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Sent the following Letters

To Captain Montgomery

Commanding at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to resolve that two complete Companies of sepoys be sent from Nellour and Ongole to Cundcoor to remain there under the Orders of Mr Lind and Captain Close for the purpose of repelling any encroachments that may in future be attempted by the Troops of Meer Commerdien Cawn you will therefore detach a Company of Sepoys from your Garrison to Cundcoor under a careful Officer & direct him if he should be the senior Officer there to follow such Orders as he shall receive from Mr Lind and Captain Close—

To Captain Montgomery & Grant two Companies of Sepoys to be sent to Cundcoor from Nellore and Ongole to repel the Encroachment of meer Commerdien Cawns Troops

I have the Honor to be &c

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Signed John Huddleston
Secretary

The same to Captain Grant

Commanding at Nellore

To Mr Lind and Captain Close

at Vencatagurry

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed

To Mr Lind & Close advising them

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Sum of the above and directing them that in Case those Sepoys should take any Prisoners that they be sent to Cummer dien Cawn for Punishment.

10th enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Renter of Nellour and to inform you that in consequence of the particulars therein related and other Intelligence of the same nature received from Captain Grant they have ordered two compleate Companies of sepoys to be detached to Candecoar from the Garrisons of Ongole and Nellaur and placed under your directions for the purpose of repelling any encroachment that may in future be attempted by the Troops of Meer Commerdien Cawn The Select Committee desire that you will give Instructions accordingly to the Senior Officer of the Two Companies in which you will caution him against Committing any act of Hostility except from absolute Necessity and if the Troops of Commerdien Cawn should continue to disturb the Country let the Officer endeavour to make some of them Prisoners and if he Succeeds You will send the Persons taken to Cummer dien Cawn with a Demand that Punishment be inflicted upon them

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your &ca
John Huddleston
Secretary

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I inclose to You a Copy of Our Presidents letter of the 8th Instant to Tippoo Sultaun

To Colonel Bruce (as entered in the off: B of Ds) granting him Permission to come to the Presidency.

Received Letters (as entered in the off: B of Ds)

From Colonel Stuart

From Colonel Stuart — will Compply with the G: O: issued at the Presidency the 2d Instant: Requesting Instructions re: lative to two Gentlemen who are in Arrest.

To Col Stuart

Agreed that Col Stuart be informed that he is to release the two Gentlemen alluded to in the foregoing Letter (Vide No 1).

From Lt Copper

From the Commandant at Chilambrum — has purchased the 15 Garce of Rice ordered by Government.

11th

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c &c &c President &c: Select Committee

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My Lord and Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 6th Instant, and in Conformity to Your Desire humbly offer it as our Opinion that the Services of Mr Irwin will be of the greatest Utility in arranging the Revenue of the Tritchinopoly Country and recovering the Balance due from the Renter; And Your Lordship &c. having been pleased to Commit to him the Charge of Settling the Arrears of the Southern Troops, which must occasion his temporary Absence from Tinnevelly we recommend that he be desired to proceed to Tritchinopoly and take upon himself the Superintendency of that District untill the Objects abovementioned are finally accomplished

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue - offering it as their Opinion that it will be an eligible Mode to direct Mr Irwin to superintend the Tritchinopoly District.

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your &c.

(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Moubray

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The Rigt Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &ca Select Committee

Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Pearce has received Directions to proceed to Bengal with all imaginable Speed Acknowledges to have received every Support and Assistance from the Rajah of the District

In Consequence of my Original Instructions to move as soon as the Weather would admit of it I have the honor to inform You that We have this day begun Our March towards Bengal: & since I gave the necessary Orders on the Subject the Honorable the Governor General and Council have sent further Instructions on the Subject, directing me to Bengal with all convenient Expedition

I have extreme satisfaction in attesting to You that we have received from the Rajah of this District every Assistance that it was in his Power to afford, & that We have been plentifully Supplied with every thing necessary to our well being

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your &ca

(Signed) T. D. Pearse

Coll Com of the Bengal Troops in the Decan

Camp near Jartoore 31st October 1784

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My Lord

From Captain Grant advising that Hummer ul deens Troops have taken possession of five more Villages. And requesting Instructions how to Act.

I have received Information that Aher Hummer ul deens Troops have taken Possession of five more Villages which make in all Fifteen — The Renter has applied to me very earnestly to send a Party of Sepoys to turn out Hummer ul deens People but I have hitherto declined it as the Committee Chod deputed Messrs Lind & Close to Accomodate Matters with Cummer ul deen and I thought any Steps I might take might tend to Frustrate the Negotiation But from their Continuing the Encroachments I am led to think they will still go on unless prevented by 2 or 3 Compannies of Sepoys being sent from this Garrison. I shall wait Your Order respecting it and in Case You are pleased to direct any Troops to be sent I beg to be informed if I am to order the party to expell Cummer ul deens People from the Villages they have already possessed themselves

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12th themselves of or if they are only to pre:
:vent any further Encroachments

I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect.

My Lord
Your &ca
C: Grant

Nellore
9th Novr 1784

Sent the following Answer to
Captain Grant

To Captain Grant
Commanding at
Nellore

Sir

To Capt Grant directing him to send from his Garrison two Companies of Sepoys to Cunde:oor and to advise Messrs Lind & Close of the further Mo:tions of Cummer:deen Cawns Troops

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President & Select Committee to Acknow:ledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 9th Instt
and to desire that You will detach two Compa:nies from Your Garrison to Cundeoor instead
of One as directed in my last Letter and that
You will advise Mr Lind & Captain Close as
well as the Select Committee of the further
Motions of the Troops of Meer Cummer:deen Cawn in the Nellore District

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &ca
John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
12th November 1784

(Signed)

Sent

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12th Sent the following Letters

To Charles Oakely Esqr

&c. Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue — the Company cannot at present remit the Payment of of the Bishcush from Bomroonze

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You in answer to Your Letter of the 16th June that they cannot at present remit the payment of the Bishkaush from Bomroonze but that he must be credited for the Grain which he has delivered in

I am
Gentlemen
Your &c

Fort St George
12th Novr 1784

(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
13th
Governor General &c Council
at
Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal — Stating the

We have received the honor of

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the Committee's Opinion of the Measure adopted by the Bengal Government of allowing Sir John Burgoyne to purchase Horses for his Regiment and to draw on that Presidency for the Amount Transmitting several Enclosures on the Subject.

13th of Your Letter of the 8th Ultimo informing us of the Application made to You by Sir John Burgoyne on the 3d August last for Money to purchase 150 Horses said to be wanting to Complete the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons & undertaking to procure the same at the rate of 120 Pagodas P Horse, You are also pleased to Signify that thinking the terms proposed by Sir John Burgoyne to be reasonable. You had agreed to authorize him to draw Bills on You for the Amount but that as You had been informed by him that many of the Horses which were furnished by Your Government for the purpose of mounting the Regiment originally had been drafted for our Presidents Body Guard & for our Native Cavalry. You desire that in future none of the Horses of that Corps should be drafted for any purpose whatever.

As the Mode which You have been pleased to adopt on this occasion by praying over the President & Select Committee the proper Channel as We conceive for the transaction of a business of this kind with Officers under their immediate

13th immediate Authority seems unusual, We are apprehensive that You have may been influenced in the matter by the Asserstions contained in Sir John Burgoynes Letter to You.

What Credit is to be given to them with respect to the part which relates to Our Presidents body Guard, may be seen by the perusal of the inclosed Letter from Lieutenant Orr, the Officer who Commands it in answer to one from Our Chamier our Deputy Secretary upon the Subject. And as to the Draughts mentioned to be made for the Native Cavalry we leave You to judge of the truth & fairness of the Representation, from the Papers now transmitted & marked, No 1. 2. 3 4 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

From You learning the hostility taken Your Measure on this point We are not without fear, that other things relative to this Government may have been taken up upon equally Slight Foundation, but We trust that in

Future

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13th future You will be more guarded and that We shall at least have an opportunity of being heard before You decide. At all Events we are of Opinion, that supposing You to be fully persuaded of the Propriety of passing over this Government and of giving a Seperate Direction for the Management of this business to Sir John Burgoyne, an Officer actually under Arrest, the form at least might have been preserved of having the Bills drawn upon You by this Presidency instead of being drawn by him — But We shall not now trouble You upon this Subject further than to request You to be pleased to inform Us, what is to be done with the Horses which from time to time became Supernumerary in the 23d Regiment of Dragoons, as You desire that none of the Horses of that Corps should be drafted from it, for any purpose whatsoever

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your &ca

(Signed) Macartney
&ca Select Committee

13th November 1784

To

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To M.r Lind and Captain Close

Gentlemen

To Mess.rs Lind & Close directing them to make Enquiry about the 15 Villages said to have been taken by Cummer deen Cawn; and to demand from him the Restoration of the same, and full Reparation for the Damages sustained by the Renter.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send You the enclosed Copy of a Letter received Yesterday from Captain Grant, and to inform You that they have in consequence directed him to detach two Companies from his Garrison instead of one as before ordered and the Select Committee desire that with regard to the 15 Villages said to have been taken possession of by the Troops of Mur Cummer deen Cawn You will make the fullest Enquiry into the fact and if You find it true, or that any Number of Villages undoubtedly belonging to the Nellour District have been taken and are still in the possession of Cummer deen Cawns Troops, You will previous to proceeding any further in Your Negotiation on behalf of the Vencatargerry Rajah demand that the said Villages be immediately delivered up, representing at

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13th at the same time to Meer Cummer deen Cawn that this Government cannot suppose that so daring an Infraction of the Peace has been committed by his Orders and that instead therefore of Retaliating, they have directed You to make it known to him not doubting that he will instantly order the Villages to be evacuated and due Punishment to be inflicted on the Guilty and full Reparation to be made to the Companys Renter and the Inhabitants for whatsoever shall have been plundered from them.

You are already in possession of the Sentiments of the Select Committee having a Copy of their last Letter to Tippoo Sultaun and they rely on your conducting this delicate and important Bussiness with equal firmness, Prudence & Circumspection properly Supporting the Rights of the Company and at the same declaring they are willing to avoid as far as possible any measures that would tend to endanger or interrupt the general Tranquility established by the late Treaty of Peace

between

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13th between them and the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your &c.
(Signd) John Chamier
Dep. Secretary

Fort St George
13th November 1784

Received Letters (as entered in the
M.B. 40v.)

From the Pay-
master & Surgeon
of the 14th Regiment
of Hanoverians.

From the Paymaster and Surgeon of the 14th Regiment of Hanoverians, inclosing a Bill respecting their Allowances, which they request may be discharged.

From Gen Campbell

From General Campbell, requesting that the usual may be given to Lieut. Colcough for his Passage to Europe

Ordered Accordingly (Vide 7th)

From the
Committee of
Assigned Revenue

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosing Copy of a Letter from the Renter of Arnee to the Governor, complaining of the Conduct of Lieut Colonel Sterling, in having issued Orders, that no one is to collect Rent from the Shops, or any Duties within range of the Guns of the Fort of Arnee under the Penalty of being blown from a Gun.

Agreed

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13th Agreed, that a Copy of the Foregoing Letter be sent to Lieut Colonel Stirling and that he be directed by the Secretary not to interfere in any Manner with the Duties collected either within or without of the Fort of Arnee (Vide M.B: N°

Minute thereon

Sent Letter to Colonel Ross, (as entered in the M.B. N°) desiring him to give his Opinion on a Letter & Estimate from Mansulipatam, which is enclosed to him, and directing him to send Mr Norris to Vellore, where he is to draw Surveyor's Allowance, while Acting in that Capacity

To Lt Col: Ross

15th Received the following Minutes from the Committee of Stores

At a Committee of Stores held at Fort St George 13th November 1804.

Lieut: General Lang
Lieut: Col: Patrick Ross
Bryan Scottney Esqr
Lieut: Colt Moorhouse
Lieut: Colt John Kennedy (absent)

From the Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 13th November

Read

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15th Read Proceedings of
the 4th & 30th October
with Remarks of the
Right Honble the President
& Select Committee thereon
agreable to whose Orders
the Board proceed to
take into Consideration
the Advance which
they think ought to
be put on the Barrels
which have been made
up by Mr. Lascelles
in Consideration
of the high Prices of
Materials during the
War are of opinion
his Bill should be paid
up to the 31st of July
but as the Prices are
much higher than are
necessary in peaceable
times recommend to
the Right Honble the
President and Select
Committee to put the
Coopperage as near as
Circumstances will
admit

Approved & Mr Lascelles
bill to be paid as recom-
mended up to the 31st July
1784

The usual Prices, as before
the War, to be paid in future

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15th admit on the footing it was previous to the late War.

The Committee proceed to examine of Six Fd Field Carriages with Limbers, and 3 Tumbrils which being according to Muster, direct their being received in the Company's Store

Approved

The Commissary General of Stores having informed the Committee that there are Six pounder Field Carriages wanting Limbers & Tumbrils recommends their being made for them — Agreed to lay the same before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee.

Ross Lang
Patrick Ross
(Signed) B: Scottowe
J. Moorhouse

16th Received the following Paper from the Commander in Chief

Recommendations

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Recommendations by the Commander in Chief

Lieutenant Firewother Thomas Blackmore to be Lieutenant, to rank from the 23d October 1784 — vice Lieutenant Ford deceased

From General Lang with Recommendations

Ensign Marmaduke Hewby and Ensign Alexander Strahorn, not having reported themselves to the Adjutant General agreeable to the Orders of Government of the 1st September last — to be Struck off.

Ensign Donald Brodie doing Duty as Adjutant of his Majesty's 36th Regiment not having joined his Corps in the Company's Service agreeable to the G: O: of the 12th July last — to be Struck off.

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(Signed) Ross Lang

Agreed that the foregoing Recommendations of the Commander in Chief be published in G: O:

Minute thereon

O the

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19th The Right Honble the President directs the Secretary to inform the Gentlemen of the Select Committee, that Mr Garrow has applied to him for the payment of the Arrears due to him. and his Lordship therefore proposes that Bills be granted on Bengal for Pags 18,305, and that a Sett be drawn upon the Court of Directors for Pagodas 5000.

Bills granted on Bengal & England to Mr Edward Garrow.

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore dated the 17th Instant (as entered in C:C: No) stating in Substance that Government entertain a high Sense of his Conduct in so readily ceding the four Magans round Tharical, and of his Exertions to promote the Welfare of the public Good — Cannot but be sensibly concerned at the Devastation of his Country by the Enemy during the late War; but that such cannot be considered as a reasonable Motive for his Requisition to withhold from the Company

Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

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14th Company the Payment of his Stipulated Annual Balance of four Lacks of Pagodas because the Company who must have expended large Sums in the Protection of his Country during the late Troubles, without which he would inevitably have been totally dispossessed of it and whose Resources have been exhausted in the Defence of the Carnatick which includes his Dominion must surely be a powerful Argument why he ought to assist in retrieving their Affairs and place them in such a Footing as to be able to withstand the Efforts of his and their Enemies in a future War by which only he can remain secure ——— His Dispute with Tondiman will be settled impartially, and Justice Administered to both

At a Select Committee Present

Friday the 19th November 1784

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr
Alexander Davidson Esqr
Lieut Genl Lang
Robert Mannsell Esqr

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The Minutes of last Committee read and Approved.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter from Colonel Fullarton with the Letters therein referred to, as entered in M. B. No.

Lieutenant General Lang

Sir

I had the honor to transmit to You on the 6th an Address from the Officers of the Corps of Artillery, serving to the Southward on the Subject of Batta I am again under the Necessity of troubling You with a Letter from Captain Tanner & another from the Officers under his Command representing the Distress they suffer at present, in Consequence of Orders that the Paymaster shall not issue any Money to them or to the other Commissioned Officers of the Companys Service, they are extremely urgent that a Speedy remedy should be applied to this inconvenience which I am hopeful would take place.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your &ca

(Signed) W. Fullarton

A true Copy (Signed) Joseph Garrow
Secy. to the Comr. in Chief

Agreed

From Colonel Fullarton to General Lang representing the Distress of the Officers in Consequence of the Orders published by Government respecting Batta

Negapatam
8th Novr. 1784

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Agreed that Mr Digby the late Paymaster to the Southern Army be directed to issue Pay to the Commissioned Officers for the Current Months, that is to say, from the 1st September last, the Months preceding are included in the Arrears which are to be liquidated in the manner already resolved on ——

Minute thereon

Agreed also that Mr Digby be directed to Signify to the other Paymasters that these and the former Orders on the Subject of the Officers Arrears are to extend to all the Officers to the Southward, whenever Stationed and, whether they belong to the Army or the Garrisons.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Copy of the above Orders be sent to Colonel Fullarton and that he be desired to Notify them to the several Paymasters to the Southward also that he be informed that Mr Irwin will be directed in liquidating the Arrears to give a preference to the Troops that are discharged from the Service

Resolution in Consequence of the foregoing

Read

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Read Letter from the Rajah of Vencataghery (as entered in C. C.) representing in Substance that Cummer ud deen Cawn has arrived at Seringapatam and that it is the Intention of the Naib of Cudapa to take Possession of the District of Polloor That he has already committed several Outrages in the Districts of Goculpilly Durry and Cookistnah Cottah, and in the Pergunah of Cundcoor, and that unless some speedy Measures are taken to put a Stop to such Irregularities, the Country will suffer irreparable Injury

From the Rajah of Vencataghery

Agreed that Copies of the above Letter be dispatched to the Officers Commanding at Ongole and Nellour with Orders to use their utmost endeavours to resist, and repel any Attempt that may be made by the Troops of Meer Cummer deen Cawn to seize upon or invade the District of Polloor, and should any of them be made Prisoners to send them to the Person acting for Meer Cummer deen Cawn in his Absence with a Letter demanding that the most exemplary Punishment be inflicted on them for presuming to Violate the Peace so lately concluded between the Company and Tippoo Sultaun

Minute thereon

Read

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Read Letter from Captain Allcat at Pennacoil (as entered in Miscellany Book) representing the reduced Strength of his Garrison by the Detachments furnished from it for Chillumbrum and Chinglepat and recommending the recall of the Sepoys sent to Pondicherry

From Capt. Allcat

Agreed that Captain Allcat be informed that We cannot at present without Inconvenience either spare a reinforcement to his Garrison or recall the Sepoys from Pondicherry.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Council at Masulipatam

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have been honored with the Receipt of Your Commands under date the 20th Ultimo which shall be Complied with as soon as We are furnished with the Report of the Board of Officers who are to Examine the Invalid Sepoys in this District — We have likewise received Your

Masulipatam respecting the G.O. issued relative to the March of the 2 Battalion of Sepoys to Cuzzole — and requesting that any Orders which may be issued in future

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Future that may affect their Presidencies, may be transmitted to them by the Secretary

Your Secretarys Letter of the 1st Instant, and Mssrs Boone, and Weston have been made acquainted with Your Orders —— We had the Honor of informing Your Lordship &c. under date the 13th May, with what we had done in Consequence of Your Secretarys Letter of the 7th of the same Month, and We have now sent Mr Gardiner an Extract from Mr Hudlestons Letter, with which Mr Weston had before been furnished

Major Cheshyre lately furnished Us, with Copy of a Letter from the Adjutant General, by which it appeared that the 2d Battalion of Sepoys had been ordered to Ongole —— We objected to their proceeding at that time, as it was contrary to the constant practice of the Service, for a Corps to be removed out of the District or even from one Garrison to another within the District, any otherwise than by an order passing thro' this Board but as the General Orders have now been sent to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, We have for the good of the Service, and to prevent delay consented to the 2d Battalion's proceeding to Ongole, Altho a General Order has never heretofore

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heretofore been considered, as any Authority for this Board, to act upon unless when transmitted to us immediately by Your Secretary, and We hope that Your Lordship &ca will not be offended, at our again mentioning the Inconvenience, which so often arises from our not being regularly furnished with Copies of the General Orders published by Government, which You have been pleased so frequently to inform Us would be sent for our Information as we cannot suppose it to be Your desire, that We should Act upon the Authority of Orders transmitted by the Adjutant General to the Senior Officer in the District, and again Communicated by the latter to us.

We have the honor to be very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your &ca

(Signed) James Stodges
Thomas Barnard
W. A. Dobbyn
Samuel Statham

Masulipatam
10th November 1784

The Secretary is desired to give Directions for Copies to be sent to the Subordinate Settlements of all General Orders

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Orders that relate in any respect to the L
Troops acting under their Authority ——
respecting the Claims referred to the Committee
in the above Letter — Resolved that the
Minute Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed
that We are determined not to allow Pay
to any extra Staff Officer appointed to Act
either with His Majesty's, or the Company's
Troops by any other Authority than our own.

That We see no occasion for
their referring to us the Application of Lt
Lennon, and the practise of marking such
Minute on the Letter from Masulipatam References without giving any Opinion
upon them tends to render their Board
merely a Channel for Individuals to Com:
municate their Claims to Government

As the Majority of the Council
at Masulipatam who have been long in
Office must perfectly know what are the
usual & proper Allowances to be enjoyed by the
Engineer & his Assistants at that Settlement
it cannot be necessary to refer to Us the Claim
Minute on Do of a Practitioner Engineer for Field Batta in
time of Peace, and they can not be ignorant
of our Intentions so often declared to lessen
as much as possible the established Expences
instead of introducing new, unauthorized
Charges, yet they refer to us the Claims of a
Practitioner

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Practitioner Engineer without a Comment, thus Virtually rejecting the Discretionary Power, & even repeated Orders to decide upon such Claims without Reference to Government — Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be enjoined to pay attention to these Orders, & that they be apprized that for any Charges in their Accounts not authorized by the established Regulations or particular Directions from Us, or any former Government they will be held responsible in their private Fortunes.

Read the following Letter from Captain Grant with the Paper therein mentioned (as entered in Miscellany Book N)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Captain Cornelius Grant Mer

I have been honoured with Your Orders of the 12th Instant and have accordingly

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Meer Cummer deen Cawns Troops take Possession of another Village. represents the danger of discharging the Supernumeraries at present. Encloses a Paper relative to a Murder lately perpetrated in the Neighbourhood.

accordingly sent another Company to Condicoor.

I have accounts of one more Village being taken possession of by Meer Cummers Troops.

The Jemidar at Condicoor sent me in Yesterday a Subedar and 5 Sepoys of Cummer ul deen's who were recruiting there & I have this day sent them under a Guard to the Town Major of Fort St George.

I am informed that Meer Cummer gives great encouragement to all People who will entertain and am apprehensive that most or all the Supernumeraries now here when discharged will go there for Service — and I beg leave to represent to Your Lordship &ca the bad Consequence that may arise from allowing near 600 Men to enter into the Service of a Foreign Power — By the Commander in Chiefs Orders I am not to dismiss them untill the Arrival of the three Companies of my Battalion from Ongole who I expect here about the 25th — When they do arrive and the Supernumeraries discharged then will be here only 7 Companies (2 being detached to Condicoor) which after furnishing about 200 Men for

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for the out Garrisons, one for the Pentar and the protection of the Companys Grain in different places will leave a very small Number in this Garrison and not by any means adequate to the Duty— I have taken the liberty to represent it & request to know if Your Lordship &c. will not be pleased to allow of a part of the Supernumeraries to be retained in the Service at least till the business at Condicoor is Settled and that Detachment recalled

A Murder was committed here two days ago the particulars of which are Represented in the enclosed Paper which I send for Your Information— The proof is not positive but every Circumstance seems to Confirm it particularly that of the Joys being found on the Prisoner As many Murders have been committed in the Neighbourhood which notwithstanding my utmost Endeavours I have not been able to find out the Offenders I beg to know if Your Lordship &c will not be pleased to order that a severe example should be made of the Prisoner

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I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.
C. Grant

Nellore
16th November
1784

In the paper enclosed in the above
Letter are Stated the Examinations of five persons
respecting the murder mentioned by Captain
Grant whose Depositions afford the strongest
Presumptive Proof of its having been perpetra-
:ted by one Shaik Mein a Moorman

Resolved that Captain Grant
be informed that We cannot alter our Reso:
:lution for discharging the Supernumeraries
the Committee think it not improbable
that many of them will entertain in the
Service of Tippoo Sultaun, but the same
Argument would operate against disbanding
any of the newly raised Corps

The Committee cannot consent to keep the Supernumera: -ries in the Service.

With regard to the Murder
committed at Nellour it is resolved that
Captain Grant be desired to direct the
Renter to assemble 12 of the most respectable
Mahometan Inhabitants with the
Cauzee of the place and desire them to
examine minutely into all the Circumstances

Observations of the Committee with Respect to the Murder mentioned by Captain Grant

of

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of the case and if they find the Suspected Person guilty to pass Judgement upon him according to their Laws and Customs and upon receiving Captain Grants Report of such Judgement the Committee will direct the same to be carried into Execution

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter which he has received from Lieutenant Colonel Bruce

To General Lang

Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

From Col: Bruce to General Lang thinks it would be impolitic and dangerous to discharge the Independents and non-Commissioned Officers at Tritchi: hopely recommends that the 4 Guards of Independents who are in charge of the Nabobs Palace may still continue in that Duty.

The non Commissioned Officers of the Independents of this Garrison were ordered by Colonel Fullarton to remain in the Service till such time as they could be provided for in the Regular Battalions, or till the intentions of Government respecting them should be known; all Which imagining that the late Orders of Government, that all Corps not mentioned in the Regulations should be directly discharged affected them have refused to consider them any longer in the Service, which even if that were the

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case at this time would in my opinion be a very impolitic & dangerous Experiment, as they are the Leaders of all the discharged Independents who are still in and near this place together with the discharged Lascars, regular Sepoys, & Mogul Horse all of whom are very much discontented their continuing some time longer in the Service until a more convenient opportunity offers of discharging or providing for them would be no very great Additional Expence & perhaps prevent many disagreeable & Consequences

Four Guards of Independents who have for several Years had charge of the Nabob's Palace & many Valuable Effects were requested by his Manager here, at the time of these Corps being broke to be continued in the Service as if they were discharged new Men could not so well be trusted with those Effects which they have had so long in charge, as likewise made Objections to pay them should be obliged to you to represent those matters to his Lordship & the Committee who I trust will see the necessity of continuing

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continuing them in the Service, till they can be discharged with more propriety

I remain with due Respect

Sir

Your &c.

(Signed) Thomas Bruce

Tritchinopoly
7th November 1784

A true Copy (Signed) I. Garrow

Secy to the Comr in Chief

Minute thereon

The Committee are surprized that Colonel Bruce should entertain any doubt as to the Construction to be put upon the very explicit Orders issued respecting the Independents at Tritchinopoly nor can the argument which he urges against discharging the Non Commissioned Officers deter the Committee from affecting those Reductions in the public Expenditure, which the Situation of the Companys Affairs renders indispensably necessary — We shall be glad to take those Officers into the Service again, when Vacancies occur but all that can at present be done for them is to desire Mr Irwin to discharge their Arrears from the first Money he may collect — it will be proper however to give them notice that such of them as may entertain in any Foreign Service will if ever taken be severely punished

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The four Guards who have so long had Charge of the Nabob's Palace upon a Written Application from His Highness's Manager, will be Continued.

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having received a Letter from the Supreme Board at Calcutta signifying to me that it is their pleasure I do draw on them for a Sum of Money to remount my Regiment, I have to inform You thereof and at the same time beg to know from You whether You will be pleased to allow Subsistance for the Horses from the Day they are bought, and Batta to the Party I must send up into the Country for the purpose of procuring the said Horses.

I beg also to observe that having in a Letter to the Supreme Board some time since, informed them that the Horses which were taken from my Regiment had been given to the Body Guard and Native Cavalry, and having since been told the Native Cavalry only had them, I shall immediately rectify the Mistake

From Sir John Burgoyne Advising of the Orders he has received from the Supreme Council in regard to remounting his Regiment He knowledges to have made a Mistake, with with regard to the Governor's Body Guard desires to know if Government will allow Subsistance for the Horses to be purchased, and Batta to the Party.

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Mistake in a Letter to the Supreme Board
The Horses were taken from my Regiment
and it was universally believ'd both Native
Cavalry and Body Guard had a part of
them. This though a Matter of no Consequence
shall be explained directly, having arisen
merely from a Mistake

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13th 1784

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.a
(Signed) J. Burgoyne
M. G:

Agreed that Sir John Burgoyne
be informed that on the Engagement he has
entered into for furnishing Horses for his
Regiment at an Expence to the Company of
120 Pagodas each Horse has been entirely a
separate Transaction between him and the
Minute thereon Gentlemen at Calcutta, We desire not to
interfere in it in any manner whatsoever
and in particular that We decline having
any thing to do with the Accounts of any
Expences that may arise from, or be
connected with it.

