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Received the follow[illegible]

Hippisley with its Enclosure, a Letter [illegible]

No 1.

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

My Lord,

From Mr Hippisley transmitting a Letter from the Polygar of Wannion Pollam, also an acknowledgment from Mr Hutchinson of a Packet.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a Letter which I have received from the Polygar of Wannipollam, in answer to the Complaints preferred against him by the Renter of Shrest. —

I have also the honor to forward to Your Lordship Mr Hutchinson's acknowledgment of the Packet which accompanied your Lordship's Commands of the 26th Ult.

With the truest Respect, I have the honor to be. —

Your Lordship's most faithful and obedient Servant

Signed J. Cox Hippisley

Tanjore
26th December 1785.

Minute Thereon.

Agreed that Copy of the Enclosure be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

From Captain Dawes

Received Letter from Captain Dawes / as entered in the Miscellany Book No 2 / the Account of Arrears due to his Garrison cannot be forwarded immediately, as the Certificates have not been sent to him from Pennacoil.

Sent the following Letters / as entered in the Miscellany Book No 3. 4. 5. /

To Captain Dawes 3d

To Captain Dawes. — The Account of Arrears relating to the Troops actually serving on his Garrison

to

St. Vincent. January 1765.

33d to be committed to the Provedore. The Gross Sum of this
Account ... £

Ind Covers To Cathcart Esqr. The Contents of his Letter of
the 16th Instant, not to be taken into Consideration at
present.

Messrs Lind & Clow. To Messrs Lind and Clow. The Committee
approve of their Intention of sending a Person to
Sudapatch, provided they do not hear from Mathew
Ally Cawn. Enclosing Copy of Mer Hummer Dicus
Cawns last Letter to the Provedore, with the Answer.

From Hummer Dicus Cawn. On the 30 Ultimo the Provedore received a Letter
from Hummer Dicus Cawn Lu entered in the C. C. No 209
Stating that as soon as the Tuncatagherry Rajah shall
have paid the Balance due by him to the Honble
Coys, his Districts will instantly be evacuated.

Resolved, That an Answer be written to the
foregoing Letter, expressive of the Provedores hope
that the Districts have ere long are now evacuated
in Consequence of Tippoo Sultaun's Order to that
Effect; but if the Officer to whom those Orders were
communicated should have neglected carrying them
immediately into Execution, that Tippoo Sultaun,
who values himself on his good Faith, will not
fail to furnish him directly.

Vide C. C. No 1 for the above mentioned Letter.

Sent the following Letter.

To

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Fort St George 1st

To Major General Campbell

Commanding Trincomalee

&c &c &c

To Major General Campbell Respecting the Offices of the 76th Regiment who signed the Memorials relative to half Batta

Sam dispatched by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultimo enclosing a Memorial of the Kings Officers serving to the Southward of the Coleroon.

As a new System, or Constitution of Government for this Presidency is expected in a short time, conformably to a Bill passed in the House of Commons in July last, the Committee had determined not to proceed, until its Arrival, to the Execution of the whole of the Plans they had formed; and they, therefore, direct me to acquaint you, that with respect to the Officers serving to the Southward of the Coleroon, it is not meant that any diminution of their Emoluments shall take place for the present; and the Committee have, in consequence, directed, that, until further Orders, an allowance be made to such Officers, equal to the Half Batta which was struck off by the General Orders of the 26 September last, and to be paid for accounted for, in the same manner as the Half Batta with respect to the Commanding Officers of Garrisons they are to receive full Batta as usual.

The

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To be

The Select Committee flatter themselves
it will appear to you, as it does to them, that the
Memorial which you transmitted from the Kings
Officers of the 79th Regiment to Government on your
Letter of the 24th was highly improper, that a
Military Combination, similar to that which
seems to have been formed, cannot but have the most
dangerous tendency and produce an entire Disorder-
- You must be highly sensible, that if Officers are
suffer'd to make Remonstrances whenever a Resolu-
-tion of Government is not suitable to their parti-
-cular Views or conveniences, there will be at once an
end of all Discipline and Obedience.—

At the same time you transmitted
the above mentioned Memorial, similar ones were
received from the Kings and Company's Officers
at Ellore and at Arcot, and from the Company's
Officers to the Southward; of all which, the Select
Committee have express'd their strongest Disappro-
-bation, and the Commander in Chief, who co-
incurred with them in opinion, has written
Letters to the Company's Field Officers, some of
whom signed the Memorials and others who assisted
them to be prepared, conveying in very pointed
terms, the Displeasure and Censure of Government.

The Select Committee desire that
you will, Sir, be pleased to convey to the Officers
of the 79th Regiment in the strongest terms, the
same that Government entertains of their Conduct.

which

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3d which they trust will be accompanied by a similar
avowal from yourself, or Your Son approving this
Language or Sentiments, will certainly be counte-
=nance and support them in the Exercise of
Power.

The Sele[ct] Committee are clearly of
Opinion that, if the Officers of certain Battalions
have signed those Memorials and who cannot
pretend to suffer the inconveniences of which
the Subalterns complain, had properly exerted
themselves, which it was their Duty to do, the
Combination, which appears to have been formed,
would have been prevented, and the Contents of the
Memorials communicated in a different manner,
and I am directed to desire you will be pleased
to signify to His Majesty's Officers under your
Command, that they must carefully guard against
any appearance of Discontent or Faction, and
use the most effectual means for Suppressing
them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[signed] John Kennaway
Dep. Secy.

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To Colonel Rumbold,

Sir,

To Colonel Rumbold respecting the Officers of the 15th and 15th Regt of Hanoverians who signed the Memorial relative to half Batta

Their Conduct highly censurable, the field Officers in particular

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that Major General Campbell, the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Troops, has sent to Government a Memorial transmitted to him by the Officers of the 78th Regiment & some of the 15th and 15th Regiments of Hanoverians, serving to the Southward of the Coloroon —

The Memorial, as well as several others from different quarters, have excited the strongest displeasure of the Select Committee and of the Commander in Chief; which displeasure has, in Consequence, been conveyed by General Lang to the Officers who transmitted the Memorial through him; and the Select Committee have requested Major General Campbell to Communicate their sense of the Conduct of those Officers under his Command, who either signed, or forwarded the Memorial.

the conduct of those officers under

The Select Committee Conceive it possible that the Officers of the Hanoverian Regts, who signed the abovementioned Memorial, may, through an imperfect knowledge of the English Language and the Nature of the Service here, have been led to the signing of a Paper, which is of a very dangerous tendency and might produce infinite mischief. You are Sir, too well acquainted with the principles of your Profession not to be sensible that, if Officers are

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suffered, whenever a Resolution of Government is not suitable to their particular Views or convenience, to make Remonstrances, there will at once be an End to Military Discipline and obedience &c.

The Select Committee are clearly of opinion that of Officers of a certain Rank, who have Signed those Remonstrances, among whom is Major Gowdie, and who cannot pretend to suffer the Inconveniences of which the Subalterns complain, had properly exerted themselves, The Combination, which appears to have been formed, might have been prevented, and they, therefore, desire me to assure you will carefully watch over any appearance of discontent or faction in the Officers under your Command, and use the most effectual means for suppressing them, assuring them that Government will consider those who fail in so essential a Duty, as responsible for any mischief that may arise.

I have the honor to be &c

Sir,

Your most obed.t Serv.t

Fort St. George
3d Decr
3 January 1785.

Signed John Shore
Dy Secy

To William Burke Esqr.
Paymaster Gen.l of His Majestys Forces
in India

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose you an Extract of a Letter received from the Commissary General at Bengal, and to request you will be pleased to

To Mr. William Burke requesting to be furnished with an account of all monies paid to him by this Government and by him to the Kings

to

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Representing the Conduct of the Nabob Wallajah, at the time Information was given to him, that Peace and Harmony were by Treaty to be established between France. —

October last, together with the List of the Gross Collections of the Aforegoing Countries, which he forwarded to you at the same time. —

We also Received on the 27th Ultimo a Transcript of the same Dispatch from you to Us, of the 23d November, inclosing another Copy of your Letter to the Marquis de Bellecy and our President's Original Letter to you above mentioned of the 29th October.

By our last, We sent you an Extract from our proceedings, by which you will have seen that on the 3d November, being the first Committee held after the 29th Oct. Our President had laid before Us a Copy of his separate advice to you, and desired it to be entered on Our Records, which was done Accordingly. We really do not know of any particular Authority that impowers him to write to your Board, neither do we recollect any that restrains him; Certain it is that he has more than once exercised his Judgment in this matter, and has requested that his Letters to you may stand upon our proceedings. He further declares that he considers it as his duty to do so whenever the occasion may render it necessary.

In the last Letter of the 29th October which you received from him, he has stated to you his Reasons for writting singly; and he has since informed Us that he conceived it to be a fairer and more Respectful mode of Conveying his Sentiments on a Subject on which he so materially differed from

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from you, than if he had Cloathed them in a Minute, & then transmitted them to you, how the Committee, under that Issue. How far it may be proper for the Select Committee to interfere in preventing them, or others, from writing to you, We have our doubts, but it certainly rests with you to pay attentions or not, to what may be so written — You will allow us to observe that our President has frequently addressed Letters to the Sec.ty of the Court of Directors without communicating them to us, and those Letters have been regularly Acknowledged by them without any Remarks on this fact which might lead us to think her having done so, was unusual or improper. —

We had, in our Letter of the 13th December, p anticipated the Subject of your dispatch of the 23d November by representing to you our Situation with regard to the French and Dutch, and expressing our wish of receiving your Sentiments thereupon.

As soon as we hear from Marquis de Bussy and Mr Falk, We shall obey your Commands, to the best of our Judgment. The Interpretation of the term dependancies in the 6th Article of the Preliminary Treaty with the Dutch seems the only difficulty that is likely to encounter.

The inclosed paper being the printed Supplement of the Leyden Gazette of the 2d July 1784 N.o 53 / Vide last page containing a Letter from Messieurs de Berkenrode and Brantsen, the Dutch

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Ambassador and Plenipotentiarie at Paris shews that
our court had avoided explaining itself upon the subject
but we take it for granted from the stile of your
letter to us that you must be in possession of sufficient
information and authority to determine how it is to
be understood.

It would have afforded us the greatest pleasure
to us than to you to have been able long since to give
effect to the Negotiations of the Treaty with France,
without reference to you, as we conceive such to have
been the Intention of the Court of Directors by their
making the Instructions Circular: but those Instructions
were conditional and we were particularly cautioned in
the letter from England of the 24th September not to
execute them on our part, till every thing was secured
to us on the part of the French. The Caution with
respect to Trincomaly so extremely pointed that we
could not without a direct breach of a positive injunc-
tion have deviated in the smallest degree from the
line prescribed to us.

The papers that we sent to you
in May and July last, if you are pleased to take
the trouble of perusing them, will shew the strict attention
which we have paid to the orders of our Noble
Employers, and remove the slightest Shadow of blame
that the French might attempt to throw upon this
Government.

The Argument used in your Letter to

Justify

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justify a Marquis de Bussy is the very Argument to be used in our said Correspondence. You say that a Marquis de Bussy the Representation of the French Court has no authority to yield, and as commanded not to yield — We, the representatives of the Company at this Presidency, acted also in consequence of Orders from our Masters, not less peremptory. We send you the Copy of a Letter to him from the Marquis de Castries, dated on the 25th of October 1783, referring to a particular agreement Convention particulars as the Court of England. We are ignorant what that convention is, & we have neither received a Copy of it from him, nor from England, altho' we have had several Dispatches since that Period. It seems indeed a very singular Circumstance that, from the receipt of the Letter of the Court of Directors of 24th September 1783 and the Subsequent Note of their Secretary dated 3d October, We should not have had a single direction from them to this Purpose upon the subject.

In respect to the Debts We conceive that we were not yet authorized to carry the Definitive Treaty with them into Execution, as the Court of Directors had not transmitted it to this Presidency, & the they particularly informed us in the 17th Paragraph of their Letter of the 24th September that they would send it to us as soon as concluded, together with their further orders. But the Copy of their dispatch to us of the 24th September, which we sent to you, should have been misdated, we now enclose you a duplicate,

to

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To which we request your attention, and when you consider that we have not received any subsequent Instruction, We leave you to judge whether any Impropriety can be imputed to this Government, or whether we were authorized to act otherwise than we have done

The dispatch of the 7th September was communicated to the French, all except confidential parts.

Having informed you that we should now be guided by your directions in this matter, It is unnecessary to enter into any further argument, but we must observe, that if the Natives of India were to form their Judgment, as you seem to apprehend, of the Decline or Altitude of our power, from a measure inadequate, as a comparison of the present respective possessions of the English and French on this part of the World, The rule would be much in our favor. Chandernagore, Surat, Carical, Pondicherry &c. not yet restored to France would, we presume, in their eyes outweigh their solitary tenure of Cuddalore, The only place at present on this Continent, where the Flutter of a French flag can be discovered. When they see it flying at Chandernagore, Surat, Carical and Pondicherry &c. Then indeed their ideas of French Importance will probably not be exceeded

As by the final Settlement with Marquis De Bussy, Villenour and Bahour are to be ceded to France, and consequently the Revenues of the Carnatic will

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will be so far diminished. We trust that Circumstance may have some little weight, in addition to those Arguments Urged to you in our last Despatch to induce you to send us such remittances as the State of your finances will admit.

Before we conclude this Despatch, We wish to call your attention to the expression in your Letter to Mr Bayly, that the districts &c are to be assigned over to the French by the Nabob Wallajah, and the Rajah of Tanjore, with respect to the latter there can be no difficulty as he has given the most unequivocal Testimony of his good disposition and obedience to this Government, but we apprehend great embarassment would arise on the part of the Nabob, who is so strongly prejudiced against us, that he has repeatedly refused even to receive the Company's Letters to him in the usual form, but desired them to be transmitted by the Secretary. From your easy manner of mentioning his assigning over the districts to be ceded to the French, we doubt not that he has attempted to impose upon you, as he has tried to do upon the Company at home by professions of faithful and unalterable friendship. It is indeed matter of serious concern that no better be or can be thought of, as settled to us in Bengal and Leadenhall Street, he should be so much the contrary to us at Madras on the spot, where only his Enmity can be mischievous, or his friendship beneficial. — Etc we are with profession of Esteem &

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and Barbour, We conceive it to be your Meaning that we should deliver them to the French without delay in order that they may not reproach us with making difficulties. The Ceremony of the Nabobs Assignment can be performed at any time afterwards when he may be in better temper. That you may judge of his manner of thinking upon this point, we beg leave to enclose to you our Correspondence on the Subject some Months ago; from whence, we doubt not, you will be of opinion that the Interference, till our part is finally concluded with the French, would rather impede than accelerate the business.

We are sensible that it is possible, on departing from the Instructions of the 24th. September we may be liable to the censure of those from whom we received them, but we shall trust to their candour to pardon us on account of the particular circumstances of this Government, which is under the daily expectation of its present Constitution being remodelled, or dissolved. The whole Responsibility now rests upon your Government.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obed. Servants

Macartney

&c. Committee.

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The Commander in Chief having sent in Circulation, previous to the Meeting of the Committee, the following Proposed Arrangement for the

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the Station of the Troops upon the Coast it is here entered

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Proposed Arrangement by the Commander in Chief for the Station of the Troops upon the Coast.

The Season of the year now approaching at which it will be necessary that the Troops on the Establishment should be distributed, and arranged in the Garrisons and Cantonments to the greatest advantage for the protection of the Country, I have the honor to submit to the Committee my ideas upon the subject.

From the unprotected state in which the Carnatic was surprized at the commencement of the late War, and the great difficulty we experienced, in collecting a force sufficient to repell the Invasion, it became evident, that a body of Troops should be at all times ready to move at the shortest notice, that they should be so disposed of as to assemble immediately upon the smallest intimation of an hostile intention in any of the neighbouring Powers, and that such force should be so respectable in point of Numbers, as at any time to move without further augmentation to oppose whatever force might enter the Country in an hostile manner.— and as the most central Situation that can be chosen, will, I should conceive, be the most proper for the Situation of this force, I would recommend that a Cantonment be formed at Arcot consisting of

The 36th and 73d Regiments of his Majesty's Troops
One Regiment of the Company's Europeans —
Five Companies of Company's Artillery

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Three Companies of Native Artillery
Ten Battalions of Native Infantry
Four Regiments of Cavalry

To the above the proportion of Lascars to be constantly attached and the following proportion of Artillery

Europeans — Guns 8 — 12 lbrs
20 — 6 lbrs
4 — 18 lbrs howrs
To Field Park — 4 — 12 l
6 — 6 long
6 — 6 Galloper

Total 48 Guns

The above to be kept at all times compleatly with Camp Equipage of every kind, and with a proportion of Stores &c agreable to Scedule to be transmitted by the Commissary of Stores.

It is the idea of having a force ready to move at all times — it is to be supposed that they should be able to supply themselves with such Stores &c as they may unavoidably expend at a distance from the Presidency, and not be under the necessity of returning for those Supplies, without which their operations must be confined and the object they may have in view probably defeated; I would recommend, that a quantity of Stores of every kind be laid up in Bellore over and above what may be required for the use of the Garrison, which should be considered as appertaining solely

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solely to the Army to be called for by the Officer who
may Command it and not to be used otherways except
in case of absolute necessity — I am induced to
recommend this precaution, not only from the
reason above mentioned, but from a knowledge that
the largest proportion of Stores that were in Pallore
at the time of the Siege of Pondicherry were drawn
from thence and were not afterwards replaced — this
measure of laying up a supply for the Army will
remove the Inhabitants of the Garrison stocks being
diminished which I am of opinion should at all
times be kept compleat

It will also be necessary to have a
sufficient number of Bullocks either constantly
ready in the Cantonment or to be forth coming at a
short Notice to move with the whole of the Field
Train, Stores, Camp Equipage &c

I do also recommend that a Battalion of
Light Guns be laid up in Pallore for the use of
this division of the Army — and always compleatedwith
every kind of Stores for the Field, to be called for
whenever they may be deemed necessary —

This Division, from its situation, will be
ready to act defensively or otherwise, and being amply
supplied in every respect will be a considerable check
to any hostile intentions of our Enemies —

I have recommended that being formed
at Arcot for the present, as the State of our

Finances

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Finances will not admit of a Cantonment being built in any other situation; but which, as soon as it is practicable, should be carried into execution, as not only the low and confined situation of Arcot points out the necessity of it on account of the Health of the People, but the Troops being in possession of that place prevents many of the Country people from returning to their former habitations and must retard the Cultivation of the Country, and the re-establishing the Capital of the Carnatic; to which every encouragement should be given. — The Fort and Pettah of Arcot not being sufficiently large to contain the whole of the Europeans and Natives I have divided them in the best manner between Arnee and any other place in the neighbourhood capable of affording Shelter, under the orders and inspection of the Officer commanding the Cantonment. —

At the time I was confined in Vellore I found one Battalion of Sepoys by no means equal to the furnishing a force for the defence of the Hills, and the necessary Duties of the Garrison.

I would recommend that the Garrison of Vellore in time of Peace consist of a Battalion of Europeans and two Battalions of Sepoys, with fifty Invalid European Artillery and a Company of Native Artillery

(As the Quarters are particularly good in Vellore for Europeans I have recommended a

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stabilities

Battalion to be stationed there, but in case of troubles the greatest difficulty would be found in providing Provisions for that number, and would probably be attended with bad consequences. 300 Europeans must be constant for the Garrison and the rest may be ordered to join the Cantonment upon the appearance of troubles in the Country.

country

A Garrison from this situation, is a Part of consequence, and should be completed with Guns, Stores &c. an ample supply of Provision for the Garrison for at least two Years, half a Battalion of Sepoys with Ten European Invalid Artillery will be sufficient for the defence of this place. This Garrison to be relieved every second year from the Cantonment in the Carnatic, and not to be considered as dependent on Bellary. great care should be taken in assorting the Stores &c. that no accident, similar to what happened when last attacked by Hyder may again take place, many of the Shot there are Stone being too large for the Calibre of the Guns they were intended for.

too

Sugar to be garrisoned by two Companys of Sepoys from the Cantonment to be relieved every six months and 10 Invalid European Artillery and some Invalid Sepoys.

The command to be given to a Subaltern Officer and to be provided on every respect

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respect for two years

Ginjee to be Garrisoned and relieved in the same manner from the Cantonment with one Company of Sepoys

There are a number of places on the summit of high Hills which, from their situation, will not answer the purpose of Magazines and which in their present state would require a great number of troops to defend them, which cannot be spared. I should recommend that all such as are not easily defended by a very small force which must be ascertained by inspection be destroyed so effectually as to be of no service to an Enemy, if possessed by them. When those that are to be kept are ascertained Garrisons can be sent to them from the Cantonment

Chellumbrum is not sufficiently strong for defence, being so near the French, they might in a short time possess themselves of it. I would therefore recommend that it should be dismantled and a Fort, named Palamcotah, which is at a little distance from it carefully surveyed and a report given in of its situation &c as I am of opinion it may at no very great expence be made very strong and would be a place of importance as a check upon the French.

Tarnacoil from its vicinity to Pondicherry, and considered as an important post to secure the [redacted] with the Southern Provinces should be considerably strengthened and

rendered

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rendered capable of defence, and a Strong Garrison thrown into it, in the Situation in which its defences are at present it cannot be considered Tenable — I am therefore of opinion that until it is properly ... Strengthened, a number of Sepoys to keep possession of it, will be all that is necessary; one Company is sufficient to be relieved every six months from the Cantonment —

Chingleput, to be garrisoned by Invalids, being on the rear of the Force in the formation and contiguous to Madras, it may be reinforced from thence in case of necessity

Poonamalee to be held by Detachments from Madras —

In Fort St. George the 14th and 15th Regiments of Hanovarians — 20 invalid European Artillery — 50 Invalids Infantry one Company Native Artillery — Four Battalions of Sepoys and a proportion of Invalid Sepoys

Pulicat to be Garrisoned by Invalids and a Company of Sepoys from the Garrison of Madras —

St. Thomas & Dependencies one Battalion

For Angola & Dependencies one Battalion

For the above distribution for the Carnatic I think it will be necessary such a proportion of troops for each Garrison, as I think, will secure them if attacked

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attached when the Army are on service at a distance from them.

The Force for immediate operations cannot be extended at less than I have stated, as not to be respectable and capable of opposing an Invader — when the Detachments are made from it, there will be Nine Battalions on the reduced Establishment —

For the protection of the Southern Provences I would recommend that a Cantonment be formed in the neighbourhood of Tuticorin as the places in its vicinity are capable with a little expence of affording shelter to the Troops that compose it, a consideration of much consequence at this time — The European may be provided with Quarters at Nanore, and the Sepoys at Pumbah Shitmah and Syringham, at the discretion of the Officer Commanding these places being contiguous to one another, the troops may be assembled at the shortest Notice, and their situation prevents their being surprized —

The force in this Cantonment to consist

of the 78th Regiment of Europeans
one Company of European Artillery
two Companies of Native Artillery
Four Battalions of Native Infantry
With proportion of Lascars
Camp Equipage &c and a Field Train and Artillery
Park in proportion to the Carnatic division always

ready

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ready for the field Four Battering Guns to be
deposited for the use of this division on the little Fort
of Tanjore, being a place of greater Security than
Trichinopoly, and equally convenient for any operations where heavy Guns may be wanted —

For Trichinopoly one Company of
Native Artillery one Battalion, Sepoys, and a
large proportion of Invalids —

For Tanjore one Company Native
Artillery 50 Invalids Europeans Artillery — one Battalion
Sepoys and some Invalids

As I do not consider the Tanjore
Subsidies as a part of the Establishment, at the
retained for the present, I must submit to the
Committee the propriety of forming the Cantonment
near Trichinopoly and leaving Tanjore with so
few troops, at the time an agreement subsists with
the Rajah to keep up a certain number for the defence
of his Country — At the same of opinion that the
purposes of Defence will be answered much more
effectually by advancing our Force nearer to the
Frontiers on that side from whence we may expect
an attack, and which force cannot in times of hostility be confined to any particular Country or situation, but must move as occasion requires, yet
this consideration may not be of sufficient weight
with the Rajah to induce him to waive his
claim to the stipulated number of troops being
stationed

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stationed in his Country.

For Madura one Battalion
Palamcotah one Battalion
Ramnad and Kalikoil one Battalion

It will be equally necessary to have a quantity of Stores &c exclusive of the Stock for the Garrisons laid up to the Southward.

To the Northward of the Kistnah three Battalions of Sepoys to be allotted for the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts

For Masulipatam District five Battalions; one to be stationed in Masulipatam and relieved every Year.

A Cantonment to be formed at Ellore as follows.

One Battalion of the Company's European
One Company European Artillery
One do. Native &c
four Battalions of Sepoys.

As there are not at present any Men belonging to the 1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment I would recommend that the Detachments of 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment now at Masulipatam be made the foundation of that Corps after which I should level the numbers of Men in the Company's European Battalions to an equality with one another. The above force

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to be always compliat with Guns, Stores &c

If the attention of Government not be immediatly turned to the establishing large Magazins of Provisionen every Garrison or certain — the Army in a manner free from that continual check to their Operations which they experienced in the last War in transporting Provisions will be able to move with celerity on whatever direction, certain of Supplies which ever Route they may take —

Of the Garrisons I have recommended none should be detached on the County Business or be by any means under the orders of the Renters, who are known to apply for Sepoys under pretence of collecting the Revenue, when their sole motive is to make a parade with them in the County — Should it appear from their representations to Government, that a Military force is unavoidably necessary — the order of Government alone should authorize the Commanding Officer to permit a single Sepoy to be employed in the collection of Revenue — and at no time should they be employed but with, and under the Command of an European Officer

I have not mentioned the number of Invalids to be stationed on the different Garrisons — as an invaliding Commette will be ordered the beginning of next Month they will then be properly regulated, their Numbers ascertained,

and

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and they may be more equally distributed on those places where they will be necessary.—

It is certainly necessary that our Native Troops should be accustomed to move from one place to another however distant— and as we experience the ill effects of Sepoys being suffered to remain too long in one place where they form connections which they would not leave, in the great desertions of Northward Sepoys— particularly instanced in the two Battalions which came from the Circars with the Bengal Detachment, being near 1500 in number to the Northward of the Kistnah; and when they joined the Army were reduced to 600 each— I should therefore recommend that a general removal of the Corps should be made every second Year— by which means they would get the better of their predilection for one situation, and the Service would not be subject to those inconveniences which arise from the refusal of a Corps to march when required to a distant part. This will effectually remove all those ideas of distinction which are formerly entertained under the denomination of Circar Sepoys.—

I shall also recommend that the two Regiments of Cavalry, already nominally on the Establishment, be now formed in addition to the present 1st and 2d Regiments & the three Troops to the Southward to be the foundation of those Corps.—

Agreeable to the above ideas, the stations of the different Native Batt.ns I mean to recommend to be as under and they may be ordered to their different stations as the weather being now cool they may move with less Camp Equipage than would be necessary at an hotter Season of the Year.

