Detachment of troops embarked on board the Vanguard enclosing Copy of an Account of Money paid the several Regiments ordered home also Copy of Col. Braithwaite narrative respecting the treatment of the Prisoners in the Mysore Country

Sir the Vansittart to you and to enclose a Return of His Majestys Troops embarked from this Presidency —

We have given Directions to Captain Agnew of whose sailing Orders We enclose a Copy to touch at Masulipatam where he will also receive on board some Troops who are ready for Embarkation —

We have the honour to enclose a Copy of an Account of Money paid to the several Regiments ordered home as also to those Detachments late Prisoners with the Enemy, now at — or going to Bengal from 25 October 1783 to 21 October 1784 furnished by Mr. Burke, His Majestys Paymaster Governor General in India —

Various reports having been spread, respecting the Treatment of the Prisoners in the Mysore Country We thought it proper to request Colonel Braithwaite to Communicate to us all

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delivered

To all to whom the Subject of this may in Consequence deliver a Letter a Copy of which We have the honor to enclose for your Information —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
11th Septr. 1784

(Sign.d) Geo. Macartney P.t
Select Committee

43.

Received Letter as entered in M.B. Nos. 42.42 —

Ward

From the Adjutant General enclosing Certificates of Captain Ward & Ensign Cunninghame's ill State of health & informing the Board that they request 6 Months Absence & to go to Bengal —

From Vizagapatam with return of Troops & Stores —

Dispatched the following Letter to the Paymaster to the Army

To Mr. Thomas Welch
Paymaster to the Army
&c

To Mr. Welch desiring him to dismiss all the Bullock Followers in

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to

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11th Desire You will immediately Dismiss
all the Bullocks Followers &c &c which
are not absolutely necessary for the
Service at the Cantonment & to proceed
without Loss of Time in making every
possible Reduction The Select Com-
mittee desire You will make up the
Accounts of those whom You discharge
to the 31 August & they Authorize
You to draw upon the Military Paym-
aster General for the Amount which
will appear due to them, which Bills
the Committee will discharge here-
partly (Drafts upon the Bengal Govern-
ment partly by Bonds granted on
Account of the Company. & by such
other means as may be in their Power

I am your &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston Jr

Fort St. George
11th Septr. 1782

Sent Letter to Captain Agnew
Commanding the Piget as ordered in
M. B. 9 & 12 D: desiring him to stop
at

by

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11th at Masulipatam & receive on board such Troops as the Chief & Council may direct & then proceed to Bengal

To Anjengo 15th Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident at Anjengo

To John Hulehenson Esqr.

Resident

at

Anjengo

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform You that the Honble the President & Select Committee at Bombay in their Letter to this Presidency dated 12th August require that their Troops may be marched to your Settlement, as will appear by the following Paragraph —

"We are of Opinion that such "of our Troops as cannot proceed by "Sea, or such as cannot be Conveyed "by Water either by occasional Vessells Coming round, or on board of the Squa- -dron. Should be Marched to Anjengo. —

have determined to send the Bombay Troops by Land desiring them to signify the same to the Government at Bombay

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15th where We shall have Boats or Convey-
ances in readiness to bring them up
to the Presidency —

As the Admiral has signified
to the Select Committee his inability to
Convey the Troops on board His Ships
they have determined in
Conformity to the Opinion of the Gentle-
men at Bombay to march them by
Land to Anjengo, & Sent in Consequence
directed to signify this determination
to you that you may be prepared for
the Event —

They will begin their March
in a few days & I shall have the honor
in a future Letter to Communicate —
further particulars Concerning them —

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George
15 Sept. 1782

(Signed) Peter Auchmuty
Brig

Received the following Letter from
Lieut. Col. Long enclosing an Extract
of a Letter to him from the Comman-
ding Officer at Pondegul —

To

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl Lang.
with Copy an Extract
from Capt. Macleod
relative to Dindigul

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a letter I have this day received from Captain D. Macleod at Dindigul for your information.

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

Vellore
14th Septr 1792

Extract from a letter from Captain Macleod to General Lang Dated 9th Septr 1792

"I have now to inform You
"that I have received information from
"Colonel Fraser of Ambour & Salgur being
"delivered up to him — and the order of
"Government for delivering Dindigul to
"Tipoo's people was brought to me this
"day by a Jemadar of his Immediately
"set about complying with the orders &
"called in a detachment which was
"near the valley for grain and write to Tipoo

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15th Rec.d the Chief Officer on this Side that I would evacuate the place in 4 or 5 days that is as Soon as the said detachment could possibly join me.

I have acted agreeable to the orders with respect to the Guns & Stores I shall take with me the 2 Iron Guns which you took at Arrakurcky

A True Extract

(Signed) Joseph Garrow

Secry & Comdt in Chief

Received Letter as entered in C.B. 11 from Lieutenant Chesselbank advising of his return to Vellore. & that the Rajah kept a watchful Eye over him. he has been able to procure a Map of His Southern Districts

Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered in C.B. Nos. 5 & 6

To Masulipatam advising of the Vansittart having received Orders to Stop at that Settlement

To Ensign Gibbins permitting him to proceed to Europe for the re-establish-

-ments

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15th Your establishments of this Month—

16th Dispatched the following Letter to—

Mr. Irwin

To Mr. Eyles Irwin

To Mr. Irwin to make every possible disbursement to regulate the Sibbendy Corps in such manner as may appear to him most eligible

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform You that as they are unemployed in making all possible Reductions in every Department, they desire You will promote their Views as far as practicable in Your Line, & they authorize You in the fullest manner to make such Arrangements in the Sibbendy Corps as shall appear to You best Calculated for the purpose of Reducing the Companys Expences keeping at the same time in View the objects for which that Corps is maintained—

I am Your &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston Secy

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Sent the undermentioned Letters as entered in Mil. B. Nos. 47 & 48

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16th To Lieutenant Wisenian the Senior Officer of the Bombay Troops. Advising — him of the Committees determination to march the Bombay Troops to Anjengo & desiring him to hold them in readi- -ness for that purpose.

To Captain Eneas Mackay permitting him to proceed to Europe for his health —

Received Letters as entered in M. B. No. 19 508 57

From Mr. Lind respecting the Pur- -gunnah of Chocherly Cottah & the Village of Tailapond that the delay in not reply- -ing thereto has oregenated from no — Answer being as yet received by Mr. Lind from Cawn from Tiffapoo —

From the Adjutant General request- -ing Lieutenant Munro may proceed to Bengal for his health —

From Vizagapatam with statement of the Resources and Disbursements of that Factory from 1 May 1783 to the 30th April 1784 —

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17 Received the undermentioned Letters
as entered in M. B. Nos. 5253. 5256

From the Committee of Assigned
Revenues of this date, with a Broken Set
of their Proceedings and stating the most
remarkable Circumstances that have
occurred since the date of their last
Dispatches to England.

From the Committee of Assigned
Revenues with a comparative Statement
of the Revenues & Expences of the
Assigned Districts more Accurate than
those sent home in February per
Bombridge.

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From Musulipatam dated the 11 Inst.
with Return of Troops in that District
& return of Military & Ordnance Store
in that Garrison.

From General Lang dated 17 Inst.
Has in Consequence of the Representation
from Bombay, supplied them with
two Companys of Sepoys.

Sent the undermentioned Letters as
entered in M. B. Nos. 5657. 5859

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17th To General Long with a Copy of the Presidents Minute of the 31 August

To Ensign Cameron leave permitting him to proceed to Bengal

To Captain Ward and Lieutenant Munro granting them the same permission

18th Received and sent several Letters as entered in M. B. Nos. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65.

from & to Colonel Frazer regarding the Restitutions of Tanjore and Amboor. as well as Pondicherry

Received Letters as entered in M. B. No 66

from Mr. Mitchell complying with the Committees Orders respecting the State & quantity of the Provisions landed at Pondicherry from the Swallow with Account of them issued to the Sepoys.

Certificate of the deficiency of them landed from the Swallow An Account of the Provisions Served to the detachment of the 52 Regiment, List of Provisions shipped from Madras & a List of Provisions delivered to Mr. Hofgard from the Superintendant of Provision Accounts

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19th Account No. 67 Advising of his having completed some green Accounts

Received the following Letter from the Bengal Troops

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.
President & Council at
Gen.l Dept.

Fort St. George

From Bengal regarding the Kings Troops lately arrived there representing how and on what those men are to enter on their Establishment the great want they are in of completing their Regiments & how practicable they are to recruite and desire it may be represented to his Majesty's Commander in Chief for his Concurrence

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My Lord & Gentlemen

When we had the Honor to receive Your Letter under date 5th August 1793 Accompanying Muster Returns of his Majesty's Troops at Your Presidency having no part of those Troops in Bengal, and not recurring to the Orders of the Court of Directors respecting them, We were unintionally led into a Mistake, and returned them immediately to You since that time We have received a Letter from Mr. Burk, Paymr. General to the Kings Troops in India notifying that He had appointed Mr. Manuly to act as his Deputy here, Two Parties of these Troops having since arrived in Bengal

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19 Bengal and judging from the Tenor of
your late Letters that we are shortly to
expect many more, we have thought
proper to adopt several Measures for their
Payment &c. but in Order to enable us
to complete the Business, to enter upon
the Adjustment of other Accounts with
the Bay nor General to the Kings Troops
and to possess the Means of Ascertain-
ing what Sum is actually due to
them, According to Act of Parliament,
whenever it shall be required of us,
We have now to request that you will
issue the necessary Directions for us
to be furnished with Monthly Returns
of the Kings Troops, and Statements of
the Amount issued to them, under the
Head of Subsistance, from the time the
different Regiments either arrived at, or
acted under the immediate Orders of
your Presidency

We are Concerned to observe
from your Letters and those received from
the

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18th the Commanding Officer of the Kings Troops in India, that the Non Commissioned Officers & Privates embarked in the Berrington and Valentine were sent round here, expressly to be conveyed to Europe, as many Much the greater part of them, have been exceedingly pressing to be admitted in to the Company's Service on this Establishment

From a certain Knowledge of their great Inclination to enlist here We have been particularly induced to consider with much Attention, the Orders from Europe relating to them; Those of the 11th September 1783 permit the Volunteers to be entertained, either in the King's or Company's Service, as may be most agreable to themselves, provided no larger Bounty is given than what is allowed by Government, but the Orders of the 30th September, 83, by the Insertion of the Words, When They (The other regiments) are complete are construed by You, & the Senior Officer

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27th here as a positive prohibition of the former Directions of Government, and precludes us from all Expectation of obtaining them if they are rigidly adhered to. We are to however to believe, that by a proper Representation to the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Troops, the ill Effects of this Order, if not entirely removed may at least be suspended till a further Explanation can be procured from England, As we cannot reconcile any other Construction of it to the Intention of Government, than a bare Supposition, that When the Bounty was equal to that allowed by the Company, a Preference would be given to his Majesty's Service, but finding that the Case is quite different, and reflecting upon the Impolicy and Impolicy of the Measure, as well as the very heavy Expence of transporting Troops to Europe, solely for the purpose of Disbanding them, When those very Men declare They will return to Bengal by the earliest Occasion, and considering too that Numbers of them may be lost in the

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18th Passage, how much superior they are to now recruits, and, what a saving may accrue to the Nation, as well as the Com- pany from their Detention. We earnest entertain a Doubt of Government Acquiescence in the Measure We now propose —

We therefore most earnestly solicit that You will urge these Circumstances to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops with the Necessary force, and acquaint them also with the very great Want of European Soldiers to Complete the Regiments on this Establishment, which from the Length of the War have gradually dwindled away & are now not half the Complement required for the Safety & Protection of these Provinces —

We have the honorto be &c.

Edwd. Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
28th July 1792

(Signed)

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be immediately sent to Genl. Campbell commander in chief of his Majesty Troops & that it be forward a separate number in our next dispatch to the Honble the Court of Directors

Sent Letter with Copy of the foregoing Letter from Bengall to General Campbell as entered in Mr. B. N 68

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28th Received the following Letter from Colonel Ross, enclosing a Letter addressed to

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20 to the Honble Court of Directors from Messrs Banks & Stuart relative to Major Geils

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose for your perusal & Recommendation a Letter addressed to the Honble Court of Directors by Major Banks & Captain Stuart in behalf of themselves & the Corps of Engineers. Setting forth the Hardships they are likely to sustain by the Introduction of Major Geils into that Corps. which they conceive was not intended by the Honble Court when they approved of the Brevet Commissions granted that Gentleman here to be field Engineer

Their Reasons for their Opinion being stated at length in their Letter. I have nothing left to add but my most perfect sence of the Hardships which

From Col Ross enclosing Copy of Letter from Major Banks & Capt. Stuart to the Court of Directors representing the hardships it is upon the Corps Major Geils being admitted on it

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20th which Alarms them, and my Reliance
in your Support to remove it.
I am with the most Profound
respect
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Patrick Ross

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To Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

In consequence of the Orders
issued by the Right Honble President
and Select Committee the 5th Instant
relative to Major Geils taking Rank
in our Corps we prejudice to the We
have thought it necessary to draw up
an Address to the Honble Court of Direc-
tors which we have now the Honor to
enclose You and to request that You
will be pleased to lay it before the Pre-
sident and Select Committee; and we
have to hope that it will be favored
with and seconded by Your Protection
We have the Honor to remain
&c.
(Signed) George Banks
Majr & Dy of Engrs
Simeon Stewart
Capt of Engrs
Patrick Ross

A true Copy Sub Dy & Capt of Engrs To

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25th September
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To the Honourable the Directors of the
East India Company

Honorable Sirs

There is nothing which we would not more willingly undertake than an address of this nature to our Honorable Employers; but which we are bound to undertake in justice to ourselves and in order to preserve to the Corps of Engineers those rights we were led to expect on our entering into it. The order issued at this Presidency by the Right Honble President & Select Committee the 1st Instt. directing "that Major Polier be considered "and returned as Major of Engineers un-"till the Honble Court of Directors shall "have determined in what Corps that Offi-"cer is to be fixed" We conceive may operate materially in prejudice to us, this in consequence of following Gen.l Letter the 2 of February 1781 Vizt. "That a Brivet Commission of Major of Engineers be granted to Captains Thomas

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To Captain Thomas Pearse — We approve —
your appointment of him to be Field
Engineer, and when so Employed, he
is to receive the pay & allowances of
Major" This We conceive should not
produce that effect, as we do not imagine
the Honble Court ever meant it to operate
against us otherwise than for the time
we might occasionally act with
him in the Field. Or such particular
mention would have been made of
him, as in the appointment of Major
Burgrave to be Major in the Corps
by the General Letter of the 5th of April
1776 of April 1776 Viz.t Captain George
Burgall Esq.r who has served the
Company several Years in their Engi
-neering Corps in Bengal and as Chief
Engineer and Commandant of Artillery
at Fort Marlborough having experi
-enced great hardships and losses since
his employment in our service We
have

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20th have appointed him Senior Captain of
Engineers upon your Establishment
next below Major Williams Stevens and
have granted him a Brevet of Major but
to receive the pay of Captain only untill
a vacancy happens by the Death or other
wise of the Officers above him, when
he is to succeed as full Major with
the pay & emoluments annexed to such
Rank. When these appointments took
place it was a time the Corps of Engi-
neers was so circumscribed in numb-
ber that this Government was obliged
to apply the Direction for Officers and
on this Plea of necessity Major Geddes
Brevet took place, we apprehend, on the
same footing Colonel Watson formerly
held the appointment of Field Engineer
in Bengal without interfering with
the Established Corps - and in this we
are the more confirmed by the different
manner in which the Honble Court
have

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20th Have esperienced them assistance of the Board's appointment, in the latter part of the General Letter of the 2 February 1781 Viz. and when so employed, he is to receive the Pay and allowances of a Major"

At the before mentioned period the rapid promotion of Subalterns might not have afforded them time sufficient to have gained that experience which was to be expected in Officers of higher Ranks but now the Corps is so considerably increased in point of number, that Cadets can surely no longer have existance, as the number of Years it must there after take in the common course of Succession for a Practitioner to arrive at the Rank of Captain, will amply afford him time & opportunity to make himself perfectly acquainted with every branch of his Profession

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2d Profession; and as his Theoretical
knowledge can be no where so well
improved as in the Country where he
must be reduced to practice, so must
his local experience be more profi-
table & useful to his Honble Employ-
ers than if acquainted in any other
situation whatever which we hope
will plead strongly in our favor We
must likewise beg leave to observe, that
the Members of the Corps of Engineers
appointed in this Country have regu-
larly risen from the lowest gradations
to the Ranks they now hold. & against
whom we presume there lays no
imputation of conduct on the Country
we flatter ourselves that while employ-
ed during the late unhappy War
in the Carnatic they have at all times
acquitted themselves with credit in
their Stations & satisfaction to their
superiors. The most flattering mem-

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26 of which lead the Honble Boards approbation is their late advancement to Settlers Ranks

We therefore with all due respect and difference entreat the protection of the Honble Court and hope they will not only extend it to us in this Instance, in not proceeding to a confirmation of so discouraging a Supercession, but that they will be pleased also to forbid such innovations in future - In the fullest Reliance on the Justice of the Honble Court -

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obt Hble Servts
(Signed) George Banks
Majr & Dy Adjt Genl
Simeon Stewart
Lieut & Capt of Engrs

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A true Copy
Patrick Ross

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter and enclosure be sent a No in our next dispatch to the Honble Court of Directors

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At a Select Committee. Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

The 20th Septr. 1792 Anthony Sadlier Esqr.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Robert Maunsell Esqr.

Lieut. General Lang absent

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved

Mr. Sadlier delivers in the following Minute. with an Enclosure from Colonel Braithwaite

Mr. Sadlier's Minute with Letter to him from Col. Braith waite respecting Mr. Sadlier's treatment of the Prisoners

My answer to Mr. Jacksons two addresses of Yesterday shall be short as they can contain little more than his assertions of his own Integrity, which I have already proved to be Sufficiently equi[illegible]val — His quotation from Mr. Stanns tons Minute is another proof of the perfidy of Mr. Jacksons Public Conduct in quoting Records which have not yet undergone the inspection of the Board Mr. Jackson shall not however bad me — adress by a new Attack to enter in to any discussion

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discussion of my Conduct as a Commissioner or to answer what may have been said, or written by my Colleagues He stands upon the grounds of his own Merit, and upon that ground I trust he must be judged —

The Introduction of all new matter by Mr Dalrymple must be improper as no new Charge has been stated by me & is a Contradiction of his own Declaration contained in his Letter of the 12th September "that he had nothing whatever to say on the Subject. More than was contained in that and his former Letters" and I oppose that instead of fresh matter and fresh Attacks I expected the Judgment of the Board upon the matter now before them —

In answer to Mr Dalrymple's quotation from an anonymous Pamphlet I beg to refer the Board

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Board to a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite
and I confess myself obliged to Mr.
Jackson for giving me occasion to ask for
so respectable a testimony. Had I occa-
-sion for further proof of my early attention
to the Wants and distresses of my unfor-
tunate Countrymen. I could shew that
every refreshment furnished for them use
before they arrived at Onocotah, and a
great part of what was there supplied
to them, was purchased by me at Ma-
-dras on my private Credit, and it was
my uniform intention to return by
Land for the purpose of rendering them
every assistance in My power —

I Congratulate Mr. Jackson
on the honorable support he has given
to his own Cause by an Appeal to
Mr. McAlister, who from the exten-
-sive Knowledge he must have acquired
as Adjutant to the Detachment which
accompanied the Deputation during the
Predispositions

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Indisposition which for some time rendered him incapable of performing his Duty in that Capacity must be totally qualified to give evidence upon what passed between the first Commissioner and the Secretary – Perhaps the Office of Paymaster to which he was appointed by two of the Commissioners, may even on his retired and Sickly Situation have opened his eyes to a clearer insight than he otherwise could have obtained, and no Doubt his Concealed Merit has continued to him the Pay and Emoluments of the same Office notwithstanding the Deputation has been returned for several Months and that the Sub Accountant from inability in himself to do them has been) obliged to make use his Accounts –

The Board will no doubt be Attentive to the Nature of the Testimony Mr. Macalister gives " His Satisfaction

in

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in Supporting an injured Man who
by his own Account is of Opinion that
his Preservation depends upon the Deci-
sion of the Subject before the Board
leads him no further than to say that
my treatment of that injured Person
was what he conceived with Men to be
injurious to the principles of a Man
of honor and therefore he asserts that the
said injured Man (Mr Jackson) must
have some such treatment for urgent
reasons

Whether he means this as an
Accusation or an Exculpation of Mr
Jackson appears to me sufficiently
Ambiguous. for he does not say what were
the reasons which in his Opinion
could make Mr Jackson bear such
treatment I can see no reasons however
valid to Mr Jackson which could make
him to do —

Mr Macalister likewise says
that he is willing to bear testimony to
the reasoning in Mr Jackson's Letter

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of the 26th April as far as came within
his Knowledge. But he does not consi
the Board how far his Knowledge
extends And he Adds that he has no
Scruple in declaring that Mr. Jackso
has not falsely accused me of Inve
-briation — I can assign no remedy
to Mr. Macalisters Scruples; his Evi
-dence appears to relate neither to Time
or Place; and the Charge of Inebria
-tion at particular times may be a
applicable to every one of the Party
as to me —

It is only remarkable respecti
Mr. Macalisters Letter that it is of the
same Date with the Letter from Mr.
Jackson to the Board in which he
declares "that he had nothing whatev
to say on the Subject more than was
stated in that and his former Letter."

The whole of Mr. Jacksons
two Letters contain nothing More
than assertions of his own Innocence,

and

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and what he thinks a further Examina-
tion of me and as I have Cautiously
avoided all Explanation of my Public-
Conduct for Reasons which I have
already described, I shall remain with
the Board to decide upon the Charges
adduced by himself and his Conduct
with respect to Government and to me
I have only further to request that this
Minute may accompany the other Papers
by this Dispatch

(Signed) Anth. Sadleir

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To Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Sir

In Consequence of the Application
You have done me the Honor to
make to me, and the Communications
You have made to me of a quotation of
Mr. Jackson's from a Pamphlett lately
published at Bengal, demanding what
I myself think upon the Subject, and
what I may have heard from others —
It would be the highest ingratitude in
me

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me not a declare that the language in
Mr. Parkers quotation is as new to
me, as I believe it to be ill founded from
which I have experienced myself and
from the benefit which every other Priso-
-ner who came within my knowledge
experienced at your hand. The Anxiety,
the feeling Attention you expressed to-
-ward them, I am a Witness of before you
had it in your power essentially to serve
them And I know that this Anxiety
brought on you some disagreeable
disputes with the Killedars of Bengalore
which at one time threatned serious
Consequences, but which you maintai-
-ned with a becoming dignity, and
which ultimately produced in your
Credit a pecuniary relief for all the
Prisoners without partiality or Exception
— which you distributed through out
for you Conveyed to Mr. Dallas
200 Pagodas with directions that every
Prisoners

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Prisoner of every denomination whatever
should benefit by it and Sure Witness
that you left for the Accommodation of
the Prisoners when they should arrive—
three of your Tents and every Conveyance
you could possible furnish to them, with
all your remaining Stock reducing
your own Party, Consisting of Yourself
Mr. Tombleaque and me to a merely
necessary allowance for the remainder of
the Journey—

Was I Sir, to say other than
this, which can be testified in great part
by all the Prisoners here present. I
should say what is false A Moral Attion
—tion to truth renders this Declaration
necessary, besides that I feel myself
particularly obliged to you for the earliest
possible pecuniary relief sent to me
in Seringapatam—and a Constant Subse
—quent Attention to my release and
Situation—

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Peter Braithwaite
Allan Colvin
Archd. Sadlair Agreed

Madras
Septr. 19th 1784

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Agreed that Mr. Sadleirs Minute with the Letter to him from Col. Braithwaite be sent as numbers in the Packet by the Juno –

The President delivers in the following Minute

President Minute in Committee 20th Sept.

