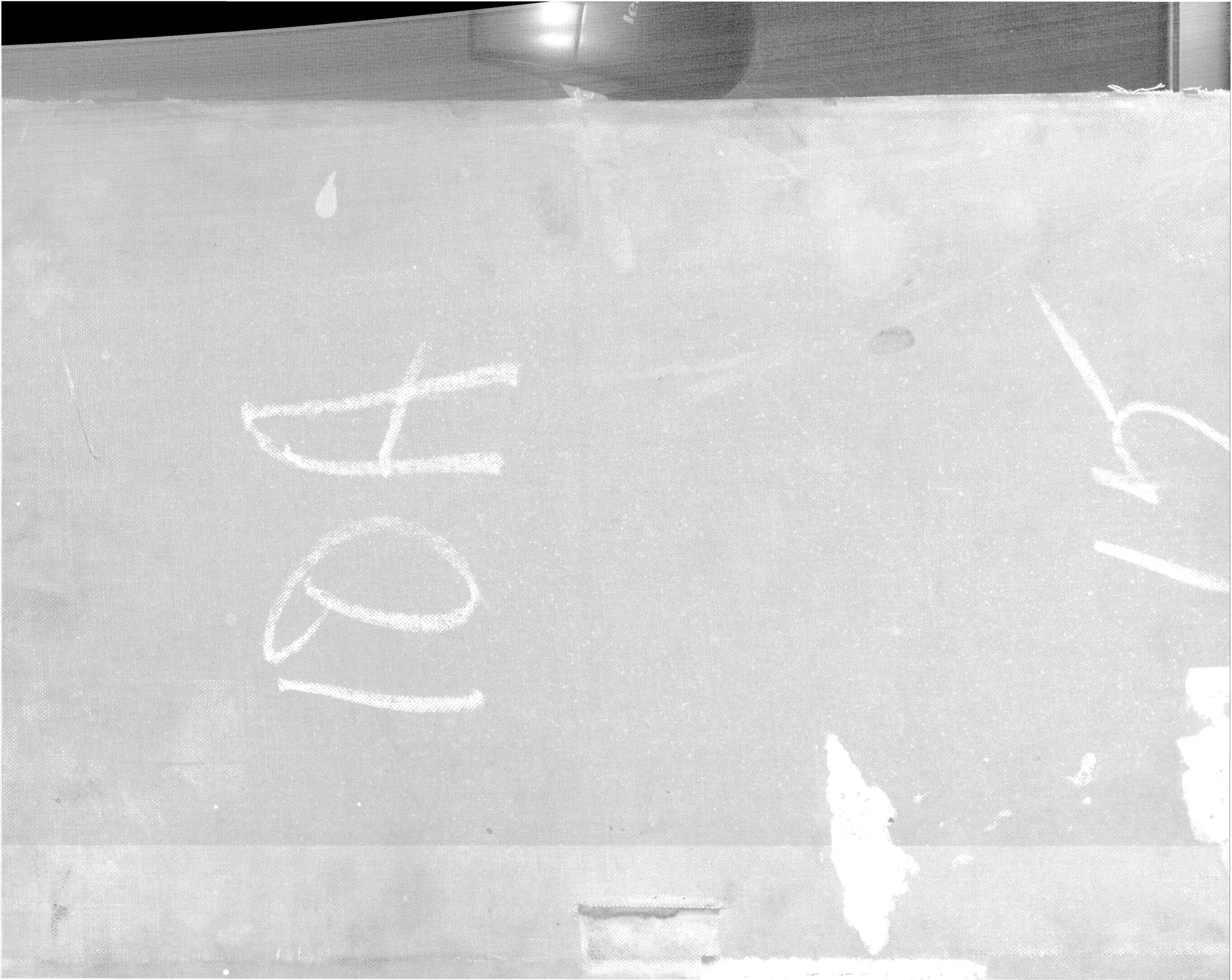

The Consultations and Dia
George Pigot Esq.r President and
&c.a Council of Fort St. Georg.
Secret Department containin
Proceedings in Military A
and Transactions with the
Government
Began the 18.th February 17

The Transactions from the 1.st January are
recorded in the Journal of the Seige of Fort
St. George bound up apart Commencing
the 12.th December 1758. Ending the
17th February 1759

Pub. Sundry Book N.o 13.

Fort St George 18th February

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor Presid

Henry Powney Stringer Lawrence

William Percival John Smith

Charles Boucher John Sykes

Henry Van Sittart

The Right Hon.ble proceeded to N

Consult of the 21st Inst. upon the Siam Victoria and

Packet was Entered

The Council having at the Commence

of the Siege declared all the authority to the Governor that co

both Civil and Military, and the delay which

must necessarily attended the assembling the Council upon every

Emergency That danger being happily [illegible] Retreat of the

the 17th Instant The Council again resume their proper

The President observing there was no Minute Book of the Consulta

Ordered to repair to them and the whole Council at the

Proceeded accordingly with the Siege the good Effects

Siege

The French Army having retired from

Fort the Brandt and [illegible] that no time should be lo

Remaining Ammunition Provisions for taking the Field

are therefore [illegible] at this Juncture

cular the taking [illegible] several Districts as fast as

quit them where [illegible] immediately necessary, in case

Suspension of Arms, should take place in Europe, it is not impro

that Orders may be received for things to remain on the

Palace [illegible] The maintenance

Fort St George 18th February

Reputation which the Detachment has gaind to our Arms,
object which will at the same time encourage the Mora
are near the Province to take our Part, and for the Succour
and other Chiefs in our Interest. The approach of our
also give an Opportunity for Desertion amongst the Enc
to which they seem inclined, from the Number which have
come in since the raising of the Seige

Fort St George 2 Decembr

Force at present Encamped on the East side of the River of Europeans
have now received all the Succour we have ever had, or shall, by
or Expectation of further Reinforcements, we cannot have a for
meeting with so advantageous an Opportunity hereafter, as
We consider the direction to which it is natural to conclude the
such Place during the Absence of the Troops, and to bring the
into effective Force.

of the Field

These are the Sentiments of the Council, but as
necessary, and Colonel Lawrence is unwilling to proceed to co
the rest of the Field Officers, and to ask their Opinion in wri
Judge we are in a Condition with our present Force to take

Geo. Pigot
Henry Bro
Thos. Saunders
Jno. Lindsay
Geo. Stratton
Hon. Sybilla
Henry Vansittart

3 Fort St. George 20th Jan.

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governor Presidt

Henry Lowndes — Stringer Lawrence

William Percival — John Smith

Charles Boucher — John Pybus

Henry Lt. Stuart

Agreable to the Resolution of Consult

the 18th Instt. at the Fort Deposes Agreed & and Colonel

Laye before the Board the Council of War held on Consequen

follows.

The Minutes of a Council of War held at Madras By the Fo

Officers of the Garrison Saturday the 19th 1759.

As the circumstance of rain of the Field Officers represented

the present State of the Garrison Considered the best measure

pursued is to take the Field as soon as possible — It is a

recommended that part of the Fleet &c — proceed towards Fo

Bar if may be Reasonable & drawing down part of the Enemy

that may favour operations.

Stringer Lawrence — William Draper

Wm Percival — Francis Lascelles

John Stuart — Thos Wilson

A General Return of the Garrison

laid before the Board pursuant to Consult of 12th Instt Effec

tary Rank and File, including those Marines left for

Fort St

Fort St. George 20th. January 1758

Upon the above Opinion of the Council of
and for the several Considerations rested at the last Consult
it is Resolved to take the Field with a thousand Militia
and Five. The Troop of Horse with two Field Pieces, and a
Number of Artillery Men, to be joind by Two Platoons with all
Country Horse, and Sepoys under his Command. That Co
Lawrence take the Command of the Army and that the In
his Instructions be to this Effect. To keep the French
at such a convenient Distance as always to have it in his Po
to give Battle upon any favourable Occasion that may offer
at the same time to avoid an Engagement should the Enemy
to bring on upon Terms disadvantageous to our Affairs
English Colours as the Army moves from Place to Place, appo
Amildars to collect the Revenues for the Company, and to
it known to the Chief Inhabitants that they are under the
Protection, recommending to his Care that no Injuries are offe
the Persons or Effects of the Inhabitants of the Countries thro
which the Army may pass. That as much as possible he
great many Country Horse as he shall judge necessary. That
that a Letter of Credit be given for Colonel Lawrence to draw o

Ordered that Mr. James Bourchier
do proceed with the Army as Paymaster and
be furnished for their respective

Ordered that Instruct
Contractor, of the Army's taking the Field, that he may provide
the necessary Draft and Carriage Bullocks &c. But that he
conformably to the Cords

5th Fort St George 28th February 1759

The Board being of Opinion with the

War that some of our Ships proceeding to the Southward

Time the Army takes the Field may have the Effect of

off a part of the Enemy's attention; and that it may be

With the further Advantage of preventing their receiving

by Single Ships. It is Agreed to desire of Captain Ho

to proceed with the Duxborough & Revenge and two of

ners to Cruize off Pondichery as soon as the Ships are

ently supplyed with Water

The Engineer being called before

pr Order to give the Opinion of the Works most immediately

sary to be carried on - he recommends

In the first place to Level the Enemys Wor

Slow to repair our own so as to put them in the

Condition they were when the place was Invested, after w

will consider whether any Temporary Additions will be ne

be made for their Defence and Address the Board on the

Ordered that all possible Dispa

be given to the Engineer in procuring Men to be employ

the Fortifications that they may be forwarded with the u

Expedition.

Ordered that the Engineer de

to the Board an Exact Survey & Plan of the Enemys attack

that he with the Master Carpenter and Master Smith

make a Survey & report to the Board of all the Companys

& deliver in a Report of the Damages they have sustained

the Siege & which of them are repairable.

Engineer's Opinion & Estimate of the Works necessary to be carried on

Fortifications to be forwarded during the Expedition

The Engineer to deliver an Exact Survey of the Enemys Attack

Directions to the Masters of the Companys Buildings

Fort St. George 20th. January 1758

Upon the above Opinion of the Council of

and for the several Considerations noted at the last Consult

it is Resolved to take the Field with a thousand Whites

and Five, The Troops of Horse with ten Field Pieces, and a

Number of Artillery Men, to be joined by Hyder Cauns with all

Country Horse, and Sepoys under his Command: That Co

Lawrence take the Command of the Army and that the In

his Instructions be to this Effect: To take the Trenches

at such convenient Distance as always to have the

to take the Ships of any foreign Power that may offer

at the same time to avoid an Engagement should the Enemy

to bring on if on Terms disadvantageous to our

English Colours as the Army moves from Place to Place, appoi

Constitution to collect the Revenues for the Company, and to

be known to the Chief Inhabitants that they are under the

Protection recommending to his Care that no Injury be offe

the Persons or Effects of the Inhabitants of the Countries thro

which the Army may pass, and that it be strictly observed

what more Country Corn of the Sort of Dungaree Ragee

Not a Grain of Dungaree for Colombo Sampan be drawn o

Ordered that Mr. Brome Boarder

do proceed with the Ship Earl of Pembroke and

be prepared for the expedition.

Ordered that Instruct

Contractor of the Army taking the Field, that he may have

the necessary Draft and Carriage Bullocks & Peons thereto

conformably to the Orders

At Fort St George 26th February 1759.

The Board being of Opinion with the Co
War that some of our Ships proceeding to the Southward
Time the Army takes the Field, may have the Effect of ca
off a part of the Enemy's attention, and that it may be
With the further Advantage of proceeding their recovery
by Single Ships. It is Agreed to desire of Captain Ke
to proceed with the Swanborough & Revenge and two of t
ners as a Convoy off Pondichery as soon as the Ships are
ently supplyed with Water

The Engineer being called before
pr Order to give the Opinion of the Works most immediate
sary to be carried on — he recommends

In the first place to Ex the Enemys Wor
Shon to repair our own so as to put them in the
Condition they were when the place was Invested, after w
will consider whether any Temporary Additions will be nec
be made for their Defence and Advise the Board on the

Ordered that all possible Dispa
be given to the Engineer in procuring Workmen to be employ
the Fortifications that he may be provided with the ne
dispatch.

Ordered that the Engineer de
pr Jan Jones Superintendant of the Company's affairs
that he with the Master Carpenter and Master Bricklay
make a Survey pro forma of all the Company's B
& deliver in a Report of the Damages they have sustained
the Siege & which of them are repairable.

b. Fort St. George 20th February 1

Ordered that a State of the Blasting the Siege was raised be laid before the Board also a Roll of the Boys and Lascars then remaining in Garrison

Ordered that the Military Store Keeper with the Commanding Officer of the Train do take an exact survey of the Military Stores remaining in Garrison and deliver unto the Board the Accounts thereof specifying the Condition of each Article — also that the Military Storekeeper do enquire after & employ fit Assistants in Searching for all Military Stores and Materials left behind by the Enemy employing Coolies to bring them in. & that they be appropriated to the use of the Company

The Enemy having evidently destroyed the Powder Mill at Egmore — Ordered that the Commanding Officer do take measures for making Gun Powder by hand until such time as a new Mill can be erected.

Messrs Smith Sykes Lambert & Turner are now appointed a Committee to inspect & take an Account of all the Provisions remaining in Garrison & to report the State and Condition of each Article.

Ordered that a Quantity of 50,000 Pagodas be prepared as a present to the Garrison on the Enemy's raising the Siege

Ordered that it be immediately issued and distributed in the following Proportions and Order to the Europeans, and Topasses Viz.ª to the Corps and Lascars

Ordered that a Supply of Ammunition for the Pagodas be sent to Chingleput according to an Indent previously Pagodas, and that he be directed to hasten the Exploits thereof

7. Fort St. George 20th February

Cavelong and every other Place to have the Enemy to
Sufficient Force to prevent him; to appoint Amuldars
the Revenues for the Company, and to make it known
chief Inhabitants that they are under the English Go

Ware being a great want of Conductors
panys Artillery, the President is directed to enquire for
Inhabitants of Europeans Capts to be appointed on that Cas

Ware of Conductors in the Company's Artillery

Received the following letter from the Govr
to us Sunday by the Ships lately arrived

To
The Honble George Pigot Esqr
President & Governour
&c &c Members of the Select Committee
at Fort St George

Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay

Honble Sir &c We acquainted you under the 2d
that we heard Mr Pratt intended for Europe his Majestys
Grafton & Sunderland to convoy all the Ships and Vessels
except the Rebecca & Shaftsbury with the Season ready
to be detained but the Admiral soon to conclude what shou
depart the Ports of Bombay & Surat under his Command to
detained the Dispatches and the Ships Cruizer for the
Gulph Persian & Red Sea by the General Advices
the Ships are prepared for receiving, but the Sea
and we have on board the Convoy, & the
the Ships on whose safe arrival at your Place the Adm
of our Ships ordered the Commander of the Revenge to wa
further.

Mr Pearson Commanding Officer of the
Ships embarked on the above Ships having on his arrival
quested that they might have the same Allowances as

Fort St. George 20th February 1757.

Addercomb Regiment, we thought it proper to
delivered us by the Commander of the Tilbury
Committee for Mr Pigot, to know whether a
Directions were given respecting their allowa
being disappointed thereon. We agreed to ado
Money for their use, to be accounted for wi
Gr. at the usual Exchange of 102 Arcot Ru
in consequence of which we have supplied
which please to carry to the Credit of this
mentioned Packet for Mr Pigot to return
Mairmowring -

Mr Cranmelen Chief of
rather than five days more, that the
mencore has acquainted him with his de
Embassadors to your Honour. Gr. forem
prepared by his Predecessor Mr Pigot
& that you will insert the Clause recom
Honour, on his Address to your Honour
September 1757 to enable Mr Cranmel
Advantages as are to be stipulated
us which We must beg leave
forward to your Honour Approbation
and execute it to make some of your
Country as Depute from the King at the Moors.

Since writing the above we have
rec'd the Pardons and Cowrie Favour of the 27th October
and agreable thereto, shall in future address them in the
manner

Letter from the Select Committee at Bengal

Bombay Castle
16th December
1758.

To the Honble George Pigott Esq
President & Governor &c Council
of the Sel. & Committee

Fort St George 20 February 17[5]

manner they desire

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
R. Bourchier &c
Brabazon Ellis
J Spencer
Tom. Hough.

The following Letter received during the
Sickness of the Select Committee at Bengal, the other Gen
eral of the Privy Officers of the Squadron who were taken
sick at Fort St David and have been since exchang
ed at Fort St George & Deceased

To the Honble George Pigott Esq
President & Governor &c Council
of the Sel. & Committee

Fort St George

We have been favoured with your Letter
of the 10th [illegible] have not now to take the Opportun
ity of thanking you for the Offers of Bengal that of the
Squadron have always engaged our most serious Attention
& should upon all occasions show the greatest Obsequiance
We would be glad if you should give directions to
Col. Forde to proceed to your Settlement at this Juncture
& the French Squadron not returned on the Coast for
to ours - they would have it in their power to embar

10 H.M.S. St George 20th February 1759.

their Troops and come down hither directly, which I hope and the Weak Situation we must then be, must end in our absolute Ruin.

We are to Request that you will keep a Sloop or Vessel in readiness to dispatch to Colonel Forde at a minutes Warning in case the French Squadron should move on this Coast before ours, who upon such advice has our Orders to return hither without loss of Time — But if our Squadron should be on this Coast before that of the Enemy & Coll. Forde should meet with Success in the Decan, and We have no disturbance on this Province, We shall direct him to proceed to you —

As it may be Expected for Coll. Forde to Come with the utmost Expedition, and as the Ships now with him may shortly expect new Victuals, We desire that if you Should have any Ships Victuals to spare, We desire you will dispatch such of them as may be employed

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

11 Fort St. George 20th February 1750

By permission from Mr. Selby to proceed on

Changlopet &c of no

Your Honours Service

Son Inverey

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ner

e is the Plan

Inverey abroad

for

Hudson Engineer

Mr. Hubbard

Sadras 21st
16th Dec. 1750

Capt. Hubbard

Mr. Pybus

Mr. Barchier

Mr. Smith

Mr. Powney

Mr. Lawrell

Mr. Hubbard

Mr. Pybus

Mr. Barchier

Mr. Smith

Mr. Powney

Mr. Lawrell

Mr. Pybus

Henry Van Sittart

Fort St. George 21st February 1782

Delivered the following Instructions to Colonel Lawrence & to the Commissaries & Commissary of the Army pursuant to the Resolution of last Consultation

To Colonel Lawrence

Warning in case of

before ours, who upon Forces in India

without loss of Time

East before that of the Retreat of the French Army from before Madras

Success in the Decan

Province, he shall

be it

Each with the utmost

with here long shortly

should hear any thing

Dispatch

to

to

Major

To Fort St. George 21st. February 1753

Of both these Letters we enclose Copies for your Information
Should they join the Army we think it will not be difficult
to drive the French of all their Possessions in the Country

In the mean time this is the Plan we
intend to pursue — To follow the French Army as much as
we find Practicable so as to have it in your Power to take no
Town without first making such Dispositions that may offer and that
you have reason to expect an Engagement. Should they attempt
to — we are at a Time or Place disadvantageous to the
So that they cannot force place to place you
should think proper to post up the Creek or Recovery Should
you find Difficulties to collect the Necessaries for the Company
to proceed to the Ohio Intelligence that they are in
our Protection. That Place must provide Cattle &c. to our Disposal
as we shall direct & employ them to our Service. The two Vessels
should be at Port Dauphin. They may be on the Arrival
the Place must Over to St. Anns Port as we shall extremely
to have Part of the Stores Cannon, Swivels
Powder &c. Mr. Farquhar, and
Dy. Q. Mr. Hay. We have directed Co
Stores & Troops to be conveyed to the aforementioned places as the
Service shall require to the Commissary.

Mr. James Bownthwaite to
proceed with the Army as Engineer and Mr. Charles Player as
Secretary — and Mr. Farquhar will Order masters to take
care of Sloops or Vessels necessary, as well of the Army as
Provisions of every kind

You will please to give the Strictest

Information
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convey
advan
at the
you
village
and
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of
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Frenchmen in
its
captain
they
as Commissary
taken
Strictest

Ft St George 21st February 1759.

We have resolv'd that the Queensborough & Revenge with two of the Indiamen proceed to cruize off Pondichery as soon as ever they have got a sufficient supply of Water. This may possibly draw a part of the Enemys Attention, at least it will prevent their receiving any supplies by Single Ships, and on case of the Arrival of their Fleet we shall have the earliest Notice from the Cruizers.

Ft St George
21st February 1759

Instructions to the Captn of the Army

15. Fort St George 21st February 1759

With regard to Coolies as the Number may differ every day
Several Quarter Masters are every Night to send a demand to the
Commissary of the Number they shall want for the next day. The C
missary is to procure them to muster them on the morning and deliv
them to the Quarter master, and to give you a Note Signed by himself
of the Nos. according to which you are to pay them, or see them
paid.

You are to Execute all Orders you shall receive
from the President & Council at Fort St George or the Officer commanding
the Army

Dated in Fort St George the 21st February 1759

Instructions for
Commissary of the Musters

Signed a Commissary to
Fort St Lawrence
Muster Master Detachment Allotted
[illegible] You will that upon
[illegible] Carriage Bullocks
[illegible] Musters you are to take Notice of
[illegible] absent without Leave
[illegible] Muster Rolls Signed by the Comm
[illegible] and by yourself to the
[illegible] ascertained on the Jan
[illegible] Oppointments as Shall Offer.

[illegible] Muster Rolls are to be a Gentleman
the Paymaster on [illegible] Pay you should if possible have
near to the end of every Months

With regard to Coolies as the Number may

Ho. Fort St. George 21st February 1754

every days. The several Quarter Masters will be directed to deliver in
every Night a demand for the Number that will be required the next
day in their respective Branches. You are to procure them to muster
them in the Morning and divide them off to the several Quarter
masters according to their respective demands, and then to give a Re-
ceipt by your Hond. to the Pyeader certifying the Number employed
for that Day, according to which the Pay will be effected.