The Commander in Chief
delivers in the following Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief, relative to the Measure of brigading the Army.

The consideration of the measure of Brigading the Army which I had the honor to recommend in the Plan I have delivered in for an Establishment on this Coast, having been deferred to a future occasion I think it indispensibly necessary to call the attention of the Committee again to that important Subject, as no time should if possible be suffered to elapse, before the Measure is carried into execution — I shall again offer my Opinion thereon, and give such reasons as appear to me of sufficient force to induce the Committee to adopt this Mode, & to evince to the Court of Directors upon a reference to them the propriety of confirming such a Measure, my Situation requires that I should point out, what may be most for the benefit of my Employers in the Line of my Profession, & having done so, it rests with the Committee either to adopt my Ideas & the Measures in consequence, or, to point out the impropriety, or impossibility thereof

It is almost necessary that I should point out to the Committee the loss We have sustained during the late War

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War with Hyder Ally in old & experienced Officers, whose Services at a time, when the Army required every attention to bring them back to a State of Strict Discipline would have been highly Serviceable — but, which being now deprived of, we should use such means as appear most likely to obviate the Inconvenience attendant upon such a loss & that may answer the end proposed.

That the Army must now be much relaxed in Discipline owing to the length of time they have been in the Field, in Situations, in which the necessary attention could not be paid to the Men, cannot but be allowed, that nothing but the most strenuous & Zealous exertions of the Officers can in any short period, recover them from that State of Relaxation must be also admitted — & when the vast extent of Country in which the Companys Troops are Stationed is considered, it will clearly shew, the impossibility of any one person in whatever Situation, being able to see that that attention is duly paid to the Troops, without which he could not take upon him to answer for their Conduct on any trying occasion, which this perhaps at

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at a Remote Distance requires that we should be immediately prepared for — The attention necessary for the Disciplining the Native Troops in particular is very great, & altho I am convinced that the Company have every reason to repose the greatest Confidence in those who have the Command of them still I deem it essentially necessary that some person nearby on the Spot should be appointed, whose Attention should be directed to considering the State of those Troops, the measures necessary to be taken with them to bring them into a proper State of Discipline & who might see such Orders as are given by Government & the Commander in Chief strictly attended to — such a Person being responsible to the Commander in Chief for the Regulating & Disciplining the Division of the Army entrusted to his Care, would be Strenuous in his endeavours to make them excell & to instill into the People that Emulation so highly necessary among Troops; at the same time that the Officers commanding Corps, knowing that such a Person was particularly attentive to their Conduct &

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that it would be represented to the Commander in Chief by whom proper Notice would be taken of it, would be Stimulated to bring their Men into a State of Perfection, as speedily as possible, observed that such exertion or a contrary behaviour would be represented, & not be suffered to pass unnoticed — with this Spirit of Emulation between Corps in a Brigade, & between the different Brigades of the Army, the Troops would soon arrive at a perfect knowledge of their Duty & be ready at a moments Warning to act, either defensively or Offensively wherever it might be thought proper to employ them — & the Satisfaction to an Officer who should Command Troops so disciplined must be truly great — he would go upon Service with them conscious in his own Mind that he might upon every occasion rely implicitly upon them the benefits that would Result to the Company from an Army thus formed and attended to, are too obvious to need recital.

In the present Scarcity of Field Officers it has and must always happen

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happen upon Service that those who are attached to & in Command of the Europeans have been detached with Sepoys — leaving their own Corps to the Command of Young Officers, thereby depriving the Europeans of their own Experienced Officers who are called upon a Duty with Native Troops to whom possibly they have not been much accustom'd & in whom they cannot place that Confidence from want of personal knowledge, as in one who has been always in the habit of Commanding them — this is a very great impropriety & defect in the Military System & might be attended with the worst of Consequences — When this is not the case the Sepoys are left on Detachment to the Command of a Captain, who tho possibly able in himself, may not be possessed of the experience necessary for such a Situation

As I am of opinion that Europeans should not on any occasion be left without their Field Officers — & as it may be found necessary to detach a Company of Europeans with a large Division of Sepoys to act upon an immediate & important Service — in such case (the Detachment of Europeans being ordered from one of His Majesty's

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Majesty's Regiments) the Command must of course (in Consequence of the Priority of Rank given to the Kings Officers) devolve to the Captain Commanding them who the possessed of every Ability in his own peculiar Situation might find himself much at a loss at the head of a large Division of Sepoys with whose language, temper & manners he is totally unacquainted — this if possible should be prevented, & can alone be done by the appointing a Field Officer to each Brigade of Sepoys. The above reasons appear to me fully Sufficient to Justify the Measure I have so much at heart being convinced that the greatest benefit will arise from the adoption of it to the Interests of the Company & I trust will be thought so by the Committee — in like manner as by those Officers with whom I was directed to Consult & who being in high repute as Military Men and in the Confidence of Government were entrusted to investigate & offer their Opinion upon the proposed Establishment — their Opinion in Conjunction with my own, I should flatter myself would have Weight with this Committee, nor only so with them, but

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that a Measure adopted by this Government agreable to the Recommendation of the three Senior Officers on the Establishment — in consequence of the fullest Conviction of the Necessity of it formed upon local knowledge & length of Service would meet with every Approbation from the Hon'ble Court of Directors without having occasion to refer to them, previous to its adoption, as the time for reforming and disciplining the Army is the present, least for want of some such Measure we have reason to repent the Delay; for altho' We have the happiness of being at present at Peace, it is impossible to say what turn affairs may take or how soon we may have occasion to use that force, for the regulating & Disciplining of which by the Nomination of Field Officers, I am now so strenuous an Advocate, The only reason that can I think be given against this Measure is the extraordinary expence that it will occasion — but as that is so small I think it can hardly be offered as an Objection — nor can I think we should stand excused to our Employers — for delaying an Arrangement, from which so much good is to be expected, under the

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Their serious Consideration Of the present time the General thinks that the late War instead of enfeebling and Strengthening the Discipline of the Army has relaxed and impaired it; and that the Brigading the Sepoys ought not to be delayed Inasmuch that the Measure may be adopted without any Additional Expence — The Senior Captains of Sepoys may Command a Brigade and effectually for the present serve as a Field Officer and as there is a Captain Lieutenant attached to each Battalion they may be spared for that purpose without Inconvenience and there are doubtless many Officers who deserve of distinguishing and recommending themselves would cheerfully act as Brigade Majors or fill any other Staff Appointment without drawing any Additional Allowance. Upon the whole I do not see how We can possibly reconcile any Military Expence at the Amount of this Year will exceed the Calculation on which the general Plan is grounded

The Consideration of the Generals Minute to be Postponed

Resolved that the further Consideration of the General's Minute be postponed

Read

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Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie of His Majesty's 78th Regiment with the Bill therein mentioned amounting to Pagodas 304

My Lord

On the 78th Regiment leaving the Army under Sir Eyre Coote on the 24 June 1782 owing to what it had suffered by Sickness while in the Field, I was ordered with it to the Cantonments of St Thomé where there were Detachments from different Corps, also Sepoys in this Cantonment I remained as Senior Officer till I embarked for the Southward with a Detachment of the 78th In September following I have My Lord been lately informed that the Commanding Officer of St Thomé has been for a considerable time past been allowed Field Batta; I never have My Lord received any Money on that Account I have reason to hope that Your Lordship will see the Justness of my Claim,

From Lieutenant Col Mackenzie enclosing a Bill for Field Batta as Commandant of the Cantonments at St Thomé, and requesting the same to be paid

&c

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a note of which I take the liberty of enclosing And that You will be pleas'd to Order its being paid.

I have the honor to be

Vellum
14th Novr 1784

My Lord
Your &ca

(Signed) George Mackenzie Lt Coll
Major 78th Regiment

The Honble Company ——— Dr

To my Full Batta a Major Commandant of the Cantonments of St Thomé from the 24th June 1782 to the 27th September following being 96 Days at 4 Pags pr Day } P H C 384 - -

(Signed) George Mackenzie
Major
78th Regiment

It was Subsequent to the Period when Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie was the Senior Officer at St Thomé that that place was made a Seperate Cantoonment and a Resolution passed for allowing the Officer in the Command of it Full Batta — the Committee cannot

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cannot therefore with Propriety admit
his Claim.

The Commander in Chief delivers in
the following Letter to him from Colonel
Sterling

Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir

From Colonel Sterling to General Lang enclosing Letter from the Officers under his Comd. recommend, requesting to be granted the same Allowances as have been given to the Officers at Arcot

I had the honor of addressing
You, a day or two after my arrival here
and Stating our Situation respecting
Quarters, the want of a Surgeon &c &c
To my former Application have now to
subjoin, the annexed Letter from the Officers
under my Command & request your interference
with the Board, to grant us the same Allowances
which have been given the Officers at Arcot — of
which Cantonement, as the Letter very justly
observes, we are considered a part — I beg leave
to Request our Answer — and have the honor to
be

Sir
Your &c
H.P. Sterling
Lieut Colt in India

To

Arnee
12th November
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To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling
Commanding
at
Ennee

Sir

We cannot help expressing our Surprize at finding ourselves excluded from the Indulgence of the Honble Board of an Allowance for repairing of Quarters at Arcot, we labourd under the same Predicament in respect to Quarters or that Contonment and of which you form a part It is possible We Shall be reduced to point out to You that our Quarters were not habitable ——— without several Repairs as we Arrived here we have therefore to request You will forward our ——— application to the Honble Board, not doubting but they will favorably see the propriety of our Request and give an Order to the Paymaster to reimburse us any

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the same Posting as the Officers at Arcot
by doing which Ryan will Oblige

Sir

Your &c.

Richard Chase
Captain Lieutenant

(Signed) Charles Symmons
Ensign

Henry Evans
Ensign

A true Copy
(Signed) Joseph Gerrow
Sec.y to the Com.r in Chief

Read the following Letter
from Lieutenant Colonel Wetherall, re-
ceived at Bengal by the Hyder Dawk
Frigate

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

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My Lord and Gentlemen

A Danish Ship, Captain Macheintosh Commander, bound for Madrass and Bengal and which left Portsmouth 10th May gives me an Opportunity from this post of addressing Copies of Your Dispatches under my Charge to the Court of Directors

At the time the Danish Ship left England no Bill had passed for Arrangement taken place regarding the Governments in India and it was imagined that a final Decision on these Matters would not have been adopted until the Meeting of a New Parliament in October or November.

Your Dispatches by the Pondicherry Sea Horse and Portland Shall be shipped England — the Crocodile Sir. gate was lost on the Star Point but the Crew, Passengers and Packet were saved the Mercy Packet from Bombay totally lost.

I leave Next a Lieutenant Colonel de Grandpre of Engineers with additional Powers

From Colonel Macleodon wrote after with the Dispatches at the Cape — Commun. cates Europe News

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Rumb from the States of Holland is daily expected here to relieve the present Governor Plattenberg.

The Definitive Treaty between Britain and the Dutch not signed when the Danish Ship left England.

A Revolution had taken place in Denmark about the middle of April in favor of the Prince Regent a Youth of Seventeen and disposessing the Queen Mother of her Power and Influence.

Europe in every other respect and in Tranquility.

The Tortoise will Dimagine proceed on her Voyage the end of this Month and Hope to have the Honor of delivering Your Dispatches some time in November at furthest.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjutant General

Cape of Good Hope
16th August 1704

The Tortoise put into Table Bay the 4th Instant
(Signed) H. M.

The

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Minute thereon

The Committee are well pleased to find that Colonel Malcolm, with the Public Dispatches under his Charge had so quick a Passage to the Cape

From Captain George Clarke

Read Letter from Captain George Clarke (ord entered in Miscellany Book) containing a long recital of Circumstances relative to the Complaint made against him by the Tanjore Vakeel whom he imprisoned at Tanjore on Suspicion of his being a Spy from the Enemy and endeavouring to Justify the Measures that were taken against him

The Committee observe by the Letter that Captain Clarke acknowledges or at the least that he does not deny the Charges taken from the Mouth the Vakeel that were found upon him and appropriated it to his own benefit altho he could scarcely be ignorant that, whether the Man was guilty or not the Money could not belong to him — Agreed therefore that Captain Clarke be informed that We disapprove of his Conduct in this Instance and insist on his paying back the Money to

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to Mr Hippesley who will be directed to return it to the Complainant

Read the following Report of the Commissioners of Accounts

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney Kt

President &ca

Select Committee

of Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Commissioners of Accounts with a Report of their Proceedings — Resolutions adopted by the Committee in Consequence

We have the honor of informing Your Lordship &ca that the following Reports have been made to our Board Vizt

A Report by Mr E. F. Holland dated 14th October last on the Journal Parcels, and dependant Accounts of Garjam from 1 May 1780 to 30th April 1784

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A Report by
All Mr Vincentio Corbett
dated the 16th October
last for the Account of
the Honble Coll Cadogan
Paymaster in the Garrison
Causes, to the Detachment
under the Command of
Col Hutchinson Bourbier
Accounts from February
to 30th June, together with
the Subsequent Account
for July & August 1700
matched to the Honble
Select Committee by Coll
Richard Hutchinson
Administrator to the
Estate of the Honble
Coll Cadogan in his
Letter of 10th February
1704

Mr Vincentio Corbett
Report dated 3d November
present. On an Account
of Pay due to the irregular
Horse, during their Stay
at Wandewash referred
to me by Coll H. H.
Forrowne by Order of
the

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the Right Honble the Governor & on the Land Customers Account from 1st May 1780 to 31 December 1783.

These Reports have been Officially Considered, & entered on our Records which are ready for the Inspection of Your Lordship &ca when You may think it necessary to Call for them.

We have thought it proper on Mr Hollands Report of the 28th October to write the following Letters, dated 7th Instant Copies of which are enclosed Vizt

Approved

A Letter to Mr Matthew Tudor Paymaster in the Itchapore District

A Letter to Mr Robert Duncan Munro Storekeeper at Ganjam.

A Letter to Mr Daniel Russell Paymaster at Ganjam

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It is a Rule annexed to the Printed Regulations but has not been usually practiced (except in the Field) and may be the less necessary as the Accounts are to be strictly examined by the Commissioners. This recommendation to remain for further Consideration.

It is an established Rule, that the Paymaster Account shall be Countersigned by the Commandant, for the time being, and as there are some Instances of Deviation from this rule, We beg to recommend it to Your Lordship &ca to repeat it in General Orders, if You are of Opinion that it should continue in Force. We have thought it incumbent on us in the particular Instances in which We have been informed of Deviation from it to recommend a more Attentive Observance of it in future.

Your Lordship &ca will Observe, We have Ordered the Paymaster at Aska, to charge in future

The Chief and Council at Ganjam to be directed to keep up no

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no Bullocks in time of Peace but should there be occasion for any to hire the Number wanted and dismiss them immediately after the Service is performed

Future, Only one Driver to two Draught Bullocks instead of 2 Drivers to 3 Draught Bullocks unless they be put on Active Service against an Enemy: but as We do not know, that any Establishment of Bullocks is necessary to be [illegible] tained in this Station in time of Peace which appears to be kept up rather from Custom than by any Special Orders referred to in the Accounts, We think it incumbent on us to Submit it to the Consideration of Your Lordship &c.

There is a Standing Order, that no Stores shall be purchased or made up but with the Permission of the Select Committee

This Order to be repeated immediately in General Orders

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Committee previously
Obtained, which from
the Information had
before Us. We have
reason to think have
not always been
Observed, and See
therefore Submit it
to the Consideration
of Your Lordship &c.
to repeat this Order
in General Orders
to all Subordinacies
and We take the
liberty also to Recom-
mend that all
Employs be directed
to refer by Date
to all Orders for
Special Charges not
Not provided for by
the Printed Books
of Regulations

Approved and to be ordered accordingly

In Consequence
of

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Sir Consequence
I M.r Robert Woodfs
Report of 11th October
we have remitted to the
Secon Treasury Civil
Paymaster and herewith
inclose a Copy of our
Letter.

It appears by the
Report on the Civil Pay-
masters Accounts that
Boat hire is paid Shroffs
on the Collectors Attendants
Bills only, & that Godowns
Rent for Naval Stores is
paid on the Naval Store-
keepers Bills only; We
submit it to the Consider-
ation of Your Lordship &c.
if it would not be proper to
direct that Bills for Boat
Hire be Countersigned by
the Agent for the Fleet, for
Charges on Account of the
Navy; and by the Com.
y Majesty or Town Major
for Landing Troops & that
Bills for Godowns Rent
for Naval Stores be paid
on the Bills of the Owners
of Godowns. Countersigned
by the Naval Storekeeper
& Superintendant of the

Approved and the Directions recommended to be given Accordingly

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Hond.d Company Gentlem.n

I Cabwall for Whome is allowed 25 Pag. and two Peons 5.s Month. returns as a Charge for Peons attending on the Highways the Mahol. Monument to upon me to day Chow. for those Charges I may be prepare, which to Mahol. have to be paid on an established Custom

I have written to the Land Customer Mr. George Savage under date of Instant on Consequence of Mr Vincentio Corbell's part of 3.d Instant & herewith inclose a Copy of my Letter

In regard to the Accompt of Pay due to the Inhabitants those during their Stay at Pondamarah We understand Captain Hunt had Orders to encourage Inhabitants from the Enemy & the rate of Pay not established, It appears from his Letter by General Carlis Directions & does not appear to us unreasonable and as there was no Paymaster at Pondamarah the Accompt can only be supported by Captains Hunts Signature

The Accompt to be passed but of no Vouchers for the Charges the established Rate in that case must be observed Viz.t Cooly of the Parly

By

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By Mr E. J. Hollands Report of 28th October, on the Honble Mr Cadogan's Account, & the Subsequent Account of his Administrator. It appears, that all the Paymasters Vouchers were lost, for the Accounts of July and August in the Action by Col Baillie, with Hyder Ally (when the Paymaster (the Honble Mr Cadogan) was killed; but the Account which having received from the Secretary's Office, we herewith enclose, being Supported by such Comparative Proof as the Nature of the Case will admit no other Objection Occurs, and there Appears to be a Balance due on it of 3813 Pags 36 Fs 33 C, as Claimed by the Administrator Mr Richard Dighton.

This Ballance to be allowed

We have received a Letter from Your Deputy Secretary Mr John Chamier dated 29th October enclosing Mr Menzies's Letter therein mentioned who has also addressed us on the Subject thereof explaining the reasons why the Charges mentioned in his Letter to Your Lordship &ca were not included in the Account above Stated from the Administrator of the Estate

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Estate of Lt. Cadogan, and enclosing Bills & Vouchers for the several Charges & Specified Copies of which are enclosed. For your inspection, & also a Copy of Lt. Mengies Letter.

In regard to the Demand for Tents, it is fully Explained, and as it appears they were Forwarded to Madras, & have been received by the Military Storekeeper, the payment should be made there that Channel, that it may be brought to Account properly, on the Books of his Department.

It is probable there must have been a Considerable loss of Bullocks from the unfortunate issue of the Action by Colonel Braithe, with Hyder Ally, but the Amount is Supported only by the Bill of the Administrator to Lt. Cadogans Estate, & in all events the allowance or loss of the Nature, is an indulgence that rests with the Right Honble the President & Select Committee on a view of the particular hardship of the Case, by which the loss was incurred.

With respect to the Demand of three Star Pagodas for Drawght Bullocks, in the Sum of 1153 Pagodas stated in Lt. Mengies Letter

The Demand for Tents to be admitted & paid there the Channel of the Military Storekeeper.

The Bullocks being lost is no Presumption that they were the Property of the Paymaster, and if they were not he would have had no Opportunity of paying the Owners for them as he was killed in the same Action the Amount cannot therefore be paid to Lt. Cadogans Executor unless the Bullocks are proved to have been his Property.

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Letter, We can only observe the Bill enclosed in his Letter to our Board, is the only Authority, on which it is supported, and that there are no regular Accounts of the Deputy Agents Employ for the Months of July & August Mr Menzies has explained, why this Sum was not included in the General Account of Mr Dighton Administrator to the Estate of Mr Cadogan forwarded in his Letter of 10th February 1781 to the Honble Select Committee, by which Account it appears, there was an advance to that Employ in July charged, without Stating the particular Amount in the General Account of Disbursements, & an Advance for Bullock People, in the Month of August to the Amount of 1100 Pagodas but We do not think the Additional Sum of 115 ¢ Pagodas charged by Mr Dighton's Bill, which we enclose, Supposes a Number of Bullocks, more than would be equal to the Service of such a Detachment. The Detachment was defeated the 10th September 1780 & pay is Charged for Bullocks for the whole of that Month, which we believe to be a Mistake, & Twenty Days hire should accordingly be deducted, from the above Sum of 115 ¢ Pagodas in the Sum of 386 Pgs 14 Pgs which will leave a Balance of 772 Pgs 28 Pgs unless Your Lordship &ca Should be of Opinion, that the whole Charge should be admitted

There is an evident Mistake indeed in charging for the hire of the Bullocks not only 20 Days after they were dead but after the Value of the same Bullocks has been also charged — no part of this Charge can be admitted.

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admitted as an ordinary Member for the particular Knowledge of the Case

We take the Liberty to request that if Your Lordship & Co will direct that we be furnished with Copies of all new Orders, which may affect publick Accounts

We are with perfect Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c
Edward John Holland
Vincentio Corbett
John Balfour
Robert Woolf

Fort St George
the
10th November 1784

(Signed)

Agreed that Colonel John Braithwaite be appointed to the Command of the 2d Regiment and the Garrison of Ellore

(Colonel Braithwaite appointed to the Command of Ellore)

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Fort St. George November 1784.

November 19th Sent the following Letters, as resolved in Committee this Morning.

To Mr. Kenelm Digby
Paymaster

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that you have their permission to pay the Commissioned Officers for the Current Month, that is to say from the 1st September last, the Months preceding are included in the Arrears which are to be discharged by the modes already pointed out to you — namely by Bills on Bengal Bills on England and Interest Notes each one third.

I am also directed to inform you and to desire that you will signify the same to the several Paymasters, that these and the former Orders on the Subject of the Officers Arrears are to extend to all the Officers to the Southward wherever stationed by whomsoever paid,

Mr Digby - To pay the Commissioned Officers from the 1st Sept last, their arrears previous to that Period to be discharged by the modes already pointed out to him. —

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19th paid, and whether belonging to the Army or the Garrisons, & the Select Committee desire that you will without delay comply with the Orders contained in my Letter of the 27th Ultimo.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) I: Hudleston Sec.y

Fort St. George
19th Novr. 1784

To Colonel William Fullarton
Commanding to the Southward

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Inst. to General Lang and to send you under a flying Seal the enclosed Letter which they have in consequence written to Mr. Digby.—

The Select Committee request you will notify to all the Paymasters to the Southward the orders therein contained relative to the accounts and Payment

To Colonel Fullarton; enclosing under a flying Seal for his information the foregoing letter to Mr. Digby.—

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19th Payment of the Arrears and of the Current Months.—

I am also directed to inform you that the Select Committee intend to desire Mr. Irwin to pay off the discharged Troops previous to his paying those which remain on the Establishment.

I have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
19th Novr. 1784.—

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Hudleston Secy.

Received the following letter from Mr. Digby.—

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been honored with your letter of the 9th Instant communicating the mode adopted by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee for an effectual and speedy liquidation of the Arrears to fighting Men

From Mr. Digby— the mode adopted by the Committee for liquidating the arrears of the Southern army, very eligible & expedient—

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P. Men that I am convinced will not only prove a very satisfactory arrangement to them from the known Abilities and Zeal of Mr. Swain, but accomplish so desireable an Object within a very moderate Period.

I must entreat you will assure the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that they may depend upon every Assistance he can derive from me in this or any other Situation.—

In the mean time I shall write Colonel Stuart respecting a further Public Notification for Officers to transmit me their Vouchers in order to give them Certificates that nothing may impede a final adjustment of the Accounts of the Southern Army.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Kenelm Digby
Payr. S. A.

Dispatched

Trichinopoly Main
4th Novr 1784.

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Fort St. George November 1784

20th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Captain Cornelius Grant Commanding at Nellore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge your letters of the 15th and 16th Instant, and to inform you that they cannot consent to alter their resolution for discharging the Supernumeraries — that many of them will entertain in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun the Select Committee think not improbable but the same Argument would operate against Disbanding any of the newly raised Corps — it is hoped that the Dispute between the Vencatgurry Rajah and Meer Commerdeen Cawn will soon be accommodated and you will then be joined by your 2 Companies from Cundicoor.

With respect to the murder that has been committed at Nellour the Select Committee desire that you will direct the renter to assemble 12

to Capt. Grant — The Committee continue in their Resolution of discharging the Super=numeraries, — Informing him how judgement is to be passed upon the Person who has been Guilty of Murder & Robbery in his Neighbourhood —

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To. of the most respectable Mahometan Inhabitants with the Cauzee of the place and desire them to examine Minutely into all the Circumstances of the case and if they find the suspected person Guilty to pass Judgment upon them according to their Laws and Customs and the Select Committee upon receiving your report of such Judgment will direct the same to be carried into execution.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Huddleston Secy

Fort St. George
20th November 1784.

2d.

To Captain Montgomery
Commanding at Ongole

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Venkatagerry and to desire that you will use your utmost endeavors to resist, and repel, any attempt that may be made by the Troops of Meer Commerdeen Sawn to seize upon, or invade, the District of Podoor, and should you make

To Capt. Montgomery
To repel any attempts that may be made by Meer Kummerdeen Cawn's Troops to seize upon or invade the District of Pallaor, to make as many Prisoners as he can send them to the Presidency.—

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21st make any of them Prisoners the Select Committee desire you will send them to the person acting for Commerdeen Cawn in his absence with a Letter demanding that the most exemplary punishment be inflicted on them for presuming to violate the Peace so lately concluded between the Company and the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Huddleston Secy

Fort St. George
21st Nov. 1784. —

To Captain Cornelius Grant
Commanding at
Mellour

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of Orders now dispatched to Captain Montgomery and to desire that you will Cooperate with him in resisting and repelling any attempt that may be made to invade the District of Palloor, or any —

To Capt. Grant, enclosing Copy of the preceding letter, and directing him to cooperate with Capt. Montgomery. —

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Fort St. George November 1784.

21st any other indebtedness belonging to the Carnatic.—

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) F. Hudleston Secy

Fort St. George

21st. Novr 1784.

To Colonel Fullarton

Commanding the Troops to the

Southward

Sir,

To Col. Fullarton, enclosing Copy of a letter to the Committee from Colonel Bruce, respecting the Non-Commissioned Officers & Sepoys of Trichinopoly which are to be discharged.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Colonel Bruce and to express their Surprize that he should have entertained any doubt as to the construction to be put upon the very explicit orders issued respecting the Independents at Trichinopoly — the Select Committee cannot admit the Argument which Colonel Bruce urges against discharging the Non Commissioned Officers nor be detained by it from effecting those reductions in the publick expenditure which the Situation of the Company's Affairs renders indispensably necessary — the Select Committee will be glad to take those Officers into the Service again as vacancies

occur

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Vt. Occur but all that can at present be done is to desire Mr. Irwin to discharge their Arrears with the first Money he may collect and it may be proper to give them notice that such of them as may entertain in any foreign Service will if ever taken be severely punished

The four Guards which have long had Charge of the Nabob's Palace may be retained upon a written application on the subject from the Nabob's manager.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) L. Hudleston Secy

Fort S.t George
25.th Nov.r 1784.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13 Instant. and to inform you that as the engagement you have entered into for furnishing Horses for your Regiment at an Expence to the Company of 120 Pagodas each Horse has been entirely

Sir John Burgoyne
The Committee will have no Interference in the Business agreed upon between him & the Gentlemen, relative to the remounting his Regiment —

Fort St. George November 1784.

21st entirely a separate Transaction between you and the Gentlemen at Calcutta the Select Committee desire not to interfere in it on any manner whatsoever and in particular they decline having any thing to do with the Accounts of any Expences that may arise from, or be connected with it.

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) I Hudleston Jaj

Fort St. George
21st November 1784

Received the following Letter from Mssrs Lind and Close.