President Minute

I have no objection to this Gentleman's minute of Mr. Sadleirs going as No. in the Packet with the other papers as the parties desire but I beg leave to repeat my wish that no papers hereafter be sent as No. in the packet unless delivered in some days before the Dispatch – Because such hasty personal productions without my observations of the board can serve only to give imperfect or partial Informations to the Court of Directors – I am now led anew to express My opinion because in this Minute now delivered by Mr. Sadleir It is mentioned that Mr. Macalister

who

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who had been appointed Paymaster in the
Mysore Country by the Commissioners had
been continued in the Enoliconty of that
Office to this time which is not a fact
Mr. Macalister applied to me Upon that
head but I refused him absolutely

(Signed) Macartney

Sept. 20th 1792
11 O Clock A.M.

upon which Mr. Sadleir delivers
in the following Minute

Mr. Sadleirs Minute

& Number

In Answer to the latter part

Mr. Sadleirs minute in reply

of His Lordships Minute respecting
Mr. Macalister I stand Corrected
being to this hour unacquainted with
the Circumstance

(Signed) A Sadleir

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The General Letter to the Honble
Court of Directors to be Conveyed by His
Majesty's Ship Juno having been
Copied fair and laid before the Board
for their Signature Mr. Sadleir delivers
in the following Minute

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Minute of Mr. Sadleir in Cons.n 20th Sept.r 1792

Mr. Sadleirs Minute

At this short distance when Col-
-lections upon to Approve & Sign the Gene-
-ral Letter from this Department I
leave to remark & desire that it may
Accompany the Letter, that I subscribe
to such parts of it only as are corrobo-
-rated by the Records of the Committee
And with respect to the Various Minutes
of His Lordship now referred to, I have
to Declare, that they are adopted by
me in no other extent or degree than
what relates to the measures which
have already passed upon them —
particularly with respect to the refe-
-rence to Bengal leaving only expres-
-sed my satisfaction when his Lord-
-ships determination was known —
that before other steps were taken the
Bengal Government might be —
apprized of the issue & effect of their
Orders, respecting the late Treaty with
the

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the Malabar Tributary Sultaun to the Govern-
ment —

Respecting my dissent to the
Salary Solicited by Mr. Hudleston I
disavow that the Proceedings as Stated
are such as Passed in the Committee
of the 8th September I have to request that
the Subsequent Notes & Opinions in
possession of the Secretary may Accom-
pany the dispatch —

(Signed) Anthe Sadleir

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Agreed that the Papers mentioned
by Mr. Sadleir in the foregoing Minute
be Sent as Numbers in the Packet

Mr. Sadleir having asked the
Deputy Secretary whether an Alteration
had taken place on the Records of the
8th September According to his Request
he was by him informed that the
President had Directed no Alterations
should be made until they had been
approved by the Majority of the Mem-
bers of the Committee Some Words then
passing

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passing between the President & Mr.
Sadleir, and the latter Continuing to
Assert his Opinion respecting the
Proceedings at the last Committee relat-
ing to the Military Secretarys Letter
of the 7th Instant The President declar-
red that Mr. Sadleir told a lie Recol-
lecting himself soon after he express-
ed his Concern that Mr. Sadleir
should have obliged him to an such
an expression at the Board. When Mr.
Sadleir declared that he was not
sensible of having given Cause to
provoke such an Expression

The President and the other
Members of the Board (Mr. Sadleir
excepted) take this opportunity of
observing upon the impropriety of
obtruding upon the Court of Direc-
tors all the loose Conversation which
may

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may sometimes pass at the Board upon which Mr. Sadleir declares that he Considers the foregoing Charge from the President as no trifling Conversation —

The President Appeals to those who were present Whether the Charge be not founded —

Mr. Davidson begs leave to refer to his Minute of the 11 Instant for his Opinion on the State of the Case

The Board think it necessary that some reply should be made to Mr. Sadleir Read Minute which may Accompany it by this Dispatch. & the General Letter

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Letter being signed. it is Agreed that
a Seperate Letter be immediately
Drawn out Stating Mess.rs Observations
upon the Several parts of Mr. Sadleirs
Minute, and Recording the particulars
of the Dispute between the Right
Honorable President & Mr. Sadleir

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The President wrote the following Letter to the Secretary inclosing one from General Campbell. —

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

I find upon speaking again this Evening with General Campbell that I misunderstood him as to his consenting to the Kings Troops being detained in India as he says the Orders are positive to send them home without delay. —

(Signed) Macartney

From the President to the Military Secretary enclosing a Letter to him from General Campbell —

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20th Sept. 1784 -

Please to have this copied & forwarded with the Dispatch. —

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To
The Right Honble The President &
Select Committee
of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I had the honor of receiving by your Order a Letter from the Honble the Governor

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20th Governor General and Council of Bengal addressed to you, wherein they requeist, that you will represent to me as Senior Officer Commanding His Majestys Troops in India, the ill effects that will attend His Majestys Commands communicated to me by His Secretary of State and Secretary at War, in their respective Letters of the 11th and 30th Sept. 1783. being rigidly adhered to, respecting the sending to Europe His Majestys four Junior Regiments, and the enlisting the men of these Regiments who chuse to continue to serve in India; and that by a proper representation to me as Senior Officer of His Majestys Troops in India, this Order if not entirely removed, might be suspended till a further Explanation is procured from England.— In answer to which Proposition, however Zealous I may be for the good of the Honble Company's Service, and anxious to serve them as much in my power, yet after the most serious and attentive consideration of the Subject in Question, from my present Orders and Instructions, I do not consider myself empowered to give my Consent to their requisition; my line of

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20th Conduct being clearly and very particularly pointed out. by the Letter of the 30th September 1783 from which I do not think myself authorized to deviate. —

By sending the Soldiers of the Regiments ordered to return to Europe, who did not chuse to enlist in His Majestys — Regiments that are to remain in this Country by the way of Bengal, as the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort St. George informed me, it was impossible for them to be sent home directly from this Port. — I have on my part so far complied with His Majestys Commands, and I trust the Honble Governor General and Council of Bengal, will fulfill on their part, what remains towards carrying those Commands to a Conclusion — I have furnished them with Copies of all my Orders and Instruc = = tions on that Subject. —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
your most obed. humble Servt.
(signed) Allan Campbell
Major General
Commanding his Majestys
Forces in India for the
time being. —

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Agreed that a Copy thereof be immediately made, & sent with the Seperate Letter to the Honble Court of Directors —

The Seperate Letter to the Court of Directors having been sent to the Members of the Select Committee for their approbation & Signature; Mr. Saddleir Wrote the following Minute, a Copy of which was ordered to accompany the General Letter in consequence of Mr. Saddleirs Request —

Mr Saddleirs Minute on what passed in Committee this Morning, between the President and him —

Mr. Saddleir cannot be a judge of the Accuracy of this Statement respecting the Governors unaccountable behavior — unless he had Mr Chamiers Minute to refer to of what was taken down in Committee — time may not allow of being more correct by this dispatch but not to rest simply on Mr. Saddleirs Assertion of the provocation he shall appeal hereafter to those present if his manner expressions or voice provoked such Insult which for the dignity & Decorum of the Service cannot be done away by such flimsy apology —

(Sd) A. S.

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Mr. Sadleir declares in the most Solemn manner that his Remarks with respect to what passed concerning Mr. Huddleston whatever may be the opinion of others were the genuine dictates of his Mind not arising from any Subsequent opinion or Reflection - Such allowances he has uniformly opposed & should have said much more on the Subject if he had concieved the matter to have been under serious discussion. —— (Signed) A. S.

The President desires the Minutes may be sent as taken down & read to Mr. Sadleir - The Presidents expression was that he was sorry, or concerned to have been obliged to use such an expression in that place meaning at the board to whom his apology was intended. ——

(signed) Macartney

The President's observation thereon

The General Letter being signed was immediately sent on board the Juno, & recommended to the care of Sir George Ramsay, who

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who had before taken charge of the
General Dispatches of this days date —

The following Letters were sent
as Numbers in the Packet by the Dune —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.
President &c. Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honored with
the Commands of your Lordship &c. of the
9th. Instant, as transmitted to me by
Mr. Secretary Sludleston, together with the
Copies of Minutes delivered in Committee
by the Right Honorable the President and
Mr. Sadleir, on the preceding Day. —

From Mr. W.C. Jackson, replying to two Motions of Mr. Sadleir proposed in Committee the 8th. September

Your Lordship &c. direct me
to comply with the two Motions contained
in Mr. Sadleir's Minute; — In Obedience
thereto, I shall go first to observe on Mr.
Sadleir's Second Motion, Viz. — "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

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D. "to their Delivery." — In reply I beg leave to observe to your Lordship &c.a that my Letter of the 30.th April was ever considered by me as a private Paper of my own, 'till it became public on the 25.th Day of August; and that it remained at my Option to do with that Paper whatever I might think proper. — But I can have no scruple in declaring to your Lordship &c.a the use I have made of my Papers previous to their being laid before the Board; and I am the more desirous to do it, because it will convince my Accusers that whatever might have been his Motive for making such a Motion, yet that I am not afraid fully to answer it. — I have therefore the Honor to inform your Lordship &c.a that in Order to expose to the public Eye, Mr. Sadleir's Conduct and mine, as far as relate to each other; and in Order to shew Mankind that I should glory in having them made as conspicuous as the noon Day, I took the Opportunity of a Dispatch to Europe, to transmit a Copy

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2d. of that every Letter (about the Disposal of which Mr. Sadleir seems so very / anxious / to one of my Employers; to the Gentleman who placed me in the Situation which I now enjoy; to him, as in Duty bound, I did transmit it; with him I was directed to correspond during my Residence in India; and to him I have communicated not only this, but every other Event that has befallen me; surely then, but with Diference to your Lordship &c.a I beg leave to say it, that when my Character, my Reputation, and every Thing I held dear in this World were at Stake, and when I had been so grossly injured, it was a Duty I owed to myself, and to those who are interested in my Welfare, not to permit them to imbibe from Misrepresentation wrong Ideas, when it was in my Power to set them right. —

Could I have been so mean and Abject, after the injurious Treatment I had received to have brought myself to tamely

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Namely to submit to it; or had I only entertained a Wish to have buried it in Oblivion, I have no Doubt, but that I could have done it.— My Accuser had well known that I thrice requested an Investigation, and that four Months had elapsed without his taking notice of it; and it is very probable, that unless a favorable Change in his Situation had taken place, that four more would have passed away, without his ever thinking on it.— This, I trust will appear to your Lordship &c., that I was not the Person who wanted to shrink from the nicest Investigation I repeatedly solicited for one in the strongest Manner, conscious that I should display to public View the malignant Disposition of my Accuser, which I most fervently pray will still be the Case.— But it should seem that it was a Duty which Mr. Saddleir owed to his Employers, provided he could have proved the three Charges against me, to have brought me to a

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20.th Public Examination, immediately on his Return from Mangalore, instead of giving me the Opportunity of investing him to it: And then, if I could not have vindicated myself, his Purposes would have been answered, by completing the Destruction of a Person innocent of the Crimes by which he was to fall, and even in his first Outset in Life. —

Having thus complied with the Directions of your Lordship &c.a in one Instance, I am led in Consequence of it to request, in Case it should be approved of by your Lordship &c.a, that Mr. Sadleir might have a like Question put to him, as he has desired might be put to me — Viz.t — to be called upon to know if any or what Use was made, by or thro' him, during the Negotiation with Sirpoo Sultaun, of his Minutes of the 16.th and 17.th January, and of the Agreement he was inclined to enter into with the Representatives of Sirpoo Sultaun at Ahmednd; and also of the † Certificate he obliged me to give him as Secretary to the Commissioners, when

† An attested Copy of Mr. Sadleir's Minute of the 27.th day of Dec.r —

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20th when he dissented, and entered a Minute on the 27th Day of December last, to part of the Contents of a Letter to the Vachells, which had been approved of by his Colleagues.—

I now proceed to obey the Directions of your Lordship &ca with Regard to Mr Sadleir's first Motion, Viz.t—

"That Mr Jackson be directed to "produce such Parts of the Records of the "Commission, and all such other Proofs, "as the three Charges are founded upon"—

In the Charge marked No. 1. and which went an Enclosure in my Letter to your Honorable Board of the 25th August, you will find, that it was in the Presence of Mr Staunton, a Member of the Commission, that Mr Sadleir so illiberally accused me "of having "altered the Records of the Commission for a "bad Design; and of being destitute of Honor, Principle, and Integrity." — Should Mr Sadleir deny having brought this Charge against me, and as I cannot at present have Mr Staunton's vivâvoce Evidence, I presume the enclosed Paper which contains Copy of a Note from that Gentleman

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to me, on his Perusal of my Statement of Mr. Sadleirs three Charges against me, will be sufficient Proof to your Lordship &c.a that Mr. Sadleir did wrongly and absolutely bring that Accusation against me — And as it was in the Presence of Mr. Dallas, the Commander of the Escort, that Mr. Sadleir acknowledged to have committed that, for which he made the attempt of capitally convicting me, I must refer to that Gentleman for Proof should be wanting, and Mr. Sadleir should deny the Fact. —

It is true, Mr. Sadleir may say, that he apologized to me for his Conduct, so far as is expressed in my statement of Mr. Sadleirs first Charge against me. It is also true, that the Apology would have been admitted, and that the Affair would never have been revived, had not Mr. Sadeir within a short Time after making this Apology again attacked me with equal Illiberality, and which consequently amounted to a Recanta=tion of that Apology, and it would have been much more to his Advantage had he never made any. —

For Proof of the second Charge, if Proof should be necessary, I before observed to

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20. to your Lordship &.ca that Mr. Staunton's Minute of the 26.th February, written almost two Months after this happened, corroborated the Circumstance; and with Regard to the aid de Camp's being placed over me, I must refer to him to know, in Case Mr. Sadleir should deny the Fact, whether he did not set at a Conference, and take in Conjunction with me, the Substance of that Conference, tho' expressly contrary to the Rules of the Service. —

I here beg leave to quote a Passage from one of my former Letters, which will shew your Lordship &.ca the Reasons, why I did not the Time it happened, make the whole of Mr. Sadleir's Treatment to me, a public Record: and why I deferred it 'till the Commission was dissolved. — There are they, — "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 at Madras "would afford me ample Redress." —

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The whole of the third Charge make a part of the Records of the Commission; and will be found in the Proceedings of the 4th & 5th December.

Were it necessary to say it, or had not the Right Honorable the President in his Minute, set forth the Necessity there is for deferring the Enquiry into the Conduct of the three Commissioners; I could with great Truth advance, and would boldly declare, that Mr. Sadleirs Conduct to his Employers, and the Public in General, was as likely to have been as injurious to them, as his Conduct has been injurious to me, as an Individual.—

And now having obeyed the Directions of your Lordship &ca I shall conclude this Letter, by taking the Liberty to request, in the strongest, and at the same time in the most humble Manner, that you will not, My Lord & Gentlemen, allow Mr. Sadleir to prolong the Business to a distant Day.— In Order therefore that your Lordship &ca may be enabled to come to an immediate Decision, I here declare that I have nothing whatever to say

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21st say on the Subject, more than is in this and my former Letters stated; and that with Respect to Mr. Sadleirs Inebriation, I am willing, in order to bring the whole to a speedy Issue; and provided your Lordship &ca should approve it, to submit it to the Opinion of every Gentleman on the Commission without Distinction, or without calling upon any Individual in particular, to declare whether or not I have been guilty of falsely accusing Mr. Sadleir of that Charge.—

I have the Honor to be,
with the most perfect Respect,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most faithful,
& obedient Servant

(signed) William Collins Jackson

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P. S. Should Mr. Sadleir venture to assert that I have attacked his public Character, as an Embassador, in an unjust manner I must in vindication of myself, refer to Mr. Staunton's Minute of the 25th February, wherein his (Mr. Sadleirs) public Conduct is displayed at large, while acting in the Commission. — W.C.J.

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Note from Mr. Staunton to Mr. W. C. Jackson

Mr. Staunton presents his Respects to Mr. Jackson, and cannot refuse him the Justice of saying, that the Papers he has enclosed to Mr. Staunton, appear to the latter, as came within his Knowledge, to contain a just and true Account of the Matters to which they relate and that they are very properly drawn. —

A true Copy

May 1st. 1784.

William Collins Jackson

Mr. Sadleirs Minute on Mr. W. C. Jackson's Papers. —

Mr. Jackson in his Letter to the Select Committee dated the 12th. of September having made reference to three Charges, which accompanyed his intended Letter dated the 30th. of April, and having likewise declared, that he has nothing more to say on the Subject, I shall now answer them as they stand. —

But first, I must promise that the Charges are not made by me against Mr. Jackson, he has filed the Bill of Complaint against himself, and therefore may/

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may be supposed to have said no more,
than he thinks himself able to answer, — yet
upon this partial statement of his own Cause
I am ready to meet him. ——

Whatever indulgence might be
due to Mr. Jackson as a young man
rising in a Service, into which he was
hardly initiated before he was employed
in a public and ostensible situation, where
he had occasion both for prudence and
reflection — Whatever consideration might
be due to his want of these qualities, and
to the prepossessions, errors or prejudices of
his youth, as long as he modestly sought
for his own justification only — his Subsequent
indecent, illiberal, and unbecoming conduct
has forfeited all pretence to indulgence from
me; and I shall therefore have the less
reluctance in expressing, as far as his present
charges lead me, the Sentiments I have
reason to entertain of his Conduct. ——

I shall likewise premise that as
first Commissioner on the Deputation to
Tippoo, I had a right to admonish any Officer
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20 acting under that Commission, as Mr Jackson
did in the Capacity of Secretary, and to
express to him my sense, either of his omissions,
or his deviations in the line of his duty; and
I think myself very little accountable for the
words in which from Circumstances or Situation,
I thought proper to Convey my ideas, on
points which orelated to the Service. ——

But supposing the words I
used to be exceptionable, and that Mr
Jackson thought himself agrieved by them,
should he not in the first instance, and
while the Circumstance was recent, have
stated his grievance to the Commissioners,
as was the case in one Instance; so that
his Complaint might have become a matter
of record; and if justice was refused him he,
might now have appealed, as he has done,
to the Committee. — Will it be supposed
that a Gentleman of the delicate Sensibility
which Mr Jackson now professes himself
to be, would without cause, lay under an
imputation, and not take the speediest
method of vindicating himself? — Mr Jackson
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has chose to adopt a different mode of
Conduct, and I trust it will not escape
the observation of the Committee, that his
two first Charges allude to conversations only
held at a period so distant as the 30th
of November 1783 and not produced by
him before the latter end of August this
Year, unsupported by any Record, and
vouched only by a general Note of
approbation from one of the Commissioners,
of certain Papers not specified, and in
another instance by an appeal to a record,
which he does not quote – I do not state
these Circumstances to disprove Mr. Jacksons
statement, but to shew how much the matter
rests upon his unsupported operation. ——

Respecting the first Charge as
stated by Mr. Jackson I have to remark.
That having made an alteration in the
Letter in question Mr. Jackson told me
the same evening that Mr. Staunton
approved of it. —— in this state the draught
of the Letter remained with Mr. Jackson, and
when the fair Copy was presented to me

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in the morning, relying on Mr Jacksons accuracy in a mere matter of Official detail, I may have signed the Letter without reading it attentively. — I was soon after surprized to learn that Mr Staunton had refused to sign the fair Copy of the Letter, tho he had approved the draught of it, and having long suspected a more than usual unregulated party bias in Mr Jackson I may have expressed my Sentiments to him in harsh terms; but whether my words were the same which are stated by Mr Jackson, is more than I at this distance of time can recollect. — When the Omission was pointed out to me which occasioned the objection on the part of Mr Staunton, I immediately acknowledged its propriety, and the Letter was amended; But strongly impressed with the belief that the word heard stood in the foul draught, and Mr Dallas being no stranger to my opinion of Mr Jackson, I desired him to be present, (having previously told him of my intention) when I called upon Mr Jackson to produce the foul draft;

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20. upon examining it, I found the word heard was erased in the manner recited, but whether that erasement was made by me, or by Mr. Jackson, is with me a doubt, as the draft remained in his possession;— however, being unwilling to condemn upon Suspicion, I may have apologized to Mr. Jackson for my error, in the presume of Mr. Dallas, who was present during the explanation, but I deny that Mr. Staunton was present, or that I had any Communication on the Subject of that Letter with him, but by message through Mr. Jackson, for Mr. Staunton and I had in a great measure ceased to confer, but through the Medium of Mr. Jackson. ——

With regard to the Second charge — a report having reached me from Madras that I was accused there, of withholding necessary information in a conference with Tippoo Vackeels, it occasioned some uneasiness to me, and being conscious

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20. conscious that any such Account must have arisen from misrepresentation, I called upon Mr. Jackson, at a distance of some days. for any Notes which may have been taken by him of what passed; and as my Suspecions of him were more and more confirmed, I may have have expressed myself in the manner he recites, and it was this Suspecion arising from Observation on his Conduct, which led me, with the consent of my Colleague to desire that the Aid DeCamp, might attend him as a Check. — Let it be remembered that the difference between me and Mr. Staunton was at that time, under reference to Madras — the Question from the Vackeels alluded to that reference, and as no Letters from the Committee however much they might anticipate ideas could be material, in respect to that reference, until an answer to it arrived I might with propriety have said that the Letters contained nothing particular,

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20 and Mr Staunton's declaration that no answer had been received to the joint Letter, was no more than a corroboration of the same idea — in this point of view my words as stated by Mr Jackson himself, imply nothing like an attempt to with hold necessary communication and could he have given them, a turn more unfavourable to me, I can have no doubt, from what I have seen, and do see, of his Conduct, but he was sufficiently inclined to avail himself of the Opportunity. —

To prove that my Suspecions of him were well founded, and that he oreguired a Check, I shall only refer to his third Charge which will of itself convey sufficient conviction to every impartial person. —

But first, let me take a Review of the two first Charges as stated by Mr Jackson, and explained by me, and when it is seen what trivial Circumstances gave rise to them, the impartial will not perhaps

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perhaps withhold their surprize that they have been magnified into so much importance. — Relative to the Public Service, the alteration in the Letter which was immediately amended; and the words used in the conference, were of no importance — it is the colouring and assertions of Mr. Jackson, that make them so, and whether credit is due to his assertions will no doubt be a matter of Consideration with the Committee, when they see his memory so far fail him as to make Mr. Staunton's evidence to a transaction at which he was not present, and which he could have learned only from report — the Corroboration of Mr. Jacksons Charges will likewise appear as equivocal as his assertions, for Mr. Staunton's note approving Mr. Jacksons statement of certain papers not specified, can give no authenticity to the recital of a Circumstance, which he was not personally acquainted with. ——