Lastly you are to send the Pass Porters on your
Duty from the Pendons Gomah of Fort St. George and Egmore
due Notice to the Officer Commanding the Rounds

Fort St. George

February

Wednesday

of the Morning

Morning after their

Present

Letter from Chittoor

Sepoys Hanger Away

Abdul Sahab Lawra

Point

At Fort St. George 2d February 1757

Service in joining us against the French, otherwise that they also should accept the Offers made them by the Enemy and join them.

Although the Services of the Mandates would at this time be unacceptable, yet it is well known that no dependance is to be had on the People, who never have any thing farther in view than to serve their own Ends. The Board think themselves [illegible] to advance any of the Company's Treasure [illegible] Establishment without the Sanction of Orders from the Court of Directors, But [illegible] Agreeable to the Resolution of Consult of the 19th Instant, Resolved unanimously in the Affirmative that the Governor in Council be desired to write to the Nabob that as the Company's Affairs will in the present Critical Juncture require a large Sum of Money, 12 Lacks of Rupees at least, the Company expect he will remit them by Sloop, 12 Lacks of Rupees, as well as the annual Chouteau [illegible]

The Secretary reported to the Committee that Mr Pendock is [illegible] to Pay and collect the Revenues of that Country and collect [illegible] Purchard as from the French [illegible] Paper represents that there are a Quantity [illegible] being an Undertow and [illegible] Company on the [illegible]

Geo. Pigot

Roger Laurence

John Smith

C. Brooksbank

John Pybus

Henry Vansittart

18. Fort St. George 23. February

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governor President

William Percival Stringer Lawrence

John Smith Charles Bourchier

John Lewis [illegible]

At Fort St. George the 8th February 17

At a Consultation Present

George Sigot Esq.r Governor President

Stringer Lawrence

Charles Bourchier

Henry Lascelles Tillard

Wednesday the 22d February

The Board having taken into
Consideration the Petition of Mr Abraham
Lopez

Ordered that the Master Attendant at
Madrass do provide with all
Expedition Two Vessels of about 1000 Tunns
burthen each to carry the Company's Troops
from hence to Bengal, and that the Master Attendant
do also provide proportionably with
Provisions and Water for the Troops
during the Voyage, and that the Commanders
of the said Vessels be ordered to Sail with the first
favourable Wind and Weather after they shall be
ready to receive the Troops and Stores on board
and that they do use their best endeavours to keep
Company with each other during the Voyage
and to put into Vizagapatam Road in their
Way thither, and there to land the Troops
and Stores belonging to the Company
and Deliver the Letters and Packets
which shall be given them for that Purpose
and that they do then proceed with the
Troops and Stores to Bengal and there
Deliver the Troops and Stores belonging
to the Company to the Chief and Council
of Fort William, and that they do
return to Madrass with all Expedition
after they shall have Delivered the Troops
and Stores at Bengal, and that they do
not on any Account whatsoever Trade
with any Persons whatsoever during
the Voyage

The Board for the Reasons mentioned in Consultation
this Day approve of the Troops being at present
Victualled for Bengal and Vizagapatam only
as proposed and Do Publish that the Com-

the Company

the Company

the Chocultoy

Service

22. Sept. St George 28th. February

I think the Virginians have very Slow in their Country — I have the Honour to be with profound Respect

Honble Sir &c &c

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Jos: Smith

Acct. Amount of the Revenue of the Country belonging to Fort Lewis, paid for the Year beginning January the December. 1759.

Corn		Cattle		Liquor	
Gallons	Pence	Gallons	Pence	Gallons	Pence
3,000		1,000	1,050	22,000	1,000
	5,000		3,000		9000
	420			1,000	50
				6,000	1000
				7,000	2000
				12,000	2000
				15,000	5000
					120
					500
				25,000	3000
					500
					100
					400
					950
					1500
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23. Fort St. George 2th February 1758

Customs & Bazar duty for Trichinopoly Rx. 1000

Customs & Bazar duty for Cherringham 24000

The Different Prices of each Sort of Grain &c. Medium for the three Sorts

Pieau ... One Gallone is ... Pardaus Fac. 5 1/2

Vallan ... One d°. ... d° ... 3

Cuvo ... One d°. ... d° ... 5

@ 30 Fac p° Pag.

When the Jabob went from hence to the Southward on &c.

Dated 20th February 1759.

No. 1

Directions to the Officer Commanding at Tripassore and Pennamallee to assist the Revenue

Letter to Madrass &c. Polligars.

To. Fort St. George 28th February 1755

The Board appears of the Annual Revenues for Investure in the respective Countries above mentd. Ordered that the Chiefs at Pennamallee & Tripassore be directed to assist the Amildars & Renters of those Places with a Company of Sepoys in order to settle them in their Districts they fixing the Amildars paying the Expence of Batta &c. Also that Letters be wrote to Madrass & the other Polligars advising they will give their assistance to the Campaign Amildars; & provide them with Carriage for the Expedition to prevent Plunder in the Villages

Resolved to give Notice to Mr. Bengal the three following Ships Expected from the Coast viz. Protector, Pitt & Duke of Grafton & that Letters be wrote

To Madrass

To Vizagapatam

To Bengal

To Fort William

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servants

January 25th 1755

Robert Clive — Wm. Cunningham — Richd. Becher — H. Strankland

Letter to Admiral Watson

Resolved that Admiral Watson be acquainted that the Season for the Coast of Coromandel is now approaching when the Squadron may be expected to sail to the Coast either from Bombay or England & that as soon after hearing he shall have anchored in Madrass Road he is to write to Admiral Pocock desiring to know when he is to be ready to sail with the Squadron to the Coast

Fort William

January 25th 1755

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Robert Clive — Wm. Cunningham — Richd. Becher — H. Strankland

Fort St. George 28th February 1759.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President &c. Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Copy of your Letter to Bombay per Ship [illegible] we have received

[illegible] detached

[illegible] Coast.

[illegible] Court of Directors [illegible]
[illegible] Copy of their [illegible]
[illegible] Council
[illegible]

[illegible] have

Robert Clive
C. Manningham
Richd Becher
H. Townshend

William
28th January 1759.

Fort St George 28th January 1759.

To Lieutenant Colonel Francis Forde

Sir

I now write Letter of Congratulations wrote you on the Victory gained by you the 7th We have heard with infinite Concern from Mr Andrews of the disagreements between you & the Rajah & shall by the 1st Ships proper of your Arms has been attended with good

Sir Eyre Coote has not thought proper to take upon him any goods to act without the Sanction of the Council & has suspended for the present of promoting the scheme

Sir Eyre Coote will be ready to march with all the troops that can be spared from the Garrison by the 15th of February & shall then proceed to Masulipatam

I am Sir Your most humble Servant

Fort St George 28th January 1759

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Fort. St. George 28th. February 1759.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Letter to Capt Jos Smith
Commanding at Ticonderoga
Notary.

29. Fort. K. George 25th February 1759

Sent the following Letter to Captain Joseph Smith Commanding
at Ticonderoga conformable to the Resolution of Gen. Lawrence
on.

No. 13

To Capt. Joseph Smith

Sir

The last Letter we received from you is dated the 25
December & did not arrive with us till the 30th
We now have the satisfaction to acquaint you that
the Enemy after burning & with their whole force for nine weeks
ravaging & destroying the Country & Places where they came
& Battoes which from the 17th Instant on the
Morning & left behind them a considerable Quantity of Ammu-
nition &c. & the Artificers & Bateau men of Col. Prays
Regiment & some Provincials

You are therefore required that the Batteaux
Carpenters & Men that can be spared from
the Service of the Garrison & Provincials
when the Batteaux must from
of the Provincials there to join & proceed for you
Information. We shall be glad to know as soon as compleat
the Batteaux & Whale Boats compleat & from All Ca-
& you are to Report to us. We would have
Provisions with the Batteaux & Whale Boats
& Ammunition & Provisions for the Garrison
& Provincials

You are to acquaint Capt Rogers that he is
to keep the Rangers & Provincials under his Command
in Readiness to March & Proceed on the Service
as he shall be directed by us. You are to
Encourage the Men to Re-inlist for the Service
& to Assure them that they shall have the Bounty
& Allowance for Batteau Men that may prevent any
Desertion. We are glad to find that Lieut Cowan
employed in Boat Building & you are to direct
him to send you on the 1st March that number of Batteaux
& Whale Boats & Provisions & Ammunition which
the Batteaux & supply of Provisions & Ammunition

30 Fort St. George 28th February 1759.

We hope you have arrived. You must send us the Accounts of your Garrison by Duncans of Mr Boddam's Pagapatam who will forward them to Us by Sea.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot Dpt Council

To the Hon.ble

and the of

Select Comm.

31 Fort St George 1st March 1759

[illegible] they left to bend their Journal Towards [illegible] for Jonacotta Give
Us Carriages & many other Stores — That Force to have remaining
We can at present give no certain Account of but Reason to
believe it pretty considerable although their loss before this Place must
have been great. A Confinement of Sixty Seven days within our
Walls Exposed for forty three to every warm fire must you may
Imagine not only have lessened our Garrison very considerably,
but Spread an Enervating Weakness through every Vein for taking the Field as
[illegible] Country Work by Encouraged our Black Army. That it is
Master to Guard Our Troops will perhaps be difficult to answer. They
Can Scarce Come Exposed upon Shoulder Arms, & will be on
[illegible] Service Gentlemen as the greatest part of the Fire
[illegible] Sepoys [illegible] Outposts where a Body
[illegible] under Corporal Harry
[illegible] Molestation. He
[illegible] which brought us
[illegible] 26th January By
[illegible] Pocket for
[illegible] to be forwar

Fort St George
1st March 1759

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt & Humble Servants

Eyre Coote

I have the honor to send the Copy of our
[illegible] to your Considency
we stand to be censured in your Letter of
the 6th January.

No 32. Fort St. George 1st. March 1759.

To the Honble. Richard Bourchier Esqr.
& other Gentlemen of the Select Committee
at Bombay

Gentlemen

To the Select Committee
Bombay

Letter from us under date the 16th Ulto. from which & Duplicate of
our Address per Ship Ld. the 15th January Duplicate inclosed you will learn the
particulars of our Proceedings to that Date, now the pleasure to
acquainting the happy Change in our Affairs occasioned by
the Enemy to raise the Siege of Pondicherry & march off
your Hands the 4th of May on the evening and the next
by Land & Sea in the utmost Confusion
leaving
their whole Artillery Ammunition Provisions & Baggage
behind them, the Army under the Command of Monsr. Lally
Commander in Chief of the French Forces in India
with the Troops from Europe & the Coast, Sepoys &
Cavalry, Consisting of upwards of 9000 Men, Europeans
& Topasses, & 16 pieces of Cannon, encamped
at Villanore 4 Miles to the Southward of Pondicherry
on the Road to Valdore, from whence they
detached Parties to Attack our Army, but
finding us prepared to receive them, they
retired to their Camp, & the next Day
marched off in the Manner above related
leaving behind them all their Artillery
Ammunition Provisions & Baggage, which
fell into our Hands, & the Siege was
raised, the Enemy having been employed
upwards of 4 Months in carrying on the
Works, & Batteries against the Place
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carrying on the Works, & Batteries
against the Place

33. Fort St. George 1st March 1759.

We are to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 16th Decr by the Ships lately arrived.

The Inclosed Packet for our Honble Masters we request you will forward by the first Opportunity that offers either by Sea or Land. We have only further to add that we remain

Gentlemen

Your most humble Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c Council

Fort St George
1st March 1759.

To Charles Pelham Esqr
Chief of Tellicherry &c

Sir

We have this instant received Private Letters from on board the Ship Speaker Capt. Holford at Anjengo, by the Speaker Capt. Holford we had been informed of your having received a very considerable Reinforcement from Bombay, by the Conveyance we had the satisfaction of hearing that you had obliged the Enemy to raise the Siege, & to retire with precipitation, we were not a little surprized to find by your Letters that you had not received any Intelligence of the Arrival of the Troops from Bombay, or of your having

Fort St George 1st March 1759

Lt. Dalrymple dated the 15th Ult he found he daylight [illegible]
ceeding & had determined to set for to the Black Town but the
16th in the Evening. The Lunenburgh & Revenge with four of the
Companys ships appearing from Bombay having 1st Brigade
Detachment on board. He thought it prudent to [illegible] nature
removing which he did the 17th in the morning. Ten his ways to
avoid the Forts fell astern, but the Black Town escaped
the Detachment thereof. Intend [illegible] between forty fifty
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

37 Fort St. George 2d March 1759.

March 2d

Delivered Capt. Baker his Instructions for proceeding with the

Indian Schooner off the Armagon to meet the Warwick Ship from

Bengal conformable to a Minute of last Consultation.

Saturday

3d March.

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier

Henry Lee Lessart

Richard Sandford

Chas. Raworth

30th Year K. George 3d. March 1790

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As the exact Value of the Chunglepet Inundation
their present State cannot be easily ascertained it is agreed to
acquaint Capt. Paxton the Person he recommends may take the
management of those Districts in the capacity of Inundation Conductor
further Orders exist that of the Communications to which are
Conductor is already appointed

30 Fort St George 3d March 1758

The Accounts of Wages &c mentioned in for as they appear to the Board were read. Mr Harrower Ordered that they be laid before the Committee of Accounts to be examined & reported. And the meantime the Army being upon the march the Paymaster is Ordered to be discharged, & will be ready to stop out of their Subsistence pay any Sum or Sums of Money that may be Demanded.

Recommended by the Committee of Accounts Reported

The Batta mentioned to be paid

balance

pay.

Necessity of encouraging the Country Trade as much as possible

Report of a Letter to Mr Harrower on this Subject

Then the Hon.ble Mr Pybus under Wages from Fort St George to Bengal was taken into Consideration & the Board being of Opinion that it was the Interest of the Company to encourage the Country Trade as much as possible, & that for the better carrying on the same it was necessary to have a Vessel constantly employed between this Coast & Bengal, & that the Hon.ble Mr Pybus was a proper Person to be entrusted with the Command of such Vessel, Resolved that he be recommended to the Court of Directors for their Approbation.

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Mr Harrower acquainting him that the Board have taken into Consideration the Subject matter of his Letter of the 28th Ultimo, & are of Opinion that the Company's Affairs will require the Assistance of a Person of his Capacity & Knowledge in Trade for some time to come, & that they have therefore Resolved to recommend to the Court of Directors that he be continued in the Service for the Space of Three Years from the Date of his Arrival in England, & that he be allowed the Salary of Pagodas 300 per Annum, & Pagodas 100 per Annum for House Rent, & that he be allowed to Trade on his own Account to the Amount of Pagodas 50,000 during the Time he shall remain in the Company's Service, & that he be allowed to take out with him Pagodas 10,000 in Specie, & that he be allowed to draw Bills on the Company for the Amount of his Salary & House Rent

40 Fort St. George 3d March 1759.

A Return of the Kings Hospital the 17th February 1759 the [illegible]

A Return of the Companys Hospital the same day the No. 178

A Roll of the Seapoys remaining in the Garrison when the Siege was raised the Number 1595 A Roll of Lascars remaining in Garrison when the Siege was Raised No. 110.

All which are Ordered to be carefully lodged in the Office that they may be referred to on occasion.

George Pigot

John Smith

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hospital the day was raised

[illegible] Seapoys the day the [illegible] raised

[illegible] Lascars the day was raised

Account Presents

Fort St. George 3d March 1759.

Account Presents

To Nabob Abdul Wahab Cawn

Broad Cloth Scarlet Superfine 2 pieces ... 70 ...

Do ... Ordinary 2 pieces ... 42 ...

Do ... Green 2 pieces ... 60 ...

Do ... Double Colour 1 piece ... 84 ...

Scarlet Cloth ... 1 piece ... 90 ...

Do Green ... 1 piece ... 85 ...

Scarlet Carpets 5 ... 22 ...

Pagodas 464 ...

To Hoff Cawn Commandant of Sherapore

Red Cloth 3 Pieces
Blue Cloth 2 ... } Value at Pagodas ... 300 ...

Scarlet and Cloth

To Hee Seed Cawn

Do Green

Do Green

Pagodas 394 ...

To Sundra Sheenaka

To Sundra Sheenaka ... 105 ...

Peshcush Sherapore ... 9 ...

Pagodas 114 ...

Fort St. George 3d March 1759.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Lawrence pursuant to a Resolution of last Consultation

To Stringer Lawrence Esqr.

Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in India

Sir

We have this day Sent to Fort St. George the Companies Share amounting to Pagodas [illegible] Rupees [illegible] Fanams [illegible] Cash

Fort St. George
3d March 1759.

6th

Sent to the Honble Robert Clive Esqr and the other Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Bengal

Gentlemen

Inclosed is a Duplicate of our Letter

Fort St. George 6th March 1759

Letter to the Select Committee at Bengal

to you by the Catharine Hoy under date the 1st Instant and a second Copy of our Letter to the Court of Directors left upon for your perusal and which we request you will forward.

The Liddalore Schooner is dispatched to meet the Expectance of the Warren, with the necessary Information to the Capt. agreeable to what you have been pleased to recommend.

Our Army is at present at Conjeveram and near the rebel Force of the French is in Conjeveram whose Num. [illegible] them encouraged for to Injure to make it prudent to hazard a Battle we are therefore anxious in relation of the Arrival of the Warren and to receive whether to Lords makes any Alteration in your Orders. We are Gentlemen Your most Humble Servants

Fort St George
6th March 1759

George Pigot Edward

Council

Stephen Smith
John Lewis
Richard Fairfield
Charles Bourchier
Henry Van Sittart

N. Brohier Sick
Colonel Lawrence Commanding the Army in the Field
Capt. Preston Commanding at Changleput

writes that in Consequence of our Orders of the 3d Instant

Fort St. George 7th March 1759.

Covering the two Amuldars recommended by him to have the Management of the Changleput Districts he has appointed

Iswa Reddy on the Amuldary of Covenantandeburn Carongoly

& Salemaiuck Aml.

Corpora Modelliar in that of Covelong and Changleput

Ordered that Capt. Preston be directed to

assist each of the Amuldars upon occasion with the Company of Seapoys

who are to be paid and Rated as Peons Mahs. dated 7th March &

the Amuldars authorising the Corporas

Capt. Preston also a letter of this date

from Colonel Lawrence to Capt. Preston he read recommending

with his Company of Seapoys

Order to pass the

mentioned Letter

the Governor

Ordered that Capt. Preston be directed to

proceed by Water

at Sunrise

Ordered that

Ordered that

Ordered that

42. Fort St. George 7th March 1759

Opinion desired as to the Expediency of an Engagement.

Received that Admiral Watson be glad to have a General Return of the Army transmitted at the same time to be informed of their Opinion as to the Expediency of hazarding an Engagement, or on the other hand what Situation he may judge most convenient for the Army to remain in for the protection of the Countries near to Madras, and for supplying the Troops with Provisions, Ordered that a Letter to this purport be accordingly wrote to Col. Lawrence

Letters from Bombay of 4th Feby that Admiral Watson expected with the rest of the Squadron (to sail) for the Coast

Letters from Bombay dated the 28th Ult. advise that the Squadron remained there to be docked & repair'd, and that the Admiral expected to be ready to sail for the Coast.

Remarks

His Lordship observ'd that as Time remaining yet on the Coast was precious at present as the Squadron may be expected & Admiral Watson will be

Plan for the Attack

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be desired to lay before the Board a Plan for the Attack of Pondicherry

Letter to be written to Admiral Pocock to be lodged at Negapatam

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to Admiral Pocock to be lodged at Negapatam by Mr Bodle Purdon & at Negapatam recommending to him the Execution of the Plan if from the Intelligence he may receive upon his Arrival from Mr Bodle of the Strength of the Place he should judge it prudent to make the Attempt.

Letter to Joseph Smith Commanding at Tricheopoly

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to Captain Joseph Smith Commanding at Tricheopoly directing him to

At Fort St. George 8th March 1759.

8th Wrote & Signed the following Letters to Admiral Pocock

to be lodged with Mr. Bodle Resident at Nagapatam / and to

Capt. Joseph Smith Commanding at Trincomaly Severally

to the minutes of yesterday &c.

To George Pocock Esqr Vice Admiral of the Blue

Commander in Chief of his Majs Squadron &c &c &c

To Admiral Pocock

Having received Intelligence of the Arrival

Bombay

Nagapatam

your

Bombay

Pitt

by the

Sir

Sir

Sir

Fort St. George 8th March 1759.

Pondichery road, the Harlem, Bristol, & Norway ships, have some Frigates called the Expedition, & Isabella. We have rec'd Advice Rumpelpelle to proceed thither with the Queenborough & Revenge & two of the Company's ships, to block them up, as a Squadron sail as soon as they have compleated their Water.

We inclose a Copy of our Letter to Capt. Speke for your Information.

We are with the perfect respect & Esteem

Fort St. George
8th March 1759.

Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants
George Pigot &c. Council

To Capt. Speke

Sir

Secret

The Enemy's Squadron is known in the Aroot Country
[illegible] must be very uncertain
[illegible] that the Squadron
[illegible] Dungeon Fort & attempt makeing an Attack upon that place
[illegible] Garrison may be attended with Success & have the good
[illegible] Effect of withdrawing the Enemy to defend their Force by sending
[illegible] Squadron to Bengal. We have room to expect
[illegible] Success proper therefore you
[illegible] Intelligence you
[illegible] manner in which
[illegible] which you will give Mr. Pocock
[illegible] Letter for him to Mr. Bo-
[illegible] Arrival. The President now writes to the Navy
[illegible] to grant you the assistance and you will act
[illegible] in that Case. It will be necessary
that the Forces we may send you and some Companys
of your own Sepoys should be posted with all expedition
on at Trivalore or other convenient place on the Coast

52. Fort St. George 8th March 59.

bourhood of Karwar for the Admiral may be expected on the Coast this month and your Troops should be at their post when he arrives that as they may be embarking to favor the attempt as soon as he has determined upon the manner of putting it into execution.

We have ordered Capt. Richard Smith to proceed to Trichinopoly to do Duty on that Garrison and Capt. Clarke is to take the first Opportunity of coming to Madras

Capt. Smith will also acquaint you to talk to the King about

Fort St George
March 1756.