It will be absolutely necessary to give the Troops who are so considerably in Arrear more particularly those to the Southward some Pay to enable them and their Families to move to the Places of their destination

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Distribution of Native Corps

Carnatic Division } the	
Arcot	10.
Vellore	2
Madras	4
Nellore	1
Ongole	1
Southern Division }	
Warriore	4.
Trichinopoly	1.
Tanjore	1
Madura	1
Palamcotah	1.
Ramnad & Kalicoil	1.
Northern Division }	
Ellore	4.
Masulipatam	1.
Vizag & Ganjam	3
Total Battalions	35.

General Distribution of Effectives

	Dragoons	Hung Regt	Comp. Lt Comp.	Comp. Artillery	Cavalry	Native Artillery	Sepoy Battn
Carnatic Division		36th & 73d	2d B 1st Rt / 2d B 2d Rt	2 Comp.	4 Regt	3 Comp.	10
Vellore			1 B 1st Rt			1	2
Madras		15th & 16th				1	4
Nellore							1
Ongole							1
Ponamalee		52d					
Mount				4 Comp.			
St. Thomas	23 Rt						
Southern Division		78th	1 Comp.		2		4
Tanjore					1		1
Trichinopoly					1		1
Madura							1
Palamcotah							1
Ramnad & Kalicoil							1
Northern Division		1st B 2d Rt			1		4
Vizag & Ganjam							3
Masulipatam							1
Total	1 Regt	6 Regt	4 Bn	8 Comp.	4 Regt	10 Co	36 Bn

The Detachment of the 23d Dragoons now at Arcot to remain there the 52 Regt at Ponamalee and the Artillery at the Mount to be always ready to move in case of necessity — Cornwall Rob Lang

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The Right Honble President delivers in the following Minute

Minute.—

The President observations on the foregoing Minute

I have very attentively perused the foregoing Minute and think We are much indebted to the General for the Military Arrangements which he has now laid before us—In order that our Measures may be soon taken thereupon I beg leave to submit a few Observations to the Consideration of the Committee

I perfectly agree with the General, that a respectable Force should be Stationed in a central position to the Westward, both for the protection of the Country, and to be prepared against the sudden invasion of an Enemy, but at the same time, We must remember, from our Experience of the last War, that an Attack upon Us from those Provinces the most distant from them, afforded the speediest relief to the Carnatic; this appeared from our Success on the Malabar Coast, and on the Coromandel Coast, We must therefore consider the greatest attention should therefore in my Opinion be paid to the Southern Provinces where a Force should be stationed of sufficient Size and Strength to act with Vigor and effect at all times; not only as it may serve to check the formation of hostile designs, but shew to the Country Powers that We are in a Constant state of preparations; and the force of an Army so Stationed should be always encreased in proportion to its distance

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distance from the Seat of Resource

For these Reasons I am disposed to think, that the Southern Cantonment should be augmented by one the Arrangement proposed by the General even altho' it should occasion some diminution of the Western Cantonment

I would therefore submit it to the General Consideration whether the two Cantonments ought not to stand as follows.

Western Division 2 Kings Regt
1 Company of European Artillery
2 Regiments of Native Cavalry when formed as at present.
2 Companies of Native Artillery 6 Battns of Sepoys with a Field Train, Lascars and Camp Equipage in proportion agreable to Estimates to be laid before us and approved, also a Battering Train to be placed at Vellore, as proposed by the General and an addition of Stores sufficient of those for the Defence of the Place

Southern Division 2 Kings Regt
1 Company of European Artillery 2 Companies of Native Artillery 2 Regiments of Native Cavalry when formed, as are at present
6 Battalions of Sepoys with a Suitable Field Train Lascars, Camp Equipage &c &c — the same Battering Train as for the Western Division and also an addition of Stores.

Chundragary from its Situation proper for

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proper equal Advantages with Tinloor, and
properly ought to be kept, but, as a Committee will
proceed for the purpose of determining which of the
small Forts ought to be retained, and which rendered
defenceless, this object will soon be ascertained, as
well as the Quantity and Quality of Stores to be
provided for the Defence of the Places which are
to be kept. This observation applies equally to
Pennacoil Sagar and Singel, but as the latter can
hardly be made a Magazine of from the great
Difficulty and Expence with which it would be
attended, and as it has been always fatal to the
Troops Stationed there I should conceive, that we
should not keep a Garrison in it. Consider
Chellumbrum on the same Light that General
Lang does, and think it should be deprived
of its present Defences and the Garrison with-
drawn.

The General Arrangement respecting
Coonamala, the Mount, Nellore, and Ongle, seems
very judicious. If Chingleput is Garrisoned by
Invalids & Sepoys One Battalion will be perhaps
sufficient at present for Pennacoil Amboor and
Chundergarry &c.

From what I have thrown out above
with respect to the Southward, I am induced to
think that a Battalion of the Company's European
Infantry should be stationed in Tanjore, and another
in Trichinopoly as soon as it can be done, and
that

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That two Battalions of Sepoys be Stationed on Tanjore one on Trichinopoly, one at Madura, one at Palamcottah, and one at Ramnadpuram &c as the General has proposed It will also, I conceive, be necessary that some European Invalids & Artillery, Lascars Natives, should be appointed for the Garrisons of Tanjore and Trichinopoly.—

One Regiment of Hanoverians appears to be necessary for Madras in time of Peace There is room for the other to be Stationed to the Southward it would be too hazardous that Tanjore or Trichinopoly should be left at any time without some European Infantry.—

The Force recommended for the Carnatic seems sufficient but it may not be found practicable to have so many Battalions Collected at Ellore the Sepoys with the General is of opinion that the regular Battalions should not be employed for the Collection of the Revenues, but in a Case of Necessity of which however the Chief and Council only can be the Judges, according to the Circumstances which may occur

About 40 Invalid European Infantry will be sufficient for Madras. The remainder, excepting those now at Chinglehut, may be divided between Madulipatam, Vizagapatam, and Tanjore, in each of these Places some Invalid Artillery Lascars will be much wanted.—

The local prejudices which have prevailed

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prevailed among the Northern Sepoys and which have operated in so many instances to the injury of the public Service ought to be removed by every possible means and perhaps it cannot be better effected than by a Change of situation being rendered familiar to them at the same time providing for the Subsistance of their families in their Native Country which will be a principal Means of reconciling them to the Change, and by Degrees it will be considered as a Part of Duty inseparably connected with their Engagements to the Service — One thing is at least certain that those who will not serve under their Colours are not worth retaining and are an Evil instead of a benefit to the State [sgnd] Macartney

The Commander in Chief having expressed his wish that a little time should be given him to consider the alterations proposed in the foregoing Minute of the Right Honble President, it was agreed to postpone the consideration of the General proposed Arrangements to be entered —

Read the following Memorial —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Select Committee Fort St George

The Memorial of the 52d Regt

Humbly Sheweth —

That finding Memorials have been presented to your Honble Board, both from the Corps

A Memorial from Col. Abercrombie in behalf of the Officers of the 52d Regt. soliciting

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For a Continuance of half Batta

Agreeable to Your Memorial from Detachments of the Troops under your Command, praying to be continued on half Batta the Captains and Subalterns of his Majesty's 52d Regiment have leave to represent, that they have long experienced the hardships which those Gentlemen point out in the consequence of being deprived of that allowance, and in the most respectful manner solicit that they may be placed on a situation that will entitle them to it.

And your Memorialists &c

Signed on behalf of the Memorialists.

(signed) J. Shaubenzee
Colonel.

Agreed that Colonel Shaubenzee be informed that in time of Peace Half Batta never was enjoyed by any Troops between the Kistna and the Coleroon, and that the Allowance now made to the Troops at Arcot is purely temporary and to be considered as an Indulgence, which can only be continued for a very short time.

Minute thereon

With respect to those Companies of Colonel Shaubenzee's Regiment which have hitherto been fixed at Tanamalee, they will in the Course of Duty be removed to other Stations.

The Commander in Chief laid before the Committee the following Letter from Brigadier General Horne

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To Lieutenant General Lang

Commander in Chief &c &c.

Sir,

From General Stuart to the Commander in Chief stating his Reasons for transmitting the Memorial of the Officers in Cantonment at Arcot to Government, & representing the Substance of his late Correspondence with Colonel Oliphantone; it of opinion that the Presence of General Campbell at Arcot will be highly necessary ——

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 24th Instant ——

It has afforded me infinite concern to find I have incurred the displeasure of the Honorable Committee in transmitting the Memorial of the Officers in Cantonment to you — The purest and most disinterested motives actuated my conduct, for had, to my knowledge, any combination either, or principal of faction been circulated, to obtain the continuance of half Batta, I should have considered it as my indispensable duty, to have endeavoured to suppress it.

The apprehension of a Discontinuance of that allowance doubtless occasioned the Officers to convene together on the subject, and since understand it was generally wished to address Government for a continuance of it: A few of the principal Officers consulted together and it was determined on by them, to address Government in the most respectful manner through me as Commanding Officer. — A Memorial was drawn out and sent round by the Commanding Officers of Corps to their respective Officers, and when signed, was delivered to me accompanied with the address which I transmitted to you, by the Second Officer in Command. — No general Meeting of

Officers

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Where that I have heard of took place, or any
combination of any kind at Arcot

Finding this communication personal,
as far as my Government enable me to judge,
Modest and respectful, I did not scruple to undertake
to lay it before you; acting in this, as I conceive,
with Military propriety and with due respect
to Government and to you —

I however assure you, Sir, that nothing
shall ever be wanting in my part to suppress any
combination with which I may become acquainted
and that I shall be with circumspection any
future steps taken by the Officers in Cantonment

I have communicated to the Commanding
Officers of Corps the contents of your letter for the
information of the Officers under them and I have
issued an General Order — "That with respect to
"the Officers in Cantonment at Arcot it is not
"meant that any diminution of their emoluments
"shall take place for the present, and therefore,
"the Honble Committee have directed that until
"further orders an Allowance be made to such Officers
"equal to the half Batta which was struck off
"by the General Orders of the 26th of September last
"and to be paid or accounted for, in the same manner,
"the half Batta has been: Commanding Officers of
"Garrisons are to receive full Batta as usual, but,
"as to all other charges, every possible endeavour

must

"must be made to entrench and prevent them" — In
consequence of the above orders being issued Colonel
Elphinston spoke to me, expressing his hope, that
the Soldiers as well as Officers were meant to have
their present allowance continued, — and Lieutenant
Colonel Knox has sent me a letter in which is the
following paragraph. —

"I beg leave to observe that the memorial
"given in by the Officers of this Cantonment was not
"only on behalf of themselves but also of the troops
"under their Command; and that in regard to the
"Men, Lieutenant General Lord is silent.

"Tho' it is not supposed that it can
"be the intention of Government to give Half Batta,
"or an equivalent allowance to the Officers without
"giving the same allowance to the Men, yet to remove
"the uneasiness that must be felt at the distinction
"apparently made, I hope you will take such steps
"as appear to you most proper to produce explicit
"order on the Subject." —

In consequence of the above applications
I request you will acquaint me with the intention of
Government respecting that allowance, as it relates
to the Men. If none is to be granted them I cannot
help being of opinion that it would greatly tend towards
preventing the Troops' hopes committing any irregular-
ities if General Campbell was present when

that

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that resolution is made known to them. —

Arcot
29th December 1784

Shall the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Matt. Horne

Agreed that Major General Campbell be desired to proceed to Arcot and relieve General Horne from the Command, who is appointed to Command the Troops to the Southward

The Allowance of Half Batta to the Troops at Arcot was originally granted to them as an Indulgence, on Account of the impoverished State of the Country, and the Scarcity and dearness of Provisions; when those no longer exist it will of course be unnecessary to continue it. —

Agreed, however, that a Letter be written to the Paymaster at Arcot directing him to issue, until further orders, a temporary Allowance equal to the Half Batta to the Europeans, Bon Commissioned and Privates who have hitherto received it, which must be considered as merely a temporary indulgence to continue for a very short time only

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute. —

Minute thereon —

a Temporary Allowance equal to the half Batta to be granted the Europeans Non commissioned and Private at Arcot till further Orders —

The Commander in Chief recommends that a G. O. be published by forenoon that all Sepoys and other entitled to prize

160 Many of the Sepoys who went on the expedition against Tranomalee, and to whom Prize money was due for the capture of it having been

Many from the Capture of those make and who from Necessity were obliged to enter into the French Service, but have since returned to their Colours shall immediately receive their share of the above Prize Money as was originally their due

been forced into the Service of the French at the time it was recaptured, were under the necessity of remaining there until a favorable opportunity should present itself, for effecting their escape, about twenty of the 13th Battalion have again joined it but, upon an application for the proportion of the Prize money due to them for Immediately, the Officer who commanded the Detachment from that Corps, has refused to account with them for it, alledging that having entered into the French Service they were considered as Deserters, and consequently had forfeited their claim to the Prize money to which they otherwise would have been entitled — I must beg leave to entreat the Committee in behalf of these Men whose conduct entitles them to every attention — compelled to enter into the Service of the French they remained there no longer than until an occasion offered of returning to their Duty, and they took the first opportunity of joining the Battalion to which they formerly belonged — as it is impossible to consider those Men in the light of Deserters, and as I conceive them to be justly intitled to the Prize Money which was laid apart for them — I would recommend that the following General Order or one of a similar import, be issued by Government respecting this Matter —

The Select Committee having been informed

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informed that the prize Money for the Capture of Tranquebar due to certain Sepoys of the 13th Battalion and others, has been received and withheld from many of them, under pretence that they have forfeited the same by entering into the Service of the Danish, do hereby express their disapprobation of such retention of the prize Money, and do positively direct, that the Prize Money which has been received by the Officers who commanded the Detachment from Native Corps, including Lascars, on the expedition against Tranquebar, be immediately paid to those Sepoys who have returned to their Colours, and who have an undoubted right thereto.—

(signed) Rob.t Saing.

Agreed to.— Agreed that a General Order as Recommended by the Commander in Chief be published accordingly.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

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

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing an Acct of the Maintenance of French Prisoners and requesting that the Funds for the Appointment of

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before you an Account of the Maintenance of French Prisoners from the 6th September 1779 until the 30th April 1784 amount

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit you herewith Abstracts amounting to Pagodas 38426 29 13 as per Accompanying original Vouchers of the Expences incurred on my Department on Account of French Prisoners agreeably to the Articles of Capitulation of Pondicherry amounting to Pagodas 113059 12 52 Upon which Sum I have drawn for the Adjustment of my Books

I have the honor to be with Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedt

& most Hble Servt

Signed John Turing

Military Pay Master General

Fort St George
30th Dec 1764

Ordered that the Paymaster General be informed that the Expences incurred by the Prisoners Captured at Pondicherry are to be brought to Account under the Head of Pondicherry Prisoners under the Capitulation and that all other Charges relative to French Prisoners during the War are to be brought to Account in your Books under the Head of French Prisoners of War

Read the following Letter from

Majr Lind and Close

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Our last Dispatch to Your
Lordship &c

Minute thereon

Abstracts of the Expences incurred by Majr Lind and Close on behalf of the Government to the Capitulation of

112.

If the Commodore to the Contents of a Letter from Capt. Stewart in relation to establishing a free Passage of Commerce for the safety of that Harbour

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Sir

Your Letter of the 28th Ultimo came before the Board at their Meeting this day, and I am directed to acquaint you that they have been favored with your Communication of the 28th by Lieutenant Watson, a Report of the Engagement between the Sayer of Manilla vessel in consequence thereof shall result as far as lies in our power to encourage every endeavour which may be made in that Harbour for the Protection of Commerce

I am directed to desire you will have the goodness to inform Captain Stewart that the Board approve of the Precautionary Measures adopted by him, and your instructions respecting the different Ports he addressed you upon have been fully explained & them with a Check to remain highly satisfied

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Josiah Lunds
by Command

To Francis Lunds & Barry Close Esqrs.

Gentlemen,

I have the Satisfaction to inform you that since I had the pleasure of addressing you Capt. Watson has been committed by the people of Kummar ud Deen — The Guards that I posted on the Village have made their

Venca Pchery
24th December 1804

Captain

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Winter and Sucha Vitanka quite happy but as Pawney, Panticand Cuttenpah are still about 30 Cudda and Chunda, with a considerable Land they are much alarmed lest I should be withdrawn from this, and are constantly requesting of me to write to the Board representing the numerous inconveniences they will be exposed to and the necessity that there is for a standing Garrison to be established here — As I am placed under your order, and to give you any information in any power relating to the District, I think it my Duty to make this known to you that you may lay it before her Lordship — It is really a pity that, in such a fine country as this, the poor people should not meet with any kind of encouragement — The Ryotts declare they have lost considerably by the Inhabitants leaving the country for want of Ryotts to protect them in their cultivation — They tell me that they have petitioned his Lordship on this account —

I am Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
C Smart

Cundacoor
23d Dec. 1704

Humble Petition

I pray that Majr. Lind and Clive be informed that it is the Meaning of the Select Committee that Captain Smart's Detachment shall remain upon its present footing until further Orders, which they are desired to Communicate to him if it should hereafter be necessary to withdraw

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Establish a Guard Garrison at Cuddalore for the
Notice will be given to them —

Read the following Report from the
Committee of Stores —

At a Committee of Stores held at Fort St George 29th Dec 1704

Present

Lieut General Pitt Laing
Lieut Colonel Patrick Ross
Bryan Scottney Esqr
Lieut Col. Jos. Moorhouse
Lieut Col. John Kennedy absent

Report of the Committee of Stores of 29 Dec 1704 with the Remarks of the Select Committee thereon —

Read Proceedings of this Committee of the 4th and 11th Instant with Remarks of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee thereon —

Read two Indents from Arcot and Angole the former of which is agreed, shall be complied with Agreable to the remarks of the Commissary General of Stores, and the latter, the Committee recommend, to be supplied from Masulipatam

approved

The Committee

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having examined this Mem
to Pumbers proving Fraud in
Carriage and Loss to Lock
Master Read & recommend from
the Contents, for them
made of good Materials and
well finished & accordingly
Direct them to be received on the
Company's Books.

approved

The Committee of
Store having been informed
that Mr Lascelles has
signified his intentions of
resigning the office of Com-
pany's Cooper, and as many
recommend have already
and the Service has much
suffered by it being held by
a Person not absolutely
under the orders of the
Military & Storekeeper and
Contract of this Committee
they beg leave to recommend
to the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee
to direct the Military &
Storekeeper to carry on that
employ as was ever the
case before the appointment

The Committee of Store
are misinformed Mr
Lascelles has not signified
his Intentions of relinquishing
the Cooperage.

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Ft. Wm Lascelles when
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regularly brought up
to the business who could
be sent for and obliged
to attend himself to
the more laborious parts
of it, as overseeing the
Workmen &c

Present

Patrick Ross
(signed) Patrick Ross
B Scottney
Jos Moorhouse

The President laye before the Board
an Account transmitted to him by Lieut. Colonel
Fraser of Charges incurred during his Command at
Vellore.

Ordered that it be sent to the
Paymaster at Vellore, with direction to discharge
it &c.

Read the following Letter from Major
General Campbell with an Enclosure from Colonel
Floyd.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have with have the honor to
inclose Copy of a Letter which I received yesterday

From Major General Campbell inclosing Copy

Lt Col. Fraser's Bill for Charges incurred while in the Command of Vellore ordered to be discharged

Copy of a letter to him from Col.t Floyd respecting the Gratuity due to his Majesty's 23.d Regiment of Light Dragoons —

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Received from Colonel Floyd Commanding his Majesty's 23.d Regiment of Light Dragoons —

Sent with the Request

of my Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Alex.r Campbell

Major General Commanding his Majesty's Forces on the Coast for the time being

Madras

30.th December 1784

Major General Campbell

Commanding his Majesty's Forces

on India for the time being

Sir

The Paymaster of the 23.d Light Dragoons has repeatedly applyd to me for Leave for the Gratuity due to the Regiment — Six Months are now due to the Men — for the 25.th June, and 25.th December, and Six Months to the Officers for the 25.th February and 25.th August — At this period all Regimental Accounts must be made up, and the Men settled with — I have reason to believe the Men look anxiously for their Gratuity — I have to beg you will please to inform me what I am to tell them about it and how I am to state it in their Accounts — The Captains have already credited their Men for a considerable portion of the unpaid Gratuity — but they can

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From Major Genl
Campbell inclosing
Copy

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Fort St. George 5th January 1785

Copy of a letter to him from Col. Floyd respecting the Gratuity due to his Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons.

Received from Colonel Floyd Commanding his Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons

Sir

I am to the Request of My Lord & Gentlemen Governor &Council to transmit to you the Inclosed Letter from Major General Campbell Commanding his Majesty's Forces on Indian for the time being

Fort St. George
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(signed) Allan Campbell
Major General Commanding his Majesty's Forces on Indian for the time being

Sir

The Payment of the 23d Light Dragoons has repeatedly applyed to the Govern Office for the Gratuity due to the Regiment — Six Months are now due to the Men for the 25th June, and 25th December, and Six Months to the Officers for the 25th February and 25th August — At this period all Regimental Accounts must be made up, and the Men settled with — I have reason to believe the Men look anxiously for their Gratuity: I have to beg you will please to inform me what I am to tell them about it, and how I am to state it in their Accounts — The Captains have already credited their Men for a considerable portion of the unpaid Gratuity — but they can

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go no further — Lieut. Mazwell will resume your Orders. —

Shew the Letter to be

St. Thomé
29th Decemr 1784

Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) D Floyd,
Chief Engineer —

(A true Copy
(signed) Fr. Campbell
Sect. to Major Genl Campbell

Minute thereon.

Signed Brat General Campbell to
desired to inform Colonel Floyd that the Gratuity
due to His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light
Dragoons, will be paid in the usual manner
as soon as the State of the Company's Treasury
will admit; which, it is hoped, will not be
distant. —

The Commander in Chief delivered in the following Minute. —

In the Establishment which I had the honor to deliver in, I recommended the pay of the Sepoy Drummers to be Reduced to that of a Sepoy of 6 pags being 9 2. 16. 2 Month, it was my intention that this should be their neat pay exclusive of the stoppages made from them for Clothing, which is Fanams 21 per Month. I would wish this to be reconsidered in General Orders and that they be allowed

The Commander in Chief recommends that the Sepoy Drummers be allowed 3 pat 9 Month including the usual Stoppages for Clothing and that the Pechutties be included in the Establishment of Pioneers. —

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allowed P 3 p Month from which the usual
stoppage of Jan.y 24 to be made their present
allowance not being sufficient, owing to the stoppage
being greater from the Drummers than the Naigues.

I would also wish an augmentation
the Establishment of Marksmen of two Peons
to be entertained at the same time, as they are absolutely
necessary and have always been allowed

Signed Ross Lang

Read the following Letter from Lieut
in the Miscellany Book Vol 6.y. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 p

from Mr Swan

from Mr Swan dated 24th
Instant Requesting to know whether the Polygars of
Ariatoor and Wandiwash are to be considered as
Tributaries dependant on Tanjore or stating that,
on this uncertainty, he had not applied for their
Peiscash, concurring that it would be received by Mr
Sulivan and by him appropriated to the Publick
Service with as much readiness as by himself.

Agreed that Mr Swan be informed
that as Mr Sulivan has been deputed by the
Committee of Assigned Revenue to settle the
Peiscash in question, he must be allowed the Account
with them as he shall what Pitches to those
Polygars he will be managed by Mr Swan as

Minute thereon.

charged

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Charged with the Collection in the Trichinopoly District &c.

From the Secretary at Masulipatam dated 26th Ultimo, Requesting to know whether Lieut Baillie who Commanded the Sebundy Corps at Masulipatam and at the same time did the Duty of Adjutant in the absence of Ensign Wilcox, is to receive the Allowances annexed to that Station or whether they are to be drawn by Ensign Wilcox during his absence on the Temporary Command of Rajahmundry &c.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed that the Select Committee consider Lieutenant Baillie, who acted as adjutant during the absence of Ensign Wilcox, as entitled to the Allowances more especially as Ensign Wilcox, when in the Command of Rajahmundry, drew in the receipt of full Batta

From the Paymaster of Arcot dated 3d Instant enclosing a Letter to him from Mr Dyce the Acting Deputy Adjutant General claiming the Allowance of 10 Pagodas Monthly for a Writer, and requesting to know the Orders of the Board thereupon

Agreed that Mr Welsh be informed that the Allowance claimed by Mr Dyce may be paid to him in the absence of the Adjutant General

From Mr Cogdell dated 3d Instant stating that for more than 2 Years he has executed the Service performed by Mr Ensign Bonnie with the

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left a fortnight then he had, and Requesting to know what extra Allowance he is to have in future when employed on his Survey

Agreed that Mr Byelow be informed that the Committee Consent to his praying Bill for Arrear of Pay and Batta &c. Collectors Commissions and with respect to his employed as Surveyor and with respect to his allowance in future they are solely to be confined to those of a Surveyor, in which light only he is to be Considered when doing the duty of that Station.