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20th Nor will it, I presume, escape the Board, how far the assumed delicacy of Mr. Jacksons honor may have been led astray, by his desire to Criminate me, when they consider that he states as one of his charges a circumstance for which, supposing the Offence, he had already accepted an apology. —— an apology made by me not from conviction, but from my reluctance to censure where there was a possibility of innocence. ——

I beg likewise throughout the whole of Mr. Jacksons Charges, and Correspondence, to separate the facts as stated by him, from the inferences he is pleased to draw from them. — his ready & apt talents have led him to anticipate the judgement of the Board, and whether the happy and generous conclusions drawn by him from every position, were found, in the ample resources of his own mind, or in his early intercourse with others, they certainly give sufficient indications of an open ingenuous heart; and of a liberal manly

disposition ——

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The whole train of Mr Jacksons correspondence, and his anxiety to make others a party with him sufficiently prove the Bears of his mind, but as I am willing to make allowances for the weakness of human nature, it is not of this bear — (however exceptionable it may be) that I complain — the question is, whether Mr Jackson fulfilled the duty of his public station as Secretary, with honor to himself, and fidelity to his Employers? — and this lead me to the third Charge, which, on Account of its importance, from the matter it contains, and the authenticity it bears, as a matter of record, I shall here state at full length and contrast the different accounts of the same Conference, that the Committee may observe how far they vary. —

From the Secretary to the Embassy to Messrs Sadleir & Staunton Dated 4th December 1783 —

Gentlemen —

Having received

Your

Substance of a Conversation taken by the Representatives of Sippoo Sultaun, at held between them, & the Secretary to the English Commission — Dated 4th December 1783. —

That on the 4th

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Your Directions to wait on Meer Moyun ud Deen Cawn, in Compliance with a Request made by him this Morning, for the purpose of explaining to him, the Purport of some Papers sent by you — I have in pursuance of these Orders, waited on Meer Moyun ud Deen Cawn, who mentioned that he did not clearly comprehend the Paper, relative to the Reference from the Commissioners; — I informed him, that it was intended to Communicate to him the Decision of the Select Committee of Fort St George, to the Reference made to that Board, in Relation to Mangalore, which I explained; and added, that the Commissioner wished to proceed without Delay,

December 1783. Meer Moinudy Cawn, Badarajima Cawn, Appajee Ram & Streenevass Row & acquainted to Mr Jackson, who attended by Sholeapa Moodely, & Vencata Rangia as follows. —

That the both parties are mutually Agreed for the Treaty of the Peace, but now since 12 days you require the restoration of your Persons, Officers & Soldeirs, previous to the Evacuation of Mangalore &c to take place, for that account You will write to Madras, to have an Answer from thence, to which our Reply was, that we would enter into an Agreement with you to restore the said Prisoners as soon as we shall go to

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Delay to the Presence of the Nabob, if you the Nabob Sippoo Sultaun should give us an Barbauder, and that they Order or Letter for the requested to be furnished Evacuation of Mangalore with the proper Pass- & c. Places, besides this, -ports, including the Pass we are willing to from Sippoo, and take what other mode likewise desired to be of you shall think provided with a Plan proper to tell us on of the Route they were what Account, since to pursue, together with there is a Peace Provisions &c. in order between the Company to enable them to prosecute & us, if you would their Journey & with Convenience not give leave for the & Facility; That a Number evacuation of Mangalore &c. of Exactions and Violences had — I could not quit Carnatic been lately Committed in with my Troops. — & the Carnatic, by the Forces of Consequently my Troops the Nabob Sippoo Sultaun, must remain in that and that Complaints of a part of the Arcot, and Similar Nature had been must be supplied with lately made by the Straw & Firewood which Inhabitants of this will distress the Inhabi- Neighbourhood; That there tants. — besides this we had likewise been Letters must Collect Money to lately received from defray the Expences of Bengalore, complaining our Troops out of the of the ill Treatment said Country, so that the

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of our Prisoners, by the Killidar of that Place, supposed to be unknown to Sippoo, and that the Commissioners hoped that the Representatives here, would make it known to their Master, That there had been Information given to the Commissioners of their Sappahs having been prevented in the night, from passing thro' his Camp, which had occasioned some Delay.—

Meer Moyun ud Deen Caun replied, that he was very sorry for the Decision of the Government of Madras; That he could not therefore quit the Carnatic; but that If the Commissioners would give up that Point, he was willing to like destruction must arise to the Country; & whereby the Company must be sufferers to the amount of several Lacks of Rupees, which is not proper—Mangalore is so great way as fifty Leagues from hence considering the Country's of the both parties were agreed to be evacuated we have wrote to the Nabob that we shall send him a Letter for the evacuation of Codial & will conduct the Commissioners after his arrival at Seringapa-tam, which was reason that the Nabob had sent a passport &c. for you to Seeringapatam, but as it is now disputed, it requires a fresh Passport to proceed

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to enter into any Agreement they may think proper; But, that if not, and they meant to adhere to their Determination of prosecuting their Journey, every thing should be prepared, and got ready by tomorrow Night, that it could not be done sooner, because the Feast of Moharrum, prevented the Execution of any Business; & that, that Feast ended to=morrow at 12 Clock; that the next Morning should be employed, in taking a friendly leave of each other, and that then the Commissio=ners should be permitted to proceed; and if they should desire it, the Hackeels would accompany them — That with Respect to the Outrages committed in the Carnatic, it was impossible to prevent them, more further, which will be Contrary to what we have so often wrote to them.—

That two of the Principal & Creditable Inhabitants of it, as also the disadvantage which might accrue thereby to the Company's affairs, we shall be obliged to Represent it to the Governor & Council of Madras, with the Testimonies of Mr. Jackson & the Interpre=ters; we are willing to

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them, while he remained. But that he had made some severe Examples of People who had been found plundering the Inhabitants, which he hoped would have a good Effect in future; — That he had written to his Master concerning the ill Treatment of the Prisoners at Bengalore, which he made no doubt but would prove the means of preventing a Continuance of it. — I have the Honor to be Gentlemen

Your most obd.t Humble Servant

(signed) W.m C. Jackson Secretary

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(signed) W.m C. Jackson Secretary to the Embassy —

Camp near Collispank 4.th Dec.r 1783 —

to give you all the Satisfaction regarding the restoration of the Prisoners as Officers and Soldiers, Provided you will give us Letters of the Evacuation of Mangalore & Ile a Imile with draw all my Forces from thence immediately to Balagat Ile in regard to the Friendship of the Company; will quit the Fortresses & Country of the Carnatic. —

As it was before determined for to go to Seerengapatam, all the Prisoners were desired by us to be Collected to keep in the neighbourhood of that place, & now if you should proceed to Mangalore, in such case the said Prisoners must be carried 30 Leagues distance

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distance more from
thence, which will
distress them greatly. —
We don't think it proper
that you who are come
to make Peace on both
sides should dispute
to a thing which might
be effected easily, &
without prejudicing the
Interest of the Company.
Notwithstanding we
are willing to give you
all the Satisfaction in
every thing yet if you
desire us leave to go to
the Nabob, we are
ready to dispatch you —
we could Collect all
the Prisoners to the
Gaunts in one place
if you should desire
it. — Our Circar will
not Sustain any loss
in what you intended
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to undertake, but on the
Contrary it will be a Loss
to the Company, & Ruin
the Inhabitants, tho' you
should go to the Nabob,
it will be determined in
the same manner & no
other mode. Mr. Staunton
has exerted his endeavors
for the space of eight
Months to settle it in
Madras & delivered it
to us which Papers we
have produced to you
during the time you
halted near Arney Fin
Reliance whereto we have
wrote to the Nabob which
now proved false. Yet
notwithstanding which we
desire that you will not
detain giving us a Letter
for the evacuation of
Mangalore &c as we
are ready to agree &
execute whatever made
you shall desire. The

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Governor & Council of
Madras are very upright
& just, and you are
also of the same disposi=
=tion therefore it doth not
seem proper that you
should be Obstinate
towards the Ruin &
Sufferings of the Country.—
Now we hope you'll
confirm the full power
with which you are
invested, also your
Rank and Station,
& give us a Letter
for the evacuation of
Mangalore &c. places,
which will oblige
us to restore the Prison=
=ers, quit the Fortresses
& Country of Carnatic,
& withdraw our Forces
to Balagat without
any let.—

An Exact Copy of the
Translation
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary to the
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It will be observable that Mr. Jackson omitted all the Arguments and reasoning founded on advantage to ourselves, by which Meer Moyen ud Deen Caun proved the propriety of relenquishing our resolution, not to yield up Mangalore, before the Prisoners were delivered and contents himself with only relating from Meer Moyen ud Deen Caun "that if the Commissioners would give up "that point he was willing to enter into any Agreement they may think proper."— he likewise omits what was said of the Negociations in Madras; the disappointment expressed by Meer Moyen ud Deen Caun, at having disappointed his Master, from his Reliance on these Negociations;— his proposal respecting the Prisoners, and his declaration, that though the Commissioners proceeded to Tippoo, no other settlement would be made.— The Arguments of Meer Moyen Chaun were important, and strongly enforced, and how Mr. Jackson came to omit these Arguments in his Narrative, or how he could omit recording any part of a

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20th Conference, he held by Order, is a thing for which he is accountable to this Board, and to his honorable Employers — Messrs Moyen and Deen Cawn, stated that, if the point in question respecting Mangalore was not yielded, he could not quit the Carnatic with his Troops, that they must be supplied from the Country to the prejudice of the Inhabitants. — That the Company must likewise suffer to the + amount of many Lacks, as he must collect Money for the expences of his Army. — he suggested the distance of Mangalore, the loss of time in procuring a Passport for the Commissioners to proceed thither. — the imputation of Obstinacy, which would be thrown upon them after having come from Madras on purpose; for delaying to settle an advantageous Peace which might be concluded in a Month or fifteen days. — he held the + Partys present Witnesses to the Government of Madras for such Conduct. — he proposed to give any Satisfaction the Commissioners pleased for the restoration of the Prisoners, Officers and men, and to evacuate the Carnatic with

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with all its Fortresses and retire to the Ghauts, with his Army in case an Order was given for including the evacuation of Mangalore. — he argued to them that his Master would lose nothing by the determination of the Commissioners, on the Contrary, that the Company and the Inhabitants of the Carnatic would be losers and he called upon them / the Commissioners / to fulfill the duty they owed to their own stations and to the Company by putting an end to the Calamitys of the Country — but these, and all such Arguments were omitted by Mr. Jackson for reasons best Known to himself, and no doubt, (for who will suspect the testimony he bears to his own worth) all his reasons, with his concealment of a material part of the Conference, proceeded from that refined sense of honor. that scrupulous integrity, and that strong unbiassed public Zeal, which he so boldly and resolutely lays claim to. —

Mr. Jackson says "In vain were

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"were my Incessant Solicitations to Mr.
"Sadleir not to make me appear to the
"Representatives of Tippoo Sultaun, 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 Experienced, 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
"Representation of a Person in my Situation;
"and begged him with Earnestness to give up
"all thoughts of making such an Application" —

— I confess, indeed that he must for ever
have applied in vain to me upon such
an occasion, nor did the earnestness of his
Solicitation appear to me, like conscious
innocence — he long, by his own Confession,
knew that I suspected him, and did it
such the pride of his rectitude, or the

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sense he is now pleased to express of
previous injurys, to sue to me for remission,
unless he had been struck with an
apprehension of danger ?. —

But had I been less suspicious
of Mr. Jackson, my sense of Public
duty would have prevented me from
yielding to the intercessions suggested
by his Sensibility, for in that case I
could not have so fully known what was
sufficiently proved to me by Meer Moyen
ud Deen Cauns account of the Conference
at Dhiz. — That even Subsequent to the
decision upon the Appeal to Madras he
was willing to enter into terms of Accommoda=
=tion — That had the Commissioners consented
to exclude the delivery of Mangalore ;
they might have obtaind Security for the
delivery of the Prisoners, and the Carnatic
would immediately have been evacuated . —
That the Revenue collected, and the
exactions made by the enemy from the
Month of December till the time when they

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did evacuate the Carnatic would have
been consequently saved — that an Arrangement
for Peace might have been settled at
Arney, and finally concluded at Seringapa=
=tam. — That the burthen of the War
establishment, supported by the Company
from the end of the year 1783 to the
present time, might in a great measure
have been saved, together, with all the
additional expences of the Commission. —
That the Prisoners would have been sooner
released. — That the Government, and the
Commissioner, would have escaped all the
imputations and reproach which has
fallen upon them from the unsuccess=
=fulness of the Negociation; — and what
I could not then so clearly, but what events
have since sufficiently shewn, we would
have saved the English honor, and what
remained of the Gallant Garrison of Mangalore,
by yielding what was no longer tenable,
and not have been humbled to the Situation
of Crossing the Peninsula, in search of

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Peace, and of seeing for it, to the Enemy, after the important point we had stickled for was lost. — We may infer likewise how much more advantageous the Treaty might have been, if concluded in a Situation when we had some thing desirable to bestow. —

Will not the withholding of information so important in its consequence sufficiently mark the Conduct of Mr. Jackson? — does it not prove that he deserved Suspecion? and evince my discernment of his Character? — but Mr. Jackson says that my Dubash who was present at the Conference, declared it to be accurate, and he Suggests the impropriety of my giving Credit to my Dubash in preference to him — Cholcapah Moodaliar, who attended me more from attachment, than as a Servant, is a branch of the most respectable Family in the black Town — he is the Son of Moodukistna formerly the Companys Dubash, and one of their oldest and most faithful Servants. — — he is the same Man that acted often as Interpreter to Mr. Du Pré when Peace was concluded with Hyder. — therefore as a

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a Character of experience and Integrity.
I had reason to confide in his Report,
and the event shews that I was right.—
When Tholeapah was called upon by
Mr. Jackson to vouch to the Conference
as stated by him, he answered, as I have
cause to believe, that Mr. Jackson
knew best. but this was no approbation,
and he had no difficulty in declaring
the fact to me, nor did he, tho'en an
appeal was to be made which was
to decide on his or Mr. Jackson's veracity,
shrink from the Situation, or urge
his delicate fears & apprehensions to
prevent the appeal, as Mr. Jackson did,
by his own Confession. —

The manner in which Mr.
Jackson concludes his third Charge
is remarkable to say no worse Vizt —
"The Commissioners received the Ministers
Account" and without pausing a moment,
to mention how much that account differed
from his own, he proceeds to say, "as was

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" to be conjectured. it rested solely on their
favorite Object, the evacuation of Mangalore."
This easy turn of the Secretary, upon a
matter so important, shews how desirous
he is to quit the Subject, or how little
it had of his serious attention. ——

Having thus taken leave of the
three Charges stated by Mr. Jackson I
must refer to another charge contained
in his Letters Viz.t — That of withholding
an answer to his three first Letters. —
and he is pleased to ascribe my Silence
to the honorable motives which doubtless
would have actuated him upon a
similar occasion — but it will be
remembered by the Committee that though
Mr. Jackson addressed three Letters to the
Board of the 28.th of April, 26.th July
and 4.th of August desiring an investigation
into his Conduct, no specifick and
supported Charge, accompanied these Letters,
and as the Proceedings of the Deputation
have neither been signed or authenticated,

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I had no Record to apply to. —
I was therefore from Necessity obliged
to defer my answer until Mr. Jackson
advanced the Charges which accompanied
his intended Letter of the 30th of April;
and since the 30th of August, on which
day, that Letter was seen by me,
he will perceive, that I have not
been inattentive to him. —

I must now call the attention
of the Committee to Mr. Jacksons
Correspondence and the order in which
his Letters were received. — his first
Letter of the 28th April contained no more
than a modest Reference to the Board for
his own Vindication, his Second and third
Letters of the 26th July and 4th August,
only repeated the same Request; with
the addition of Certificates from Mr. Rudleston
and Mr. Staunton. — while these Letters
lay before the Board for their inspection,
before the Records of the Commission were
either Signed or Authenticated, and before the

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20. Committee had passed any judgement upon them, Mr. Jackson the confidential Secretary to the Commission, thought proper to address a Letter to the Board dated on the 30th of April, tho' not delivered by him before the end of August, and ventured without the permission of the Board, and therefore contrary to the trust reposed on him as Secretary, not only to quote such part of these unauthenticated Records as suited his purpose, but by his own confession, in his Subsequent Letter of the 12th of September, sent to England Copys of these quotations and of his concealed Letter, with a view to effect the malicious purpose of clandestinely defaming the public and private Character of a Member of Government. ——

Whether the Board consider the unlicenced use which Mr. Jackson made of the Records entrusted to him as a public Officer, and the pernicious tendency of such a deviation from his trust —— whether they consider the indecency of

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introducing a Letter of an old date upon the Board, and the motive which actuated Mr. Jackson to withhold it, or his own declaration, that he had made use of it before it was delivered, in either, or all these points of view, his conduct must appear most exceptionable. —

Mr. Jackson avows in his last Letter that he sent Copy of his Letter of the 30.th April to England, but he Conceals another use he made of it to my knowledge, which was, to expose the Letter to the view of his acquaintances in this Settlement, probably with intention to spread opinions to my prejudice, and to propagate the report, so currently circulated for some days, that Duras to be suspended — Mr. Jacksons concealment of this last fact in his answer to the question from the Board respecting the use he made of his Letter, of the 30.th of April, leaves it doubtful how much he has concealed. —

Was it Mr. Jacksons intention by dating his Letter so early as the 30.th

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of Appeal to convey to his Friends in England the imposing idea that the Letter with the Charges which accompanyed it had remained unanswered ?— or did he mean to spread impressions both here and in England, so that the Letter might have its full effect, in exciting prejudices against me, before I had an Opportunity of answering, to the accusations it contained ?— Will not the Committee see the indecency of withholding a Letter addressed to them to be employed for such purposes ?— and will not the calm & deliberate disingenuity of such Conduct towards me, be glaring and Conspicuous to them ?—

Mr Jackson not only employs a Letter intended to become a Record, but avails himself of his Situation as Secretary to the Commission, of which I trust he has not yet acquitted himself, to Calumniate a Member of that Commission before the Board have

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made enquiry into his Conduct! — What Opinion must be intertained of Mr. Jackson as a public Officer, for this abuse of his trust! — and What epithet is not due to the growing malevolence of a Man, who at a very early period of life, could with hold an intended public Letter, which contained nothing less than a Libel, from the Board to which it was addressed, and employ the intermediate time between the date, and the delivery of that Libel, in clandestinely conveying injurious impressions of a public Character, who from the concealed nature of the attack, could not have had an Opportunity of Vindicating itself! —

Had Mr. Jacksons sole motive been a vendication of himself, his Correspondence would have been confined to the three first Letters received from him. — had he been actuated by a spirit of manly resentment his intended Letter of the 30th of April, as it was most expressive of Anger, would have

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have been the first presented; — But he appears neither to have been restrained by decency, or to have been influenced by any passion which has the stamp of generosity. — his cunning, probably, suggested to him, the expediency of obtaining an exculpation of himself, before he attacked me, but his rancour led him astray, and surely nothing can be a stronger contrast to generosity, than the dark insidious plan of his attack —

I have already alluded to the improper use Mr. Jackson made of the trust reposed in him, by venturing to quote record of the Commission, which had not been proved or authenticated but in his intended Letter of the 30th April he goes still further, and arrogates to himself the liberty of Commenting upon the Conduct of his Superiors in Office; and without any essential public cause, he dares to intrude these Comments upon the Board, on a subject, which had not, as yet, undergone their Consideration. —

The Board will not imagine that I shall condescend, in answer to a Letter from

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from Mr. Jackson, to give any Account of my public Conduct, while acting as a Member of the Deputation; every explanation of that nature, is necessarily reserved by me, until the Board think proper to take the Subject into their consideration. —

Had Mr. Jackson done justice to his public Station as Secretary, he would by an impartial Conduct have preserved himself in the Situation to be appealed to, as the evidence between the parties on any difference, — which unhappily subsisted on the Deputation; But from his undisguised inclination to criminate one of them, he has made himself a party, and destroyed all the Credit, which otherwise might have been due to him. — In this instance likewise, as in others, his eager implacability appears to have got the better of his prudence; and has defeated the intention by too hastily shewing his disposition to injure me. ——

The indecent scurrility of Mr. Jacksons intended address to the Board of the 30th of April, and the unwarrantable epithets

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which he uses, as they are only comments,
upon the coarseness of his own manners, and
the illiberality of his mind, must necessarily
recoil upon himself, without hurting me; —
— but I must beg to call the attention of the
Committee to the parts of my Conversation
with him, which he is pleased to execute
in his own ways and I think they will
join with me in opinion, that these P.
conversations had no evil intentions even
as quoted by Mr. Jackson himself — A man
of sensible resentment would have avoided
to mention as essential, a Circumstance, from
which no bad inference can be drawn, and
a man of delicacy or prudence, would not
have excited future suspicion of himself, by
reciting a matter of private conversation; —
But I readily believe all the Shuddering
— fears of Mr. Jackson at the apprehension of
being weighed like Gold; for I have no doubt
that by a ready appeal to his own Heart, he
must have been conscious, that placing him
so nicely in the Scale, would be equal
to a condemnation of him. — A man more

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conscious of integrity, than Mr. Jackson
is, would not be affraid of such a trial. —

Mr. Jackson with his usual candour
is pleased to mis-state a personal altercation,
which passed between him, Mr. Dallas,
and me. — it is sufficient to say respecting
Mr. Dallas, that we made a mutual
apology: and I hope the accompanying
Paper, which I sent to Mr. Dallas and
to Mr. Jackson after the altercation took
place will sufficiently prove that it was
not my intention by horrid Machinations
to foment a quarrel between the individuals,
who formed the party, as Mr. Jackson
is generously pleased to insinuate; on the
contrary, it was my earnest wish to preserve
apparent unanimity and a proper
Decorum of behaviour. — Mr. Jackson
says that the above Paper was withdrawn
from the Records, it is true that I withdrew
the paper, because I did not approve
the use, which was intended to be made of
it — The paper was not a matter of

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20th appeal to the Commissioners, or to the parties concerned; but the orecital of a fact with a view to prevent future altercations! —

"Mr Sadlier in order that no "reflection injurious to his Character may "be propagated, wishes the Commissioners may "be pleased to allow him to insert on the "Records of their proceedings, an occurrence of "Yesterday; his reasons for taking such "mode arises from the Sense he has of "the importance of the present Commission, "and the necessity, in his opinion, of using "precaution to preclude private differences "between him and individuals affecting the "operation of the Duty of the trust reposed "in him, by the Company, and the Presidency "of Fort St George, and the Harmony "and Society of the party, until the termination "of his present Mission. — But in Order "that no misconstruction may arise of the "intention, Mr Sadlier declare his "determination to vindicate himself against all accusation to the President & Select Committee

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" or to the President & Council of Fort St.=
"=George, whenever Situation and Circum=
"=stances, render such justification eligible
"and proper".—

" The occurrence alluded to passed
" Yesterday in the Dining Tent between
"him, Lieut.t Dallas, and Mr. Jackson
"previous to dinner, and before a Variety
"of Gentlemen.— Mr. Saddleir was taxed
" by Mr. Dallas of design to detect him
"in Falsehood, in a previous Conversation
"with Mr. Jackson; Mr. Saddleir acknowledged
"to have had a discourse with Mr. Jackson
"and related its tendency; altercation and
" difference ensued in which Mr. Dallas
" alledged that Mr. Saddleir had adopted an
" ungentlemanly Conduct, and between Mr.
" Saddleir and Mr. Jackson passed in
" the course of such difference a flat &
" Contradiction of Assertions, on points which
" occurd during the altercation".—

" It is Mr. Saddleir determination to
" adopt such mode of behaviour, as shall

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"preserve Social Decorum and Harmony
"to the best of his Skill. Mr. Sadleir leaves
"to the other Commissioners to give such
"Caution as shall hereafter prevent Language
"so unbecoming and improper, to the Station
"he has the honor to fill, and passing in
"so public a manner."