Sunday
March

Conchonan Pra
ten to the Hon.
with the Shaw

and to go to Bot
on Board

Bombay the Army

Hardwick

People, are

of going to Pondicherry

Board have no other

No Fresh Proposals having been received for

Fort St George 8th March 1759

Offers of the Nizam as mentioned in Consultation the 28th Ultimo are taken again into Consideration . . It Appears to the Board that to let them out for four years for the small Rent offered would not be advisable, as it is hoped, that long before the Expiration of that time means may be found of putting an end to the Troubles there by drawing away Mahaffy Canoe and reducing the Pattans to Reason in which case a great part of the Troops now kept there might be reduced, and a much larger Revenue than we have experienced that

The Nabobs Army Countries cannot be kept in Repair for the Sum of 25 Lacks

to be paid for Charges

while they are in the Country of collecting the Revenues can be no Trouble to us for the disbursements & [illegible] admit of any of

[illegible] Years therefore it is [illegible] extension for one year, excepting the Articles for Mahaffy Canoe

a Letter be wrote hereby that the Country be to them for five [illegible] Ready to be given to the 11th July 1760.

[illegible] hereby ending the 11th July [illegible] Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of Profit may accrue is to be [illegible]

During the Term of this Lease if any means can be found of drawing away Mahaffy Canoe it will be a great step towards quelling the disturbances in those

means

52 Fort S.t George 20.th March 1750.

Countries perhaps from Offers of Accomodation from the Nabob might have this Effect and Jtis Agreed to write to him on that subject laying before him at the same time a Detail of the Reasons before mentioned by which we have been Induced to let out the Countries to Us on Farm for the ensuing Year.

Nabob

other Nabob

Hyder Ally

Nabob of Arcot

Jtis Agreed to acquaint the Nabob of Arcot that the Farmers of the Revenues of Countries having found it impracticable to pay their several Applications for Countries at the Rates they did upon the Expectation of their Encouragement to Trade and Commerce

Nabob

Hyder Ally

Hyder Ally

Hyder Ally

Jtis Agreed to write to the Nabob of Arcot to acquaint him

53 Fort St George 8th March 1755

A Paper of Intelligence mentioning that the

Advice of the Morattas having entered Tanjore

Morattas have entered Tanjore, and that the main Body

of the French Army was at Conjeveram

George Pigot

John Smith

P. Bouchier

John Byres

Henry Van Sittart

Rich. Fairfield

54 Fort S.t George 12.th March 1759

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governor President

Monday 12.th March

John Smith — Charles Boucher

John Pybus — Henry Van Sittart

Lieutenant Campbell

Who Represented

Colonel Lawrence Commanding the Army

in the Field

Read a Letter from Col.o Lawrence

To the Honours

& Governor &.a Council

Letter from Col.o Lawrence Com-
manding the army in the
Field proposes marching
over to the Enemy.

Referred our Comp.a
March 9.th 1759.

[illegible] years of the
[illegible] have
[illegible] I hope
[illegible] ing this
[illegible] Body that
[illegible] Enemy side
[illegible] me cer-
[illegible] ing a ge-
[illegible] our Posi-
[illegible] Value equal to
do it would be impru[illegible] of us on their own
have the honor to be with perfect Esteem Gentlemen
your most Obedient & most humble Servt Stringer Lawrence

Seven hundred and fifty effective
soldiers to keep the field

33 Fort St. George 2th March

General Return of the
Troops in the Field

By a General Return of the Army transmitted
by Colonel Lawrence it appears to consist of

Three Letters from Gopaul rain the
rain the Mahratta General

Three Letters from Gopaul rain the Mara
General Read as noted in the Country Correspondence
31. & 32 speaking of an Agreement made at the time
Anaji was besieged to pay them a sum of Money on cer
proceeds of the Customs. That on consequence of the said
Agreement he immediately marched to the Limits of the Pa
and sent Three Letters as may also appear by
the Copies of the said Letters of which
amount of the Sum promised on our part, that if we do not
do not remove a Body of Troops and he shall pro
to prosecute the Siege of Gooty or other Place during
that Polygar to perform his Agreement

Remands a sum of Money
in consequence of former
Agreement

Her Terms
Agreement

Letter wrote him on this Occasion which fully explains

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the Terms we proposed — adding that our Troops are in readiness to act in concert with his Army which is requisite at this Juncture for our mutual Advantage in order to defeat the ambitious designs of the common Enemy

This [illegible] Letter from Capt. Joseph Smith Commanding at Sadras dated the 28th December with Enclosures from Mr Hastings Commanding Chief at Arcot came to hand this day the distance not being able to get

To the Honble George Lord Pigot Baron of Patcham &c &c &c Governor and Chief of Fort St George

Letter from Capt. Joseph Smith commanding at Sadras Copy Enclosure a Enclosure b Copy Enclosure c

at a

the occasion

alone. [illegible]

Troops are marched, for whom his Majesty would

[illegible]

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withdraw some of those Companies from the Country & troops

2 of the 5 which were at Tanjore might be safely recalled by

passing the Rheddy by this time to have been able to Cover

sufficiently for his own Security or the what Troops Lawrence

remained and one way easy to inform ye Gentlemen concern

a shameful and scandalous manner he suffered the place to

fall a prey into the hands of his Competitor. Ever since it has

been reduced by Major Caillaud the former Rheddy resided in

the Fortress of the Country when resorted to him many

of the Inhabitants of Tanjore, as well those Troops that left

the place with him, there remained but small and seldom go

long any more Parties to Scour & Plunder among the distant

Villages, but hearing that a Body of Troops had left the place

and being ignorant of many Joined to their Tanjore encou

raged them to the Spirit of pursuing & possessed many

all night and keeping them from any rest those Morning,

Reinforced & Encouraged by the Cavalry pursued the

Enemy instead of opposing our Troops for the defence of the

place Some time from it, and by Letters as the Rheddy

expected the Enemy were to be by nothing else, that

he did not think any Party of Tanjore before my Serjeant

[illegible] by the rest of his People:

[illegible] deserted by all their Force

[illegible] he took Post at the Palace

with his People resolved to defend that so long as he

could. The Enemy by this time were surrounding it &

firing so briskly that not a man could appear

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Sept for its Defence this obliged them to come to terms which they readily agreed too, and permitted our Troops to march away with their Arms and every thing else without the least molestation. From the very moment I rec'd Intelligence that the French Army was actually resolved on attacking us. I collected what Force could be spared for our Friends Assistance and where they on their march for that purpose were to be met by the Troops of the Country powers in Friendship with us. I sent Letters to them again[illegible] [illegible] to be on their guard against any attempts of the French to seduce them from their Allegiance to us, and to assure them that I would support them in every thing that was reasonable, and that I expected they would not enter into any Treaty with the French without my knowledge and consent, and that I would not make any Peace with the French in which their Interests were not properly attended to. I have had the pleasure to hear from them frequently since, and they have constantly behaved with the greatest Fidelity and Attachment to us, and have given us every assistance in their power, and have frequently sent Parties to join us, which have been of great service to us, and have behaved in the most gallant manner, as to put the Enemy to flight in every Action. The Nabob has got the Kings Commission for the Government of Arcot, and I have got mine for the Government of Trichinopoly, but the Nabob is to have the Revenues of both Countries, and I am to have the Command of the Troops, and to be Governor of Trichinopoly, and to assist the Nabob in the Collection of the Revenues of Arcot, and to keep the Peace in that Country, which I hope I shall be able to do, as I have got the Command of the Troops, and have the Nabob entirely in my Power, as he cannot collect the Revenues without my assistance, and I am to have a Share of the Revenues for my trouble. I have also got the Command of the Troops in the Southern Countries, and am to assist the Nabob in the Collection of the Revenues there

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a little wait that it may cannot this time, the next will prove a
bitter Potion to those who shall dare venture on another occa-
sion Material to us. I have not Gentlemen been honoured with
an answer to mine of the 8th Nove regarding of Pulla to the hop
which makes me imagine the Letters have not reached Madraspa.
Those Serpes in the pray for three Ones Monthly cannot Gentlemen
excuse or Recommend for the Papers unless allowed what
they Pay for Postage I shall write on the Particulars of the Seizure
and as to the Ships Cost I shall make them pursue
with the first Opportunity By these Honours
I pray for your Health & Prosperity Rogongo. and have the
honour to be Sirs Your most
Humble Servants

Endorsed
By Prov. Ct of

To the

Letter from the
Chief of Rogongo

to your Honours
not containing any
Copy of it by the Ship
brought Govr to me the
23d Ultimo which acquaints
me, that two Guns were heard &
some goods & Cattle taken damages, & she has been so leaky
that he apprehends part of her Cargo on the Ballast is also damage
ged — He likewise informs me that the London Capt

Copy
15th Nov. 1758

Abstract of Lord Ligonier's Letter from Fort St. George 12th March 1759.

Brought out & put to Sea from your Road on the 23d Ultimo

That the French Squadron were then lying in Pondicherry &

Fort St. David's.

Two days after sending away my last

Dispatch Letter mentioned in my Advices to the Secret Committee

which Copy from your Honour will please to receive - I am

Honble Sir Your most Obedient Servant Eyre Coote

P.S. After the Inclosed is directed

to your Hon'r yet the Letter are Unfinished

an Acct of Cape Town Packt

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to your Hon'r yet the Letter are Unfinished

an Acct of Cape Town Packt

6s Fort St George D.o Hannah

Guard at Pollour.

Advice Papers mention to Mr St Lolly

Advice of Mr Lolly's proceeding from Brest to Pondichery.

set out from Brest with 2 fine Troopers the 6th June & and arrived at Pondichery the next day:

The Feathers Privateer having now set in so the Merchants no longer dare venture to sail into their Harbour to make their Voyage to Madras. It is hoped that Mr Henry Brooke appointed Minister at Pekin will give Intelligence to the Commanders of any Ships that might touch there to be recalled from that Station and directed to return to Madras.

Extract Letter

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to Fort St George 15th March 1756

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr Gov.r President

Thursday
15th March.

John Smith Charles Bourchier

John Hyde Henry Lee Willard

Richard Ten Eyck

Letter from Col Lawrence
Commanding the Army in
the Field

Arrival of party of Marattas
Joins the Camp under Morari
Row.

To the Hon.ble

Ackn.d by our

Letter from Col Lawrence
dated the 13th Inst.

Arrival of party of Marattas
Joins the Camp under Morari
Row.

Letter from Col Lawrence
Commanding the Army in
the Field

Acknowledged

Letter from Mr Engineer
Call sets forth the Repairs
necessary to be executed
to the Fortifications

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The Engineer lays the following Report before
the Board.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President &
Governor & the rest of the Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Soon after the Enemy had re-
tir'd from [illegible] I began to survey
their Approaches [illegible] the next day began to level
[illegible] Powder Company & a few Coolys etc
[illegible] Works more entirely be-
[illegible] collected by
[illegible] encreased to 3 or 400
[illegible] Works & to
[illegible] necessary for repairing
[illegible] I now beg leave to
[illegible] direction of your Officers and
[illegible] we will not [illegible] endeavour
[illegible] by making the intended al-
[illegible] Defence of the Place Solely for
[illegible] may best answer for an im-
[illegible] use of another Attack.

For this End the North East Angle
of the covered way where the Parapets Palisadoes & banquettes
all round by ours and the Enemys fire should be repaired for the

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manner they were before 3d North Face of the curved way raised one foot higher, that the Demy Bastion may be better covered.

The Demy Bastion retains North face and Flank.

Flank may consume measure to Arcade bracket. I shall more Face from thence compleat the parapet with Embrasures filled with Clay ready to be forgot they can be recd from the field 3

I would order that the Parapets with Embrasures filled with Clay may not be Cut to take Fire.

with Platforms and Parapets are

the Demy Bastion.

will protect

Retain to

Embrasures

must two

impossible

Sentry on Platform

the Station must

Embrasures

Platforms 3

Face of the

Curtain being

Platform; Where

for preserve taking it

being 3 defensible manner

The Parapets of the Royal Bastion

[illegible] Fort St. George 15th March 1759

being much shaken partly by our own & partly by the Enemys
fire, they must be repaird as soon as the other works are done.

The North West Lunetta which was left Imperfect
plank are now round by the Enemys fire from the new Batt
tole will also require a thorough Repair.

[illegible] the many other Attacks of the Enemy
[illegible] such as the Trenches, Palisadoes,
Platforms &c. [illegible] with the greatest expedition

[illegible] had advanced in these
Parts Obliges [illegible] Number of Cadjays can
[illegible] necessary that the Sandbags begun
[illegible] should be compleated, and that Sunnuns wife
[illegible] when the Hole
[illegible] shall have a great
[illegible]

[illegible] must beg leave to mention that
[illegible] Sunnuns Servants from the Sandbag at the Ba
[illegible] large arched Roomes, placed in
[illegible] opening into one another
[illegible] but affords these
[illegible] and our Shells. I therefore hope Sunnuns
[illegible] Circumstances are such as every one is ne-
cessary, you will be pleasd to give Orders for removing this evil.

I am with the greatest respect Honble Sir Your most Obet
Humble Servant John Call

Fort St George
15th March 1759

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Ordered that the several Repairs recommended by Mr Call be made to the Fortifications to set about with all expedition, and particularly that means be immediately for levelling the Tombs at the Portuguese Ground.

Letter from Mr De Leyde

Letter from Mr De Leyde Read as entered in the Book of Wednesday last, acknowledging the receipt of the Honble Court's of the 7th December relative to [illegible]

desires to know our Intentions regarding the Exchange of the Sicca Rupee

Part of an Answer sent to Mr De Leyde

Letter from Mancondanagee

Rauze Tate Nayak of Kistnapatnam Read as entered on the Country Correspondence, giving an Account of Affairs which have arisen between him

Advices from Bengal that have been delivered to the Secret Committee

by Fort St George to Admiral Pocock

which have obliged him to withdraw his Force from over Manila

proposing his Return to adjust Differences and that he is ready &

inclined to be upon Good terms with the English. Letter also from the

Letter from the King of Tanjour

King of Tanjour N° 37 being chiefly a Congratulation on our Success against the French.

The Bills granted for Payment of Money &c. are retrospective and ordered

Intelligence that Letter from London

to have

to the Islands that

to the Cape of Good Hope

for Fort St George

G. Bourchier

Henry Lyttelton Dent

Rich. Fairfield

Fort St. George 19th March 1759

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr. Pigott pursuant to a Resolution of last Consultation, recorded in the Book of French Correspondence No 2

At a Consultation Present

George Pigott Esq. Governor President

John Smith

Charles Boone

Henry Lushington

Richard Prideaux

Monday 19th March

Mr. Smith takes his Seat as second upon Mr. Prideaux Decease.

To the Honble George Pigott Esq. Governor President & Gentlemen of the Council

Gentlemen

Letter from Col. Forde Commanding the Bengall Detachment to the Northward and Copies of his having invested Narsulpatam, Surrender of Jaggernaut & Movements of the Army to that time.

I am [illegible] Gentlemen

[illegible] Letter from Col. Forde dated the 4th Instant whereby I am under the agreeable necessity of informing you of the Success of the Expedition against the Forts of Jaggernaut & Narsulpatam, which I am in particulars, I sincerely congratulate you on the event, by which you have disappointed the projects of our Enemys and gained immortal honour to yourselves.

By my last Orders from Bengall I am to march to your

by Fort St. George 17th March 1791

Presidency so soon as the Enemy are drove out of their posts. I have
receivd a letter from Sultaut Saing in a very pompous stile full of
praises of himself and his Army and a great many high flowne expres-
sions but not a single word whether he is coming as a Friend
an Enemy ten days ago he was forty Cose on this side Hydrabad
I shall end an Envoy to know if he is coming with four or five
days march of their Camp. Lord Cornwallis gave him to all Appear-
ance three months to do this in order to send two hundred men
to Seringapatam to be employed in the Campaign. Some and no
Camp before
Nuzzulpatam
the Marquis

Letter from Sultaun &c

that his Army
towards Cuddapah &c

the Opinion of the Board
concerning the Expediency
of sending a Reinforcement
to Col. Floyd.

that

to settle

to

Col Floyd

the French are ordered
to do

as he may think ne-
cessary for

the Illness that the
Black Troops
In this Case the Board being of Opinion that the Reinforcement Col.
Floyd wishes for may be spared and should proceed immediately
to join him, as such an Effort might be the means of saving

to Fort St George 5th March 1759.

has Success against Mazulipatam and his March afterwards to that place. It is therefore Agreed to write to Colonel Lawrence the closing Copies of the Letters received from Col. Forde & Salabut Jung, and to know what as soon as he can form any determined Opinion of the Enemys Intentions & Powers they are not enclined to grant their post he will detach Major Monson to Wandewash with 200 Men, and at the same time to Trichinopoly Lieutenant Foster of the Artillery with

Agreed also that Mr Knight the Secretary and such Writers may be spared from Fort St George as the Service of Wandewash requires

Letter from Mr Hastings Collector of Tinnevelly

Agreed that Lieutenant Foster Artillery Killedar Commissary Stores Killedar Gunner Killedar Armourer Bombardier Lascars & Pioneers proceeding to Wandewash

That he shall furnish him with Provisions

Letter from Messrs Preside Pulley & Bazett

Agreed that Lieutenant Foster Artillery Killedar Commissary Stores Killedar Gunner Killedar Armourer Bombardier Lascars & Pioneers proceeding to Wandewash

Of the Disturbances caused by the Poligars in the Northern Circars

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Fort St. George 19th March 1799

Wrote and Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Lawrence Commanding the Army in the Field, pursuant to the Minute of this Morning's Consultation

To Monger Lawrence Esqr. Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in India

Sir

Letter to Col. Lawrence Commanding the Army in the Field.

We have received under date the 9th Instant from Lieutenant Col. Read Deputy Mr. Secretary to the Commissioners at Hyderabad a Letter of which he has transmitted Copies to us and by the Express which conveyed the Letter from Lieutenant Col. Read we have received a Letter from Major Allan Persian Interpreter to the Commissioners at Hyderabad to Captain Kirkpatrick Persian Interpreter to the Commissioners at Poona enclosing a Letter to the Peishwa Copies of which he has transmitted to us from Hyderabad to which Letters we beg leave to refer you for the Information they contain relative to the Negotiations now depending between the Commissioners at Poona and the Vakeels of the Peishwa and Nizam and we shall only observe that the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing a Letter to the Peishwa Copies of which he has transmitted to us from Hyderabad to which Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick concludes his Letter of the 4th Instant from Poona in the following Words "I have now the honor to enclose a Letter from the Nizam to the Peishwa of which I have taken a Copy and which I have received from Meer Alum with a request that I would forward it to Poona by the Dawk, I have accordingly done so, and have also taken a Copy of this Letter which I have likewise enclosed for your Perusal" From the Letter from the Nizam to the Peishwa which is dated the 2nd Instant we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 4th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 5th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 6th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 7th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 8th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 9th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and 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Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 17th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 18th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 19th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 20th Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 21st Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 22nd Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 23rd Instant from Poona we have received Copies and Translations and from the Letter from Major Allan to Captain Kirkpatrick dated the 24th Instant from Poona 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Fort St. George 19th March

3 Peons with an Ad-
vanced Party of the Ene-
mys European Horse

3 Morning, when Capt Brown being out before with a Party
of Horse, had a Skirmish with the advanced Party of the
Enemys European Horse; which after having taken them over
ver and 2 Horse drove them till within 2 Miles of Cuyerore

European Deserter from
our Army

This Evening before our Army moved off, we sent 3 Troops
Sick Men to Chingleput. The same Evening 5 Men of the 2d
Regiment & four of the Train Company deserted from us to

The Enemy encamped on
the Side of Singaporam

our last Intelligence the Enemys whole Force encamped
Pallaveram & Tambaram with the Company's Battalion
they have with their Horse & Guns at Pally, which is seven
Miles from us. Tomorrow and we our utmost

Dispatches sent
by the 2 Peons gone
7 Miles Morning 19th
1759

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants Lawrence

Letter from Capt Knox & Smith Commanding
Letter from Capt Smith advising that the Nabob has appointed
to have the Management of the Madura and
Tinnevelly Countries into their hands, and desiring
that the Company's Accounts for the ensuing Year should
be examined & adjusted as soon as possible.

Agreed to write Captain Smith that we
have advised the Nabob by Letter of our having let the Ma-
dura & Tinnevelly Countries to Mr Cannon for the next
ensuing year at 3 Lacks of Rupees clear of all Charges
as settled in Consultation the 6th Instant and that by

his

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his Accounts for the present year will be sent to Madras and examined — That we hope there Sabot has completed with their Promise be made at his Departure from Madras to pay sufficient out of the Revenues of Trichinopoly Tanjore to defray the Charges of that Garrison as it will be absolutely ne- -cessary henceforward to remit us no Drafts upon -sury on that Account

Refers to Letter to Capt Smith in at Trich.

recommended to avoid ordering any Drafts upon the Treasury on Account of the Expences of Trichinopoly

Indent of Stores & Medicines for the Garrison of Trichinopoly

Medicines to be sent

determination of Rewards thought proper ordered to be done to Madras

Letter from Admiralty

Extracts Differences between Col. Forde are examined

Jndent

Fort St George
19th March
1759
Governor
&
Council
Thomas Saunders Esq
Richd Prioleau
James Bisset
Charles Stevens

Fort St. George 22d March 1750

Sent the following Letter to Capt. Joseph Smith Commander

Trichenopoly pursuant to the foregoing Resolution

To Capt. Joseph Smith

Sir

Our Letters We have rec'd from you since Capt.

Cartland left Trichenopoly we kept Cart are dated as Above

Our dated 2d Sept. 1750 to Novbr

Pro 15

Novbr

Novbr

Novbr

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Novbr

To Capt. Jos. Smith Com.
Commanding at Trichenopoly

ing and

you are to make

by the Madura Country

Rabbs & Muff Convert the

of all Charges & Incidences

Pagodas for the present year are to be

Pagoda for reckoning which makes it

you to make very frugally about them.