Memo thereof

From Mr Swinton Surgeon to the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons dated 28th Ultimo, Requesting the prayment of his Arrears and the Regulating of his Account while Serving with the Southern Army, and expressing his wish that he may for the future be Regularly paid every Month.

From the Surgeon to the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons

Agreed that Mr Swinton be informed that his Arrears are to be settled like every other Acct. relating to the Southern Army by Mr Digby to the Southward.

Memo thereon

Mr Baxter Surgeon to the 23d Regiment, he will receive it in the same manner as all other Surgeons of the Kings Regiments

From Captain Montgomery at Angola dated 20th Inst. enclosing a Petition from Baxter Paige praying a continuance of his Pension of 20 Pagodas p Month which ceases after the present Month.

From Capt Montgomery

Agreed that Baxter Paige Pension be continued to the 30th April, and that Letters be in Consequence written to the Commandant and Paymaster at Cuddalore.

Memo thereon

From Captain Speedeman Commissary of Stores at Arcot, transmitting a Return of Rice

issued

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Capt Spedman

Resolved to the Boys on a Tellowry, and stating that as the Ballance of Rice under this Charge will be only sufficient for about 6 Weeks he cannot continue serving it to the Tellowrs. Requesting the Orders of the Committee

Agreed that Capt Spedman be

directed to issue Rice to the fighting Men only, and be informed that as Rice is supposed to be at a reasonable Rate at Arcot the Tellowrs and others must supply themselves from the Bazar at that Place.

Kenneth Theron

Agreed that a Letter be written to Masulipatam, desiring that the Chief and Council will avail themselves of the first good opportunity of sending to this Presidency by Sea the Mens belonging to the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons.

The Detachment of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons to be sent by the first Opportunity from Masulipatam as soon as possible.

Macartney

R Hollond

Alex Davidson

55.

Fort St George

5th Dispatched the following Letters agreeably to the Resolution passed in last Committee—

To Colonel Turner Straubenzee

Commanding

at

Poonamalee.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial of the 52d Regiment transmitted by you, and to inform you that Ivy Batta never was engaged in time of Peace by any Troops between the Restore and the Coloroon, and that the allowance now made to the Troops in Cantonment is merely Temporary, and is to be considered as an Indulgence, which can be continued for a very short time only—

I am directed further to signify to you that in the course of Duty those Companies of your Regiment which have hitherto been stationed at Poonamalee will be removed to other Stations—

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Adam Charnier

Actg Secy

Fort St George
5th January 1785.

To Colonel Straubenzee
Informing him that the
Troops stationed between
the Restore and the Coloroon
were never engaged in time of Peace
only Batta—That hitherto
forage allowance made to
the Officers in the Cantonment
at Arcot, will be discontinued
in a short time. The Companies
of the 52d Regiment hitherto
stationed at Poonamalee
will in the course of Duty
be stationed elsewhere—

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5th

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To Major General Campbell

Commanding His Majestys Forces for the

Time being

Sir,

To General Campbell
desiring him to acquaint
Colonel Lloyd that the
Gratuity due to the 23d
Regiment of Light Dragoons
will be paid as soon as
possible

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo with its enclosures, and to desire that you will be pleased to acquaint Colonel Lloyd that the Gratuity due to His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons will be paid in the usual manner, as soon as the State of the Company's Treasury will permit; and which it is hoped will not be distant

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Fort St. George
6th January 1766.

Sgnd/ John Chamier
Secy

To Mr William Wynch

And to the Commissioners of

Accounts

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Accounts
directing them to permit
the Prior applications to
the Light representations
to expend the money
paid for Ballast here
and authorized by Government
Covering a Gunboat from
repeating the Recharge of
Ballast & Coals

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ultimo with its Enclosures, and to inform you, that they desire

You

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5th

You will persist in your applications to Mr Light's representations to refund the money which he paid for Bullock hire, unauthorized by Government and Contrary to the established Regulations —

The Select Committee approve your recommendation that orders be issued to the Paymaster not to pay or make a charge for any Bullocks or Carts (in whatever service or Detachment employed except ancored by the Commissary, and included in his Return; and they therefore desire you will issue the necessary directions to which the Committee have already given Effect by publishing a General Order Copy of which I enclose for that purpose —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Charnier
Secty Secy

Fort St George
6th January 1785.

To Eyles Irwin Esqr

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ultimo, and to inform you that Mr Sullivan has been received by the Committee of Accounts Revenue Board to the

To Mr Eyles Irwin
informing him that Mr Sullivan
is to balance the present
Country Accounts and
Warrion Pollams after
which he & Mr Irwin to
have the Management
of them —

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5th The Peacock of Arcadore and Warriapolliam, he must ballance the accounts with them; after which, what remains to the Polygarships will be managed by you, as Charged with the collection of the Revenue in the Tuticorin Division

Fort St George
6th January 1785.

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed John Chamier
Secretary

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Received Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in the Country Correspondence N°3) covering the President the compliments of the Season

Sent the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book N°s 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General, informing him that the Expences incurred by the Prisoners captured at Pondicherry are to be brought to account under the Head of Pondicherry Prisoners, under the Capitulation, and of those French Prisoners, captured during the War, under the Head of French Prisoners of War.

To Masulipatam

To the Board of Masulipatam, informing them that Lieutenant Baillie is appointed as Adjutant during the absence of Lieutenant Wilson with recruits the allowances annexed to that Station and directing them to send to the Presidency by the first Sea Conveyance, the Men belonging to the 23 Regiment of Light Dragoons

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To the Surgeon of the 23d Regiment of

To the Surgeon of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons

Light Dragoons informing him, that the Answers sent to him, while serving with the Southern Army will be settled by Mr Digby in like manner as any other account relating to that Army, and that he will receive the same allowances as are granted to the Surgeons of the Foot Regiments

To the Paymaster of the Cantonment

To Mr Welsh

at Arcot informing him that the Committee consent to the acting Deputy Agent & Genl's receiving Ten Pagodas pr Month for a Writer, when the Agent General shall be absent

To Captain Alexander Montgomery

To Captain A Montgomery

Commanding at Cangole informing him that the Committee are willing to allow Basker Noig a monthly Stipend of Eighty Pagodas till the 31st April, but no longer

To the Paymaster at Cangole, directing

To Mr Lt Gardiner.

him to pay the above mentioned monthly Sum to Basker Noig.

To Captain Speedman directing him

To Capt Speedman.

to issue Rice to the fighting men only, as the followers must subsist themselves from the Bazar at Arcot, a Return of which he must transmit to the Presidency

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing

To Mr T. E. Ogilvie

him that Mr Surveyor Norris must be paid his Charges to Pay and Batta to nine Coolies, that his allowance in future must be confined merely

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priority to those Seals for a Surrogate Copy of which is enclosed for his Guidance — Endorsing a Bill of Colonel Fraser for 22½ Pagodas which he must discharge —

To Messrs Lord and Close

To Messrs Lord and Close, donating them to inform Captain Smart that his Detachment at Carnacoor is to remain for some time on its present footing; and that, if a Fixed Garrison should be established there, they will receive notice of it.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore (as entered in the Secretary Correspondence Vol) explaining why this Government is so exigent for Payment of the Batta due on the annual Peishcush of four Lacks of Pagodas and reasoning on the Argument made use of in his Letters, for withholding such Payment as hitherto

From the Chief of Vizagapatam

The Right Honble the President read in Circulation for the information of the Members of the Select Committee, Extract of a Letter to this Lordship from Mr Boyell, Chief of Vizagapatam; together with several Papers as (entered in the Miscellany Book Nº 22) relating the late Affray at Chicacole between the Company's Troops and Sitteram Bongy

From Mr Sullivan

Received Letter from Mr Sullivan requesting Permission for Mr Kepperly to come to the Presidency (as entered in Miscellany Book Nº 23)

Granted (vide Miscellany Book Nº 24)

Received

No. 59. Fort St. George 9th January 1784.

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Mr Commissary Jackson—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I beg permission to represent to your Lordship &c that it seems to be the common practice for all Officers who have done Duty on the Coromandel Coast, and particularly with the Southern Army, during the late War, to apply to me, to audit and pass their accounts; I request your Lordship &c would please to direct such Orders as will effectually put a stop to this mode, as it not only occasions me an very disagreeable attention, but also interrupts my business, which I conceive to be examining the Accounts of Paymasters, Storekeepers and Agents; but not those of Individuals, without Special Orders for that Purpose from your Lordship &c

I beg leave to inform your Lordship &c that there is scarce an Officer whose Bills I have yet seen, but what has contingencies, comprehending a variety of Articles, to audit such charges as these, in the state they are presented to me, without seeing a compleat Months accounts from the

from Mr Commissary Jackson requesting the Committee to give Orders to will prevent the Officers to the Southward from applying to him to audit their accounts and accessing letter to him from Captain M.Leod with an application of his part—

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If the Paymasters will make me very liable to commit Errors - but by having the Disbursements properly made out by the Paymasters, and then laid before I shall be the better enabled to judge of the propriety of them -

One application however I must take the liberty of making you, and it is herewith enclosed, by which your Lordship &c will perceive that, to attend to the Accounts of Individuals, I must unavoidably neglect those of more importance

I have the honor to be very respectfully &c

Warriore
2d Janry 1783.

Signd William Jackson
Secretary of Servant

To William Jackson Esqr
Commissioners of Southern Accounts

Sir

The orders by Government enjoying that you are invested with full authority to audit all accounts of the Army in the Southern provinces, and that there is no appeal from your decision on those points, I herewith enclose for your auditing an Abstract of arrears due to me by the Honble Company

I have already offered to lay my particular accounts and Vouchers before you, and along with those general Abstracts I now send a

Send

kind of explanatory memorandum for each article; also a Copy of Colonel Fullarton's instructions to me when I returned to the Command of Dindigal in June 1783.

As to the Scheme of the incampment of the Southern Army, which you was pleased to show me, and on which I am set down Deputy Quarter Master General, I beg leave to observe, that, being fully satisfied on the Command of my Battalion on Service, I did not apply for the appointment of Quarter Master General to the Army, nor ought it to be supposed that I would give up the command of my Battalion to be any kind of Deputy in any Army, the Commander of the Army having a just idea of the Office of Quarter Master General, and, I flatter myself, considering that in some points I was capable of executing the duty, did me the honor of proposing the appointment, I no sooner, however, laid myself in orders as Deputy Quarter Master General, than I declared to Colonel Fullarton how very disagreeable it would be to me to act in that rank; — I hoped, indeed, the length of my Service in this Country, and my Command of a Battalion of Sepoys, which I consider honorable, also the magnitude of the Army with which I acted, will be admitted as sufficient reasons for my not throwing myself into the same rank with the young men of about a Year's

Service

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6th Corps, who acted as my Deputy and indeed with all the young men, attended as Quarter Masters and Majors to the several Brigades of the Army — Colonel Sullivan thought my considerations reasonable and appointed me to act as Quarter Master General to the Southern Army from the date of their order I have approved to draw the pay and allowances attached to that Office, trusting to the justice and generosity of my Superiors to reward me with them. Give me leave Sir, to put you in mind that I have Evidences at the Treasury which register my attendance, and that my interests will suffer if I do not appear there soon. I have had for several days both the Commanders in Chiefs permission to go whether — but if you do not order my Accounts it shall prove a severe Disappointment and loss to me — and as to any charges as Quarter Master General I shall leave them to Government, and your self, rather than be subjected to a disappointment of any other nature.

In addition to what I have said in the memorandoms, I have to say that I not expended every farthing that I got of my own and borrowed a considerable sum upon interest, the public would have shamefully suffered — and thus I pointed out to Colonel Sullivan as well as to the Paymaster in many letters; and the Officers that did duty with me can testify that I was

distress

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6th Battys of the Troops forward of enemy and
Provisions were such that had I not been able
to procure Supplies by my own efforts, I should
be reduced to the necessity of shutting myself up
on the rock with a handful of men - and end
the rest where there was a chance of their being
Salvated, leaving the country to the Enemy's Army
which they have not.

Conscious of the honest and zealous
part which I have ever acted towards my
Masters, Servants, Cor, I bother my Labours
& the extraordinary difficulty which I experienced
in getting accurate my accounts of Arrears
of pay - caused by fatigue and hardships many
months since, and of debursements of every each,
which I provided with much difficulty for the
exigency of the Public Service

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Don. Macleod

Trichinopoly
1st January 1785

Received the following letter from
Captain Charles of the 52d Regiment

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In the absence of Colonel
Thackeray

Lieut Captain Charles
Having on behalf of the
Officers of the 52d Regiment
that

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Inclosed I have the honor to send you the copy of a very improper Letter from the King's Officer Commanding at Permaconde in the absence of Colonel Brandesegge, of which the Select Committee request you will express to him your disapprobation in a strong manner;

In order to prevent any future irregular Erection of this kind, you will be so good as to inform the Majesty's Officers under your Command, that the Committee consider you to be the proper Channel in the first instance for recommending them to the favor of Government, and that therefore application for any favor of that nature should only be transmitted thro' you.

I enclose a Letter for Brigadier General Stone which you will please to deliver & have the honor to be &c

Signed John Chamier
Acting Secry

Sent the following Letter to the Pay-Master at Arcot.

To Mr Thomas Welsh

Paymaster at

Arcot

To Mr Thos Welsh. Informing him that the non Commissioned Officers and Private Europeans are to receive for that time a temporary allowance equal to half Batta

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Worshipful the President and Select Committee to inform you that the Europeans non Commissioned and Private

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9th Privates of the Detachment, who have hitherto received Batta, are to receive a Temporary Allowance equal to it, as well as the Officers, untill further Orders; and you will therefore issue it accordingly —

I am further to inform you that it can be continued for a very short time only as the improving state of the Country about Dindigul, and consequently of Provisions, must daily diminish the Inconveniences which are complained of; and which it was granted to relieve —

I am &c
(Signed) John Chamier
Acting Secy

Fort St. George
9th January 1785.

To Tippoo Sultaun

Sent Letter to Tippoo Sultaun (as entered in Country Correspondence No 3) stating that he ought to make a Deduction out of the five years rent he demands for what has been collected by his Aumils in the Rajah of Tanjore's Districts, and that the promissary Note given to Hyder Ally by the Rajah, on Condition to him, ought to be returned; as that condition is void — And requiring him to liberate all the Prisoners belonging to the Rajah agreeably to the 6th Article of the late Treaty — As soon as the Rajah's Victories are restored, 30,000 Pagodas will be paid him in Sircar Bills, and the Balance, after the deductions are made for the Collections, shall be immediately discharged —

Revised

62. Fort St. George — January 1785 —

From Mr Digby

Recd Letter from Mr Digby (as entered in the Secretary Book N° 25) transmitting a Statement of Arrears due the Southern Army to the 31st August 1784 and requesting the Orders of the Committee respecting the 15 days on August, not mentioned in the Statement —

Minute thereon —

Agreed that Mr Digby be informed that the Committee consent to allow the charge for 15 Days in the month of August (Vide Miscellany Book N° 26) —

Sent the following Letter to Meyer

Sind and Close —

To Mr Francis Sind
and Captain Lieut Close
at
Vencatagherry —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose Copies of Letters and Papers which have passed between the Rajah of Vencatagherry and Kemmer Ud Deen Cawn, & a Letter from the Right Honble President to Tippoo Sultaan in consequence —

If the Select Committee cannot know the actual State of the Negociation between you and Kemmer Ud Deen Cawn, they are unable to judge whether the Letter to Tippoo will be strictly suitable at this time, since it is possible that things may have taken a different

To Meyer Sind & Close, inclosing Copies of several Papers relating to the Rajah of Vencatagherry and an Original Letter to Tippoo which are to be forwarded by them or not, as they may think Expedient.

strictly

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9th Inst. and under the latter unnecessary and as it is the wish of the Committee to accelerate, by every possible means, a Settlement between the Rajah of Travancore and the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun, they wish to avoid any measure, or expression which may, by any construction, have a contrary Effect, for this reason, I send you by their Direction the original Letter to Tippoo from the Right Honble President, which you will either forward, or retain, as circumstances require

I am &c
Signed John Chamier
Acting Secy

Fort St George
9th January 1785.

To General Stone

Sent Letter to Brigadier General Stone as entered in the Miscellany Book No 27 informing him that Major General Campbell will relieve him in the Command of the Cantonment ab Arcot, and that the Commotte leave it at his Option either to come to the Presidency, or to proceed to his Command at Vellore

Received the following Letters

To John Chamier Esqr
Deputy Military Secretary
Fort St George

From Mr Irwin inclosing Copy of a Letter from him to Mr John Sullivan on the Subject of the Purchase made by him, which is wrong & to empower the commissaries Stores of the Troops at Vellore & Tanjore

Sir,

I was favored with your Letter of the

To Fort St George 1 January 1785

9th the 23 and 26th December on my road to this place,

To the last letter, with the enclosure from Colonel Forbes to Mr Sullivan, countermands the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, relative to the Detachment at Kaliany. I have only to observe, that I am thereby relieved from a difficulty which I before represented to Mr Secretary Huddleston in a letter of the 24th Instant; and which, I apprehend, would still have subsisted from Mr Sullivans pretentions to the charge of the Manaarcer Pitchauk, had the orders in question been attempted to be executed by me.

I have already had the honor to represent to Government the expediency of rectifying this misunderstanding as soon as possible — and as the appropriation of the Pitchauk mud hold by Mr Sullivan, is necessary to answer the immediate Demands of the Troops at Tondo and Tanjore, with the approbation of Mr Digby, and in consequence of an Estimate given in by him, I wrote a Letter to Mr Sullivan yesterday on that Subject, a Copy of which I now enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President & and trust, that my ideas to supply all Garrisons and Cantonments from the Districts wherein they are placed, will meet with approbation, both as a point of propriety, as well as of saving to the Company in the Article of Exchange between the Coin of one Province and another. — For the present, I am happy to think, this Ops will be obviated

Ft. St George 5th Janry 1783

q.e abruptly from a ship I took on my arrival here,
to regulate the Commercial Concerns by the exchange
of that Place — An order has been given to the
different Managers to observe the standard in
their several Calooks, which cutting off all
future Frauds from the Dealers and Shroffs to impose
taking the Pagodas at par, obviates at the root a
raging Evil, and will quiet the murmurs of the
Troops — When an opening offers to establish one
Coin throughout the Jaghire Countries to the
Southward, I most earnestly recommend the
measure to the consideration of Government.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Byles Irwin

Trichinopoly
6th Janry 1783

To John Sullivan Esqr
&c &c &c

Tanjore

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of advising you
of my arrival at this place, and as I expect this
Letter will meet you on your return to Tanjore
I seize the first moment to enter on a Subject
that nearly concerns the Business on which I am
come here, and which the pressing events of the
Southern Troops require to be immediately and
perfectly understood by us both —

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72. Fort St. George 9th January 1785.

The letter of my appointment to the Trichinopoly Country, conveyed an idea to the public that all the Ceyloned Countries south of the Coleroon were put under my Superintendency. Notwithstanding how far you have resigned the authority held by you under to the Select Committee for an Explanation of their Instructions, that no misunderstanding might arise between Persons so well disposed to each other, as I flatter myself we are; and that neither the public nor myself might be disappointed in the Commission entrusted to my hands.

I had no direct answer to the application, but the mistake of Mr Andrews, in regard to Arcolore and Warriar Pollam, produced a decision from the Governor in respect to their arrangement, you will be surprized, at the Orders of the Select Committee respecting the appropriation of the Peishcush of the Polygars. I mean from their being transmitted to me, and you will be more astonished at Orders I received from them yesterday, directing me to restrain some Dutchmen said to be settled at Kelkurry without Cause, from exercising any rights of Polygion before the Depositor they arrives.

I mention this circumstance, only Dear Sir, only to shew the confusion that seems to have prevailed in the Committee's orders on any new appointment; and the discharge of the Southern Arrears from the Ceyloned Revenue in this quarter is very very apparent and is confirmed by

73. Fort St. George 8 Sunry 1788.

9th By the Cross investigations

On this Account I have troubled you with our Digby's Estimate of Pay to be issued to the Corps at Tanjore and Tondy, to make their Payments keep pace with the other Garrisons and Cantonments. The Resolve sent from Bombay will always pay the Troops in that Presidency well always pay the Troops in that and the Madeira Detachment Treasury; with attention; will supply those in this quarter, but not a Battalion more; you will therefore perceive the necessity of apportioning the Detachment of the Marauars and of Andore and Warriorpollam to the Payment of the Troops on your side, and particularly ammunition upon of 15,468 Star Pagodas, the amount of this Estimate now sent to you. If it will be any relief I would recommend to Colonel Stuart to order Captain Oliver with his Battn to Natam, which will answer the purpose of protecting them at least, while it brings back an incorrigible and insolent Polygar (Lingam) to his Duty, and a perfect submission to the Company's Authority. any reasons for mentioning Captain Oliver will be known to you, you will oblige me by an Answer to this as soon as convenient as the resolution of Col Digby and me must be responded, until we are ascertained how far the Detachment in your hands will tend to the completion of the wishes of Government, as correctly, and so speedily

tedly

14. Fort St George 4th Janry 1793

9th currently signified to me.

I remain with great regard &c

Seringapatty
4th Janry 1793.

Eyles Irvine

Tanjore	Star Pags	Fns C.
1 Battalion	1792	30 64.
36 Do	1932	" "
Tanjore Grenadiers	1039	9 16.
Engineer Peons	384	" "
	5147	40 "

Tondy.

7 Battalion		
8 Do	6000	" "
10 Do		
13 Do		
Officers two Months, about	4000	" "
	Star Pags 15147	40 "

10th

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

My Lord.

From Colonel Berry announcing the sudden death of the Marquis de Bajoy —

I do myself the honor, tho with much concern, to acquaint your Lordship with the Death of the Marquis de Bajoy, which happened about 10. Clock last evening. I was the more surprized at hearing of this event in the morning as I had waited on him with Sir Henry Cooby, but at eight, and found him in good health and Spirits, and, as usual, most kind and friendly; I had

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To Fort St George — 1st Janry 1785

10th engaged my dog to dine with him today

He is immediately succeeded at this
place by Brigadier General de Coutenceau, but,
as I fancy the Commission is general on this
side the Cape, in that case, Major General
Lanmay, next to the Isles, is in the Chief Command,

Now this very importunate Circum-
stance may operate on our particular situation
at the present, your Lordship will best judge,
as you are not to be informed that Brigadier
Coutenceau declined acting with the other
French Commissioners, when the giving up to us
of Trincomalie was a measure resolved on —

Colonel Fullarton sails this day, or
tomorrow, in a Danish Ship for Europe, and
Sir Henry Cosby and family, now with me,
proceed Southward this evening

I have the honor to be &c

Pondichery
8th Janry 1785.

(Signed) D. Barry.

In consequence of the contents of the
foregoing Letter the Right Honble the Governor
immediately on the receipt of it wrote the
following Letter to Bengal

To
The Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General & Council
at
Fort William

Gentlemen

From the Right Honble
the President & the Governor
& Council at Pondichery
of the South of the Straights
of Malay along Coromandel
Coast & Ceylon having
received this —

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Fort St George 10th January 1785.

10th

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this moment received a Letter from Pondicherry, acquainting me that the Marquis de Bussy died suddenly on the 3d Instant at Eleven O'Clock at night —

M. de Cauteneau, who has the rank of Brigadier General, succeeds him, as the eldest Officer on the Spot; but I understand Mr Conway, a Marechal de Camp, who Commanded the French Troops at the Cape and who is now at Mauritius, is soon expected on the Coast, and of course will take the Command —

We have not heard any thing from Mr de Bussy on the Subject of your Letter of the 23d November, We therefore suppose that your Letter to him, thro' the Channel of the Governor of Columbo, had not yet reached Pondicherry

I thought it necessary to communicate to you the Intelligence contained in this Letter without delay, and have the honor to be with great respect &c

Fort St George
10th January 1785.

(Signed) Macartney

Sent to the Gazetteer
P.S. 11th January 1785

Inclosed I have the honor to send to you the Copy of a Letter received this day from Mr Cauteneau containing an official Information of Mr de Bussy's death.

Sent

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10th Sent the following Letter to Mr. Commissary Jackson —

To Mr. Commissioner Jackson

Sir.

To Mr Commissioner Jackson giving him authority to refuse auditing any accounts but in the mode most convenient to him — Informing him that no Quarter Master General can be allowed for the Southern Army, and that Captain McLeod must be considered as Deputy Quarter Master General, and his accounts audited agreeably thereto —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant, and inform you that they approve your declining to audit the accounts of Individuals which are presented to you, without having, at the time, before you a compleat month's Accounts from the Paymaster —

That you may be enabled to give a positive refusal to any person who may tender his accounts to you, unless in the mode most convenient to you, the Select Committee hereby authorize you to refuse the examination of any Accounts which may be presented to you, in any manner, which may prevent the speedy execution of the important Service Committed to your management —

With respect to the contents of Captain McLeod's letter, transmitted to Government by you, the Committee do not understand on what grounds he terms himself a Quarter Master General when there certainly is, nor never was, but one Officer who

could

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We acted that we thought incumbent on us in putting it into such a situation, as would enable it to undergo Service, to the Company, if necessity should at any time require it; and we must confess, that, instead of reproach, or any thing like reproach, for this measure, or the mode of prosecuting it, however liberally your conduct may have been bestowed on us on other occasions, We expected your acknowledgements for the attention which we had shewn to the Interests of your Presidency without imposing on it any immediate Charge, that it might be inconvenient to you in your present circumstances to defray. It may also be deserving of remark that the Horses which originally composed Sir John Burgoynes Regiment were sent from this Country, and at the Expence of this Government. We naturally wished that the Corps should be kept complete, we thought that the Commanding Officer of it was the proper person for choosing and purchasing any Horses that might be wanted for that purpose and we were perfectly satisfied that the price which Sir John Burgoyne stated was moderate

Your Lordship &c are referred to state one Question to us in the Close of your Letter, with respect to the Horses, that may become supernumerary on the Regiment, on which

81. Fort St George 8 January 1785.

10th which is to be acquainted to acquire an answer
to it.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Warren Hastings
John McPherson
John Stables

Fort William
Secret Department
14th December 1784.