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"I hereby certify this to be
the Original Paper shewn by me to
Mr. Jackson & Lieut. Dallas, and
afterwards delivered by order of Mr. Sadleir,
to Messrs. Staunton & Hudleston the
Day of its Date and which by Mr.
Sadleirs Desire I again took up and
delivered him; and at his Request kept the
same in my Possession till this Day the

17th Septr. 1784 (Signed) T. Fombланque
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The virulent Conduct of Mr. Jackson
is sufficiently apparent from the Style
and manner in which he has recited the
occasional circumstances which occured and

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Though these Circumstances appeared of Consequence while peoples minds were under the influence of prejudice, (however excited) they may now from their private and trivial nature become matters of regret to every generous temper concerned. —

Mr. Jackson alone appears happy in the undeviating, dark, malevolence of his disposition; and he has pursued the dictates of it, in a manner peculiar to himself. — It is my misfortune to be obliged to trace him through all the odious intricacies of his conduct: — I have shewn that, as a public man, he was undeserving of the Confidence reposed in him; first, for having withheld material information from the Commissioners, and again for making an improper use of the Records which he officially had in his charge. — I have in other instances shewn the injustice of his representations, his poor Submissive application not to have an appeal made to the Packets when he

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the feared detection; and his artful calm, malignant intention in with holding his intended Letter of the 30.th of April from the Board. — I have likewise traced the indecency of his conduct to the Board, as well as his intentions towards me. — but that the virulence of his disposition, at once so wicked and so complicated; — so bold in assertion, so disingenuous in Conduct, should have stimulated Mr. Jackson to an aspersion so illiberal and so unjust, as that of taxing me with inebriety during the first conference with Tippoo, and during the time the Commissioners were encamped near Mangalore, is in itself so astonishing that it surpasses belief! — I cannot do any thing so honorable to Mr. Jacksons veracity, or so degrading to myself as to enter into a Refutation of such an aspersion. — had I the inclination to do so the thing would be impossible, for it would be no less, than an attempt to prove a Negative — the whole tenor of my life through

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through the different stages I have
passed, will of itself be a sufficient
refutation to those who know me; and
those who do not, have only occasion to
attend to the Character of my accuser,
who has already given sufficient proofs
that his testimony is altogether dubious. —

But had Mr. Jackson been
cautious enough not to furnish cause of
suspicion against himself my retired
mode of life at the time he dates the
aspersion, as it furnished no temptations
to excess, so it would furnish sufficient
argument against the aspersion. — I had
at the time withdrawn myself from the
Society of the Commissioners, for reasons
which it is not now necessary to explain,
and if testimony was called to my habits,
Mr. Fonblanque, the only person with
whom I associated, is alone able to say
what my habits were. ——

From the account of Mr. Jackson's
conduct, even on the points stated by himself,

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The Right Honble the President and Select Committee will be able to judge whether he "deserves a punishment much "beyond a dismission from the Service" — whether he has been acting with so much injustice to himself and infidelity to his honorable Employers — and whether he deserves to be considered a "Traitor to his Country." — These are only his own Words, upon his own statement of Circumstances. — Let it be remembered that I have as yet, given in no Charges against Mr. Jackson. —

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18th Septr 1784 —

(Signed) Anth Sadleir

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President &c. Select Committee
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Guided by the Principles of
Equity, and I will say self-Preservation,

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From Mr. W. C. Jackson written in Consequence of having received the Information of the foregoing Minutes having been sent in Circulation with a Request from Mr. Sadleir that it might be sent a separate Number in the Packet of 1st June— Encloses Copy of a Letter from Mr. Macalister; in further Justification of his / Mr. Jackson's Conduct on the Commission to Tippoo Sultaun. ———

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I humbly beg leave to call your Attention for one Moment to my present Situation—

I have this Instant received Information that Mr. Sadleir has sent in Circulation a Minute of considerable Length against me; and which is to go a Number in the Packet; it is impossible, My Lord & Gentlemen, that I can reply to it, previous to the Departure of the Ship, now under Dispatch; as the sails on the 20th Instant; and I much fear that Mr. Sadleir's hope is, by sending it at this precise Time, to prejudice the Minds of my Honble Employers against me— But so conscious am I of the Integrity of every Part of my Conduct while acting in the Commission, that I can fear but little of what Mr. Sadleir may say against me; and so conscious is Mr. Sadleir that it is in my Power to refute any malevolent Charge that he may have brought against me, that he was,

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no Doubt, in hopes, that his Minute would have been sent to England, without my being able, from the Multiplicity of Business in the Office, to answer or even see it. —

Fully Confident of the Candour of my Honorable Employers; my Mind is as easy as it can be, when Laboring under the most infamous of Charges that of being destitute of Honor, Principle, and Integrity. — To the Justice of my Cause I appeal, and by which I hope to get Redress. —

The general Odium which has ever marked Mr. Sadleir's Character, by almost all Ranks of Men, in every Path he has trodden, will I trust, be the Means of giving Credit to my Declaration, that Mr. Sadleir was avoided by every Gentleman in the Commission, save one, as a Man with whom the least Connection was big with Danger. — His Colleague, the second Member of the Commission, has on this Subject, thus expressed himself, "In any

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"Accusation of a Conduct affecting the Company's
"Welfare, he will, as a public Concern, if
"his Conduct be justifiable, endeavour to justify
"it. — For his Demeanour to Individuals, he
"will individually be answerable; and for the
"Opinion of it, among those whose Opinion
"he respects and values, he will trust
"to the Witnesses of his Actions, and to the
"Character he bears. — His Conduct may have
"been supposed to have been on the present
"Occasion arbitrary and tyrannical, if in
"every Station he filled, and every where
"resided, he became detested by his Equals and
"Inferiors; and that tho' arrived by Seniority
"to a respectable Rank, and important
"Situation, he was excluded even from the
"usual Assemblies and Societies of the Settlement. —

From these Considerations, it would have been a Matter of Surprize indeed, if I had escaped — But I was an Object worthy of the Malice of a Man of such a Character — To ruin the Reputation of a

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a Young Man who had commenced his
Career of Life by acting in a public Character
of some Importance, was a Bait too
tempting for Mr. Saddleir not to catch at;
but, thank God, I was aware of the
Snare that was laid for me, and happily
avoided it. — I submit it to the Consideration
of my Superiors here, and my Honorable
Employers at home, how far my Conduct
has been deserving of Censure, when they
shall have weighed in one Scale the
Character of my Accuser, and in the
other the Certificates of a Majority of
the Commissioners, together with the
Letter from a Gentleman of the Party,
Copy of which I have the Honor to
enclose. —

So unable is Mr. Saddleir to
conceal his real Character and Disposition,
that in a Pamphlet lately published
at Bengal, entitled "Narrative of the
"Treatment of the Prisoners taken with
"Brigadier General Richard Mathews,

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20th " by the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahadur,
" is the following Passage. " Such extraordinary
" Behaviour in Mr. Sadleir hurt our Feelings
" more sensibly than any Thing we had
" hitherto experienced — Such Treatment from
" the Enemy Might have been expected; but
" to receive it from one of our Country men,
" and from the first Person too who was an
" Eye Witness of our Distress, was cruel
" beyond Measure — Had this Gentleman's
" Humanity been as eminent as his Want
" of it, our Misfortunes might by his Means,
" have been alleviated in some Degree —
" The Behaviour of Mr. Dallas when we
" met him, was widely different from Mr.
" Sadleirs; the Contrast was a very pleasing
" one". —

If Mr. Sadleir was void of Humanity to his own Country Men, who had been but just releas'd from the dismal Dungeons of Mysore, which had confined them for some Years, and so supplicating to him to alleviate their Misfortunes, and got

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their Shackles knocked off, to which he replied; "that it was the best and securest "Method of marching them." I do not indeed wonder in the least at his Treatment of me. —

Facts will ever speak for themselves. —

It is a Fact, that If I had been guilty of the Charges preferred against me, that it must have come to the Knowledge of the second Commissioner; and I leave it to your Lordship &c. to decide, how far he thinks me guilty. — It is a Fact, that there is but one of the Gentlemen of the Party, (and I am not quite certain if there is one,) but what will give your Lordship &c. their Opinion of my Conduct, as is expressed in the Letter which is herewith enclosed. — — It is a Fact, that if I had been guilty of the Charges with which I have been accused, that it would have been madness in me to have courted my Destruction, by so strongly and repeatedly soliciting for an Investigation. —

I beg the Favor of your Lordship &c. to transmit a Copy of this Letter and Enclosure, a separate Number in the Packet, together

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together with Mr. Staunton's and Mr. Huddleston's Certificates, Copies of which I did myself the Honor to send to your Lordships &c.a on the 4th. of August last. —

I have the Honor to be.

with the most perfect Respect. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful

& obedient Servant

(signed) William Collins Jackson

Fort St. George
September 19th.
1784 — one oClock
in the Morning. —

To William Collins Jackson Esq.
Secretary to the late Deputation
To Tipoo Sultaun —

Sir

As you are of Opinion that your preservation depends on the Decision of the Subject before the Select Committee, relative to the Conduct observed by Mr. Sadlier towards you, while acting on the Commission to Tipoo Sultaun. — It is with a degree of Satisfaction which I always feel in supporting an injured Man, that I am ready to testify, that

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That Mr. Sadleir's Treatment to you (as frequently remarked by myself & other Gentlemen of the Party) was such, that we conceived it as injurious to the Principles of a Man of honor to submit to, & therefore knew that it must be for urgent Reasons that made you bear it with so much Patience. ——

I am also willing to testify that the reasoning in your Letter of the 30th of April, is, as far as came within my Knowledge, a true & Real State of facts; & I can have no Scruple in declaring also, that you have not in my opinion falsely accused Mr. Sadleir of Inebriation. ——

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient &
most humble Servant
(signed) Keith Macalester
Pay Mr. to the late
Deputation
To Tippoo Sultan

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(a true Copy)
(signed) William Collins Jackson

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To the Right Honorable George Lord Macartney &c.
President &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Since I took the Liberty of addressing your Lordship &c. at one this Morning I have been made happy by a Perusal of Mr. Sadleir's Minute, sent in & Circulation Yesterday; and it is with a Degree of Pleasure, that an innocent Man only can experience, that I find there is not even on his Minute one Sentence, but what I do pledge myself to your Lordship &c. and my Honorable Employers fully and substantially to answer as a Man of Honor; and I therefore request that you will be pleased to order Copy of this Letter to be sent, together with all my other Papers in the same Packet, as Mr. Sadleirs Minute, to my Honorable Employers. ——

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect &c. &c.

(signed) William Collins Jackson

To

From Mr. W. C. Jackson written in Consequence of his having perused Mr. Sadleirs Minute against him of the 18th September ——

Fort St. George the 19th September 1784 9 o'Clock in the Morning. ——

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From Mr. W. C. Jackson In reply to Mr. Saddlers Minute of the 20th Sept. Relative to the Testification of Colonel Brathwaite

To the Right Honourable George Lord Macartney K.B. President &c. Select Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

In Consequence of having received Information that Colonel Brathwaite in a Letter to Mr. Saddler entertains Belief, that the Quotation in my Letter to your Lordship &c. of the 19th Instant from a Pamphlet published in Bengal, is ill founded; I have the Honor to enclose to your Lordship &c. a Certificate from some Gentlemen; who if they did not immediately experience the Treatment Alluded to, nevertheless were Parties Concerned — Your Lordship &c. will observe that it was previous to Colonel Brathwaite's Release from Prison. —

Here is Conviction, strong & pointed, and positive; and shews how far Mankind are determined to prevent my falling a Sacrifice to the Art & Malice of my Accuser. Your Lordship &c. plainly see the sup[illegible]ors we daily get, and I yet Hope for more before

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20/ before this matter Ends —

I shall do myself the Honor to express my Sentiments more fully on this Transactions of Mr Saddlers, when I shall be dedicating my Time, in Answering his Minutes —

I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect &c &c

William Collins Jackson

Fort St George
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We, the undermentioned Officers of the Bombay Establishment, do testify, that that part of the Narrative, published in Bengal, entitled "Narrative of the Treatment "of the Prisoners taken with Brigadier General "Prichard Mathews by the Nabob Tippoo "Sultaun Bahader" relative to Mr Saddler of the Madras Board, is what was told us by Lieutenants Frances William Bellas and John James of the Bombay Troops, and Lieutenant Munroe of his Majesty's 100th Regiment, who were the persons who had the Conversation with Mr Saddler as the said — and who are Gentlemen of the most undoubted Veracity. —

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Mr Sadleirs behaviour upon that Occasion, as was related to us by these Gentlemen, was so truely astonishing, that we cannot help recollecting it very particularly, and while Memory lasts we must always have the most lively Remembrance of it. —

We do also testify, that this Circumstance of our meeting with Mr. Sadleir, happened before Colonel Braithwaite was releasd from Bengalore Prison, of course he could have no knowledge of what passed, between Mr. Sadleir and these Gentlemen, but from the information of Mr. Sadleir. —

(signed) David Reddie Lieut.
J. Thompson Lt.
Tho.s Munro
Rick.d Cooke Lieut
Alex.r M.Donald Lt.
E. B. Goldmer Ensign

Madras
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A true Copy
(Signed) William Collins Jackson

Mr. Sadleir delivers in the following Papers with the Request that they might be in

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in additions to his Minute of the 18th Instant
might accompany the above Letters from Mr Jackson
as Numbers in the Packet which was ordered
accordingly. —

To the Senior Officers of His Majestys
Land & Sea Forces. & that of the Company's
Prisoners. in Charge of Tippoo Sultaun's Vessel,
with Lieut. Dallas. —

Gentlemen

Sensible of the distresses our
Country Men experience
release at Vellour. from the restraint and
hardship they now experience, I have been so
fortunate to Obtain the Loan of Two thousand
Star Pagodas which I have left Sealed in
Charge of Lieut. Dallas to be delivered to you
& Request on Receipt of it, and after being
join'd by the Prisoners from Bangalore that
You will assemble & form yourselves into a
Committee for the most equitable distribution
of the same, on public Account, to & to be
rendered here after to the respective Officers
of Service, towards the general Relief of the

Testification of the Bombay Officers in favor of Mr. Jacksons Assertion, relative to Mr. Sadleirs Conduct towards the Prisoners. —

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The Gentlemen, & Prisoner under Lieut.t Dallas's escort; not doubting but the most Street economy & impartiality will be your guide I have the honor to remain

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Serv.t—

(Signed) Anth Sadleir

Cuscotah
15th April 1784.

P.S. You will give a joint receipt to Lt Dallas—

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r—

Sir/

I can scarcely express my astonish=ment at the Charge brought against you by Mr. Jackson. "The want of Humanity towards the Bengalore Prisoners at our meeting at Seva Gunga — previous to our arrival at Bangalore a Charge so very ill founded as scarcely to merit an Answer, as the great Attention shewn by you to the Prisoner in general, is notorious to every one. I observe in the Certificate delivered by Mr. Jackson, Lieut.t Menzies is mentioned as one of the Founders of this Charge; I have

Papers delivered in by Mr. Sadleir in Consequence of the foregoing.

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I have the honor to be intimately acquainted with that Gentleman, who has often declared to me how much he considered himself obliged to you for your kind attention to him at our meeting, in fact I was witness of it, and saw you lend Mr. Meurson your Palanken to carry him to his Ground & also provided him with a Basket of Wine. — Mr. Meurson was also one of the Gentlemen who wrote you for a supply of Money, & on his arrival at Madrass I remember he waited on you to acknowledge these Obligations. —

These Facts are founded on Ocular Demonstration, & not on hear say.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Thomas Fombelaque

Fort St George
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(signed)

The following Notes & Minutes referred to in Mr. Sadleirs 3d. Minute of the 20th Instant (Copies of which were Numbers in the

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20th the Packet.) are now entered hereunder —

When the Bond which the Military Secretary was to execute, agreably to the determination of the Select Committee was sent round to the Members; Mr. Sadleir on a Slip of Paper, declared that he did not recollect that the Select Committee had come to any such Resolution respecting Mr. Hudleston; & that for his Part without meaning to prejudice Mr. Hudleston's Claims, he dissented to it. —

Mr. Hudleston's Note, respecting his Salary, with the Observations of the Members of the Committee thereon. —

Mr. Hudleston finding himself placed in a serious and delicate predecament by the Declaration of Mr. Sadleir, "that he does not recollect that the Committee came to any such resolution with respect to Mr. H", from the circumstance of his being both the Secretary to the Select Committee, and the person benefited by the Resolution, entreats the Right Honble the President and Mr. Davidson and Mr. Maunsell to signify their Sentiments on the subject of the said declaration. —

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In reply to Mr. Sadleir's Dissent against Mr. Studdleston's Salary being continued, I declare I thought the Resolution had passed; I do not remember Mr. Sadleir having voted for the Motion but I am sure he did not vote against it. When the Board assent to a Resolution in such case it has not been usual for either the President nor the Secretary to put the Question. The Business was regularly debated on Wednesday the 8.th instant, and no objection then made, the Secretary of course minuted the Resolution on the Secretary's Letter & brought forward by the President as passed. I believe the Deputy Secretary who attended the Board in his list of business minuted also the Resolution as having passed.

(signed) Alex.r Davidson.

I am of the same opinion, and consider the Resolution as having passed.

(signed) R.t Maunsell

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The Resolution certainly passed, & I gave my opinion & Vote in its favor. —

(signed) Macartney

The Letter was Read & its Subject appeared to me as matter of Conversation no Motion was made & the Committee broke up. No Resolution can be considered to have passed untile the Minutes are approved, & Mr. Sadleir adheres to his opinion. —

Mr. Sadleir wishes to see Mr. Davidsons Minute said to follow Mr. Sadleirs 2nd. Minute in Committee 8th. Sept.r

Mr. Sadleir likewise desires that the Minutes with respect to Mr. Hudlestons application may be entered in the Proceedings of the Committee in the manner in which they passed & that it may not appear Mr. Sadleirs dissent was subsequent to the meeting of the Committee because no such motion was made in the Course of that Meeting. —

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Recd a Letter (as entered in the M. B. No. 69) from Capt.n Macleod dated 9.th Inst.t informing that he has received the Order to deliver up Dindegul with which he shall immediately Comply. —

Recd a Letter from Brig.r Gen.l Horne dated 7.th Sept.r (as entered in the M. B. No 70) with Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry respecting Capt.n Bonnerman

Agreed that a Letter be written to Brig.r Gen.l Horne, desiring him to Summon the Witnesses, whom he represents will be necessary for the Court Martial. —

28th Dispatched the following Letters —

To the Hon.ble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor General &c. Council

at Fort William

Gentlemen

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 30.th July a Copy of which We immediately to sent to

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Major G. Campbell the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops, who yesterday delivered to us his Answer a Copy of which We have now the honor to enclose for your Information. —

We have the honor to be &c

(signed) Macartney

&c Select Committee —

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To Lieut. Genl. Lang
Com: in Chief

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose Sundry Papers respecting the arrangement of the Army which will be useful to you, & the other Officers in preparing the Plans & Statements for the Army, conformably to the desire of the Select Committee. —

I have the honor to be &c

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(signed) John Fullerton
Secretary

Received a Letter from Mr. W. C. Jackson dated the 20th Instant entered in No. B, No 78 requesting that he may be furnished with

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21. with a Copy of Mr. Saddlers Minute of
Wednesday last of the 18th Instant. —

Ordered accordingly. —

22d Received a Letter from Mr. Tilsppeuty
dated 18th Instant (entered in the M. B. N° 12)
notifying that Dindegull was delivered up to
the Officers of Tippoo Sultaun the 14th Instant.

Received a Letter from Major Genl.
Campbell dated 25th Instant (entered in the
M. B.) recommending Capt.n Wylde to
receive the usual allowances granted to the
Kings Officers returning to Europe —

Ordered accordingly. —

Received a Letter from Messrs.
Campbell, Turing, Dalrymple & Gordon
dated 26th Ultimo (entered in Miscellany Book
N.° 74) requesting allowances for Horses lost. —

The Committee have already
determined that no Horses shall be paid for,
when the Owners were at the same time
made Prisoners. —

Received a Letter from Lieut.t Genl
Lang

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Lang dated this day (entered in the M B N° 75)
acknowledging the receipt of Papers sent to
him, and informing the Committee that he
shall immediately proceed in conjunction with
Genl Horne & Col. Braithwaite to take
the same into consideration —

At a Select Committee. Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B. Presidt.

The 22. Septr. 1784 — Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Lieut. General Lang
Alexr. Davidson Esqr. Robert Maunsell Esqr.