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney &c.
President & Governor &c. Members
of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have received Your Letters of the 7th and 13th Instant, and with them, the several Papers mentioned to be contained therein, & have in consequence dispatched a Letter of Instructions

From Messrs Lind & Close, enclosing their Instructions to Capt. Ed. Edwards, on his taking the Command of the Companies Ships sent to Canton—

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21st Instructions to Captain Charles Smart, or Officer Commanding the Party, ordered from Nellore, to a Condicoor / a Copy of which goes enclosed / From the moderate Conduct We have enjoined him to observe on the occasion, Your Lordship Hon will clearly perceive, that We have fully entered into your views, and in no particular deviated from your Instructions.

Your Lordship Hon have directed us "to demand that any number of Villages indubitably "belonging to the Nellore District which may have "been taken, and are still in the possession of "Kummer ud Deen Cawns Troops, be immediately "delivered up." We conceive that Your Lordship deem those Lands which His Highness the Nabob held previous to the commencement of the late War, and are confirmed to him, by an express Article in the late Treaty of Peace, concluded with Tippoo Sultaun, to be his indubitable right, and impressed with that Idea, We are determined in treating of the Subject, with Kummer ud Deen firmly to resist every claim he may make upon them. Should We admit of his having a just claim upon them, on the ground of their having been formerly appendages of the Circar of Carnbum, We are apprehensive that he would then be furnished.

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21. furnished with a plea, to extend his pretensions to at least all the Purgunnahs included in that Circar, dependent on the Payen Ghaut. The Subadar of Arcot might on the same grounds, demand restitution of the Bara Mohul &ca. as having once belonged to the Carnatic the consequences which would naturally result therefrom are too obvious to require a citation.

We are concerned at not having it in our power to make any further progress in the business committed to our charge, until we receive an answer to our Letter of the 31st Ult. to Kummer Ud Deen, who we informed you had arrived at Syringapatam. Being fully sensible of the delicacy & importance of the various points we are commissioned to negotiate Your Lordship &c. may rely upon the fullest exertion of our abilities in transmitting and bringing them to a desireable conclusion: and as our conduct has hitherto met with your approbation it shall be our constant study & ambition to merit a continuance of it.

We have the honor to be with much respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obedient,
humble Servants.
Frs. Lind
(Signed) B. F. Close

Vencatgurry
16th November 1784.

To.

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21st

To Captain Charles Smart
or the Officer Commanding the
Detachment ordered from Nellore to
Condicoor

Sir,

A Party of Horse &c. belonging to Kummer Ud Deen Chan having lately made Inroads into the Purgannah of Condicoor and possessed themselves of several Villages therein, the Select Committee have in consequence, directed two Complete Companies of Sepoys to be detached to Condicoor from the Garrison of Nellore, and placed under our Directions, for the purpose, of repelling any Encroachments that may in future be attempted by the Troops of Meer Kummer Ud Deen Cawn, and you being appointed to the Command of them. We shall therefore proceed to furnish you with such Instructions as our imperfect Knowledge of facts, and circumstances will admit of.

On your arrival at Condicoor you will dispose of the Force under your Command in such a manner as may appear to you most conducive to the protection of the District, and the quieting the apprehensions of the Inhabitants.

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21.

The following Villages are understand were seized upon by Rummer Ad Deen's People, and are still retained by them Viz.t. Pattaloor or Pallaor, Dermaveram or Durmaveram Mooga Clomtella, Gurrapa Paddim or Curpurra, Inkarbapundy, Cundoor Pottakunbaguntla or Pedacunda Cottah, Chinakunbaguntla or Chinacunda Cottah Venkenapollam or Vencatapollam, Lakipollam or Lartapollam and Grundapy, but as the Accounts we have received on this Subject, do not exactly agree We therefore desire you will immediately ascertain their names and Number and acquaint us as soon as possible with the result of your enquiries. You will observe that as We are directed by the Select Committee to demand Satisfaction of Rummer Ad Deen Khan for what has happened respecting the Villages in question you are on no Account to disturb his people in the Peaceable possession of them, until you receive further Instructions nor commit any act of Hostility except for absolute necessity but should they, or any other Troops belonging to him, in future attempt to make further Encroachments in your

Neighbourhood

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21st Neighbourhood, you will employ every means within your power to repel them. In case they only make temporary incursions to disturb the Country by alarming and plundering the Natives you are under such circumstances to endeavour to make some of them Prisoners and secure them until we direct you how to dispose of them — We have only further to request of you to Correspond with us, Communicating every occurrance any wise connected with the Service on which you are, or may be employed.

We are
Sir,
Your most obedient Servts
For Lind
(Signed) By Close

Venkatgherry
6th November 1784.

Received Letter from Colonel Ross (as entered in the Miscellany Book No) requesting to be furnished with the different Papers which have passed relating to the State of the Fortifications at Masulipatam

From Col. Ross.

Sent the Letters to Colonel Ross agreeably to the above Requisition; and at the same Time

To Colo. Ross.

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To Majr Asgill

2d. Time wrote to Majr Asgill at Masulipatam; directing the Engineer there to Correspond with Col: Ross, and report to him the State of the Fortifications at that place / Vide Bor - in the Mil: / Sent Letters, / as entered in the Miscellany Book Ao

To Capt Geo. Clark.

To Capt. George Clark - disapproving of his Conduct, in appropriating to his own use the Money which he had extorted from an Inhabitant of Sarajobi-Rajaberam, and directing him to pay the same immediately to Mr. Rippersley, who will restore it, to the said Inhabitant.

From Mr. Rippersley.

To Mr. Rippersley, directing him to receive the Money from Captain George Clark, and return it to the Inhabitant from whom it was taken.

To Mr. Turing -

To the Asst Paymaster - Enclosing him an Extract of a Letter from the Board of Accounts, and directing him to conform to the Regulations contained therein

To the Committee of Ogjnd Revenue

To the Committee of Ogjnd Revenue - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Select Committee to Colonel Sterling &

relative

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21st relative to a Complaint made against him by the Renter of Arrack.—

To the Out Garrisons, with Directions to transmit to the Secretary's Office, Monthly, the Dimensions of Ordnance, agreeably to the enclosed Form.

To the Out Garrisons.

To Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, (agreeably to a Resolution passed last Committee) informing him that his Claim for full Batta while he was Senior Officer at St Thomé, cannot be admitted.

Lt Col. Mackenzie

To Captain George Stuart — cannot send a Reinforcement to his Garrison at present, nor recall the Detachment from Pondicherry.

Mr Capt. George Stuart.

22d Sent the following Letters.—

To M. John Cox Hippesley.

Acting Paymaster at Tanjour

Sir,

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee desirous of liquidating as soon as possible the Arrears due to the Southern Troops, including the Garrisons as well

E. W. Hippesley Noble
upon proves any of the
Public Money to the
Payment of any
contingent Charges
whatsoever —

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23d well as those which Lately composed the Army
to the 31st August last direct me to signify to
you their positive Orders that you appropriate
no part of the Public Money to the Payment
of any Antecedent Charges whatsoever, nor make
any advances of Cash to those who have
Charges of that discription.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) I. Hudleston Cashr

Fort St George
23d Nov. 1784.

To Mr Henchman Digby
late Paymaster to the Southern Army

Sir

The Right Hble the President
and Select Committee desirous of ascertaining
the exact Amount of all Arrears, and all
Accounts whatsoever, that remain undis-
-charged of the Troops, and several Depart-
-ments which Lately composed the Southern
Army, direct me to signify to you their
positive Orders that you with the utmost
possible expedition bring up your Accounts

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To Mr Digby - to
make up his Account
for the Months the
Southern Troops are
in Arrears, and
deliver them to
Mr Commissioner
Jackson.—

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28. to the 31st August last, stating the Charges for the Months that are in arrear in exactly the same manner as if they were paid, and whether advances of Cash have, or have not been made to your Employ. and as you furnish each Months Accounts you are to deliver them to Mr. Jackson.—

The Orders which you have already received preclude the payment of any contingent Charges, or the advancing of any Money to those who have Charges of that discription, and the Select Committee enjoin your most strict attention to those Orders.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Hudleston Jr

Fort St George
29th November 1784.

N.B. The first Paragraph of this Letter to Mr. Anstruther.—

To

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2d.

To James Daniell Esq.

Chief & Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Rt. Hond.le the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Inst. and to inform you that they approve of your having consented to the 2d Battalion proceeding to Angole- Orders have been given for your being furnished with Copies of all General Orders that relate in any respect to the Troops acting under your Authority and you will receive them regularly in future.

In answer to your Letter of the 15th Inst. I am directed to inform you that the Select Committee are determined not to allow Pay to any extra Staff Officers appointed to act with his Majesty's or the Company's Troops by any other Authority

To Masulipatam- See no Reason why they should Donate such frequent Reformas to the Sect Committee as Civil Ast could be easily determined by Bandaras- To be held responsible in their private Estates for any Charges in their Accounts, not authorized by the established Regulations.- all Orders which may hear Relation to this Presidency, will be transmitted to them by the Secretary-

4238 Fort St George November 1784.

2B Authority than their own, and they desire
that you will in future reject all such applic-
=ations without reference to them.

The Select Committee also
see no occasion for your referring to them the
application of Mr Lennon and they direct me
to observe to you that the practice of making
such references without giving any opinion
upon the subjects of them tends to render your
Board merely a Channel for Individuals to
Communicate their Claims to Government.—
A Majority of the Members of your Board
having long been in Office at Masulipatam
must be perfectly acquainted with the usual
and proper allowances enjoyed there by the
Engineer and his Assistants in time of Peace
and you cannot be ignorant of the Intentions
of the Right Honble the President and Select
Committee (so often declared) to lessen as
much as possible the established expences,
instead of introducing new, and unauthorised
Charges — yet you think it necessary to refer
to the Select Committee without a Comment, the
Claim of an Assistant, or Practitioner Engineer to

bill

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27. Fulle Batta in the Settlement of Masulipatam in time of Peace – thus virtually rejecting the Discretionary Power, and indeed the repeated Orders given you to decide upon such Claims without reference to Government.

The Select Committee again enjoin your attention to those Orders and direct me to apprize you that for any Charges in your Accounts not authorized by the establisht Regulations. or particular directions from Hom, or any former Government, you will be held responsible in your private Fortune.

I have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
23d November 1784.

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) I: Huddleston Sec.

Received the following Letter.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Select Committee &c &c &c

My Lord,

In consequence of a Letter I this day received from Mr. Digby informing me that Mr. Irwin had collected Money sufficient to

Clear

From Colonel Stewart – Mr. Digby has informed him that Mr. Irwin has collected Money to

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To pay off the discharged Men. — and enclose the Orders he issued in Consequence.

23. Clear off the Men to be discharged the Months subsequent to 31st August Immediately & published the Enclosed General Order.

I have also the Honor to enclose a Copy of a letter written by my Orders to the Officer Commanding the different Cantonments &c by the Deputy Advocate General which accompanied the Orders for the Discharging the Supernumerary &c.

I have the Honor most Respectfully to be.

My Lord &c.

Tanjore 19th November 1784.

Your Lordships most obedient & Most Humble Servant

24th Recd (Signed) J. Stuart

To Mr Secretary Hudleston

Sir,

From Mr Sullivan, requesting that orders may be sent to the Paymaster General to transmit to Mr Commissioner Jackson the accounts of the Tanjore Garrison for the Month of June — Enclosing Copies of two Letters on the Subject.

The accounts of the Tanjore Garrison to the Month of June last, having been long since sent to the Paymaster General, I must request of you to procure the necessary Orders from Government for causing these Accounts to be transmitted to Mr Commissioner Jackson

L 2 L 1

Fort St. George November 1784

24: Jackson agreeably to the application made by him in the accompanying Letters.—

The Account of Stores being always blended with & included in the general Account of Garrison Payments, and the whole being now referred to the examination of a Commissioner, I beg to be informed whether the orders Conveyed in your Letter of the 27th Ulto for sending the Store Accounts to the Select Committee are still in force, and if they should be, in what form they should be made out.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed. Hble Servt

(Signed) J: Sullivan

Madras
24th Novr 1784

In consequence of the above a Letter was written to the Mily Paymr Genl.—

From Tippoo

Received a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun, dated the 14th Instant / which is entered in the Country Correspondence Nº / stating in substance that Meer Kummer ud Deen Cawn has arrived at Seringapatam, and that Enquiries have been made into the Sum due from

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24: From the Rajah of Vencatchurry for the Rent of Conickgerry, which amounts to Pagodas 42,763. 12— which he (Tipoo) desires may be discharged — Encloses Letter of Evacuation for the Villages of Cochencacottah and Tarlapauk.

Received Letters, as entered in the Miscellany Book &c.

From Captain Darley desiring

From Capt. Darley

to know if he is to send to the Military Office, a Monthly Return of the Troops in his Garrison.

From Lieutenant Sundt

From Lt. Sundt

The Orders of the Select Committee relative to the Robbers belonging to the Poligar of Bellore, have been carried into Execution.

Sent Letter to the Deputy Agents in Camp— as entered in the Miscellany Book &c. to approve of his having furnished Capt. Speedman with 500 Draught Bullocks to bring Powder from hence to Vellore; but in future to comply with no Requisition of the sort, except by the Directions of the Select Committee, or the Committee of Stores.—

To Mr. Kenworthy.

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Fort St. George November 1784

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25th: A Letter was this Day dispatched to the Rajah at Tanjore (as entered in the Country Correspondence No.) representing that in order to be prepared against Accidents, it will be necessary that six Months Consumption of Grain should be laid up in Garrison at Tanjore; and requesting that he will give the necessary directions accordingly, and put it under the Charge of the Resident there.

To Rajah of Tanjore –

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal.–

To the Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General & Co. Council
of Bengal

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs.

Enclosed we transmit you a List of Stores which are much wanted for the public Service here and if they can be spared without Inconvenience from your Presidency we request you will order them to be sent to us by the first good opportunity.

To Bengal – Enclosing a List of Stores wanted from thence – As also Copy of a Letter from Sir John Burgoyne, with the Answer thereto.–

Since writing to you under date the

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Fort St. George November 1784

25th the 13th Instant we have received a Letter from Sir John Burgoyne of which we enclose a a Copy together with the Answer which we have judged it proper to return to it.

We have the Honor to be,

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient,

humble Servants.

Fort St. George
25th Nov. 1784.

(Signed) Macartney & Co.
Select Com:

Wrote Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book No.)

To Mr. Matthew Tudor — Informing him that in Time of Peace no Bullocks are to be kept up: but if the Service should require any for a particular Occasion, they are to be discharged as soon as such Service shall be performed.

To Mr. Matthew Tudor

26th To Lieutenant Ormstone — Granting him Permission to proceed to Bengal, but to conform to the General Orders published at the Presidency the 16th October. —

To Lt. Ormstone.

Sent

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26th Sent a Letter to Tippoo Sultaun (as entered in the Country Correspondence No.) advising that the Troops of Meer Cummer deen Cawn were still committing Irregularities in the District of Nellore; and requesting him to give the proper Orders to prevent a Continuance of them — a Subidar and five Sepoys made Prisoners, in the Nellore Country where they were found Recruiting, and are sent to him to be punished.

To Tippoo Sultaun

28th Sent the following Letter to Messrs Lind & Close.

To Wm Francis Lind
and
Captain Barry Close
at Vencatagerry

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to transmit you the enclosed Letter and Papers received from Tippoo Sultaun in answer to the Letter from the Right Honble the President

To Messrs Lind & Close Enclosing the latest Correspondence between this Government and Tippoo Sultaun: and giving them Instructions for their future Guidance in the Business entrusted to them

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2d. of the 19th. October of which I now send you a Copy. I send you also Copy of a paper lately received from the Rajah of Vencatgerry entitled "Statement of what is due from the Rajah of Vencatgerry to the Fouzdar of Cummum and of the Sums he ought to have credit for."

By the former you will observe the Rajah is credited only about 10832 Pagodas for Money received & Collections made in his Country and in Conicherry, and no Credit is given him for Loses sustained in consequence of the War — On the other hand the Rajah's Account is made out still more extravagantly in his own favor — Charging his Loses at no less a Sum than Pagodas 60,786 — his Charge for Collections made by Commerdeen Caun is Pagodas 28,117 —

Tippoo Sultaun Credits him only for Collections 1902 and the whole of his Demand upon the Rajah is Paf. 5,323. The Rajah supposing the Charge for Loses given up, allows only a Ballance due from him of Pagodas 16,546 —

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The Select Committee observe with concern from these very different accounts that there seems as little prospect of any final agreement taking place as there was at the beginning of the Negotiation - in the mean while not only the Rajah's Country continues to suffer but the permanency of the Peace with Tippoo Sultaun is endan=gered by a dispute in which the Company ought not to be involved. I am therefore directed to desire that you will from the Information you already possess and such further Knowledge as you may be able to obtain draw out a fair and impartial Statement of Accounts between the Rajah of Vencatgurry and the Phouzdar of Cummum explaining fully the grounds of each Charge made on behalf of the Rajah, and if possible annexing exact Vouchers or proofs - you will also invite the person acting for Cummerdeen Cawn to join you in making the said Account, and in the Investigations that may be necessary for that purpose - having Completed the Account you will (if necessary) insist on the Rajah's acquiescing in it, and on his paying in your presence to the

Agent

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28th Agent or representative of the Phouzdar the full amount of the Ballance, or as much of it as he can possibly discharge immediately and a Bond or Agreement to pay the remainder by Installments, and to discharge regularly in future whatsoever shall have been usually paid under any denomination by the Rajahs of Vencatgurry to the Phouzdar of Cummum — So that it may be satisfactory & put a speedy period to this business — You will therefore exert yourselves with the Rajah and smooth as much as possible the difficulties which procrastinating & intriguing disposition of the people of this Country is apt to throw in the way, you will paint to him the immediate & serious losses which he suffers from delay, & open to him the future advantages which he may hope for from the Company's friendship, when favorable Circumstances & Opportunities will permit — The object at present is a perfect settlement that by the restoration of Peace the Countries may recover & enable the Company in a short time to protect their friends more effectually than ever —

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28th The Orders now sent to you will be immediately communicated to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun and you will lose no time in furnishing the Select Committee with a Copy of the account that it may also be forwarded to him that he may perceive by those Communications the sincere desire of the Select Committee to effect a speedy and fair adjustment of the exerting differences between Commerdeen Cawn & the Vencatgerry Rajah.

The Original Order in persian to Meer Ibrahim Ally Cawn to deliver up the Districts of the Vencatgerry Rajah goes enclosed with the Translation and you will immediately forward it to him.

I am also directed to acknowledge your Letter of the 16th Instant enclosing Copy of your Instructions to Captain Lieutenant Smart. — You have perfectly well conceived the meaning of the Select Committee in the expression of "Villages indubitably belonging to the Vellore District." — By those Villages are certainly understood all the Villages.

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28th Villages which the Nabob Wallajah held before the late War and were confirmed to him by the late Peace, and you are not to admit of any Claim to the contrary.

As Commerdeen Cawn is gone to Seringapatam it is not improbable that his Agent may evade the immediate delivery of the Villages that have been taken under the pretext of waiting for his Orders.— Should this be the case the Select Committee desire that you will direct Captain Smart to summon the principal Officer or Officers of Commerdeen Cawn in the Villages to evacuate them, and in case of refusal, to take possession of them by force, avoiding however hostilities as long as possible and if it shall be absolutely necessary to have recourse to them Captain Smart must make as many Prisoners as he can and send them to the Presidency that they may be forwarded from hence to Tippoo Sultaun.—

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I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) S. Hudleston Secy

Fort St. George
28th Novr 1784.

I enclose a Copy of the Letter now written to the Rajah of Vencatgherry.—

To the Rajah of Vencatgherry.

Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Vencatgherry, as entered in the County Correspondence N° / Copy of which was sent to Messrs Lind & Close — Informing him that as those Gentlemen had received full Powers to conclude his Business, he must be satisfied with any Determination they may come to with Tippoo's Officer in the Cudapah Country.—

From Mr Palk.

Received Letter from Mr Palk /as entered in Miscellany Book N° / requesting Instructions relative to the Non Commissioned Officers who had been retained in the Service by the Commanding Officer of the Southern Troops.

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At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Lieutenant General Lang

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Robert Maunsell Esqr.

Monday 29th Novr 1784

Minutes of last Committee

read & approved

Read the following Letter

from the Secretary at Fort William to

the Civil Secretary at this Presidency

To Charles Freeman Esqr.

Secretary to the Right Honble the

President and Council

of Fort St. George

Sir,

I am ordered to acquaint you

For

From the Secretary at Fort William, respecting the

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the sendeny of Troops to Bengal without a previous Communication of the same to Government

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For the information of the Right Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George that the Honble the Governor General and Council understand from report that the 2d Battalion of his Majesty's 42d Regiment has been sent on board the Camden Indiaman for the purpose of remaining in Bengal, the Board are unwilling to believe this report, as such a measure without a previous Communication of it, would be very extraordinary.

I am further directed to desire that you will inform the Right Honble the President & Council that the manner in which they have already sent so many Kings Officers and Troops here without first imparting their intention so to do, will be the subject of the early Consideration of the Honble Governor General & Council and their Opinion thereon will be Communicated at large to his Lordship and Select Committee together with an account of the expence that has necessarily been incurred thereby — an Expence which might have been saved to the Company — I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) W. Brereton

Council Chamber
Fort William
the 29th October 1784

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The President lays before the Board the Minutes of the Council at Fort William the 21st Oct.r — General Orders issued by Major General Stibbert the Commander in Chief in Bengal on the 30th Oct.r & Copy of General Campbell's letter to the Governor General & Council the 2d Oct.r

Minutes of the Council at Fort William, relative to the King's Troops in India.—

Minutes of Council 21st of October 1784.

Read an Extract of a Letter from Major General Allan Campbell — Commanding His Majesty's Troops in India, — dated at Fort St. George 17th June 1784, — recorded in Consultation 15th July.

Vide Papers marked A

Read Extract of a letter from His Majesty's Secretary at War dated 11th Sept.r 1783 to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops in the East Indies, & recorded in Consultation 31st May 1784.

B:

Read Extract of a letter from His Majesty's Secretary of State dated 30th Sept.r 83, to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops in India, — recorded in Consultation 31st May 1784.

C:

Read

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Read the 26th 27th 28th and 29th Parts of

D. a General Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 30th of Sept. 1783 received by the Swallow.

Read Extract of a Letter from Majr General Campbell dated 22d June 1784, recorded in Consultation 15th July 1784

E.

Read Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of State to the Chairman & Dept. Chairmen of the East India Company under Date the 10th Sept. 1783.

F.

Read Extract of a Letter to the Governor & Council of Fort St. George from the Governor General and Council of Bengal dated 30th July.

G.

Read part of a Letter from Major General Campbell to the President & Select Committee at Fort St. George, dated 20th Sept. 1784 recorded in Consultation 13th October 1784.

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As His Majesty has been graciously pleased to authorize by His Commands communicated thro' the Secretary's of State in his Letter of the 10th Sept. to the Honble the Court of Directors, — "That such of the non commissioned "Officers & Men of the four additional Companies, "and of the four Youngest Regiments serving in India, "intended to be returned to Europe, — should be "permitted to enlist in the Company's Service, provided "no greater Bounty be offered them than that given "by the King for enlisting in those of his Regiments "which remain in India."

Resolved

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Resolved, That His Majesty's said permission be published in General Orders, and that Major General Giles Stibbert Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in Bengal, — be requested to issue the necessary Instructions for enlisting such Men as chuse to entertain for the Company's Service, with His strict — Prohibition. — That no greater Bounty be given to any Man, than that established in the King's Service.

Resolved That the Commander in Chief be requested to communicate to those Men desirous of returning to Europe, that passages will be provided for them in the Company's Ships that will be dispatched in the Course of the Season; — It is doubted here arises relative to His Majesty's Instructions to the Commander in Chief of His Forces in India, — dated the 30th Sept. as appears by Major General Campbell's Letters to this Board of the 17th and 22d June, — and as the Board wish to obviate any supposition of a misconstruction of this Order in favor of the Company's Service: —

Resolved,

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Resolved, That the same Bounty be now offered in public Orders to those Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers of His Majesty's Troops, who may wish to re-enlist in his Majesty's Regiments that remain in India, & that proper Conveyances will be immediately provided for sending them to the different Regiments accordingly.—

The above Resolution, and the Sum of ready Money ordered by this Board to be given & actually paid to the King's Commanders in Chief of Fort St. George for enlisting Men for the King's Service,— will shew clearly that the Board wish to give every possible Encouragement for recruiting His Majesty's Regiments in India, without a particularity to either Service.

Resolved, That these Resolutions together with the several Papers to which they refer,— with a Copy of the King's Proclamation of February 1783 be sent to Colonel Gordon, the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Troops now in Bengal,— and that he be directed to carry the same into execution, by communicating them in public Orders to the Troops under his Command.

Resolved

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Resolved further, that the same Allowances be granted Colonel Gordon, as a Colonel Commanding a Brigade - viz.

Full Batta, & Table Allowance of 40 p.r Diem.

Resolved further on the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that the King's Troops now arrived be quarter'd in Fort William, and that it be recommended to Colonel Gordon that one Subaltern Officer to every 100 Men, and one Captain for 300 Men, - do constantly reside in the Fort, for the maintenance of Subordination and Discipline amongst them; - that the rest of the Officers of His Majesty's Troops not provided with Quarters in the Fort, - do draw the allowance of House Rent established for the Officers of this Presidency not provided with Quarters; - that the Commander in Chief be requested to make the necessary Arrangements in Garrison for the reception of the Officers and Men now arrived, as well as for those that may hereafter arrive. -

(Signd) W. Bruere
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G.O. issued by the Commander in Chief,

Fort William 30.th October 1784.

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The Board seeing the abso-
lute necessity of maintaining & enforcing the
Military Authority of this Government, and of
supporting in the fullest manner their Resolu-
tions & orders of the 25.th Instant published to the
Troops in Garrison of Fort William on the 27.th Inst.
and the Board considering further, the many
dangerous & evil consequences which would arise from
an opposition to the Orders of this Government, under
a Claim of separate Authority from the
Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops
at Madras, or Bengal upon any pretence
whatsoever; They direct the Commander in
Chief to inform Colonel Pendon that their
Resolution of the 25.th Inst. must be carried into
effect, and that the Board being alone respon-
sible for those Resolutions, any attempt to oppo
or counteract them, will be considered as a
Disobedience of the legal Orders of the Governor
General and Council, and treated accordingly.

And

General Orders issued by General Stibbert, in Consequence of the foregoing Minutes.—

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And in order that the minds of His Majesty's Soldiers in the Garrison of Fort William be completely satisfied relative to His Majesty's Gracious permission to them, to enlist in the Company's Service on the Conditions specified in the Orders of the Governor General and Council published in Garrison the 27th Instant.

Resolved, That His Majesty's Commands thro' his Secretary of State to the Honorable East India Company of the 10 Sept. 1783. relative to the Royal permission given to his Soldiers to enlist in the Company's Service in India, be published verbatim, in Garrison Orders, and the Commander in Chief is directed to see the Resolutions of the Board of the 20th Inst. founded on His Majesty's Commands of the 10th Sept. 1783, carried into effectual execution.

The following is a Copy of His Majesty's Commands thro' His Principal Secretary of State to the Court of Directors of the Honble East India Company.

Whitehall 10 Sept. 1783

Gentlemen,

I received this Morning your Letter to me of Yesterday's date, desiring that such

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"of the Non Commissiond Officers and Men of the four
"additional Companies, and of the four Youngest
"Regiments serving in India, intended to be
"brought to Europe, whom His Majesty has been
"pleased to permit to enter as Volunteers in the
"other Regiments which are to remain in India,
"should they desire it, may have that option extended
"to the Company's Service, by allowing them to enter
"therein should they be so inclined;" I lost no
time in laying your Letter before the King, and
I am commanded to acquaint you, that His Majesty
has been graciously pleased to consent to comply
with your Request, provided no greater Bounty be
offered by your Servants, than that which shall
be given by the Kings Regiments, to induce
them to prefer enlisting into the Service of the
Company.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) J North

To the Chairman
and Deputy Chairman
of the East India Company

G.O. by the Commander in Chief

It having been reported by the
Commander in Chief, That several of the Kings
Soldiers who under the sanction of Government
had

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had enlisted for the Company's Service have been confined by their Officers, - it is his Direction that they be immediately released, and his further desire that Colonel Gordon will direct the Officers under his Command, to desist from throwing any obstructions in the way of Recruiting for the Company's Army, and from taking any steps which may have a tendency to defeat the Boards Resolutions of the 21st Inst. - and the Comr in Chief trusts Colonel Gordon after the Orders of Government of the 29th Inst. whereby they take upon themselves the whole responsibility of the measure, - will afford every assistance in his power towards promoting their Intentions.