11th Received a Letter from Brigadier General
Cossigny, of which the following is a Translation

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you
that the death of the Marquis de Bussy, has occasioned
my taking the Command, agreeable to the Custom
of the Service, — Animated with the same spirit,
you will find me, my Lord, equally disposed
to cooperate with you in every thing which
can establish the harmony which our respective
Sovereigns had in view in restoring Peace to
their Subjects —

I am with the most distinguished
consideration &c

(Signed) Coutenceau

From Brigadier General Cossigny announcing the death of the Marquis de Bussy, and his disposition to cooperate in establishing that Harmony, the Sovereigns of either nation had in view by restoring Peace to their Subjects —

Pondicherry
8th January 1785.

12th Received the following Letter & Enclosure

To

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12th

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Vizagapatam Ld answer to their letter to him respecting the complaints of the French Merchants in that District, transmitted to Government by the Select Merchants Deputy

It is with concern the Gentr. from the Copy of Mr Bujo's Letter to your Lordship &c. forwarded to us by the Secretary Mr Addenbrooke with your Letters of the 29th. ult. upon the Subject, that the steps we had taken, and which we perceive your Lordship &c are no others than what we at different times had represented to the Right Honble President and Council as necessary to be pursued for restoring the Company's Investment to its former Standard, in Quality and Measurement, have been misrepresented by the French as interfering with the Rights they derive from the late Treaty of Peace; — We certainly had no Idea that Regulations framed for the Interest of the Company, within their own Jurisdiction, could have given cause of Complaint to the French Nation; but, in consequence of your Lordship &c Injunctions to put the most liberal Construction upon the terms free and independent trade, We have represented the Right that those Regulations

are

23. Fort St. George January 1783.

19th are not to affect the French, but that their
Cloths, of whatever Quality, must be exposed
to Sale on paying the Government duties —
Having thus obeyed your Lordships &c
orders, it is incumbent upon us to represent
of the bad consequences that will probably be the
Result to the Investment, for while the French,
or any private purchasers, are at liberty to buy up
the Cloth at advanced prices, it will be in
vain for us to expect that the Weavers will make
the Cloth of the Company's Standard, nor perhaps,
in due time, will it be just or to compell them
to it. — By this measure, which the Gov assented
the Weavers found it no longer their Interest to
manufacture bad Cloth, and therefore were glad
to employ themselves in making Cloths of the
proper Lengths, Breadths, and quality, which they
were sure of a ready sale for; but we fear that,
in spite of all our Endeavors to prevent it,
they will revert to their former practice of reducing
the Cloth, a practice which during the Troubles,
when the Company's Investment was at best, they
had fallen into and exercised without controul
in a very great degree, — By means, however, in
our Power, consistently with your orders, shall
be left untried to prevent an Evil so injurious
to the Company's Commerce; tho we cannot
flatter ourselves with full Effect, and with such a
View We hope the urgent Expediency of the measure
will justify us in your opinion for coming to the

Resolution

84. Fort St George — 9 January 1755

12th Resolution, without waiting orders from you, to
communicate to make the Merchants to make large
advances to the Weavers in order to keep them in
in their own Lands, in case the Rajah can post
us with a Law of Rupees on account of his want
Cost; The Export answer known Rupees Letter
to us on this Subject, in consequence of the Merchants
Representation, we beg leave to enclose for your
particular Information —

Heretofore Yanaon, in the time of
the French Company drew from this District
according to our Information about 3 or 400
Bales annually; which was not felt by this
Factory as at that time they were on bye nice Hand
ourselves with respect to the Fabric and manage-
ment of the goods they received; but the case is
now very different Their Trade is carried only
by private adventurers which are very numerous,
and the Demand for Cloth being great, the
Competition among them obliges them to take
whatever is offered by the Weavers, who, aware of
this, take advantage of the times, as you will
perceive by some pieces of their Cloth taken
indiscriminately from a large Parcel, which
we shall take the Liberty of sending by the
first opportunity, to afford your Lordship &c
Circular proof of the Kind of Cloth that has
lately been brought up to an incredible Extent
by these Traders; by which you will be enable to

more

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12th We are particularly to judge of the Difficulties we have to struggle with

Uncontracted by any Government of
Our own the Factory at Yanam not being yet
recalled, these Gentlemen are apt to make encroach
ments, which, if not checked in time, may hereafter
be claimed as established Precedents; as an
Instance of this, we beg leave to enclose one of
the Packets that are circulated by them, and
three more in the stile of orders

We are with great respect &c

Signed Claud Russell
Chas Maxtone
Jos Baker
Mich Keating
T. H. Drake.

Vizagapatam
28th December 1784.

Claud Russell Esqr
Chief &c Council

Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

The late orders from the Presidency
allowing the Merchants from the French Nation
a free and independant Trade in this District,
have greatly alarmed the Company's Merchants
of this Factory — They represent that the

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12th ...measures lately adopted by the Chief and Council enabled them to bring the cloths ... provided for the Company to their proper Standard as heretofore; but that, the moment that the Gomastahs of the French Merchants again come into the Country to purchase Cloth, the fabric will return to the debased state on which it was found at the recommencement of our Investment the beginning of this year, and that all their endeavors to prevent it will be ineffectual; however that this Evil may be obviated as much as possible, the Merchants request that, previous to the Orders from Madras being made public, a considerable advance of Cash may be made them in order that they may distribute it amongst the Weavers of the District, by which means they will become largely indebted to the Merchants, and of course be prevented in some degree from working for private traders. Should this meet with your approbation, Gentlemen, the sooner the advance is made to the Merchants the better.

I have the Honor to be with respect &c

(Sign'd) Chas. Maxtone
Export Warehousekeeper

Vizagapatam
12th Dec. 1784.

A true Copy
T. W. Drake
Secy

to

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12th

To John Studleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore transmitting Statements of Arrears due in the Garrison of Tanjore up to the 31st of December

In obedience to the orders of Government conveyed in the letter of 13th December from the Deputy Chamier, I now forward to you a Statement of the arrears due on this Garrison to the 31st Ultimo accompanied by fourteen Separate accounts explanatory of the different heads, & this Statement differs from the one transmitted to the 31st July, it may not be proper to introduce into this address, the causes which have occasioned such difference

The Corps of Topasses, and the Detachments of Native Artillery & of the 12th Battalion of Sepoys, having been removed from this Garrison, the amount of their arrears, which made a part of the Statement of July, are not included in the Statement of December now forwarded

The Arrears to the Corps of new Pallandies, having been discharged before the orders of 26th September were published in this Garrison, the amount of those arrears is

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12th is consequently deducted from the present Statement

The Arrears to the Regularly Corps,
to the Independant Troops of Cavalry, to the
four Battalions of Sebundy Sepoys, the Ballances
due to other Battalions on the 31st July, those then
due on Account of the Hospital, and to the
Bullock men, have also suffered deductions, partly
from advances made previous to the publication
of the order above referred to, but principally
from sums arrears incurred from the 31st July to
31st December.

The Ballances due to the Paymaster,
has been reduced by the credit now given to the
Company on account of grain issued to different
Detachments at Negapatam, and in the Country
and Fort of Tanjore; the amount of which could
not be ascertained when the Statement of July was
transmitted to the Presidency.

Interest is now charged to the 31st
December on all the notes issued by the Resident of Tanjore,
the principal amount of which only was included
in the former Statement

The Batta and Gratuity to His Majestys
73d Regiment up to the 31st December, the Arrears
to the 1st and 36th Company Battalions of Sepoys for
November and December, the Charges for Cloathing
Sepoys, and the amount of the Bills drawn by
the Paymaster General on the Paymaster of Tanjore
in favour of William Burke Esqr, and of Capt Louis

Sullivan

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12th Battalion of the 102d Regiment, are exactly as
in the present Statement—

A seperate Statement will shortly
be forwarded for the Arrears due to the Nabobs
Battalions, Stationed in the Carnatic Country, the
Ballance due to them may be estimated at about
15,000 Pagodas—

I have only further to observe that the
amount of Arrears due to Officers to 25th July cannot
be exactly ascertained, several Officers having
negotiated their Bills and the Holders of them not
having to this time sent in their demands—

I have the Honor to be &c
(Signd) John Sullivan
Paymaster

Tanjore
9th January 1785.

From Maculloch

Received Letter from Macullochatum
(as entered in the Miscellany Book No 28) relative
to Troopers Saddles sent by them to the Presidency

12th —cy — Sent the following Letter to Brigadier
General Coutinceau—

To Brigadier General Coutinceau
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant, and beg
leave to offer you my Compliments of Condolence
on the melancholy Event of the Marquis de Bussy's
death—

Your

To Brigadier General Coutinceau with a Compliment of Condolence on the death of the Marquis de Bussy—will be always ready and disposed to co-operate in every measure of state in any thing the Peace & to strengthening the Bonds of Friendship subsisting between the two Nations—

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18th

You may be assured of finding me on all occasions most cordially disposed to cooperate with you in every measure for strengthening the Peace concluded between our respective Sovereigns, and for promoting the mutual welfare of their Subjects —

I flatter myself that within a very few days all the Difficulties, which have hitherto retarded the final completion of the Definitive Treaty, will be totally removed, and that I shall have the pleasure of soon hearing from you upon the Subject —

I have the honor to be, with the most sincere & cordial consideration — &

Fort St George
13th Janry 1785.

(Signed) Macartney

Received the following Letter from Mr William Burke —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr Burke, respecting the Loans of Money paid to him by the Government, and from him to the Kings troops and particularly of what Sums were paid by him to the 100th Regiment —

On my return yesterday to this place, I found Mr Chamier's Letter of the 6th Instant written by direction of your Lordship, and requiring "An Account of all Monies paid here to me, by this "Government, and by me to the Kings Troops, "together with a particular Account of what was "paid to the 100th Regiment

I have never failed to supply the Governm[illegible]

Ft. St. George — 1 January 1785

13th Government of Madras with authentic Copies
of the several two months distributions, as delivered
to me, by the respective regimental paymasters;
They are, your Lordship knows the Vouchers on
the Sanction of which, I make my requisition
for the Subsistance of the King's Troops, and of
Course, I give my receipt for all Monays
that I receive from the Presidency. I believe
it is needless to inform your Lordships, that on
public monies arising with me; I pay it away the
Instant I receive it, if the Regimental Paymasters
are on the spot, or have their agents there to receive
it, and they never so fail to receive it in a day or
two. The distributions and my receits, which
lye in the Company's Office, seem to me, the
best possible ground, for the answer of your
Lordship; as, to the money that has been paid
by advance to the King's Troops for Subsistance

In regard to the particular Account
that Mr Chamier, by your Lordships directions,
desires, of what was paid to the 100th Regiment,
I imagine it alludes to the part of that Regiment
that returned after the War, to this Presidency —
The whole of that transaction, was, if I remember
right, against the express your Lordship, and the very
receit for it Drawn up by your Lordship, it
lyes in the Company's Office and is itself the
fullest account that can be given of that matter.

The Government of Bengal have
thought it advisable to issue all monies disbursed,
under whatever heads, for the use of the King's
Troops

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13th troops, through any Deputy etc Macaulay: there may possibly arise some official inconveniences from their drawing the whole Evening, of what concerns the money issued to the Kings' Troops, in the same hands, but as the peculiar state of things here has not permitted your Lordship to give the Company's allowances to the Kings' Troops, through the Kings' Paymaster, I cannot of course give my assent of them; tho, I suppose, it seems to me, commonly accepted that Office at home should distinctly be apprized of all Disbursements to the use of the Kings' Troops, as well of what is paid on account of the Company, as, of what is paid on the account of the Agreement of two Lacks for every 1000 Men, that the King furnishes to the Company. I believe too, that the Government of Bengal finds a facility in putting the whole issue to the Kings' troops in the hands of the same Officer —

If what I offer is not satisfactory I shall readily obey your Lordship in any other mode you are pleased to recommend — At a distance as I am from any papers, I cannot positively say whether Mr Macaulay, any Deputy in Bengal, has had time to receive the Accounts required by Mr Chamier's Letter; — I never fail to supply that Gentlemen with the Documents of all Office transaction that can affect the troops which go from this to that Government. —

I have the Honor to be with great respect &c

Signed W.m Burk.

Arcot
11th January 1785.

Lord

93. Fort St. George — January 1785.

13th " Sent Letters to Captains Dawes, Mant, Sir Henry Cooby, and Colonel Stuart, /as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos. 29. 30. 31. 32./ desiring to know at what Hour the Tappal makes their respective Gunnons, and to mark the Day and hour it leaves them.

To Captains Dawes and Mant Sir Henry Cooby and Colonel Stuart

Sent the undermentioned Letters /as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 33. 34.

To the Resident at Tanjore, desiring to know if he has investigated the nature of Miller's Claims that the Select Committee may transmit to the Court of Directors on the Ledyard by the Pigot.

To the Committee of Stores to send an account of every thing supplied from the Arsenal to his Majesty's Troops, and the Boxes of each Article, and what has been received into the Company's Stores with the Rates or received from the Kings Regiments.

To the Resident at Tanjore

To the Committee of Stores

Received Letter from the Storekeeper at Chingleput /entered in the Miscellany Book No. 35. representing the bad condition of some Salt Provisions and Grain, and requesting the Orders of the Committee thereon.

From the Storekeeper at Chingleput

Agreed that Mr. Turner be directed to dispose of the Salt Provisions and Grain to the best advantage /Vide Miscellany Book No. 36/

Received Letter from Lieutenant Pemberton /as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 37. requesting the Board to allow his Wife a

From Lieut. Pemberton

Passage

94. Fort St George 1 January 1785

13th Passage money.

Remarks thereon

Agreed that Lieutenant Pemberton be informed, that the Committee are authorized to grant Passage money to Officers thereof, but they will direct the Commander of the Egret to receive Mr. Pemberton on board as a Charter Party Passenger / Vide Miscellany Book No 38 /

From Colonel Reynold

Received Letter from Colonel Reynold (as entered in the Miscellany Book No 39) requesting the Board to order Captain Morgan of the Egret to receive on board his Majesty's two Hanoverian Officers and convey them to Europe /

To Captain Morgan

In consequence of the above Requisition a Letter was written to Captain Morgan, desiring to know if he could accommodate the two Hanoverian Officers with a Passage, to which he replied that he could not, and the same was communicated to Colonel Reynold / Vide Miscellany Book Nos 40. 41. 42. /

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14th Received the following Letter and Enclosures from Major Grattan. —

To the Right Honble the President
& Hon Select Committee

From Major Grattan enclosing Minutes of the Bengal Council and requesting the Committee to confirm to the enclosed

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Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I do myself the Honor of enclosing

to

95 Fort St. George 1st January 1785.

14th to your Consideration the enclosed Minute of Council dated Fort William 13th March 1783. and Take the Liberty to request that you will be pleased, conformably to the contents of the Minute, to order the Payment of such Allowances as appears to have accrued to the Officers of Regulated General to His Majesty's Forces

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. Grattan

Madras
14th January 1785

Aid Gen. to His Majesty's Forces in India

Extract from Minutes of Council Calcutta 5th March 1783.

"The Commander in Chief of the Forces in India having appointed Major John Grattan to the Post of Regulated General of His Majesty's Forces, and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Cathcart, to that of Deputy Master General of the said Forces, the staff Pay of those Officers shall be borne by His Majesty's ..... and they are to receive from the Company's Pay master, wherever they shall be stationed, the same Terms for Contingent Allowances and Establishments as are annexed to the corresponding Stations in the Company's Service at the Presidency where they may be serving for the time being."

Sent the following answer

Major John Grattan

&c

Communicated by the Right Honble

To Major Grattan 1st Jany

President

96. Fort St George 1 January 1783

Sir Eyre Coote has no authority to grant a Commission to him of Adjutant General, but as he has once received that appointment from the King the Committee are willing to give to Lieutenant Crosby with Leave of Absence Supreme Council shall consent

Present and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th Instant enclosing a Minute of Council dated Fort William 15th March 1783 and requesting that they would be pleased conformably to the Instructions of that Minute, to order payment of such allowances as it appears to have annexed to the office of Adjutant General to his Majestys Forces

In consequence directed to inform you that Sir Eyre Coote in his own Commander in Chief at the time of the date of that Minute had no Authority to make the appointment above mentioned, his Commission from his Majesty which is entered on our Records, extending only to fill up Regimental Vacancies of a certain rank

We understand that you have since obtained a Commission from his Majesty appointing you Adjutant General of his Forces in India, but the Court of Directors having not yet sent to this Presidency any information thereupon or Instruction to it how to pay the Office. The Select Committee are restrained from complying with your request. They desire however that I should inform you that they will be ready to give to you, upon your receipt, such sums of Money as the Governor General and Council shall direct them to pay. They have written to Bengal upon

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14th upon this Subject, and to transmitt Herewith a Copy of your Letter, and the answer which I have now the honor to wrote to you —

I am &c

(Signd) John Charnier
Acting Secry

Fort St George
14th January 1785 —

In consequence of the two foregoing Letters, the following was written to Bengal

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

Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant, and shall in consequence use our own discretion according to the best of our Judgement, for the good of the Companys Service, subject to the Joint Instructions contained in our Letter of the 13th November, upon which we have not been pleased to give us the instructions which we desired of you —

We have received an application from Major John Gratton, Adjutant General to His Majestys Forces in India, requesting the Payment of the Allowances annexed to that Station, conformably to a Memorial from your Board of which he enclosed a Copy —

To Bengal respecting the application of Major John Gratton Adjutant General of His Majesty Troops in India for the Payment of the Allowances annexed to that Station, agreeable to a Memorial of the Bengal Council 15th March 1783 —

The

qb. Fort St George 1 January 1785

14th We declined complying with Major Grattan's Request for the Reasons contained in our Letter to him of which We have the honor to enclose a Copy, as also of Major Grattan's Letter with its enclosure, to which answer We received

We have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
14th January 1785.

Signed Macartney
&c Committee.

15th Received a Letter from Brigadier General Coutenceau, of which the following is a Translation —

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that I have received by the Way of Columbo a Letter from the Honorable Mr Hastings and the Committee of Calcutta, addressed to the Marquis of Bajay, with Copies of those written to the Government of Batavia and the Governor of Ceylon, by which it appears there no longer remains any Apprehension for the restitution of Trincomalee, which should be restored by France to Holland on peace — English Commissioners, but as that point is not conceded meerly by the Committee at Calcutta, they have judged it advisable that the Dutch should receive it only from the French appointed for that purpose, the latter, instead of English Commissioners

From Brigadier General Coutenceau I have received a letter from the Supreme Council, addressed to the Captain Generals or Deputy relative to the Execution of the definitive Treaty, Reports to them which and where the Troops shall be prepared

99. Fort St. George 1st January 1783.

15th Commissioners

I request my Lord you will mention the Place and the time you will fix upon to enter on the respective negotiations. It is incumbent upon me to act thus liberally, and candidly, in a Business which will best have effect by observing a Conduct worthy of both Nations — I shall be extremely happy my Lord if I can convince you that I have no other desire than to manifest to you my intention to avoid all Obstacles that might arise from the want of confidence —

I am with the most distinguished Consideration — &c

(Signed) Coudenceau

Pondicherry
18th January 1783.

P. S. Mr Monneron is so good to take charge of this Letter. I wished to have accompanied it with a Copy of that from the Committee of Calcutta to Mr. Bussy, but not having yet a Translation, I cannot send it you before tomorrow

A true Translation
(Signed) Thos Chase
French Translator

In consequence of the Receipt of the foregoing the following Letter was written to Bangore.

To

100. Fort St George — Janry 15th 1785 —

16th

To the Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General & Council

at

Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal, enclosing the foregoing Letter and advising them that their Orders of the 23 November will be implicitly obeyed.

We have the Honor to inform you that We have this day received a Letter from Brigadier General Cartwright. Copy of which We beg leave to enclose, and to assure you We shall not lose any time in carrying into Execution the Orders contained in your Letter of the 23d November.

We have the Honor to be &c

Fort St George
15th Janry 1785.

Signed Macartney
& Committee.

Sent the following Letter to

Brigadier General Cartwright

To Brigadier General Cartwright

&c &c &c

Sir

To Brigadier General Cartwright will lose no time in carrying the Orders of the Governor General and Council respecting the Restitution into Execution

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th January in which

101. Fort St. George, January 1785

Sir, Without you mention, having received by the
way of Columbo, a Letter from the Governor
General and Council at Calcutta, with Copies
of those addressed to the Government at Batavia
and to the Governor at Ceylon

I beg leave to assure you that not a
moment shall be lost in carrying the direction
of the Governor General and Council of Bengal,
into Execution and that I shall chearfully
co-operate with you in that Liberal System,
which cannot fail to be most conducive to the
Interests of our respective Nations

I shall explain to Mr Stevenson who
is so good to take Charge of this Letter, the Reasons
of this Government respecting the mode of
making the restitution; and I have desired him
to communicate them to you

I have the Honor to be with most
Distinguished consideration &c

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
16th January 1785

Sent Letters as entered in the
Miscellany Book No 43. 44. 45. 46.

To the Residents at Tanjore and
Tanjore, and to Captains Davies and Stuart.
with instructions regarding the Loss of

Received Letters as entered in the
Miscellany Book No 47. 48. 49.

From

To Mr Sulivan Tanjore
Captains Davies Stuart

Fort St George 5th January 1805

From Colonel Boothouse

15th

From Colonel Boothouse arrives at Vellore and takes the Command of the Cantonment

From Major General Campbell

From General Campbell arrives at Arcot and takes the Command of the Cantonment

From the Paymaster at Vellore,

From Mr Agilove

requesting the Committee to allow him to entertain an additional number of 9 Lascars for the ease of the Surveyor

Agreed that the Paymaster at Vellore be informed that when the Garrison was much more numerous than it is now, ten hundred Lascars were deemed sufficient for all purposes, that therefore he must provide the Surveyor with more out of that Number / Vide Miscellany Book No 30 /

Minute thereon

From Lieut Lindt.

5th

Received Letter from Mr Lindt at Chandergerry, with an account of the frequent Robberies committed in that Neighbourhood, and of his having secured the Head man / as entered in Miscellany Book No 31 /

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr Lindt be informed, that the Committee approve his having secured the Head man, and desire he will point out the most eligible mode to prevent a Continuance of the like Outrages / Vide Miscellany Book No 32 /

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At a Committee Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Monday the 13th January 1783 } Anth.y Sadleir Esq.r Lieut.t Gen.l Sang.t

Alex.r Davidson Esq.r Ro.t Maunsell Esq.r

Minute of last Committee read

and approved

Read the following Letters from

Colonel Fullarton —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Governor and President & Select Committee

Fort St. George. —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Colonel Fullarton
reporting the Expences
of Southern Army while
under his Command —

I had the Honor to receive the Letter
with which your Lordship and the Board honored
me in answer to mine of the 17th December
to the Right Honble the President, on the
Subject of Disbursements that have occured
in the course of Service with the Southern
Army. I trust that my mode of acting and
thinking is too well known to your Lordship
and the Board to require any Assurances from
me, how sincerely I have at heart a clear
speedy and accurate Detail of all Military
Charges and expenditures to the Southward

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point out to the Section, that although he is appointed Auditor to the Southward, and consequently is to examine, pass or reject all Military charges, yet that the Book and attestation of Officers the Propriety of particular disbursements of the Troops on the General conduct of the War, agreeably to your Instructions, are not under his cognisance but that he is merely to Judge of the Authenticate facts that may be stated to him in conformity to your orders, the Company's Regulations and the particular Circumstances of the case, - I have been more particularly anxious to explain myself fully on this Subject, because otherwise the Officers and Departments to the Southward might be exposed to the Severity of an unjust Audit, without an Opportunity of laying the real situation under which they acted openly before your Lordship and the Board, from outlines much unnecessary Embarrassment and Complaint would inevitably arise - But from the tendency of your answer to my Letter of the 15th December although you have not honored me with any specific intimation on the points there stated, I cannot entertain a doubt but you will be pleased to give such pointed instructions as will satisfy all concerned -

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Wm Fullarton

Pondicherry
4th January 1783.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I take the liberty to inform your Lordship and the Board that a severe illness, and the impracticability of getting out a small vessell, I had procured have obliged me to relinquish all thoughts of proceeding by Bengal. I have therefore resolved to embark on board a Danish Vessell that is to sail for Europe tomorrow. I cannot leave this Country without repeating my Sentiments of Obligation and the sincerity of my acknowledgements for the various marks of confidence and goodness which I have experienced from your Lordship and the Board.

It will be the ambition of my Life to deserve a continuance of your good Opinion. Permit me before I conclude this Letter, the last I shall write on Indian to recommend on the warmest terms to the favor and Protection of your Lordship and the Board Captain James Cram Deputy Assistant General to the Southward, whose distinguished Zeal and Services with the

Southern

Forces Colonel Sullivan has laid aside his Intention of proceeding to Europe overland takes his Passage in a Danish Ship —

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Lieutenant Irony, whose merit as an Officer and respectable Character, no a man, under Truly deserving of some marks of Public approbation

Londonderry
6th Janry 1765

I have the honor to be &c
Signed W.m Fullarton

Minute on Colonel Fullartons Letter of the 4th

The Board are well persuaded of Colonel Fullartons watching with the Rabble Mutinous Servants of the Southern Army lately under his Command, & should be speedily liquidated for which purpose Mr Jackson was sent to the Southward of whose diligence and ability the Committee have reason to be perfectly satisfied

Do. Do. — —

The information with respect to the disproportion in the Expence of Ballock Hire between the Southern Army and the Carnatic Army as also of the charges for Rice, and for Medical and Hospital Disbursements, Stores &c claims immediate and pointed attention, and it is therefore ordered that an Extract of Colonel Fullartons Letter of the 4th Instant be sent to Mr Jackson that he may in the course of his Investigation discover and account to the Board for this disproportion above mentioned, if the same should be found, which his having served with the central Army during the greatest part of the War will particularly enable him to do

and

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and as Colonel Fullarton states that the Army under his Command were at times subsisted by the resources found in the Country of the Enemy, Mr Jackson must be recurred to as to this circumstance, and he will be able from the Paymaster's accounts and the receipts and issues of such resources to ascertain their amount.