Minutes of last Committee read
and approved —

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Fullarton —

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B
Governor & President &c Select Committee
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to receive
Your

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From Col.
Fullarton respecting
Ensigns Wellwood
& Lieut.t Gibbings —
stating how Col.
Stuart came to
the Command of
Tanjore. and
his reasons for
disbanding the
8.t Army.f. ——

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Your Letter of the 27.th Lieut.t Gibbings and
Ensign Wellwood are directed to be tried by
the Court Martial now setting at this Place
and the acting Deputy Judge Advocate,
has written to Mr. Sulivan requesting; that
his Excellency the Rajah will be pleased
to order such Evidence to attend, in support
of the Prosecution as he may judge necessary

I beg leave to assure your
Lordship and the Board, that this business
should not have been delayed an hour if
I had not been formally requested so to do,
by Mr. Sulivan until an answer could
arrive from the Presidency, relative to the
statement made by Mr. Hudleston, setting
forth that there was a mistake in the
accusation, respecting Lieut.t Gibbings —
Copies of Mr. Hudleston Letters on this
Subject to your Lordship and the Board
were officially forwarded to me and are now
enclosed. —

I regret my Lord and Gentlemen
that my Letter of the 15.th August has miscarried

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or it would have evinced in General terms the impossibility of subsisting the Troops in this District Mr. Hodgson forwarded the original from Tanjore on the 16th. — I afterwards transmitted a duplicate Copy of it to Mr. Huddleston — a Triplicate shall now be enclosed. ——

I perceive that your Lordship and the Board labour under an impression that I have not only broken up the Southern Army and distributed the Troops to different Stations without your previous Knowledge, and concurrence but that I have taken upon myself to appoint to commands, and have even gone so far as to order Captain Lamotte into Palamcottah, to supercede an Officer in an appointment which he holds under the authority of Government —

These suppositions of facts, are so utterly incompatible with the whole tenor of my Character and conduct, & would so unanswerably disqualify me for any pretentions to the slightest portion of official propriety or of common sense that I should have hoped

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they would in themselves have carried their own confutation with them — We have a very recent instance of a communication having been imposed on your Lordship and the Board from this side of the Coleroon, assuming the Seal and Signature of a Rajah & involving the Criminality of a most respectable Officer, together with many other assertions, which on full and Substantial enquiry proved to be a groß and palpable forgery. I can & assure your Lordship and the Board that in the present instance the information which You have received, with the exception of the felony, is no less grossly and palpably factitious, for a very few Lines will evince to You, My Lord and Gentlemen that there is no foundation for any one of these allegations: —

With respect to Colonel Stuart I have not appointed him even to the temporary command of Tanjore, altho that Garrison, having hitherto been considered by your Lordship and the Board as my own immediate situation

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for the time being I might have appointed him my substitute in form till further orders in the same manner as Captain Bruce Campbell, Knox, and Cochrane have been at different times appointed to that temporary situation. But it so happened that Colonel Stuart, without the form of General Orders on the Subject from me, marched thither with the 78th. Regiment and as there was no Officer in command of the Place by Government appointment, Colonel Stuart as senior Officer necessarily assumed the command till further orders. But if there had been an Officer in command there appointed by Government it is impossible that Colonel Stuart could have assumed that command; for, if any Officer appointed by your authority to command a Fort, were to resign the same without a Government order to that effect, he would deserve to be dismissed the Service for ignorance of his duty. In proof that this is my firm opinion: The Madras Infantry are at present in the Garrison of Trichinopoly, when Colonel

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Bruce commands;— Coll. Kelly though immediate Commandant of that Corps and Senior to Colonel Bruce is now with me on the Plains on his way to the Southward, but does not even think of giving a detail order or intimation to his Corps in Garrison. As for the 9th Battalion having been mentioned to proceed to Palamcottah, it was upon the idea of its having been under the orders of a Captain Lieutenant, but in three hours after it was recollected that Captain Lamotte belonged to that Corps who by that arrangement must have been separated from his Battalion, as he could not serve under Captain Beleliffe, and therefore in the very same days order the 9th Battalion was directed to proceed to Arnoor near Madura — and a Letter was written to Captain Beleliffe explaining the circumstance. ——

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It now remains for me to state the particulars relative to the distribution of the Troops to different Stations. which your Lordship and the Board very justly account for, by the absolute necessity, arising from the difficulty

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difficulty or impossibility of subsisting them any longer collected in this Quarter. — That the different distribution & movements of the Troops did not take place without your Knowledge and concurrence either expressed or implied will buy fully appear from the Letters I have had the honour of addressing to your Lordship & the Board, if they have had the good fortune to reach the Presidency, together with your answer & instructions from the 15th. April to the present period; — The general tenor of your instructions ever had been, that I should act for the best and as circumstances might require. ——

Your Letter of the 15th. April informed me that a Cantonment should be formed near Tritchinapoly. My answer of the 26th. April stated my full conviction that Tritchinapoly was the most advantageous position for that purpose not only to the Southward but possibly on the Coast of Coromandel. — I expressed at the same time my doubts least the deficiencies of supply in that district should render this measure abortive unless upon

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Lordship and the Board would be pleased to give the most positive directions to the Renter on that subject. ——

I proceeded however immediately to fulfill your intentions, and stationed Colonel Stuart there with the main division of the Army, Field and Battering Train, the Stores and heavy departments Subsequent Letters informed you, My Lord and Gentlemen, that the remaining part of the Army were distributed at Secundermally, Maravaw, Mallore, Anore, Dindigull and Shanilipatore, for the purpose of subsistance and also to fulfill the intentions of Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Irwin, and Mr. Sorin, whose opinion respecting the Welfare of the country, the supplies of grain, and the business of collection, I have always consulted in every movement of the Troops. ——

The impoverished condition and diminished cultivation of the Trichinapoly districts together with the consequent defalcation of Supplies, subjected Colonel Stuarts division of the Army to such difficulties as obliged him

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and the Officers of that Division to make
frequent representations to me on the Subject —
But still I resolved if possible that the
Troops, should remain there agreably to your
intentions & for that purpose Grain, to the
amount of 50000 Cullums, was conveyed from Tanjore
to subsist them, untile the Stock of Tanjore
could afford no further denimation. I still
determined however if possible to struggle with
our wants in the Trichinopoly Country, untile the
new Crop and the Representations I meant to lay
before your Lordship and the Board, in
conjunction with Mr. Sullivan, might induce
a change of measures there and cause a
considerable magazine of Grain to be filled
in that Garrison, as had been the case in
former times I felt however most severely the
pressure of present difficulties. — The heavy
and continuing Expences of the full Departments
and the enormous Arrears due to the Troops, of
a magnitude as unexampled as the patience
and forbearance with which they have endured
this accumulation of hardship and distress. —
I am impressed also with the necessity of reducing the
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Military establishment to the lowest scale of expendi=
=ture in order to enable the Southern countries to
liquidate a mass of Army Ballances that
would otherwise become insupportable, I took
the liberty of suggesting to the Right Honble the
President on the 15th. July, the very urgent endeav=
=ments to an immediate reduction of the field
departments, and in obedience to your orders, I
proceeded at the same time with much as=
siduity, to carry into effect the discharging of
the Mogullys, Independants, and Nabobs
Battalions. A measure, however essential to the
System of retrenchment in question that could
not fail to be rendered particularly distressing
in the Execution from the impossibility of
discharging the arrears due to these men, who
if the business had not been conducted with
much management and attention would have
been driven to some desperate act of Mutiny
or else being turned loose upon the world would
have had no alternative but Robbery or famine
already too severely experienced in the Trichi=
=nopoly country. I likewise foresaid the
mass of our Embarrassments augmenting in
proportion to the delays in the application

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of substantial and effecient Remedies. —

I was fully possessed of the sentiments of Mr. Sulivan and Mr. Irwin upon that business; I had repeatedly consulted the heads of all the Departments in the Army, and had thrice made the entire circuit of all the Southern Countries, with a view to information respecting every circumstance of resource and Military Situation. —

In order to give effect to these endeavours and enquiries I requested permission from your Lordship and the Board to proceed to the Presidency that I might in Person have the honour of stating the Embarrassments under which the Southern Forces laboured together with the means that occurred to me for their permanent relief, in hopes of receiving your full and specifick instructions on detail or a subject that involved the Credit, honour, & eventually the existance of the English in this part of India. — But on receiving your orders of the 25th July respecting the restitution of Dindigull I immediately proceeded hither to be at hand during the course of that

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Transactions as well as to direct the reduction of the Irregulars, & to provide if possible for the subsistance of the Troops — On my arrival at Trichinopoly I found the Troops on the Plain for there was no place to canton them in; and the Garrison, in a state of impending famine. The Renter having declared that no Grain whatever could be procured in the district — The Magazines of Tanjore, Madura and Dindigull were exhausted. The Mara= =vars were already burthened with as many Troops as they could well maintain The Hanoverians, 7th & 10th Battalions having been sent there some time before in order to lessen the demand in other Quarters. — In this very alarming predicament I had a meeting at Toorgoody on the 17th August, with Messrs. Sullivan, Hippesley, Digby, Andrews, Sorin, Colonels Stuart, Forbes, Bruce, and Martin; The result of our consultation was that the Europeans and Regular Battalions should be distributed in the manner expressed in the enclosed Orders of the 20th August, in which your Lordship and the Board will perceive

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perceive that no new Station is assumed and that the Troops from Maruwa, Sheviliy=
=patoor, Anore and Mellore, could at the shortest notice assemble near Madura, so as to proceed to Dindigall in case of any emergency—
The Europeans stationed at Tanjore and Trichinapoly being more regularly paid, can subsist by purchasing commodities in the Bazar, but the Garrison of Trichinapoly hardly ever receives any pay at all and therefore cannot live but by the daily delivery of Rice.— There are not less than a Lack (and seventy thousand Pagodas due to the Troops corresponding with that Garrison alone. Mr. Sullivan very fortunately obtained from the Renter a small supply of Rice for the immediate wants of the Fort, without which Colonel Bruce must have dispersed his Black Troops, and have evacuated the place— A supply of Money arriving about that time from Bengal sincerely enabled me to give two months pay to most of the regular Corps of the Army—

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Army:— but the public followers, Artificers and others belonging to departments amounting to more than 4000 Men, were left destitute and as well as the reduced Independants & Mogullays continually crowded round me and oppressed me with their Sufferings.— As the last resource I entreated Tondeman to advance a Months Grain for their support. He complied with a spirit of accommodation that does him much honour, considering how little faith the natives of this country place in English Promises or public Security. In order as much as possible to alleviate the distresses of the Troops whose misfortune it is, to correspond with the Garrison of Trichinopoly I have consulted Mr. Andrews, who advises that the Mogullays should be stationed at Manapar. to receive the Revenues that may be collected there, in part of their arrears and that the Village of Coyacoarchy belonging to Singapanaig should be secured to him against the violence and attacks of Butchymag for which the former

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agrees to advance a quantity of Grain. ——

The dread of adding to the present clamour and distress has prevented me as yet from carrying your orders into effect respecting the dismounted Troopers. Especially as they have merit and Pretension which will procure them a subsistance for the present. On the receipt of your Secretarys Letter of the 26th August with the enclosures I conceived the mutual restitution of Amboor, Sautgur and Dindigull to be indisputable and therefore, that no time might be lost in the necessary business of retrenchment. I immediately issued the enclosed Order of the 31st August with a view of submitting it to your Lordship and the Board, that the establishment proposed therein might afterwards

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afterwards be continued, augmented or annulled as
You should think proper to direct. But on
the receipt of your Letter of the 27th. I did not
think myself at Liberty to carry that order into
execution. It is therefore countermanded and the
Army and all departments will remain as
without any Reduction untill I shall be honoured
with your specifick commands on the Subject.—

I have now the honor of enclosing
a present distribution of the Troops and
departments to the Southward. in order that
your Lordship and the Board may be pleased
to Give, such detail of arrangements, as you
wish to take place and directions for such
preparations as are necessary to ensure their
effect. —

I flatter myself that your Lordship
and the Board will be convinced by this
Statement that nothing could be more distant
from my thoughts than any thing resembling a
permanent distribution or arrangement of the Troops,
which I presume cannot take place untill the
Southern Forces, and Southern Countries are on a
more Satisfactory footing than at present. —

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I also beg you to believe, that if I did not immediately inform you of the movements that took place in consequence of the distress here, and the Subsequent meeting at Tourgody it arose from the temporary and uncertain nature of those movements, from my daily hopes of an opportunity to state the particulars in person, at the Presidency & especially, from my earnest desire to conduct the business of the Army without recourse to painfull and mortifying communications, which without affording means of remedy, can only tend to perplex and distress Your Lordship and the Board. for instead of wishing to derive merit from a vain enumeration of distresses, and embarrasments, I have constantly combated in silence all those under which we have laboured, desirous never to state them but in retrospect. —

However, as this mode of action has in the present instance exposed your Lordship and the Board to misinformation, & my own conduct to misconstruction, I trust that the tediousness of this detail will stand apologised for in your estimation. —— These

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These circumstances will render me more particularly anxious to avail myself of your permission to proceed to the Presidency which if no unforeseen event occurs I propose to do in a few days Colonel Stuart will be ready at a moments notice to distribute the Troops into such stations, and to execute all such orders as your Lordship and the Board may be pleased to direct. ——

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I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) W. Fullarton

To the Right Honble. Lord Macartney K.B. &c. &c.

President and Select Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

In the absence of Mr. Sullivan, who is not yet returned from Ramandd, I have the honor acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of your Lordship, and the Committee dated the 9th Inst. with a Translate of a Letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble the President ——

In reply to that part of His Excellencys Representation which respects myself,

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I will beg permission of your Lordship &c
to state a Fact which from the suppression of
some Circumstances, and Misrepresentation of
others has necessarily impressed the Honble Board
with an opinion that I had been guilty of a
pointed omission of Duty, and of attention to His
Excellency. —

On Receipt of the accompanying
Letters (No. 1 & 2) which was the only
Representation I had for my guidance, Immediately
Communicated them to His Excellency, had been
the Aggressors. — I received a promise that the
Subidar should be sent to the House of Mr.
Swartz, whose Assistance I had desired, &
Requested of the Commanding Officer that he
would be present with Mr. Wellwood and
Mr. Gibbings, which latter Gentleman
appeard only as a witness in support of Mr.
Wellwoods allegation. —

Capt. Knox then in Command of the
Garrison, Mr. Wellwood, and Mr. Gibbings of the
8th Batt. / not of the 2d. Jebendy Batt. as His
Excellency stated / attended, but the Subahdar was
not sent, nor was any Person sent as a Witness on the
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part of His Excellency — The Letter mentioned by the Rajah was sent, the Tenor of which was nearly the same as His Excellencys Letter to the Right Honble Presidents, Mr. Swartz not being well, I could not then trouble him for a Written translate. —

In the presence of the before Mentioned Gentlemen, I immediately reduced to Writing the Evidence of Mr. Mellwood and Mr. Gibbings, under their Respective Signatures which nearly Corresponded with Mr. Mellwood's original Representation, & afterwards informed the Rajahs Sir Kel, that I was ready at his own Time, and in the presence of Mr. Swartz to receive the Evidence of the Subahdar and those who were present at the Fact on each the two Days following I was informed that the Sir Kel was much Occupied and could not attend to the Business in Question, and on Mr Sulivans arrival on the third Day, I delivered over the Letters and Minute of Evidence to him. —

I afterwards understood from Mr Sulivan that Mr Mellwood having acknowledged himself to be Wrong in the first instance

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in seeking Redress without application to the Commanding Officer or person acting as President, had withdrawn his Complaint — and being a few Days after with Mr. Sulivan at an Interview with the Rajah & his Minister, when no reference was made to this transaction nor having received any intimation that it was expected Mr. Sulivan should pursue the Enquiry on the Part of the Rajah, I concluded that His Excellency was content to remit it. —

I am extremely sorry that for the further information of the Honble Board, I cannot immediately transmit with the accompany-ing Letters the Minute of Evidence (which is on Mr. Sulivans profession) not adduce the testimony of Mr. Swartz, who at present is not in Tanjore, but I trust from this faithfull Representation of Facts, I shall stand in the Opinion of your Lordship &ca entirely exculpated of any Omission of Duty or of any wilfull procrastination on the Subject of His Excellencys Complaint. —

I have the honor to be &c

signed J. Cox Hippisley

Tanjore
15th of August 1784 —

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To John Coxe Hippesley Esqr. &c

Sir/

The inclosed 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 endeavours to have the Offender brought to Punishment. —

I am &c

(signed) Thos. Knox

Tanjore 19th June 1784. —

True Copy/

signed J.C. Hippesley —

To Captain Knox Com.

Commanding Tanjore

Sir

Having this Morning heard a report of a press being about this place for Bullocks. a Camp Colourman belonging to the 2d Sibbendy Battalion attended Lieut. Gibbings Cattle while Grazeing near the Glacis for the Purpose of making it known

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Whose they were. ——

In Consequence of a Report Made to me as Adjutant of the Corps of the above Camp Colourman being Confined in the Rajahs Guard, I went to demand him in order to remove him to the Barrack Guard of the Battalion, when one of the Rajahs Subadars Struck and Abused me in the most gross Style at the Same time Drawing His Sword upon me ——

To these Circumstances Lieut.t Edwards 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.—

(signed) James Wellwood
Ens.r & Adjutant
R.t Batt.n

Tanjore 19th August 1784. —

I was in Company with Ensign Wellwood during the above transaction. ——

(signed) Edward Gibbings
Lt. 8th Batt.n

True Copy
signed J. C. Hippesley. —

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore —

Tanjore 29th August 1784.

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

My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore advising of his proceeding to Ramnaporad respecting the death of Mootoo Pillai. enclosing Mr. Swartzs Report respecting the examination of the Body —

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that in execution of the orders of Government I proceeded on the 10th ultimo from Tanjore towards Ramnadaporam; at which place I arrived on the 16th and that same Morning had a conference with Shaik Batty.

After the Customary Compliments and assurances had passed, I requested he would favor me with a private audience, to which he immediately acquiesced and the Reverend Mr. Swartz who interpreted between us was the only person admitted. I informed him that the object of my request was to give him personally & particularly the most unequivocal assurance on the part

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of the Company that they would support
him in the full exercise of all the rights
of his government, & that I was expressly
charged with this Commission in Consequence
of a letter addressed by him to your Lordship,
representing that those rights had been invaded
and his authority disrespected by those whose
particular duty it was to watch over both.——

Shaitoo Putty expressed great Surprize
at this Communication and desired I would
explain myself upon which, at my desire,
Mr. Swartz interpreted to him the Translation
of the letter written in his name to your
Lordship and transmitted to me by Mr. Secretary
Hudleston on the 28th. May last. Shaitoo Putty
interrupted Mr. Swartz several times in the
course of his translation, saying that he had
never expressed himself in such a manner;
and when the reading of the letter was concluded,
he declared in the most formal & explicit
terms, that the letter was a forgery; that
every Circumstance of it, except what related
to the Eunuch was false, & that in that one

instance

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instance, it said more than he had ever expressed for tho' he parted reluctantly with the Eunuch, yet he knew the Nabob had ordered his removal, and therefore he submitted to it. That some months ago the Eunuch was released & tho' he did not now employ him in any public business, he kept him about his person & that he was then in the outer apartment amongst his attendants. ——

Altho this formal disavowal of the Letter, seemed to render all enquiry into the charges it set forth, unnecessary; a Circumstance which had happened almost at the moment of my arrival, made me think it highly proper to proceed further. Your Lordship is well informed of the factions which obtained or were said to obtain in the little Court of Saitoo Putty, and that the present Poedary or minister, Mootoo Inlah Pillah, has been represented as the determined Enemy of Moolah Pillah who some time ago filled the same Office, and who after his dismission had been confined

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confined to an Apartment adjoining to the Place. In this Confinement Moolah Pillah died early on the day of my arrival, and it could hardly be doubted but that his death, at the critical moment of enquiry, would be attributed, by his party at least, to poison — In this Opinion I thought it necessary immediately as I was informed of that event, to desire that the body might not be removed; and I took the opportunity of this Conference to explain to Shaitoo Putty candidly my reasons; observing to him that the justice of his Government required that such an examination of the body should be made, as would either fix the charge or remove the suspecion. He did not hesitate to give his assent to an examination, and the body was accordingly visited by Mr. Mein the Chirurgeon of Tanjore, then with me, accompanied by the Revd. Mr. Swartz whose report I have the honor to transmit with this No. 1. —

As this examination left no room

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room for suspicion against the Minister
Mootoo Inlah Pillah; as Thaitoo Puttey had
declared that he was the Minister of his
Choice, and as the general opinion went
to approve that choice; I conceived it to be
my duty to remove all district from the
mind of Thaitoo Puttey, & of his Minister,
by desiring that he would direct Mootoo
Inlah Pillah to confer with me upon
such further public business as I was charged
with, to which he immediately assented. —

It would be an unnecessary
intrusion on your Lordships time, to detail
all that passed in the several Conferences
I held with this Minister, more particu=
=larly as they terminated in the attainment
of the two points I conceived myself authori=
=sed to urge, namely the payment in full
of a Lack of Rupees in advance of the
Peishcash for the Current year Commencing
on the 12th July last. & an Engagement to
pay in addition, by monthly instalments —
such money as may be necessary to subsist
the garrison of Ramnad, Calculating the
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medium expence at 6500 Rupees per Month, which will amount to a further advance of near forty thousand Rupees before the period of the first Kist usually Commences.—

Having settled those points of immediate public Service, my attention was next directed to the measures pursuing & proposed by Mootoo Anlah Pillah for the improvement of the Country and the encouragement of agriculture & manufactures. I do but justice to his abilities when I assure your Lordship, that in my little Experience of Country business I have not met a Native so liberal in his plans or so just in the means for giving them effect, as far as applies to internal arrangements, such as relieving the Landholders from Military Service and taxing their Lands with but a Moderate encrease of rent. Applying large sums of Money to the Repairs of Tanks & water Courses - Assisting the poorer tenants with money & Seed grain, and restraining the oppressions

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Oppressions & exactions of Revenue Officers,
by encreasing their Salaries & punishing
in an exemplary manner, those who are
detected in the abuse of their trust. —

I wish it were in my power
to extend this panyyrie to the Conduct
observed by Mootoo Inlah Pillah towards
the Neighbouring government of Shevagur=
=ga, against which he made various
Complaints that upon enquiry were
found for the most part frivilous —
proceedings, as too evidently appeared afterwards,
from a concerted plan in the Little
Cabinet of Ramnad to overcome the
two devisions of the Maravar Country. —

As I cannot flatter myself that
Mootoo Inlah Pillah or Thaitoo Putty
will be diverted from this pursuit, beyond
the short period of my residence, and as
I conceive the public interest as well as
justice to be much envolved in the
Consequences of it, I will trespass a few
Moments on your Lordship to explain
the professed ground of their pretention,

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as it hath been stated to me by both Parties. —

Early in the present Century the dominion over the district known by the name of the Little Maravar or Sheva=
=ganga as well as that over the great Maravar, was in the family of Shastas Putty — at that time the family of Sheva=
=ganga was possessed of a Considerable landed property in the district of the Little Maravar, and being of the same cast with the other, a Marriage took place between a favorite daughter of Ramnad, & the Representative of the other house, whose name was Wooyar Thevar. upon this occasion a partition was made of the whole Country, in the proportion of two fifths to Wooyar Thevar and three fifths to Shastas Putty. The limits then settled still form the boundaries of the two districts, but the ties of blood and family attachment being much weakened by time, the means which seem to have

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been adopted for preserving harmony & union, are become the sources of frequent & inveterate contention; For the original partition having been made, or rather upon the Revenue than the extent, & by a subdivision of the small districts or rather than by an apportionment of the whole, the property is so intermixed that nothing but the authority of a Superior government or an accommodating disposition in the respective Ministers of Ramnad & Shevagunga can prevent or restrain dissention. ——

I have already observed to your Lordships that I discovered a tendency very opposite to this disposition in Shailas Sethy & his minister & tho' the administration at Shevagunga seem anxiously to wish for an accommodation this disposition is rendered of little avail, by the domestic irregularities which are charged against the present Representative of the family of Warriar Thever, a woman & widow of the man, who was killed by our Troops at

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at the attack of Caliacoil in 1771. ——

During the Confusion of that moment, this woman tho' with child, effected her escape accompanied, amongst others, by two brothers who had been brought up by her husband & who have been since known by the names of Paria Mardan & China Mardan — under their protection the escaped to Dindigal & from thence to Daraperam where they all remained until Hyder's evasion of the Carnatic in 1781. when they entered the Marawar Country supported by his troops — they soon however withdrew from the Service of Hyder, to accept the cowle of the Nabob which restored to the antient family the Country, & invested China Murden with the administration in the character of Pardany or minister. ——

The habits of familiarity which are said to have been formed between the Widow and Paria Mardan, suffered little interruption by her accession to the Government and

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probably were at the time little attended to; as the husband of the daughter who was born to her after her escape from Caliacoil, was charged by her with the Representative Character of Government, in like manner as Chinna murdan was with the administration of affairs. — the birth of a grand child which happened about the same time may further have tended to have diverted the public attention from those irregularities, at least they do not seem to have fallen much under notice until some time after, when the death of the daughter & the precarious life of a sickly female infant awakened the hopes & fears of Shaitoo Putty, who considering the Succession in the event of her death, as devolving to him; and who apprehending that the influence of the brothers Paria & Chinna Murdan would be thrown into the scale of some other claimant has of late loudly inveighed against the disgraceful conduct of the Widow; & the ambitious views of the Brothers. To obviate the evil Consequences which