Colonel Gordon immediately on his receiving from the recruiting Officers the prescribed Reports of Men who have enlisted for the Company's Service, - will be pleased to order their Discharges to be made out, and delivered to them; - from which day they are to enter into the Company's Pay. -

The Commander in Chief directs that the recruiting Officers will be careful not to enlist for the Company's Service, any Men who have already received the

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Kings Bounty for re-enlisting, or have engaged to re-enlist into his Regiments.

Rolls of the Men who enlist for the Company's Army, specifying their age, Size, Country, and the Corps from which they are entertained, — are to be sent by the enlisting Officers to the Town Major, to be registered in the Books of his Office. —

(Sign'd) Peter Murray
Sec.y Genl.

To the Honble the Governor General & Council of Fort William

Madras 2nd Oct.r 1784

Gentlemen,

From Genl. Campbell to the Governor General and Council respecting the 2nd Battalion of the 42d Regiment of Foot. —

I herewith have the honor to transmit you a Return of His Majesty's Troops embarked for your Presidency on board the Camden Indiaman, & I am to inform you, that they are all (except the 2d Battn. of the 42d Regt.) exactly on the same footing as those Troops of His Majesty who have hitherto gone to Bengal.

The 2d Battn. of the 42d Regt. was ordered home so far back as the Year 1782. by a Letter from the Right Honble the Earl of Hillsborough the then Secretary of State to the late Commander

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Commander in Chief, but from various causes those Orders could not at that time be complied with, & as no mention is made of that Batn in any of my Dispatches from the Secretary of State or Secretary at War, altho' they were informed by the late Commander in Chief of its detention in this Country, I am doubtful whether it be still His Majestys intention that His former Commands regarding that Batn should be carried into Execution: I have therefore determined to detain the 2d Batn of the 42d Regt in India until decisive Orders shall be received from England respecting its future detention, I have accordingly given Instructions to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops in Bengal to that purport, & the same time desired him to keep that Batn in the same State it is at present, till he shall receive my further Orders upon the subject

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen &c
(Signed) Allan Campbell
M.G.

Minutes on the Letter from the Bengal Secretary --

The Committee observe on the Letter from the Bengal Secretary that the Report it mentions of the 2d Battalion of the 42d Regiment being on the Carnatic proceeding to Bengal is very true, it was embarked on that Ship at Bombay to

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to be landed here, and by us was forwarded to Bengal in order to be sent to England agreeably to the Orders from His Majesty's Secretary of State. As we had no Tonnage for that purpose, & as we knew that several Ships were in Calcutta bound from thence for Europe, it was the only measure We could adopt to shew attention to those Orders. We find from Genl Campbell's Letter to the Governor General & Council of the 2d Octr that he has determined to detain that Battalion 'till he hears further from England, & that he had sent directions to Colo Gordon on the Subject — By the latest Court Kalendar for 1784 We observe however there appears but one Battalion of the 42d Regt from whence We conclude it is supposed in England that most of the Men of the 2d Battalion are drafted here into the other Corps, & the rest on their way Home — when the Letter announced to us, arrives, We shall endeavour to justify our Conduct for endeavouring to give effect to His Majesty's Instructions to send to England those of his Troops who refused to enlist in India.

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It was in order to save Expence, instead of incurring any that they were sent from hence, and when We receive from the Gentlemen at

Bengal

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Bengal an Account of the Expence, which they say has been incurred We shall send them an account of the Expence which has been saved, unless the Government of Bengal have given them allowances which We should not think them entitled to here.

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I was in hopes the Select Committee would have thought proper to have answered my Letter of the 13th Instant, particularly as my Lieut. Colonel, who waited on his Lordship by my Orders on the 18th Inst, informed me that his Lordship said a Select Committee was to set as the next day, and that I should then have an Answer; but none has yet come to hand: I cannot but be of Opinion that when the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces, and a Major General writes to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, he ought to have an immediate answer, and that when he writes on the Kings Service, the matter deserves a Select Committee being specially summoned: the Delay of not answering his Letter for Nine Days is certainly consistent with the Uniform

From Sir John Burgoyne — Expected an Immediate Answer to his Letter of the 13th Nov. — His Station and Rank entitle him to Attention from a Select Committee of Fort St. George —

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Uniform ill treatment he has met with, but will in no degree whatever hinder the 23d Regiment being remounted as well as compleated with Recruits; both which your utmost endeavours (though insufficient) I have not been wanting to prevent. I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

November 22d — 1784.

Your most obedt. humt Servt.

(signd) J Burgoyne
M.G.

The Committee will only observe on the above Letter that they long since recorded their desire to avoid all Correspondence with Sir John Burgoyne on Account of the indecent & unbecoming Language which he had thought proper to use towards this Government, that however, his Letter of the 13th Inst was taken into Consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee after it was received & an Answer resolved on, which was accordingly written, but circulation before his last Letter came to hand — That, it is only from the general inconsistency of Sir John Burgoyne's Conduct that the Committee can account for his stiling himself Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces after having avowed Obedience to the Authority of this Government by which he is in Arrest. After having yielded all Authority over all the King's Troops to the next Senior Officer

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Officer, & having so lately complained of his long Confinement, which Confinement, notwithstanding its Rigour does not, it seems, prevent his giving Orders to his Lieutt Colonel, nor his exercising his Regiment, & giving Orders relative to its Discipline in the same manner as if he were not in arrest.

Whether his Letters are of such importance as to require an immediate Answer, or a Committee being specially summoned to consider them, the Committee must take upon them to be the judges — as to the ill treatment he talks of, & his allusion to the Recruiting of his Regiment, his late reference to Bengal, & our Answer of the 17th Inst. to that Presidency with the Papers that accompanied it, will shew with what Decency, or Foundation he can venture to complain.

Read the following Letter from the Marquis de Bussy —

To the Members of the Select Committee at Madras

Gentlemen,

Several Merchants of this Place have represented to me the inconveniences they experience from the Obstacles put upon the exportation of white Northern Cloths, which have been contracted

Do

Letter from Mons.r le Marquis de Bussy — The French Merchants in the District of Vizagapatam, have been restricted in their Privileges by the Council there —

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Contracted for in the District under the Vizagapatam Government

The Merchants residing at Jainam who contracted for these Cloths, had no Idea that such measure could have been taken, when a Treaty of Peace assures them of a safe, free and independant Trade. In this behalf Gentlemen I see for the execution of the Intention of our respective Sovereigns, and I am fully perswaded that the impediments put upon the execution of their Commerce, originates from some Misunderstanding.

It is Gentlemen of very material Consequence to the French Merchants, that you will render them Justice as soon as possible, by issuing Instructions to remove that Prohibition as soon as they shall arrive at Vizagapatam In the present Case the delays of discussion will occasion every Misfortune that the Merchants can experience, they will lose the Opportunity of forwarding their Cloths in the approaching Month of January, because they will not have sufficient time to Bleach them.

By virtue of the Treaty of Peace, the French either have, or have not Liberty to trade in that District. In the first case it is indisputable that the delivery of the goods ought

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to be attained them, in the second the Vizagapatam Government, ought to have informed them that could not have permitted them that Privilege, If notwithstanding this notice they had contracted before the point was decided, they would then lay themselves open to the event of an enquiry, but if such information has not been given them, they become the Sufferers in a Cause which they could not foresee.

I flatter myself Gentlemen that on this occasion you will advert to the importance of the object that I have the honor to communicate to you, the Assurances you have given me of your desire to maintain a good understanding between the two Nations, convince me that you will send the necessary Orders to Vizagapatam.

I have the honor to be with distinguished Consideration.

Gentlemen,

Your very humble very obedient Servant.

(signed) Bussy.

Pondicherry 16th Nov. 1784.

A true Translation

J. Chase

French Translator

The

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Minute thereon.— The Committee having taken the foregoing into Consideration, resolve that the following Letters be immediately Dispatched.

To Claud Russell Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

Letter to Vizagapatam on the Subject of Mons. Bussy's Complaint.— I am directed by the Right Hnble the President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter received from his Excellency the Marquis de Bussy.

The Select Committee are entirely ignorant of the circumstances which have given rise to the Complaint made to the Marquis de Bussy by the French Merchants and they can therefore only in general terms desire your strict attention to the Article of the late Treaty of Peace which assures to the French a safe, free, and independent Trade, and neither to Authorise, nor permit, any obstacles to be thrown in the way of the French Merchants that shall be incompatible with the most liberal Interpretation of it — and if any such obstacles now exist the Select Committee enjoin your utmost endeavors to remove them.—

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I have the Honor to be.

Gentlemen

Your most obed.t humb.l Serv.t

(signed) S. Hudleston Sec.y

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To his Excellency the Marquis De Bussy

Lieutenant General & Commander in Chief

of his Most Christian Majestys Forces in

India &c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledg

the receipt of your Letter to the Select Committee

of this Government under date the 16.th Instant.

I could wish you had been

more particular in pointing out the Circumstance

Complained of by the French Merchants and the

Obstacles thrown in the way of their Trade — being

ignorant of both, and not having heard before of

any existing differences between your Merchants

& the Northward and our Governments there, all

I can at present do is to send a Copy of your

Letter to the Chief & Council of Negapatam

with orders to pay strict attention to the Article

of the late Treaty of Peace between our Sovereigns

which assures to the French a safe, free and

independent Trade, neither to Authorise nor permit

any

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To his Excellency the Marquis De Bussy, the Grievances & Complaints of the French Merchants will be immediately enquired into as aforesaid. —

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any Obstacles to be thrown in the way of the French Merchants that shall be incompatible with the most liberal Interpretation of that Article, and if any such obstacles exist to use their utmost endeavors to remove them.

I enclose a Copy of those Orders which are now dispatched to Vizagapatam and I trust they will prove the Sincerity of the Assurances I have given of my desire to maintain a good understanding & harmony between our two Nations.

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect consideration & esteem.

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29th Novr. 1784.

Sir

Your most humble
& obedient Servants
(signed) Macartney

Proposal of the Commander in Chief in relation to Sautgur.

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that frequent representations have lately been made to him of the very sickly State of the Garrison of Sautgur, & begs leave to recommend in consequence that it be reduced, & a Jemidar's Guard only be kept there, which he proposes shall be relieved weekly.

Agreed to.

Ordered accordingly

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Pondicherry with two Enclosures.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c Council

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose a Letter I have just received from Mr. Monneron & a copy of the Answer thereto, which I thought it necessary to make.

I am translating & copying fair the accounts of the Villages in the Environs of Pondicherry, which I hope in a few days to transmit to you, together with the accounts deliverd to me by Mr. Monneron; as they are of some length, I hope you will pardon my not having already sent them.

I have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obt. Hble. Servt.

(Signed) Geo. Ss. Hoissard

To

From Mr. Hoissard, enclosing letter to him from Monr. Monneron, and his reply thereto, relative to the suspension of Duties on Grain going into Pondicherry.

Pondicherry
14th Nov. 1784

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To Mr. Hoissard

Sir,

The inconveniencies that will result from levying duties upon the Grain imported at Pondicherry, urges me to solicit you will order them to be suspended at least till the 15th of Jany next, otherwise you will expose that plan to the distress of experiencing a famine. The Season does not encourage us to hope that a large supply will arrive.

Since I have been acquainted that the Inhabitants at Cuddalore were almost in want of Rice on account of the duties & stopping the importation not to lose a moment I immediately ordered them to be taken off & am sensible the Mr. de Bussy will approve of my Conduct.

The ill effects being instantaneous, there is not a moment to lose in affording relief. I request you will furnish me with a quick reply. I shall personally esteem it a favor.

I have the honor to be with very sincere attachment

Sir

Yr. very obed.

& very humble Servt

(signed) Monneron

Pondicherry
14th Novr. 1784.

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To Charles Honneron Esqr.

Sir,

I lose not a moment to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this Day.

The Collection of Customs on all Articles coming into Pondicherry by Land has been put under the Management of Vencataroyloo by the Government at Madras. The Collection of Sea Customs is superintended by me but as no imports of Grain can be expected by Sea during the present Season, no immediate alteration can be necessary therein — However I shall instantly transmit your Letter to the Right Honble Governor & Council at Madras for their determination on your Request of suspending the Collection of Duties on Grain coming into Pondicherry.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. humt. Servt.

(Signed) George Isaac Hoissard

Pondicherry
14th November 1784.

Agreed that a Letter be immediately written to Mr. Hoissard informing him that the Committee of Assigned Revenue have been desired to send

Minute thereon

Orders

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Orders to Vencataroyloo the Renter to suspend the Collections of Duties on Grain coming into Pondichery until the latter end of January.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue, recommending that Bom Rauze be acquitted of his Peishcush during the late War.

We have been honored with your Commands of the 12th Instant. As it is a well known Circumstance that Bom Rauzes Country suffered much more by the ravages of the Enemy during the late Troubles than the Countries of the Vencatagherie and Calastry Rajahs, whose Peishcush was on their application remitted by the Nabob for three Years; we are of opinion that to debit him for his Arrears of Peishcush during the War would be to raise a heavy and desperate balance on the Books of the Assigned Revenue — It seems highly probable indeed that this Rajah would have obtained the same Indulgence as the others, had he applied to the

Nabob

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Nabob at the time they did — But having neglected this Form, should your Lordship &c think it improper to acquit him of his Peishcush during the war, We beg leave to submit our Opinion for the reason abovementioned that these Arrears ought not to appear as a balance due on account of the Assigned Revenue, but left as a Claim for future discession, and that the Rajah should in the mean time be debited on our Books, only from the beginning of Phazallee 1193 in like manner as the Rajas of Vincatagheree and Calastry have been Debited, and receipts given him for his Peishcush accordingly — & without any reference to the former Years — By this method nothing will be done to prejudice the Claim for Arrears, should it be thought proper to revive it hereafter. —

We have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Chas. Oakeley

(Signed) David Haliburton

Geo: Moubray

Fort St George
19th November 1784.

Agreed that the mode recommended by the Committee of Assigned Revenue of Debiting the Raja Bombrauze in their Books from the beginning of Phazallee 1193 only for the Arrears of his Peishcush be adopted by which means the other demands on him may not be precluded him becoming an object of future discussion. —

Minute thereon. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Messrs. Pelling and De Fries.—

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

Governor, President & Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Messrs. Pelling & De Fries, requesting Payment of Captain Darell's Off Reckonings while in the Command of the 16th Battalion of Sepoys.—

We beg leave as Representatives of Captain John Darell, to apply to Your Lordship &c. for Payment of his Off reckonings from the time he was appointed to the Command of the 16th Battalion of Carnatick Sepoys.—

We have the Honor to be with great Respect.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

(Signd) Pelling & de Fries &c.

Madras

25th November 1784.—

Agreed that Messrs. Pelling & De Fries be informed that We consider the Off reckonings of the 16th Battalion as the Right of the Officer, who Commanded the Battalion during the War, & of course that the Claim preferred by them on account of Captain Darell cannot be admitted.

Minute thereon—

Read the following Report from the Committee of Stores—

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At a Committee of Stores
held at Fort St. George 27th Nov. 1784 –
Present
Lieutenant Genl. Ross Lang
Lieutenant Col: Patrick Ross
Bryan Scottney Esqr.
Lieutenant Col: Moorhouse
Lieutenant Col: John Kennedy
Absent

Proceedings of the Committee of Stores the 27th Nov. 1784.

Read Proceedings of
this Committee of the 13th
Nov. The Chief Engineer
and Commissary General of
Stores acquainted the Committee
that in consequence of the
Order of the Right Honble
the President and Select
Committee on our Proceedings
of 30th of October last, they
have examined the Casemates
and find three of the Body
of the place occupied by
the different Departments
of Government – and those of the
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Out works to the Southward & Westward, occupied by Troops, or Stores, which cannot be dispensed with, except a St Georges & Wallajans Ravelins, in each of which there are some Nabobs Stores, Chiefly Arms & Saddles, in bad condition, that if disposed of else-where will give place sufficient for most of the Carriages on those Faces. To the Northward they have been able to make room for the Guns on that front. — And they are of Opinion it will not be possible to find proper places for those on the Southern out Works & Body of the place, until the Troops be with-drawn from the Outworks, or the Shed, formerly ordered to be built in the Arsenal, be erected. When, in either Case, they imagine the whole may be put under Cover. —

The Saddles & Stores be delivered to the Nabob when he chuses to receive them. —

Read an Indent from Trichinopoly. Agreed that it be complied with

according

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according to the remarks of the Commissary Genl. of Stores who lays before the Com=mittee a List of Stores & received from the Military Storekeeper in October as also a List of Ordnance & Stores sent to Vellore. Agreed that they be laid before the Right Hinble the President & Select Committee.—

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Hudleston, enclosing one from Mr. Agilvie Paymaster at Vellore and on a reference to the General Statement of Powder in 1775 for the different Garrisons the Committee find that the Complement of Vellore is 2200 Barrels instead of 3500 as mentioned in Mr. Agilvie's Letter and that the 500 hundred pound Barrels lately sent there, make 633 sixty pound Barrels more than their Complement, but the Board, (should it be thought necessary by

The Indent for Trichinopoly to be complied with as far as the Stores admit.—

To be compared with the Stores ordered from Bengal a few days ago according to the List delivered—

The Military Storekeeper to make an Estimate of the expence of the Articles, which are wanting to complete the Stores & not expected from Bengal.—

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by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee can send as many more as will make up the Number mentioned by Mr. Agilvie in his letter of the 18th October which will at the same time relieve the Magazines.

The Deficiency be sent to Vellore, so that 3800 Barrels be in Store there—

Read a Letter from Mr. Place which it is agreed to lay before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee and to recommend that another Writer may be allowed him.—

10 Pagodas p Month to be allowed—

(Signed) Ross Lang
Patrick Ross
B. Scottney
Jos. Moorhouse.

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam with three Enclosures (entered in Miscellany Book No.)

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Members of the

Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have had the Honor to receive the General Orders transmitted by Mr. Secretary Sudlestow and the Commanding Officer is now modelling the Battalion accordingly.—

From Vizagapatam — stating their sentiments relative to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief with Regard to the Sittendy Corps. —

With respect to the point on which your Lordship &c. desire our Sentiments in your letter of the 20th ultimo we apprehend that the Sittendy Corps might be occasionally recruited from the Stoutest of the Invalid Sepoys; but that the Service on which they are usually employed is much too severe for Invalids in general and even the Commander in Chiefs' Plan to take Place, it might reduce us to the necessity of detaching the regular Sepoys often times on a Duty which has ever been considered as a ruinous of their Discipline at the same time that the reduced Strength of the Battalion will not really now afford Detachments from the ordinary Duty of this Garrison & the Cantonments —

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The Hospital Corps having been on the footing of a Contract Hospital, the Patients have hitherto been found in all necessaries by the Surgeon, but the late General Orders having made no Provision for this, the Surgeon has addressed us on the Subject and We beg Leave to enclose Copy of his Letter for your Orders.-

Conceiving himself aggrieved in point of his Rank on the List of Surgeons pub= =lished in the late General Orders, which he attributes to some official mistake, he has= represented his case in another Letter that his Pretensions may be known to Your Lordship &.a and We therefore in Compliance with his wish forward Copy of the Letter for your more particular Infor= =mation.-

The Bengal Detachment marched from their Cantonments in our Neighbourhood on the 21.st Ult.o and in Justice to the Rajah we have the pleasure to enclose Copy of a Letter we have received from Colonel Pearce to express his Sense of the Treatment they have met with in this District.-

We have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obed.t & Humble Servants
(Signed) Claud Russell
Chas Maxtone
Jo Baker
Mich.l Keating
F. W. Drake

Fort S.t George
13.th Nov.r 1784.

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The Committee cannot make any alteration in the Sibbendies until an Examination of Invalids shall have taken place - with respect to the Hospital it must continue on its former footing, as the late Medical Regulations expressly declare that their operation is only to extend to those Places where there is not a Contract Hospital.-

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Irwin.

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 12th October, on the subject of the Forts of Tripowanum & Pallimerry, and the accounts of the irregular Mogul Horse.

From Mr. Irwin states the advantages to be derived from his having placed a Garrison in the Forts of Tripavanum & Pallimerry - Encloses Letter to him from Mr. Dott.-

The reference made to me by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee on this occasion, is so honorable a mark of their Confidence, that I cannot too readily meet the Jealousy and resentment which a disappointment in their views, will naturally excite in the breasts of the Persons concerned. But I have had too

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two recent an instance in the behaviour of Chinna Murda in respect to the Bombay Detachment, which marched thro' Tripowanum & found neither a Buzar, nor a Person on behalf of the Shevagunga Rajah, tho' timely notice was given him, to change my Opinion of maintaining the Forts in question. I have accordingly requested Captain Brierhead to relieve the dismissed Sibbendies with a Company from his Garrison, which will at least, have the effect of intimidating the Maraiwar Managers from giving Harbour, in future, to the publick Servants of the Province who fly from Justice:- a practice too frequent, & of very fatal consequence to these Revenues.

The accounts of the Drogull Rose are in great forwardness, & I flatter myself such a Deduction will be made in the Balance claimed by them, as will evince the necessity of the Committee's Interference, and amply repay us for the trouble of the Scrutiny - It is fortunate for this body of Rose that they are not received by the persons, from whose Purse this Comparative small balance is to come.

You will further oblige me, by acquainting the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, that I have communicated their resolution respecting the Sea Customs, expressed in a letter of the 13th September

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September from the Deputy Secretary Mr. Chamier, to Capt. Bidcliffe. It is not for me to point out a less exceptionable mode to the Select Committee for testifying their approbation of Capt. Bidcliffe's Conduct, but if I might be allowed to suggest, what I am sure will be more acceptable, as being more certain than any Customs whatever, an addition to the Monthly Pay of the Commandants of Palamcotah and Madura during the pleasure of Government, would not only be an encouragement for their strict observance of the orders respecting the Revenues, but shew the danger of any deviation from them. The good Character & Conduct of Captain Bruithead, would make it unjustifiable in me to except him from this indulgence.

I have the honor to transmit you a Letter and enclosure, I have lately received from Mr. Dolle, on the subject of his Claims on this Country. As I have more than once been the Channel of this Gentleman's representations, which, in whatever light they may generally have appeared to my Superiors, carry, to my imperfect judgement, some plea to consideration in particular instances, I beg leave to submit them as my duty requires, to the revision of the Right Honble

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Honble the President and Select Committee. If any thing, but an investigation of it's merits, which may easily be obtained in this quarter, were wanting to his Claude, I could truly say, in behalf of Mr. Dobb, that his attachment to the Nabob has rendered his Knowledge of the revenue of infinite use to me, since my Arrival here; tho' it may be added, that he is singular in this discription of the Nabobs Servants, because he alone seems to possess Candor & Sense enough to see, that the Nabobs and the Company's Interests are inseperable; and that an Assignment, which has been hostile to his own views & those of Individuals, is the basis of the public safety on this Coast.

I have the honor to be,

Tinnevelly 30th Oct. 1784.--

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

(Signd) Eyles Irwin

Minute thereon.

Altho' the favorable mention which Mr. Irwin has made of the Conduct of Mr. Dobb would induce the Committee to adopt any mode of serving him which could be done with propriety yet they cannot consent to make the Company answerable for any part of the Nabobs Debt without their permission, as it would be Contrary to their positive Orders

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- With respect to the deficiency in the Grain redelivered to Mr Dott, it is Agreed that Mr Irwin be desired to allow him the 1332 Cotals out of such old Grain as remains in Garrison, of Nabobs old Stores laid up before the Year 1780 & in order to prevent similar losses to the Nabob or to the Company it is Resolved that Mr Irwin be directed to sell whatever old Grain which may still remain belonging to the Nabob, accounting for it with the Committee of Assigned Revenue, who will give His Highness & Credit for it.-

From Masulipatam

Read a Letter from Masulipatam dated 28 Nov (entered in the Miscellany Book No) enclosing Papers relative to a Complaint against the Sub-Renter of the Customs at Meddegudah.

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the above Letters be sent to the Committee of Assigned

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Fridge.-

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

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Vt Fridge - Complaining of the bad Situation of the Hospital for the Sick Men belonging

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship &c that many of the Sepoy's belonging to the Bombay Establishment now under my Charge since

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belonging to the Bombay Establishment; and requesting adjutants Allowance. —

since they have been put into the quarters which they now occupy in the Blacktown, have been seized with a dropsical and other disorders and some of them are now in the Hospital in a very dangerous way.

The daily report of the Surgeon who attends them and my own observation confirm me in my apprehension that their continuing any longer in those Quarters will endanger their lives. — The Surgeon is of opinion that their health suffers from the dampness and impurity of the air in the place where they now remain; and he further assures me that in order to save the lives of many of them in the Hospital as well as in those Quarters, it will be indispensably necessary to remove them to a more healthy and open situation. —

As Egmore Fort is at present unoccupied by any of the Honble Company's Troops, and having the advantages of a pure air, open situation, and commodiously fitted for the reception of Troops. I beg leave to request that Your Lordship &c will be pleased to issue Orders for the Bombay Sepoys being removed from their present unhealthy Quarters to that place.

After the departure of the Bombay Detachment which marched to Bombay under the Command

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Command of Captain Wiseman it was the pleasure of Your Lordship &c. that I should remain to take Charge of the Sick, Wounded and the Convalisant belonging to it which were unable to undergo the Fatigue of Marching with that Detachment, and as it was necessary to restore those Convalisants to the practice of discipline, after their long confine-ment I conceived it necessary in order to forfeit them in it, as much as circumstances admitted, to attend them twice or day on the Parade in the Capacity of Adjutant whose duty I have constantly performed ever since the Bombay detachment marched. I hope therefore that Your Lordship &c. will be pleased to Annex the customary allowance of that Office to my Pay.

The constant attendance which is necessarily required of me as the Officer in charge of the Sick, and as Adjutant to discipline the recovered Men, with the additional circumstances of my being a Sojourner and a Stranger in this place where I have not the benefit of any resource of Credit subjects me to much difficulty, and unavoidable expences, far exceeding my present allowance. These circumstances with I trust will satisfy Your Lordship &c. that the request I have taken the Liberty to make for Adjutants allowance is

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reasonable and as such will meet the favor of your Countenance. —

I have the honor to be with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your faithful and most obt.
humble Servants
(signd) Hugh Fridge Lieut.

Fort St. George
20th November 1784.

In consequence of the representation of Lieut. Fridge, who has Charge of the Bombay Sepoys respecting the State of their Hospital, Lieut. Gomond, the Barrack Master was directed to examine it, & he has reported it to be eligible in every respect for an Hospital, perfectly dry & secure, & that it has ample Accommodations for the Number of Sick who occupy it.

Minute thereon. —

It is necessary to remark that this House which was taken for the Bombay Sepoys at Mr. Fridge's recommendation was formerly the Hospital for the Seamen of His Majestys Ships, and in proportion to its Size always considered a good one, and it has been since the Hospital of the Native Sick of the Bengal Detachment from the time of its Arrival at Madras to that of its Departure, & no complaint was ever made of its being an improper place for that purpose — These Circumstances as well as Lieut. Gomond's Report shew that Lieut. Fridge's Representation is

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both

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Master of it has expressed his hope that these Stores will be suffered to remain until an opportunity shall offer of sending them to Bengal — as the Stores in question will very soon be embarked for England they may remain in the Godown for the present.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Shields Assistant Surgeon on the Bombay Establishment.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr. James Shields requesting an Increase of Pay. —

Having been left with the care of the Sick belonging to the Bombay Detachment and have received no more than Assistant Surgeons pay since I have been here, which hath brought me into a great many Difficultys as I expected to have the same pay and allowances which I have in Bombay, and that is adequate to a Lieutenants. As the Assistant Surgeons in charge of an Hospital receives now the pay of Fifty Pagodas per Month and ten Pagodas for Servants agreeable to the order of the 18th October last. And having the charge of the Bombay Hospital I hope your Honours will take my Case into your Consideration and permit me to receive the same pay and Allowances.

I have the Honour to remain with great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed: and very Humble
(Signd) Jas Shields
Assistant Surgeon Bombay Establishment

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Minute thereon.

Agreed that Mr. Shields be informed that We consent to his drawing the allowances at this Presidency which are annexed to his Station on the Bombay Establishment.

From Capt. Muirhead

Read a Letter from Capt. Muirhead, Commanding at Madura dated 20th instant / entered in Miscellany Book No. / stating the bad Condition of the Officers' Barracks in his Garrison, & requesting that they may be put into Repair.