It is unnecessary to make any further observations on this subject, as the nature of the Board upon the Nature and Duty of Mr Jackson's Office has been already explained to Colonel Fullarton in the Letter of the 22d December and proper Instructions for his Guidance have been sent to Mr Jackson.

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Cuthbertcase to the President

Dr — Dr

From Brigadier General Cuthbertcase is happy to find that the Presidents Sentiments correspond with his — will convey Dispatches for England by the way of Suez — if the President wishes to send any —

My Lord

I have the Honor to send you a Copy of the Letter that the honorable the Governor & Council of Fort William at Bengal Madras addressed by the way of Ceylon to the Marquis de Bussy

Lieutenant Colonel Barry has communicated to me the contents of your Lordships Letter to him, and it affords me great pleasure to know my Lord that your Sentiments correspond with those contained in

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in my Letter of yesterday which the Messrs
took charge of

I am going to Dispatch a vessell
about the 20. or 22 of this month to Suez, Your
Excellency you should partake of it, that you
may benefit of you think proper by the
Occasion

I shall with pleasure take the
Charge of forwarding your Dispatches and I
shall particularly recommend that the greatest
care be taken to convey them with the possible
expedition

I am with great distinguished
Consideration &c

(Signd) Coutenceau.

Pondicherry
14th Janry 1786

Mons. Translation

(Signd) Jno. Chase.
French Translator.

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore

From Mr. John Sullivan
requesting Instructions
relative to the Judgment
of Gouldfilly

My Lord,

In the report which I had the
Honor to transmit your Lordship relative to
my proceedings in the Marawar Country, I
represented the confinement of Gillespilly in
the

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The Fort of Rammasperam, and at the entreaty of his Family Solicites the orders of Government for his release

Since my arrival here I have been informed that Gillaspilly has been removed from his confinement at Rammasperam to Trichinopoly, and his Family have renewed their instances for his enlargement, In consequence of their Solicitations. I request your Lordship will be pleased to order my report relative to Gillaspilly to be reported to, and that you will be pleased to give me such Instructions thereon as your Lordship may judge proper

I have the honor to be &c

Signed John Sullivan

Tanjore
8th Janry 1786

Agreed that Mr Sullivan be informed that the Committee consent to the enlargement of Gillaspilly provided such a measure have the concurrence of the Rajah of Tanjore, whom Mr Sullivan must consult on the occasion

Memde thereon

The following Letters being received in consequence of the advertisement published the 26th Ultimo are now upon

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Michell with proposals for supplying the Troops with Arrack south of the Coleroon

In conveyance of an advertisement published by your Lordship and the Honble the Select Committee that sealed proposals will be received on or before the 15th Instant for supplying the European troops at out Garrisons and Cantonments with good Batavia Arrack for the term of one Year, I beg leave to offer to supply all the Southern Garrisons and Cantonments south of the Coleroon with good Batavia Arrack at the rate of 5/7½ (50) Madras Cash or 5/3½ of a Madras Fanam each Dram, reckoning forty (40) Drams to Gallon, for the term of one year, from 1st February 1785. to 31st January 1786. agreable to the tenor of the publick advertisement and am ready to give good security if required

I have the honor to be &c

Signed W. Michell

Neyapatam
10th January 1785.

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

In consequence of Notice published by Authority of your Lordship &c. dated the 26th Millions for supplying by Contract the European Troops and others at the Out Garrisons and Cantonments on the Coast with Batavia Arrack either Collectively or in three Divisions as specified therein, I have the Honor to propose to your Lordship &c. to contract for supplying the Out Garrisons and Cantonments of the Second Division from the Coleroon to the Penna, at the rate of Thirty five rich each Dram, and Forty Drams to a Gallon, on the Condition stipulated in the Public Notice —

I have the Honor to be with the most Respectful &c.

Signd W.m Balfour

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

Sir

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Cochrane with proposals for supplying the troops with arrack from Pulicat to the Coleroon —

In consequence of notice published by authority of your Lordship dated the 26th Octr I delivered for supplying by contract the European Troops, and others at the said Garrison and Cantonments on the Coast with Batavia Arrack, either collectively or in three Divisions, as specified therein — I have the Honor to propose to your Lordship & to contract for supplying the said Garrisons and Cantonments of the first Division from Pallamcottah to the Coleroon, at the rate of thirty Eight Cash per Rupee and forty Drams to a Gallon on the conditions stipulated in the public notice —

I have the Honor to be &c

Fort St George
15th Janry 1785.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Cochrane with proposals for supplying the troops with arrack from the Factories to Ganjam

In consequence of notice published by authority of your Lordship's Letter

&c

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The 26th Article for supplying by Contract the European Troops and others at the out Garrisons and Cantonments on the Coast with Batavia Arrack, either Collectively or in three Divisions as specified therein, I have the honor to propose to your Lordship &c to contract for supplying the out Garrisons and Cantonments of the third Division from the Kistna to Ganjam at the rate of Forty Pagodas each per Anna and Forty Annas to a Gallon on the conditions stipulated in the Public Notice —

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Basil Cochrane.

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Agreed that the Proposals of Mr William Balfour for supplying the out Garrisons and Cantonments between the Kistna and Colleroon with Arrack be accepted —

Mr Balfours Proposals accepted —

As Mr Cochrane Proposals for supplying the out Garrisons and Cantonments from Pallamcotah to the Colleroon are much lower than those of Mr Mitchell, it is agreed that they be accepted and also Mr Cochrane's Proposals for the supply of the out Garrisons between the Kistna and Ganjam —

Mr Cochranes Proposals accepted —

Ordered that the Company's Collectors

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The Company's Letter
to come not the details
of Agreement between
the Select Committee
and Messrs Barwell and
Cochrane —

Solicitor to be wrote to to draw out Articles of the
Agreement between the Select Committee and
Messrs Cochrane and Balfour, agreeably to
the terms specified in the advertisement —

Arrangements for the
immediate Execution of
the Definitive Treaty
to be taken into Consideration

The Letter from Gunnah Couttenaw
in the Diary 13th Instant having informed
the Right Honble the President of the Generals
wish, and his intention to make immediate
arrangements for the final conclusion of the
13th and 14th Articles of the Definitive Treaty on
conveyance of the Letter to the late Marquis
de Bussy from the Governor General and Council
of Bengal, the Board now take the subject
into consideration, and it is in consequence
Agreed that Mr Floyer, who was Chief of the
former Deputation be appointed to proceed
immediately to Pondicherry as Commissary on
the part of this Government, and that a
Commission and Instructions be prepared
for him without loss of time —

Mr Floyer appointed
Commissary for the
above Service —

Agreed that Mr Chase be appointed
an Assistant to Mr Floyer and that Letters be
prepared to the President and Commandant
of Pondicherry, informing them of the appointment
of Mr Floyer, and directing them to attend to his
Representations and assist him to the utmost in
carrying into execution the Service with which
he is entrusted —

Mr Chase appointed
Assistant to
above Service

Letters to be wrote
on occasion

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Acting Garrison Storekeeper

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

From the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing an account of Goods received by him in consequence of Orders from the Select Committee the 29th Octr last.

I have the honor to enclose an account of Goods received in consequence of the Committees Order of 29th October last, with a letter addressed to me by Mr Henry Meichell as attorney to Captain Mc Neill - Enquiot the Committees directions about the disposal of the goods and discharge of Mr Meichell and Ewings Bills amounting to Pagodas 672. 11. 60 -

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George
14th 24th January 1785 -

(Signed) John Fleming
Gar.n Storekeeper

Agreed that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to deliver over to the Custom House Storekeeper the goods under his charge, which must be sold by the latter to the best advantage, after which he must discharge Mr Meichell and Ewings Bills amounting to Pags 672. 11. 60.

Remit to Messrs

Read a Letter from Tondiman to the Governor dated 8 Instant / entered on Country Correspondence No 6 / stating that several Villages belonging to him are in the Independ

Substance of a Letter from Tondiman -

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Possession of others, and that he supposes his Vakeel has delivered all the Papers transmitted to him concerning the Fort of Pallanelly, which he desires may be restored to him together with some other Villages -

Ordered that Copy of this Letter be sent to Mr Sullivan to be communicated to the Rajah of Tanjore, and that he be desired to call upon Tondiman for the proper Documents to establish what are his Rights to the Villages which he claims and to produce the Original Sunnads, which he thinks entitle him to the possession of them -

Minute thereon

Pagodas 500 to be paid to Mr Floyer and 200 to Mr Chase -

Ordered that Pagodas 500 be paid to Mr Floyer and Pagodas 200 to Mr Chase in advance on account of their Expences whilst employed on the Deputation to Pondecherry -

Macartney

Rob. Lang

Alex. Davidson

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17th Received Letter for entered in Miscellany Book

No. 53. 34. 55 f.

From Col. Nixon

From Colonel Nixon dated 17th November.
requesting Payment for some Bills, which he encloses
belonging to the Estate of his late Brother, who was
killed in Colonel Baileys Action with Hyder Aly in
September 1780.

From Messrs. Lind & Clow

From Messrs. Lind & Clow dated the 12th
January advising of the Rajahs having sent off
two intelligent Persons to Cudapa to discharge the
first Instalment, that subsequent to their departure
a Letter had been Received from Ibrahim ally Meer
Kummer dien Cawni Representative of Copy of which
is enclosed, together with the Reply stating that
as soon as the Money due to the Cudapa Circar
is discharged, Agreably to the Accounts which
will be shewn to them by Bahawl Khan deputed
for that Purpose, the Districts will be restored.

From Capt. D. Parr

From Captain Lieutenant Parr, advising
of his having been detained in Tippoo's Country for
some days, on being sent by Colonel Frazer to
claim the District of Malpaddy and some Peons
retained by Tippoo and at last made his Escape
by a March of 36 Miles in 24 Hours.

Parr

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Sent Letters as entered in the Miscellany
Book 56. 57. 58. 59. 60 61 62. 63. 64.

To
Mr Mitchell. To Mr William Mitchell his Proposals for
supplying the Troops with Arrack by Contract not
Accepted.

To Mr Cochrane
To Mr Wm Balfour To the Honorable Basil Cochrane, and
to Mr William Balfour, informing them, that the
Committee have accepted their Proposals for supplying
the Troops on the Coast of Choramandel with
Arrack.

To Chas Floyer Esqr To Charles Floyer Esqr informing him of his
Appointment as Commissary on the Part of this Govern-
ment for carrying the definitive Treaty between
Great Britain and France into Execution, & to be in
Readiness to proceed thither on receiving his Commission
and Instructions.

to John Turing Esqr 18 To the Garrison Storekeeper, directing him to
deliver over to the Export Warehouse keeper the
Goods saved from the Wreck of the Sloop Charlotte

To Alex Davidson Esq To the Export Warehouse Keeper, directing
to receive the above Goods to dispose of them in
the most advantageous Manner for the Company &
them to discharge the enclosed Bills of Mr Lt
Ewing and Mainwaring.

To

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18th

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To the Committee of Stores

To the Committee of Stores, enclosing a List of Stores wanted for the Garrison of Madura, which must be transported thither by the most eligible mode of Conveyance —

To Capt.n Wersbe

To Captain Wersbe, informing him that as he has altered his Intention of proceeding to Europe he must return the Bill granted to him for Passage Money on the Court of Directors —

To Mr. Thos Chase

To Mr. Thomas Chase advising of his having been appointed Assistant to Mr. Floyer deputed to Pondicherry —

Received the following Letter from Brig.r Gen.l Courtenceau —

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

My Lord —

From Brig.r Gen.l Courtenceau
Repeating his Wishes to
co-operate with this Govern.t
in carrying into Execution
the definitive Treaty
as soon as possible —

I have received the Letter which you did me the honor to write me on the 13th of this Month and its Duplicate —

I have had the pleasure of sending you the Copy of that which the Honorable Mr. Hastings and Council at Calcutta wrote to the Cab.t

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the late Marquis de Bussy relative to the final execution of the definitive Treaty between our respective Sovereigns. I have repeat my wishes to cooperate with your Lordship and hope that your reply to my Letter which Mr. Moracen took Charge of will enable us very soon to afford our respective Nations the happiness of a lasting Peace.

I am, with distinguished consideration.

My Lord,

Pondicherry 16 Janry 1785

Your very humble and very obedient Servant

(Signed) Coutenceau

A true Translation

(Signed) T. Chace

French Trans.r

Sent the following Letter

To Brigadier General Coutenceau

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th & the Inst.

The Committee have appointed Mr. Moyer Commissary on the part of this Government

To Brig.r Gen.l Coutenceau
advising of the
appointment of Mr.
Moyer.

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to execute the directions of the Governor General and Council of Bengal and he will repair to Pondicherry for that purpose with all convenient dispatch —

I beg leave to make my acknowledgments for your very polite offer of forwarding my dispatches to England by the way of Suez of which I shall have the honor to avail myself and shall take care to dispatch my letters to you in proper time.

I have the honor to be with the most distinguished consideration —

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant —

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
18th January 1785.

To John Sullivan Esqr
Resident
at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to the Right Honorable President of the 4th Inst. and to inform you that the Select Committee consent the enlargement of Gillapilly provided such a measure have the concurrence of

To Mr. John Sullivan
The Select Committee
consent to the Enlarge-
ment of Gillapilly
provided the Rajah of
Tanjore agree to it
and desiring him to
call upon Pondicherry
for

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for the proper Document and Original Summons by which he is entitled to the Villages he claims

of the Rajah of Tanjore, whom they desire you will consult on the Occasion.

I am further directed to send you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Tondeman & to desire you will call upon him for the proper Documents to establish his right to the Villages which he claims and produce the Original Sunnods which entitle him to the possession of them.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servt

Fort St. George
18 January 1785.

(Signed) I. Charnier
Secy

I send you some Papers which have been delivered to Lord Macartney Relative to the applications from Tondeman.

To Lieutenant Colonel Barry
Commanding
at Pondicherry.

Sir,

To Lieut.t Col.o Barry advising him of Mr. Floyer's appointment and Requesting him to confirm to the Requisition made by that Gentleman and to proceed to Cuddalore

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have appointed Charles Floyer Esqr. their Commissary to carry into Execution the 13th & 14th Articles of the Definitive Treaty between Great

Britain

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with the 12th & 13th Brigades and Train.

You will therefore please to conform
to the Requisitions which he may make to you and
whom he shall notify the time you will remove the
Troops under your Command from Pondicherry to
Cuddalore, where you will remain until further Orders.

The Select Committee desire that on
the Arrival of Mr Floyer at Pondicherry you will
render him every Assistance in your Power towards
the speedy Conclusion of the Treaty for the execution
of which he is appointed.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Ser.t
(Signed) J. Chamier
Secy

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8th January 1785.

To Mr George Isaac Hoisard,
Resident
at Pondicherry.

Sir;

I am directed by the Right Honble
President and Select Committee to inform you that they
have appointed Charles Floyer Esq.r Their Commissary
to Carry into Execution the 13th & 14th Articles of the
definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France.

You will therefore particularly attend
to

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to any Requisition from Mr Sloyer, and render him every assistance and your power towards concluding the Business with which he is entrusted.

As there are several Accounts to be settled by you on the part of this Government with the French relative to certain Duties at Pondicherry and the Districts dependant, the Select Committee desire you will lose no time in Arranging them with the proper Officers, which you will easily do having long since received the Instructions of the Right Honble President and Council on the Subject should however any difficulty Arise (which the Committee cannot at this time foresee) I am directed to desire you will apply to Mr Sloyer for his Advice and Assistance.

As soon as you shall Receive the proper Notification from Mr Sloyer, you will Remove to Cuddalore, where before his departure for the Presidency he will deliver over to you the Charge of that Settlement, at which you will remain, as the Civil Officer of this Government until you Receive further Directions.

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I am, Sir, Your most Obed't Hble
(Signed) J. Chamier
Secy

To

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To Mr Commissioner Jackson,

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble President and Select Committee to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Colonel Fullarton to them dated the 4th Instant —

To Mr Commissioner Jackson Enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Fullarton to Government the contents of which, the Committee are of Opinion he (Mr Jackson) is qualified to judge on —

As Colonel Fullarton in this Letter states a great disproportion between the Southern Army and the Central Army in the Expence of Bullockhire, and also in the Charges of Rice, Stores and for Medical and Hospital Disbursements, and as for your having served with the Central Army, during the greatest part of the War, the Committee conceive you are well qualified to judge in this matter, they desire you will in the course of your investigation discover and account to the Board for the disproportion, abovementioned if it be well founded, as the Subject claims immediate and particular attention —

The Select Committee observe in Colonel Fullartons letter that he says the Army under his Command was at times subsisted by the resources found in the Country of the Enemy, you will therefore particularly advert to this Circumstance, and will be able from the Paymasters account of the Receipts and issues of such resources to ascertain how much they

amounted

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18th Answered to -

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18th January 1785.

Sam. G.
Signed John Charnier
Dep. Secty

19th

To John Sullivan Esqr

President at

Tanjore

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have dispatched Charles Floyer Esqr to Pondicherry for the purpose of carrying into Execution the 13th & 14th Article of the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France -

As soon as Mr Floyer shall have delivered Pondicherry to the French, and have received possession of Cuddalore, the Select Committee will send you directions to restore Karical of which I give you this intimation that you may be prepared to execute the Orders immediately after receiving them -

To Mr John Sullivan informing him of the appointment of Mr Floyer, and of the Committees Intention to send him the Sullivan's Instructions relative to Karical, as soon as Pondicherry and Cuddalore are restored -

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Sam. G.
Signed John Charnier
Dep. Secty

The

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19th The following Commission and Instructions were delivered this day to Mr. Floyer.

To Charles Floyer Esqr.

Commission to Charles Floyer Esq. appointing him Commissary for carrying into Execution the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain and France.

Whereas it has been agreed by 14th Article of the Definitive Treaty concluded between Great Britain and France on the 3d September 1783. that the Town of Pondicherry shall be restored to France and that His Majesty shall procure the two Districts of Valdavore and Barcour to serve as a Dependency thereof and

Whereas it has also been agreed by the 19th Article of the same Treaty that the Countries and Territories which shall have been or may be conquered in any part of the world by the Arms of His Britannic Majesty or by Those of His most Christian Majesty which are not comprehended in the present Treaty neither under the Title of Cessions nor under the title of restitutions shall be restored without difficulty or compensation,

We have thought it proper to appoint you, and you are by these presents constituted and appointed our Commissary for the purpose of delivering to such person or persons as may be duly authorized to receive them the Town

of

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of Pondichery with the several Villages appertaining to it and of which the Forts were destroyed at the commencement of the War, also the Districts of Tellenore and Balsour to serve as a Defence round Pondichery, and you are hereby constituted and appointed Commissary for receiving at the same time, for us and in our Name as the Representatives of the British Nation the Town of Cuddalore and its Dependencies and for settling and finally arranging with the Agents of France, the cession to the Dutch of the Fort of Trincomalee in the Island of Ceylon, and its Dependencies, which are to be restored to France by virtue of the said Treaty —

Given under our hands and the Seal of the English East India Company at Fort St George this twenty sixth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five —

Signed Macartney
Pr Lieut Governor

To Charles Boyes Esqr

Sir

Instructions sent to each in carrying Articles mentioned therein into Execution.

Having been appointed by our Letter of the 13th March last Chief of the Commissaries

deputed

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19th Deputed to Pondicherry for the purpose of carrying into execution the definitive Treaty between great Britain and France, you were furnished with Instructions and Documents from us to enable you to execute the purpose of your Mission at that Period but many difficulties then unsurmountable having supervened in the course of the Negotiation, it was judged proper to put an End to the Commission which was accordingly done, and the Conferences broken off —

Since that time we have received a Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal, Extract of which is now transmitted to you, together with a Copy of their Letter to us of the 4th Instant and of our Letter to Bengal dated the 19th December and 5th Instant in which you will observe, that We are directed to examine the Subject, and conclude with the French upon the Conditions stated therein —

We have in consequence resolved to obey the orders of the Governor General and Council, without delay, and have therefore appointed you our Commissary for the Execution of their Instructions as you are in possession of all the Papers of the former Commission and fully master of the Subject you will strictly adhere to them in every respect except where the Governor General and Council have ordered the Deviation, which relates chiefly

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14th Chiefly to the mode of Delivering Ammunition
to the Dutch, and what is to be done agreeably
to their Instructions

As soon as you are Satisfied that
the Dutch are contented to receive Ammunition
from us this the Name of the French Agents
acting on our Part, you will be carefully
precautionly to obtain from them a Testimonial
full acknowledgment of the French Agents
acting in the Capacity of English Commissions
for this Restitution, and you will make the
necessary Arrangements for the speedy completion
of the Business to be transacted by

In order to expedite the conclusion
of the whole of this affair you will after the
mutual restitution of Cuddalore and Pondicherry
give Satisfaction to the French of the Districts
of Bahour and Villenour, leaving first ascer-
tained their proper Limits, from the Company and
if they require any further Security than the
Cession of them you will inform them, that
Government will
Countenance that this Government will
demand an Engagement from the Rajah, as
that the French may hold these Districts by
every title in our Power to procure

There are several Accounts to be
settled between us and the French relative to
certain Duties at Pondicherry, and the
Districts

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19th Dec. Instructions dependant, upon which the President and Council have long since given Instructions to Mr Hoyland, he will of course arrange that matter with the proper Officer, there can be but any difficulties which we do not foresee arise but he is directed to address himself to you for your advice and Assistance

We have appointed the Resident and Commandant of Pondicherry if your appointment, and they are directed to conform to your Requisitions, you will therefore give the necessary Information to Lieutenant Colonel Barry that he may remove the Troops under his Command from Pondicherry to Cuddalore where he will remain until further Orders

As soon as the mutual restitution of Cuddalore and Pondicherry and the Cession of Tellicore and Dharmapuri shall have taken place, and that you have settled the other points of your Mission, and are ready to return to the Presidency, you will leave the Hoyland in charge of Cuddalore, as the Civil Officer of this Government, who is to remain there until he receive our further Directions

We request you will be pleased to deliver the accompanying Letters to Mr Hoyland and Lieutenant Colonel Barry

We are &c

(Signed) Macartney
&c &c &c

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19th January 1785

Dispatched

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19th Dispatches the undermentioned Letters (as entered in the Miscellany Book Nos 65. 66.)

To the Company's Solicitors

To the Company's Solicitors, desiring them to draw out Articles of Agreement between the Select Committee and Messrs Baillie and Cockrane, for supplying the Troops with Arrack, agreeable to the enclosed Advertisement

To Mr Hayward

To Mr Hayward. Directing him to prepare proper Quarters at Pondicherry for Mr Boyer

From Lieut Young

Recvd Letter from Lieutenant Young (as entered in Miscellany Book No 67) requesting to be on the same footing as the other Officers of the 98th Regiment, respecting his arrears.

To Lieut J Young

To Lieut J Young, informing him that an Order has been given to discharge the Arrears of the Officers of the 98th Regiment, that remained here, desiring to know what at present detains him at Tanjore, and what are the Arrears due to him (Vide Miscellany Book No 68)

From Mr Pidek

Recvd two Letters from Mr Pidek Paymaster at Arcot dated the 9th & 18th January (as entered in Miscellany Book No 69. 70) stating that Vencatrow, the Renter of Arcot, has agreed to advance Five Thousand Pags

19th Days of Rice, in the Course of a Fortnight
the Price yet uncertain, and wanting to
know if he is to take charge yet, or Captain
Speakman -

Agreed that the Black Company
shall receive the Rice, and deliver it over
to Captain Speakman, but the Price must be
immediately fixed by him, or that the Renter
may not have it in his Power to dispose of it
at different Prices / Vide Miscellany Book
No 71 /

Received the two undermentioned
Letters / as entered in the Miscellany Book
Nos 72-73 /

From Lieutenant Colonel Abbeck,
advising of his Intentions of proceeding to Europe
in a Danish Ship, and offering to take charge
of any Dispatches -

From Lieutenant Colonel Cosby - arrives
at Trichinopoly, and takes the Command of
that Garrison -

Received the following Letter
and Enclosure from Brigadier General Coote
- viz -

(Translation)

To Lord Macartney

S. S. S.

My Lord

I have this morning seen Mr Dare

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Talk to the late Marquis de Bussy relative to the Restitution of Trincomalee agreeably to the Proposals of the Supreme Council

20 Sir Monsr, who has imparted to me your disposition to terminate the respective Retrogressions between our two Nations on the Simple Official Letter from Mr Talk to the late Marquis de Bussy — I lose no time in forwarding this Letter to you, you will find in it the consonance of that Governor, as far as relates to Trincomalee

I have the honor to be with the most distinguished consideration &c

Signd Coutenciaue

Pondicherry
the 19th January 1785.

P. S. The Letter from Mr Talk to the de Bussy of which I enclose a Copy was written in French

Translation

Copy of the Letter which Mr Talk has written to Mr Bussy the 21st December 1784. sending him at the same time Copy of the one which the Supreme Council at Calcutta addressed to him the 23d December 1784. concerning the Cession of the Definitive Treaty —

To His Excellency the Marquis de Bussy
Commandant &c &c

16.

This day received by an English Vessel

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20. Army Ship, a Letter from the Governor General and Council of Calcutta, to which was joined the Packet, which I have the Honor to send to your Excellency. I have left it without Cover, that the English may perceive it is a Dispatch from their Supreme Council

The original Letter addressed to the Council at Cuttuckee is most Satisfactory - Your Excellency will find it enclosed, and in what manner the Government of Calcutta dispose with the Ceremony of an English Commissary who was to attend at the restoring of Tongue who was to prevent many difficulties arise, which will prevent many difficulties

The Gentlemen at Calcutta declare that the accomplishment of the Treaty depends entirely upon your Excellency, which makes me easy respecting the Execution of the Article to which the English oppose the restitution to be made to the Dutch - Yours Look for the advantage of the two Nations living Friends but by an experience which I shall retain always as an obligation to my Nation with respect to myself I shall always consider it as an honor to prove to your Excellency the Sentiments of Respect with which I am &c

(Signed) Jan. Hn. Falck

A true Copy Pondicherry 19th January 1785

(Signed) Contenseau.