We recommend to your Observance that we

may know how far the Rabob has complied with his Promise

mise of paying three Lacks of Rupees out of the Produce

of the Trichenopoly Tyrenghaum Country & towards the

Contingt

To Fort St. George 22d. March 1759.

Support of your Garrison and hope to find that you will be
Supplied sufficiently for your Expences and not be reduced to
the necessity of making any draughts upon the on that Acco-
count which you must use all means to avoid the doing so

Your most humble Servants George Pigot Stephen Lushington

At a Consultation
Present
George Pigot Esqr Governor &c
President

Monday
26th March.

The Lieutenant Colonel
Major Chapman
Major Brereton
Major Polier
Major Lawrence
Major Calliaud
Major Monson
Major Preston
Major Caillaud
Major Lawrence
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Major Monson
Major Preston
Major Caillaud
Major Lawrence

11. Fort St. George 26th March 1759

Enemy had crossed the Kegs of Madras and had encamped on
Choultry ground. That our Troops should take the Field.
Enemy after all their boasts Remained at last equal to our
Strength rendered them superior. But such was the
State of our Affairs. That as all the force we could depend
arrived. That on the contrary the Enemy's were encreased by
hopes of a further reinforcement. It was therefore thought
better not to attempt anything to bring them to an
Engagement. But to endeavour to bring them to
Action by a movement towards the
Country which would cut off their communication
with Pondicherry and oblige the Troops under the
Command of the Chevalier D'Auteuil to march
to the defence of their own Settlements.
Upon this plan the Army marched
from Choultry on the 29th of January
and encamped that night at Perambaukum
about 4 miles to the Southward of
Madras. The Enemy's Army
encamped at Egmore. Their
Right extended towards the Sea
and their Left towards the Choultry
Plain. Their Front was covered
by a Nullah. Their Artillery
consisted of 30 pieces of Cannon.
Ours of 18 pieces. Their
Strength in Europeans was
about 1200 Men. Ours
about 700. Their Cavalry
about 1000. Ours about
300. Their Sepoys about
2000. Ours about 1000.
Their Black Troops about
3000. Ours about 1000.
Their Peons about 1000.
Ours about 500. Their
Army was drawn up in
Order of Battle. Their
Right Wing consisted of
Europeans and Sepoys
commanded by Monsr
D'Auteuil. Their Left
Wing of Europeans and
Sepoys commanded by
Monsr Law. Their Black
Troops were posted in
the Front of their Line.
Their Cavalry were
posted on their Left
Flank. Their Artillery
was divided between
the Wings and Centre
of their Army. Their
Line was about 2 miles
in length. Our Army
was drawn up in Order
of Battle. Our Right
Wing consisted of
Europeans commanded
by Major Monson.
Our Left Wing of
Europeans commanded
by Major Brereton.
Our Centre of Sepoys
commanded by Major
Caillaud. Our Artillery
was divided between
the Wings and Centre
of our Army. Our
Line was about 1½
mile in length. Our
Cavalry were posted
in the Rear of our
Left Wing. Our Black
Troops were posted
in the Rear of our
Centre. Our Army
marched in Order of
Battle towards the
Enemy. Their Left
Wing advanced towards
our Right Wing.
Their Right Wing
advanced towards our
Left Wing. Their
Centre remained
Stationary. Our
Right Wing advanced
towards their Left
Wing. Our Left Wing
advanced towards their
Right Wing. Our
Centre remained
Stationary. Their
Left Wing began the
Attack upon our Right
Wing. Our Right Wing
began the Attack upon
their Left Wing.
Their Left Wing
gained ground upon
our Right Wing.
Our Right Wing
gained ground upon
their Left Wing.
Their Left Wing
pushed our Right
Wing back upon
our Centre. Our
Right Wing pushed
their Left Wing back
upon their Centre.
Their Left Wing
and Centre pushed
our Right Wing and
Centre back upon
our Left Wing.
Our Right Wing
and Centre pushed
their Left Wing and
Centre back upon
their Right Wing

To Lord G. Germaine 26th March 1779.

And ordered on this Expedition as more the most compromised as
from all the black Intelligence we received. They were all under
Arms and every thing ready for a march as they gave out from
us. At Leicester which came early to us the same Morning that
I moved, contradicted this report and his Account from that the
we have seen nothing of them during our two days march
which has brought us into this Place where Cornwallis
from whence I immediately detached Tarleton with
the Legion and 1st Battalion of Light Infantry
the Army to join us

The day before I began my march I received your
Letter of the 16th with the Resolutions of the House
of Commons for the Augmentation of the Army
the Field Officers also which I assembled in the Evening. But
to whom as well as to my Letter
I shall take the first opportunity of thanking you
for the Resolutions of the House
That the
your Goodness in
to Lord Cornwallis
thought. That very
whilst it would be deemed ofn. than ever from being able to move
this way with his whole Force he might detach Lord
army consisting of the Guards 1st Battalion of Light Infantry

To Fort St George 26th March

his proceedings. Towards them, and when engaged we expect

the return of those Troops: If they march over land to meet

junction it could not altogether be so certain; If by Sea the

Season would make the time of their return very uncertain.

Perhaps Impracticable untill September - I only mention

these not by way of starting difficulties, but as things oc-

cur to me. Your judgement after, if you chuse to conti-

nue the plan, will give you better reasons why you chuse

pursue it, and Major Monson is ready to march when

you please.

The detachment gone we are certainly

Not whether it Goes, or not.

but if you are reduced to that necessity, I am

to desire you to give your orders

on our last of drawing the Black Troops, and cantoning

ours, in order to strike if the Battle, all which is to be do-

by Break of the Morning. I must observe to you Gentlemen

That as I am desirous to avoid an Engagement; And

that you are not sure of bringing him to one, and are

only certain to have encounters. There is not perhaps in War

a more Critical operation, and that requires more your best

coolest care of your time. For your equality in Number

will by no means allow of your attacking the Enemy when-

ever you can find him, you must therefore wait for Opport-

unities; And a judicious Enemy who seeks to avoid you,

will endeavour always so to situate himself if possible a

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to give you one Moneror time and patience, and of an end
brings it about. If this is the present Situation of the War, as
I humbly take it to be, what chance of doing what is desired
when we are so circumstanced as to time — If this is the Case
& an absolute necessity from the want of money, I am sure we are
to be pitied; if no Scheme can be fallen on to support ourselves
some time longer in the field, for if all resources of ready money
are cut off, I am at a loss what to advise you recommend
& therefore shall be glad to be informed what a Safe portion
of time you have to spend

[illegible] I am sorry to find from your Letter of the 12th
that you are in such great distress for money as I

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the Consequence of Mr Pococks being first upon the Coast must give us the chance of an Engagement at Sea with the Enemy; and should the success of it prove equal to our wishes, and deprive them of their expected reinforcements; we may then upon equal terms dispute with the Enemy the Possession of the Country.

I have touch'd but lightly on the subject of Carnatic the Troops which however will be a matter of Consideration at last, as both the Enemy still struggling with their difficulties remain tardy on the Field — The Expence of the Black Troops we may Possibly be defrayd; By the sending home the Corps reduced and Supernumerary Troops. Those that remain on the Coast to be kept in Cantonments made of more use to us, & formed by a little Exercise to a Discipline would be of some service. The numerous Corps and Gunboats with Shroffs, &c. will Shortly be either reinforced by the arrival of Admiral Pocock; with whom a Correspondence must be kept up for some time part, if not the whole year to come there.

I submit the above thoughts to your Judgements & have the honor to be Gentlemen your most Obedient & most humble Servant Stringer Lawrence

Mem. 28th Ditto

The Field Officers being of Opinion it appears by Colonel Lawrences Letter, that the march of the Army into the Enemies Countries to the Southward might possibly have the Effect of drawing the French out of their Post at Conjeveram, and give an Opportunity to bring

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Power of the Board on this subject

on an Engagement upon Terms of Advantage, & Alleging the Enemy to quit the Countries lying between Madras and Wandewash Bound considering the Importance of the Object think it expedient that all possible means should be used to keep the Army some time longer in the Field, in Order to see what Effect such a Motion may produce.

The present State of the Company's Affairs when found deficient

But it is with concern the Board consider that the present State of the Company's Affairs will not admit of any augmentation to the Expence of maintaining the Troops in the Field, & transporting them for the next Campaign, but that it will be necessary to look out for Supplies for the Support of the Military Operations by Loans upon the Credit of the Company's Bonds, or by Bills upon the Presidency of Fort St. George payable at Madras

Extraordinary measure proposed to support the Expence of maintaining the Troops in the Field.

Resolved that the Army be ordered to take the Field

Resolved that Letters be wrote to the Kings of Tanjore & Tondiman desiring that they will each of them send to the Assistance of the Company's Troops a Body of Horse & Foot, as the Service of these Troops will be very inadequate to the Purpose of recovering them, but that Letters be wrote by them to their respective Masters thanking them for their Assistance.

But the Tanjore & Tondiman have to be dismissed

Letter to the King of Tanjore & Letter to Tondiman

No reinforcement can be sent to Col. Forde

At a Board at Fort St. George 26th March 1759

The Resolution above taken for not sending the Detachment in the Field makes it impossible to send a Detachment to assist Forde to assist in the Reduction of Mazulipatam as proposed Consultation the 19th Instant. Ordered that an answer be now wrote to his Letter and dispatched.

The following Letter from Mr Call is now laid before the Board and Read.

To the Honble. George Pigot Esqr President and Governor

& the rest of the Council of Fort St George

I Call Esqr 1759

Letter from Mr Call &c

Proposes to throw the Fortifications along the Sea Front of the Town

The Resolution lately made by the Sea Front of the Town, power for making such Additions to this

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pull wholly down, or partly remove. I am with respect &c

Hon'ble Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant

John Call

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Ordered that the Committee of Works do survey such Buildings as it may be necessary to know, or apply to man computeating the Projects which Mr Call may lay down for Strengthening the Fortifications along the East Front of the Town, and that the several Projects with the Expence of each be laid before the Board. Ordered also that the Inhabitants residing on that Line be warned not to go on with any Repairs to their Houses until further Notice.

Letter from Abdul Cahut Cawn Read as entered in the Book of Country Correspondence N° 5 Desiring that Letter may be wrote to Mungar Pycha or Sharpee and the other Polligars to send in a Troop and Provisions to the Fort of Chendergary and that a Party of Sepoys may also be sent thither from hence.

Ordered that Letters be wrote to the Polligars in the manner Abdul Cahut recommends and that Ensign Wilcox do proceed from hence with Fifty Sepoys to Carpauve to be there to Join that Party that is ordered to take from thence the three Companies and proceed with them to Chendergary and remain ---- time, then with the two Companies return the other to Trichy and to endeavour to keep that Force in the Company's Pay as Abdul Cahut Cawn paying the expence of the Pay and Batta of the two Companies posted at Chendergary.

The sudden Investment of this Place by the French in December last having prevented the Execution of the Intended Plan laid down in Consultation the 6th of that Month

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for putting the Troops into Cantonments and the
new Regulations in order strictly to bring them to a more
Military Discipline — It is now the right proper to lay aside the
said Plan & Resolved that Colonel Lawrence and Major
Bourchier and Pybus be a Committee to meet two of the Members
that may be appointed by the Board this Service into Execution and to
for the Board the Plan they may concert for that Purpose

Lt. Col. Lawrence Majr. Bourchier & Pybus appointed a Committee to consult & concert a Plan according to the Order

Lt. Col. Lawrence made for Pondicherry

Account of Expences for erecting the Pavilion and the Fort at Trincomalee

Lt. Col. Lawrence reported that having obtained leave to come to Madras to return with Money for the Pay

Lt. Col. Lawrence reported that he did carry a sufficient Sum of Money for the next Month, and that the Arrears shall be paid off as soon

Lt. Col. Lawrence reported that he was employed to prepare a Plan for the Erection of the Barracks for the French Prisoners destined for this Place, that the same may be executed against the Expence be

Lt. Col. Lawrence reported that he had received the other day from Vizagapatam Brought the Original Letter from the Select Committee at Bengal dated the 25th and 26th January & Duplicates showing how they already received and were Reading Consultations the 28th Ultimo. The Letters above mentioned were forwarded to the

To Consider of Means to survey the Fortifications at the Coal Farm & Report

Lt. Col. Kyd to report upon having surveyed the Works on the Coal Farm to be laid before the Board

Letter from Abdul Cahar Cawn.

Dewan and Cutcherry to be sent to the Chandergary.

Ensign Wilson with the Author

remaining

Copy of Letter from the Secret Committee to the Secret Committee at Fort St. George

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Ansr. Rec'd by Capt. Lowe which was unfortunately lost ashore in her passage to the Northward of Vizagapatam but the Cover and Packets all saved: In the last Letter of the 26th we inclosed one Copy of the Letter from the Honble. Court of Directors to the President and Council of Fort William which is now Read: Entering on the 89th Paragraph their Directions relating to the Government of that Place in case of a Siege.

In the 24th Paragraph having order'd Fort Ste. to be defended, and in the 25th Paragraph they accept of the offer that all Persons in case of a Siege should be Listed by the Mayor and Sheriffs The Board exclusive of the Mayor by the Royal Charter added to the Number of Persons who are to assist in the Defence of the Town Resolved that the Letter brought by the Royal Charlotte should be forwarded to the Secret Committee at Fort St. David with Directions for our Government in the like case desiring any Force to be on the Malabar Coast

Resolved that the Letter to the Secretary to the Secret Committee at Fort St. David be forwarded by Land with Dispatches for the Commander in Chief of the Army

Of Fort St George 27th March 1759

Wrote and delivered the following Letter to Lieut. Brown

pursuant to the Tenor of last Consultation

To William Draper Esqr.

Sir

Colonel Lawrence having represented to us that

he the State of Health under him incapable of bearing the

Fatigues of the Field we must request the favor of you to

to proceed to take the Command of the Army and beg you to

Sir that God may Almighty happy conclusion having a pa

-ss of your Abilities at that Head. We have the honor to

Fort St George Be with great Esteem Sir Your most Obedient humble

27th March 1759 Servts Thos Pigott &c Council

At a Consultation Present

The Honble Thos Pigott Esqr Governor & Chief

Thursday Mr Scrafton Governor Lawrence

29th March Mr Call John Payes

Mr Sumner Richard Toovey

Mr Turner Charles Turner

Mr Boddam

Mr Hastings

Mr Brohier

Mr Powney

Mr Hastings Esqr who is at present

Major of Brigade to the Army to us with 300 Horse

and 300 Sepoys & Major Lawrence amounting to the

pay Seven Thousand ₹ 7,000 ₹ P Month, and the Sepoys

to five thousand seven hundred ₹ 5700 ₹ half a Month

Fort

Packender with Cherokee
Serve to join us with 100
Horse

The above Offer accepted

Report of a Letter to be wrote
to Major Preston Commanding
the Army in the Field

Letter from Capt. Jas. Smith
Commanding at Tuckaseegy
with an Indent for Horse

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Sir

Upon Consideration that Mr. Ware
desires is granted to serve as a Pioneer for his maintenance after
the Country is settled. Also that a Reinforcement of the French
Service at Wandewash has offered to join us with 200 Horse
provided a Months pay is advanced on their Arrival at Chan-
glepett.

The Directors of the Company's Country Forces may
have the good Effect of laying them in Difficulties for subsis-
ting in the Field and as the Rates of the Inhabitants abounds
and are valuable It is Agreed to accept them Ordered
that a Letter be wrote by the Secretary to Major Preston Com-
manding the Army and that he be advised on Harwell's
Force [illegible] Pioneer [illegible] Horse
[illegible] Pioneer [illegible] Europeans at
[illegible] Consulting the Operations of the Army
that he may act accordingly

To the Hon[ble] George Pigot Esq[r] Governor &c
&c. &c. Fort St. George

Sir

I am to acquaint you that the Agreeable Intelligence
[illegible] the Arrival of our Squadron
from before the Town on the 16th Instant Yesterday
to offer you my sincere Congratulations on this happy occasion
and hope you enjoy a perfect state of Health, after the

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Fatigues you must have undergone, or so long and so glorious a Defence; an Event which will undoubtedly render your name Famous to Posterity, and the Prelude for so many noble Deeds as must now ensue. — I have made the Chief at Bengal acquainted with this change of Affairs; and inclose you a Packett Sir Rec'd here a few days ago — Letters to the Nizam & different Polligars were immediately dispatch'd with the good news, and the Tanjore Court saluted on the occasion. Market of Joy appear through the whole Country, which a while before, was a scene of gloomy Horror. — The Nabob has been so much depress'd since the Journey from Pongalam that it has entirely prevented his Appetite to any Business whatever, and the Doctors are now in Hopes to restore it to its former Vigour. I shall be glad you have all things have happened on the Coast of Coromandel. — The Person who is no Longer Cutlond here from Tranquebar by name Stuy, came from Tranquebar to Porto Novo and collected some Sepoys and with which he broke Post at Cuttavoor, and for some time kept that Place with a Party from the Garrison, not daring to venture to the Westward till he got into the Mysore Country where Hyder is now assembling his Army. In Order to Reinforce himself Mr. Stringer Lawrence & Colonel Coote have got it done appear very Sickly, the Marquis de Conflans Body Reports some time ago that he Died by the Way, but now he is more this way from Hearsay. Sally & Conjeveram have not the least Appearance of any such thing, nor can Germany Motions at all be made from Ever Capitulation, tho' an Officer from the French to have but his business not known. Give me leave Sir to trouble

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[illegible] you with a List of Stores for the Garrison which if approved of may be sent by Vizagapatam & from thence conveniently transported hither especially whilst the Garrison of Carnical is so weak, as the present time seems most favourable before the Enemy can on this side the Country you may depend Sir, on being pun-

tually obeyed And am, With the greatest Respect

Honble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

Joseph Smith

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Lieut. and Govr. &c. Council at [illegible]

Letter from Capt. Joseph Smith commanding at Trichinopoly requesting Stores for the maintenance of the Garrison for the ensuing

Trichinopoly
23d. Febry 1759.

A.

Fort St George 2nd March 1795

To Jno

suffering by it's close & precarious Situation, and his receipts so
so fleeting that at any rate he is obliged to dispose of it, on one or
avoid many disagreable Complaints that otherwise would ensue.
and other vexatious he seems to very sensibly affected with
much that I am often really uneasy least any Accident should
happen to him, and the Disorder appears so fleeting yet not
to promise a speedy removal, for our Doctors do all they can to get
it. The Natives engage to pay the Charges, but by farr over
did my Expectations and I must to mine the Justice to say no
Trouble on his part has been shewn to make matters easy, but of
the Loss of this month he cannot answer for any great Quan-
tity, it will be a full fortnight to get a Cask more on board;

[illegible]

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[illegible] enough were Matters [illegible] they are removed, the Kitts sent for
me [illegible] Answer an Agreement made by him with
Prawn for Agent on these Conditions. That on case your Govt.
would send me Orders to deliver the Madura & Tinnivelly Coun-
tries into the Nabobs hands as they now stand: within the
Space of twenty Days from the Date hereof: and Provided of
ter these Orders were Received no disputes arose; but the Ex-
-ecution thereof should be taken as a Promise given to me
he would pay to reimburse [illegible] you to Appoint
for those Purposes [illegible] they Execute at the Expiration of
[illegible] to the same due Care
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Fort St George 25th March 1757

will be too far Advanced and [illegible] quantity of Provisions
as Brampton [illegible] not a sufficiency of this
Article to a thing of this kind am
stranger to. which makes me at
can have no objection against on [illegible] dated the 24th Inst.
When their Districts to the S[illegible] of Chamglepatt are
demanded of me. our Affairs Gentlemen there in [illegible] Inducing and
so Shocking a Condition that it appeared to me a [illegible]
per time for undertaking such Operations, especially as the Se-
son who might be sent for so doing those matters was ve-
Service; and Supposed on his absence, no one would be found
to give such Directions relative to those Countries, as were requi-
site for the Occasion: and Swift knowing could be no pleasing
Circumstance to Gentlemen Business cannot be
when not left to [illegible] to myself. Many
other reasons occur [illegible] to make me defer pat-
ticularizing them at present as I hope by the Sabot, but
hope from Hence you will be fully satisfied no other motive could influ-
ence me to be backward in Compliance to your Directions, than
that I apprehended it dangerous for the good of the Service
which on my part is studied to

I am in good hopes Genl. I shall be honor
with your Orders regarding the Affairs as soon as possible. the
Bearer is prepared & ready to return on Friday. then Sabot leaves
very much for a answer. I have the Honour to be with the great
est Respect. Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obed. and
most humble Servant. St. Lawrence

Trichenopoly
15th March 1757.

And two Letters from the Sabot are also Read
as entered on the Book of Country Correspondence N° 1 & 2 Sh

Left from the Table

Copy Lett. J. Glover 9th March 1750

enough more

me [illegible] Monopoly, and that he has for some time

[illegible] Indisposed, expecting his Joy upon Account

Monopoly he has advanced Money to defray the Expences of the

Garrison which he shall do his Endeavours to continue on future,

but is very desirous to have the Harbour & Honourable Countries under

his own [illegible]

will [illegible]

in order to prevent [illegible] and that

Subscribers [illegible] the Pillgar of Tenour

Accordingly

[illegible] to come Proposals of

[illegible] Subscribd to the Books

[illegible] the Business of Madura &c

[illegible] coming Year at

the following Rendezvous [illegible] Consultation

necessary

Purport of a Letter to Peter Smith

[illegible] Subject was

[illegible] Peter Smith

of the Battavia Inhabitants [illegible] Resolution

to use all his Endeavours to subscribe [illegible] and have

Our Reasons for [illegible]

have [illegible] Subscribd to the Books

of the Inhabitants [illegible]

Our Governor [illegible]

Company's [illegible]

Assembly [illegible]

Sent to Tuticorin

by

Mr Powell to be directed

to Fort St George

[illegible] Subscribers

[illegible] Subscribers

[illegible] Subscribers

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The Company's Account the Quantity of Iron mentioned in the
Smiths Indent not at a sufficiency of that Sort to be
in Store to supply him from hence

Capt. Preston in a Letter dated the 24th Instant
advises that he is returnd to the Command of Changlepet with
a large Detachment by order of Col. Lawrence ... Inclosing an
Account Remains of Stores in his Fort.