Minute thereon.—

Agreed that Capt. Muirhead be desired to furnish the Committee with a particular account of the Repairs wanting together with an Estimate of the Expence, by which they may be enabled to judge of the Propriety of executing them.—

From Mr. Ogilvie—

Read a Letter from Mr. Ogilvie dated 27th Oct.r / entered in Miscellany Book No. / requesting to Know in what manner Mr. Kincaid, the Assistant Surgeon at Amboor & Sautgur is to be paid for Bazar Medicines & medical Servants for September last, & enclosing a Letter from Mr. Kincaid on the Subject, desiring a Store Serjeant may be sent to Amboor to replace the one who lately died there.

From Mr. W.H. Ryland.

Read also a Letter from Mr. Ryland the Engineer at Vellore dated 29th November / entered in Miscellany Book No. / requesting a further supply of Cash in order to carry on the Work directed to be performed by the Select Committee.

Agreed

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Minute on Mr. Ogilvie's Letter.—

Agreed that Mr. Ogilvie be informed that in liquidation of Mr. Kincaid's Charges for September he must be allowed to draw for that Month the Allowances fixed to an Assistant Surgeon in Charge of a Garrison by the General Orders of the 17th Ultimo.

Minute on Mr. Ryland's Letter.—

With respect to Mr. Ryland's application for an Advance of Cash, Mr. Ogilvie must be directed to pay the Workmen, as they shall execute the remainder of the Work conformably to the Estimate.

Company's Bonds granted to Mr. Scottney for Pagodas 2040.—

The Right Honble the President informs the Board that Mr. Scottney the Mill'y Storekeeper General has applied to him for Company's Bonds to the Amount of Pag. 2040 in part of the Ballances due to him, which the President recommends may be granted.

Ordered accordingly

Company's Bond granted to Mr. W. Ross for 10,000 Pagodas.—

The President also informs the Committee that an application has been made to him by Mr. W. Ross the Agent, for a Company's Bond for 10,000 Pag. in part of the Balance due to him.—

Agreed that a Bond be granted to Mr. Ross accordingly.—

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29th Sent the following Letter to Mr Hoijsard as Resolved this morning in Committee —

To Mr George Isaac Hoijsard
Resident
at
Pondicherry

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 15th Instant and to inform you that the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue have been desired to send orders to Vencatarayloo the renter to suspend the Collection of Duties on Grain coming into Pondicherry until the latter end of January next —

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29th Novr 1788.

Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed/ I. Huddleston
Secry

30th Sent the undermentioned Letters/ recorded in the Miscellany Book Nos /

To Captain David Muirhead

directing him to transmit a particular Account of the Papers wanting to the Officers Barracks

with

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30th with an Estimate of the Expence —

To Mr James Sheilds Assistant Surgeon of the Bombay Establishment permitting him to draw at this Presidency the Allowances annexed to his Station on the Bombay Establishment —

To Mr James Sheilds —

To the Paymaster at Vellore Informing him that Mr Kenrades to draw allowances for the month of September agreeably to the Regulations established the 17th October last and published in General Orders —

To Mr Bydoe

Received the undermentioned Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book No.

From Lieutenant Sunst —

From Lieutenant Sunst enclosing a Return of Troops and Stores in the Garrison of Chandernagherry for the Month of November —

From Captain Montgomery —

From Captain Montgomery, will pay implicit Obedience to the orders transmitted to him the 22d Instant

From Colonel Stuart. Lieutenant A. Ore in Arrest, encloses a Copy of the Crime —

December 1st

Sent the following Letter to Messrs Selling and De Jones —

To Messrs Selling & De Jones

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right

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I. the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Instant conveying the Orders of Government that no application of the Public Money be made to contingent Charges or Allowances made to them who have charges of that description —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

Signed J. C. Kilpatrick

Acting Paymaster

Tanjore
27th Nov.r 1785.

2d Send the following Letter to the President at Tanjore —

To Mr. John Sulivan

President at Tanjore

Sir,

to Mr Sulivan the Military Paymaster General has been directed to return him the Accounts of the Garrison of Tanjore for June to be laid before Mr Commissioner Jackson

I am directed to inform you that Orders have been given to the Military Paymaster General to return to you the accounts of the Tanjore Garrison for the Month of June, that you may lay them before Mr Commissioner Jackson as agreeably to his Requisition as they include your Accounts as Storekeeper, you must not be at the trouble of Separating them at present

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Tanjore 2d
2d December 1784

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Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secry

To Mr Turing

A Letter was written to the Military Paymaster General in consequence (Vide Miscellany Book No)

Received Letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book No)

From Major Chesshyre

From Major Chesshyre, the Orders of Government sent to him on the 22d Ultimo will be punctually attended to

From Mr Digby the Orders of Government of the 23d Ultimo will be punctually obeyed

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos)

To the Commissioners of Account

To the Commissioners of Accounts, Enclosing Copy of their Report of the 10th November, with the Committees Remarks thereon, and the General Orders of the 25th November issued in consequence

To Mr Ogilvie

To the Paymaster at Vellore, Directing him to dispose of the Biscuit, delivered to him by the Deputy Agent to the best advantage

Received

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2d Received the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book No.)

From Colonel Fraser — 3d From Commandant of Vellore with an Hospital Return for the Month of November

From Mr Orpen — From Mr Orpen will pay obedience to the Orders of Government communicated to him the 23d Instant —

4th From Mr Benfield with a Return of Stores and Provisions in the Garrison of Permacoil for the Month of November —

From Masulipatam — From Masulipatam, enclosing an Account of the Bengal Detachment under the Command of Colonel Dean Pearse —

Minute thereon — Ordered that the abovementioned Account be sent immediately to the Accountant

Received the following Letters —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Sterling requesting that the Officers at Arnee may be allowed the same for repairing Quarters as the Troops at Arcot —

I had the honor of stating to the Commander in Chief the 12th Ultimo the situation of the Officers under my command respecting Quarters and enclosed a letter from them to them on that subject —

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4 I requested his application in their and my own behalf to your Honble Board that he might receive the same allowance for repairs as the troops at Arcot —

The year drawing near a retrospect may be inconvenient, I beg leave to request your Orders on the Paymaster on this head, and have the honor to remain

Arnee 2d Decr 1784.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) M P Sterling
Lieut Col in India

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne Representing the 110 Men (belonging to the 23d Regt now of Light Dragoons) was at Ellore recommending that the Pigot Indiaman may bring them hither —

Though without the smallest hopes of representation of mine meeting either with your attention, Compliance, yet that I may stand acquitted in my own mind of any neglect where the Kings Service is concerned I must once more represent to you of what real detriment it is to His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Dragoons to keep 110 Men belonging to it at Ellore seperated from the Body of the Regiment, which from being

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4th being recruits they have never yet been able to join the present cool Season of the Year is the only time of the Year they can be made Dragoons and as they have no Horses where they are 800 Miles from Head Quarters, all the advantage they could reap from the Season is now totally lost, I am informed the Pigot Indiaman is shortly to touch at Masulipatam in her way to this place, I do therefore as Colonel of the 23d Regiment beg to lay before you this Opportunity whereby I point out means for an immediate relief from so ruinous a measure —

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Gardens
2d Dec. 1784.

Your most obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) John Burgoyne
Major General & Col 23 Rgt Lt Dragoons

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary to the Select Committee
Fort St George

Sir

From Mr Digby understanding that Mr Irwin has collected money sufficient to discharge the Supernumeraries of the different Sepoy Corps he has written to him to remit the same to him for that purpose

I have not been able to state any probable time for the discharging the Supernumerary

men

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5th Men of the different Sepoy Corps until this day, when by a letter from Mr Swain, prior to the receipt of the late Orders, I understand he has collected money sufficient to clear the months subsequent to the 31st August, and as this object is of consequence, not only to the effecting the Reduction, but a growing weekly expence to the Company every day it is delayed, I have forbeared upon the expediency of it to entrust Mr Swain with the money he may have collected for the use of the Southern Army with all speed to Madura, from thence to be circulated to the different Stations of the Troops for this purpose solely, and I hope to meet with the approbation of the Right Honble President and Select Committee, and Mr Swains concurrence in so doing

I have the Honor to be

Trichinopoly Plain
18th November 1784.

Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signd Kenelm Digby
Paymaster S. A.

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Messrs. Lind and Close enclosing Letter to them from Captn Smart advising of his arrival at Candeoor and of his proceeding since

Inclosed we have the honor to transmit a Letter We received last night from Captain Smart —

We have the honor to be with respect

Vencatagurry
26th November 1784.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Francis Lind
Barry Close.

To Francis Lind
& Barry Close Esqrs
Gentlemen

I arrived here last night and this morning was joined by one Company of Sepoys from Angole under the Command of Lieutenant Whyte — Agreeable to your Orders

I

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5th I have ascertained, thro' the Renter of this place the names and number of Villages either taken possession of by the troops of Amur Ul Deen Cawn, or deserted thro fear by the Inhabitants Vizt Pittaloor, Dirmaveram, Goro Puddia & Moogochentella, Cundopy Anakarlapundy, Retahkunlagunta, Chinnacunlagunta Zalapollam Vincatakistnaporam, Nunnoer Padoo Tangella Ilivana, Juvegoontah, Verdeninapollam and Patooa He says that a party of Horse and a number of Matchlock fellows under the Command of a Jamidar Sair Beggcame to a village called Chumta, and from thence the Jamidar detached two Bramins brothers by name Jogepuntalo and Durvagepuntalo, with thirty Horses and some Matchlocks fellows to the following Villages Pittaloor, Dirmaveram, Goora Paddia, and Moogochentilla where they plundered the Inhabitants and took from them whatever provisions they wanted besides a considerable Sum of Money, as much as they could squeeze from them — they afterwards marched off their Horse leaving behind them their matchlock fellows for the purpose of collecting provisions for them, they might chuse to return — they are now at Kannagery and it is

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is apprehended they will shortly pay those
Villages another visit. This Intelligence I
cannot pretend to say to be Authentic however
I have sent trusty people to my own to the
different Villages and to the Cannays Country
when they return you shall hear further from
me. I have given the Inhabitants every assurances
of protection and for that purpose intend
myself the day after tomorrow visiting those
Villages who have taken the alarm

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Charles Smart.

Cundacoor
Friday 19th Nov. 86.
8h P. M.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Eyles Irwin Esq.
Superintendent of Revenue in the Tinnevelly
Madura and Tuticorin Poligy
District

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
Honble the President and Select Committee to
acknowledge

to Mr. Swan, and
wish to Love, Mr Dott.
on account of his
favorable opinion
of him that cannot
want

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consent to make the Company answerable for any part of the Nabobs dept 1332 Colohs of old Grain and to dispose of the rest —

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the receipt of your Letter of the 30th October and its enclosures —

The Select Committee from the favorable mention you have made of the conduct of Mr Dott would readily concur in any mode of serving him that could be adopted with propriety. but they cannot consent to make the Company answerable for any part of the Nabobs debt without their permission, and it is at present contrary to their permission, and it is at present contrary to their positive orders, As the deficiency stated on the Grain redelivered to Mr Dott the Select Committee authorize you to allow him the 1332 Colohs, and if such old Grain as now remains in Garrison of Nabobs Old Stores laid up previous to the Year 1780. in order to prevent further loss either to the Nabob or the Company whatsoever other Old Grain may still remain belonging to the Nabob the Select Committee desire you will cause immediately to be sold and accounted for with the Committee of Assigned Revenue, who will give his Highness Credit for it —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Huddleston

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To Claud Russell Esqr.
Chief & Council
of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

to Vizagapatam. The Committee have come to no Determination relative to the Abbendies The Hospital to continue on its former footing Enclosing Extract from the Records for Chief Vizagapatam Judicature

I am directed by the right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th. Ultimo with its enclosures and to inform you that they have as yet come to no ultimate determination relative to your Jetbendies —

Respecting your hospital it is to continue on its former footing. The late medical regulations are expressly declared to extend only to those places where there is no established contract hospital —

With regard to the rank of Mr Farrier the records have been searched and all what can be found on the Subject is contained in the enclosed Extract, which you will observe makes no mention of the decision of Mr Pasley attended to by Mr Farrier —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
Signed J. Huddleston
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6th

John Hudleson Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir.

From Mr Digby Enclosing a Register of Certificates granted for Southern Military Arrears by him

I was only yesterday honored with your Letter of the 19th Instant although I received three days ago the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee dated the 23d. which I have duely acknowledged and to prevent as far as possible the disappointment that the delay of the former letter may occasion I dispatched Express the orders contained therein to the several Paymasters and Cantonments that there may be no further obstacle to the delivery of Vouchers and acceptance of Certificates. I before explained the cause of the difficulty on this head which the enclosed Register will prove to have been but too general.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient
humble Servant

Signed Kenelm Digby
Paymaster
Register

Trichinopoly Plain
30th November 1784.

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6th Register of Certificates granted for Southern Military Arrears by Kenelm Digby late Paymaster Southern Army 30th Novr 1784.

No of Certificate	When granted	Day	Holders Names	Rank	Nett amount Ps	Fs	Ch	Remarks
1	Novr	11	Latham & McIntosh		128.	40	20.	Merchant
2d	"	"	John Hall		91.	28.	20.	Do
3	"	14	Sl Crawford		52	19	"	Do
4	"	"	Hy Pemberton	Lieut	170	"	"	101 Regt
5	"	15	Wm Torriano	"	79	16	"	"
6	"	"	Do	"	121.	28	"	"
7	"	"	Chas Anderson	Lieutenant	71	36.	60	98th Regt
8th	"	23	Van Weserbee	Captain	408	"	"	Manoeuvren
9	"	"	Wm Fullarton	Colonel	664	28	"	"
10		26	John Everett	Captain	2572	"	"	Nabobs
11	"	30	Thos Patch	Ensign	209	"	"	"

Signed Kenelm Digby
Paymaster Southern Army

At a Select Committee
Present
The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President
Anthy Sadleir Esqr Lieut Genl Lang
Alexr Davidson Esqr Rt Maunsell Esqr

Monday 6th Decr 1784.

Minutes of last Committee read.

and

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and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bengal —

To John Stratleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee at
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Secy at Fort William advising the receipt of several Letters —

I am directed to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee at Fort St. George that the Honble the Governor General and Council have been honored by the receipt of their Letter bearing Date the 16th September and its several Inclosures

I am also to acknowledge the Sub Secretarys receipt of your Letter of the 2d Ultimo enclosing a Copy of Colonel Braithwaites Narrative in respect to the Prisoners in Mysore and my receipt of a Letter written to me by the Deputy Secretary at Fort St. George under date the 15th September —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signd) Edwd Stay Secy

Fort William
Secret Department
11th Novr 1784 —

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The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter received from Captain Wiseman who Commands the Bombay Detachment arrived at Anjengo —

Extract of a Letter from Captain Wiseman Commanding the Bombay Detachment / Dated at Anjengo 18th November 1784 / to Captain Sydenham Town Major of Fort St George —

From Captain Wiseman the Bombay Detachment met with every attention in its March to Anjengo

I had the pleasure of receiving your of the 31st ultimo. the 16th and the Duplicate this Morning with a Return of the Sick &c Stores for which I beg you will accept my best Thanks. I do enjoy the pleasure of acquainting you the Detachment arrived the 15th in the morning at this place. I now beg you will be kind enough to acquaint Lord Macartney, that the Detachment was received at the Travancore Gates with every mark of attention, and through the Country that we marched. the Rang had given particular Orders for Provisions to be distributed at certain Stages, and also Cart Bullocks for the Officers at every halting place and they were Supplied daily with Sheep, Fowls &c and the men had Wood given them and purchased

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"purchased Rice &c in the Bazars that attended,
"Our last thanks are also due to Colonel Stuart
"for the order he sent to the different Garrisons
"to supply our wants - at Trichinopoly Colonel
"Bruce soon fitted us out - at Melcore Captain
"Cox did every thing in his power to assist the
"Detachment, I was met there by a Bramen
"sent by Mr Torin to attend us through the
"Madura District, I was advised by Mr Torin
"and Captain Muirhead not to go by Madura,
"as the Detachment could not be supplied with
"provisions that road, the route they sent me all
"though the road was very bad, we had the
"pleasure of getting plenty of provisions - At
"Naglepore a Poligar Fort on the borders of the
"Tinnevely Province, I was met by Cawn Lail
"a Native of Rank sent by Mr Irwin to attend
"the Detachment to Tinnevelly through which
"Country we had every assistance that could be
"possibly given - I have troubled you this far,
"to shew his Lordship that the orders respecting
"the Detachment have been fully complied with
"as was possible" - //

A true Extract

Signed Wm Sydenham

Town Major

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Governor and Council at Columbo —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B. President and Governor and to the other Members of the Government at Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Governor & Council of Columbo, advising that the definitive Treaty between Great Britain and the States General was signed the 24th May last, and entreating to be put in possession of those Places ceded to them by that Treaty —

We have been honored with your Letter of the 6th August last, and were concerned to observe from the difficulties made by your Lordship &c against the fulfillment of the 4th and 9th Articles of the Preliminaries that you had judged it necessary to await the arrival of the Definitive treaty, which we have now the Satisfaction to be able to inform you was actually Signed by the respective Plenipotentiaries on the 20th of May last — The conditions of it are the same with those Agreed upon in the Preliminaries, and this removes every doubt which may have arisen in your minds —

We now therefore in the most earnest and friendly manner entreat your Lordship &c to be again put in possession of

those

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those Places, which have been ceded to us by the Treaty, nor can be otherwise supposed in Europe than that those Restitution have already long since taken place by virtue of the Preliminaries, and it is with the greatest confidence therefore that We expect your Lordship &c will acquaint us as soon as possible with the time, and mode in which our former possessions are to be restored to us —

Nothing can be more agreeable to us than a reestablishment of the antient friendship between Great Britain and Holland and no person can be more readily disposed to commit that Harmony than those who have the honor to Subscribe themselves with great esteem —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servants —

(Signed) J. W. Talck
&c Council

Columboo
Wth Novr 1784.

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Gentlemen at Columbo, assuring them that nothing can give us greater pleasure than the reestablishment of the ancient friendship between our two Nations, and that we shall not delay

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a moment after the arrival of Orders from home to execute our part of the Definitive Treaty and to make the proper Arrangements with them for that purpose, observing that we are as impatient as themselves for the final conclusion of this affair as it will at the same time remove the impediments which stood in the way of the immediate execution of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France —

Letter to be written to Bengal in consequence

Agreed that a Letter be written at the same time written to Bengal, enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter with our answer and requesting their Sentiments relative to the Cession of the Dependancies upon Negapatam when the Orders for the Execution of the Definitive Treaty with Holland shall arrive

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with 2 Petitions entered in the Miscellany Book Nos

To the Right Honble G. Lord Macartney K.B. President &c Select Committee —

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue, enclosing 2 Petitions, the one from the Inhabitants of Cholingereravaram and the other of the Village in the Trippasore District acquainting that the Ryots who entered in the Company's Service

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My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose for

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Service during the War may be returned in order to provide for the Cultivation of the Country

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For your consideration copies of Petition from the Inhabitants of Cholingeraveram Talook and of a Village in the Trepassore District, and at the same time beg leave to observe that the Cultivation of particular parts of the Country would be greatly assisted if those Ryots were permitted to return to the Villages who have enlisted in the Company's Service —

We have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) Charles Oakeley

David Haliburton

George Moubray

Fort St. George
2d Decr 1784

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Committee of Secrecy and Revenue be informed that they must at present and upon all future occasions acquaint us whether the Ryots who have enlisted and who they wish should return to their Villages are themselves desirous of having their discharges and whether they are willing to furnish other Persons to supply their Place in the Troops

Recorded

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Received the following Letters from the Resident at Hyderabad.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Johnson, Resident at Hyderabad, acknowledging the Receipt of the letter to him of the 27th October. The Nizam sends an Agent to Tippoo Sultaun. States his Opinion why he thinks the Government General have postponed making a Demand for Guntoor and the same reason operates with this Board. Nana takes the field with his Pushwa and makes northwards from Poonah

I have been honored with your Commands of the 27th October in Duplicate and have much to acknowledge for the lights thrown upon my business by so free a communication of Sentiments as you have been pleased to honor me with —

However sensible of my own deficiencies I feel no uneasiness at the importance of any point left to my determination because I should decide to the best of my Judgement acknowledge at that moment required and consequently remain conscious of nothing to reproach with. my only concern would be that the decision had not been entrusted to abler hands. In the present instance, had the two important points of the involved surrender of the Guntoor and a

demand

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Demand for Military Aid been brought forward as there was reason to expect, I should have acted in opposition to my own Sentiments and been guided by the Superior light of those Furnished me by your Lordship &c which I hope to see exactly conformable to the order I should have received from the Governor General and Council, had time permitted my first obtaining them — Thus I should in no Shape have felt the fate of the Campany depending upon my determination, which indeed I never shall owe as an Agent for others when their Sentiments can be obtained, However if the Question had so great a share of importance connected with it. I have great Satisfaction in informing your Lordship &c that it now no longer likely to be agitated —

The Nabob Nizam has sent an Agent to Tipoo Sultaun with great reason to imagine that all difference for the present year will be adjusted —

Your Lordship &c intimate that you are uninformed of the reasons on which the Governor General and Council postponed the Demand of the Guntoor and express a hope

that

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that any majority in this Court, arising by the Conclusion of Peace with Tippoo Sultaun would before this time have put that Circar into your Hands — As to Jam answerable for nothing beyond the Execution of the Orders I have received. I beg leave to offer a few words upon these two points —

I am totally unfurnished with any declared reasons why the demand of the Guntoor has been postponed from the period that it might have accrued upon as by the death of Bazalut Jung to the date of my Instructions upon that head But the detail of your Lordship &c Sentiments are before me appear to me so consonant to those which I conceive to actuate the Governor General and Council, that I cannot help attributing the conduct of both your Honble Board to the same process of reasoning upon Similar principles. In the time of a General Peace at home and abroad, your Lordship &c upon mature consideration entertained an Opinion that the tender of the question if tender a certainty of its immediate attack because entering upon possession of such a

crises

crises would be almost equivalent to a new declaration of War, "unadvisable (it might be added) while we have not yet received from the Damages, your Lordship &c incline to his opinion notwithstanding your strong sense of the value of the Guntoor and your anxiety to possess it —

With the Governor and Council the very same degree of prudence and foresight seems to have produced the same hesitation In a time of General War, when Europe and Asia seemd combined against us, the Guntoor because our right by the decease of Bisalet Jung But the Nizam in whose hands it then was and who with great difficulty or perhaps by timed policy was restrained from taking the field, in support of the confederacy he had promoted against us, shewd no inclination to part with so valuable a province, at least while we were so busily and unequally engaged. The Board therefore, postponed a demand the making of which, could only have urged him to unlead of restraining him from, a more active part in the General War, This war had not yet ended by the treaty of Mangalore when I was sent from Calcutta, the first news of the

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the Peace Received at Ganjam, To this
therefore and the Stern we yet lay under from
the severe Shock received, I attribute the
postponement and hesitation which this
Claim still lays under my instruction therefore
as I have before had the honor to inform your
Lordship &c are limited to Solicitation and
Negotiation and my former Letters have
explained, or meant to explain, that with
Governments [illegible] to that I am deputed to,
Solicitation and more might can produce
nothing further, I am not warranted to go
therefore I have never found grounds in
any mission for the hopes your Lordship &c
express — And altho I have ventured in
former addresses to say that I thought a
determined and positive demand would have
succeed, under the head of some more movements
yet I have now two fold reason to attest my
error by the strong concurrence of the Sentiments
of your Honble Board, with those of the
Governor General and Council —

I had formed some faint hopes
in the reputed receptions of the Lascar but
those also were fallacious, first to cause the
necessity has probably subsided and next had it

continued

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continued your Lordship &c as well as the Governor General and Council (from what I can guess) are disinclined to relieve that necessity upon which would have depended acquiescence on the Loubah part —

Your Lordship &c mention as a further reason for not giving a decided opinion upon the questions stated — That you are uninformed of the situation of the Governor General and Council with the Marattas. I possess no information upon this either, to furnish your Lordship &c with But I believe very little if any has occurred between the two Governments, since the late treaties — The Maratta Government is so engaged in its own internal detentions as apparently to have neither time or means to attempt other objects since I had the honor of addressing you last Nana has taken the field with the Peshwah and proceeded Northward from Northwards from Poonah in the prosecution of measures to strengthen his own party and weaken that of the opponant — Should any thing essential occur I shall not fail to communicate it

I beg to be excused for a

necessary

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necessary repetition of the words taken from your last commands, and to be considered as being with great respect —

Hyderabad
16th Nov. 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) R. Johnson
Bd Mys

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K.B.
President &c. Members of the
Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received the honor of your Commands of the 5th and shall without loss of time make the application desired —

In my last address dated 16th Instant I omitted to return my thanks to your Lordship &c for the Persian papers which I had applied for Permit me now to make my acknowledgements for such of them as you were pleased to forward to me —

There were also other Points in

From Mr Johnson, having omitted to the preceding Letter to give his Sentiments on a certain Part of the Letter to him from the Committee of the 27th October embraces this opportunity to do it

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in the Letter of the 27th October which I did not touch upon because in one Sight it appeared giving useless troubles upon points merely speculative and of course not immediately essential to any present purpose, but upon weighing the great importance of any opinion advanced from so high an Authority it may be considered as a point of Duty in my Situation to offer a few Words upon it. I must therefore crave Permission to intrude even uselessly upon your time —

In the Argument advanced by your Lordship &c against affording any Military Aid to the Lowbah, after objecting to the Claim upon the 6th Article of the Treaty 1768. and stating the present Inexpediencing of it &c It is added, that his hostile Conduct and faithlessness during the late War precludes him still more than the Invalidity of Claim by Treaty from deserving our Aid and friendly Assistance —

It is this last consideration that I wish in some degree to obviate lest the Impression of such an Idea or the Prevalence of it should obtrude future connection between

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between the English and Nizam should it become admitted that our Interest lay in cementing such an union —

My Letter of the 6th May mentioned that I was particularly instructing to aim at cementing a firmer alliance, and promoting a more intimate Junction of Interests between the Company and Nizam — the late confederacy its Extent and Importance prove how essential an object it is to the permanent Interests of the Company that such a Combination should be dissolved — Nothing can more effectually tend to its Distruction than the removal of what may be called the Key stone of the Fabrick which this Court may justly be esteemed, and of its real Connection can be secured by an intimate Junction of Interest, it would throw a weight into our Scale which would leave the remaining Parties of the Triple in a very hazardous condition The Nizams acknowledged Titular Supremacy in the Dekkan, the intermediate or central position of his Country opening the most ready and speedy Ways in the Territories of the other parties, and his Cavalry

which

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which however inconsiderable alone would always be a prodigious aid to us alltogether must prove his connections of great consideration in the light of an ally to the English Power.