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Wt Sent the following Letters
(Courier)

To Major General Campbell
Commanding at
Trich

Sir,

To the Carnatic Garrisons allowing of the Contract with Mr William Balfour for supplying the Troops with Arrack from the Colleroon take Kistna to which they are to conform and pay the strictest attention

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have contracted with Mr William Balfour for supplying the European Troops at every Garrison and Cantonment between the Colleroon and Kistna with the best Batavia Arrack for the term of one Year commencing the 1st February next —

Mr Balfour will in consequence cause to be issued to each European in the aforementioned Place a Quantity of Batavia Arrack / which you are to take care does not exceed 2 Drams pr Day, except on very particular occasions) at the rate of 35 Rupees pr Gallon / which there are to be 40 in a Gallon / and he is to receive ready money for the Liquor thus supplied to the Troops —

The Right Honble President and Select Committee having granted to Mr Balfour the exclusive priviledge of selling Batavia Arrack to the Europeans, non Commissioned and Private

either

Fort St. George 21st January 1785.

26th written the Limits, expired in his Contract, they positively prohibit the sale of any spirituous Liquors, to the Europeans in any Garrison or Cantonment situated within the Limits above-mentioned, and I am in consequence directed to desire you will be pleased strictly to enforce this Prohibition, and on no account suffer any Liquors to enter your Cantonment excepting what may be for the private use of the Officers stationed therein and for the purposes of the Contract abovementioned.

Such of the Black Troops and Followers, or Servants in the Garrisons or Cantonments to be supplied by the Bazaar, who may not Batavia Arrack, shall be permitted to purchase it from him only at the Contract Price, subject to such Regulations as you may think proper to establish for the prevention of irregularities.

The Select Committee desire that you will pay attention to the Quality of the Battavia Arrack to be thus issued to the Troops under your Command, and that you will make a report to them if the Bazaar should not fulfill the Condition of his Contract.

I am &c
Signed John Chamier
Dep.y Secry

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26th Sent to Boorumahal, Bermaul, Chittoor
Coorg Mount. Changpiel, Bidnat Angole
Mallore and Vellore

(Circular)

To James Hodges Esqr

Provisional Chief & Council

at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have contracted with the Honble Basil Cochrane for supplying the European Troops at every Garrison and Cantonment from the Kistna to Ganjam with the best Batavia Arrack for the Term of one year commencing the 1st February

Mr Cochrane will in consequence cause to be issued to each European in the above mentioned Places a Quantity of Batavia Arrack, which you are to take care does not exceed 2 Drams pr Diem, except on particular occasions, at the rate of 32 Cask pr Dram of which there are to be 40 in a Gallon, and he is to receive ready money for the Liquor

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To the Subordinates and Northern Garrisons advising of the Contract with Mr Cochrane for supplying the Troops with Arrack from the Kistna to Ganjam with Arrack to which they are to conform, and pay the strictest attention

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20th Rice supplied to the Troops —

The Right Honble President and
Select Committee having granted to Mr Cochrane
the exclusive Privilege of selling Batavia
Arrack to the Europeans, now Commissioned
and Encamped within the Limits expressed in his
Contract They positively prohibit the sale of
any Spirituous Liquors to the Europeans in any
Garrison or Cantonment, established within
the limits aforementioned, and Pass in
consequence directed to Peons that will be
Placed to enforce this Prohibition, and on
no account suffer any Liquor to enter your
Garrison, excepting what may be for the
Private use of the Officers, stationed therein,
and for the purposes of the Contract above
mentioned —

Such of the Black Troops and
Followers, or Servants in the Garrisons or
Cantonments to be supplied by Mr Cochrane
with as may use Batavia Arrack shall be
permitted to purchase it from him only at
the Contract Price, subject to such Regulations
as you may think proper to establish for the
prevention of Irregularities —

The Select Committee desire
that you will pay due attention to be
paid

No 1. Fort St. George 20th Janry 1785

20th Paid to the Quarty of the Battavia Arrack to be Issued to the Troops on your Garrison, and that you will be pleased to make report to them if Mr Cochrane should not fulfil the Conditions of his Contract

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20th Janry 1785.

I have the Honor to be &c
(Signed) John Chamier
Dy Secry

The same to Vizagapatam Nellore Chicacole Samulcotah, and Ellore.

(Circular)

To Lieut. Colonel Sir Henry Cosby
Commanding
at
Trichinopoly

Sir

To the Commandant of the Southern Garrisons advising of the Contract made Mr Cochrane for supplying the Troops with Arrack from Palamcotah to the Coleroon to which they are to conform and pay the strictest attention

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have contracted with the Honble Basil Cochrane for supplying the European troops at every Garrison and Cantonment from Palamcotah to the Coleroon with the best Batavia Arrack

for

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20 for the term of one Year commencing the 1st February next —

Mr Cochrane will in consequence cause to be issued to each European in the abovementioned Place a quantity of Batavia Arrack (which you are to take care does not exceed 2 Drams pr Diem) except on very particular Occasions, at the rate of 28 Cash pr Dram (of which there are to be 40 in a Gallon) and he is to receive ready money for the Liquor thus supplied to the troops —

The Right Honble President and Select Committee having granted to Mr Cochrane the Exclusive Privilege for selling (to the Europeans only) Liquors and Provisions within the Limits defined in his Contract, they positively prohibit the sale of any Spirituous Liquors to the Europeans in any Garrison or Cantonment situate within the Limits abovementioned, and Mr in consequence directed to desire you will strictly attend to, and enforce this prohibition and on no Account suffer any Liquors to enter your Garrison, excepting what may be for the private use of the Officers Stationed thereon, and for the purposes of the Contract abovementioned —

Mr

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20th Such of the Black Troops and Followers, or Servants in the Garrisons or Cantonments to be supplied by Mr Cochrane or his may use Batavia Arrack, shall be permitted to purchase it from him only at the Contract price, Subject to the Regulations as you may think proper to establish for the prevention of irregularities —

The Select Committee expect that you will pay attention to the Quality of the Batavia Arrack to be thus issued to the Troops under your Command, and that you will make a Report to them, if Mr Cochrane should not fulfill the conditions of his Contract —

Fort St George
20th Janry 1785.

Sam, G.
(Signd) John Channier
Dept Secry

To Mess.rs Lind & Close

He com.d Tanjore, Madura, Palamcotah, Nagore, Tarriore, and Ramnadpuram —

To Messrs Send and Close (as entered in Miscellany Book N.o 14) Enclosing a Duplicate of the last Dispatches to them —

25th Read the following Letter from Colonel Stranbenzie —

Mess

Fort St. George 21st January 1785.

My Lord.

From Colonel Stranbenzee
The state of 52d Regiment
quiet at present, but not
yet pacified

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the state of the 52d Regiment are at present quiet in their Barracks, but as I have not reason to think they are entirely pacified I have taking every step to satisfy or find out their intention.

As soon as I have anything further on the Subject, I shall do myself the honor of acquainting your Lordship and the Select Committee

I have the honor to be &c
Signd. Turner Straubenzee

Coonamalle
21st Jany

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President.
Saturday
22d January 1785 } Anth Sadleir Esqr. Alexr Davidson Esqr
Robert Maunsell Esqr

Lay
General Abovit

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

The Right Honble the President informs the Board that he had received information from Colonel Straubenzee, who Commands

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The President informs the Board of the Mutiny of the 52 Regt at Boonamalee —

Commands the 52d Regiment, and the Garrison at Boonamalee of the mutinous State of the Regiment, and that the Colonel himself is now arrived in person with a Confirmation of it, that as the Troops appears to be very serious, and as the President wishes that the Committee should be informed of the particulars, his Lordship proposes that Colonel Strawbenzie be called in, and desired to give the rise and progress of the affair. This proposal being agreed to Colonel Strawbenzee attended accordingly and informed the Committee

Relates the Conduct of the Mutineers

"That the night before last, between 9 and 10. the 52d Regiment forced the Guard and "came out of the Fort, of which the Sergeant "Major making an immediate report to "Colonel Strawbenzee, he met the Troops on "the Glacis, and ordering a Grenadier by the "Colour ordered the men to fall in, upon their "refusal, he desired Captains Cludas, and Hunter "to order their Companies to fall in which "they did, but without Arms. After much "Conversation and exortation from Colonel "Strawbenzee the men were at last "prevailed upon to return to their Barracks "At 8 the next morning the Colonel ordered "the Regiment to parade with their Arms "and Accoutrements, and all Officers to attend

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"& within he sent to them several Letters which"
"had passed between the Select Committee & Genl"
"him which he said solicited Government that"
"the Regiment might receive the advantages"
"enjoyed by other Kings Regiments and assured"
"them that he had always done the best for"
"their Interest, the men appearing satisfied"
"he marched them back to the Fort they requesting"
"that the Colonel would represent their"
"Grievances to Government, which he promised"
"to do — soon after they sent a note to request to"
"him that they would themselves proceed to"
"Madras, but upon the Officers telling them"
"that Colonel Straubenzee would go himself"
"they returned to the Garrison, and agreed to"
"await the result of his Mission, notwithstanding"
"with Colonel Straubenzee, received information"
"that they purpose coming to Madras —

The Colonel being asked what number would probably come out, he informed the Committee that he believed there would be 550 adding, that he had not any hopes of bringing them back to their duty by his Remonstrances, and that he firmly believed they would proceed to extremities —

The Strength of the Mutineers

Being asked, what force he judged necessary to reduce the men to

Its Necessary to reduce them to Order

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to obedience, he declared his Opinion that 1000 Europeans would be requisite and upon his being further asked whether he thought the Officers would readily join other Corps in order to force the 52d Regiment to return to their Duty, he declared that he did not doubt their ready acquiescence to the orders of Government —

Colonel Straubenzee withdraws

The Colonel having withdrawn, the Board proceeded to take the matter into Consideration, and the President having informed them that the following Troops could be in readiness to march at a short warning and could be spared from the Duties of the Garrison, it was Agreed that Orders should be issued for their being kept in readiness accordingly —

Resolution of the Board thereon.

That Colonel Straubenzee might carry with him to Poonamalee the determination of Government, respecting his Regiment, the following Letter was drafted and being approved were immediately signed and dispatched —

To Colonel Turner Straubenzee

Commanding at Poonamalee

Sir

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Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to inform you,
that they have taken into Consideration, the Repres-
entation which you have made of the Defections
State of your Regiment

They observe that you have not Com-
municated it to Major General Campbell Com-
mander in Chief of His Majestys Troops for
the time being, which ought to have been done
immediately, and which should no longer be
delayed —

If any of His Majestys Troops think
they suffer any Grievance or Hardship the
proper mode is for them to represent it respect-
fully to their Officers, who are to lay it before
the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops
who will transmit it to Government in the
regular manner, and proper attention will be
paid to it, but Officers and Soldiers being
bleeded together in a Memorial cannot be
considered as legally commentary, and tending
to produce very dangerous effects — This
appears to be the case in the present case of the
52d Regiment at Poonamalee you will
therefore explain to the Officers of the 52d
Regiment the sense entertained of their
behaviour and the anxiety there is for their
joining

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joining in the most effectual manner their Exertions with yours to quell the present Spirit of Discontent among the Soldiers under their Command

The answer to their former application has already been given, and they are to be further told, that nothing but obedience and Discipline can entitle them to the favor of Government

Effectual measures have been taken to guard against any serious mischief

This answer you are to communicate to them and if you perceive that it has not the proper effect, and the Officers preserve and Command over their Men, and do you not use every possible exertion to bring them to reason, before there be a necessity to proceed to Extremities, you are to state the Force wanted to establish your Command and authority, and to enable you and them to effect the same

Sam[l] C[ha]

Fort St George
22d Janry 1785—

(Signed) John Chanvin
Dep[y] Pay[r]

P.S. Inclose an abstract of the Force which can be spared immediately

Abstract of the Force to be spared from
the

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Fit Duty immediately -

Hanoverians - - - - - - -	400
European Infantry - - - - - -	150.
Lascoys - - - - - - - - -	400.
Cavalry - - - - - - - - -	40
European Artillery - - - - - -	300
Infantry attached - - - - - -	40.
Mosbermen - - - - - - - -	100
	1430.

After perusal of Gens -

Agreed that the following Letter be sent to General Lang, enclosing Copy of the one addressed to Colonel Stranbenzee -

To Lieut General Lang
Commander in Chief -

Sir,

To General Lang enclosing Copy of the foregoing Letter and desiring him to give the necessary Orders to Lt Col Kennedy to put a Rendezvous for the Troops marching from the Mount & from Madras

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to send you the inclosed a Copy of a Letter to Colonel Stranbenzee and to desire you will give the necessary Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy and take such measure immediately as may appear to you expedient -

I enclose you Abstract of the Force which can be spared and am directed to request you will order a place of Rendezvous for the Troops from Madras and from the Mount

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22d Janry 1785.

Sam.l &
Sign.d John Chamier
Dep.y Sec.y

Read the following Letter from the
Resident at Tanjore

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord.

I had the Honor of informing your
Lordship in my Letter of the 6th Instant, that I had had
a long conference with the Rajah, and that I had good
grounds for encouraging your Lordship to expect an
agreement for incouraging your Lordship to expect an
Aid and speedily. On the 10th Instant the Rajahs
Minister represented one that in consideration of the
heavy expences to which the Company were subjected
in consequence of the late War, the Rajah would
agree to Pay them this year, in addition to his
Subsidy of four Lacks, all the Revenue of the district
of Mayavaram which he had destined towards the
liquidation of his private debts, and which he
estimated at eighty thousand Pagodas, and that he
would order such money as had been collected from
that district to be paid to me immediately, I
contended for extending the Sum to a Lack and
twenty thousand Pagodas and yesterday obtained
the Rajahs consent for the payment of that
amount this year. I must however observe
to your Lordship that when he yielded to this
he declared in the most positive terms that he
owed

From Mr Sullivan
advising of the Rajah's
Consent to pay into his
Hands the Sum of 120000
Pagodas, in Consideration
of the Company agreeing
to relinquish their Demand
of six Lacks of Pagodas

must not be understood by it to acquiesce in the demand,
for the balance of Subsidy owing the War Instead of
owing a balance on that account he contended, that he had
a reasonable claim to deduction from the Current Subsidy
having by Money and Grants to the Company more than
made up the fore amount of that Subsidy previous to the restoration to the
present time, altho the Country had been laid waste
three Years by the Enemy, and was now comparatively
depopulated, that he would state this at length in writing
and that your Lordship and the Company would
then see that notwithstanding the high price at
which Grain sold during the War, his Revenue fell
short in those three years more than one half upon
an average, of the former receipts and that tho he
were to be assisted by the most favorable concurrence
of Circumstances it will require four Years from
June next before his Country would be brought to
yield a Revenue equal to what it produced before
the War, - Having urged those points very forcibly,
he stated that he was willing to give the utmost
aid in his power to the Company, and that for this
purpose he would subject himself to an addition of
debt by growing Interest, having no other means of
making up the Sum he now consented to pay but
by deferring another Year the payments he had proposed
for his Creditors - But that he expected in consi-
deration of this exertion on his part an Assurance
from Government that this demand of balance
should be removed upon that Subject -

As the Rajah repeatedly expressed this
Expectation, and declared that without such an assur-
ance he could not agree to pay the Lack and
Twenty thousand Pagodas before mentioned I
thought

until the pleasure of the Company
could be known

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Thought it necessary to decline the acceptance of the money already collected, until I could have the honor of your Lordships further instructions. I will only intrude no further than to observe that from the present state of this Country I do not conceive that a large sum than Rob now offered by the Rajah in addition to the annual Subsidy could be drawn, without exposing the Inhabitants to such encreased exactions as would not fail to force them from the Country

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

Signed John Sullivan

Tanjore
18th January 1785.

Agreed that Mr Sullivan be informed that the Committee by no means think they would be justifiable in making any agreement with the Rajah of Tanjore, by which in consideration of the receipt of 6 Lacks and 20,000 Pagodas, the Company should relinquish their Claim to 6 Lacks, and that as the President has declared the Sentiments of Government to the Rajah of Tanjore, the Board are concerned to find he appears to pay so little attention to them —

Minute thereon

Agreed also that Mr Sullivan be desired to receive without hesitation the Sum already collected, and to procure from the Rajah as much more as the state of his affairs will permit, that he inform the Rajah that his ready assistance to the Company on this occasion is more likely to operate in his favour than any proposition or contingent bargain which he might offer, and inform him that the Committee can never approve his appropriating any part of this Revenues to the Payment of his private Creditors, whilst he proposed a disregard to Superior Demands —

Minute thereon

Macartney

Rob Fletcher
Secy

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22d Dispatched the following Letter to

Tanjore

To John Sulivan Esqr

President

at

Tanjore

Sir

To Mr John Sulivan
The Committee cannot
enter in to any Agree-
ment with the Rajah
of Tanjor to relinquish
their Claim to six
Lacks of Pagodas,
for the Consideration
of 120000 Pagodas,
directing him to receive
from the Rajah the
Sum already collected
and as much more
as the State of his
affairs will permit.

Sam directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to the Right Honble President dated the 15th Instant and to inform you, that the Select Committee by no means think they would be justifiable in making any agreement or Stipulation with the Rajah by which, on consideration of the Receipt of a Lack and twenty thousand Pagodas, the Company would Relinquish their Claim to Lacks, and that, as the Right Honble President has fully declared the Sentiments of Government to the Rajah of Tanjor, the Committee are Concerned to find the Tenor of your Letter that he appears to pay so little attention to them.

As an immediate Supply of Cash is necessary The Select Committee desire you will procure without hesitation the Sum already collected, and procure from the Rajah

as

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as much more as the State of his affairs will permit, and you will be pleased to inform him that his ready assistance to the Company on this occasion is more likely to speak in his favor than any proposition, or Contingent bargain which he might offer, at the same time assuring him, that the Committee could not approve his appropriating any part of his Summes to the payment of his private Creditors whilst he slighted & disregarded the Honourable Demands &c

The Select Committee rely upon your address and Management in Representing this matter to the Rajah and upon your Zeal in drawing from him an aid proportioned to the wants of the Company &c

Fort St George
22d January 1705

Sam. Lee
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Chamier
Dpty

/signed/

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B President
Sunday
23d January 1705.
Anthy Sadleir Esqr Lieut Gen Lang
Alexr Davidson Esqr Robert Maxwell Esqr
Minutes of last Committee read

and

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and approved —

The Right Honble President informs the Committee that agreeably to the determination at their Meeting Yesterday he has given orders for the Troops to be kept in readiness to march immediately, should a Requisition from Colonel Shaubenzee render it necessary —

The Force to march against the Mahrattas ready —

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of Assigned Revenue —

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

My Lord, and Gentlemen,

In consequence of your Instructions to us of the 23d December, We have obtained from the Renter of Arcot an Account of the Current Prices of different Articles of Provision sold at that place — Genl Stone the Commanding Officer of the Cantonment, has likewise favored us with an average list of the Price of Provisions there before the Commencement of the War, and at the present time, and given us his Ideas with respect to the mode of Supplying the Cantonment —

From the Commanding Officer of Assigned Revenue with Enclosures respecting the Supplying the Cantonment of Arcot with Provisions with a Statement of the Prices sent by the Renter &c —

The

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The impoverished State of the Coast Province is sufficiently exemplified by the enhanced Price of Provisions and the extreme difficulty of procuring them; Almost every Article of Consumption is brought from other Countries — some indeed from a very considerable Distance and the Shield guard which has been kept by Peppoo on the Passes, to prevent the usual Importation of Grain adds much to the Distress occasioned by the War

With the View of facilitating the supplies of Provisions We early recommended that the principal Articles should be exempted from duties of every kind, and this Indulgence We believe it will be necessary to continue for some time longer as the scarcity is diminished is yet too powerful to admit of Duties, and from the unfortunate and very general Failure of Rain the proper Season for the little Cultivation which the Inhabitants were able to effect must be in a great measure destroyed

Under these Circumstances We agree in opinion with General Stuart but no attempt can be made at present to lessen the Price of Provisions, It is the intended Plan and the

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Exemption from Duty, that the Merchants are indebted for any Supply, when the Cultivation is restored, and the Communication with the Upcountry again opened the Prices will fall of Course, & may easily be reduced to their former Standard

The material Articles required by the Garrison are Rice, Beef, and Mutton — So long as to the first the Price must necessarily vary until the produce be more plentyfull, and from the present State of the Crops in the Circar Provinces, we fear the Bazars will receive but an inadequate Supply for some time — There is no Remedy that we can suggest for this Evil but to stipulate the Exertion of the Dutch to furnish the Bazars, and oblige him occasionally to supply Rice for the Europe Ships which they may either detain for the Troops or dispose of themselves on the Bazars in order to keep down the Prices —

Beef we understand is supplied in sufficient Quantities and at the Rate of 1½ Pond a pound for the Officers, and 1/2 to the Soldiers —

The most Material Article of all and that which requires the particular attention of Government is the Supply of Sheep — Upon this point we shall beg leave to expatiate a little

at

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as it comprehends most of the Subjects of difference, or Complaint that have arisen, or are likely to arise on the Score of Investing,

Before the War it was usual to supply the different Garrisons on the Carnatic with Sheep at a much lower price than that at which they were sold on the Country — That was done by the Nabob Amildars with the Consent, or at least with the Connivance of the Nabob himself, who permitted the Amildars to charge him with the difference in their Accounts — The average Price of Sheep before the War in the Circar Provinces was two Sheep of the first Sort and three Sheep of the inferior Sort, for one Pagoda — and these Sheep were delivered at Vellore which is in the Neighbourhood of Arcot at the Rate of 6 Sheep for the Pagoda, at Tanjore Trichie &c. 8 Sheep for the Pagoda, at the other Garrisons, and on the Nabobs Accounts delivered to the Company at the same the agreement was made, We remarked this difference of Price charged by the Amildars to the Nabob,

General Stone calculates that the Consumption of Sheep at Arcot would be 2000 ₱ Month — The difference between the present Country Price and that at which they were formerly supplied by the Nabob would upon the

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the Monthly Consumption of 2000 Slaves amount to
about Pagodas 3500 ℔ Annum.

The point now immediately incumbent
upon us for Determination is whether the Troops are
to be supplied at the former Rates allowed by the
Nabob, or at Current Pice, which according to the
Renters Last is 2¼ Slaves of the 1st Sort and 3½ of
the 2d Sort for a Pagoda — If you determine the
former difference or loss must be charged to the Company. —

With respect to the Mode of supplying
it is probable the Renter of the Great and Outdoor
Districts would undertake the Last but as the
Slaves are brought chiefly from Uncatageery Calastry
Cangole, Pattanam and the Renters Cirkar every
Encouragement and Assistance will be necessary
both from Government, and from the Commanders
Officers to enable the Renter to discharge this
Duty after all will be very difficult to give
entire Satisfaction, and as the other Avocations of
the Renters are many and important, we should
recommend in case of any objection on their part
to carry on the Business or of Failure in the
Managment of it, that it might be executed by
means of Engagements to be taken from the principal
Slave Dealers and Butchers under the Protection

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of the Company, and the Superintendance of the Paymaster of Vellore and Arcot.—

A Cutwall of the Bazar for the Cantonment at Arcot is strongly recommended by General Horne, and We are inclined to think such a person under the Direction of the Commanding Officer, with proper Assistants is absolutely necessary but instead of allowing him to levie any Tax, we would propose that the Expence of the Cutwall and his Servants be defrayed by the Company and that a moderate Tax be levied by them for this purpose—

We beg leave to enclose a List of the Sorts of Provisions received from General Horne and from the Renter—also a Copy of the Letter he rec.d from General Horne on this Subject.

We have the Honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obedt
humble Servants.

/signed/ Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geoge Moubray.

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To Charles Oakley Esqr.
and Gentlemen of the Committee of
Assigned Business

Gentlemen,

I have received a letter from Mr.
Secretary Sturkston signifying the Commands of the
Honble Select Committee, that I should in conjunction
with you, and the Master, prepare such Regula-
tions as may secure a plentiful supply of provision
at Stores, conforming, as much as the present
situation of Affairs will admit, to the Ancient usage,
and after deliberating on the most eligible mode, to
report the same to the Honble the Select Committee.

In consequence of the above order, I have
endeavored to procure from the Master, and other
intelligent people every information respecting the
prices of provisions before the late War, as well
as the Sources from whence they were chiefly drawn to
supply this Market; and I have also made
strict enquiry into the present prices of the same
Articles, and if means could be found to reduce them
to the former average Standard. And as the result
of my enquiry may afford you Gentlemen some
information

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information in such way the better enable you to support the contentions of the North Committee Snow Summit a List of the most material Articles of Provision with the Sorts and present prices as 20 be on this Bazar.—

On consulting the Master and Serral of the principal Bazar people, on the probability of Exporting the Sorts of Serral Articles, which appear so much advanced, they gave me to understand that there is very little prospect at present of accomplishing that object— The Country being so very thinly inhabited, so little cultivation in comparison to what there formerly was, and while the Passes into Tippoos Country are so closely guarded— For altho by my having used my utmost endeavours, and by encouraging our Bazar people to open an intercourse with the Merchants on the other side the Passes, considerable quantities of Rice and the other Articles have been Sometimes or through contrivance got through the Passes, they get come much Dearer than usual— provisions to the Ware

Respecting Sheep I find on enquiry a considerable proportion for the consumption of the Market, and also for the Supply of

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our Troops stationed at Vellore, was always brought from the Palanade, the Gantoor, the Cingole and the Rajah of Vencatagherys Country some few from the Calastry Bonnauze and the Pollams dependant on Chittaur, and from the Timonaly Country — It appears that there is no material difference in the present price from that they were procured at before the War, as it seems that the Cabob Manager at Arcot purchased the Number of Sheep wanted for our Troops at Vellore, at the average price of two Sheep for one Pagoda for the use of the Officers, and three Sheep for a Pagoda for the use of the Soldiers, which were delivered at Vellore formerly at six Sheep the Pagoda, the loss was debited to the Cabob and allowed by him to his Manager.