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which he fore sees incident to both the he is said to have Conceived a project for transferring the guardianship of the Child from the Father and grand mother to himself, under a promise of marrying the Child after she shall have attained a certain age. & of course of uniting in himself the Authority & dominion of both houses: such at least is the opinion of those who have had the best opportunities of observing & tho it was neither avowed to me. on the part of Thaitoo putty nor charged against him by the other party I am not the less inclined to adopt the Opinion. ——

I have thought it Necessary to go into this Relation, as an introduction to the Report of my proceedings at Shevagunga, to which place I went immediately from Ramnad, the distance being but 45 English miles. ——

The Petition said to be from the Natives & Ryots of the Shevagunga

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Sheragunga Country which accompanied your Lordships letter of the 23d. June, having furnished me with several heads of enquiry, I took measures immediately after the receipt of it, to inform myself not only upon every article of the Compleint, but of the General Character & Conduct of the brothers Paria & Chinna Murdan & I prosecuted those enquiries with particular industry while I was in the Country of Ramnad, as I had reason to believe there would be no partiality in favor of the brothers in the information I should obtain there. ——

The result of those enquiries has been already partly reported to your Lordship in the relation of the improper intimacy said to prevail between Paria murdan & the Widow of the late Raja, which is represented as the more criminal by the people of Ramnad from an opinion, which they maintain, that Paria Murdan is a natural son of the Deceased

Rajah

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Rajah with respect to the brother Chinna
murdan: I found the general opinion so
much in his favor as a man of abilities &
moderation, I had experienced so much
punctuality in the performance of his
engagements, and I had such positive
proofs of the fallacy of most of the charges
set forth in the petition (as shall be explained
to your Lordship in the Sequel of this report)
that I proceeded towards Shevagunga in the
Conviction that he was every way deserving of
the Office of minister, in which I considered
him to be established. ——

It was therefore matter of serious
embarrassment to me to find on my arrival
that the seal of Office was in the hands of
Paria Murdan: that the widow, tho' considered
as holding the government, had a representative
in the person of her son in law, a youth
of about 19 years. and that the difficient
Minister — Chinna murdan had but a
precarious authority. & could be held in
little or no responsibility while the Seal
of Office was in possession of another. ——

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Under these Circumstances I judged it necessary to defer the enquiry directed by your Lordship and to give all my attention towards recovering from Paria & Muraan the seal of Government, an attempt which appeared to me not of less difficulty from the deference shewn to him by his younger brother Chinna Muraan, than from the partial attachment of the widow. The only mode of conduct which appeared to me advisable upon this occasion, was to explain to the brothers, how much they stood exposed to envy; how necessary it was to their own safety as well as to the Welfare of the family under whom they ruled, that no pretens for Complaint or misrepresentation should be left to their Enemies; that the established usage of the country required that the seal of govern= =ment should be held by the person who was charged with the business of the Revenue, and that as the elder brother had confessed to me that he had no knowledge of accounts & was otherwise unequal

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to the task of management, it would be as politic as it was necessary for him to resign the seal to the other; — after some consideration this was at length agreed to by both brothers, and it was determined that at my public visit the next day, the seal of Government should be delivered in form to Chinna Murdan, which was accordingly done with some solemnity & in the presence of a great concourse of People. —

Having accomplished this I immediately proceeded to the examination of accounts & in a few days I had the satisfaction to obtain payment of what remained due of the Lack of Rupees which had been promised me in advance of this years Peishcush. I also procured an engagement from Chinna Murdan for further payment similar to those settled for at Ramnad, and I prevailed on him to deduct the sums of Rupees 8 Annah 22130. 2. Rupees and of Rupees Annah 13856. 8. Rupees from the account of Payments transmitted to your Lordship, those sums being the amount of batta Supplied by him to the Troops that were employed in the Marawar Country, in

Consequence

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Consequence of the disturbances occasioned by Ram
of his brother when they entered the Country
with Tippoo's people; as the admission of
this demand was beyond my expectations, and
as I had myself seen several very considerable
& expensive works carrying on by Chinna
Murdan for the improvement of the Country,
I made no difficulty in allowing him to the
Month of may next year for the payment of
this money. —

Having effected this, I proceeded without
loss of time into an examination on the
several charges of the Petition and I have
the Satisfaction to assure your Lordship that
upon the result of the enquiry the complaints
appeared in general not only without foundation
but evidently formed with a design of rendering
suspecions & Odious those now in office, that
thereby the administration might be thrown
into the hands of the Persons recommended
in the Petition, & in which Petition indeed
this design is pretty evidently avowed in the
offer of considerable advances provided such
a change would be effected. — I have taken
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the Liberty of submitting to your Lordship in a separate paper, the reflexions that arose in my own mind, in the course of this examination, as far as any evidence could be adduced or enquiries made, —

The orders of Government for reducing the Nabobs battalions stationed in the Mara= =war Country necessarily led me into an examination of the arrears due to those Corps from the Sirnble Company; and tho' I made Considerable deductions to bring them to the standard of the Company's Regulations The balance to the 30th June 1784 amounted to the sum of Star Pagodas 50,000 or thereabouts in addition to an account of arrears incurred in the service of the Nabob previous to the assignment amounting to Near two lacks of Pagodas. —— With a claim of such an extent upon the Nabob, for the liquidation of which I could offer them neither Security nor satisfaction, I conceived it to be both just & politic to provide for the discharge of the arrears due to them by the Company, and tho I had appropriated the greater part of the

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the money advanced by the Polygars of Ramnad & Shevagunga towards the acquittance of other debts, I found a resource in the Raja of Tanjore, who upon an occasion of such exigence, did not hesitate to make me the necessary advances for paying off the black Officers & Sepoys. The European Officers still remain in arrear, but without murmuring in which as in many other instances they have proved themselves deserving of the Countenance & support of Government but most particularly Colonel Martinz to whose enterprizing Zeal we are chiefly indebted for the expulsion of the Enemy from these districts & for the preservation of them afterwards upon the unfortunate defeat of Colonel Braithwaites Detachment.

I cannot leave this subject without Recommending to your Lordships Consideration, the situation of the Killadar & those other Officers of the Nabobs Government, who heretofore found a substance in appointments which not falling under the Regulations of the

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the Company; I have thought it my duty
to suspend until your Lordships' orders can
be received the utmost I gave them to
hope was an allowance of half Pay —
without any authority or Title of Office,
but with Liberty to reside in any part of
the Carnatic. Should your Lordship
approve of such an establishment for them,
I am persuaded it will be the means of
attaching many men of family & of abilities
to the Government of the Company, and at an
expence that cannot exceed two hundred Pagodas
per Month as your Lordship will see by
the accompanying list of their names, and
appointments: —

The Killadars of Pullamurrah
and Sriperumbudur, were represented to me
so much as objects of Compassion that I
interposed with the Ministers of Ramnad
& Shevagunga to accompany my Letters
Demanding the Keys of those little Forts,
with a present of one hundred Pagodas to
each

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each of the Halladars, and tho' they declined to deliver up the keys, yet as this was attended by the loss of the present, I trust your Lordship will consider such an act of self denial in men so Circumstanced as a full atonement for the refusal, and that you will include those two Persons in any indulgence that may be extended to the other servants of the Nabob. I have the honor to send with this Copies of the Letters I wrote to them upon the occasion as well as of those I addressed to Shaitoo Putty & the Government of Sheva gunga upon their being put in possession of the districts of Pullemunah & Triporanum. —

Amongst the Monthly Charges of the garrison of Ramnadaporam, appeared an Article of 30 Rupees for the subsistance of Gellepilly the person who acted as the minister of Tanjore at the time of its Reduction & who has been ever since detained a state prisoner at Ramnadaporam. This charge I have directed to be discontinued and I submit to your Lordship whether orders ought not to be

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be immediately sent for the release of D
Gillespelly, who being a subject of this Country
& made a prisoner with the Raja: should
have been enlarged when the Raja was
restored - the distant & retired place of
his Confinement and the resentment of the
Raja for the misfortunes which Gillespellys
imprudence had brought on him, could alone
have caused him to have been so long overlooked. -

I have the Honor to be with
great Respect &c. -

(signed) J. Sullivan

Heads of Charges in the Petition

1st That Paria of Chinna Murdan had deserted to Dindegal at the time of General Smiths expedition agt. Sheva gunga.

2d - That in Conjunction with Hyders Troops they entered the Provinces of Madura, Sheva gunga &c. where they committed hostilities put several peaceable to death, p

Observation. -

1, 2, 3d - Articles related to events of such public Notority, but so unexceptionable as proceeding from and in behalf of a family that had been driven into the arms of the Enemy; that no notice need be taken of them, unless it be to observe that as no Construction can

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Public Stores and in every respect acted as a public Enemy. —

3d. That tho they professed themselves of the Port of Coleacoil by Capitulation with an express Condition of leaving the Officer & Seapoys at liberty to go where they pleased, they never the less delivered them up to Hyder. —

4th. That after the battle of Porto Novo finding it Necessary to decert the Cause of Hyder, they by force of bribes - indu=ced Colonel Martinz to place them in the administration of the Sheva gunga affairs, in which charge they Committed every kind of outrage & oppression & laid waste the Country that it

4th Article contains charges of the most serious nature, and such as if supported would necessarily expose all the parties involved not only to the resent=ment of Government, but to severe punishment - on the other hand should such charges be found to have no other foundation than the malicious and interested schemes of Individuals, the indignation of Government cannot be too

can pervert the Conduct which led to those Events into private offences or injuries, they very improperly have found place in a Petition for orders. —

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that upon remonstrances being made by Chinna Swamy against their proceedings, they formed a design of putting him to death, which he escaped by flight into Tondiman's Country, from whence he was induced to return by Solemn promises of protection from Colonel Martinz but that Caria Murdan and Chinna Murdan having given a large Sum of Money to Colonel Martinz & Captn Morse for obtaining their Concurrence, Chinna Swamy was Carried prisoner to the fort of Caliacoil where he was put to death. —

too strongly directed against those who have presumed to prefer a Petition fraught with imputations to injurious to private character and not less detrimental to the public Service. —

That the charges now alluded to come under the latter discrip=tion will be evident from a Recollection of the very critical difficulties to which Colonel Martinz was reduced while he attempted to oppose the establishment of Chinna Murdan as minister of Shevagunga - difficulties such as would have led a less determined man, or one less Zealous for the public Service, to have retired to the fort of Ramnad & to have left the whole

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Country exposed to the
ravages of the Enemy -
Colonel Mustenz
preferred every hazard
to a retreat under such
Circumstances and tho'
he early saw that the
peace of the Country
could only be secured
by the admission of
Shimna Murder as
Minister he nevertheless
opposed this as long
as he could, conceiving
it, as he says, to be a
condition derogatory to
the dignity of the Nabob
who had named another
person to that office.
Necessity at length
compelled him to acqu-
iesce, and the tranquility
of the Country which
immediately followed
his acquiescence, was
the most unequivocal
proof in favor of
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Measure. That it had no other object than the public good, we need but consider that this acquiescence was in direct opposition to the wishes & views of Shaitoo Putty & the minister he then employed, who was himself the Competitor with Chinna Murdan for the Office of Precdary at Shevagunga and whom Colonel Martin would have certainly preferred to Chinna Murdan. That Col.s Martinz at the time of this acquiescence, made an express Condition, binding Chinna Murdan to account for the expence of batta to the Troops employed, which Condition has now been fullfilled & in fact may be considered as and

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as a fine imposed by
Colonel Martinz upon
Chinna Mundaw; —
recovered at his instance
upon this information
he gave me in the
presence of Chinna
Mundaw. —

All these Circumstances
taken together form a
Mass of presumption,
which might be
opposed to any charge
however Supported, and
when urged against an
assertion unavowed by
any Individual, the
said to be made in
the name of the Naut-
-wars & Inhabitants,
it must be considered
as a proof not only of
the injustice done to
Colonel Martinz by
the imputation, but
as an evidence equally
strong of a presumptuous
imposition

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imposition on Government —

The imputed murder of Chinna Swamy has indeed some appearance of a Stronger ground, for it is certain that he died in Confinement at Caliacoil, but as far as the testimony of his son a man near thirty, & of his brother, both holding Offices of great trust & in high Consideration at Sheva= =ganga can be depended on, this Charge has no other Support than what it derives from that one Circumstance. The examination of these two men was prefaced by the strongest assurances of Support & protection made to them in my presence by the Revd. Mr. Swartz, and their answers to all the questions

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questions I proposed, were full & clear against every idea of Suspicion. —

5th That Paria Murdan & Chinna Murdan having Seized at Sondi upon a Vessel from Tranquebar loaden with broad Cloth and Several other Articles, had plundered the same —

5th Article asserts a fact which is admitted by Chinna Murdan so far as it Relates to the detention of the Vessel for a time but in every other respect he positively denies the charge, asserting that the owner of the Vessel was still in possession of a bond given by him, for the amount of the Articles he received from the Vessel & that he was ready to confront the list of those articles and the pieces charged with the invoices of the Ship. —

6th That Paria & Chinna Murdan having Received from a Soucar named Arnachella Chitty Jewels the property of the late Raja

6th Article is likewise admitted by Chinna Murdan in so far as it relates to the Recovery of

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Raja to the value of 50,000 Pagodas they had appropriated them to their own use. ——

of Jewels. His account of the Matter confirmed by the widow of the Rajah is as follows. —

That a small box of Jewels left in the charge of Arna = = Chellum Chitty was faithfully Kept by him until the widow of the deceased Raja found an Opportunity of having it conveyed to Daraperam, at which place She received it & there maintained herself & her followers by the sale of its Contents. —

7th That they had poisoned the wife of the present Raja, in Consequence of her Remonstrances for the Murder of Chinna Swamy. ——

7th and last Charge would seem to require no answer, for it can hardly be conceived that the husband of the deceased would have remained to this time silent, if any suspicion had been entertained by him Relative

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to the cause of his Wifes
death not only because
the attachment of a
husband to a young wife,
who had raised him by
that Connection to the first
Situation of his Country,
would have stimulated
him to Complaint; but
because her death in a
great measure deprived
him of the advantages
of that Situation. The
Mother too, however
blended by her Supposed
attachment to Perca
Murdan can hardly
be suspected to have
suffered an iniquity of
such magnitude as the
murder of her own
Daughter to have passed
unnoticed. ——

But tho' we were
to suppose the Mother
the Husband capable of
Suppressing their resentment,
their

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There occurs another & objection of one not less difficult to answer namely why the two Murders, should have Committed an act not only of such atrocity, but which in its Consequences may & indanger their own safety, for it is evident that their Public Consideration must cease whenever the present family shall cease to hold the & Government of Shevagunga and the expectation of a memorous family from the deceased was the strongest support that could have offered itself to their hopes. — —

No 1

Mootoo Pillah formerly minister of Perdaui to the Raja of Ramnadaporam having some time since been displaced from his

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his Office & Confined by the Authority of the Raja; and the said Mootoo Pillah having Deceased early in the Morning of the 16th. instant about the time of Mr. Sullivan's arrival at the house prepared for him near the Fort Mr. Sullivan knowing that the Deceased had been Considered as the head of a Party in opposition to the Man at this time in Office, immediately upon the news of this event sent to represent to the Raja that it was proper the body should not be removed suddenly, and when the Raja about Noon that same day came to see Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Sullivan desired me to explain to him that as the Deceased was known to have fallen under his displea= =sure, and as much Solicitation had been made at Madras & to Mr. Sullivan for his enlargement, the Circumstance of his death just at the time of Mr. Sullivans arrival, might be maliciously misinterpreted unless measures were taken to satisfy the world that Mootoo Pillah had died a natural death

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death. That in this Consideration Mr. Sullivan had sent to Request that the body might not be removed and that he now proposed with the Rajas Consent to depute Mr. Mein a Surgeon in the Service of the Company to proceed with me to the Fort for the purpose of examining the body & of hearing from the Relations of the deceased any thing they might have to say upon the occasion. — The Raja tho' unattended by any of his Ministers or Servants, being during this Conference in a room with Mr. Sullivan attended by no other person than me, did not hesitate a Moment to say it was his wish that the body should be examined, adding that Mootoo Pillah, during [illegible] whole term of his Confinement had been treated with attention & amply Supplied with every Necessary. That he had been an ailing man and that his death was but in the course of Nature for a man so constituted & disordered. —

In Consequence of this Conversation and at the particular desire of Mr. Sullivan, I went about 5 oClock in the evening of the same day to the place where the body was, being accompanied

by

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by Mr. Main the Surgeon & by Col. Martinz who attended us at my request signified to him by Mr. Sullivan, but who remained - without the house, to be at hand, should we find it Necessary to call for him. ——

Mr. Main then proposed the following questions to the brothers & relations of the deceased which I interpreted & to which I received the answers as they follow. —

No 1 Question. — How long has your brother been sick? —

Answer — Our brother was taken ill a month ago but by application of proper medicines he recovered & seemed to be well. ——

No 2 Question — When did your brother relapse & Complain?

Answer — Yesterday being the 15th of July in the Morning he was tolerably well & called for Victuals. ——

No 3 Question — What Victuals did he take?

Answer — Congee a little thick, was prepared for him, which he took, about midnight he Complained of a Pain in his Bowels. ——

No 4 Question — Did he complain of a great burning heat in the Stomach or Bowels? ——

Answer

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Answer — No — We heard no such complaint

No 5 Question — Did he vomit or Purge at that time ? —

Answer — No —

No. 6 Question — Had he any Convulsive fits upon him during his Pain in his Bowels ? —

Answer — No — We observed No Convulsions.

No 7 Question — Was he ever afflicted with falling fits ? —

Answer — No. —

No 8 Question — Who dressed his Victuals yesterday ? —

Answer — His Servant who has served him five years

No 9 Question — Have you any Suspecion about that Servant ? —

Answer — None at all. —

No 10 Question — Did he take any Medicine yesterday ? —

Answer — No — the Doctor attended him. —

No 11 Question — Were you 3 brothers present when the deceased was taken ill ? —

Answer — We applied for Permission which was Refused to us but his own Son was present when the Deceased was taken ill. —

No 12 Question — To the Son. Have you any Suspecion about the faithfulness of the Servant who dressed the Victuals yesterday ? —

Answer — I have no Suspecions Concerning him. —

Mr

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Mr. Mein after hearing all the Answers to the abovementioned Questions did not think it necessary to Open the Body of the Deceased & so we both left their House thinking in our minds that there was no Reasonable Ground for any Suspecion of the Deceased Person's being poisoned. —

(signed) C. F. Swartz

Ramnadaporam
16th. July 1784.

To Mootoo Ramlinga Sharatoo Petty
Palygar of Ramnadaporam. —

Orders having been given for the Cumeldars and other Servants of Government to withdraw from the districts of Pullimeerah, You will be pleased without loss of time to send proper Agents on your part to take charge of the said districts. and to receive from the Killadar of his Highness the Nabob the Keys of the Fort of Pullimeerah together with such Guns & Stores as the Killadar may have belonging to the Circar

You

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You will cause a Receipt to be given for the same & on no Account add to or deminish them without express permission from Government, you are at no time to station a greater Number of fighting men than one hundred in the said fort, without having first obtained the permission of Govern=ment for so doing, you are to demolish the said fort at your own expence, whenever Government shall think proper to send you directions to that effect and finally you are to cause strict justice to be administred to the Landholders & others, giveing to every man his just due; may you long enjoy the favor of the Company and may your government long flourish & prosper. ——

What can I say more. —

At Madura
Colum 9th
August 1784. —

To Woodya Teaver Polygar —
of Shevagunga —

Orders having been given for the Amuldars and other Servants of Government to withdraw from

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from the districts of Trepporanum, you will be pleased without loss of time to send proper Agents on your part to take charge of the said districts, and to receive from the Killadar of his Highness the Nabob the Keys of the Fort of Trepporanum, together with such guns & Stores as the Killadar may have belonging to the Circar. You will cause a receipt to be given for the same and on no account add to or diminish them without express permission from Government. You are at no time to station a greater number of fighting men than one hundred in the said fort, without having first obtained the permission of Government for so doing; You are to demolish the said fort at your own expence, whenever Government shall think proper to send you directions to that effect. And finally you are to cause strict justice to be administred to the Landholders & others, giving to every man

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his just due — may you long enjoy the
favor of the Company and may your —
government long flourish & prosper . —
What can I say more? —

Murgo Colum
9th Augt 1784. —

To His Highness the Nabob's
Killadar at Pullimurrah —

The assignment made by His
Highness the Nabob to the Company, having
placed the Southern Provinces as well as the
other districts of the Carnatic under the
immediate Management and Direction of the
Company, and the Government of Madras
having thought proper to restore the district
of Pullimurrah to its ancient Proprietor
Shaitha Putty. it is Necessary that the Keys
of the fort of Pullimurrah should be
delivered to the said Shaita Putty. You will
therefore be pleased to deliver the Keys
of the said fort to the bearers by name of
Soubra Maney a Pulla & you will consider

This

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This is your warrant for so doing. Given
at Marga Colum this 9 day of August 1784—

To His Highness the Nabobs Killadar
at Tripovanum

The Assignment made by His
Highness the Nabob to the Company, having
placed the Southern provinces as well as
the other districts of the Carnatic under
the immediate management and direction
of the Company, and the Government of
Madras having thought proper to restore
the district of Tripovanum to its ancient
Proprietor Woodya Teaver, it is necessary
that the keys of the fort of Tirepovanum
should be delivered to the said Woodya
Teaver. You will therefore be pleased
to deliver the keys of the said fort to the
bearer by name of Servadda Woody a
Teaver. and you will consider this as
your warrant for so doing. Given at
Marga Colum this 9th Day of August 1784

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List of Circar Officers in the Mareawar

	Full Pay Rupees	Half Pay Rupees
Helladar of Rammadaporam	300	150
Mahomed Aukber Saib uncle to the Hellader	125	62 8
Mahomed Surrojedeen brother in law to the Hilladar	27	13 8
Shose beag Thauroga	35	17 8
Shose deen Do.	10	5
Mahomed Ebram formerly Hellader of Anomanda goody	37	18 8
Gulam Cose formerly Hellader of Armogam Cottah	20	10
Chunda Saib formerly Hellader of Pomery	75	37 8
Monsook Lal Do. Sherestadar of Troops	35	17 8
Hellader of Tripatore	100	50
Amea Saib son to Hellader	60	30
Sherestadar of Troops	35	17 8
Syed Saib Thauroga	20	10
Hilladar of Tripovonum	125	62 8
Hilladar of Pullemurrah	125	62 8
	1129	564 8

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Read the following Letters from Bombay. ——

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We had the honor to address you by the Bombay Grab, under the 15th Inst. Duplicate and Triplicate of which have been since dispatched. ——

We have now to acknowledge Receipt of your Dispatches of the 15th May and 17th of June with the various Inclosures they respectively gave cover to, the last reached us the 6th Instant by the return of the Viper. —

Although we had reason to believe the Complaints of the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, as conveyed in his Letters of May last, were groundless except in the one Article of a Person in his behalf not being present at the evacuation of Cannanore, We deemed it highly necessary that an opportunity should be given to our Officers lately

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From Bombay have thought proper that the Officers in Command on their Coast should have an opportunity to vindicate their Conduct stating their reasons for their Evacuation of Cannanore ——

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lately in Command on this Coast to vindicate
their conduct from the Aspersions of the Nabob.—
To this end, We ordered copies of
the Extracts of your Lordship &c. inclosed to us
to be served to Brigadier General Macleod,
& Captains Torriano & Carpenter, and required
their immediate replies — which we accordingly
received this Day, and on full and Mature
consideration, We deemed them satisfactory in
every Point, & hope they will be looked on
in the same light by your Honorable Board
on your perusal of the copies of them we
now inclose. —
In our address of the 15th June
we fully explained our Political reasons
for evacuating Cannanore, founded on the
Plea of urgent necessity, carrying with it
irresistable force, and cannot help here
observing the Pretension set up by the Nabob—
in his expression "Receive" which appears
to be warranted by neither the Letter or
Spirit of the Treaty, in the most distant
degree. —
The Nabob in his Complaints
seems

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seems to have confounded the effects of War and the Rights of Conquest preceding the Negociations, as if they were done subsequent to the conclusion of the Treaty on the evacuation of the Forts and Districts, We hope from the Papers now inclosed your Lordship &c will be able to satisfy the Nabab, and it is the intention of our President to write to him fully on this subject on the opening of the season, which now approaches, and to give him every satisfaction in our power short of again taking possession of the Fort and Districts of Cannanore which could not be effected but by force of Arms, & is a measure We should not be easily brought to agree to. merely for the ceremony of Redelivering it to the Bibe, in presence of a single Person, on the part of the Nabob —

We make no doubt of your Lordship &c have done every thing for the support of the Officers and Men belonging to this Establishment which the pressing exigences of

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of your own Government would admit of.
and we beg leave to return you our
warmest thanks for the Assistance you have
already afforded them, & to again recommend
them to your humanity until they can be
sent around to this Coast. ——

We are of opinion that such of
our Sepoys as cannot proceed by Sea, or such
as cannot be conveyed by water either by
occasional Vessels coming round, or on board
of the Squadron should be marched to
Anjengo, where we shall have Boats or Cruizers
in readiness to bring them up to the Presidency. —

We flatter ourselves that the Admiral
will assist this Presidency, on this occasion with
his wonted readiness — And we request that
an Application may be made to Sir Edward
Hughes, Assuring him we shall look upon
his affording a passage to our late unfortunate
Prisoners as an essential & acceptable Service. — an

On the 20th Ultimo the Camden
imported direct from Great Britain, which
she had left the 18th March, and brought Cam

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us the certainty that the affairs of the Honble Company were still in a very unsettled state, from the fluctuations in His Majesties Ministers.