Now it can scarcely be a Question whether his more intimate Connection is to be sought in reproaches for the past admitting them to lay all on our side which he Nizam does not allow, or by waving such a Discussion unless pressed by him, and proceeding to the adjustment of such Terms as may suit mutual present and future views and Interest. I am willing to hope your Lordship &c. would incline to the latter Idea, because I trace great grounds for the hope, not alone in the present Plausibility of it, but in a former letter dated 21st May, wherein your Lordship &c. say "We "trust that his Highness will by acts of "Justice and Friendship to the Company give "such Proofs to the World of his Strict alliance "and Connection us as may convince Tippoo "of the Danger of attacking either from the "Certainty of meeting Resistance from both. Of "the Companys friendly Disposition to the "Nizam and its inviolable, attachments to its

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Engagements, we have no doubt, but that you will find Means of sufficiently convincing him, and have form no common Hopes of the Success of your Efforts to improve a like favorable Disposition in him towards the Company. I reputed these conciliating and inviting Sentiments to the Nizam with the greatest Effect. They gave him visible Gratifications they much helped to sooth that Jealousies, Jealousy, Distrust and alarm, which naturally remain often a mutual cause real or supposed of discontent and animosity. I am therefore greatly happy that the Nizams Auspicius have not urged him to claim our Aid whereupon my appeals to this first test of Friendship might little have promoted the favorable Dispositions the above quoted Sentiments raised towards the great and desirable Object of a more intimate and confidential Alliance. Upon the whole it is not Suspicions or Resentments on our side that are to be apprehended as obstructions to a closer Alliance. It is those on the Nizams part which are most difficult to remove. For the Form and Principles of our Government have a motor force and

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Superiority over the unfortunate Predecament of despotic Governments, Our measures upon fixed and established Maxims are not liable to the Weaknesses and Embarrassments of Passions. Rectitude, bleeded with Expediency and the established Laws of Nations sheady our Conduct. Passion. Caprice resentment and Prejudices weakly vary the measures of those Depots, and make them fall by their own tottering wavering steps while consistency and Rule secures our solid Progress. I therefore repeat my hope, that all reproaches will be waved altho this court should have deviated from what owe on our side we had reason to expect last War, as either not worthy attending to, or ouselfs to consider in the Discussion of our present Interests, at the same time, I apprehend that the Governor General and Council (waving this alone) would have refused Military Aid upon the strength of all the other Arguments urged against the measures by your Lordship &c. ounlys the Idea of our risking to become Principals might bear a hesitation. On our own part it would not happen, if we did not wish it, and on the part of Tippoo it is not likly that when at Hostilities with the Nizam. he would

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would in addition to offering him cause to draw our whole Force upon himself particularly now, after his Resources have been as injured as they are here understood to have been, by the late War. It is asserted by authorities that should be authentic, that of 33,000 Cavalry which Hyder had, not more than 16000 are now left. The Infantry about 16000, are the same as there were neither the same Expence or Difficulty in recruiting that Corps —

In the prosecution of a close alliance, the acquirement of the Guntoor Circar will form our prime object on our side as will as the remission of the tribute. This latter may in the mean time be considered as closed in fact tho' not in form, because, during the suspension of the Surrender of the Guntoor as your Lordship & must justly apist the Nizam can in no shape pretend to claim our annual tribute due by the same Treaty which authorizes our claim to the Guntoor" The Soubah is so sensible of this bearings that he has not repeated his claim of Tribute since the first conference —

If I appear to dwell upon each of your Lordship &c Sentiments which appear to

concur

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concur with those of the Governor General and Council, or constantly seek to reconcile them, I do it under a Conviction of the Justness of your own Observation that "any difference in our Sentiments from those conveyed in the Instructions of the "Governor General and Council to you might be "a source of Embarrassment to you and possibly "a disadvantage to the Company" and If I venture to state my own Opinions under any apparent Deviation from yours it is under the Hope of becoming better instructed to which I trust no one is more open than I am particularly from an Authority which I do highly respect, and the Sanction of whose Concurrence and approbation I do much wish to wait as that of your Lordship &c. Upon these Grounds I crave Indulgence for which I have or may urge —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Hyderabad
20th Novr. 1784.

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

(Signed) Richd. Johnson
Redt. Hyd.

Since writting the above the Soubah has

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has given his consent to the order required for the Reposom from Innaconjeeda

R. T.

Stands on the two foregoing letters

Agreed that a Letter be written to Mr Johnson, explanatory of that point upon which he seems to think our Sentiments offered at the different periods appear to disagree, observing at the same time, that it is unnecessary to discuss again the Subject of our Letter to him on the 27th October, since the occasion is past and before another can prevent it they he will doubtless be furnished with particular Instructions from Bengal by which conduct may be regulated

Read the following Letter from Mssrs Lind and Close

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President and Governor &c

Members of the Select Committee

of

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Inform Mssrs Lind and Close, enclosing Letter to them from Captain M Leod and their reply thereto

As we suppose that the accompanying Letter this day received from Captain Smart, will prove satisfactory to your Lordship &c

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&c We lose no time in forwarding it along with our answer thereto

We have the honor to be with respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Francis Lind

Barry Close

Vencatagurry
30th November 1784.

To Francis Lind
& Barry Close Esqrs

Gentlemen

I am this instant returned being the third from visiting the Villages. I gave you an account of some of them the nearest to this place are in a flourishing state, but those on the frontiers Vizt Langalla Pattaloor, Dermavaram Goora Pundia and Anakarlapundy more nearly deserted and look poor indeed, tho not a man of the Enemy has been in them since I came here, the rascals that were in them and that had plundered them thought it prudent to take themselves off to their master Durvagepantalo who is now with 50 Horse and some peons at

Puddela

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Puddela — Jamidar Leer Bagg is at Kangery with 100 Horse 1 Gun and about 200 Matchlocks fellows — Upon my arrival at these Villages the Inhabitants who had taken shelter in the jungle came flocking in kissing the ground with jos — I went thro the usual ceremony of distributing beetle nut and beetle bag among them as an assurance of my protection the poor creatures seem'd happy and said they would begin to cultivate their farms, but the General clamour was, that the fruits of their labour would be lost unless I remained here, to protect them, for as they expressed themselves I was their God and father the Amuldar of this place wanted me very much to demand the Cash from Duruvagepuntatoo which he had plundered, I told him I could not hear him on that head as I had nothing to say in the matter, that I was only sent here for his, and the Inhabitants protection and that you were the Gentlemen only to redress their Grewances, that whatever orders you would send me, I would endeavor to execute, and that I expected daily to hear from you — It is the most delightful Country for dry grain I have

ever

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ever seen, no Paddy in it at present, but what they raised from Wells they have not even had a Shower, nor is there a single drop of Water in their principal tanks —

Cundacoor
27th November 1784

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Charles Smart

To Captain Charles Smart
Commanding
at
Condacoor.

Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Instant communicating the pleasing intelligence of the evacuation of the Villages lately possessed by Cummur Ud Deen Cawns people, the District being now restored to a state of tranquility and the Inhabitants induced to return to their Habitations in consequence of the protection you offered, and promised them, and it now appearing to us from a consideration of all circumstances that the people who seized upon and claimed the above Villages as having once made a

part

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part of Cunakghurry were not authorized by Kummer Ud Deen, He desired, that in case of any attempt being made by his people to forcibly themselves of any Villages to plunder the Inhabitants, under your protection, you will repel them, using your endeavors as before instructed, to make and secure, as many Prisoners as possible

We wish you to furnish us as soon as may be with an Account of the Loss the Inhabitants of such Villages may have Sustained by the Depredations of Kummer Ud Deins people, specifying the particular claims of each individual, as We may hereafter deem it necessary to produce them in applying for redress

Venkatagerry 30th Novr 1764.

We are

Sir &c

Signed Francis Lind

Barry Close

Memde thereon

Agreed that Copy of the Letter from Captain Smart to Mejr Lind and Close with their answer be sent to the Committee of Forgnd Revenue informing them that the Account which Captain Smart will furnish of the Loss sustained by the depredations of Cummer Deins Cases

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Cawns People will be sent to them as soon as We receive it, as it may serve as a check to that which may be delivered by the Nellore Renter —

Read the following Letters from Brigadier General Horne — with Enclosures No. 1. 2 3.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Horne enclosing his Correspondence with the Kings Officers relative to the disposal of Arrack, and the duties levied on that and other Articles at the Cantonment at Arcot

I am under the necessity of laying before you a Copy of a Letter received from the Officers Commanding His Majestys Corps Stationed here and of Soliciting your orders on its subject which I conceived it my duty to refer it to your ultimate decision, as you will observe by my reply to that Letter which I have now the honor to transmit —

When the Honble Committee thought fit to direct the Batta to the Non Commissioned and Private Europeans to cease I imagined it my province (as Government had not adopted the mode followed in other

Stations

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Stations / to supply them with arrack under certain restrictions and regulations calculated to preserve order and maintain Sobriety, and taking for my guide its orders on this Subject, I fixed the Price at the rate established for the Garrison of Vellore.

My orders on this Head, the Price fixed on that Article, with the whole of my Conduct during the tumultuary proceedings amongst the troops here, were honored with your approbation in a Letter from your Secretary dated 8th of October 1764. at that period also I understood that Lieutenant Colonel Knox and the rest of the Officers commanding Corps were satisfied with my regulations, nor until one day only before my receiving their Letter had I reason to apprehend Objections from them, or discontent among the troops. the latter indeed have not yet been shewn but inspirited by their Officers might hereafter have appeared —

My anxious desire to preserve tranquility, led me therefore immediately to issue the enclosed order, waving every private consideration for the General good, relying with confidence, upon the candor of your Decision, and if I have

merited

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merited well of the Service, upon the support of your countenance in maintaining the just right of this Establishment —

Thus, without previous application without any plea of abuse, unsupported by precedent and in violation of established custom, the accompanying Protest strikes at an allowed emolument, and is calculated to injure every Officer intrusted with Command, without any cogent reason or ostensible benefit to the Service, for that I have neither been sordidly Avaricious, or oppressive or rapacious, that I have not been exorbitant in my demands of Advantage, that I have not committed abuses in the sale of this Article, the varacity of my assailants will not permit them to assert —

Apprehending a difficulty during the expected rains of transporting adequate supplies of Arrack, I had the precaution of exerting my endeavors to convey a quantity, competent to the expenditure here, until the rains might subside and the roads become passable. From this stock I have offered as you may remark in my letter to supply the Commanding Officers of Corps at prime cost, until such time as I shall be honored

with

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with the result of your judgement on this affair —

With regard to the allegation of levying taxes and imposition on Articles brought in for sale, I solemnly affirm to your Lordship and the Honble Committee that my exertions and endeavors have been uniformly directed to accomplish a reduction of the prices of every Article of life, in which object I have been considerably successfull. The trifling duties upon some Articles of luxury remain as I found them upon my assuming the management of the Bazar Justice and are applied according to the primary intention of defraying the expences of the Cutwal, and the incidental charges of his Department — The residue after paying these is remonthly of notice —

I must here remark to your Lordship &c that the most Authority of the Cutwal and the original Camp Bazar with the Renter and that belonging to the town, renders it impossible to avoid difficulties in their management and are the causes of innumerable inconveniences —

If therefore I may presume to offer an opinion it is that the whole should be placed under the direction of the Renter with the last Cutwal

over

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conceived himself injured in not being permitted to levy taxes on that belonging to the Army claiming it as his right, deeming it an infringement of his Chout, and a privation of a part of his revenue — In conjoining the two Authorities and Bazars I mean that the Renter should be laid under restrictions to prevent impositions which might endanger an increase of the present prices, or a scarcity of important Articles. He has repeatedly remonstrated against the admission of Grain to the market without duties asserting that the Period inhibiting them is already expired —

Confident that my conduct will meet with the approbation of the Honble Committee I shall wait with anxiety for their decision upon this attack on my reputation, this insidious and unmerited endeavor to deprive me of my just rights, under the Colour and bright pretence of an attention to justice, and the good of their Corps while the thin veil which covers their real motives will easily be prevaded by the discernment of your Lordship and the Honble Committee

I have the honor to be

Arcot
30th Novr 1784.

My Lord & Gentlemen
With great respect
Your most obedient humble servant
Signed Mat.co Horne

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To Brigadier Horne.
Commanding at
Arcot

Sir

We beg the Custom of the Country Officers Commanding on Guards, Cantonments &c. have assumed a right to sell Arrack to Soldiers at an advanced price, and also to lay taxes upon the different Articles brought in for sale, yet we think it a duty we owe to the Regiments and Detachments of his Majestys Troops we have the honor to Command, to protest against those practices

We therefore demand that the Distribution of Arrack, at present sold should be made by the Regimental Quarter Masters to the men without intermediate inspection and further that no tax of any nature be levied on their Cantonment save only a moderate rent on the Shops adequate to defray the expence of maintaining Police in the Bazar

We beg leave to observe that we are fully authorized in the demand we have made by the 4th Article of the 7th Section of the Indian Articles

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Article of War, a Copy of which we have the
honor to subjoin

We have the honor to be.

Sir

Your obedient humble servants

Recd
30th November 1784

Signed William Dalrymple
Colonel for the 73d Regement

Thomas Knox
Lt Col. 76th Regiment

Thomas Hunter
Capt Com.g the Detach't 52d Regt.

James Affleck
Captain Commanding of the
23d Light Dragoons

Articles the 4th Section 7th

"V.o Officers Commanding in any of the Garrisons
"Forts or Barracks shall either themselves exact
"exorbitant prices for Provisions or Stores let out
"to sutlers, or shall connive at the like exactions
"in others nor by their own Authority or for
"their private Advantage, shall they lay any
"Tax or imposition upon or be interested in
"the sale of such victuals. Liquors or other
"necessaries of Life which are brought into the
"Garrison. Fort, or Barracks for the use of the
Soldiers

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Soldiers on the penalty of being discharged from the Service

To Colonel Dalrymple

78th Regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Knox 36th Regiment. Captain Hunter 52d Regiment and Captain Affleck 23d Light Dragoons

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter on the form of a protest against the mode which has hitherto been followed in this Cantonment in supplying the Soldiers with Arrack and the plan upon which its Bazar has been conducted

In consequence of the General Orders by Government of date 26th September 1784. denoting the abolition of Batta to the men which comprehended the allowance of Arrack. it became incumbent on me to establish a regular method of Supply of that necessary Article as well for the maintenance of Sobriety as for the order of its distribution

The System I adopted conformable to my orders of date 5th October 1784. I communicated to Government, which being consonant to the established

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Established Practice of this Service, received the Sanction of its approbation — Warranted by ancient usage, Sanctioned by the Authority of Government and conscious of no abuse in its sale by my Servants, I did not, I confess expect so hostile an attack upon a perquisite, the price, the price of many a Years Service — upon the Street and rigid construction of an Article of War, which I thank you Gentlemen, for accompanying with your Protest. and for your implied supposition of my ignorance of it —

The advantages arising from the sale of Liquors is not I apprehend solely confined to the Officers in the Service of the Honble Company or to this Country — The Right Honble Lord Macleod Commanding the 73d Regiment participated with Colonel (then Major) Aphenston, the resident Commanding Officer all the Perquisites and emoluments originating from and annexed to his late Command of Poonamalee, the present Commanding Officer of that Garrison Colonel Straubenzee and Major General Cole in the Cantonment at St Thome do as well as his Predecessor Major General Adams did enjoy the same Advantages, In these Stations in particular, both in the vicinity of Madras

from

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From whence the expence of carriage did not
materially augment the price, the measures
of a Arrack, denominated a Dram was issued to
the Soldiers at the price of one fanam 1 beg. to
contrast with this Cantonment, situated at the
at the distance of 70 Miles, to which the expence of
conveyance is considerable and where it is issued
to the men at 3/4 of a fanam, being the price
fixed by Government for the Arrack issued to
the Soldiers in the Fort of Vellore —

In His Majestys Forteys of Gibraltar,
Sumtoy or in that of St Philips, as well as in
other stations, I understand the Governors respectively
derive similar Advantages from their Harrents
Licencing Houses for the exclusive sale of
Liquors, which is tantamount to the practice of
this Service —

After these observations I shall
now apply to your protest — Animated by the
same motives which first induced me to
undertake the business of Supplying the
Cantonment with arrack, I acquaint you that
I shall abstain from further issues on my own
behalf, and will in order that the expiriency
may not immediately affect the Soldiers under
my

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my Command. Supply by Indents from the respective Commanding Officers of Corps, the Quarter Master of each, with the Quantity they may deem necessary, at prime cost, which shall be ascertained as soon as possible, allowing for Leakage, Wastage and other contingencies on the Quantity sent. Reserving however a reference to Government which shall guide my future Conduct in this matter.

With regard to the second part of your Protest respecting taxes levied on the different Articles brought in for Sale, they are exactly upon the footing established originally before my Command and for the express purpose of defraying the expences arising in the management of the Bazar under my orders. These taxes have been upon the Luxuries, and not upon the necessaries of life. The Surplus of which after defraying the charges incurred by its regulations, is an object too trifling to be worthy of the attention of any Officer. I disclaim all improper exactions, and am ready to relinquish the guidance of the Bazar provided Government will undertake the Payment of the necessary people and its expences in General.

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I here beg to appeal to the Officers in General and in particular to Lieutenant Colonel Knox regarding the prices of Bazar Articles, since the time I have taken 312 upon me its management, and the prices previous with it Their decision must be favorable to the mode, I have followed as the prices of some important Articles have been reduced above one half and others proportionally —

I here also think it necessary to protest against all interference of individuals with the people under whose directions it is at present placed, remarking in this case that I shall not hold myself responsible for the Augmentation of the prices or the Deficiency of needed Articles —

The Bazar of the town being regulated by the Renter does not acknowledge my Authority nor am I consequently answerable for the exactions and taxes levied on it or on Articles previous to their arrival in the town —

In this State then the matter shall remain until I receive the decision of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee upon your protest and my reply to it which

I

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I have communicated to them —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signd Mathew Horne

Arcot
30th Novr 1784.

Arcot 30th Novr 1784 —

G. O.

The Commanding Officers of His
Majestys Corps in Cantonment having objected
to the mode in which their men have been
supplied with Arrack. The Commanding thinks
proper to direct to be issued upon Indents from
Offiers Commanding Corps to be distributed
by their respective Quarter Masters (conformable
to their application) such quantity of Arrack as
may be wanted, upon the terms specified in his
Letter to them, as the same method of supply
is to continue until the Orders of the Honble
Committee are received on the Subject —

A true Copy
Signed A Dyce
Acting Dy. Adt General

The

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney.

President &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to transmit to you a Copy of a Letter received from the Officers Commanding Her Majestys Corps here, with my reply to it, as they have a reference to my Letter to your Lordship &c. dated the 30th Ultimo

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Sigd Mat.w Horne

Arcot
3d Decr 1764.

Brigadier General Horne.

Commanding the Cantonment

at

Arcot

Sir

We have the honor to receive your Letter to us dated the 30th Ultimo in consequence of which we have for the present ordered for Arrack for the use of the Regiments under

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under our respective commands to be delivered to the Quarters Masters and to be paid for at prime cost, adding the expences incidental to its transportation hitherto —

In respect to the reference made to the President and Select Committee we suppose it impossible that they will give any order in contradiction to the previous of a British Statute made to bind His Majestys Subjects in India —

We are sorry to find that you consider our Letter as an hostil attack upon you, We explained our motives, and it is certainly to be lamented that a system has prevailed, in which to assert the Right of the troops, is to insure the interest of the Commanding Officer —

The instances you have quoted of His Majestys Officers in Command in this Country receiving emoluments from the sale of Liquors &c. we are neither to extenuate or deny, but custom cannot be pleaded in favor of a practice contrary not only to the strict and rigit interpretation, but to the very spirit and letter of the Article of War —

We cannot with precision say what latitude his Majestys Commission may have given to the Governors of Gibraltar and St Philips nor can we think it material to the present question

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question —

That that the duties levied in the Camp Bazar may not be an abuse of authority on the part of the persons you entrust, be extended any farther than for the purposes you mention, we request that you will be pleased to specify the Articles taxed by your authority and the rate at which tax is levied, we must at the same time observe that if taxes on the Necessaries of life only are exactly in the Camp Bazar of Arcot, we are at loss to know what discription of men feel them —

It is certain that provisions are cheaper than when the Army first arrived at Arcot, the Country being now in a more settled state, but it is also certain that they would be much cheaper still, were they free from the exactions of which we complain —

It is impossible that we could think unacquainted with any part of the Articles of War, we at once the Article quoted in our letter to you, that you might know the precise ground on which we founded our protest, as a misunderstanding on that point might have caused much unnecessary Argument —

We

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We are at a loss to conjecture what interference can be apprehended from individuals with the persons under whom the Directors of the Bazar are at present placed We shall in every instance make the Law our guide, and we shall make it the guide of those under our respective Commands

We have the honor to be

Ascot
2d Dec. 1784.

Sir

Your most obedient Servants

Signed Wm Dalrymple
Col 73d Regiment.

John Knox
Lieut Col. 26th Regiment

Wm Hunter Capt
Commanding 52d Dat.

Sa. Affleck Captain
Commanging Detachment
23d Light Dragoons.

To Colonel Dalrymple 73d Regiment Lieutenant Colonel Knox 26th Regiment. Captain Hunter 52d Regt and Captain Affleck 23d Light Dragoons.

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

I have received your letter of yesterday —

I have now only to signify to you in reply that altho I have not withdrawn the people by whom the Police of the Bazar is conducted I gave orders from the P. instant that no duties of any denomination whatever were to be levied until I received the orders of Government respecting its future regulations, and that if it should deem specific taxes to be continued to reimburse the charges of its management, I shall give you immediate information and to assure you that it will afford me satisfaction, if the beneficial effect, which you expect should result from the accompanying Notification which I have to be published by beat of tom tom and to be posted up at the Vellore Gate and in the Bazar

As soon as I receive some necessary documents from Madras, I shall inform you of the price of the Arrack served since the P. Instant

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &c &c

Signed M Horne

Arcot
3d Decr 1784.

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Public Notice is hereby given to all persons who it may concern that no Duty or Customs whatever are to be levied on any Articles brought to the Camp Bazar for sale. Or any imposition of any kind exacted of the Merchants Boteak omen or others By the Cutwall of the Bazar or any other Person on Pain of the Severest Punishment if found Guilty of disobedience of this Order And it is further Ordered and Directed that all persons whatever have free Liberty to sell in the Camp Bazar all manner of Provisions or goods without Hinderance or Molestation of any kind. Subject only to the observance of good order and Regularity —

Given under my Hand at Arcot
3 December 1784 —

(Signed) Math Horne

Ordered to be on the Table.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Conduct of General Horne, and altho they have deferred the Subject of his letter to future consideration it is Agreed that a letter be written to him expressing the Committees perfect approbation of of the moderation he observed, and of the measures he took to prevent desunion between the kings and

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and the Company's troops

Read the following Letter from

Bombay

Select Committee

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c.

Select Committee

at

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bombay announcing Intelligence from Europe

We had the honor of addressing you in duplicate under the 13th 15th and 19th of August and 4th Instant by the Admiral Hughes. Bombay Grab, Greyhound and Cumbon and have since had the pleasure of receiving your Packets of the 16th August and 1st Instant with the various enclosures they gave cover to.

We have received from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry Copy of their address to your Lordship &c and have given them our instructions on the subject of it, and in the most pointed manner directed that the Company's affairs under their management should not be embroiled with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun on account of his Allies on the Coast.

The

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We have already returned your honorable Board our Thanks for the assistance you have afforded to our Officers and Sepoys late Prisoners with Tippoo Sultaun and believe you have extended that Aid as far as the pressing exigences of your own Government would possibly admit —

On the return of the Gentlemen who signed the last address to your Lordship &c we shall examine very particularly into this matter shall not be at all pleased to find that their own difficulties, however urgent were the causes of such complaints, without any attention to the distress of the Companys affairs under every Presidency in India —

By the arrival of the Panther on the 20th Ultimo from Bussorah we learn that the definitive Treaty with Holland was signed on the 20th May. that the Paliament met again on the 18th but had not proceeded to make any public arrangements for this Country farther than renewing the Committee before appointed to inspect and report on the Accounts delivered in by the Court of Directors —

The Neptune Packet accompanied the Panther as far as Muscat with I espatches on board of great importance for the Governor

General

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Governor General and Council, which by Mr Secretary Mortons Letter to the Resident appears to have been forwarded from London on the 16th of June, but what the purport of them may be we are entire strangers to, as we have been honored with no advices from Leaden Street since the sailing of the Swallow and Euridicy in September 83

hall

We now every day expect the arrival of the Scorpion with advices from Bussorah and have the honor to remain

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your humble and most obedient Servants

(Signed) R H Boddam
N Stackhouse
L Nilson
John Torlesse

Bombay Castle
16th October 1784.

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Chillumbrum

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

Fort St George
My

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Captain Dawes stating the Preparations necessary for the Magazines and Storehouses of Chillumbrum

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting you Monthly Returns of the Troops Composing this Garrison, Ordinance, Military Stores and Provisions

Having examined the Magazines and Storerooms I beg permission to inform you of their State

The largest Magazine is in the large Square of the Pagoda, was a Swamy Choultry, it admits the rain in many places, there are some Holes through the sides of the roof and side walls, that makes it very unsafe, there is a Square place in the middle where a great part of the powder is lodged, which was built by Hyder or the French, but it requires to be Carried up to the Top and door to it to make it anyways Secure

The next is in part of the same old Building and neat it the rain penetrates through it in many parts

The 3d is under a Pagoda in the outer wall, a very bad place this (like the other 2) is infested with Bats so as to make it very filthy

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filthy, and unfit for the purpose, the Ammunition on this Magazine is chiefly Cartridges, in chests taken out of the Magazines during the last Monsoon, In short there is not a secure or proper place in the Garrison for lodging Ammunition in —

The Expence Magazines are all so bad that nothing can be kept in them, all of them without doors and out of repair —

The places were the Military Stores and rice are kept are large and pretty well secured from rain but very much infested with Bats and vermin that commit great distruction —

You will observe by the Return of Ordenance the state the Guns Carriages &c are in and what is wanted to make them of any use —

The Subconductor who appears to be a very Industrious and Intelligent man, Informs me, he is very much in want of Assistance in his Department. Particularly such as understand the Laboratory business and that 1 Syrang. 1 Tindal 2 Lascars and a Cooper is as few as can Manage the Duty. considering what a large Quantity of ammunition is in

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the place was taken possession of filled by Hyders People and they all require to be new made, the Musket ammunition made by them is also all unfit for our use in its present State a great deal of the Powder is damaged and more must be spoilt if great care is not taken of it — Many of the Cookes are Broke and the powder runing about — The whole Requires to be Shifted and properly Arranged which I shall be careful to do in the best manner Possible. If the Assistance required can be sent me, at present I am afraid to undertake it —

I beg to observe to you My Lord and Gentlemen, that a set of Garrison Artificers are very much wanted — The Arms are Old and requires constant and daily repairs. I submit to your consideration, If the following may be employed as such, with whom I shall Endeavor Endeavor to keep the Arms Stores &c &c in the best Order I can 1 Maistry Smith. 1 Cooley Do 1 Hammerman 1 Bellowsboy, 1 Maistry Carpenter 1 Cooley Do 1 Sawyer, 1 Maistry Bricklayer 1 Chuckler an Indent for such Stores as are much wanted for the Garrison will accompany this —

The

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The Subconductors pay has never been
apertaining, I beg to know what Extra Allowance
I am to pay Monthly, for acting in that
Capacity —

I beg to be Honored with your
Commands on the foregoing —

I have the Honor to be with respect

Chillumbrum
25th November 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Devoted
humble Servant
Signed Nath Dawes
Captain Commanding
Chillumbrum —

P.S. Ensign Peter Fraser Commanding a
Detachment of the 12th Battalion on Tiswarah
to the Presidency made application to me for
a Gun and I served him with 5 Days ass for
Return —

N.D.
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Minute Thereon

Agreed that Captain Dawes be
informed that We cannot consent to the
expenditure of money on repairing Chellumbrum
considering it at present merely as a
Quarter for Troops, and intending shortly
to withdraw the Garrison —

Mr R

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Disposal of the Stores at Chillumbrum

With respect to the Stores contained in it, it is Agreed that the Committee of Stores to whom the Return must be sent, be desired to distribute them among the Forts to the Southward in such manner as they shall judge most expedient for the public Service

Read the following Letters from Colonel Stuart

John Andleston Esqr
Military Secretary &c &c

From Colonel Stuart enclosing the Proceedings of the Invaliding Board and requesting to know how those Men who are unable to walk to Madras are to be conveyed thither

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit to you the Proceedings of the Invaliding Board which sat here to Invalid &c native Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers and Privates the 1st of September last, I observe by the General Orders of the 1st that Europeans and Natives who are from Wounds or length of Service entitled to be Invalided or pensioned are directed to be immediately sent to Madras, Many of those Invalided to the Southward from their Wounds and other Infirmities are unable to Walk, sending them on Bullocks will

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will be attended with considerable expence and there is no other method among them,

I have the Honor to be

Tanjore
28th November 1784.

Sir

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

From Colonel Stuart
enclosing Duplicate of
his Letter to Lord Macartney
of the 15th Instt. relative
to the Non Commissioned
Officers of the Light Infantry

My Lord

Not having received an answer to a paragraph in my Letter of the 13th Instt. in which I had the Honor of addressing to your Lordship respecting the Seconding the Non Commissioned Officers of the Light Infantry Battalion on the other Corps to the Southward, I am afraid that Letter may have miscarried which makes me now trouble your Lordship with a Duplicate

The Privates of the Light Infantry Corps have been Draughted, the Non Commissioned Officers remain at Secunderabad with Captain Wheeler, until I receive further Orders from me, I have the Honor most respectfully

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to be

My Lord.

Tanjore
1st December 1784.