The present price in the Bazar is at the rate of two Sheep the Pagoda to Officers the inferior Mutton to the Troops 1 Fanam and 3/4 a Star which is as low as I have been able to reduce it. Beef at the rate of 1 Fanam 3/4 a pound to the Officers and 1 and 1/2 to the Soldiers.

From the above account and the accompanying list of present and past prices of Provisions, you will have such information as I have been enabled to lay before you. and I shall be happy

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happy if I can in any respect render any further Service towards contributing to the accomplishment of the intentions of the Honble Committee. but I am of opinion that it will not be until the Country has recovered it former state of cultivation, that abundant supplies of provisions will be procured at much lower rates than at present. And it will require much attention in whatever Officer may Command at this Garrison to continue the present plentiful supplies of Most Articles at the prices they now are sold at.

In forming any arrangement to lay before the Honble Committee I must request provision may be made for the Cotwall of the Bazar, his Deputy Peons and other necessary Assistants. This Officer is of the utmost importance towards conducting & Managing a Bazar and I never yet knew a plentiful one, or where any regularity was observed but where the Cotwall was made of consequence and received encouragement. Hitherto it has been the Custom of this Service to levy small Customs on Sundry Articles brought into the Bazar out of which the expence of

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Maintaining the Police was defrayed. The surplus if any was deemed a perquisite of the Commanding Officers or went after defraying the expences of the Servants to be employed in the Management of the Bazar &c. to give encouragement to those to found Serviceable in procuring Supplies — State Reports from the Officers Commanding the different Corps of the Native Troops founded on an Article of War made to prevent abuses, but the Spirit of which could not be supposed to operate to the prevention of such regulations as experience has found to be of the most salutary nature, has notwithstanding rendered it for the present necessary to abolish that made at Arcot, and to prohibit in the strictest manner any Contract or Duties whatsoever being levied on any Article in the Camp Bazar Establishment is necessary to keep the Cotwall and his Suitors to the exercise of their usual functions — But as the funds we are more from whence their Salarys arose it becomes necessary that Government should defray that expence or Authorize some Tax to be levied to answer the above purposes —

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

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Wm Hoore

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Average of the Price of Provisions before the Commencement of the War and the present time at Arcot.

Quality of Provisions &c &c.	Former price	Present price	Remarks
	Before the War	at present.	
Shops & Boothes	952	240	
Houses	1292	567	
Bankshall or Custom House	2431	28	
	Grain	Rupees. Fanams	
Boiled Rice	125 Seers or one Pullah	5 5/8	8 1/2
Raw Rice	125 do	do	7. 8 1/2
Natcharu	125 do	do	4 1/16 6.
Cumboo	do	do	do 3 1/8 5 3/4
Cholum	do	do	do 4 7/16 6 1/2
Black Gram	do	do	do 3 1/2 8
Green Gram	do	do	do 4 1/8 11.
Wheat	do	do	do 15 3/4 20.
Dall	do	do	do 5 1/2 12.
Bulla Gram	do	do	do 3 2/16 8.
Sangelee Gram	do	do	do 7. 14.
Gingely Oil Seed	do	do	do 12 1/16 22.
Lamp Oil	do	do	do 7 3/16 12 1/2
Salt	do	do	do 1 1/2 2 1/6
Tamarinds Pulp	do	do	do 8 5/16 16.
do 2d. do	do	do	do 3 1/16 10.
Jagary	do	do	do 14 1/4 20.
Long Pepper	Per maund		1 5/16 3/16
Pepper	do	do	4 1/2 6
Turmerick	do	do	1. 3/4 2 1/2
Onions	do	do	3 1/4 4.
Garlick	do	do	1 1/4 2 1/4
Palmyra Juggery	do	do	1 1/2 1 1/4
Hing	Per Palam		2 3/4 2 3/4
Cardemum	1 Seer		1. 1 1/2
Camphor	do		1. 1 1/2
Benjamin	do		3/4 1 1/16
Cloves	Per Palam		1 1
Nutmeg	1 do		1. 2 1/2 Palam 1.
Tobacco	6 Seers		1. 5 Seers 1
Ghee	3 do		1. do 1.

All Merchandize are brought to the Custom House & Examined by the Officers appointed for that purpose

Quantity

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Quality of Provisions	Former price	Present price	Remarks
Rice 2/1 Star.	1 Rupee	2 3/10 Star	All these Articles are
Sugar 4 do	1 Seer	1	brought from the
Cocoa Nut 5 do	1 do	1	before mentioned
Gingely Oil 6 do	1 Rupee	1 3/10 do	Places. —
Lamp Oil 8 do	1 do	1 3/10 do	

Mutton

1 Sort.	6 Seers	1 Rupee 5 Shillings for a Pagoda
2d do.	7 do	1 do 4 Chuckrums & 3/4 of a Star
3d do.	8 do	1 do —

Beef

1 Sort.	Per Pound	13/14 Fanam
2d do.	do	1/2 do.

Poultry

Fowles for one Pagoda from 40 to 50 from 10 to 14.

The Countries most favorable for procuring Sheep are Polnaud, Gunture Ongole the Rajah of Venkatagherys Country — The Calastry and Bommauges Countries furnish a small supply and the Pollams also about Chittoor, The Countries about Trincomaly which formerly afforded great abundance of Sheep having suffered much by the late War a very small resource can be obtained in that Quarter —

The Consumption of Sheep for this Cantonment including the Inhabitants exceeds two Thousand per Month besides 150 Head of Cattle —

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From Venkatarow Renter of Arcot and to the Govr.

Dated Chittoor 22 December 1784

Received 6 January 1785

I have been honored with your Commands ordering me to supply the Cantonment at Arcot with large quantities of provisions of all kinds, and desiring me to inform you at what rate I can supply those provisions and slaughter cattle. — Accordingly send you a list of the different provisions and cattle and their price under the signatures of the farmers and inhabitants the prices of grain in the City of Arcot are fixed every four days. — I have written to the Aumil of Chillumbrum to supply the Officer who commands there with sheep on his praying for them.

The Rajah of Travalore have complained to me that one Mootoo Pillai who acted as Gummastah to Chillumbrum Pillai under the name Mootoo cattle and effects from them to a great amount, — and they have requested of me to recover them from him, Mootoo Pillai lives in the districts which are rented by Amumil Bow if your Excellency thinks it proper that he should

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should make good what he has embezzled. I
hope your Excellency will write to Anund Rau
to send him to me, when I will enquire into
the affair and have the effects restored to the
Ryots. —

Price of Provisions sent by the Renter of Arcot

	Bought	Sold.
	Pacca Seers	Pacca Seers.
Paddy		
Sumba or Fine Paddy	105.	103. Do per
Car or Second Sort	108½	106½ do.
Mumbata or Coarse	112.	110. do.
Raw Rice		
Fine Rice	66½	66½ do.
Second Sort of Rice	49.	47. do.
Sumba Rice	50.	48. do.
Second Sort	51½	49½ do.
Car or Coarse	54	52 do.
Boiled Rice		
Fine Rice	49.	47. do.
Sumba Ditto	51½	49½ do.
Car or Coarse Rice	54.	52. do.
Satchmy	76.	74. do.
Cumbaloo	76	74. do.
Tonnaloo	66½	64½ do.
Menamaloo	54	52. do.
Pavaloo Gram	49½	48. do.
Wheat	21 3/4	21. do.
Dumoomaloo	54.	52. do.

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	Bought Sold &c. Pucka Ser. Pucca Ser.	
Horse Gram	76.	74. do.
Gram	37.	35½ do.
Chamygaloo Gram	37.	35½ do.
Ginjee Oil Seed	28.	26½ do.
Lamp Oil Seed	46.	46. do.
Candaloo Gram	74.	72 do.
Salt	210.	206. do.

1 B 12 Pucca Seers for Maires = Marcal.

Sundry Articles

Ghee	3 3/4	3 1/2	Bags
Tobacco First Sort	5.	4 12/16	do.
Ditto Second Sort	5 1/2	5.	do.
Bad Sugar	5.	4 3/4	do.
Fine Ditto	3.	2 3/4	do.
Sugar Candy	1 14/16	1 12/16	do.
Mutton First Sort	2 4/16	2 4/16	do.
Ditto Second Sort	2 8/16	2 4/16	do.
Ginjee Oil	2 14/16	2 12/16	do.
Lamp Oil	4.	3 14/16	do.
Tamarind without Seed	9 7/16	9 4/16	do.
Ditto with Seed	16.	15 8/16	do.
Bad Sagary	12.	11.	do.
Sagary	6 4/16	6.	do.
Long Pepper	1 8/16	1 6/16	do.
Pepper	1 12/16	1 11/16	do.
Tamarinds	5 4/16	5.	do.
Onions	14.	13.	do.
Garlick	6.	5 10/16	do.
Mentooloo	3 11/16	3 9/16	do.
Turcara	1 12/16	1 10/16	do.

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	Bought Buyers	Sold Buyers	
Mustard Seed		8 9/16	8 8/16 Do.
Vennum		3 8/16	3 6/16 Do.
Damyaloo		1 12/16	1 10/16 do.
Soap		3 7/16	3. do.
Dalchony		1 6/16	1 4/16 Do.
Cave & Chony		3 9/16	3. do.
Ginger		2 9/16	2 Do.
Pimpaloo	1 13/16	1 11/16	Seer.
Modu	1 13/16	1 13/16	Do.
Cardamum	1 8/16	1 7/16	Do.
Camp. Sire	1 8/16	1 7/16	Do.
Fine Benjamin	1 3/16	1 3/16	Do.
Bad Do.	1.	1 1/2	Do.
Doompa Rasta		4 1/2	4 1/2 Do.
Hemo		4 1/2	4 1/4 Do.
Jacoya		6 1/2	6 1/4 Do.
Yupa pundya		13.	11 11/16 Do.
Sandl		3 4/16	3 Do.
Canchoo		2 8/16	2 4/16 Do.
Black Luccuma		4 1/2	4 1/2
Sulpher		5 12/16	5 1/2 Do.
Salt Petre		5 12/16	5 8/16 Do.

	Bought Buyers	Sold Buyers	
Catacarom	1 1/2	1 10/16	Seer.
		4 1/2	4 Do.
Asapatartool		1 4/16	1 3/16 Do.
Castoory Pusput		6 12/16	6 8/16 Do.
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	Pacca Sur	Pacca Sur	Rupee
Kustall or Curcoys	10 8/16	10 4/16	do
Coconutt	4 12/16	4 11/16	do
Cuscus	3	2 11/16	do
Coshoo Nutts	2 11/16	2 10/16	do
Sandal Wood	3 4/16	3 2/16	do
Ditto Second Sort	5 8/16	5 4/16	do

Musk

	Bought Rupees	Sold Rupee	
First Sort	3 6	3 8	as ℔ Pagoda
Second Sort	2 6	2 8	do

	Buys Tola	Sells Tola	
Hing	6 12/16	6 8/16	℔ Rupees
Cloves	6 8/16	6 4/16	do
Nutmeg	2 10/16	2 10/16	do
Mace	1 6/16	1 5/16	do
Saffron	1 2/16	1 1/16	do
Gorachen	1 2/16	1 1/16	do
Opheum	6	5 7/8	do
Bad Ditto	10	9 8/16	do

Ordered

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lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

The President lays before the Board

the following Report from the Cauzy of Arcot

in consequence of a Reference made to him

in Consultation the 8th Inst.

Seal of the Cauzy of Arcot

Sheick Mahomed

Telmeejoanny. —

A Case is related by Hamid

Dcore of the Cauzy of Arcot respecting the Murder committed at Nellore. —

ud Deen Cawn the Cauzy of Nellore in which it is set forth that one Sheick Meeran was accused of having thrown a Child of four Years old into a well near the Fort of Nellore that no one was present or saw this done, and that the person above mentioned says he went with the Child to drink water at this well which is called Meeran's well. — That such was the will of the Almighty that the Child fell by an accidental push from him / Sheick Meeran into the well aforementioned — It appears likewise that H. Sheick Meeran did not call out or give Notice of what had happened either to the parents of the Child or any one else, and that he carried to the

Bazar

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Bagar for sale two Silver bracelets which had
been worn by the Child

From the above circumstances there
is a strong presumption that He Muran
did wilfully throw the Child into the well
But God alone know what is the real
fact, After duely considering the declaration
made as above mentioned, It is found that
the Sentence of the Holy Law is this case
is as follow Viz.t

"Whether the Man did throw the
"Child into the well intentionally or by
"Accident. He is not in either case to be
"punished with death."

But accordingly to Imam Abo
Hanefeh since the man does acknowledge
the fact tho by Misadventure He is subject
to Degrat that is a pecuniary forfeit of one
thousand Dinars in gold or ten thousand
Silver Drachms. And this is to be paid to
the Heirs of the Child in three Years by three
equal payments.-

It is written in the Fetwa Alum-
=geery that if the guilty person is not
possessed of the Money He is to be severely
beat.

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that and if found to be imprisoned for life as an example to the Publick.

(A true Translation from the Original

(signed) David Hutchinson
Tamil Translator

N.B. 1000 Pagodas or 10,000 Pagodas are equivalent to 1015/4 Star Pagodas —

Minute thereon

(Agreed that Copy of this Report be sent to Captain Grant, and that he be informed that the Delinquent must be Confined in Close Confinement, and publickly flogged Monthly until the Committee have an opportunity of transporting him to the West Coast.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Irwin —

To John Chamier Esq.
Deputy Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr Irwin enclosing Letter to him from the Raja of Tutocorin proposing

I have to acknowledge your Letter of the 6th. Instant, which informs me

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Complaint against Captain Watts - also a Representation from Capt. Cochrane on the Subject of Arrears due to the 3d. Battalion by his Lieutenant the Nabob -

of the intention of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to place the Peishcush of the Northern Circars on my charge, after the Balance of their Arrears has been secured by Mr Sullivan -

Sergeant, Sir, that you write upon the Right Honble the President &c. of my readiness to execute their Commands on all occasions to the best of my ability - In the mean time Common Justice to Mr Sullivan obliges me to observe, that the difficulty represented on the Head of that Peishcush has been obviated for the present, by his offer to appropriate it wholly to the Payment of the Cantonment at Sandy agreable to the Idea expressed in my last Letter to you of the Utility of any Garrison and Cantonment being paid from the Revenues of the District that surrounds it.

I have the honor to enclose No 1 a Representation from Captain Spencer Cochrane of the 30th Battalion of Sepoys on the Subject of Arrears due to them from their Lieutenants the Nabobs Statements of these Arrears

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annas you assured us for as I can judge from
the Reports at Tonelly a very considerable
balance was due to the Sepoys who entred into
the Companys Service in the Year 1700 Capt.
Temple, late Captain of the 30th offer applied
to me for Tanka existing / as he said / for these
Annas, No such Tanka was to be discovered
in the Cutcherry but as Captain Cochrane now
renews the Claim for the Annas in behalf
of the Battalion in a less questionable Shape
I beg leave to Recommend to the Right Honble
the President &c. to direct Mr. Wavy the
Paymaster of Sulamcotah to ascertain the
actual Annas due to the Seviours in the 30th
Battalion formerly in the Nabobs
Service. Every assistance in my Power
shall be afforded him for this purpose, and
I have no doubt, but strict Justice will
be done to the Claimants at as much less
expence to the publick than is set forth in Mr.
Statements, which does not appear to
allow for Casualties.

It is with great pain that
I trouble the Right Honble the President
and

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and Solon Commit the with a Compliant
against Captain North, the Commandant
of the Fort of Tellicoun

The inclosed Letter No 21 from
the Padre of the Town will explain the
Nature of the injury offered to him, and the
Necessity of the immediate interposition of
Government to adjust the affair. The
first Letter on this subject was dated 6th
last and I was in hopes to have procured
Satisfaction to the Padre, by an application
to Captain North. Several Letters and
Messages passed between Us on the Subject
but without effect. Captain North profes-
sed to have taken charge of the Effects
of the Deceased Padre for the benefit
of the two Heirs in right of his Woman
dying the Fort of Tellicoun. In this Affair
he was unfortunately, for me at least supor-
-ted by the advice of a Lawyer at Madras
and the Impression the Trouble that such
a Step might bring on us both, and the
Mistake he lay under in regard to the
question of interference which Certainly would
belong to the Civil and not to him allowing

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the interference to be proper and customary he would not give up the point — I remedy this Evil, and to prevent its occurring in future, I request the favor of an Order to Captain Prevost the Senior Officer at North, to restore all the Effects of the deceased Padre to the Complainants and to Subject him in future to all Orders from the Commandant of Patamcotah under whose Command he Certainly is considered by Government. I should not have mentioned this had not a Conduct on this head been the sole Cause of the trouble I have had on this Officer and of the trouble which I have been also obliged to give to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

I am
Sir
Your obedient
Humble Servant
Tho.s Boddam
15 January 1805.
Tyler Fraser

My Lord

The inclosed Letter from Captain Prevost reached me two days after I had forwarded the complaint of the Padre of Tuticorin

From Mr Fraser inclosing Copy of a Letter to the Secretary from Capt.n Prevost in relation to the Complaint preferred against him by the Padre of Tuticorin

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In reference to the Select Committee, with my observations thereon — The my Sentiments of this business are exactly the same as before, I cost no time in laying a Paper before your Lordship, that may account for the intention of Captain North, if it does not wholly extenuate his conduct in your eyes For expectation of such a defence, I waited as long as I consistently could before I sent in the complaint, I flatter myself that you will admit of its weight tho coming at a later hour. — It has been always my wish to keep clear of all disputes with the Military. Hon. My attention is sufficiently engaged by the Revenue department, and all I do were on this occasion is, that a line may be drawn in respect to the Officers in command in the Provinces agreeably to my Letter to the Committee. —

I have the honor to remain with great respect, My Lord,

Your Lordships
Faithful & Ob.t Servant
/signed/ Tyler Bowen

The Honorable
The Governor
in Council
Fort St George

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Agreed that Mr Lewin be informed that the Committee consider Captain Watts interference as improper, and it is accordingly

Remarks thereon Resolved, that a Letter be written to him directing that he enter the Effects to Paddy Tobin and obtain a proper Receipt in Consequence from him, after having caused an Inventory to be taken —

Agreed also that Copy of the Letter to Captain Watts be sent to Mr Lewin

From Capt Spudeman Read a Letter from Captain Spudeman dated 17 Inst. lodged in the Office, stating that the Rice in Store at Gingee was expended the 1st Instant and that a Supply will be wanted the 4th February next and from what of Carriage he is able to send a Supply to those Garrisons

Agreed that Captain Spudeman be informed that the Bullocks have been directed to be employed with Rice and that if Bullocks are wanted he must hire them occasionally for the Service required which as soon as they are to be discharged —

Remarks thereon

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The President informs the Board that in the Account of Disbursements for the Garrison of Tripassore, many charges are inserted which are unnecessary, since it was longer to be Considered as a Garrison, and that Mr Hawkins has Charged Full Batta for himself as Paymaster, at the same time drawn that allowance as Paymaster at Pomamalee.

Disbursements of Tripassore

Agreed that Mr Hawkins be informed that no Charges whatever are to be made for Tripassore, excepting the Pay to the Sepoys Stationed there, and the allowance for a Pechally, and that with respect to his own Batta the Committee Can only allow it to him as Paymaster of Pomamaley it being Contrary to the Custom of the Service for the same Person to draw Batta in two Capacities.

Mr Hawkins

Read a Letter from Mr Sullivan dated 14th January inclosing one addressed to him from the Company Surgeons at Tanjore both entered in a Miscellany Book. Viz.

Sullivan

Stating. That the Sick of the 78th Regiment came into the Garrison in August last since when they have been duted and provided for Accordingy

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According to the Book of Regulations that the worst Cases only were Committed to their Care as it could not be supposed that the Sick on their Situation Could be immediately provided by their own Surgeons with Cloathing &c, Necessaries, that upon an Average the Number under the Company's Surgeons has not exceeded 60 They further add that as there is an Agreement between Government and the Black Surgeons they wish to know if they are To Continue to receive the Sick of the 78 Regt. in the Hospital of not they require to be Considered on the Same footing as the Surgeons of Out Garrisons where no Contract is made agreably to the Orders published on Sunday the 25 Oct last.—

Ordered to be for Consideration.—

To lie on the Table.

Macartney

Ross Lang

Alex. Davidson

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Present

Sunday 8 o'clock P.M.
23d January 1765 — Inthy Sadleir Esq. Alex.r Dunedas Esq.
Robert Maxwell Esq.

The Committee not having received any Intelligence since three o'Clock Saturday afternoon from the Officer Commanding the 52d Regiment that their Sentiments and Orders Communicated on the Letter from the Board of Saturday to Colonel Laurbenze had produced a proper Effect upon the Mutineers, and having received various informations of their hostile intentions of their having broken open the Stores seized the Arms, and were preparing the Guns. The Board is of Opinion that no time should be lost in Reestablishing good Order, and it is therefore Agreed that the Detachment under Marching Orders be directed to proceed without delay Consisting of the Troops, of which a Return is

Consideration and Opinion of the Board on the Meeting at Pondamalee —

entered

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ordered in Committee of Yesterday and that Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim Commanding the 16th Regiment of Manoeuvres be appointed to take the Command of the above mentioned Force, and when joined by the Troops from the Mount at the place of Rendezvous to proceed with the Force and Detachment under his Command to effect the Purpose for which they were ordered to proceed against the Mutineers.

Lt Col Wangenheim Commands the Detachment ordered to proceed against the Mutineers.

Time of their Duty.—

The Board are of Opinion that the most likely Means to accomplish the above mentioned Purpose and to prevent any thing Similar to their Mutiny in future will be to require unconditional Submission from the Mutineers and the infliction of immediate Punishment on the Ringleaders.—

Unconditional Submission & to be required of the Mutineers and immediate Punishment to be inflicted on the Ringleaders

Agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse be desired to proceed with the Detachment.—

Col. Moorhouse to proceed with the Detachment.—

In consequence of the foregoing Resolutions the following Letters are drafted and dispatched

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To Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim

Sir,

To Col. Wangenheim directing him to take the Command of the Detachment under Marching Orders for Pondamalee and to use his best Endeavours to quell the Mutiny with directions how to proceed. —

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to desire you will immediately take the Command of the Troops now under Marching Orders, and proceed without loss of time to the Rendezvous on the Poonamalee Road, and when joined by the Artillery from the Mount you will continue your March to Poonamalee, and use your best endeavours to quell the Mutiny in the 52d Regiment.

I am directed further to signify to you that the best Line of Conduct to pursue is an unconditional Submission from the Mutineers and immediate exemplary Punishment on the Ringleaders.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(signed) John Chamier
D. Sy.

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To

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To Colonel Shaubenzee,

Sir,

To Colonel Shaubenzee giving him information of the March of the Detachment under Lieut Colo Wangenheim to whom he will give every necessary Information.

The Select Committee not having received any Letter from you since Saturday or any Intimation for a Postponement, and having certain intelligence that the Marching at Pondamalee has been to an alarming height have judged it expedient to employ decisive Measures, and am directed to inform you that they have sent a Force for the purpose of reducing the Mutineers under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim to whom the Committee desire you will give any information in your power which may assist him in the execution of the Service entrusted to him.

I am, Sir,
Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
John Channer
D. Secry.

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To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Moorhouse.—

Sir.

To Lt. Col. Moorhouse directing him to put himself under the Command of Lt Col. Wangenheim and proceed with the Detachment to Pondamalle.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you to put yourself under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim and proceed with the Detachment under Orders for marching to Pondamalle.—

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt
Humble Servant
John Chamier
Dy Secry

Fort St. George
23d Jany 1705
O.P.M.—

/signed/

To Major General Ogle,

Commanding

at

St Thome

Sir,

To Major Genl. Ogle informing him of the march of Colonel Wangenheim Detachment and desiring him to be

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you that they have sent a Detachment of Troops to

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prepared to Act as the publick Service may require

to Poonamalee in order to quell a Mutiny in that Garrison, and I am further to direct you will hold Yourself in Readiness to act with the Force under your Command if the Publick Service should require it.

I am Sir, Your most obedient Humble Servant

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signed John Chamier
Dy Secry

The Committee think it proper that General Campbell should be informed of the Steps taken in Consequence of the Mutiny at Poonamalee and be put upon his Guard in case the Mutineers should forward towards Arcot, the following Letter is drafted and dispatched to him.

To Major General Campbell
Commanding
at
Arcot

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to inform you, that they have given Orders for the marching of a Body of Troops to Poonamalee for the

To Major Gen.l Campbell advising him of the March of the Detachment to Poonamalee to quell the Mutiny of the 52d Regiment there & upon his Guard

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23 Month of September 1794 will be discharged but the Batta will be only paid up to the 16: of that Month, on his Brother died that day

Monday 24 January 1795

At a Select Committee, Present,

The Right Honble Lord Macartney Pres:
President

Anthony Sadleir Esquire Alexander Davidson Esquire

Robert Mounsell Esquire

General Lang absent

Minutes of last Committee

read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter, received last Night at 11 P.M.

From Colonel Strangeways the 52d Regiment to force the Magazine, and Supply themselves with Ammunition is at present uncertain, whether Coercion will be necessary or not.