Capt. Preston returned to Changlepet with a Detachment

Ordered that 250 Flints and 30 Reams of
Match be sent to Changlepet, before to the other Articles of Military Stores
we defer forwarding any supplies until an Account is taken
of what is remaining here since the Siege

Flints & Match sent to Changlepet

Boyd Esqr arrived from Negapatam received the
following Letters

One from W.m Hughes Esqr

To the Hon.ble George Pigot Esqr Gov.r & Gov.r
&c. Council of Fort St. George

Letter from W.m Hughes Esqr
Negapatam.

Gentlemen

This being the first good Opportunity
that has offer'd Sodderpany you since we have heard of the
Success relating from Madras I beg leave of it with the great
est pleasure to Congratulate you on that happy Event, which
is equally fortunate to the Company & honourable to yourselves

On my Arrival here I immediately advised the
President thereof by two different Letters & proceeded to take
such measures as were necessary to carry your Orders into
Execution for the Service of the Nabob. He was received and

To Fort St. George Dispatch

Fort St. George By Admiral

Three Letters on Oyster dated the 28th

I propose returning to Madrass by the

next safe Opportunity and am with much Respect

Negapatam
13th March 1759.

Honble Sir &c.

Your most Obedient humble Servt

Hugh Boddam

One from Mr. William Bolte Resident at Negapatam

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. &c. Council of Fort St George.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Capt Goddard &c went from here the 4th to

Letter from Mr. Wm Bolte
Resident at Negapatam

Tranquebar with a large convoy for Vence, save the Hero of

Lawyer who sprung a leak, which obliged us to put back

and proceed there in order to his Journey to Tanjore

for the last two Days I am glad there are only

two of Europe Ships, twenty five Topazes

and about ten French Country built vessels Seapoys. they are

keeping off at a considerable distance as far as they

can for Provisions

I have the honour to acquaint you that yesterday from

Negapatam: Jam.

13th March 1759

Honble Sir &c.

Your most Obedient Servt W. Bolte

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Pres. & Gov. &c. Council

Letters from the Directors at Tanjore

To the Honble Sir &c.

Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir &c.

Letter from the Directors at Tanjore

I have the honour to inform you that I have received

2 Letters, Duplicate of which was forwarded the 27th Feb.

Negapatam
13th March 1759.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs - Yours most Obedient humble Servant
Hugh Boyd

To the Hon'ble George Pigot Esqr &c Council of Fort St George

Letter from Mr Wm Bolle
President at Negapatam

Negapatam
1st March 1759

To the Hon'ble George Pigot Esqr &c Council of Fort St George

Fort St. George 7th March 1759

[illegible] day of [illegible]

[illegible] Shews [illegible] are dispatched post only to at-

the 2d [illegible] with the above enclosed Copy

pose [illegible] the Gentlemen at Tellichery under date the 5th

ter from Don Lopez Luy d'Allmeida at Goa, to the Chief that

a Squadron of Eight Ships under Command of Capt Richard

Feildeman, imported thereby, 2d Instant & stand thereon

Make [illegible] Provisions. We imagine them to be those dep-

ed for Madras. The name of their Names are mentioned, the

ther they are bound when they left Goa is not Advised, but

We conclude from the Season of the Year to Bombay."

We are informed by a Commander of a Dutch Vessel

left Colombo the 25th Ulto that the Ships Sent for Bombay from

Ships Broke and three Portuguese were then upon the Pearl

Your Honr &c Honour of the 2d Ulto by

Capt Deane ranked us the 3d Instant & signed the Letters Pre-

quest He yesterday forwarded the several Packets to Bombay

We are Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble

Servants [illegible] Harbar Hang Henry Moore

Angengo
the 3d Decr 1759.

The Maratta under the
Command of Gopaulrow have
left Province

Papers of Intelligence mention that the Maratta

Army under the Command of Gopaulrow which lately entered

this Province and remained some time at Serpelly Coppam &c

have lately received from their Vakeel Balagy now have left

that place and directed their Route towards their Home

R

At a Court of Vice Admiralty

Present

George Hamilton Esq.

John Spottiswoode

Stanger Lawrence

Esqrs.

John Pybus

Henry Vansittart

Richd Fairfield

Mark Bradley

Charles Turner

Esqrs.

Read the following Letters from Major Borden commanding the Troops in Camp pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

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Read Page 108

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governor President

John Spottiswoode

Charles Boucherett

Henry Vansittart

Samuel Bradley

Wednesday 29th March.

John Pybus

Richard Fairfield

Charles Turner

Esqrs.

Absent.

Fort St George 7th March 1759

treated him

and on the

the 2d

pose

ter from Don Lopez to d'Almeida at Goa, to this Purport that

a Squadron of Eight Ships under Command of Capt. Tiddeman imported there that a Fleet and

Warlike Stores and Provisions, We imagine them to be those dep-

ted for Madras. The more of their Names are mentioned by the

Men they were bound when they left Goa is not Advised but

We conclude from the Season of the Year to Bombay."

We are informed by a Commander of a Dutch Ship

left Colombo the 2d Ulema that the Dons Hostile Attacks

Ships Snow and Two Bottoms were then upon the Recovery

Your Hon.rs Favour of the 2d Ulema by

Capt. Hare reached us the 4th Instant Together to your Hon.rs

quest We yesterday forwarded the several Packets to Bombay

We are Honble Sirs Your most Obedient humble

Servants

Fort St George
the 3d Decr 1759.

The Honble
Comm.d of Squadron here
this Province

Papers of Intelligence mention that the Honble

Navy under the Command of Gopauben is which total destroyed

this Province and removed some time at Serpelly upon the

arrive safely received from their Navab Balajaw those Letters

that place and directed their Route towards this Place.

R

Present His Excellency George Hunter Esqr
Lieut. Governor
Hon. Jno. Spencer
Hon. Lawrence Cox
Hon. Samuel Cox
Hon. John Pyke
Hon. Henry Vansittart
Hon. Richd. Fairfield
Hon. John Bradley
Hon. Charles Turner

Present the following Letter to Major Borden Commandant of the Troops in Camp pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

At a Consultation Present
George Hunter Esqr Governor President

Hon. Lawrence Cox
Hon. John Smith
Hon. Charles Boucher
Hon. Henry Vansittart
Hon. Richd. Fairfield
Hon. Samuel Bradley
Hon. Charles Turner

Wednesday
28th March.

Ans. Letter see Page 108

Fort St George 20th March 1759

Received the following Letter from Colonel Forde
Commanding the Bengal Detachment to the Northward
with the Honble George Pigot Esqr and
Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

I am sorry that of the 16th & 17th instants
which I sent by this Messenger acquainted you of my coming
before this place with the Detachment under my Command
from Bengal, I have not been able to write you
since with any certainty from want of Boats, my heavy Cannon
& Stores not having yet joined me, but as I have now
got a sufficient number of Boats & Vessels together
to transport them, I shall proceed with the
Detachment under my Command to Vizagapatam
where I expect to be joined by the Squadron
from Bengal, & shall then proceed with the
whole Force to Masulipatam, which I am
informed by Intelligence I have received
from Vizagapatam is in the Possession of the
French, & from whence I expect to dislodge
them, & shall then proceed to the Northward
& attack Chicacole, which I am informed
by the same Intelligence is also in the
Possession of the French, & from thence
proceed to the Attack of Ellore, which
I am informed by the same Intelligence
is also in the Possession of the French,
& from thence proceed to the Attack of
Rajahmundry, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Coringa, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Yanam, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Pondicherry, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Karikal, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Mahé, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Tellicherry, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Calicut, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Cochin, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Quilon, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Tuticorin, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Negapatam, which I am informed by the
same Intelligence is also in the Possession
of the French, & from thence proceed to the
Attack of Cuddalore

Lord Pennrudd Hughes
Commanding Madras

Sir Eyre Coote

Hyder Ally

Admiral Suffren

Lord Macartney

Lord Cornwallis

Tippoo Saib

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of the above Letters be accordingly prepared and sent to
Fort St David Fulcabat Jung and the Rajah Tanjore
respectively

Agreed that Dispatches be prepared to
send that a Letter be wrote by her to the Select Committee to
to acquaint them of the mutual Correspondence since our last
Advices

Read a Letter from Colonel Dumpier read

Ordered that the Letter from the Board this Instant
Fort St David be answered & Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have received your esteemed Compliments your
Letter of the 6th Inst
acquainting me with your having received Orders from
the Honble Court of Directors to appoint me Governor of Fort St George
and Chief of the Coast of Coromandel in the room of Mr Pitt
who is to proceed to Bengal I am very sensible of the honour
done me by the Court in this Appointment & shall endeavour
to discharge the Trust reposed in me to the best of my Abilities
and to the Satisfaction of the Honble Company I am sorry
that my Predecessor has left the Affairs of the Coast in such
a disordered Condition as I am afraid will occasion much more trouble
than I at present apprehend but I hope with the Assistance
of the Gentlemen in Council & the Blessing of God to be able
to retrieve them to their former Flourishing State

St. Sampsons 26th March 1759

Impair my Private Fortune, Ben the Upper Country
who do not know what I have suffer) my Reputation &c
to make the Purchase. People are seldom suspected of Cow
ardy, when they act so Contrary to their Interest. Sought
therefore to be Cleared with this Question Likewise: that the
Distemper has not reached to Guernsey Cattle or among the
Poor Peasantry of the Island. Solemn & Attentive
Such Circumstances should not Debarr for any publick
Measure. But I can say with Truth that I would go to Dinan
sent tomorrow if I thought my going there would be more welcome to any
Person or Persons than my Presence at present is to many of my Parishioners
I am Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

To Sir George Pocock Knt

I do not mean to give you Trouble
of my Power, as long as I serve, shall be ready for any
I am Gentlemen with the greatest Esteem and Respect

Madras
20th March 1759.

Your most Obedient humble Servt Wm Draper

Col Draper acknowledges
the Receipt of his Letter
and Papers
Recommends to return home

After the many Instances Col Draper has shewn
of his Zeal and Attention for the good of his Service
and the many Proofs of his Courage and Diligence with which he has
himself distinguished the Board cannot avoid expressing their
Concern that a Wound & long Fever has reduced him to so weak a
Condition as to render it impossible for him to remain any longer in
this Country, tho' at the same time they cannot but express their
Regret at the Loss they must sustain by his Departure from
Bengal, yet it is impossible to refuse
his Request to return with Leave, which indeed is owed
for the many Years & with the repeated Services he can there-
fore at present be of to this Country, that the valuable
Services he has rendered
the Company since his
Arrival

Letter of Thanks to be wrote
Col Draper acknowledging
the Services he has rendered
the Company since his
Arrival

Copy of Letter to Capt Hoare complaining
of the Conduct of Capt Hoare
in the Affair of Pepper. Ja
Pepper Factor at Mallow
Letter from Mr Pepper dated
Mallow 4th Feby 1759
Copy of Letter to Mr Pepper

Wm Pigot
John Smith
Ed Bourchier
John Pybus
Henry Vansittart
Rich. Fairfield
Samuel Peach

Fort St George 28th March 1759

The following Letter should have been entered on the Diary of the 27th of this Month Page 101

To Thomas Saby Brereton Esqr
Major of His Majestys 64th Regiment

Letter to Major Brereton Commanding the Troops in the Fields

Sir

Fort St George
[illegible] March 1759

Fort St George 28th March 1759

To Lieutenant [illegible]

Letter to Lieutenant Col Forde Commanding the Bengal Detachment to the Northward.

No. 111. Fort St. George 26th January

I send you herewith by Sure Thousand £25,000 Sterling
which go consigned to
you by this Ship the Thames Captain
Weddersburne As to
ding you without you
Madras — At present we have just so much Force as
Are us to keep the Enemy even Check and Cover the Country
on this Neighbourhood we can spare as much upon regular Terms
for Expedition you desire we have no Objection upon your Demand to
part with a Battalion of Sepoys and three Troops of Horse under an Army to
advance from the Enemy and Cover them in quiet Possession
of the whole Country — We hope this supply of Money
will give you Satisfaction for some Months and that there
will be Peace between the Nabob of Arcot and the Poligars
and the Rains will set in before the Enemy can take the Field
Your Letters will be expected with Impatience
Department
Sepoys
Battalion
Sepoys to Sabat Jung
and by Five Troops of Horse to Sabat Jung
this Eastward
Engineer
and
Sabat Jung and the
cannot too strongly
endeavour to bring about
the Accommodation
Poligars to acquaint you that he
Gantoor Chief of Collour has returned to the
Nabobs Obedience which will render our Interview
Letters &c and Expedition and we hope you will

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Fort St George
29th March 1759

29th

To Colonel Draper
in reply of his of the
28th March

Fort St George 29th March 1759

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot

Fort St George
29th March 1759

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot Brigadier

H.B. Fort. St George 29th March 1811

Thursday 29th March

George Taylor Esq. Governor, Bombay

John Leadbetter
Charles Buxton
Henry Lee Thomas
Stewart Sibbald

John Sydney

Letter from Mr Taylor

Read Letter from Mr Taylor dated 22nd Instant and contents
in reply to the Consultation of the 8th Instant
Letter of the 9th Ditto, and by the Minds of the Council
it being pointed out that the Terms of the Capitulation of
Tamby Pundit were entered into by Mr Sibby and making
no Comparison between the Conduct of our Servants
to mentions to have passed at Kittery & Chandernagore on
the part of our Gentlemen contrary to the Tenor of that Co
Stipulation, but Mr Sibby to however willing to make
Reparation upon a due Scaling, and proper
the Information Thereof.

Letter Read by Mr Sibby in carrying into Effect a General Orders of Council

Ordered that an Order be made out for Messrs Pendrahs for their Passages at Anchorage to be conducted to Fort William there to be delivered to the Officer they may appoint to receive them engaging on his part to send a Sergeant Number of our Prisoners now at Pondicherry to Chandernagore there to be delivered to such Person as we may appoint

Mr. Fort St. George 7th. March 1759.

for that Purpose ... Vessel for their sailing out so
that their Return ... back at Pondicherry the same day
that ours arrive ... to change the Post ... The Exchange on both
Sides ... remade for Man without Indemnities: and may be done
by Detachments of twenty four, Thirty or Forty at a time
for each respective Battalion sailing. Mr Tolly offers
for the Exchange of Fort St. George formerly Governor of Madras.
and all Civil Officers and Soldiers and Seamen not belonging
to the Troops now before Pondicherry, during an immediate
General Exchange — that the Capitulation Mr Pearson made
use of when he went to Pondicherry to Treat with Mon-
sieur Lally to pay the Garrison and Inhabitants in Specie
be performed as to the Fifth Article mentioned in the Capitulation
of Exchange made the 16th of October last the ensuing dated at
Fort St. George the Preceding Month of July for Exchange be-
tween said Fort and Pondicherry

Mr Tolly's Proposal for a General Exchange of Prisoners agreed to

Mr Pearson's Conduct on the Occasion of Mr Pearson being detained and made Prisoner at Pondicherry.

Mr D'Auteuil advises Mr Pearson's Conduct before his Departure was made known

Mr Tolly's Proposal for a General Exchange of Prisoners agreed to

The Board ... Gentlemen ... Chapter ... Exchange ... Pondicherry ... Exchange ... Mr Pearson ... Mr Tolly ... Mr Pearson ... Mr Tolly ... Mr Pearson ... Mr Tolly

At a Board at Fort St. George the 14th March 1759

Pondichery Soldiers

We have of these [illegible] Europeans amounted to 900 —
draw — And Officers and other Gentlemen on Parole near 100.
If to these be added the [illegible] Seamen, The Board
Think that the superior
Force may be proposed as a Guarrantee for the exception we
lye on on both sides of the question. If the Board be willing on the
Factory to make the Exchange proposed we think the whole
Four Men the Board give their consent.

Ordered that a Letter to the purport of the
above Resolutions be accordingly wrote and dispatched to Mr.
Dalrymple

A Letter from Admiral Cook to Mr Saunders
a Commander of Merchant at the Nore dated the 21st February
and received from Bombay and read, mentions the Receipt
of Advice from Madras to the 4th February and that he was
preparing with all Expedition to come round to the Coast
with his Majesty's Squadron

Copy of Proposals made by Mr Dalrymple for the Exchange

Extract from Admiral Cook's at Bombay dated 21 February.

Geo. Pigot
Jno. Spke Hay
Edwd Boscawen
John Byfield
Henry Vansittart
Rich. Trevitt
Sam. Ardley
Charles Stevens

United States Schooner returns from her cruize off the Bermudas

30th Letter to Mr Dupont

Fort St. George
31st March 1759

Monday
2d April

Letter from Major [illegible]
to Commanding the Troops
on the Tides

Salamander Bark

To the Hon.ble Fort St. George &c. Councill.

[illegible]

To George Pigot Esqr Governor President
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Letter from Major Preston Commanding a Party on the Feild

1000 Lay'd out to Middleton Lessening my Command

Letter from Major Preston intelligence

In Lord George Sackville's Letter

Cautionary measures recommended to Major Powlett.

Opportunity of bringing on an Engagement upon advantageous Terms

on their power to them

Resolved that a Letter to this Effect be minuted and dispatched

Four Ships in Sandwich Road sailing with the minimum Stores

Ships supposed to be ordered to supply those on the Mazalquivir Station

Ships not in a Condition to proceed on the intended Cruize to the Southward

Request to Capt. Hamilton proceed with the Queenborough Fire Ships only Firing over to Gibraltar & Brook Ships above mentioned

Report of a Letter to be wrote Admiral Brook on this Occasion

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Admiral Brook acquainting him with our above Request to Captains Hamilton

[illegible] 10

P.M. Fort St. George 2d April 1759

Sir

[illegible] that we [illegible] found it necessary to draw over Garrison in order to strengthen [illegible] Army in the Field, we have judged it prudent to detain the Marines he was pleased to leave with us at his departure

Supply of Lead to be laden on Board the Revenge & forwarded to Trichenopoly by the way of Pegapalam

Ordered that the Lead intended as a supply to the Garrison [illegible] according to a Minute of Consultation [illegible] be sent on board the Revenge on [illegible] that Mr Boddie be

Admiral that the Four Gun attached to the Service of Marmansoore & Colaroon

[illegible] attached to the Service of Marmansoore and Trichenopoly from Trichenopoly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Fort St. George 2d April 1759.

Sir

Letter to Mr Wilson
Resident at
Negapatam

Fort St. George 2d April 1759.

Sir

Letter to Capt Smith
Commanding
Trichenopoly

Fort St. George 2d April 1759.

Sir

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Fort St. George 2d April 1759.

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Letter to Capt Smith
Commanding
Trichenopoly

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Mr. [illegible] Letter to Mr. John Andrews Merch.t

Zuzapatam [illegible] to a Resolution of the 28th Ulto

To John Andrews Esqr

Sir

Letter to John Andrews
Esqr Merch.t at Vizagapatam
Copy

I am [illegible] your Letter from Colonel Lloyde under
the 5th Instant [illegible] Difficulties we
[illegible] on the Coast of Coromandel from the Warr carried on
[illegible] by the Ships the Shares
[illegible] Ground to suffer
[illegible] Ground therefore
[illegible] intended to grant the
[illegible] in of the Depredations
[illegible] by the Great authe
[illegible] brought to pay re
[illegible] the Country no
[illegible] Operation to Every Magazine
Terms with the Eighteenth Proviso to be all the grants
we could reasonably ask — The Season of the Year being
[illegible] and the Vessels [illegible] must expect your
[illegible] Detention in Bengall therefore [illegible] Shall
[illegible] Dispatch to
[illegible] that all the Ships
[illegible] and what you shall [illegible] and to accomplish
[illegible] to the Interest to procure [illegible] his particulars
[illegible] Inclosed I have [illegible] and the Bayah.

[illegible] Company &
[illegible] Every Year to Trade there under
[illegible] Encouragement which they have hitherto
Enjoyed.

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Fort St George
2d April 1759.

26 Fort St George 2d April 1759.

We have thereby [illegible] acquaint you that Nazerudde
Cawn the Chief at [illegible] has returned to the Nabobs Obedi-
ence which will render our Intercourse of Letters by Land
less precarious. We are Sir Your most Obedt Servants

George Pigot Ja Lawrence

3d

Tho: Mayor Thos Pearse Richd Knight Company's
Fort George sailed to the Southward

Monday 5th April

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr President
John Smith Thomas Lawrence
Charles Boyer John Byres
Henry Vansittart Richard Knight
Samuel Hadley Thomas Mayor

Letter from Major Polier Commanding the Army in the Field & Colonel Lawrence

Letter addressed to him from Vizr Ramdass dated Camp at Tripetty 31st March

The Army drawn off & marched from thence towards Arcot this morning the 3d by Sickness

Intimating that he expects from hence a Reinforcement of 100 Men & 2 Pieces of Cannon that the two small Hawitzers may be sent out to be made use of upon occasion - That Coronga having been reinforced from Pondichery with 50 Men

A Consultation held upon the above Letter & Resolved that the two small Hawitzers be sent out to be made use of upon occasion - That Coronga having been reinforced from Pondichery with fifty Men Captain Preston has taken post with the Sepoys & Topasses at Condamalore in order to keep open the Communication with Arcot

Qur

The Army to be reinforced with all the well men from the Garrison

Ordered that all the Companies can spare more than capable of duty do proceed to reinforce the Army and that the two Howitzers with one hundred Rounds for them be also sent

Several Citizens Deserters to the Number of about Thirty having lately come over to us from the Enemy & to Resolved that they be permitted to form into a Body for the Campaign & that they have sufficient Encouragement the great Advantage the Enemy have over us in Number are Encouragement to Resolved that they be allowed Provisions and Pay as other Soldiers

Deserters from the Enemy to be entertained in H. M. Service

A Substance of Rice & Month old Bread

Ordered that the following Letters be wrote

To Lieut. Col. Proctor at Fort George

Copy of Letter to Lieut. Col. Proctor at Fort George

Letter from Commissary General Forde & Du Fort and Copy of our Instructions to Commissary Forde & Du Fort

Letter from Commissary Forde & Du Fort and Copy of our Letter of this day to them

Further Resolved that the Commissary Forde & Du Fort who arrived the 5th Inst. be desired to leave Fort George with the Provisions they have brought for the Army as soon as possible

Ordered that Colonel Proctor and Major Evans be informed that the Commissary Forde & Du Fort who arrived the 5th Inst. have brought Provisions for the Army which are to be landed at Newark as soon as possible

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At Fort St. George the 4th April 1759

having no more Enemy [illegible] Decern that he will immediately proceed [illegible] Conjunction.