We very shortly expect the Panther from Bussorah which place she was to leave about the first Instant, and by her we may reasonably hope to have Accounts from England so late as the beginning of May, which should they arrive agreeable to our present expectation shall be immediately forwarded to your side of India. ——

The examination of the Bills transmitted to us by Lieut.t Colonels Knox, & Barry, & Major Kruse, depending on the delivery of the General Accounts of His Majesties Troops have hitherto prevented our being able to draw on your Government for the balances appearing to be due to them, but we are in hopes by the Greyhound, now almost fit for Sea, to give these Gentlemen full satisfaction

This

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This is forwarded by the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, on board of which Ship have embarked the detachment of the 100th Regiment; now here, under the Command of Lieut.t Richard Darby agreeable to the Return inclosed, that they may join the main Body so lately returned from the Mysore Country, & be drafted into the older Regiments continuing in India agreeable to His Majesties pleasure — As conveyed to us by the Swallow and Parydice. ——

The Greyhound will soon follow completely Refitted, by her we shall again have the honor of addressing your Honble Board, and in the mean time remain. ——

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your humble

& most obedient Servants,

Bombay Castle 12th August 1784. —

(signed)

W.m H. Boddam

John Torriano

Rob.t Sparks

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To the Hble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr
President and the Select Committee
Bombay —

Hble Sir & Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive
Your Letter of the 9th Instant enclosing Extracts
of two Letters from the Nabob Tippoo Sultan
handed to you, by the Right Hble Presidt
& Select Committee of Fort St. George which
Extracts accuse me, and the Officers, who
commanded at Onore & Carwar, of having
behaved very contrary to the terms of the
Treaty of Peace, so lately concluded by
Messrs. Sadleir, Staunton, & Huddleston, at
the Evacuation of these Places, and Cannanore,
I have no doubt that Captains Torrens &
Carpenter, will find it, equally easy with
Myself, to wipe off such infamous aspersions —

Onore

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Tippoo's first allegation against me
is that after the Peace, I destroyed the
Forts of Cannanore; & sent away their
Guns

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Guns and Powder; this I flatly deny, & appeal to the Quarter Master General, the Chief Engineer, the Commanding Officer of the Artillery, and in general to the whole army whether there was a single Fort destroyed, or Gun, or Article of Stores, removed after We had any reason to Believe, the Peace was concluded. It is true, that after I received Cannanore & while the Commissioners were with Tippoo debarred, from all intercourse with me, I blew up above Forty Forts, and sent some useful Guns to Tellicherry, making use of the right of conquest to render an important Service to the Company, by disarming and disabling that settlement of Moplas who had so long been troublesome to Us. at Tellicherry. —

2.ndly Tippoo is angry with my having delivered Cannanore to the Bibby without the presence of one of his Officers. —

To this I answer; that the Commissioners on their arrival from Mangalore,

waited

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waited on the Bibby, & in the presence of Colo. Gordon and many other Officers, declared, that by the Treaty, Her Kingdoms was to be delivered to Hers, & her independance on Tippoo, or the English, to be fixed. The Treaty stipulates that the Prisoners to be restored, & the Places to be delivered up, within One Month from the conclusion of it. I remained in Cannanore, several Weeks, after that Month expired, and saw, or heard nothing of any Officer from Tippoo. It is well Known to your Honorable Board, that I relinquished Cannanore with reluctance & only from the necessity of obeying your orders to break up the Army; from the approach of the monsoon, which forced us to send away the Troops, who were ordered to Bombay in Boats, at the time We did, & from the impossibility of leaving a trifling Garrison in a Place, which it required a great force to secure ——

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A few days before the Evacuation, I sent my Secretary to the Bibby to know, if any Officer from Tippoo was present or expected. He replied in the negative, I was therefore obliged to give Her the Forts.

I have the Honor to be &c

Bombay
19th Augt. 1784 –

(signed) Norman Macleod
Brigr. General

A true Copy
(signed) Jn.o Morris
Dy Secy. S. C.

To The Hble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
Bombay –

Hble Sir & Gentlemen,

I have been favoured with Your Secretarys Letter giving cover to extracts of one to the Right Hble the President & Committee at Fort St. George containing

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Containing some Allegations of the Nabob Sirdar Saib in regard to my not adhering strictly to the Treaty of Peace in the mode adopted of delivering up the Fortress of Gooty —

The first Assertion of my having used Arts and Delays subsequent to my having received the Letters and Directions from Mess.rs Sadleir Stratton & Sidlerton is the whole falsely represented, as the Orders from them and Letter from Jaus Honor &c. desiring me to obey all Requisitions from the Commissioners for Peace were not delivered till the Arrival of the Ship Hawke &c on which my Garrison Embarked with the utmost Expedition — Though had the Nabob referred to the 3d. Article of the Treaty of Peace He would have found the mode of my Departure directly pointed out, the said Article declaring that "a Ship or Ships would be sent to bring away

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away the Garrison."—

The Vessels sailing for Caravar were by the Directions of the Commissioners in order to communicate to that Garrison the Tidings of Peace having taken Place and convey similar Directions to those I had received to the Officer Commanding Sedasheger. in regard to the delivery of that Fortress &c to the Nabobs Sendar, also to facilitate this Measure taking place by carrying to Bombay part of the Troops in that Fort and Districts.—

These Circumstances will I trust Honble Sir & Gentlemen fully evince the Injustice of the Nabobs Allegation of my using Arts & Delays in the Execution of my Duty.— but probably are Assertions so void of Truth may have originated from the Misrepresentation of the Officer Commanding before Onore, who has mistaken for Artifice &c the Circumspection and Caution I was under the necessity of using on my quitting the Place, in

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Consequence

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Consequence of the very recent Instance
I had experienced of his Villainy
and Deceit, in treacherously surprizing
the Post of Fortified Island, then under
my Orders, and refusing indirect Violation
of the Treaty of Peace, to deliver up the
Officers Captured in that Fort, were
after the Articles were received — Also
falsely declaring them not in his Possession,
though at that Period I Secretly
Corresponded with them in his Camp —

I am &c.
(signed) J. Gorrideo
Capt. Artly

Bombay
August 11. 1784. —

A true Copy
(signed) Jno. Morris
Dy Secy. to Govt.

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &c.
Select Committee

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I had the Honor to receive your
Honor &cs Commands yesterday, and am
not

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not a little Surprised at the Purport of the Paragraphs of the Nabob Tippoo Sultaums Letters, & to convince the Honble Board of the absurdity of this Complaint. I beg leave to relate at large the circumstances attending the delivery of Carwar to his Officer. ——

The 1st of April last I receaved a Letter from Messrs. Sadleir, Staunton, & Hudleston, inclosing me a Copy of the 3rd Article of the Treaty of Peace, & Orders to deliver Carwar & Sadashagur to the Nabobs Officers who should produce this Letter, & embark the Troops on the Vessels now sent, for that Purpose, the 2nd an Officer of the Nabobs with a small Party of Sepoys arrived with a Duplicate of the Order, who informed me the Buckey was at Ancola with 5000 Mens & 4 Guns, and desired my Answer, I wrote the Buckey that I should obey the Order, but as his Troops had behaved in a most treacherous manner during the Cessation of Arms, by surrounding one of my Posts in the Night, & attacking it, as likewise, the still later Instance, of

surprising

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surprising, & taking Fortified Island, and
their having from the beginning broke
every article of the Cessation, I would not
trust him on this side the Ghauts with an
armed Force, but as soon as I was ready to
quit the Fort, which I supposed would
be in three Days, I would deliver it to
the Officer that was then with me, or
any other he should send, and the Party
arrived was sufficient to see that nothing —
improper was taken away. The 4th Instant
receiving no answer from the Buckey, the
Keys of the Fort were delivered to the Officer -

We had not Craft enough to
Embark half the Garrison & all the Camp
followers, Bullocks, Officers, Horses, & some
Sepoys were obliged to proceed over Land
through the Portuguese Districts to Goa -

So far from taking away any
of the Guns or Stores, two small Iron Guns
that had been put on Board a Boat for
her Defence, in Consequence of the Nabobs
Cruisers taking all the English Boats they
could, were ordered at the Bunder, before
the Boat left the River; our Field

Carriages,

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Carriages & Tumbrils were burnt, and some Ammunition & Stores destroyed at the Water Side, a good distance from the Fort, but a large Quantity of Rice, Dhal, Ghee, Salt, Provisions, Tobacco, & all kind of Muskets, with a Pipe of Wine, and other Liquors that had been provided for the Rains were left in the Fort, & Store Houses, when it was given up to the Nabob.——

Prior to the Cessation of Arms the Fort of Sewesur in the Carnaur District, was mined & Destroyed. & the Guns Ammunition, & Stores brought to Sadashagur, The Fort of Ancola. & some small Forts upe the Ghauts in the Soundah Country, were likewise destroyed. The Magazines of Mirjee were blown upe, the Store Houses burnt, & Guns burnt, as were the Guns at Ancola, the Distance. & Season of the Year rendering it impossible to remove them, all this was Executed by the latter of June 1783. But the Fort of Sadashagur was put in as good a State of Defence, as the time it had been in our hands would admit of. & at a great Expence & was in its best State when delivered up to the Nabob. & not one Article of his Property

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Property either taken away or Destroyed.—

With respect to the Country being plundered; it is as false as the other assertions. For the Troops were under the Eye of their Officers; anxious to Embark, expecting from what they had often experienced themselves (Treachery) & some new Instance came almost every Day to their Knowledge —

I beg leave to observe to the Honble Board, that the part of the Garrison which were obliged to proceed over Land, were stopped some Days on the Borders of the Portuguese Country (tho without Arms) for a Passport. These were plundered by the Nabobs Troops, & the Bullocks & Horses taken; some few Cattle that escaped Goa through by Paths, were afterwards given up to the Nabobs officer, by orders of the Governor of Goa, this I was informed of by my Agent there, after my Arrival here, a great many of the People who were plundered are now in Bombay. ——

As the circumstances above related must be known to the officers of the Garrison I have desired their Signature, & I have no doubt but

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Mr. Geo. Lovibond who was Resident of Carwar when it was delivered up, will confirm such Parts, as comes within the Time of his Residence.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect &c.

(signed) Daniel Carpenter
Capt.

Bombay
Augt. 10th. 1784

The above is a true Narrative

Tho.s Tyfe Lieut. & 2d. Master
Galbt. Fredenwick Lieut. Commandant of Artillery

Signed William Morris Ens.n
C. Lonsdale Ens.n
David Price D.o
J. Wright Ens.n from the 29th of Dec.r 1783

A true Copy

Jn.o Morris
D.y Sec.y
S. C.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

The Admiral Sir Edward Hughes having been detained some days longer than we thought she would have been when we had the honor to address your Lordship &c. under the 12th. Instant gives us an Opportunity of acquainting You

From Bombay advising of their having passed Bills on this Government in favor of the Officers of the 36 & 52 Regts. & the 15 & 16 Hanoverians - 12th. Instant

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You that We have yesterday passed Bills on your Government in favor of the several Officers of His Majesty's 36th & 52d. Regiments of the 15th & 16th Hanoverians lately serving on this Coast for the nett Balances appearing to be due to each of these Gentlemen on the examination of their Bills by our Committee of Accounts here.

We enclose a compleat List of these drafts amounting to Bombay Rupees 52,925.. 26. or Star Pagodas 15,121. 13. 6. at the Exchange of 350 Bombay Rupees for 100 Pags. which as We have already advertised you of our intentions We make no doubt your Lordship &c. will duly honor as soon as the State of your Treasury will admit of their being discharged.

Lieut. Colonels Knox & Berry returned to Us the original Certificates of Bills granted by Brigadier General Macleod, but Major Krause, only Copies of those issued to him of the other Hanoverian officers.

On this Account it is that the drafts in favor of the Hanoverian Corps are a Seperate Number in this Packet & We request you will order them to be kept in Possession of your Secretary until Major Krause agreeable to our desire now conveyed to him.

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Returns the original Certificates & Bills on the Supreme Council.

We have the honor to remain &c

Bombay Castle
18th. August 1784.

Signed
R. H. Boddam
John Tozlefse
Robt. Sparks

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We had the honor to write you the 18th & 20th June last by the Bombay Grab & have since received your Letters of the 27 April & 17 of June by the Vesper Cutter.—

The Honble Company's own Ship the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes built at this place is now dispatched to your Presidency to accommodate the Officers & Men of his Majesty's 100th Regiments & We request that as soon as they are landed you will give her Commander Captain Joseph Smith, Orders to proceed to Fort William, whither the Ship is consigned as We are under very particular Engagements to the Freighters that She shall not be detained at Madras any longer than is absolutely necessary to land the Troops.—

We have written to the Governor General

& from Bombay send the Honble Company's own Ship Sir Edward Hughes with part of the 100th Regiment desire when they are landed to dispatch the Ship to Bengal have wrote to Bengal to return her to Madras for some of the Prisoners request to be informed in what allowances have been paid Prisoners—

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General & Council desiring that as soon as the Freight now sent on this Ship to that Presidency is landed, they would dispatch her to you, in order to accommodate such of the Officers, & European Soldiers & Private Sepoys, belonging to this Establishment and late Prisoners with the Nabob Tippoo - as may still be remaining at Fort St. George on her Arrival there. ——

We request to be informed by your Lordship &c in what manner you have regulated the Allowances to be made good to the Officers & Men of your Establishment late Prisoners with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun during the time of their Imprisonment, in=-=pect to their Pay, Batta and all Field Allowances, in order that we may be guided thereby. ——

A Jemidar with twelve Men formerly belonging to your Military, who were releases at the Capture of Bednore by our Troops are sent round on this Ship at their own desire; they were afterwards employd in our Service, where they behaved well, and have received their Pay to the end of Last Month. ——

We enclose duplicates of our Letters

to

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to your Presidency by the Bombay Grab, Copy of our sailing Orders to Captain Smith and our Packet to the Governor General and Council which We request you will forward when the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes is dispatched to them.—

We have the pleasure to acquaint You, the Honble Company's Ship Lord Camden imported here from Great Britain the 20th Ultimo and have the Honor to be. &c.—

R. H. Boddam
John Taylor
Robt. Sparks
J. D. Morley
Hugh Callander
Jnt. Beaumont

(signed)

Bombay Castle
August 18th 1784

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

By the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes we had the Honor of addressing you under the 12th 13th & 19th Ultimo, duplicates of which accompany this.—

In the last We acknowledge Receipt

of

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of your Dispatches per Nancy Captain Tasker, and agreeable to your Lordships &c. request We have entered on our proceedings your reply to the observations of the Honble the Governor General & Council on the Late Treaty with Tippoo Sultaun. —

By the Arrival of the Bombay Grab under the 29th Ultimo, we were honored with Duplicates of your Dispatches of the 6th of July with Mr. Deputy Secretary Macleay's Letter giving cover to Copy of the Correspondence which had passed between the English & French Commissaries at Pondicherry. —

The Grab is now returned to the other Coast, to assist in conveying our Sepoys to Bombay, under the Command of Captain Jonathan Twigs who has our orders to receive on board between 250 & 300 Sepoys which the Grab can very well accommodate at the season of the year she will return to this Coast. —

Agreeable to Brigadier General Macleods desire, under the intimation he had received of General Campbells orders from the Adjutant General of His Majestys Forces, We now dispatch the Camden to afford a

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a passage to the small Detachment of the Royal Artillery, & the 42d. Regiment, which together your Lordship &c will observe, by the Copy of the Embarkation Returns now enclosed do not exceed, Officers included, Two hundred and thirty Nine Men. ——

The Board have settled with these Troops for their Arrears while serving on this Coast & they have been paid Subsistance &c as for a seperate Member in this Packet. ——

You'll please to order on board of the Camden five hundred of our Sepoys, a number she can very well bring round, being provided with Water and Provisions from hence, that she may not be delayed longer than may be indispensably Necessary to fill up the former, and to receive on board the Troops. ——

We could wish our Grenadeers may be first embarked, and hope that as few followers as possible will be allowed to go on board untill all the Sepoys are fully provided

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provided for —

We flatter ourselves that the Admiral will afford a Passage to the remainder of our late unfortunate Prisoners, who can come Round by Sea on board of his Majesty's Squadron, as it is not in our power to send Round any more Vessels, and occasional opportunities may not have offered —

The Greyhound Packet being now completely Refitted is dispatched to Madras, with orders for her Commander to obey your Lordship &c. in his future proceedings. —

The Neptune Imported here the 28th Ultimo, and met at Johanna with the Surprise Packet from England, by which Vessel you must have received much later Intelligence from Europe, than we can send you. The Panther not being yet arrived from Bussorah. —

We have the Honor to remain &c

Bombay Castle
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(signed) R. H. Boddam
N. Stackhouse
Lt. Nelson
John Tozlisse

Agreed

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Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bombay be informed that the Right Honble President will write in a few days to Tippoo Sultaun, and state the Answers now transmitted to us from the Officers in Command on the Malabar Coast to the Complaints made against them. —

We have communicated to the Gentlemen at Bombay in our Letter of the 5th Instant what assistance We had given to their Troops on this Coast, which We shall certainly continue to the utmost Extent that our own numerous, & indispensible Demands will admit. —

Minutes on the foregoing Letters from Bombay —

Agreed that the Select Committee at Bombay be informed that previous to the Receipt of their last Letter We applied to the Admiral for his assistance in Conveying round to the Malabar Coast the Troops belonging to their Establishment, whom he declared he could not accommodate on board the Kings Ships. That in Consequence of this disappointment We determined to march them by Land to Anjengo, & that the necessary arrangement being made

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They began their March yesterday Morning—

with respect to the Sick who have been left

behind; it is Agreed that they shall be

sent by the first opportunity. —

Agreed that the Bills drawn

upon us by the Select Committee at Bombay

be duely honord. but as it is absolutely out of

our Power to discharge them in Money; the

Right Honble the President is requested to

tender to the holders of them Bills upon the

Govr. Genl & Council for the Amount —

In Answer to the Enquiries made

by the Gentlemen at Bombay respecting the

allowances which are have regulated for

our Troops who were Prisoners with Tippoo

Sultaun; it is Agreed to inform them that We

have determined to allow Pay only to our

Troops, during the term of their Imprisonment

Read the following Letter from

Mr Harry Taylor —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c Select Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honord by your

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From Mr. Harry Taylor, desiring that he may not be made responsible for the difference of exchange as he received an order from Genl. Munro to issue the Rupees at the rates stated in his Accounts. ——

Your Order of the 16th Ultimo requiring me to make good a difference of Exchange of 2455 Star Pagodas. At the at that time received orders from Major Genl. Sir Hector Munro to issue the Rupees at the Rates mentioned in my Accounts, and it is well known to the Officers and Soldiers, then present such payments were made, I hope Lord & Gentlemen you will not make me responsible for such difference. ——

I have the honor to be &c

(Signd) H. Harry Taylor

Negapatam
15. Sept. 1784

Agreed that the Secretary write to Mr. Taylor, desiring that he will furnish us with a Copy of the Orders from Major General Sir Hector Munro, by which he was induced to issue the Rupees at a Rate of Exchange so unfavorable for the Company ——

Mr. Taylor to furnish the Board with a Copy of the order from General Munro —

Read the following Letter from the Chief of Masulipatam. ——

Revenue Department

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c. Select Committee
Fort St. George —

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have this moment received

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From the Chief of Masulipatam Respecting Offarow and stating his Reasons for his Conduct.