My Lord, and Sirs,

As Commandant of the Garrison of Poonamalee, I have the honor to inform You, that the 52d Regiment under my Command are still in this Garrison nor do I imagine there is any immediate Intention of deserting it. I am sorry however to observe that their Officers are far from having any Controul over the Men and tho' the Duties are ostensibly performed it must be imputed more to the Steadiness & Determination them to the obedience of the latter

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latter. As Colonel of that Regiment

I have transmitted a particular Account of
their behaviour to the Commander in Chief
of the Kings Troops, and requested him to
transmit it to Your Honble Board, I
have only in this Dispatch to add, that the
Men have twice forced the Magazine and
have Supplied themselves with Ammunition
both for their own Firelocks and for three
Field Pieces, which they have taken proper
:ion of. I am not however without hopes
that a Supply of Money and a proper Regu
:lation of the Bazars, assisted with the
wonderful exertions of the Officers of that
Regiment, may induce them to Return to their
Duty. To regulate which I intend being
at Madras tomorow and shall wait on the
Right Honble the President to report the
Situation of the Garrison at the time I
leave it.- Should any thing particular
occur previous to that, Your Honble Board
may depend on my reporting it, and I beg
You will impute my not writing before to the
uncertainty I am in, whether Coertion will be
necessary or not.- I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c
(Signed) Turner Straubenzee Lt

Poonamalee
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The President informs the Committee that Colonel Floyd waited upon him this afternoon at 3 P.M. & delivered the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

To the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

From Sir John Burgoyne tendering his Services to Government to have to Order the 52d Regiment

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I am just returned from Poonamalee where I fear matters must come to the last Extremitys between the 52 Regiment & the Detachment you have sent against the Mutineers. I am the last man alive to encourage in the most distant manner such Unsoldierlike and Scandalous Conduct, & I am sure you equally with myself wish at the same time to prevent the effusion of blood in the Situation I am I think I could do good, not from my Abilitys being superior to those who have already ineffectually attempted to set the Men right but from the Singular Predicament I am in. they know I must be hostile to you and your measures because of the Treatment I have met with from You, & for this very reason I may perhaps have weight with them, at all Events I offer my Services, it would be beneath me to say I would not use the most

Honorable

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honorable endeavours or to Suspect you doubt it, if therefore You will empower me, & give me assurances No man shall be punished till the Dispatches from England & a new Commander in Chief arrives, I think I can manage the matter that they shall march out without Arms, I can only say I am ready to try

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.
(Signed) J. Burgoyne
M.G.

24 January
P. M.

P. S. Col. Sharpe will present this

The Board are not a little surprized at the Declaration of Sir John Burgoyne of his being hostile to them, for public Measures founded on a Sense of public Duty ought not to affect the private Sentiments of any Man; and the Committee flatter themselves that the 52d Regiment will be brought back to their Duty by other Considerations than our Opinion of Sir John Burgoynes hostility to Government.

Minute thereon

With respect to Sir John's offer of Services The particular Predicament in which he stands, exclusive of Col. Wangenheims being already appointed, puts it out of the Power of the Committee to employ him on the Service he mentions.

Agreed that a Letter to the foregoing Effect be sent to him.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Colonel Straubenzee.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney President
&c. Members of the Select Committee

From Col. Straubenzee is persuaded the Men of the 52d Regiment will return to their Duty as soon as the Force before Pondicherry is withdrawn

My Lord and Sirs

I have the Honor to inform You that the Officers of the 52d Regiment have intreated me at the last Step they can take to pacify the Men to assure Your Lordship and the Honble Board, that they are firmly persuaded they will return to their Duty, if the Force in their Front is removed. They are perfectly satisfied with the Steps taken to redress them, and nothing now prevents their immediately returning to Obedience but their fear of being imprisoned as soon as their Arms are laid down. Let me intreat Your Lordship to Comply with our Wishes, which We are persuaded is the only Step that will prevent the most disagreeable Consequences.

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord and Sirs,
Your &c.
(Signed) Turner Straubenzee

Coonamalee
2 o Clock

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to Lieut Col Wangenheim who from his Situation must be the best Judge of the Information and the measures to

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to be pursued in Consequence — the following Letter being Drafted, is ordered to be Copied fair, and Dispatched.

To Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim
Commanding the Detachment
at Poonamalee

To Lieut Colonel Wangenheim as he is entrusted with the Command of the Detachment sent against the Mutineers it is necessary every thing in the Subject should be Communicated to him. Copy of the last Letter from Colonel Stranbenzee is therefore enclosed Unconditional Submission must be required from the Mutineers.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Select Committee to send you the Copy of a Letter from Col.t Stranbenzee received this afternoon — As you are entrusted with the Command on this Service, they conceive that every thing relative to this Subject should be Communicated to you upon the Spot, who from your Situation, must be the best judge of the Information, & the Measures to be pursued in Consequence. The Officers of the 52d Regt. indeed, no Officers, can think that Troops who have Conducted themselves as the Men of the 52d Regiment have done should be admitted to any other Terms than unconditional Submission, the Idea of Capitulating with Mutineers, who have Arms in their Hands, would Convey such an Idea of Weakness & Irresolution as would encourage future Disturbance, not Remedy the present Evil. the Effusion of Blood should be avoided as much as possible, but there are occasions when a proper Severity is true Mercy, when the Mutineers shall have laid down

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down their Arms, & the Ringleaders or Ring-
leaders shall be punished, Lenity may be
expected, & every grievance, if any real ones exist,
will be immediately & effectually redressed.

I am directed further to
request You will Communicate the Contents
of this Letter to Colonel Stranberzee.

I am,
Sir,
Your &c:
(Signed) John Chamier
Deputy Secretary

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Read the following Letter
from Major General Oyle

From Major General Oyle the Troops at Athoine ready to march at the shortest Notice.

My Lord

In consequence of the Orders
I this day received from Your Lordship and
the Select Committee I have given the necessary
Directions to the Troops under my Command
to hold themselves in readiness to march at
the Shortest Notice

I am
My Lord with the greatest
Respect
Your &c:
(Signed) Wm Oyle Brig

Athoine
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Recd the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President &ca Members of the Select Committee

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From the President at Hydrabad with Political Intelligence

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honored by your Commands of the 11th December and received it as a peculiar instance of your Condescension and favor that you have been pleased to set me right by reconciling the two Paragraphs of 21st May & 27th October. I equally acknowledge the Communication of your Sentiments against any further connections with the Nizam or other Country Power in the possibility of its involving the Company in further Wars. What occurs to my imperfect Judgement upon this leading Principle & some other Subjects dependant thereon is not of sufficient Importance to trouble your Lordship &ca with, and indeed would be totally useless. Nor at this moment are the matters of fact I have to offer much more interesting than the opinions I have declined intruding. However such as they are I briefly transcribe them.-

The Peshwah and his Minister

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Minister Nana marched Northward from Poonah as far as Nasik Tirmook as mentioned in my Address of the 16th November and have now returned to the environs of Poonah without the Success they expected. They intended to dissuade Gopaubaby from going to Banaras a journey which Nana thought hurtful to his Interests — Yet She would not listen to his observations but persists in her intended plan. Another point was to bring Sewaj Bajeeroo to Poonah as a sort of State Prisoner. This plan in the execution met with Opposition from Holkar & Sheenpunt & thereby failed. The Camp is to remain in the Neighbourhood of Poonah until the Celebration of a Feast, now near hand, and then to be broke up unless a quarrel between a Marratta Zemindar and some of Tippoos Troops upon the Southern borders should not end in the amicable adjustment expected.

The Success Scindia has met with to the Northward by making himself absolute Minister to the King has as many naturally be supposed extremely encreased Nanas alarms and therewith cemented his close Junction with Tippoo & the Nizam from the greater want on his behalf of their Support. Notwithstanding which

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which, such is the knowledge these States have of the Extent & limits of each others Faith, that a large Detachment has been sent Southwards to lay on the Bedjapore borders to watch the continued Movements & increase of Tippoo Troops in that quarter and to protect the Zemindar who began the dispute aforementioned. On Tippoo side it is strongly reported that he has encamped out of his Capital with Intentions to move Northwards. The Nizams Vakeel must by this time have reached Tippoo's Court but no Letters are as yet known to have been returned from him.

The Soubah continues to talk of meeting the Pishwah at Aurungabad this Season, but the Dispatch of an Agent now setting out from Poonah for this Court seems to argue against the probability of that intention becoming accomplished.

Moodajee Bonslah has quitted his Capital and is moving about the borders of the Nizams shore of Berar collecting the Chout settled to be paid from thence.-

The Collector of Guntoor Seffjung was present here to receive the Soubahs Orders mentioned in my last regarding the Rajahs from Innagoodah and immediately repeated the Order to his Agent on the Spot

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I sent a Man with this Order who is not yet returned, as soon as he may arrive I shall not fail to communicate the State of that Business — I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your &c.

Hyderabad
11th January 1785

R. Johnston
Resident Hyderabad

Read the following Letter from General Campbell to the President

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From General Campbell respecting the Arms & Stores of the 98th Regiment, left at Madras to be sent to Europe.

Major Sydenham by your Lordship's Order wrote to Captain Donaldson to know what Instructions I had received respecting the Arms & Stores of the 98th Regiment left at Fort St George, being sent to Europe — Beg leave to inform Your Lordship that no Orders have been received by me on that Subject.

The Regiments sent to Bengal carried the Arms belonging to the King with them, and I presume have or will take them to Europe, as I have received no Report from Colonel Gordon to the Contrary.

The

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The Colonel of the 98th Regiment must Account with Government for the Arms he received for his Regiment on his Arrival in England. so that Your Lordship will perceive that I cannot take upon me to give any Directions for the Sale of the Arms contained in the 18 Chests belonging to the 98th Regiment, with Respect to the Six Chests of Stores imagine, what is contained in them is the Private Property of Colonel Fullarton.

Trouble Your Lordship with a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Fullarton to Captain Donaldson, by which You will Observe, that he seems anxious that their Arms & Stores should be sent on the Pigot, but if that Vessel cannot take them if Your Lordship approves of the Measure — they might be kept under the care of Major Sydenham, until opportunity offers of sending them by another Ship.

I have the honor to be with much Respect,

My Lord
Your &ca.

Arcot
January 16th 1785

(Signed) Allan Campbell
Major General Commanding
his Majestys Forces in India
for the time being

Agreed

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Agreed that Captain Morgan be directed to receive on board the Pigot the Chests of Arms & Stores belonging to the 98th Regiment

Minute thereon

Read the following Letters from Masulipatam.

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

From Masulipatam requesting that a proper Vessel might be ordered to touch there to convey the Detachment of the 102 Regiment to Bengal.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We duely received Your Secretary's Letters of the 8th & 23d Instt together with those from Your Deputy Secretary dated 24th 28th & 30th Instt and one of the 6th Instant.

As we are informed in the first of the above Letters that Your Lordship &ca approve of what we had done respecting the Invalid Sepoys & had no objections to Lieutenant Freeman's being Invalided when he should apply for it, we beg leave to acquaint You that previous to Mr Daniells leaving this place, he received a Letter from that Gentleman, requesting that in consequence of his advanced Age and Infirmities he would assist him in getting Invalided, & it was then resolved to recommend this in our first Address to Your Lordship &ca

Directions

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Directions have been given to the Paymasters to attend Strictly to your Orders, respecting the Half Batta.

Every means shall be used to endeavour to procure a fit Vessel for sending the Detachment of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons to the Southward and we will inform Your Lordship &ca of the result of our Enquiries as soon as possible — As the Season for sending the remains of the 102d Regiment to Bengal is now approaching; we beg You will order a proper Vessel to touch here for this purpose as such are seldom to be met with at this Port, and when they do accidentally touch, We have no Authority to compel the Commanders to receive them on board and they have great Objections to taking them of their own Accord.

We have the honor to be very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your &ca

James Hodges

(Signed) John Peter Boileau

Thomas Barnard

Samuel Statham

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To

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(Civil Department)

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr Sulivan stating the Arrack furnished for some time past to the Troops from the Garrison Stores and requesting the Sentiments of the Board thereon.

The Troops out of this Garrison having for some time past been furnished with Arrack from the Garrison Store at this place which was laid in at a price much above that prescribed by the Regulations for the Sale thereof in serving it out to the Europeans, and a loss having in Consequence been sustained thereon, We wish to know Your pleasure in what manner it shall be adjusted — whether it shall be brought to Account in the Books of the Garrison Store-keeper, or whether the Agent Victualler shall be Debited for it — In the latter case your Orders should be made known to the person holding that Employ; as we have no Authority over him — Indeed since the Office of Agent Victualler was filled by Mr Dobbyn this Service in Consequence of the War, and thro' the want of a Notification to us of the appointment of a Successor to the Employ has not been Conducted in it's proper Channel for it was his Province to supply the Arrack which we have Spoken of as issued from the Company's Stores — If it be your pleasure therefore to replace this business on its old footing, the Agent Victualler should be

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be called upon to lay in at this place a Supply of Arrack for the Services that may require any Consumption thereof.

We have the Honor to be very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your &c.

Masulipatam 18th January 1785

(Signed) James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Samuel Statham

Ordered to lie on the Table.

From Capt.n Darell

Read a Letter from Captain Darell dated 11 January (entered in Mil.B. 86) requesting to Resign the Command of the 18 Madras Battalion and desiring leave to remain on the List of the Army until an Opportunity offers for him to proceed to Europe.

Ordered accordingly.

From Mr Jacob & Mr Askell

Read Letters from Capt.n Lieut.t Jacobs & Lieutenant Francis Askell dated 24th December & 15 Instant (entered in Mil.B. 87, 88.) desiring leave to resign the Company's Service

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Service, and to proceed to Europe on account of their private affairs, and requesting that they may be recommended to the Court of Directors in order to enable them to return with their Rank

Ordered accordingly

Macartney

Ro: Lang

Alex. Davidson

To Sir John Burgoyne
The Select Committee regret
consent to accept of his
Services in quelling the
Mutiny at Pondamalee,
hope to effect the Accomp-
lishment of that Object
by other Considerations
than the Mutineers
Opinion of their Hostility
to Government—

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24th Sent the following Letter,

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of this days date, & to inform You that the Select Committee are obliged to every Gentlemen for his good Intentions, but the particular Predicament in which you stand exclusive of their having appointed others to act on this Occasion must put it out of their Power to employ You upon the Service which you mention — they are concerned to find that You express yourself as being Hostile to their publick Measures founded upon a Sense of publick Duty ought not to affect the private Sentiments or temper of any Man, and it is to be hoped the 52d Regiment will be brought back to good Order and Discipline by other Considerations than an Opinion of Your Hostility to Government

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Sr.
John Chamier
Deputy Secretary

(Signed)

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To Colonel Turner Straubenzee,

Sir,

To Colonel Straubenzee. The Subject of this Letter has been communicated to Colonel Wangenheim who will report to him his Sentiments thereon.

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of this days date, & to inform You that they have written fully to Lieut Colonel Wangenheim on the Subject of it, who has been desired to Communicate the Contents of the Letter to You, in order to facilitate the speedy termination of the Affair.

I am,
Sir,
Your Sr.
(Signed) John Cranmer
Deputy Secretary

Received the following Letter from Colonel Wangenheim. —

(Translation)

From Col Wangenheim arrives at Poonamalee the Garrison refuses Entrance to him and lifts the Draw Bridge.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the Honor respectfully to inform you, that just at the dawn of day I arrived at Poonamalee, & advanced the Piquets — Colt Moorhouse conducted them, & having secured the two Bridges leading to the Fort I expected to enter it with facility or to, without

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24th surprize it — This project however failed, the Garrison being, I suppose apprized very soon after I met Colonel Straubenzee, who told me every thing was quiet, the Soldiers entirely appeased, & that he had the honor to acquaint his Lordship of it last Night at 10 Clock, I wanted with part of my Forces to enter the Fort which has been refused and the Garrison have drawn up the Bridge — yet the Officers of the 52d Regiment pass and repass, & every thing appears to be on a peacable footing — This is the present State of Affairs — My Force is encamped before the Fort, and I wait Your Orders for my further proceedings — Colonel Straubenzee has been to see me, and has insinuated that I may without hazard return with the Troops under my Command — I am waiting with respect to the Orders of Your Lordship &ca and have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your &ca

Poonamalee
24 January ½
past 9 A. M.

(Signed) Baron Wangenheim

Sent the following Answer

To Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter dated this morning

To Col. Wangenheim recapitulating the Contents of the last Letter from Colonel Straubenzee & desiring him

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him to pursue those Methods which to him may appear best for quelling the Mutiny & referring him to his Instructions of Yesterday

24th Instant, and to inform You that it appears from Colonel Stranbenzees Letter of last night (Copy of which I enclose) that the Officers of the 52d Regiment were far from having any Controul over their Men, & that tho' the Duties were ostensibly performed it might be imputed more to the Steadiness & Determination than to the Obedience of the latter; it appears also, that they had twice forced the Magazines & supplied themselves with Ammunition, both for their own Firelocks, & for three Field Pieces, of which they had taken possession.

The Select Committee observe from Your Letter that the Men of the 52d Regiment have refused Entrance to the Troops sent to reduce them to Order, & have raised the Draw Bridge of the Fort, & nothing therefore remains than to refer you to your Instructions which the Select Committee are convinced you will execute in the manner which may appear best suited to the Service entrusted to You.

I am directed further to desire that You will cause the Arms of the Mutineers to be secured until further Orders

I am
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) John Chamier
Deputy Secretary

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President

Anthony Sadlier Esquire — Lieut General Long
Alexander Davidson Esq — Robert Maunsell Esq

Minutes of last Committee

read & approved

Read the following Letter from

Major General Campbell

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

From General Campbell
to Lord Macartney
Requesting Precautions
to prevent the Troops at
Poonamalee from holding
any Correspondence
with the Mutineers at
Pondemalee.

I have received by your Lordships
Directions a Letter from Mr Chamier, informing
me of the Mutiny in that part of the 52d
Regiment, now Stationed at Poonamalee.

I have assembled all the
Officers Commanding Corps in this Cantonment
and Communicated to them what Chael
happened in the 52d Regiment at Poonamalee
and gave them my Orders, to be exceedingly
Watchful over the Men under their Command
that no Correspondence be carried on between
them and the 52d Regiment, who had
Mutinied — and to keep their Men
together, ready at a moments Warning.

I have

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I have sent out several small Parties of Cavalry to bring me intelligence if any Troops should appear marching towards this Cantonment and have taken every other precaution, which appeared to be necessary on the Occasion.

I have the honor to be with much Respect,

My Lord,

Your &c.

Allan Campbell

Major General

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Wongenheim dated 24th January

Sreot January 24th 1795

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

Although I have been honored by your Orders, to use my utmost endeavours with the Detachment under my Command to quell the Mutiny in the 52d Regiment. Your Instructions to me do not appear to be sufficiently explicate to Authorize me under the present Circumstances to proceed to Extremities and to attack the Fort. I have

From Colonel Wongenheim the Instructions he has received yesterday not sufficiently explicit to warrant his proceedings to Extremity with the Mutineers — desiring some Artillery might be sent to him, provided the Board should Order him to attack the Fort

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assembled the Field Officers, who agree with me in opinion that Your Positive Orders are necessary: & if You are pleased to direct me to use Violence, Your will Order two Eighteen Pounders, & two Ten, or eight Inch Mortars, to be sent with a proper Quantity of Ammunition & in the event of my marching the Garrison Prisoners, I request Your Instructions how I am to dispose of them,

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respects.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your &c.

Camp near Pondamalee
24th January 1785

(Signed) Baron Wangenheim

The following Reply was immediately dispatched

To Lieutenant Colonel Wangenheim

Sir,

To Colonel Wangenheim the Guns & Mortars to be sent him immediately Lenity will be shewn to the Mutineers after they shall have surrendered, and the Ringleaders punished — to proceed to Extremities in case lenient Measures should not avail.

I am directed by the Right Honble President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th & to inform You, that the Guns & Mortars shall be in readiness to be sent to

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sent to you without delay, but that it will be left to your discretion to employ them according to the Circumstances and Necessity of the Case.—

The Committee do not find that the Mutineers have made any Offer of Submission to You, & they therefore repeat to You, & they therefore repeat to you that when the Men have submitted & the Ringleaders or Ringleaders punished, Lenity would be shewn, & every Grievance if any such exists, should be immediately & effectually redressed—if a declaration of this kind immediately from You to the Men does not produce a proper Effect, nothing would seem to remain but your proceeding to such Extremity as may appear to You best Suited to bring them to Order.

Inclose Copy of a Letter just received from Colonel Stranbenzee

I am,

Sir,

Your &c.

John Chamier

Deputy Secretary

Fort St George
At Noon 25th January 1785.

(Signed)

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Read the following Letter

from the Governor General of Batavia

To his Excellency The Right Honble Lord Macartney

Honourable Sir

From the Governor & Genral of Batavia — expressing his thanks for the transmission of the Preliminary Articles

Having again been Honoured with a Friendly Letter from Your Excellency of the 14th of May past, which was handed to me by Captain Mercer I cannot but with the sensiblest Feelings of Gratitude, return You my thanks for the Friendly manner, with which your Excellency has been pleased to permit to me an Authentic Copy of the Preliminary Articles of the Peace settled between the Crown of England and the Netherland States, though I must own to Your Excellency to have wished, that more benefit had accrued from it to the States in question, & that in these parts of the World, the 5th and 9th Articles, had been considered and understood in that good and favorable light, in which the Sovereigns in Europe have meant it, & aimed at especially what concerns the Restitution of the Conquered places, without making that Restitution subject to the Settled Definitive Peace treaty as the Administration at Bencoolen had wrote to the Council here, and not to be otherwise gratified by their Honble Employers to

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to the Restoration of Pudang ——— I cannot
else conceive that those Preliminaries can be
of more Service or Effect than that of the Cessation
of Arms, notwithstanding that by those Preli-
minaries not only one Simple period appears
out of which such a Position could be founded
but on the Contrary the opposite premises
of the Sovereigns clearly appears ——— I hope
therein that the English Connects in these
parts of the World, shall have coincided
with that manner of thinking & that to
the Netherland Company in the mean time
shall have been restored, the Possession of
Trincomalee, and the Factories at Choro-
mandel and The more so, because the
Peace Negotiations, through the unlucky
Changes and events in the Management
of Publick Affairs on Political Department
goes at a slow rate, but, notwithstanding
which I hope and wish to see ere long
The good issue of the same, and once more to
live to see those happy times, wherein the
lasting good Understanding and Sincere
Friendship may again be Cultivated
between us.

With all imaginable pleasure
have Deserved Captain Mercer (known to me
long time ago) on Your Excellency's recommendation
and

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and with Confidence I appeal to that of
Gentlemen, what I advance
I have the Honor to be with
the highest esteem,
Honorable Sir
Your Excellency's &c.
(Signed) W: S: Alting

Batavia the 20th
October 1784
(For the Translation)
(Signed) L: W: Shellebeck

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Stroucberger

My Lord and Sir,

It is with the greatest
pleasure I can form Your that the entreaties
of myself and of the Officers of the 52d Regiment
have prevailed on the Men of that Corps to
return to their Duty I have written to Lt
Col Wangenheim on the occasion, and he
has entrusted me with a Detachment of
Troops, with which I shall immediately
relieve the Garrison Guards. To prevent
any ill consequences in future, I should be
happy if it was in my power to point
out Ringleaders; but neither myself or
Officers have been able to single out any
three more particularly concerned than the

The Mutinous behaviour of the 52d Regiment never proceeded on their part to Extremities — So sorry he cannot point out any Ringleaders Hopes that Lenient Measures will be pursued.

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Batavia the 20th
October 1784
(For the Translation)
(Signed) C. W. Shellebeck

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Stranenberg

My Lord and Sir,

It is with the greatest
pleasure I inform You that the entreaties
of myself and of the Officers of the 52d Regiment
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the whole. I must earnestly entreat your Honble Board to adopt as lenient Measures as possible, as I am persuaded nothing but the appearance of Force prevented their doing their Duty as they did before these unfortunate Disturbances. The particulars of my own Conduct, and that of the Officers of the 52d Regiment, I shall do myself the honor to transmit as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord and Sirs,
Your &c.
(Signed) Turner Straubenzee

Agreable to my Order the Ammunition is all returned to the Magazine.

The following Letter being drafted & approved, is ordered to be immediately dispatched in answer to the foregoing.—

To Colonel Turner Straubenzee

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of this days date & to inform You that the Select Committee have not yet heard from Lieut Colonel Wangenheim on the Subject, this, which Channel the Information should regularly be

To Colonel Straubenzee all Information relative to the Mutiny must be regularly transmitted thro' the Channel of Lieut Colt Wangenheim; from the disposition of the Mutineers throughout the whole, it is difficult to suppose that they would not have been quiet, had it not been for the Force sent against them.

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transmitted, & who has received sufficient Instruct-
tions for his Conduct & it is not doubted that
that the Mutiny will be effectually quelled.

The Committee found it
difficult to Conceive that Men who Coool broke
open the Magazine, seized the Ammunition
for their Firelocks & got the Field Pieces
would have been quiet the next morning,
had it not been for the appearance of a
Force sufficient to reduce them to Order.

I am directed further
to observe that no Force was sent till the
Select Committee received the most Authentick
Account of the Mutinous State of the Men
of the 52d Regiment but an interval of quiet
between repeated Disorders can never be admi-
mitted as an Argument for relaxation in Go-
vernment, whose Duty is to apply the speediest
remedy on their part to so alarming an Evil
after the Officers themselves had lost their
Command & Authority.

I am,
Sir,
Your &c.
(Signed) John Chamier
Deputy Secretary to Govt

Fort St George
25th January 1795
At Noon

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The President laid before the Board the following Letter just received from Lieut Colonel Wangenheim to the Town Major.

To Major Sydenham

Fort St George

Dear Sir,

From Lieut Colonel Wangenheim to the Town Major — The 52d Regiment submit to Military Discipline all Detachments sent into the Fort must be under the Command of Colonel Stranbenzee.

I have to inform you will be kind enough to inform his Lordship that Col Stranbenzee has just been with me, and informs me that the Men of the 52d Regiment submit to Military Discipline in consequence of which I demanded that a Detachment of mine should take possession of the Gate which he agreed to — As soon as this is done I shall require of Col Stranbenzee to order his Men to Pile their Arms and return to their Barracks, and will give immediate Information thereof to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee whose Orders I shall expect how I am to proceed — Col Stranbenzee being a Senior Officer to me any Detachment sent into the Fort must be under his Command.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Your &ca
(Signed) Bon: Wangenheim

Camp near Ponamalee
January the 25th 1785

N.B. Should the 52d refuse to Pile their Arms I will withdraw my Detachment from the Gate
(Signed) WB: Wangenheim

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