Our latest Advices from the Northward that the Kings Army is advanced as far as Vizianagar within four days of Vizapat. We do not yet know Council to it but shall defer coming to any final Resolution as to sending Capt. Dalrymple Company on the Bombay Castle till We can form some certain Judgement whether We have any thing to apprehend from that Quarter We are Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Humble Servts Pitt Boddam Call Brooke Richd Becher

Fort William 5 April 1759

The Hon.ble Governor having called the Board together Read the following Letter from Captain Smith Commanding at Vizagapatam

To the Hon.ble George Pigot Esqr President & Govr &c. Council at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I have Honour with your Honour of the 9th March Letter Captain Smith arrived here yesterday, has had an Audience of his Excellency Rajah [illegible] at Innavaram

Letter from Captain Joseph Smith Commanding at Vizagapatam

Fort William 5 April 1759

Order for sending Supply of £5000 Mazr to Col. Lawrence

Read

Agreed that Council do meet to Morrow Morning at 8 o'Clock to consider what is proper to be done for the Service of the Day & that Council do meet every Morning at the same hour for the dispatch of Business

Read

Ordered

[illegible] Letter [illegible] George [illegible] the Admiralty

[illegible] which I [illegible] has been for some days past. He delivered
your Letter [illegible] & then entered on the Intended Alteration &
did not meet with that readiness to assist our Endeavours
which we could wish for. The King spoke Chiefly on [illegible]
on that terms. said that he wished to reduce Hanover but many
of his Villages which the French had seized belonged to him
that this was the time to extend [illegible] many parts of the
Country had not been ravaged. On Account of the French
[illegible] for being then in the Kingdome. and to March Forces
to the [illegible] Coast might be of great Expedience. He
[illegible] to send to and the Admiral of the Fleet Immediately, and
to [illegible] last more to [illegible] Ships. when Convened
[illegible] more agreeable [illegible] by made many
[illegible] upon the Negotiation for the English
[illegible] and to be had already and our Fleets deserves of
[illegible] us. As our Interests were inseperable. And the
more [illegible] Ships and Troops to Hanover
and [illegible] Ships and Troops
[illegible] shall defer untill some future Occasion.

Agreeable to your Orders Capt Blake will
take the first Opportunity of Waiting on Master. &
I have the Honor to be with Respect Respect Honble
Sir Yours Most Obedient Humble Servant

Joseph Smith

Instructions
March 2 1754/5.

Fort St. George 1st April 1759

No. 62

Letter from Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn Letter entered for
to Cawn Abstract of
Recd Disturbances
in Madura & Tinnevelly
desires leave to retire from
there

To the Committee

Gentlemen

The Country Letters I have received advise that he has received Intelligence of fresh Disturbances raised in Madura & Tinnevelly by Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn and that he is therefore desirous of proceeding himself to look after the Management of those Countries and secure the Revenues, as soon as he can settle with the Army can be dispensed with

Agreed that Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn have leave to proceed to Madura & Tinnevelly agreeable to his Request as soon as Major Preston and part of the Forces are no longer required with the Army

The Country Letters read & entered

Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn to the Committee

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Letter from Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn Represents that he is unable to pay the two Companies of Peons to remain at Chendegary

Letter from Mahomed Yoosoff Cawn to the Committee

Sir

I have received your Letter advising me that you have ordered two Companies of Peons to remain at Chendegary for the Protection of the Inhabitants of that Place, and that I am to pay the Expence thereof, which I am unable to do, as the Revenues of the Country are not sufficient for the Charges of the Government, much less to pay the Expence of Peons, which I have not Employed, and which are not necessary for the Protection of the Country, as the Inhabitants are all Peaceable People, and have no Disputes with their Neighbours

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131. Fort St George 9th April 1759

Copy

Gentlemen

The Intervention unhappily obtaining amidst
so Advanced an Season of late so sensibly encreased upon
me that I found it necessary to retire from Trichinopoly to
take the first Opportunity of Embarking for England.

I send you therefore to resign into your hands
the Commission I have so long had the Honor to bear in the
Company's Service, & to assure you that to Fear of the Prosper-
ity of their Affairs, and the Success of your Government,
is one of the chief Enjoyments I hope to receive the remembrance of
in passing my Life. I have the Honor to be with the greatest
Respect Gentlemen Your most Obed.t & Humble Servt. Stringer Lawrence

Fort St George
9th April 1759

Fort St George the April 1759

St Lawrence's particulars with the Company acknowledged

As the Cause of Mr Lawrence's Resignation is of such a Nature as will not any longer admit us to press him to undergo the Fatigues of Command in this hot Climate we can only endeavour to express [illegible] Sense of his past Services to the Company & for that purpose the following Letter was addressed by them

To Stringer Lawrence Esqr Commander in Chief of the Land Forces

Sir

Letter to St Lawrence upon the Occasion

After such a Series of Years Service, and many of them in this Hot Climate it is no Wonder that you have sought for relief [illegible] Almost even to persuade [illegible] Resolution of retiring for ever from us. We have long expected [illegible] enable you to undergo their Fatigues your Love for their Service, and on reflecting upon the Conduct you have always pursued you have often had to struggle with the Difficulties of Madras on which your last Efforts were exerted is worthy Crown to all your other Honors and we may justly say that your Services merit the Publick Acknowledgments of your Country by the Company — Accept for our most hearty Thanks as a small part of what is due to you and be assured of the Sincerity with which we wish you the Enjoyment of every Blessing that can contribute to the Happiness of Life

1758 Fort St George 9th April 1759

[illegible] you will permit me to give Orders to the Pay-
master [illegible] to pay you all your Allowances as long
as you remain [illegible] dias, and We shall take the Liberty
to trouble you [illegible] often as there may be occasion to ask the
Assistance of your Advice. We are with Esteem Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants to command

George Pigot &c.

Fort St George
9th April 1759

The French under
Lally came into the Bay
of the Dutch

This day advice that the French under Lally
took possession of Cudaye during the time that Place was
Besieged have withdrawn their Camp and returned to
the lands of the Dutch.

George Pigot
Geo. Stratton
Hon. Laurence
Sulivan
John Call
Henry Vansittart
Richd. Saunders
Sam. Peirce
Charles Turner

Letter to Major Preston Commanding the Army in the Field

Fort St George 17th May 1813

Dispatched the preceding Letter to Major Preston Commanding the Troops in the Field in consequence of the Resolution of this day's Consultation

To Major Preston

Sir

Colonel Lawrence has laid before me your Letter to him dated the 6th Instant. We have ordered the two Howitzers with a hundred shells for them to be sent to Pondicherry with all Expedition and from thence you may order them wherever their Service is wanted. All the Officers and Gunners that are for the Field shall also proceed to join you and the Cadets to take possession of Conjeveram as soon as you may judge can be done safely. I am apprehensive you will have difficulty to settle the Matters in Dispute between the Poligars but I am ready to do every thing in my power to assist you. I am sorry I can give you no Cavalry for the next year, the Troops on Campaign can be dispensed with. You may depend I will procure along with the Troops belonging to the Europeans Sepoys and Gentoo Elephants agreed by Govr Saunders to be Captives of a Portuguese Company in our Service having been ordered to proceed to Cauze. If you find no useful Employment for him, you may permit him to proceed to the Southward with your Howitzers the Boundaries of Tanjore Elevanasoor & Tondeer. There he will be able to raise a few Portuguese Topasses & Sepoys which will give some disturbance to the Enemy & the Rear of the Army. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot &c. &c.

Fort St George
17th May 1813

Fort St George 12th April 1759

Thursday
12th April

Consultation Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President
John Smith Charles Bourchier
John Paxton Henry Vansittart
Richard Scrafton Samuel Bradley
Charles Stevens

The two following Letters from Major Brereton
Commanding the Troops in the Field Read

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr & the Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St George

Sir I have rec'd your Letter dated the 2d Instant
Letter from Major Brereton to Commanding the Troops in the Field. The Enemy march from Conjeveram &c
encamped at Tricatty.
I have also yours of the 3d & 4th Instant
desiring that so far succeeded to as to drive the Enemy from Con-
jeveram. my Intelligence agrees with my Opinion that
they intend to join their Troops to the Southward at
Chittypett. If they march towards us, for that reason I
have not yet sent away the Europeans &c. &c. as a few
days may decide the fate of the whole. tho' I should be glad to dispense but as
fence as prove which I should be glad to dispense but as
a proof that there is no Money in the Country the E-
nemy could not get any. Tho' regret of obliging the
Country to bring in so much Rice & selling to the Eng-
lish on the Coromandel coast but I am informed by

15th June [illegible]

those who have been [illegible] Country that the proceeding will make [illegible] Inhabitants leave the Country as they have done [illegible] that is sufficient to feed their families and that [illegible]

proceeding against Mr Pondicherry

For the meantime we are proceeding against the Plague in the best manner we can, with the very few [illegible] spend [illegible] last night [illegible] Europeans to bring the two [illegible] Inhabitants [illegible] Country [illegible] Officers [illegible] Officer [illegible] Europeans [illegible] Officers [illegible] Officer [illegible] Europeans [illegible] Officers [illegible] Officer [illegible] Europeans

Letter from Major Preston
Commanding the Army in
the Field

Camp before St
Davids 7th
1759.

By Capt. St George 12th April 1759

I am with the greatest respect. Your most Obedient
Humble Chas Preston

To the Honble. George Pigot Esq. Pres. & Gov. and
the Gentlemen of the Councel at Fort St. George

Sirs

The morning I received Intelligence that the
Enemy had moved yesterday from their Ground near Pon-
dich to a place called Cahoore about 9 Miles distant from
it, from this place there is a road which goes to Chelly-
pulle, another to Tevatore, so that it is uncertain
which way they will take, but by their Intelligence I
have received yesterday from Pondichery, that Bussy
they will engage us, this intelligence adds that they
had afforded all their Companies from Allompauve
and other places to the amount of about three hun-
dred near Pondichery, with Intention of marching
to Ginge and joining the Army, All Lally wants
have gone with them but that upon a Fleet of Ships
appearing they were order'd into Pondichery, we con-
tinue our works, but from the hardness of the ground
& having but few tools we do not proceed so fast as
I could wish, however we get on and by the time the
Cannon arrives shall have a Battery ready, the business
will then be done effectually & the Company on pay for
it a Country Battoo will make amends for all their arrears
of wages. I am with the greatest respect, Your most Obed.
& most Humble Servant Chas Preston.

Camp before Pondi-
chery 14th April 1759.

At Fort St. George 4th April 1759.

Order Sent

Bander Guro
Peon ordered to
Changlepute

two Eighteen Pounder
Guns with one hund
to preach he went to Chan-
-glepute on ready
vide use of upon Occasions
That a Letter
Have Liberty to acquaint him
Wherewith
Pagodas has been
forwarded
mentioned to have been
received

from the Nabob.

Country
That Abdul
Displeasure
two Sons having
Shot with re-
-spect to Nazeeb Ali Cawn if this being so proved on the
Behaviour of the Nabob Dispatch
Approv-
-ed Shall give the Command

Ramazey
Letter Representation before the Board setting forth that
Nabob Cawn has Power
Ramazey
Samanna
having
Management
Ramazey
Ramazey
Peon
Samanna
The Gates
Evening in Garrison of the

[illegible] Siege being upon the Decay, Ordered
[illegible] Storekeeper do from hence on
[illegible] Sundry of new Cyder to be
[illegible] that this and other
[illegible] be put under the
[illegible] Storekeeper

[illegible] Sundry of new Cyder to be put under the Charge of the Storekeeper as Garrison stores [illegible]

Fort St. George Consultations.

Wrote and Dispatched the following Letter to Major Lawrence Commanding [illegible] in the Field pursuant to the Minutes of this Consultation

To Commandg Brereton Esqr

Sir

We have received your Letter dated this Day with Our Hircarrs from Pondichery bring Intelligence that all the Troops they had sent to the Southward are ordered back and that they intended to joine them to their Army — If so it may be concluded they designed to engage you or at least to move so near as to oblige you to go to the Relief of Wandewash however we have ordered two Companies of Europeans with a hundred Sepoys each to be sent to [illegible] to be employed in such Service as may be most [illegible] for the Publick Service

Captain Blake moved to go to day and had under his Escort the Hackeries and Provision for the Army & Sixty of ten thousand Captain Dalton to go to Camp

Ordered that you mention to Major Lawrence the foregoing Letter of the 7th and that we shall be glad to hear from him as often as possible & that we have received no accounts or Letters from [illegible]

Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot Governor

At a Consultation present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

John Smith — Charles Pauvelton

John Sykes — Thomas Hallhurst

Richard Prideaux — Francis Sudley

Monday

6 April

Fort St George

Consultations

Ft. St. George 13th Jany 1759

Cannonade and effort to prevent the Enemy from throwing up Batteries at about four Miles from the Town upon the Island for two days but they avoided it by keeping [illegible] Creek

Therefore finding that a Detachment of Major Moncrief's Battalion without which the Cannonading of some Guns from the Island might be of little Service, should proceed that night for Kanpore

Accordingly at Eight o'Clock that Evening the Detachment marched, but the Enemy having had Intelligence of their Design, had thrown up a Battery on the Bank of the River, which commanded the Ford, so that the Detachment was obliged to return without attempting it.

The Enemy finding that the Garrison was weakened by the Detachment, and that the Advantage of their Troops would be very great, if they could get over to the Island of Fort St. George, made a Disposition for that purpose.

Capt. Preston

The Enemy's Army having crossed the River at about four Miles from the Town, upon the Island, Major Moncrief with his Detachment returned to Fort St. George

Capt. Preston

Their Army takes Post at Pursaitoor

Major Brereton detached to take Post from the Enemy's Advanced Guard

Trivaly 13th Jany 1759

Cannonading the Enemy's Camp

The Detachment ordered to proceed to Camp.

Capt. Preston

Major Brereton detached to attack the Enemy's Camp

Capt. Preston

Major Brereton returned to Camp

Fort St. George 16th April 1809

Letter from Mr Delagoa

Letter from Mr. Delagoa read as entered in
the Correspondence No 5 in answer to the Secretarys
Letter dated 5th of last month — Inporting that
Sendin Passport for an Offr.
sent to go from home to Pon-
dichery to receive 100 of
our Prisoners in exchange

an Officer of his Garrison has set out to Trichinopoly
with the Prisoners Passports for one of our Officers to pro-
ceed to Pondichery to receive one hundred of our Men in
Exchange — That the French Prisoners now at Madura so
are not permitted to be the least Distance, as they could not
have been included in the Capitulations of Fort St. David
respecting the Exchange of those Garrisons which the Si-
tuation they have at present to keep off — That the Exchange
may be made the 25th of this month, and that
Vessels and Bullocks for the Conveyance of the Prisoners
Projects on Paper
Relating to the
Proposed Exchange
by Mr Delagoa

Ordered that Captain Allegers do pro-
ceed to Pondichery with Mr Delagoa's Passports, to
receive and conduct to Madras one hundred and four Pri-
soners in exchange for the same Number of Officers
Letter from Mr Delagoa
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soners in exchange for the same Number of Officers
Letter from Mr Delagoa
proposed to be sent by the
Cafe Mozambique to
Pondichery to receive
our Prisoners

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proposed to be sent by the Cafe Mozambique to
Pondichery to receive our Prisoners

Proposal made & repeated by Mr Lally

Ms. Sept. George 16th Sept. 1759

for the Exchange of Count D'Estaing and Mr. Moore &c.
can never have Effect unless Prisoners Equally as well as the Inequality of Exchange [illegible] General Officer, is sufficiently obvious.

The Board however think that it will be most expedient if possible to procure some Equivalent for the Count D'Estaing rather than that he should return to [illegible] soon after the Count D'Estaing

on the 12th Inst. Mr Lisby proposed to give an Exchange for Brigr. all our Officers and Men who were made Prisoners at Rhode Island, consisting of more than Hundred, but upon the President's receiving this Offer he recorded that [illegible] Number of equality of Force, compared with that of the Enemy. The Board think the above Method may be reasonably proposed as an Equivalent for the Person of the Count D'Estaing, and it is agreed to recommend Mr Lisby that a Cartel upon shall take place on these Terms.

But the Board think it necessary to add for the information of Mr Lisby in the subject of the four Frigates Solutions until the Return of Captain Hogan with one hundred of our Seamen.

Foreign Affairs

Whitehall Office 26th Sept. 1759

Sir

I have the honour to acquaint you that in consequence of an Order of Consultation the Lords Justices with three Companies of Foot to be posted at Chandergary and to remain Temporary Hostages that Mr Lisby Commissioner to admit the two Companies into Chandergary, desiring our Directions upon

Fort St George 16th December 1811

Ordered that Ensign Wilson be directed to remain at Topass with the three Companies of Sepoys under his Command, and that Captain Thomas Adamstone with the Company of Sepoys under his Command proceed to Trichinopoly to relieve Captain Thomas Flower from the Charge of the Black Troops on the 24th Instant, which Detachment consisted of Horse

2211 Sepoys 1630 and Artillery 1411

The Commissary General having represented to Board the Quantity of Grain now lying in the Garrison of Fort St George, and the Quantity of Grain received into the Store since the last Examination, and the Board having ordered the Commissary General to make a Report thereof, he accordingly delivered in the following Report

Grain remaining in the Garrison of Fort St George on the 14th Instant

	Bags	Seers
Rice	2,207	
Wheat	235	
Paddy	230	
Ragy	353	
Dall	3,291	

Ordered that Mr Henry Brooke the Grainkeeper be directed to sell off the Damaged Grain

Ye Fort St. George Ye 16th April 1759

Remaining and that the [illegible] Fees on his Journey appear
upon the Sale be wrote [illegible] of Life
And [illegible] that all the Peagoda valle
Boy and Poke in Store to be sent away as unnecessarie

George Pigot
John Smith
Ch. Bourchier
John Byfield
Henry Vansittart
Scott Fraser
Sam. Peach
Charles Turner

Fort St George 16th April 1759

Instructions for Major Monson Commanding the Army in the Field

To Cholmondeley Forrester Esqr

Sir

Herewith you have a Copy of my Letter of the 6th Inst to the Governor & Council of Fort St David containing the Reasons of my sending you with a Detachment of Troops to the Assistance of Major Monson Commander of the Forces in the Field.

You are to proceed with the Detachment under your Command to Pondicherry by the Way of Chinna Condapetty & there to take on board the Ships Bridgewater & Duke of Grafton having on board the Stores & Ammunition mentioned in the Margin, & proceed with them to Fort St David, where you will receive Orders from the Governor & Council of that Place for the Disposal of the Stores & Ammunition.

You are to keep Company with the Ships under your Command, & in case you should be separated by Stress of Weather or any other Accident, you are to make the best of your Way to Fort St David, & there wait for the Arrival of the Ships.

You are to take Care that the Ships are kept clean & in good Order, & that the Men are not suffered to be idle, but employed in Working the Ships, Exercising their Arms, & such other Duty as may be necessary for their Health & Preservation.

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Letter to Col. Forde Comm.
ding the Bengal Detach.
ment to the Northward

Fort St George 19th April 1759

To Lieutenant Colonel Forde

Sir

I have been favoured here the 9th Instant
with yours and as I am in hopes of Money to Vizagapatam
we conclude you will be forwarded speedily for your
Reinforcement We have therefore thought proper to detain the
Troops intended to go to you by the Ships Thames and
Edward Privateer Letter of the 16th Inst.