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Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter of the 2d. instant. In my letter of the 20th. Ultimo to Your Lordship &c. Council, which acquainted You with the Arrival of the Son of Offarow, I informed you that I should write fully on the subject of Moazed as soon as possible — I did so under date the 30th. of that Month, and now lose no time in expressing my pains that I have not a mark of your approbation for the inexpressible difficulties I have encountered to effect the Arrival of the Son of Offarow, instead of expecting impossibilities from me — nor did I conceive that your Lordship &c meant or wished that I should enter into a treaty with a Rebel and a Traitor, much less that the word or signature of such a man could be any sort of Security to oppose for the safety of the Moazed districts — The only present security for that safety on which any dependence can be placed is now here, nor have I a doubt (altho' I do not wish You to depend solely on my Opinion) that while

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while the son remains in these Districts, no difficulties will occur/ I speak in General terms/ unless the possession of Sp[ar]rows person should be attempted— That instant he will begin again, and throw the districts of Moozeed and their inhabitants, which are now in a state of quiet, into the same ferment from which I have lately recovered them — not to mention I hold it next to an impossibility to secure his person— I have always admitted that the possession of his person was the first great object, but the impracticability of that object rendered the returns of the son the next consideration, and I doubt not may answer, perhaps a better end Per this reaches you, Your Lordship &c. will be in full possession of my reasons for such an Opinion, and it rests with you to determine whether it is now proper to pursue that Object at the Great Risk of not succeeding, and at the Expence of the Revenue and present state of the Zemindary— I informed your Lordship &c. in my letter

of

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of the 31st ultimo abovementioned of all that
done in this business — human prudence could not
exceed it — It was not to be expected that Apparow,
turned from his Zemendary, would send his son
to me with arrears of revenues — If you wish
to obtain an early possession of a part of the
whole debt added to the expences of the expedition
that small part can only be obtained by restoring
the Zemindary to the father — he would offer
a little ready money, and the rest perhaps by
soucar bills on the Zemendary — Your Lordships
&c. will Judge whether such terms are to be
set in Competition with the entire possession
of the Country till the Companys demands or it
may be fully paid not to mention the desertion
of the inhabitants from the districts for
fear of the cruelties and oppression of
Apparow if he should ever be allowed to
return to his Zemendary, and the Revenue
would run more and more in Arrears ——

I the letters which I have done
myself the honr to write to you on the subject
of Noozed together with copies of such as have
been sent to the Council at Masulipatam

on

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on the same subject have furnished Your Lordship &c. with all I can say on it — I doubt not your candour will give me Credit for my trouble in bringing forward this Business to its present stage; and that, if the districts of Moogee should be again reduced to their late state of Anarchy and Expense by the pursuit of Mr Sparrow before he furnishes cause for such an Event, or by his Restoration to the Zemendary, Your Lordship &c. will confess I have done all which can be effected to avoid those evils, and that I cannot be liable to censure for the Event

I have the Honor to be very Respectfully &c

Samulcotah
9th Sept. 1784 —

(Signed) J. Daniell

The Select Committee are well pleased to hear of the Arrival of Mr Sparrow's Son, which they make no doubt will be a favorable event for the Company; but they are desirous to know in what manner, or by what measures it was effected, which will enable them to be the better judges of the extent & permanency of the advantages which may

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may be derived from it ——

Agreed that the Secretary do write to Mr. Daniell to the foregoing Effect —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Sullivan, enclosing one from Mr. Swartz. ——

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
President &c. Select Committee of
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From President at Tanjore with Letter from the Revd. Mr. Swartz requesting payment for Money be advanced on towards the repairs of Tanjore ——

I have the honor to send for the decision of the Honble Board an application made to me by the Revd. Mr. Swartz with the Original notes referred to in his Letter. ——

I have the honor to be with great Respect. &c.

(Signed) J. Sullivan

Tanjore
5th. Septr. 1784.

To John Sullivan Esqr.
President at Tanjore

Sir /

At the commencement of the late War

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War with Hyderaik Bahadar, the commanding Officer at Tanjore received Orders from the Governor & Council at Madras to repair the Fort of Tanjore. They accordingly began the Work, but Want of Money obliged them to desist. Having 100 P. Pag.s & 225 Star Pag.s in my possession I offered that Money to the commanding Officer & Mr. Baine, then Paymaster of the Garrison — A Note of hand was given to me by Mr Baine. I lent it for the use of carrying on public Works, but was told after the decease of Mr. Baine that it was thrown into his private accounts — As the money is not my property but belongs partly to the Orphans & partly to Mr. Broughton - I request of you to procure me a Company's bond on that Money — That I did not lend the above mentioned money to private purposes the Engineer and other Gentlemen of the Garrison know. I hope therefore Government will kindly agreed to your representation & bestow on me the requested favour. —

I am respectfully &c —

(signed) C. T. Swartz

Tanjore.
Sept. 4. 1784 —

The Paymasters Note of hand Inclose. —

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Agreed that a Bond for the Amount of the two Notes enclosed in Mr. Swartz's Letter be granted to Mr. Bain's Executors, which must be considered as an Advance from the Company in part of the Ballance due from them to the Estate of the late Mr. Baine —

A Bond to be granted to Mr. Swartz. —

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

On the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 25th. Ultimo, We forwarded a Copy of it to the Chief, imagining, there was no longer any room for a difference of Opinion, respecting the mode to be followed for the future, in granting leave of absence to Company's Servants, Dependant on this Subordinacy during Mr. Daniells' continuance in the Circars; but he, in his letter, Copy of which we have the honor to enclose, explains the Board Distrust very differently from the manner in which it is always understood, and as he desires a reference in case of our differing in opinion with him,

From Masulipatam relatives to the power this Board has of granting leave of Absence when the Chief is not present. —

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him, we now comply with his request, which we should have otherwise deemed altogether unnecessary. —

By the Ceded Districts mentioned in your Secretary's letter, we conceived that Your Lordship &c could only mean the District of Masulipatam, in the same Sense in which it is understood Viz. The Circars Dependant on this Subordinary; for in all our Correspondence with the Presidency this Idea has ever been annexed to it, and the authority of the Commandant of the Troops in the District has always extended so far; nor can that part of Mr. Sludlestons Letter respecting an Officer quitting the District be understood in any other Sense — besides We cannot Suppose that while every Commanding Officer of an out Garrison is permitted to grant Leave of absence to any Person under his Command, to proceed to any other Garrison (Masulipatam excepted) within the District without applying either to us or to the Chief, that this authority should be denied to the Person in Charge of this Settlement —

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Settlement— It had ever been our wish to Cultivate an amicable intercourse with the Chief, and our Records will shew that nothing Material has been undertaken since he left this Place wherein he has not been consulted; while our late Letters will acquaint Your Lordship &c how little he has Communicated to us even when Materially Concerned, having been called upon by him to issue Orders, the consequences of which we could not foresee, from not knowing the Reasons on which they were founded—

Mr. Mallet early in July applied for leave to visit the Presidency— and the Resolution we came to in Consequence was some time previous to the Receipt of Your Orders of the 4th August, but at any Rate, we should never have thought of writing to Mr. Daniell on this occasion, for altho' Mr. Mallet has been on several occasions upon Duty since his coming into the Circars, yet as he never had any fixed appointment, we conceived him so much his own Master, as to proceed to Madras without

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without our permission; on this account no application was made to your Lordship &c for Liberty for him to leave the District, as would certainly have been done otherwise — With respect to Mr. Darvall, he proceeded to Ingeram which is within the District, on his private business, by the same authority which has always heretofore been considered as sufficient. —

We have the honor to be very respectfully &c. —

James St. Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard
Sam.l Statham

Masulipatam
10th Sept.r 1784 - / Signed /

James Hodges Esq.r
&c.a &c.a Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have Received your Letter of the 5.th Instant accompanying Copy of one from

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from Mr. Secretary Huddleston of the 25th ultimo—

I have no Objection to your writing Circular Letters to prevent Officers from leaving the districts without the Knowledge of the Chief and Council; provided it appears on the face of such Letters that it is done in consequence of a letter from the Select Committee, by way of adding weight to them, and that they may not in any degree be disregarded. ——

I wish likewise that the Orders from the Select Committee of the 10th August were not disregarded respecting any Company's Servants leaving their station without my Knowledge since which Mr. Mallet has I understand proceeded to Madras, and Mr. Darvall has proceeded to Ingeram entirely without my Knowledge — The Secretary of the Select Committee in his Letter of the 25th August, in consequence of application from yourselves has explained the word Station to be "the district where "he is Stationed or coming to the Presidency". I do not understand that this explanation of

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differs in any Respect from the Order of the 4th August — the district where he is stationed, is only a part of the Districts of Masulipatam — I have not the least doubt that this is the meaning of the Select Committee, for I would ask them or You whether a "proper attention is not wanting to me," or what may be the difference to me, whether you Grant permission to any Companys Servant to go to the extremity of the districts of Masulipatam or to the Presidency "without my Knowledge." — I mention this Circumstance to you that the Select Committee may, if necessary, be convinced it is not my fault that "an amicable intercourse" does not take place between us — a Circumstance which can never ensue while my public Station may be treated with inattention or disrespect — I can have no Objection to your Granting Leave of absence to any Individual even without my Knowledge for a short space of time or Journey, but I have an undoubted right to complain of inattention if any individual proceeds to an out Garrison or Factory, or to use the words of the Select Committee "if he leaves the district where he is stationed without my Knowledge — If

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therefore if you differ with me in Opinion of the words "district where he is stationed" I desire that Copy of this Letter may be forwarded to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee for their final determination.

Samulcottah 6th Sept. 1784

Jam. Stg

(signed) J. Daniell

A true Copy

A. Scott

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Ordered to lie on the Table —

Read a Letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book / No. 76 from Lieutenant Gordon dated 10th Ultimo. stating that he expended some of his own Money in repairing the Works at Chittore, and that as all his Accounts & Papers were taken from him by the Captors, he cannot give a particular detail of every thing expended on the Company's account, and trust therefore declines taking an Oath, or giving any further Certification than the Word of an Officer. —

Agreed that Lieut. Gordon be informed that as he declines taking an Oath respecting his Losses at Chittore, We cannot

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comply

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From Mr. Bartholmo requesting payment for 500 Stand of Arms supplied the Company.—

Comply with his Request for a Reimbursement—

Read a Letter from Mr. Bartholmo (entered in the Miscellany Book p. N°. 77) dated 15th. Instant applying for the Payment of Pag.s 2000 on account of 500 Stand of Arms furnished by Mr. Bayet to the Company.——

Agreed to be discharged.—

Agreed that this demand which has been Referred to the Committee of Stores, be discharged—

All Paymasters to make up the Accounts of Arrears due to the Troops.—

The Right Honorable the President proposes to the Committee that the Paymaster with the Troops at Arcot, the Paymaster to the Southern Army and the respective Paymasters at all the Forts in the Carnatick including the Presidency be directed to make up the accounts of Arrears due to the Troops to the 25th. of August, Settling & deducting what is due for Rice, and having done so, they shall give to each Man a certificate or declaration of the net Ballance due to him from the Company to that day, which shall be liquidated from time to time out of funds to be set apart for that purpose.—

That the Non Commissioned Officers

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Non Commissioned Officers & Privates having small Arrears due, they shall be paid as soon as possible.—

Officers and Privates of the Europeans, having but little due to them shall be paid up their Arrears in full as soon as possible, and the Several Paymasters shall begin new accounts from the 25th. August & all Monies received since that time shall be appropriated only to the Payments for the Months subsequent to that Date —

Europeans in Cantonments to receive half dry Batta

That the Europeans in Cantonment at Arcot, and to the Southward shall receive half dry Batta from the 1st October to the 1st January next when all Batta whatsoever shall cease.—

Sepoys receive Rice at 70 Paz. of Garce whenever the Current Price shall be above that Price —

That the Sepoys shall receive Rice at 70 Paz. of Garce whenever the Current Price shall be above that Rate.—

Forts of Arnee & Chundergurry to be considered as dependant on Arcot— Officers to draw full Batta but no other Allowance —

That the Garrisons stationed in the small Forts of Arnee & Chundernagurry shall be considered as dependant on the Cantonment of Arcot. That the Officers commanding them are to draw full Batta, but no Charges under the Heads of Stationary, Bear Money, Sirguist, Conicopolies or under any other Denomination.—

That the Commander in Chief

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Black Cavalry to be sent into Cantonments as soon as possible—

be Requested to send the Black Cavalry as soon as possible into Cantonments at such Place, or Places as he shall judge best & adapted to that Purpose, and from the day of their Arrival in Cantonment, the Lascars Coolies, & Artificers shall be reduced to the Number allowed by the Regulations for the Peace Establishment. —

Dismounted Troopers at the Southward to proceed to Arcot—

That the dismounted Troopers to the Southward be ordered to Arcot. —

The Select Committee acquiesce in the foregoing Propositions, & it is accordingly Agreed that General Orders be issued that they may be immediately put into Execution. —

The foregoing Propositions to be published in General Orders. —

Read a Letter (as entered in the Mc B. N° 78) from the Paymaster at Arcot dated 20th Instant stating that he has received one from Capt.n Stevenson (of which he encloses a Copy:) desiring that the Lascars which are attached to his Regiment may be allowed to remain until the Cavalry be moved into Cantonments, as they are absolutely necessary to it while in its present Situation. —

Agree

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do Agreed that the Secretary to inform

d Mr. Welch, that the Select Committee consent

that to Capt.n Stevenson's retaining the Lascars

attached to the Cavalry until that Corps

shall be ordered into Cantonments but that

they will on no account admit any Charges

whatever for Repairs of Saddlery &c as they

consider the Allowance lately granted fully

adequate to the Keeping every thing belonging

to the Cavalry in complete Repair. ——

Read two Letters from Capt.

Muat at Permacoil dated 26th Ultimo &

9th Inst.t (entered in the Mt Bd. No. 70 880)

the former recommending an alteration in

the Tappals & proposing that Peons be

appointed for the Conveyance of Letters between

Permacoil & Mootecaud, the nearest Tappy

Stage on the Publick Road, and that

Letters for Permacoil be put up in a seperate

Packet directed accordingly, the latter,

representing the want of Quarters for some

of the Officers, and requesting to know whether

the Tents which are ordered are to be retained

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for the use of the Troops which are to relieve his Garrison or if the Storekeeper is to comply with the Indent which Capt. Dawes may make for the use of his Battalion which is at present destitute of Tents. ——

Agreed that the Secretary do inform Capt. Muat that the Select Committee will issue Orders for altering the Route of the Sappals and making them pass through Premacail instead of Pondicherry; with respect to the Tents, the Committee suppose that the Troops sent to relieve the present Garrison will carry Tents with them, but in all events that matter must be accommodated as Capt. Muats may judge best for the Service. ——

Read a Letter from Mr. Yielding dated 20th Inst. (entered in the Mc B. N. 81) requesting that he may be allowed to draw his Pay until an opportunity shall offer for his going to Europe ——

Agreed that Mr. Yielding be informed

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informed that no Allowance can be paid to him after the day when his Resignation was accepted. —

Read a Letter from Mr. Charles Baker dated 2d. Inst.t (as entered in the Miscellany Book N.o 82) stating on behalf of the Widow Hewish, that Materials were provided by late Mr. Hewish for the Corps of European Volunteers of which he was Adjutant, & enclosing an account amounting to Pag.s 820.. 30.—.

Ordered to lie for future Consideration

Read a Letter from Masulipatam dated the 15 Instant (entered in M.B. N.o 83) with several Enclosures stating that some Disputes respecting Duties had arisen between several Frenchmen and the Resident at Ingeram, and desiring the Orders of the Committee respecting the mode which they are to pursue with any Subjects of France who may come to the Northward for the purposes of Trade. —

The Committee approve of the Answer which the Chief & Council at Masulipatam have sent to Mr. Hamilton

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on the Subject of the French Complaints, who must be informed that Tanam is not yet to be considered as restored to the French, & be careful that they have not just cause of Complaint — With respect to the Duties, they are to pay exactly the same as before the War. ——

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam dated 15th Sept.r —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Troops lately employed on Revenue Service in the Zemindary of Norzeed having been ordered into Garrison, We suggested to the Chief the propriety of making a new arrangement of the Troops in the District upon which we requested his Sentiments respecting the arrangement which should take place and have the Honor herewith to forward Copy of his reply — Mr. Daniell is of opinion that a reference to your Lordship &c. on the present

Occasion

From Masulipat.n preparing the arrangements for the troops — the Districts ——

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occasion it unnecessary, but altho' the Board
have frequently have removed Corps when their
Services were Necessary in another Places, we
believe there is no instance of a General removal
of Corps having taken place without referring
it first to our Superiors We likewise Enclose
a Paper containing the Dates when the
four Circar Battalions now in the District
have been removed from one Garrison to another
since the beginning of the year 78; by
which your Lordship &c. from knowing
their Stations, for nearly Six years, will
be better enabled to Judge of the propriety
of a new arrangement — previous to the
Year 78 the Tour of Duty of the Battalions
in this District was much more regular
than it has been since the Commencement
of the War, and the Season for relieving
them used to be the end of December —
It is necessary however to observe that by
the Station of a Battalion we only mean
that part of it under the Command of the
Captain or from whence the Returns are
made,

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made, for they have all frequently had
considerable Detachments from them —

Before the commencement of the
late War the Force allotted for this
District was four Battalions of Sepoys
besides Europeans — at present it consists
of four Circar Battalions Viz.t the 2. 3.
4.th & 5.th and two Carnatic Battalions Viz.t
2.d & 17.th The Grenadier Companies belonging
to these four Circar Battalions, together
with those belonging to the Battalion
Stationed in the Ganjam District, were
Embodied at Coringa in the Year 83. &
on General Jones being appointed to the
Command of the Troops in this District,
they were at his request augmented to 100
Men each Company & divided into two
Battalions — The Officers commanding
those two Grenadier Battalions have applied
to get them completed to the above number,
but as this would reduce the number of
men in the Regular Battalions, which
we understand are now to consist by G: O:
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only of 650 Men each Battalion. and as the reasons which occasioned the Grenadiers first being Embodied do not now exist, We would recommend their being broken up and ordered to Join their respective Battalions —

On a supposition that the two Carnatic Battalions will not be continued in this District, we would recommend that for the present they should remain at Ellore, with what Number of Europeans Your Lordship &c may be pleased to Station there, with a proper Number of Field Pieces, that there may be a Detachment ready to take the Field whenever occasion may require it — We would likewise recommend that while the two Carnatic Battalions remain at Ellore, two Circar Battalions should be Stationed in this Garrison, together with the Europeans of the Arcot Detachment consisting only of 60 Effective Men & the Invalids 36 of whom are able to do Duty; & that the two other Circar Battalions should be

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Stationed at Condapillee & Samulcotah,
from whence such Detachments might be
drawn as may be necessary for Revenue
Service over & above the Sibbendy Corps
which is not by any means equal to the
whole of this Duty. — But on the event
of the two Carnatic Battalions being withdrawn
from this District, we recommend that
one Complete Circar Battalion should be
stationed at Ellore, and one complete
Battalion together with as many Companies
of the other two as may be sufficient to
afford one relief of Sepoys in this Garrison —

The Chief in his letter recommends
that the 2d. Circar Battalion Commanded
by Captain O'Hara should be directed
to proceed to this Garrison, and this Batta-
-lion is indeed that which has been longest
out of Masulipatam, having left this
in January 82 after it had remained
in for 13 Months — Should the removals
take place immediately, it would be hard
on Captain O'Hara, as he was appointed

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to the Command of Samulcotah in May 83
and in July was ordered to Join General Jones's
Detachment then proceeding on the expedition
to Commaums (instead of Captain Roberts who
was a Prisoner on Parole) from whence he
did not return to Join his Battalion till
the Month of January last; & We cannot
but observe, in Justice to him, that he went
on this Service with the utmost chearfulness
tho' not acting with his own Corps, and
indeed has shewed the same readiness on all
other occasions & is therefore entitled to our
indulgence; besides now that Peace is
Established, we conceive that the season for
removing the Battalions should be the
same as it was before the War, and more
particularly as the rains having set in
makes it very inconvenient to march Troops
at this Season, even when there is a necessity
for it. —

The 5th Circar Battalion, Captain
Vigors's, went from hence in May 83 after
it had remained in for 18 Months, and is
that which next to the 2d has been longest out-

here

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out — While therefore the Carnatic Battalions remain at Ellore, the 5th according to the Arrangement We have proposed, should be ordered in here; but if the Carnatic Battalions are orecalled from the District, the 5th should be Stationed at Ellore. —

The 3d Circar Battalion — Commanded by Captain Hugh Montgomery went out of Masulipatam in November last. after being in Garrison for fifteen Months and as it never has been stationed at Samul= =colah since it first came into the District in the year 77, unless from March till May 79. in case of a Regular Tour that Garrison ought now to be its Station. —

The 4th Circar Battalion — Captain Prendergasts, came into Masulipa= =tam in May 83, and has consequently been in fifteen Months this Battalion never was stationed at Condapillee Since it arrived from the Ganjam District in the beginning of the year 1780. — We have the honor to be very respectfully &c

Masulipatam
15th Sept. 84 —

/ signed /

James Stodges
John Peter Baileau
Thos. Barnard
Saml. Statham

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James Tilloges Esqr

&c &c &c

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am orderd to that part of your letter of the 27th Ultimo on the subject of the arrangement of the Troops in the districts, I am only offer my opinion for such part of those movements as I think strictly just and necessary. That is that Capt. O'Hara's Battalion should move into Masulipatam, and Capt. Brandreth to Condapilly. In consequence of the irregular stations both of Captains Montgomerys and Vigors Battalions for some years past I cannot at present offer an opinion which of those two should move to Samulcotah — at Masulipatam you may easily obtain a Roster of the Stations of those two Battalions some years back, and post them on an equal footing by sending that to Samulcotah which is most entitled to that station — I believe Capt. Montgomerys Battalion has not been stationed at

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at Samulcotah above a month and a half since it has been in the districts—

I do not however Recollect that in my time the Select Committee were ever troubled on this subject except when disputes Rendered it necessary between the Chief and Council of Masulipatam and the Commandant of the districts, and therefore I am no advocate for addressing them in the present instance, more especially as this arrangement should have been made some time ago if the troubles in the Nooze district would have admitted of it. ——

If you determine to Refer this matter to the Select Committee I wish that Copy of my letter should accompany your opinions

I am &c
(signed) James Daniell

Samulcotah
5th. Sept. 1784. —

A true Copy
A. Scott —
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From January till September 78 the 2d. Circar Battalion was stationed at Samulcotah. ——

From January till August 78 the 3d. Circar Battalion was in Masulipatam. ——

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Matthews

From September till October 78 the
2d. Battalion was in the field with Major Matthews

From August till October 78 the 3d. Battalion
was also in the field with Major Matthews—

From October 78 till March 79
the 3d. Battalion was in Ellore. —

From October 78 till may 79 the 2d.
Battalion was at Ellore. —

From March till May 79 the 3d.
Battalion was stationed at Samalcotah —

In May 79 the 2d. Battalion joined
Colonel Harper in the Guntoor Circar and
did not return till towards the end of the
year 80. —

From May 79 till September 80
the 3d. Battalion remained at Ellore. —

The 4th. Battalion came into Masulipatam
from the Ganjam District in the beginning of 80.

In November 80 the 2d. Battalion
came into Masulipatam. —

The 4th. Battalion was in Masulipatam
from the beginning of the year 80 till Feby 85 —

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The 4th. Battalion Remained at Ellore from February till July 83.—

The 5th Battalion arriving from the Vizagapatam District in July 83 was Stationed at Ellore ——

From November 80 till January 82 the 2nd. Battalion was in Masulipatam.—

From September 80 till January 82 the 3d. Battalion was at Condapillee.—

From July 81 till January 82 the 5th. Battalion was at Ellore.—

From January till September 82 the 3rd Battalion was with the Chief then Employed in the Circar.—

From January 82 till May 83 the 2nd. Battalion was at Condapellee ——

From July 81 till May 83 the 4th Battalion was at Samulcotah.—

From January 82 till May 83 the 5 Battalion was in Masulipatam.——

From September 82 till November 83 the 3d. Battalion was in Masulipatam —

From May 83 till the present time the 2d.—

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2d. Battalion has been at Samulcotah or Coreinga. ——

From May 83 to the present time the 4th. Battalion has been in Masulipatam —

From May 83 till the present time the 5th. Battalion has been at Cordapillee —

From November 83 till August 84 the 3d. Battalion was at Nooyad since which it has been at Ellore. —

(Signed) By Order of the Ad. Chief & Council. ——

(Signed) Wm. Scott
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Agreed that the foregoing Letter be referred to Genl. Lang & the other Officers, who are now employed in forming an arrangement of the Troops. ——