Your Lordships most obedient
and most humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart

Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
&c &c &c

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of the Letter of the Sel.t Committee, through
the Secretary, bearing date the 9th of November
Containing the Boards approbation of my General
Orders respecting the mode of granting Certificates
to the discharged men, with information of the
further measures taken on the Subject of the
Arrears of the Army —

Immediately on the Troops Arrival
at Trichinopoly I shall myself proceed thither,
and your Lordship may be assured, that every
assistance in my power shall be given for
facilitating the important Objects in view —

It is to be feared that from many
necessary delays, it will scarcely be possible to
compleat

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Compleat the ordered Reduction in the Troops to the Southward, so as that no Supernumerary's shall appear on the face of the Returns to be given in on the 1st of December, But no unavoidable causes shall be allowed to retard it.

The Non Commissioned Officers of the Light Infantry Corps have all refused to enter into the other Battalions as privates. But as they are represented to me as particularly valuable to the Service, I beg leave to prevent the loss of them to propose to your Lordship to Second them on the other Corps until room be made for them by Deaths or Reduction — An equal number of privates might in the mean time be discharged from the Battalions into which they shall be distributed which will reduce the expence incurred to the difference between Non Commissioned and privates Subsistance, the perhaps the advantage to be reputed from retaining good men in the Service may make the expence be overlooked and this discharge of the privates appear unnecessary

I have the honor ever to remain with respect My Lord.

Your Lordships most obedient and most humble Servant.

(Signed) James Stuart.

Tanjore
15th November 1764.

Lord

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Minute on the Letter from Colonel Stuart relative to the non Commissioned Officers

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Agreed that Colonel Stuart be informed that it is our wish that such of the Non Commissioned Officers of the Eight Infantry should be drafted into the Battalion of native Artillery as may, upon his proposition to them, chuse to do so should they however decline Colonel Stuart must be desired to dismiss them immediately, the Committee being determined in every possible instance to reduce the expences of the Establishment —

Minute on Colonel Stuarts Letter respecting the Invalids —

With respect to the Invalids, Colonel Stuart must be desired to send those who are in any wise fit for Duty for Duty to Negapatam from whence they may be transported hither when the Weather may permit —

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam —

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

From Masulipatam Enclosing a Report of the invalid Board and representing the steps which have been taken in consequence recommending that Lieutenant Inverarity

My Lord & Gentlemen.

We were duly honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Ultimo. Last

delayed

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Freman be invalided and stating why they made a Reference to the Select Committee respecting Mr. Simmons allowances.

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delayed, with the report of the Board of Officers directed by General Orders to examine the Invalid Sepoys now in this District. By this report, Copy of which we herewith enclose, it appears, that, there are in all 79 Invalids of whom 7 are unfit for any Duty, and the remaining 72 will by no means suffice for the business of the Revenue in this District. For upwards of two years past, the Invalid Sepoys have been entirely employed on Revenue Service under the Residency of Raggapore, but being insufficient even for that duty we have been obliged to employ some regulars along with them, It is our intention, however, as soon as there may be a sufficient number of Invalids to withdraw all the regular Sepoys from Raggalore, which will be a saving of Expence in the Article of Batta as the former receive none, being considered as in Cantonment there, and one European Officer will be sufficient to Command the whole. Lieutenant Freman who at present commands the Invalid Sepoys belong to one of the Battalions in this District but being an elderly man with a large family and as we understand he has himself applied

to

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to be Invalided we have appointed him to the Command of the Invalids at Ragapore which we hope will meet with your approbation Should there hereafter be a sufficient number of Invalid Sepoys assembled on this District we conceive it would be necessary for us to take the opinions of some Officers who might be able to inform us whether they would be able effectually to perform the Duty of Subsidies, but at present they are both together insufficient for the Services required of them, without employing some regulars, which we wish as much as possible to avoid as any defect in point of Discipline has constantly been by their Officers attributed to their being employed on the Concerns of the Revenue

We have received your Secretarys Letter of the 23d Instant, by which it appears that your Lordship &c. have understood that Mr Lennon was acting as a Practitioner Engineer in this Garrison — In our address under date the 20th March last we had the Honor to acquaint you fully with the circumstances

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circumstances which had induced me to consent
to his remaining at Ellore, after the return
of the Detachment from Commoure, and that
he would receive half Batta the same as the
other Officers belonging to that Garrison but
Colonel Roy having written to the Lemon
that he was the first Engineer on this Establish-
ment, who had ever been limitted to half Batta
in an out Garrison, full Batta being always
allowed them to the Southward he addressed us
on this Subject and we forwarded a Copy of
his Letter to your Lordship &c. Lemon we have
not had any opportunity of knowing the
Practice of the Service in this particular, no
Engineer having heretofore been appointed to an
out Garrison in this District, had Mr Lemon
belonged to Masulipatam where the Officers
receive no Batta, we should not have thought
of applying to your Lordship &c to know whether
he should receive full Batta, but as it appeared
by Mr Macey's note to Colonel Roy mentioned
in our Letter of the 20.th March that Mr Lemon
was to be upon a footing with the other
Officers in the Garrison of Ellore where half

Batta

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Batta is allowed, and as Colonel Kyd has
written him, that an Engineer cannot receive
any thing less than full Batta from the Custom
of the Service, we were compelled to make the
reference —

We have the honor to be very
respectfully —

My Lord & Gentlemen

your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) James Daniell
James Hodges
Thomas Barnard
H. A. Dobbyn
Samuel Statham

Masulipatam
30.th November 1784.

Minute thereon

The Committee approve of the
Conduct of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
respecting the Invalids and have not any
objection to Lieutenant Freman's being enabled
when he shall make an application for that
purpose —

Minute thereon

The Committee see no reason
why the Engineers allowances should exceed
those

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those of other Officers, it is agreed that the Council at Masulipatam be informed that Mr Lennon be considered on the same footing as the other Officers at Ellore

Read the following Letter from Mr Robiteir with a Certificate entered in the Miscellany Book

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Being happily recovered from my late unfortunate State of Health, which was the cause of my being Invalided the Thirty First of October of the last Year, I now think it a Duty I owe myself as well as to the Honble Company thus to report myself fit for Duty rather than remain any longer in the Inactive State my Illness has unhappily been the occasion of I therefore humbly request of your Lordship &c &c Select Committee to reinstate me in the Service without prejudice to my former Rank

I hope therefore your Lordship &c &c Select Committee will consider my application in

From Mr Robitier requesting to be reinstated in the Service having perfectly recovered of that illness for which he was invalided

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in a favorable Light and grant me the request, I now have the honor to Submit to your Consideration, with a certificate inclosed from D Lucas the Surgeon Major in Garrison who attended me during my Illness to shew that I am again fit for duty with the cause that prevented it —

I remain with Gratitude and Respect

Madras Black Town
12th November 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Devoted Servant
(Signed) Henry Robitier
Engn Invalided the 31st Octr 1783.

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Surgeon General with the assistance of two other Surgeons be directed to examine to Mr Robitiers health be sufficiently established to enable him to do Field duty with the probable expedition of his continuing it —

Read the following Letter from Major General Campbell with two Enclosures entered in Miscellany Book —

The Right Honble the President
and Select Committee
of
Fort St George

My

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Campbell enclosing letters to him from Captain Brown and Ensign Sawcett and requesting that their respective applications may be complied with

I have the honor to enclose, Copy of a Letter which I received some weeks ago from Captain Brown Commanding the Detachment of Light Dragoons at Ellore as also of a memorial from Ensign Sawcett, Adjutant to the Detachment of the 52d Regiment at Arcot, I hope your Lordship &c will see the Justice of the Representations of those Gentlemen and comply with their requisitions accordingly

I am with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Madras
29th Nov 1786.

your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Allan Campbell
Major General Comdg
His Majesty Forces in India
for the time being

Memorial thereon

The Enclosures containing a Letter from Captain Brown, requesting Adjutants Allowance for Cornet Hilton, in consideration of his Extraordinary Trouble and Diligence, and another from Ensign Sawcett soliciting a similar allowance being read it is agreed

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That a letter be written to General Campbell expressing him that the claims contained in the foregoing application being not agreeable to the Companys Regulations it is not in our power to admit them —

Read the following Letter from Messrs Popham and Baker —

To John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary to the Honble the
Select Committee of
Fort Saint George

Sir

In obedience to the directions and Instructions of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee conveyed to us by your letter of the 25th October, We herewith transmit for the perusal of his Lordship & a special Bill of Complaint founded on the circumstances of the George Proctors conduct while receiver of the Tennevelly and Madura districts and on the 13th of his present Majesty —

From the Company's Solicitors enclosing a Special Bill of Complaint against G. W. George Proctor and requesting their Sentiments thereon

The 26th Section of that act enacts that the said United Company upon waiving all Penalties and for feitures may prosecute for the Recovery

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recovery of the full value of any present Gift Grant
Donation or reward or of the profit of any dealing or
Transaction by way of Barter or commutation whether
with Interest at the rate of 8 Per Cent pr
Annum from the time of the receipt thereof by
way of Action for money received for the use of
the said Company.

We have therefore Calculated such
Interest of 8 Pr Cent on the Sums received by
Procter on the profits he gained by the Exchange
of money by the difference of Grain received and
Issued by the alteration of the Established measures
of Grain and the amount of the Receipt of Grain
from Cuddalore Merchandize and not brought
to the Credit of the Honble Company.

On the Amount of unauthorized Charges
and the Ballance of his Accounts with the
Honble Company. We have Debited the same
Interest which the Honble Company pay on Loans
of Money.

As the last part of the Bill of Com-
plaint which states the frailties of the Procter
for not paying the Honble Company as per the
principal points contained in his Letter to you
of the 3 September we have thought it right to
annex the Copy of that Letter at large to the Bill
of Complaint, and to make it appear thereby

Consonance

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because it is in our opinion a tacit confession
of some of the charges in the Account and it is
so futile and flimsy an apology for them that we
conceive them irretrievably concluded by this act
under his own hand almost without the deduction
of any other proof in support of the charges after
the answer is filed we should be able to judge
if any and what further Evidence be necessary
but it does not seem to us to be at present
or perhaps at all requisite for the Honble
Company to incur the Expence of transmitting
any persons to repair to the Presidency to give
testimony on the cause —

A Commission from the Mayors Court
directed to any indifferent persons on the spot will
have the same Effect —

If the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee approve of the Accounts
A and H and the draft of the Bill we request
their Signature to the former —

We think it our duty to observe
that by the 33d Section of the Act of the 13th of his
present Majesty Mr George Proctor may be
indicted for the Breach of Public Trust and
Embezzlement of Public money or Stores, if
their Lordships should deem it requisite
to commence a criminal action as well as bring

Prosecution

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Prosecution against Mr Sowdon

We are

Madras
3d December 1784.

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servants

(Signed) S. Popham

Chas Baker

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Bill with the Exhibit prepared by the Company's Solicitors against Mr Sowdon, be sent to the Committee of Disputed Revenue, and that they be desired to carefully examine it, and report their Opinions, whether it be so drawn as to answer answering the intended purposes, with such additions or alterations as they think proper to recommend—

Read the following Letter from Captain Jourdan—

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President & Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

On Captain Jourdan requesting to be appointed Paymaster of the Regiment of Cavalry in charge of Wagons &c at the Siege of Dindigul

I had myself the Honor of addressing you on the 21st May 1784. requesting your
Permission

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Permission to resign the Command of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry since that period, I have had the misfortune to lose my Brother, which makes a material alteration in my circumstances and entirely removes the motives that induced me to resign my Regiments, I have therefore to request the favor of you Right Honble Sir and Sirs to be reappointed when an opportunity offers to a Command in the Cavalry in which Line I have served since I had first the honor of serving the Company.

With the greatest Fame,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Edwd Jourdan

Fort St George
6th Decr 1784

Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Jourdan be informed, that in consideration of the unexpected change in his Situation, attention will be paid to the contents of his Letter, when a proper opportunity offers —

Colonel Fullarton about to proceed to England overland and offers to take charge of any Dispatches from Government —

The Right Honble the President informs the Committee that Colonel Fullarton has signified to his Lordship his intention of returning to Europe overland, and has made a tender of his Services to convey dispatches from this Government to the

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The Court of Directors

Minute thereon

Agreed in consequence that the Secretary do prepare a short Letter to the Honorable Court, to be committed to the care of Colonel Fullarton —

Read the following Letter from Mr Swain —

To John Audleston Esqr

Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St George

Sir

I was favored with your Letter of the 9th Instant informing me of the pleasure of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that I should assume the Superintendency of the Tuticorin Pearl Fishery, and join my endeavors with Mr Digby in arranging the settlement of the Southern Coasts —

It is with no small satisfaction that I receive this mark of their confidence, and important as the undertaking is on which I am so honorably encouraged to embark, I shall make it my inviolable study to approve myself as worthy of their choice, as my utmost ability

From Mr Swain requesting an Explanation of a Paragraph in a Letter to him of the 9th November and mentioning his intention of setting off for Tuticorin by the soonest opportunity he can get a Passage

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Ability, and my Duty to the Public will allow me to be —

As the object in view is of too great magnitude to admit of obscurity, without manifest danger to its success, I beg leave with all deference to the Right Honble the President &c to request a solution of what is meant by my applying, "all the Resources of the Assigned Countries to the Southward of the Coleroon, to the purpose of liquidating the Arrears, and clearing off the pressing incumbrances" —

As the Trichinopoly Revenue by this appointment is placed under me, I can have no doubt, but the Peishcash of Terriore, Warriar's pollam &c formerly in the hands of the Trichinopoly Renter, is to go through mine, what may admit of a dispute, in the Peishcash of the two Marrawas which tho' apart of the Assigned Revenues, has been hitherto collected by the Resident of Tanjore —

I hope Sir that in this representation the Right Honble the President &c will perceive no motives, but what originate from my zeal for the public service, a very material trust has been reposed in me, and some expectations have already been formed of the benefit, that individuals may receive from the authority lodged in my hands to have that authority cleared defined, is the only

mode

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...ance by which I can avoid causing disappointment to others, and falling short of my own wishes —

It remains only to add that I shall set off for Tuticorin the very moment that the Surgeons pronounce it safe for me to travel I have had the misfortune for above three weeks past, by a painful inflammation on my leg which has threatened my serious consequences, but is now happily subsiding, I should not have mentioned this circumstance, if an excuse were not necessary to the Right Honble the President &c for my not expressing duty to the future of any destination, I have however taken such steps by Letter to Messrs Andrews and Digby, as I trust will explain matters against any arrival at Tuticorin, and prevent the public Interest being any sufferer by this unavoidable delay —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Signed Lyles Irwin

Tinnevelly
19th Novr 1784

Received to be on the Table —

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Sent the following letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Fraser

Commanding at Vellore

Sir

To Colonel Frazer
directing that the Garri-
son of Sautgur be reduced
to a Sepoy Guard and
to be relieved weekly—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire that You will reduce the Garrison at Sautgur to a Sepoy Guard, which in consideration of the extreme unhealthiness of the Place must be relieved weekly

I am
Sir
&c
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

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Charles Bakeley Esq.r
President &c &c Member of the Committee
of Asgned Revenue

To the Committee of
Asgned Revenue en-
closing a Bill against
Mr. Proctor by the
Company's Solicitors
to be carefully examined

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send You the enclosed Bill of Complaint drawn by the Company's solicitors against

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against Mr. George Proctor in consequence of the orders of the Committee to commence a prosecution against him, and to desire that You will carefully examine the same and report to the select Committee Your opinion whether it be so drawn as to promise to answer the intended purpose, or what addition or alterations You would recommend to be made in it

I have the honor to be
Sir
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

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To Charles Oakeley Esq.r
President &c.a Members of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, to send You the accompanying copy of a letter from Capt.n Smart to Mess.rs Lind & Close, & their answer and to inform You that the account which those Gentlemen have desired Captain Smart to furnish of the losses sustained in consequence of the depredations of Commerdeen Cawns people will also be sent to You as soon as it is received that it may serve as a check

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue. will be furnished with the Account of the Losses sustained by the Inhabitants of the Nellore District, by the depredations of Kummer deen Kawns Troops, in Order to be composed with the Renters Account.

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to that which may be sent to You by the Nellour Renter.

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6th Decemr. 1784

I have the honor to be
&a
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

7th To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
&a Members of the Committee of Assigned
Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue - Informing them that Bomrauze is to have the Arms Indulgence as given to the Rajahs of Calastry & Vencatagherry. His Peishcush to be remitted Observing the Mode recommended by them for this Purpose

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 19th Ultimo & to inform You that the Select Committee Consent to grant to Bomrauze an indulgence similar to that given to the Rajahs of Calastry & Vencatagherry. & that his Peiscush during the War be remitted, observing the mode which You have recommended of debiting the Rajah in Your Books from the begining of Phazally 1193 only for the Arrears by which means they may if it should be judged expedient become an Object of future discussion

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I have the honor to be
&a
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Sent

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Sent Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 1

To Captain Lourdan; — Informing him that his Application for a Regiment of Cavalry will be attended to when a proper Opportunity offers. —

To Capt.n Lourdan

To the Surgeon General — Directing him to examine Mr. Rebotier with two other Surgeons —

To the Surgeon General

To Mr. Henry Rebotier — The Surgeon General to examine his Condition —

To Mr. Henry Rebotier

To Major General Campbell — Acquainting him, that the applications forwarded in his letter of the 29th. Ultimo cannot be complied with —

To General Campbell.

8th Sent the following Letters —

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r

&c. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue. — To procure from the Renter of Arcott the Prices of all Provisions. To give their Opinion on the most eligible Mode of supplying the Cantonment at Arcott. To inquire of the Rajah the

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to enclose You Extracts of two Letters addressed to them by Brigadier Genl. Stone with the several Enclosures. & to desire You will procure from

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who have enlisted in the Company's Service, whether they are desirous of returning to their Villages, and can procure others to act in their Room.

from the Renter at Arcot the Prices of all Articles of Provision, in particular Beef, Mutton & Rice and suggest to the Committee Your Ideas of the best and cheapest mode of supplying the Cantonment without Injury to the renter or dissatisfaction to the Troops.

In answer to Your Letter of the 2d Inst. I am directed to desire You will at present & upon all similar Occasions inform the Committee whether the Ryots who have enlisted, & who You wish should return to their Villages are themselves desirous of having their discharges & whether they are willing to furnish other persons to supply their places on the Troops.

I am
&c
(signed)

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9th Decemr. 1784

To James Daniell Esqr.
Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam - Approving of their Conduct respecting the Invalids - the Committee consent to Lieut. Freeman's being Invalided - Engineers Allowances to be on the same Footing as the other Officers.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 30th Ultimo and to inform You that they approve what You have done respecting the

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the Invalids, I have not any objection to Lieut.t Tremen's being invalided when he shall make an application for that purpose.

The Select Committee see no reason why the Engineers allowances should exceed those of other Officers & therefore direct that Mr. Iman be put on the same footing as them at Ellore.

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The same order to other Garrisons where there are Engineers

I am &c.
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

To the Honble Iman Wm. Falck

Governor &c. &c. Council of Columbo

To Columbo Advising that the Definitive Treaty has not as yet been received: when it arrives will carry it into Execution immediately.—

Gentlemen

We have received the honor of your Letter of the 11th Ultimo & assure You that nothing can give us greater pleasure than the Restablishment of the ancient Friendship between our two Nations

We have not as yet seen any Copy of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain & the States General of the United Provinces. but daily expect to receive it, together with the Orders of our Superiors for the Execution of our part of it & we shall not delay one moment after their arrival to make the

proper

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8th proper arrangements with You for the purpose. You may be persuaded that we are to the full, as impatient as You can be for the final Conclusion of this affair, as it will at the same time remove the Impediments which stood in the way of the immediate execution of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain & France By our last Accounts from England, a Ship of War & a Packet boat were both under orders to sail with the Dispatches for this Government

We have the honor to be

&c.

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(signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

To Colonel James Stuart

Sir

To Colonel Stuart the Non Commissioned Officers of the Light Infantry to be drafted into the Battalion of Native Artillery otherwise to be dismissed. The Invalids to be sent to Negapatam to proceed hither for Chingleput.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter to me of the 28th Ultimo & of Yours to the Right Honorable the President of the 1st Instt.

The Select Committee are desirous that the Non Commissioned Officers of the Light Infantry should be drafted into the Battalion of Native Artillery, & You will therefore be so good to propose it to them, should they however

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however decline it, they must be immediately dismissed as the Committee are determined on every possible instance to promote the reduction of Expences.

With respect to the Invalids as many of them as are fit for any Duty may proceed to Negapatam to be sent hither for Chingleput, when the Weather will permit

Fort St. George
7th December 1734

Sam
Hr
/signed/

To Captn Cornelius Grant
Commanding at Nellore

Sir

To Captn Cornelius Grant directing him to be careful of transmitting Complaints to the Select Committee, by desire of the Renter of Nellore, till he has ascertained the Truth of such:—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that from letters they have received from Messrs Lind & Elsee, & from Captn Smart they have reason to believe that the late disturbances were not excited by Kumeroo Md Deens Cawns Authority & they wish You therefore in future, when You transmit to the Select Committee any Complaints made to You by the Renter to be very particular in ascertaining, & informing them how far the truth of such Complaints may be relied on.

Sam

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I am
&c.
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Received the following letters —

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

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing the Bill of Complaint against Mr. Proctor altered by them.

My Lord & Gentlemen

In obedience to the Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Hudleston's letter to us of the 6th Instt. we have perused the Bill of Complaint enclosed with the Exhibits annexed to it, and have made such alterations as appear to us necessary to render it more accurate and conformable to the Accounts and Papers to which it refers —

These alterations are made in the Body of the Bill that they may be the easier understood, and if you approve of them, it will be necessary to order the Solicitors to prepare a new Draught agreeably to the Bill and Exhibits as they now stand corrected —

We have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Members

of the Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From Messrs. Lind &
Blow enclosing Copy of a
letter to them from Captain
Smart advising of his ha-
-ving made two of the prin-
-cipal men who were con-
-cerned in the late disturbances
in the District of Nellore pri-
-soners and requesting Instruc-
-tions for his further Guidance
enclosing also their Reply thereto.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Lordship &c. letter dated the 26th Ultimo, with its several Inclosures have come to hand — The letter from Kummer ud Deen Khan, to Ibraheem Ally Chan shall be forwarded, accompanied by one from us, a copy of which shall be transmitted to Your Lordship &c. — The Rajah being at present indisposed has prevented us from explaining Your sentiments, and Instructions re-garding the measures You wish him immediately to adopt, towards extricating himself, from the difficulties in which he is involved but We hope that by tomorrow, or next day, he will be sufficiently recovered, to admit us to a conference, at which We shall labour to reconcile him to, and make him fully sensible of the expediency of what Your Lordship &c. have so urgently recommended.

We have now to enclose a letter just received from Captain Smart and a copy of our reply to it,

for

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for Your information

We have the honor to be
with respect
&c.

Vencataghery
2d December 1784

signed { Frs. Lind
B.y Close

To Francis Lind & Barry Close Esqrs

Vencatgherry

Gentlemen

Since writing You last night I have the pleasure to acquaint You that I have made prisoners the two principal men concerned in the disturbances that have lately happened in this District. — They were the two head Conicopoly's of Pettaloor and Dermaveram bought over by Durwagepuntaloo I understand the agreement between them was that those Villages were to be called Durwagepuntalo's. that they were to be Supported by Sum, and to have half the annual income — This intelligence I have by letter from a man called Cundapa nearly connected with Durwagepuntalo He was the poison that plundered the Villages, and now to acquit himself he says that those Conicopolys made the

first

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post offer to his master by saluting him with prices of cloth
&c &c therefore how could he refuse them — I shall keep
them prisoners until I hear from You how I am to act with
them. —

Cundacoer
28th. Novem.r 1784
7 P. M. —

I am
&c
(signed) Charles Smart

To Captain Charles Smart
Commanding at Condecoor

Sir

We are happy to understand from the
contents of Your address of the 28th. Ultimo that two per-
=sons who appear from the Intelligence You have received.
to have been instrumental in creating the disturbances, which
have lately happened in Your neighbourhood have been appre-
=hended and are now under confinement — conceiving it to be
a matter of importance that the facts alledged against
them should be properly investigated ascertained We are
to suggest to You, the expediency of collecting every possi-
=ble information which may serve to throw any light upon
the

the Subject or lead to an establishment of their Delinquency in the meanwhile We think it proper they should be sent to the Presidency under an escort with a letter from Yourself to the Governor

In our Letter of the 16.th Ultimo We directed You to wait our commands, respecting the disposal of such Prisoners, as might fall into Your hands. We now desire that they may be sent to Madrass agreeably to Instructions which We yesterday received from the Honorable the Select Committee. —

When You have obtained at perfect a Knowledge of the points. We have recommended to Your attention as Your situation will enable You. We beg that You will communicate it to us without delay.

We are
&c.a

Vencatagurry
2.d December 1784

(signed { Fr.s Lind
B.y Close

Wrote the undermentioned letters (which are entered in the Miscellany Book N.os

To

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To Mr. F: C: Egilvie

To Mr. F. C Egilvie Paymaster at Vellore — Permitting him to repair the Storehouses at Vellore, provided the Expence exceeds not One hundred Pagodas.

To Mr. K. Digby

To Mr. Kenelm Digby, late Paymaster to the Southern Army — Enclosing a Form for Certificates, which must be made in the Name of the Officers themselves, and may be afterwards endorsed by them to other people —

To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores, — Directing them to distribute the Stores in Chellumbrum among the Forts to the Southward

To Capt.n Dawes

To Captain Dawes, — The Stores in Chellumbrum are to be distributed among the Southern Garrison, and the Troops are then to be withdrawn

Received Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos)

From Mr. Hepplesley

From Mr. Hepplesley dated the 5.th has paid to the Brahmin Keepa Kastie, the Money ordered him by Government which had been detained by Capt.n George Clerk

From Gen.l Lang

9.th From General Lang — Recommending that Lieutenant Cosser be permitted to resign the Service, and that the Court of Directors do allow him to return with his Rank to India

From Gen.l Campbell.

From General Campbell — Requesting the usual Allowances to be granted to Lt. Pemberton to enable him to return to Europe

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9th Europe.

Ordered accordingly / vide M: B: No /

Sent letter to Mr. Tallofield / as entered in the Miscella-

To Mr. Tallofield

= ny Book No / enclosing letter for the Governor thereunto

of Columbo, to be forwarded by him in the most expeditious

Manner —

10th Received letter from General Campbell, / as entered in

From Genl. Campbell

the Miscellany Book No / requesting the allowances

for a Passage to Europe, to be granted to Lieutenants Ander-

= son and Patterson. —

Ordered accordingly / Vide M: B: No /

11th Sent letter to Messrs. Popham and Baker, the

To Messrs. Popham &

Company's Solicitors. - (as entered in the M: B: No)

Baker

Enclosing the Bill against Mr. Proctor to be made

a new agreeably to the Alterations, and filed without delay.

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K: B: President

Saturday

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Lieut. Genl. Lany

11th Decemr. 1784

Alexander Davidson Esqr. Robert Mainsell Esqr.

Minutes of last Committee read & approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute

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Lord Macartney's Minute on two Letters received from Poonah and of the Conduct of the Durbar towards the Messenger who brought the Letters

I have the honor to lay before the Committee two Letters from the Peshwa, which were brought to me a few days since by one Sunkerdoss a Soucar formerly settled at Tanjore, and one Sheik Abram — They said that they were desired to deliver them to me, by Senardana Sevanam, & Maralla Bramen, who arrived at Triplicane in the beginning of April last & has been there ever since — They also brought a dress & Jewel with them — Upon my asking them why Senardana having Letters from the Peshwa for me had not left me know of it, that I might have appointed a time to receive them & the dress from him in proper form, they answered that he had been sick & made some other trifling excuses, but said that Senardana would explain that matter to me himself if I would allow him to wait upon me any Evening at the Garden a favor which he earnestly requested. I did not accept the Dress, but bid them to return it to Senardana, till I knew the meaning of this extraordinary Mystery, in which he seemed desirous of one dispeing the business. —

On Thursday Evening at ½ past 7 Senardana came to the Garden accompanied by Sunkerdoss and Sheik Abram — Upon questioning him, It appears that he has been ever

since

since his arrival here principally at the Durbar & that he had been dissuaded there, from coming near me, that his reason for desiring to come to me after dark was to conceal his Visit from the Durbar. for when I told him that I would receive him openly the next day or any other convenient day in the Week that he might present the Dress. he requested to be excused till he should receive letters from Poonah ——

I have to observe that no letter has been yet received by me from Madoo Row Shedasheo. altho' the Peshwa mentions that I should hear from him ——

Substance of the letter from Poonah.