The French Army having quitted their
Post at Conjeveram and left only some Country Troops
in the Place, Our Army under the Command of Major
Preveaux marched by Arcott on the 13th Instant the same
Day, and I doubt not before this reaches you will
have taken it by Assault. I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot &c Council

Fort St George
19th April 1759

Letter to John Andrews Esqr
at Vizagapatam

Sir

We wrote you under date the 2d Instant
by Pattamar to which we refer you. We
are now agreeable to your Request detained the
Troops under Colonel Forde and shall continue to
detain the Forces intended to go to you by the Ships Thames and
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Fort St. George 19th September

Inclosed the following Letter from Major Princeton Com-
manding at Conjeveram

To the Honble. George Lord
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

Conjeveram taken by storm

Letter from Major Brown
to Commanding Officer
Army in the Carnatic

I have the honor to inform your
Lordship that my reasons for
not having Major Monro
with the Detachment
under my Command
attacked Conjeveram
before Sunrise
on the 10th Instant
were that I received
Intelligence from him about two
hours before he
intended to move
from
Arnee
to
Conjeveram
that
he
had
Encamped
on
the
Banks
of
the
River
Palar
about
Eight
Miles
from
Conjeveram
and
that
he
intended
to
pass
the
River
at
Day
break
in
the
Morning
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to
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Enemy
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of
Major
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that
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Attacked
the
Enemy
in
Conjeveram
before
Day
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Advantage
of
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them
and
that
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Distance
from
Arnee
to
Conjeveram
was
Twenty
Miles
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therefore
Marched
from
Arnee
with
the
Detachment
under
my
Command
at
Two
o'Clock
in
the
Morning
of
the
10th
Instant
and
Arrived
at
Conjeveram
about
Seven
o'Clock
in
the
Morning
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the
Enemy
had
Marched
from
Conjeveram
about
Two
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before
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Arrival
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Detached
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Monro
with
the
Grenadier
Company
and
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Battalion
Pieces
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Attack
the
Enemy
in
the
Rear
supported
by
the
Picquets
of
the
Infantry
and
Cavalry
with
the
greatest
Celerity
by
the
Garrison
was
alarmed
the
Enemy
Marched
off
in
the
greatest
Confusion
leaving
Behind
them
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Brass
Field
Pieces
Two
Officers
and
Fifty
Men
Killed
and
Wounded
and
Ten
Officers
and
Two
hundred
Men
Taken
Prisoners
but
as
the
Enemy
had
the
Advantage
of
Horses
to
Carry
them
off
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could
not
succeed
in
Taking
more
Prisoners
than
what
I
have
mentioned
I
have
the
pleasure
to
inform
your
Lordship
that
the
Detachment
under
my
Command
behaved
with
the
greatest
Spirit
and
Intrepidity
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am
happy
to
inform
your
Lordship
that
Major
Monro
has
not
received
any
Wound
of
Consequence
although
his
Horse
was
Shot
under
him
and
Lieut.
Colonel
Wood
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Stewart
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Cumming
Lieut.
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Hunter
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(Signed)
Robert Brown
Major Commanding
Detachment

Camp at Conjeveram
11th September 1780

Extract of a Letter from Major Monro to Major Brown dated Camp at Conjeveram 10th September 1780

I have the honor to inform you that I marched from Arnee with the Detachment under my Command at Two o'Clock this Morning and Arrived at Conjeveram at Seven o'Clock by Major Cuthbert with the Grenadier Company supported by the Picquets of Infantry and Cavalry with the greatest Celerity by the Garrison was alarmed the Enemy Marched off in the greatest Confusion leaving Behind them Two Brass Field Pieces Two Officers and Fifty Men Killed and Wounded and Ten Officers and Two hundred Men Taken Prisoners but as the Enemy had the Advantage of Horses to Carry them off I could not succeed in Taking more Prisoners than what I have mentioned I have the pleasure to inform you that the Detachment under my Command behaved with the greatest Spirit and Intrepidity and I am happy to inform you that Major Monro has not received any Wound of Consequence although his Horse was Shot under him and Lieut. Colonel Wood Captain Stewart Captain Cumming Lieut. Robertson Captain Hunter Major Cuthbert Assistant Adjutant General Captain Vaughan Lieutenant Bowes Engineer Lieut. Smith Wounded Major Monro the Rest of the Officers and Men behaved with the greatest Intrepidity and Courage I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.
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Capn Kellondar Letter

10th April 1795

Letter to Lt Colo Can
manding Detachment to the North
ward.

Fort St George 20th April 1795

Letter of the 17th Instant with the Europeans at the out Garrison
Letter of the 18th Instant with the Europeans & Sepoys
Letter of the 19th Instant with the Europeans & Sepoys
Letter of the 20th Instant with the Europeans & Sepoys

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your Force would form the Majority to invite and
enable us by another Act to bring Convicts Debtors to
and Settlers to Malta or some to a Gene-
ral Gaol for the Confinement of Felons on the Northern Provinces
shall keep the Convicts here as they will work
either upon the Fortifications or Roads
for 7 years and shall be kept by fifty or three hundred of
the Regiment

I conclude that after the Peace before you
let them settle & nothing to be done with respect
to Canada you can reasonably suppose it doubt not
but will make use of the Opportunity of securing further
Conquests beneficial grants and knowledge as
may be deemed for the Interest of this Country
and shall be taken up for an Account
of the Honble Company
Expences of the Troops on those Parts.

I have sent from hence for Mayor Adams from Fort
St David with some of the Artillery who had
signed on the Terms of the Service we have collected
together out of our Forces about the Town a large

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Lord S. Gordon
21st April

Wednesday
23d

To the Lords Commissioners
and the Gentlemen of the Council of Cape of Good Hope
&c &c

Fort St. George 23d August 1759

Command of those who have been disbanded and formed into
a seperate Corps for the

Letter from Kazeabille
Cann

Sends to Madras a Serjt
Officer Private

N.B. 5 Dismissed
to go to Pondicherry
Parole

Joseph Pilgrim
John Smith
Geo Bowden
John Byrd
Henry Stanyhurst
Rich Southby
Edwd Hall
Charles Lyster

Letter to Major
Command
in the Field

1651 Fort St George [illegible]

Agreed that St George [illegible]

Brought of Col. Forbes
Detachments

H.M. Fort St. George 26th August 1795

Sir with the necessary and Usual Ceremonies

Court who have Knowledge on the Subject

Lieut. Bowyer of

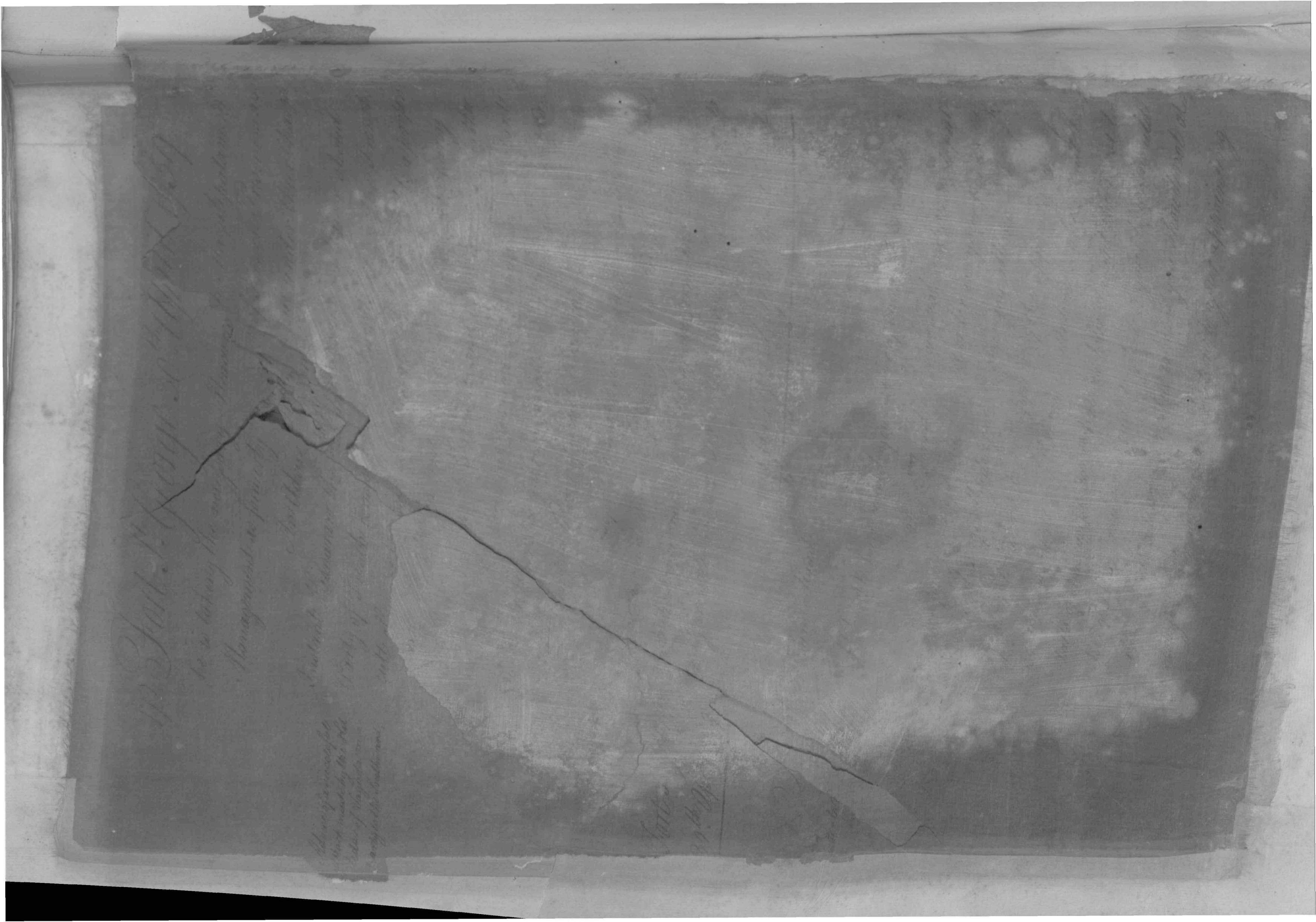
ported to Union

and get Leave

Sir

Sir

Sir



Piece of a receipt
Book made by the Hd
Cedar of Lagada on a
ary to the Southern

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Fort St George 3d May

Fort St. George 5th May 1759

Extract of a Letter from

Chief of Foya

One or two Sub-Officers wanted at Foya

Fort St. George

Fort St George 3d May 1751

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Fort in pole Explanation of the Letter
to let out the Governour
Town for the next Year
will Charge
be within of all the Counsel
Tabots Deposition

Twenty

We Ordered that Captain Smith be
their sole Power that they may be

Fort

Fort

Fort

Plan of a Letter to be
made to Fort St George

1190 Fort St George 3d May 1750

Despatch in reply to his Letter of the 30th March thro'

Read

New Project offered to Mr Delegnet for the Exchange of the Court of Etaing

Letter for Mr Delegnet on the Subject of Exchange

Letter from Madrass Comm

Letter from Madrass that Comm[illegible] the Country Correspondence [illegible] Consult of Pursuing Pondicherry [illegible] which had been purchased there and that Comm[illegible] proceeded to that Place with the Troops

Ordered that Mr. Morse [illegible] Despatch do take an Account of the Stores [illegible] the Fort

Charles Stevens

Mr Morse

Fort St George 3d May 1758

Dispatched the following Letters to Major [illegible]

To Richard Prentice Esqr

Fort St George 3d May 1750

Despatch in reply to his Letter of the 30th March 1750

Read

New Proclamation
to Mr Delaynt for the
Exchange of Pardons
at Cotiary

Letter for Mr
Clerk on Engineers
to Mr Delaynt
Their Exchange

Letter from Mr Delaynt
Crown

Artillery

Charles Brown

Fort St George 3d May 1759

Dispatched the following Letters to Major

the Fields next to Ft

Letter

Governor

To Ditto

Letter

Major

Letter

Major

under such Regulation

Sir we request to know

Letter

Purpose

Out of these seven hundred

To send one hundred to Purpose

Ft. Instant by which time the Waters

from hence will be at that place

proceed together to Arthur

fresh Waters of the Pooler Tirumalavara

Proper order to judge of the

Country the Purpose and

over — the Tanks already

we write to you and of the bad

Fort St. George 3d. May 1759

Fort St George
3d. May 1759.

Letter to Col. Johnson
Commanding the Troops
Detachment to the
Windward

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Fort St. George 3d May 1759

Letter to M. De Leyret

Fort S.t George 3.th May 1759.

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Instructions to
Paymaster of the
Leopard

Fort St. George 5th May 1759

[illegible] and what adds to my great Satisfaction is
the Gallant Defence made by the Officers & Troops
against the Enemy, which indeed I never doubted
while I had the Honour to command the Garrison &
I beg leave to recommend to your Honours Favour
the Officers to support the Honour
for their Behaviour on every occasion during the whole
time the Siege lasted

I am under a necessity to keep here a great
Number of Men to work under whose Guard
I dare not trust the Prisoners for fear of their
Escape or Rescue I intend to move them
the Sooner Gentlemen as they will be a Burden
I shall take all Precautions for Intelligence
& shall take care to keep a Look out & endeavour
to do every thing for the Honour & Interest
of the United Company
I am Gentlemen Your most
Obedient Humble Servant

We have on board the Speedwell for the
use of your Garrison three hundred
of Fine Powder but no other Stores
were ever received from Surats & the Guns are much
in want of One hundred Tons of Shot

Yarmouth
off Anjengo
6th April 1759

To George Pigott Esq[r] President
and Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Letter from Admiral
Cook

202 Fort St. George 7th May 1759.

that I arrived off this Place with His Majesty's Squadron this Morning. Inclosed is a Duplicate of my Letter wrote off Anjengo, and I have nothing material has occured in the Passage, but meet with the Winds and the Current against us in the North side of Ceylon, off the Coast of Little Tartary. The 20th in the Latitude of 6.00 off the Islands the Two Brothers and Admiral Watson parted Company for England.

I have received the favour of your Letters of the 9th March 2d Instant with the Duplicates of those of the 11th Febry and 1st March the Originals are to my Hands at Bombay

I am Ordered to make the Utmost Dispatch in Refitting upon the Fort of Marmagoa which is agreed upon in your Letter to me and Captain Speke of the 8th of March, and one I have from Genl of the 30th wrote by your Directions upon that Subject. I have wrote to Captain Smith acquainting him of my Arrival, and that whatever can be performed towards rendering that Affair practicable in a manner by His Majesty's Ships, when the Forces he wants for that Purpose are ready to undertake the Service intended to be Effected; that the Materials necessary for the Expedition must furnish, as I have no Store of Cordage Sailcloth and other proper Implements used in an Undertaking of that kind.

Since the Time of Anjengo only wanted my Arrival I deemed it needless upon that Subject to write you any thing of it, and intend the Sentiments and

Fort St George 1st May 1783

Palliacha, now we are ready to act against the Enemy

As we may expect the French Squadron

to the coast with Reinforcements, I apprehend

it will be advisable to Land our Seamen &c

at Porto Novo to Expedite Trichinopoly, but as

I may not hear from Bombay for some time

I have desired Mr Boddam to inform him

of the Intended State of the Force and expect to hear

from him Immediately on the Receipt of

Captain Kempe and Acquainted me yesterday Evening

that the Ships and Bristol were ready

for Sea and only waiting for the Land Wind to

Sail from Pondicherry. The Command of

the Rhoda with my Letters on Charge of Captain Mc-

Kenzie and those from the Governor and Council of

Bombay, and shall be glad to hear one of the Indiamen

Ships despatched to Windward with our Answers,

it may be requisite to have the Squadron at this Season

Sent as well Manned as possible.

I have obtained no further Intelligence of

the Enemy at the Islands than what the Inclosed

Letter to Captain Kempe contains

I am with

Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servant

Ordered that the Company's Ships

be forwarded to Bombay with all the Men

Soldiers to proceed to Bombay and Seamen now belonging to the

Officers and Seamen now belonging to the

Squadron, and that the Agent do send back the

Letter from the Govt
of Bombay

Upon reinforcement of troops

To Lord A. George &c. &c. &c.

With respect to your Honor &c. request for a Reinforcement by this Convoy, We assure you it never was afford us great pain to be obliged by Circumstances unknown to us, to refuse any thing that could have been convenient to you, but as you express without your Honor's Concurrence, that you are ready to Sail We are to advise that We have [illegible] the Admiral persuaded of the Expediency of your Honor's request to send a reinforcement of Troops to Gibraltar, but as the Service may [illegible] for the Protection of Trade, which is very justly esteemed the Support of our Power &c.

In Consequence of the Admiral's opinion, We have recommended to the Commanding Officer of the Transports to Channel, and be obliged to put into Plymouth to repair to your Lord to strengthen the Convoy and proceed on the Expedition &c. &c. &c.

The Ships bound for Ostend &c. &c. &c.

Barrington — and Lord George Lennox

Lt. Genl. Fox — Sir Edward Hawke — J. Pitfield — Wm. Sedgwick

Geo. Onslow — Wm. Bromley — Jno. Clevland

Endorsed

Copy of Letter to Lord A. Gordon

Letter to Lord George

To Lord Clive &c &c &c

and Colonel Close &c &c &c

Fatty. 26th July 1765

Fort St George ... Sept 1st

... the loss of this Fort is a great disappointment to us ...
... Defiance on Hopes for our Lives to ...
... Governor Pulteney ...
... Fort William ...
... Letter ...
... Received and Answered ...
... wrote last.

Received from Captain ... to ...
... arrived at Chingleput from Pondicherry ... from ...
Mr Le Leyde ... went in the French Service ...
... Defence of ... absence of his having ... to the
Charge of Captain Meyers Evidence ... Flew.
in Exchange for so many of theirs Returned to Fre...
Monopoly.

Letter from the King of ... Read
... Days
as ordered in the Cowdry Correspondence ...
on strong Terms his Attachment to ... and
that he is of Opinion it will be most ... to
make an Attack against Pondicherry ... Army
disappointment before ... Madras ... of ... the
next Rainy ... will fall of Course

Agreed to ... Letter ...
Sent ... Despatches ... Messengers ... Flew

NB Fort. St. George [illegible]

Sent the following Letters to Major Sevenhouse commanding the Army in the Field and to all Commanders of Corps Regiments & Companies

[illegible]

Letters to Major Genl
Commanding the
Army in the Field

[illegible]

Ft St. George [illegible]

To Mr James Bourchier
Paymaster to the Troops

Letter to Mr Bourchier
Paymaster to the Troops

Ft. St. George 8th May 1797

The 29 Inst. and 22d March.

By a Letter from Colonel Forde dated the 10th Ultimo we have the pleasure to hear of the Success against Nazeapatam and that he had marched towards Five hundred Europeans on the Pondicherry Coast. But the Heavy Rains which fell on the 19th March rendered the roads impassable for Guns and Carriages and prevented the Troops from proceeding with Supplies for the Forces and a Reinforcement of three hundred Men. The Troops which were sent on the Arrival of the Enemy's Fleet on the Coast of Coromandel the Road the 19th when our last Advices from Colo. Forde are dated. but had not then attempted to proceed the Men. Colo. Forde is however under Apprehension that they may possess their Interest with Salabut Jung and has therefore requested a Reinforcement may be sent him from hence. But the Season not permitting Our Letter of the 28th March will state to you the Reasons of our Power to spare Colo. Forde the Reinforcement Indeed we are willing to hope from a Letter we have received from our Resident at Hyderabad Meer Jumpe that the Success against Nazeapatam will Influence the Determinations of Salabut Jung and by obtaining the Assistance of a Body of Troops from Hyderabad a State of Security

Having no Hope here at present that can be employed to advantage on the Coast of Coromandel

Fort St George 10th May

Major Thomson in a Letter to Major

Creedon advises that the Enemy's Army have removed from

Advice of the Approach of the French Army near to Cuddalore

Courtpauk towards Conjeveram, and that three other

Parties have taken post at Bath Chetty's Choultry

about 6 Miles distant

Country Letters Roads as entered in the

Book of Correspondence with

Letter from Sundries

N.B. from Fort

upon the coast of the Lake to

obliging them to

Letter from Lt Hall

of Engrs

Southward to take

upon Tondiman and Travancore

Letter to Madras

Letter to Lt Blackburne

Engrs

the four Companies from Tondiman and the Detachment of

Tagada in the Train Service of Enemy Stores

four Bullocks to

Bullocks Loaded

Carriages

for Stores

Bullocks Dismissed

Boat arrived with

Stores from

Barge for Salvages

from

Bullocks arrived with

Commissary Stores

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Mr. Smith lays before the Board an Account of Garrison Provisions purchased by him last Year which appears to be due to him Pagodas five hundred and ten and two Fanams Pags 510.2.

Ordered that the above Account be presented to the Council in their Publick Department, that Orders may be given to discharge the Ballance.

The Committee of Accounts lay before the Board their Report of their Examination into the Accounts of Mr. Dawes and Tonnerelly from the time of the Commencement of their Charge on the 25th March 1756. to the 30th June 1758 being the time of the Expiration of an Order of Consultation of the 25th of October last with five Accounts Current annexed viz.

1st A General Abstract of the Disbursements of Tonnerelly Countries which shows how much the Receipts have exceeded the Disbursements for the said Term of two Years three Months and six Days.

2d Abstract of Bundaram Changa and Tirtaly Kodes

3d Abstract of Sabur Carnam and Tonnerelly Country Cowle

4th Abstract of Garrison Provisions

5th Abstract of Pallankeen Bearers

Report of the Committee of Accounts with their Abstracts and Vouchers of the Accounts of Mr. Dawes and Tonnerelly from the 25th March 1756 to the 30th June 1758

To be reported to the President & Council in their Publick Department.

Debtor

Fort St George 10th May 1809

Sir

Accounts Current of Fort St George with the Madras and Juvenile Cavalry and Europeans and Pensioners for the Year 1808 Balances due to the Treasury have exceeded the Remittances in the same Years Rupees 2,50,000

Which added to the Sum of Rupees 1,82,707 the Amount of the Ops at Hill Court Carried to Rs 4,32,707 Four Lacks thirty two thousand seven hundred and seven Rupees

We hope that upon examining the Accounts of Ascff Cawn for the present Year and the Balances of 1809. The Revenues will be found to cover the Disbursements at least sufficient to pay off the Arrears due to them.

We are

Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servants

[illegible]

To Fort St George 10th May 1759.

Fort St. George 10th May 1757

Extract annexed be Copy of an Advice Letter and
Transmitted to our Honble Masters via the Packet
by the Raven.

Edw. Boscawen
Jno. Andrews
Wm. Brereton
John Pybus
Henry Vansittart
Richd. Aungier
Jacob Bradley
Charles Turner

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Wrote and Signed the following Letters to Admiral
Boscawen to the Select Committee at Bombay Genoa
Mr Wm Brereton & Commanders of the 5 Ships
To George Pocock Esq Commander of the Yarmouth
and Commodore and Captain Mayerbys Squadron
in India

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your
favor dated the 30th April with the agreeable ac-
count of your having arrived off Negapatam with the Fifty
Squadron. We have also received a Duplicate of
those you wrote us from Bengal the Original not
yet come to hand.