The two letters referred to by the Right Honble the President in his Minute are without dates & are entered in C: C: N° —— stating that the letters from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Peshwa have been stopped requesting to remedy this inconvenience the interference of Government. informing the President of the establishment of Peace, referring to a Letter addressed by Madoorow Shedasheo & to a Vakeel the bearer of the letter, by whom is sent the usual Compliment of a Dress.

The President lays before the Board a letter from Tippoo Sultaun, & one from the Rajah of Travancore,

entered

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(entered in C: C: no)

Substance of the letter from Tippoo Sultaun

The letter from Tippoo, states that Meer Kummur-
=ud Deen Cawn has given him a full account of the Rent
of Conieguerry, & Fougidarry Dews of the Cummum Circar,
desires that Directions may be sent to the Zemindar of Vencatag
-herry to discharge what is due to Tippoos Circar, & informs the
President that orders are given to Kummur ud Deen Cawn not
to interfere in our Districts

Substance of the letter from the Rajah of Travancore

The letter from the Rajah of Travancore
informs the President, that the Bombay Sepoys were furnished
with Necessaries in their journey through his Country, and
are arrived safe at Anjengo, & states that at the Commence-
=ment of the War he at the request of Government raised a body
of Sepoys, which sent with Colonel Humberstone, & stationed
them in Tinnivelly, on all which accounts he has incurred Consider-
=able Expence, & observes that Peace being established he is en-
=couraged to request that his People in the Tinnivelly Country may
be sent back to him

The President delivers in the following Minute

The Presidents Minute on the evil Tendency likely to result from a Report spread by the Darbar that the

I beg leave to acquaint the Committee that
upon Several of the Renters being called for payment of their Kists
now & sometime since due, an unusual backwardness has appeared
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the Nabobs assignment was to be annulled, and recommending the Measures to be adopted in Consequence

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formed, to Reports confidently spred by the Durbar, of Letters bei
received from England, containing positive assurances that the
Nabobs assignment would be immediately annulled by Order
from England, & that consequently the Country upon which
the Company at present depends for a Considerable part o
its Resources would be restored to the Nabob, and the peop
delivered over to his Mercy. Another Circumstance I mean
the prospect of a bad Season from want of Rain, I may al
contribute to the delay of payment now experienced from the
Renters.

The present critical State of the Company's Affairs
here, the heavy load of our military establishments, the
many pressing demands upon us. The late letters from Ba
=gal and the Prohibition to us from that Presidency of
drawing bills upon them, render it necessary to redouble
our exertions for recovering without delay every Arrear that
can be realized -

It will therefore be proper I think that the
Resident of Tanjore be desired to press the Rajah strongly to
discharge as much of his balance due to the Company, as
the State of his Country will possibly admit, that the
assigned Revenues Committee be directed to take the most
effectual

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The present critical State of the Companys Affairs here, the heavy load of our military establishments, the many pressing demands upon us. The late letters from Bengal and the Prohibition to us from that Presidency of drawing bills upon them, render it necessary to redouble our exertions for recovering without delay every Arrear that can be realized -

It will therefore be proper I think that the Resident of Tanjore be desired to press the Rajah strongly to discharge as much of his balance due to the Company, as the State of his Country will possibly admit, that the assigned Revenue Committee be directed to take the most effectual

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effectual measures for securing all balances due from the assigned Revenue, — & that such parts of them as lie beyond the Coleroon together with the Peishcush of the Arcalore & Warrior Pollam Polygars / after first laying aside one Sixth / be applied to the monthly Current Charges of the Troops beyond the Coleroon & for the payment of the Arrears of the Black Troops beyond the Coleroon discharged from the Service in such proportion as shall be settled by Mr. Irwin with Mr. Digby — & that the remainder be kept untouched till the Committee shall send Orders for the farther disposal of it ——

Agreed that Letters be written to the Resident at Tanjore, to the Committee of assigned Revenue, & to Mr. Irwin directing that such part of the Ballances due from the assigned Countries as lie beyond the Coleroon together with the Peishcush of the Arcalore & Warrior Pollam Polygars / a sixth being first laid aside / be applied to the Monthly Current Charges of the Troops beyond the Coleroon, & for the Payment of the Arrears of the Black Troops of the Southern Army discharged there, in such proportion as Mr. Irwin shall settle with Mr. Digby & that the remainder be kept untouched, until We shall send Orders for the disposal of it —

Minute thereon

The President lays before the Board an Extract

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Extract of a letter addressed to his Lordship by the Chief of Vizagapatam as follows.

Extract of a Letter from Claud Rupell Esqr. to Lord Macartney dated 29th. November 1784

Extract of a letter from Mr. Rupell to Lord Macartney, relative to the late fray at Chicacole

Enclosed I have the honor to send you Translation of the Representation received from Setteram Range about the Chicalore Fray, what to do I am at a loss & yet something should be done — the two Accounts of the first Rise of the Quarrel differ so evidely, in the most essential Point that I at present see no better way of getting at the Truth than by a regular Examination of Evidence by a deputation from our Board or by a Military Court of Enquiry / an Officer being the supposed Aggressor / whose Report will determine what ought for ther to be done — but this is merely what on the Instt. occurs. —

The Papers accompanying the Extract / entered in the M. B. N / contain two Letters from Setteramrange to the Chief, a letter from Lieutenant Lindsay to Capt. Lane, & another from Captain Lane to the Chief & Council

Enclosures in the preceding Extract.

As the abovementioned Papers do not give a clear & satisfactory Account of the late Fray at Chicacole, it

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Private Letters

It is Agreed that a Letter be written to Vizagapatam, desiring that the Gentlemen there will appoint some of their Board to enquire into this Matter, & settle it in a Manner which may be satisfactory to the Rajah to whom they must express no Concern that he should have the slightest Cause of Complaint. Your determination never to Countenance any insult or disrespect to the Vizenagrum Family.

The President informs the Committee that Mr. Jackson, the Commissioner of Accounts employed to the Southward has requested to be furnished with some Papers from the Secretary's Office, it is Agreed that they be sent to him, & that he be informed that he will at any time be furnished with Copies of Orders sent to the Southward for which he may think necessary to make application for the better controlling & settling the Accounts under his Examination.

Mr. Commissioner Jackson to be furnished with all Papers relating to his Employment that he may call for

A Letter from Mr. Stephen Popham Advocate to Lord William Murray, being presented to the Committee stating reasons, & quoting Law authority to justify the trial of Lord William by a Court Martial it is Agreed that the Letter be returned to Mr. Popham and that he be informed that as the Orders for holding Court to Martial must be issued by

A Letter presented to the Committee by Mr. Popham. Lord Wm. Murray's Advocate to be returned to him. and informed of the Reasons by the Government mean not to interfere in the Business —

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by Major General Campbell, the Commanding Officer of
His Majesty's Troops, any application on this account
should be made to him

Read the following Letter from Mr. Menzies
with an Account

My Lord Gentlemen

From Mr. Menzies, enclosing the Company's Account Current with the late Mr. Cadagan and desiring that the Balance might be paid —

I have the Honor to enclose the Honora-
ble Company's Account Current with the late Mr. Cadagan, Bal-
ance in her favor being Pags. 10349: 12: 3 which I beg You
will be pleased to give directions for paying as there are several
pressing Demands against the Estate for the payment
of which there is no other Fund but the Balance due from
by the Honorable Company

I have the Honor to be with great

Madras
9th December 1784.

Respect &c
/signed/ John Menzies

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Account be returned to Mr.
Menzies, & that he be informed that some of the Charges
contained therein are deemed inadmissible by the Select
Committee

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Committee / which has been signified to the Commissioners of Accounts / & that his Demand on account of the late Wm. Cadogan when rectified and duly audited by the Commissioner must according to the Custom of the Service be presented to the Military Paymaster General and not to the Select Committee

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following letter from Lieutenant Casper

To the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee of Fort St. George

From Mr. Casper, requesting permission to resign the Company's Service. and to be recommended to the Court of Directors to return to Europe with his Rank.

My Lord Gentlemen

As the late orders from the Court of Directors makes it necessary for me to give in my resignation previous to obtaining Your permission to proceed to Europe. I beg the favor of You to accept it, but take the liberty of requesting the favor of Your recommendation of me to them for liberty to return with my rank. As nothing but the apparent prospect of peace and particular business of my own should have inclined me to have made this application. —

I have

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I have the honor to be
My Lord Gentlemen with great respect
&c.
(Signed) Tho.s Casper Lieut.
5th Batn.

Agreed that Lieutenant Casper be permitted to resign the Service agreeably to his Request, & as the Commander in Chief informs the Committee that he is a deserving Officer. it is Resolved that he be mentioned in our next advices to the Court of Directors, with our recommendation that he may be permitted to return with his Rank, when his Affairs shall be settled.

Minute thereon.

Read the following letter from the Surgeon General

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
President & Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord Gentlemen

From Mr. Anderson respecting Mr. Robotier—

I have been favored with Your Orders respecting Ensign Robotier, and find he has long been a patient of Mr. Lucas's for Obstructions of the Bowels and sometime since he has been furnished by Mr. Lucas with a Certificate of an entire Recovery; which

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which I presume ought to have been laid before You, to re-
-move any doubt of his fitness for Field duty founded on the
well known and extensive experience of Mr. Lucas with
the Army.

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I have the honor to be with
all due respect — —

&c.

(signed) James Anderson
Surgeon Genl.

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Anderson be informed that We wish
to have his Opinion with that of two other Surgeons, on Mr.
Rebotier's Condition, & that he be desired to comply with
the Contents of the Secretary's letter to him of the 7th Instl.

From Lieutt. Anderson.

Read a letter from Lieutt. Anderson of the
98th Regt. dated 9th Decemr. (entered in M: B: No)
stating that being disappointed in receiving ready Money at
the Presidency for the Amount of Certificates granted by Mr.
Digby, he had drawn upon that Gentlemen, who had not funds
to answer the Draft which has been returned to him, & requesting
in consequence that Bills on the Court of Directors may be
granted to him

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Right Honorable the President
be requested to settle Lieutt. Anderson's Claim, in such manner

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as his Lordship shall judge reasonable the State of the Treasury will admit

Read a Letter from the Surgeon General & the Bd. Instt. enclosing Copy of one to them from Mr. William Gordon, Surgeon dated 4th Decemr. which entered on

From the Surgeon General.

M: B: No / recommending that Mr. Gordon be appointed to the Southern Cantonments where there is a Vacancy.

Ordered to lie for Consideration

Read a letter from Captn. Cuppage dated the 24th Ultimo with an Account amounting to 1540 Ps. Sworn to before the Chief of Ganjam / entered in M: B: No / of Cash disbursed by him for Secret Service during the time he commanded at Vellore, requesting that this Account may be discharged, as he has sworn to it agreeably to the Orders of the Committee

From: Captn. Cuppage

Agreed that a Bond be in consequence be given to Captn. Cuppage for Pags. 1540 / the Amount of his Demand upon the Company /

Minute thereon

Read the following letter from Captn. Grant

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

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From Capt.n Grant
enclosing a Paper con-
taining the Evidence
respecting a Murder
said to have been per-
petrated in the Neigh-
bourhood of Nellore

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honoured with Your letter of
the 20th November and in consequence the Cogee and twelve res-
pectable Mahomedan inhabitants assembled to enquire into
the circumstances of the murder lately committed here and they
have delivered to me the enclosed paper containing the evidence
but they declare themselves unauthorized to pass any judge-
ment on the matter and that that is solely the office of the
Meerfy or high priest at Madras.

I shall keep the man closely confined until
I shall receive the orders of Your Lordship &c.a on the mat-
ter ——

I have the honour to be with the greatest
respect
&c.a
(signed) C. Grant

Nellore
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Minute thereon
Ordered that the Paper containing the Evidence be
sent to the Mufty, and his Opinion taken on the Subject

From Mr. Ogilvie
Read a letter from Mr. Ogilvie (entered in M. B.
No) dated 4th Decemr. with an Account of Ships & Cattle purchased for
Nellore

Minute thereon
Ordered that Copy of this Account be sent to the Committee of
Assigned Revenue for their Information

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Despatched the following Letter to the Resident at Hydrabad.—

To Richard Johnson Esqr.

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To the Resident at Hydrabad The Committee explain themselves on a point upon which their Sentiments have disagreed with his relative to the Soubah.—

We have received your Letters of the 16th and 20th Ultimo communicating to us your Sentiments on the several points dismissed in our Letter of the 27th October.—

It is not necessary to go over that ground afresh other occasion which secured to render it probable that the Subah might call upon you for aid is past and before such another can present itself you will doubtless be prepared for it by Instructions from Bengal— Our present Intention is merely to explain ourselves respecting point upon which you seems to think our Sentiments offered at different periods appear to disagree of our Letter to you of the 21st May the former part expressed our expectation from the Justice of the Subah that he would yield to us the possession of the Guntur Sercar &c

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11 on the Latter part attending to the same expectation
as said "We trust that his highness will
"by acts of Justice and furnish to the Compa.
"ny new such proofs to the World of his
"sincere alliance and Connection with us as may
"convince Tippoo of the danger of attacking
"either from the certainty of meeting Assistance
"from both of the Companys friendly disposi-
"tion to the Nizam and its immediate attach-
"ment to its Engagements We have no doubt
"but you will find means of sufficiently convin-
"cing him &c."

But in our Letter of the 29th
October disputing against the Subahs having
any Claim of right to our assistance from
the 6th Article of the Treaty of 1768 and against
there being any obligation bending on our
good faith to Yield him any after addducing
other reasons which We thought sufficient to
justify our refusal on the ground of that
Treaty We proceeded thus "But when We
"add that the Nizam tho' bound by this Treaty
"to be in peace and friendship with us / and
"we might also have added to regard our Enemies
"as his Enemies / was the avowed promoter of the

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"late formidable combination against us with the
"view as he professed of extirpating us from Hindos-
"ton and that he turned a deaf ear to all our
"solicitations for assistance We think that his
"Claim to our friendship or good office as till
"less founded than his Claim on the ground
"of the Treaty"

These two passages will not be
found to be perfectly reconsiderable when it
be considered that the "acts of Justice and
friendship to the Company" on the part of the
Subah of which on the former We expressed our
expectation and which were to constitute the
proofs of his Strict Alliance with us were
unprofound at the period when We were to
suppose his application would be made to
you for the Companys assistance the proofs
on his part of alliance with the Company
remained to be given which We was soliciting
the strongest proof of their friendship — the
Subah has therefore relieved us from any
obligation to assist him and left us at
liberty to consult expendency alone in our
determination should be apply to us for aid

We

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We concur with you that his more intimate connection is not to be sought or approached for the post nor would we use or recommend the use of them whether such a Connection be deemed eligible or not for mentioned to you his faithless conduct merely as an Argument which in our opinion exempted the Company from any obligation of denoting for his sake from that wise & on their general Situation as any System of policy which is averse from any Connection with the Country however that may involve them in War.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

(signed) C Macartney

for Select Committee

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Sent the following Letters ——

To Mr William Jackson

Sir

To Mr Commissioner Jackson Enclosing

I am directed by the Right

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Extracts of a Letter from and to Colonel Fullarton — To be furnished with any other Papers or Instructions he may want to enable him to settle the accounts under his Examination

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11th Hon'ble the President and Select Committee to send you Extracts of a Letter from Col. Fullarton to the Select Committee of 26th September 1783 with its Enclosure and the Committee Answer thereto of the 18 October 1783 and I am to acquaint you that you shall be furnished with all such others Orders and Instruction as have been sent to the Southward which you may think necessary to apply for an Order to enable You the better to controul and settle the Accounts under your Examination.

I am
Sir

Your most obedient
Servant

Fort St George
11th Decr 1784

(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

12th

To Claud Russell Esqr
Chief &c Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

The Right Hon'ble the
President

To Vizagapatam directing them to

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to appoint some of their Board to settle the late Fray at Chicacole in a Satisfactory Manner to the Rajah—

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President having laid before the Select Committee an Extract of a Letter from Mr Russell dated 29th Ultimo to his Lordship with Several papers recived by him some time before giving an Account of the late Fray at Chicacoil I am directed to signify to you that as the Select Committee will never Countenance any insult or disrespect to the Vizenagrum Family they desire you will appoint Some of your Board to enquire into the Matter, and to Settle it in a manner which may be Satisfactory to the Rajah to whom you will be pleased to Signify the Concern of the Committee that he should have the Slightest cause of Complaint against any of the Company's Servants—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

[signed] John Hudleston

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To Tyles Irwin Esqr

Sir

I am directed by the Right

To Mr Irwin directing

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12th Hon'ble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will apply such parts of the Ballances due from the Assigned Countries as lie beyond the Coloroon together with the Pescaush of the Arealore and Warrior Pollam Polygars (after first laying aside one Sixth) to the Monthly Current Charges of the Troops beyond the Coloroon and for the Payment of the Black Troops there discharged from the Service in such proportion as you shall settle with Mr Digby the remainder you will be pleased to keep untouched until the Select Committee send send you their Orders on the Subject —

him to apply the Balances due from the Assigned Countries lying beyond the Coloroon together with the Pieshcush of the Arealore & Warrior Pallam Polygars (after laying aside 1/6) to the monthly Current Charges of the troops beyond the Coloroon and the discharged black troops to keep the Remainder untouched —

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

John Hudleston
Secry

(signed)

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12th December 1784

To Mr John Sullivan
Resident
at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble

To the Resident at Tanjore Informing him of the Contents

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of the foregoing Letter and directing him to urge the Rajah of Tanjore, to discharge as much of his Balance due to the Company as his Country will admit.

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Hon'ble the President and Select Committee to direct that you will urge in the strongest Manner to the Rajah of Tanjore the necessity of his discharging as much of his Balance due to the Company as the State of his Country can possibly admit, in Consideration of the heavy demands upon Government for the liquidation of the Arrears.

The Select Committee direct me to inform you that they have desired the Committee of Assigned Revenue to recover the Ballances due with all possible expedition and have directed that such part of the, which are due from the Assigned Countries as be beyond the Coleroon together with the Peiscaush of the Arcalore and Warriar Pallam Polligars after first laying aside one Sixth be applied to the Monthly Current Charges of the Troops beyond the Coleroon and for the Payment of the Arrears of the Black Troops discharged in such proportion as shall be settled by Mr. Irwin there with Mr. Digby and to keep the remainder until Orders shall be sent for the disposal of it.

I am

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12th Decr 1784.

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Sir

Your most obedient
Servant
(signed) John Hudleston
Secy

To Charles Oakely Esqr
&c Members of the Committee of Assigned
Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right
Hon'ble the President and Select Committee to
inform you that they have determined that such
part of the Ballances due from the Assigned
Countries as be beyond the Coloroon together with
the Peiscaush of the Arcalore and Warrior Pollam
Polygars a sixth being first laid aside be applied
to the Monthly Current Charges of the Troops
beyond the Coloroon, and for the Payment of the
Arrears of the Black Troops of the Southern
Army discharged there in such proportion as
Mr Irwin shall settle with Mr Digby
and

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and that the remainder be kept untouched until the Select Committee shall send Orders for the disposal of it.

I am directed further to desire you will take the most effectual Measures for recovering all Ballances due from the assigned Revenue and endeavour to recover by every means in your power the impressions in the minds of the Renters which may have been made by reports Confidently circulated that the Nabobs Assignment would be immediately annulled by Orders from England. the State of the Company's affairs makes it absolutely necessary to redouble your exertions in recovering with: out delay every Arrear that can be realized

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

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17th Decr 1784.

/signed/ John Hudleston

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12th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters (which are entered in the Miscellany Book No 47)

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue Enclosing an Account of Sheep and Cattle, purchased for the Use of the Garrison of Vellore

To the Committee of Assigd Revenue

To Lieut. Capper Accepting of his Resignation of the Companys Service, and to be recommended to the Court of Directors to permit him to return with his Rank to India.

To Lieut. Capper

To the Surgeon General Desiring to have his Opinion respecting Mr Reboteur & referring him to the Contents of the Letter to him of the 7th December.

To Mr James Anderson

To Mr Stephen Popham Informing him that an Application for a Court Martial upon Lord William Murray must be made to Major General Campbell His Letter on the Subject returned to him.

To Mr Stephen Popham

To Mr John Menzies Returning to him the Bill upon the Company, on Account of the late Mr Cotagan Some of the Charges therein deemed inadmissible when ratified must be sent by him to the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr J Menzies

To Mr Welch Paymaster at Arcot enclosing

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enclosing a Form for Certificates and recommending

To Mr Welsh

to him to lose no time in the Execution of the Orders

of the 26th September.—

Received the following Letters from

Messrs Lind and Close

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c Members

of the Select Committee

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May Lord and Gentlemen

From Messrs Lind and Close stating the substance of their Conference with the Rajah of Venkatagherry and of his Acquiescence to their Requisition to discharge the Amount said by Tippoo Sultaun to be due to him Are of opinion that Tippoo demand upon the Rajah for Cession of Marutta is unjust Enclosing Letter from them to Abraham Alley Esqr

We had the honor to address you on the 3d Instant and agreeable to what We then mentioned shall now proceed to inform you Lordship &c of the result of the conference We had Yesterday with the Rajah.—

We began by expressing our concern to perceive from a Statement which he had lately transmitted to your Lordship &c that his Demands on the Suddepah Circar under various heads, greatly the amount of those which he had formerly laid before us and observed that from the determined opposition

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opposition Captain Close uniformly met with in his endeavours to obtain credit for his losses and the countenance invariably shewn to Rum=mer Ud Deen's conduct herein by the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, We were fearful that no terms could be procured more favorable than those already offered, and that a further perseverance in his numerous claims could answer no salutary purpose, We trusted therefore that he would be sensible of the propriety of waving them, and the more so as We thought motives of humanity, and a tender regard for the Welfare of his people whose situation must be irksome under a foreign Authority should induce him to adopt, the readiest means to recover his Districts. He replied that he had nothing more at heart, than to relieve the distresses of his Subjects and that it was with a view of obtaining reparation for them that he had so urgently required credit to be given for the damages his Country had sustained. He was also well aware that the longer his Districts remained in the hands of Rum=mer Ud Deen the more it would be to

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his disadvantage — That as negociations among the Native Princes were in general dilatory he was still hopeful that a further exertion might prove effectual; and that saving much at stake he requested of us not yet to dispair of success — here We interrupted him by observing that upwards of five months had elapsed since the commencement of the Negociation; that the obstructions which retarded the completion of it were rather encreased than diminished and that so far from being of that procrastinating manners would tend to terminate the dispute agreeably to his wishes We had cause to think judging from past events that they would produce a direct contrary effect that it was unnecessary for us to take him that the present dispute if permitted to continue any longer might not only affect the Friendship with Tippoo Sultaun, but endanger the Peace of the Carnatic, which ought not to be risked except in case of absolute necessity, and surely therefore he would agree with us that in this instance extremities ought to be avoided and as he will know that the object of our deputation was to establish a permanent

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12th Settlement be persuaded ourselves he would smooth the way to it even should he be obliged to sacrifice a few points which though subjecting him to present inconvenience would conduce to his future benefit—That your Lordship &c. wished to preserve the general tranquility, on many accounts but particularly in order that the Company's possessions being thereby allowed time to recover from the effects of the late War they might be enabled to afford their Friends and Allies, more effectual support than ever. As an additional endeavour we pointed to him the favorable circumstances and opportunities would permit. He said that however anxiously he had entreated your Lordship's interposition to procure a restitution of what he conceived were unreasonably, yet it was very far from being his desire, that it should be extended to the various cases which we apprehended. That he had ever entertained a hope that his connection with the Honble Company, would operate toward the advancement of their affairs, rather than involve them and considering the Company's welfare as blended with his own the Prono-

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12th Sion of it should be his constant Study — That he was deeply impressed with a gratefull sense, of the friendly part Your Lordships had taken in his entents and the Strenuous exertions you made to relieve him, from his present distress — That from a recollection of the sufferings of his people it needed no agreement on our part, to convince him of the expediency of maintaining the general hangu: :lity, and consequently the impolicy of hazard: :ing the Peace so lately established with Tippoo Sultan — That from these considerations added to the precipitated state of his affairs he was induced to entrust the sole management of them on this occasion to us, and confident, that we would condent them to the best of our Judge: :ment and ability he would most willingly subscribe to such terms of adjustment as We might deem expedient — That he had the fullest reliance on the Companys Friendship and Protection and doubted not of reaping additional advantages from them as their prosperity encre: :ad. We then told him that as he had resol: :ved to be entirely guided by our advice now that Tippoo Sultan had consented to restore

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12th Cocherlah Cottah, and Turlepour, We recommen:
:ded to him to accede to the terms agreed to by
Captain Close and his Vacheels at Cuddepah
as bidding fairest for a speedy and amicable
accommodation — That having occasion to
transmit the order from Kummer Ud Deen, to
Ibrahim Ally Cawn, We should write him
to that effect. — The Rajah after enumerating
the difficulties he would experience, and the
inconveniences he would necessarily be put to
in raising a Sum sufficient to answer the
demand was pleased to acquiesce and We
accordingly dispatched a Letter to him a copy
of which is inclosed for your perusal. In
the course of this conference, the Rajah seemed
to place implicit confidence on your Lordship
&c. indulgence to grant him an early credit for
the heavy expences he had incurred by fitting
out the Detachment that ascorted grain for the
relief of Vellore and which was entirely cut off
on its return from thence and also that you
will shew an instance of favor towards him by
causing a Deduction to be made from the Rent
of Goculpilly in consideration of his being
precluded from collecting its revenues since June
last as like as likewise by making an allowance
in his annual Peshcush for what he suffers by
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12th. the Detention of part of his Jaghire by Summun
ud Deen.

From the ready evidence which the
Rajah had paid to your Lordships &c. recommen-
dations in chearfully adopting the measures
We proposed for an adjustment and the high
opinion We have of his attachment and Zeal
for the Companys interests, We think it incum-
bent upon us to represent his conduct in a
favorable point of view flattering ourselves that
the Embarrassments he has to struggle with
may Shortly be a Subject of your consideration
— Although Tippoo Sultaun has made no claim
of the Nuzzer in his late Statement the
Rajah is not without apprehension, that it
may be advanced on some future day and he is
confirmed in this idea by the detention of his
Relations &c. and from the declarations of
Summun ud Deen drawn during the Negocia-
tion at Cuddapah Namely, that the Nuzzer
was no wise connected with his Jaghire and
that he did not think it improbable that
Tippoo might order him to recover it, thereafter
so that notwithstanding, We may succeed in
settling with the Vakeel or his Representa-
tive the Rajah could wish your Lordship &c.

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12th to procure him a full discharge under the signature of Tippoo Sultaun —

We are now to observe to your Lordship &c. that in our opinion the only obstacle that can operate to prevent a speedy conclusion of this tedious and delicate negociation is the recent demand made by Tippoo for the Sayer or Customs of Marilla — From the information We have received and the papers We have inspected, We may with safety assure your Lordship &c. that such Demand was never made by the former Naibs of Cuddepah on the Rajah or his Predecessors — The only cash paid by the Rajah to that Circars since the accession of the late Meer Ally Buzza Cawn to the Naibship is Pagodas eight thousand nine hundred and thirty two, and twelve Anas being the exact amount of one Years Rent for Cunnichgurree Toudgedarry &c. &c. which Tippoo has given him credit for in his account his assertion therefore of having received exclusively thereof from the Rajah in Fussellee 1189 & 90. the Sums of Pagodas 1431 2 1/2 and Pagodas 143 6 3/4 is intirely without foundation —

We understand that Marilla

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12th. was here to fore an extensive Purgunnah appertaining to the Circar of Cummum, but owing to various causes has been divided among different Authorities Gooltelly in its present extents comprehending the principal part of it the remainder being annexed to the Possessions of the Sultanee Polligar of Cummumchoguere, and other Lands under the Cuddepah Circar — The Sayer or Customs of this Purgunnah thus distributed, the Rajah appears to have been collected by his Provisor, and himself without interruption since the Period of their renting it from about Hussun Cawn Nail of Cuddepah including a space of 25 Years from whence he infers that their customs were granted along with Gooltelly to the Jaghiredar of Nellore We beg leave to remark to your Lordship &c. that as this demand was never Started, nor made a subject of Debate while Captain Close was at Cuddepah our information on this Head can scarcely be reputed to be so complete as it might otherwise have been but We imagine any deficiency herein can be supplied by the Cannego or the Mahabs papers at Madras —

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