This waits on you by the Northumberland
which Ship we have sent you the Marines and Sea-
men lately from hence & expect to furnish
Gunning is going on as fast as possible every Exper-
ience of sending your Seamen as we receive them
are for Marines & Sailors sick on the passage

As soon as the Ships shall be ready for Sea we shall
be ready to put to Sea with the Squadron under
our Command in order to be at this Coast by the
end of August but if the Enemy should attempt
to invade us before that time we shall be
induced to provide for it & Detachments
from Trincomaly may be more than supplied
It may be attended with the good consequences of draw-
ing off a part of the Enemy's Force, they still endeavour to
conceal whether a part of your Squadron or Troops
We must request you will take care that Intelligence
concerning the Squadron under your Command

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By the Squadron for the use of the Garrison there

Fort St George 16th [illegible]

[illegible] and command a number of light for some
time till having gained the mouth of the Enemys ships
were to an anchor again and engaged with their fighters as
I imagine for Bringeboram. The Sunk despatched his
Pinnace but had not attempted landing any of their troops
Salabat Jung was within about forty miles of Adoni
against with a considerable Body
of French and is Master of 150 Men of War that
is employed for

Our Camp continues the Head Quarters about
fifteen miles of the Enemy Nothing of Importance
hath happened since writing the Letter by the Ship
Success Sloop to
the enclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Mr Orme to the Secretary
to the Select Committee which will be all that
can be Material Occasion to trouble you with at this time.
If you can supply us with a Quantity of Powder
for Guns they will be very Acceptable as we have only one Barrel
left on Garrison having been Expended in the last Siege
but during the Siege and so we have only one Barrel
Master remaining we desire you will excuse us for Troubling
you for the Loan of Bobarree as you can spare with a Supply
ply of Shells We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt

[illegible]

At Fort St. George 14th May 1796

At a Consultation present

George Pigot Esq. Governor Presid.

Monday — John Smith — Charles Bourchier

14 May — John Pybus — Henry Van Sittart

Richard Fairfield — Samuel Swiney

Colin Mackenzie Esq. Turner.

Major Manson in a Letter to Mr

Secretary Brown dated the 11th Instant represented before the

Board, that the French Army having retired

and there being no Enemy

[illegible] for Action

[illegible] that

[illegible] Army to be sent

Ordered that fifty European and

two Companies of Sepoys do immediately prepare to

proceed from hence to Reinforce the Army and that a corps

of fifty of Artillery be also sent agreable to Major

Manson's desire

The President laye before the Board

the two following Letters from Admiral

To George Pigot Esq. President

and Governor of Fort St. George

Sir

Having Letters open'd and the Enemy

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to Cruize for our Indian Ships both Homeward and
Outward bound. Tho our Seamen are not yet re-
cover'd at Sandy Bay if we could get them aboard
just as we're pretty good Order and make up our Compli-
ment for our outstanding we take about 150 more
out of each Ship before we are yet very short.

Should England we stay only for the Lascars
that were at Work at George as according as possible
they can spare them or less.

I suppose your Agent at Pondichery that pass
our Ships Company has kept an exact Account in
the Books of the Sums and Quality of those he paid
it will be very material on my Account as they must
must be sent Home and Compleat Books for the Com-
mission of the Navy to Charge the Seamen paid off
with each Ships Wages. I am with great Esteem
Your most Obedient Humble Servant G Pocock

Yarmouth
Nagapatam Road
7th May 1759.

Since writing the above I have a Letter from Capt. Brooke
dated the 5th from Trichengoly, acquainting me
that Capt. Richard Smith would be down here soon
after acquainting you the three French
Ships sent down had not their Part of Provisions
on Board they are to be exchanged. I suppose you have
given Orders thereon

G Pocock

Fort St George 4th May

To George Sugt Engr Fort St George

and Governor of Fort St George

Sir

Letter from Colonel Richard Smith to the Governor of Fort St George

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that I have received Intelligence from Captain Speer of the Honble Company's Ship Success now at Anchor in Aripo Road that he has been boarded by a Boat from the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Suffrein consisting of Two Ships of the Line Two Frigates and a Cutter which Ship Captain Speer informs me has been detained by them during the Time they remained in Aripo Road and that they have taken out of her Two Guns Twenty Barrels of Powder Twenty Muskets and Bayonets and Twenty Cutlasses

I have also received Intelligence from Captain Speer that the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Suffrein consisting of Two Ships of the Line Two Frigates and a Cutter which Ship Captain Speer informs me has been detained by them during the Time they remained in Aripo Road and that they have taken out of her Two Guns Twenty Barrels of Powder Twenty Muskets and Bayonets and Twenty Cutlasses

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To Fort St. George 4th February

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[illegible] to cooperate with her here if she should find a convenient Opportunity of undertaking any thing against that Place — Our Ships of War shall be directed on the Coast as long as the Season will permit, that he may depend upon our using every means in our Power towards the [illegible] Expedition.

Ordered that Captain Knowles do forward

Duplicate to Capt. Knowles
Sent by Ship Success
Dupe to the Fort Thomas

Letter to the same
Separate from Table

this Letter for the Service of the Squadron under his Command

Letter from Mr. Charles Cromwell Oliver

being Read as follows

To the Honble. George Pigot Esqr. Governor &c.
&c. &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble. Sir and Sirs

Letter from Mr. Oliver

Your Commands of the 17th Decemb.
Fell to me not Came to hand in due time, but I have
Fort St. George 4th May 1765 Received by the Ship Anson Capt. Holford and
this Instant Accepted those of the 2d Instant
I most sincerely congratulate your Honours on
the happy Issue of your late Troubles and Sincerely wish
that great Honour may for Ever Attend
Success
the Reign of the Prince and hope
with many good Consequences
Honble. Offices

Anjenga
to Bombay

Mr Rose Thinks he will come with Mr Cranmer in Chief of Anjenga

The Diligent Bombay
Engl. Sound to Bombay
Compd to Anjenga

Letter from Lt. Sturgeon Lieut.

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of the Expence necessary to repair them, but as you
know is so much engaged at present by the other parts
of my Business which cannot be neglected, and the
Master Bricklayer and Carpenter are also employed
about, that I am apprehensive I shall not have time
my Power to furnish the Estimate by Sunset
make, or you expect
Fort House, and the buildings adjoining require the most
immediate Repair, may be made to Estimate and Survey
their several distant uses as soon as possible. I am also
desired to request those which you may
most necessary to be first repaired, and they shall be
with as much Expedition, as the Fortifications will admit
For I suppose it is always your Intention that the
Works carrying on for the Security of
no Account to be neglected. I am with Respect
Honble Sir and Sir Your most Obedient & Humble Servant John Call Engr

Repairs to the Fort House the Lodgings for the
Lodgings Store and the Military Barracks being the
most immediately necessary Ordered that Estimates
be got with as much Expedition as possible, without
interrupting the Progress of the Fortifications requested by
Colonel Lascelles of the Town.

Ordered that it is frequently necessary that Negroes be sent
to Camps at a moment's warning, It is agreed that the Com
Director have Directions to keep fifty Negroes and fifty

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Carriage Bullocks in readiness for this Purpose and that the Governor be directed to employ them upon the Work from whence they may be taken when necessary for the Europe Service.

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in the Country Correspondence N° 93 with those enclosed from Monsieur Leyrit representing that he has with great difficulty collected together an Army and desires Directions in what manner it will be most expedient to dispose of it referring to the Verbal Account of Garmazey Punt who is arrived with the Nabob at Trichenopoly.

It is some Months since the Time allotted for Monsieur Leyrits Troops to come to our Assistance has been expired and as the Bills given by Nellavantaker for the Money advanced on that Account amounting to Rupees twenty five thousand [25,000] have not yet been returned, Ordered that Captain Smith be directed to demand the Bills from Garmazey Punt in whose hands they now remain, and deliver them to Nellevantakers Agent in Trichenopoly, taking his Receipt for the same, that the Money may be refunded without further delay.

Geo. Pigot
John Smith
Boddam
Hud
Wilkes
Call
Alex. Grant

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Joseph Smith Commanding at Trichenopoly conformably to the Resolutions of this days Consultation.

To Capt. Joseph Smith

Sir

Letter to Capt. Joseph Smith at Trichenopoly

We have recd a Letter from Capt. Richard Smith at Negapatam, and from the Admiral on the Subject of the proposed Attempt on Karical, our present Situation, and the State of Ammunition and Warlike Stores at Trichenopoly will not admit of a regular Siege being undertaken As we have acquainted the Admiral but We make no doubt if there should at any time be the least probability of Success from a Surprize, You will concert proper measures with him and Give him the necessary Assistance for putting it in Execution.

Two Bills of Exchange being on the Hands of one Gazmazey Punt given by Nellacandaher to us for the Sum of twenty five thousand Rupees to be paid to the Dalwa on certain Conditions which they have not complied with, As Gazmazey is now at Trichenopoly We would have you demand of him the Bills and deliver them to Back-unjee Gomastah taking from him a Receipt for the Sum which you will send us by Mr. Forrester.

You will procure what Supplies of Fresh Provisions from you can and advise Negapatam for the use of the Squadron now on the Coast

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I am &c. Sir Your most Obedt Servt

To have Compass Pt Christmas at Tanjore

Pd Mr Barthy Magt to be taken out of his hands

At Fort St George 17th May 1759.

At a Consultation Present

George Pigot Esq.r Gov.r President

——— ——— Charles Bourchier

John Payton Henry Van Sittart

Richard Fairfield Samuel Bradley

Charles Turnbull

Mr Smith Secretary

The Proceedings before the Board this Day

Letter from Major Brereton

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

&c &c &c

The Letter received this Day

from Major Brereton

dated the 15th Instant

was read before a Board of Consultation held this Day

Whereupon it was agreed that Major Caillaud

should be directed to write to Major Brereton

that the Board have received Intelligence from Deserters that the Enemy intend to divide their Army into three Parts one to remain at Trevelore at Wandewash and the other to go to Pondicherry and wait for their reinforcement

Major Brereton says that when he has refreshed his Men for three or four Days he will move after them and if possible bring them to a better Action than that of the 10th Instant for then they had the Sun in their Eyes and the Ground was very unfavourable

If the Enemy are to receive any reinforcements

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which I believe is pretty certain. Our business is to engage them before their Arrival for this reason: One is that we dont expect any, and the other that I really believe our Force to be nearly equal reckoning Our sick which is to be more very Numerous

Where they are to receive any reinforcements this Year, and make the shortest possible dispatch. My Opinion would be to continue the Squadron on Coromandel for a Couple of Months, and cover as much Country as possible with the Ships. Till our People being a little accustomed to the Climate, we might march out & attack that Body at Arcot.

Should we find without absolute prejudice to any of the Affairs upon the Malabar Coast that we can spare a Ship or two more, we propose to take up the Bombay Grab and send her to Mocha to carry on the Design against Jannah from whence I am with great Esteem Your most Obedient Servant

Chas. Watson

P.S. Much firing was heard here last Night, supposed to be over the Dutch Squadron

Admiral

Vice Admiral

Rear Admiral

Now to carry on the Design against Jannah

P.S. Much firing was heard here last Night, supposed to be over the Dutch Squadron

Please to Direct the Letter I mean from Coromandel

As it is sufficiently evident that the French are not inclined to hazard an Engagement upon equal Terms

It will be in vain to attempt it by any Stratagem

which cannot only add to the Lustre of your Arms &

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besides impossible for the Company to bear a continuance
of these immense Expences of keeping the Army on the Field,
nor can equivalent Advantages be obtained, as on the pre-
sent State of our Force compared with the Enemys it
would not be in our power to keep the Possession of so ex-
tensive Extent of Country than we now possess, which might not
only over run them. Therefore the Troops should be
withdrawn as it is reported they intend the Army
should do Soon as favourable Opportunity to put the Coast
into Cantonments. As to the several Matters in the
Letters
now in perusing & Agreed that a Letter be wrote to
Major Preston, and to desire he will send Captain
Major Monson not to move from Conjeveram

It is the Opinion of this Company that a Body
of Horse of the Company's Troops to be in the Field
[illegible] Horse of the Nabobs Troops for the
Service set forth in the Consultation the 7th Instant.

We have already urged to Major Preston the
Necessity that General Musters should be taken of the
Company's Troops who receive pay from
the Company, conformable to the Established Regulations
but as we have not received any Answer from him
Agreed to repeat our Representations on this Subject
requesting him at the same time that we should be
very much obliged to receive any Instructions he has

General return of the Troops in the Isle

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between his Majesty's Troops, and those of the Company

By a General Return of the Troops on this Coast taken by

the Brigade Major on the 15th Instant were found be-

for the Towards the Number of Military expected to be

three hundred and forty three Rank and File

Received the following Letter

Land at Camp

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr Brigadier General

Sir Gentlemen of the Council at Fort St George

Brigade Major Call

Land at Camp

The want of Officers with the navy

pertaining to an engagement for these seven days past

duty of supplying myself

with your please

immediate assistance

Gent[lemen] would have made

I hope on this account, you

this Reparation and honor

Coast Lives and Conveyance Give us leave

If their Lives had not deserted the

favor I had put

The Enemy

marched the

this matter

we know is from the

Fort St George make part with

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Conveyance
15th May 1759.

and the Remainder in Pondichery: I shall there to unite
for their respected Establishments. I have the honor to be
with great Respect — Gentlemen — Your most Obedient
and most humble Servants — John Caillaud

There being many Vacancies in our Number of
Council in their Civil Department of Fort St George
the appointment of
it was Agreed that Report be made to Sheldrake and
Smith Buck and Corbidge Esqrs at Bengal and that
Commissions be Sent Overland to be made out for them.

The following Letter from Mr Engineer Call was laid
before the Board and Read with a Plan of the Fort
therein described for strengthening the East Front of the
Town.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq and
and the rest of the Council of Fort St George

Honble Sirs and Sirs

In the Minutes of Consultation of the 11th Instant
I have Projects for strengthening the Fort from
the Bay. The Reasons & Plan accompanying I have
now what I first had to lay before you, and the Ease
may judge more readily of the Utility of what is proposed
I will point out the Considerations on which I form'd the most
therefore to the Eastern Face of the Bulwark
Bastion Curtain and other Works
on the South Front, these Considera-

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Position before the West Side and the Penny-battery

Cartaun and Bastion before the Fort the Trench are made

as near as will be what manner they are proposed to

be [illegible] the Town on those the Batteries will be as near

as possible in an equal State of [illegible] It then remains

aims to determine what the best [illegible] will require

to render it equally secure against the Attack for which

and this will best be done by considering in what manner

the Attack will be made. For it is highly requisite

[illegible] an Enemy the most Exact to avoid the

approaches along the Sea shore when there will be the

least Land and Sea Batteries are finished you are with the

greatest possible and to put it out of [illegible] the

[illegible] with the greatest Attention

[illegible] Batteries. Nothing to

[illegible] but an Opposite [illegible] to

the [illegible] Shipping. The Breach of

[illegible] the [illegible] or the neglect of [illegible] duty

[illegible] respectively may be [illegible] to place over as

[illegible] but cannot well succeed here [illegible] you [illegible]

first at the Battery by the Sea Side. The last Battery

every one will be [illegible] is not enough to be [illegible]

the Ships [illegible] can enough to [illegible]

Guns on the Walls [illegible] Battery must be at

least 300 Yards [illegible] from the Enemy, as

[illegible] Battery [illegible] made secure

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on the beach at the Ravelin over looking the Curtain of the

Town Wall

Sea Face of the Fort which the upper part of that

Curtain would do little harm to the Fort when that

comes to be mounted & is provided against Assault which

we will suppose the Enemy on a Coast like to undertake

by drawing the defendants from the Batteries on the Beach

or by landing in Boats. To oppose such an Enterprize it

will be necessary to have a Battle Line of Cannon and

Musquetry, and the Walls should be of a reasonable

height: At present they are not so in several places

behind the Town Wall 25 Foot and the length of the Beach

West not the least defence can be made even with

Musquetry, not a single Man without difficulty pass

along.

To remedy these material Defects many Plans may

be laid down but how to do it with the least Expence of

Time and Money and the least Inconvenience to the Inha-

bitants & I think the grand Point to which every

the Excellency of the Designs always supposing the De-

fence equal or such as is necessary. Shou neither of the

Projects in the annexed Plans may have these Perfections

yet that marked F. S. is what appears to me most eli-

gible on the foregoing Principles and is to be executed af-

ter the following manner.

The Front Rooms of the several Houses in Fort

Street next the Town Wall which are now or are

soon to be pulled down must be entirely pulled down as the

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Materials wanted. There ought then to be a space of
[illegible] between the Inner Wall and the Earthen Rampart
of 30 feet wide for a Street of 10 feet broad and give a
Rampart of 18 after allowing the slope of the inner facing
and the additional thickness of the Parapet which I pro-
pose to make 4 feet thick of solid Masonry. The Rampart
between the outer and inner Wall is to be raised
an Height of three Tenths on a full Center. in width 15 feet
at the Base 5 feet high the Earth being divided by partition Walls
every 16 feet wide allow 12 lodgments capable of contain-
ing 6 Company's of men, and leaving the intervals
for a Lookroom to which there will be a Passage
from the partition Walls from every Lodgment.
[illegible] Entrance of each Casemate there
a Door and two Windows towards the Street, and two
Ports or Holes towards the Sea, which might occasionally
serve for small Guns. The Sea Wall may be seen in the Plan
& Section thro the thickness of the whole Rampart.
From the End of Garden Alley at [illegible] I propose to ma-
king the Sea Gate Arches at [illegible] and to make a roomy Ram-
Wall which is now low and to make a roomy Ram-
part for heavy Cannon as represented at [illegible] but no
Arches over it made under it except a small [illegible] for a Well
gazone. The Sea Arches must remain [illegible] altered
but being higher than the rest of [illegible] necessary
Ramps will be made up to them at [illegible] and the
Ground [illegible] Street [illegible] Gate and place

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Plan of the Additions and Alterations above described as
intended to convert the East Front of Fort St. George into
able to resist any Attacks by Sea or Land. It is
to consider what the Expence will
with of Works herewith sent
Of private People will
a space of 30 feet from the
as may be seen by the particulars
45 feet be cleared as is intended
Powder in the Laboratory is computed
so that the Expence is 15/.
of a Scale 25 feet broad are so much greater than one
feet as the Expence between the two Scales will be
Direction of the Honorable Board. For the Buildings
behind St. Thomas Street nothing is to be allowed, be-
cause no Batteries Plans are resolved on for York Alley no
Fortifications are to be made there without a very great
Detriment to the Fort
dug the Ditches and Rampart to the North by
Sea Gate and round the Bastion to the
I believe at least
by being an independent Work. It shall not exclude
the Expence thereof
Expence of the Bastions behind St. Thomas Street
more than 2,000 Pagodas nearer Luxpence
Persons will turn the Stone under it or the produce
by least to

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The Alteration and Additions to be made on the East Front
will be 3 1825 Pagodas charge Sum[m] for[e]seen considering
the many other heavy Expences of the same kind to be out
of Consequence of the Judgment for Godown on Peons
Square and for Comb proof Barracks in Lieu of
Sugr will in great measure compensate the Expence
The Sentinel N.4 thro the Street, Compasses and
Pitch before to shew another Bastion to be built
of 30 feet and the Rampart 24 feet which will be
slope on the Walls and over anyon the Parapet will re-
quire a Breadth of 30 feet, and consequently take off for
the private Buildings which will on a moderate
all those that Front York Bastion and extent of 24
3825 Pagodas occasion an Expence of 10,700 Pagodas
this as the Arches can only be 15 feet broad Cheyses must
be turned against the Town Walls Bastion Wall must stop
for the present N.5 & 6 must be filled in with the Earth which will
be an additional Exp[en]ce of 5000 Pagodas
then in the Length of York Alley increase the expence of
the first 10,750 Pags and the only difference between
Street and Rampart. Let it therefore be enquired what
advantages will arise from thence. The use of the
part can only be to transport Cannon from the Centre
fort to the N.E. Bastion, or to draw up a Body of
Men three deep 18 feet will suffice for that purpose

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as well as 24 or 30. and even for forty would prove that
as to the Work on that part of the Fortress compleat for
Convenience can as yet spare its being only so rendered upon
Alloy is no more at present to be expected for the
regard. However should any to apprehended for
for a small Sum as now proposed to be enlarged
Another Method of Securing the Walls
Rampart is represented at [illegible]
works from for near [illegible] the
Lapices would be doubly secured, and the Men
not be quite so liable, and Easy. It is on that
to be rejected
Submitting these Projects to your Consi
Fort S.t George — rations I am with the greatest Respect. Honble Sir
16.th May 1759 and &c — Your most Obed.t and most humble Servt
Servt — John Cobb Engr

Copy of Letter from the Committee of Works to the Inhabitants with an Estimate of the Expence
Inhabitants will sustain by the Execution of the
Work as follows
Fort S.t George 17.th May 1759
To the Honble George Pigot Esqr Governor & Gover
and the rest of the Gentlemen of the Council of Fort S.t George
Gentlemen Sir and Sirs
Agreable to your orders in Council the 26.th April
we have estimated the loss of the Inhabitants
by the execution of the Projects which the Engr
herewith — That this Estimation might be as Exact
with the greatest Justice we have not only objected

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We have now Estimated but have made the Master Bricklayer and Carpenter also compute the Sqr each Room would cost new, and from their Computation we have concluded on that as a Measure whereby we Fort St George may Estimate the Repairs of the 7th May 1759 Houses of our most Distant and most humble Servant

Chs Pratt Jno Lowe Wm Tolley Charles Forster

Estimate of the Repairs to be done to the Inhabitants to make the Inhabitants to sustain the Repairs of the Houses laid down by the Engineer

York Alley to make Room for some additions to the Fortifications on the Eastern Front

No 1 Jno Sutton's Ground measures from A° to A° 30 Feet & to take down the Buildings thereon which are habitable to the distance of 20 Feet & is 30 Feet in Length of Front of 25 Feet to be taken the Loss will be		
No 2 Cantres Ground measures from A° to A° 49 Feet and to take down the Buildings thereon which are much inhabited to the Distance of 20 Feet and will be a Loss of		150
And 25 Feet be taken the Loss will be		
No 3 Ralph Taylor Ground measures from A° to A° 78 Feet with upper & lower rooms the upper rooms above these below are only habitable to take them Loss will be		600
And to take		

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Brought Over £ 1678 — 10 —

Mr Samuel Trenchards Ground measures from N° to S° 118 feet & has thereon upon it lower Rooms but those above are vested & to take Down the lower part to the distance of 120 feet & will be a loss of — 700 — and 18 of Ft & it are taken the Ft will be — 1120 —

Mr John Smiths Ground measures from N° to S° 92 ft & has thereon 2 Lower Rooms which have lately been Built upon & to be taken down the Ft will be — 736 —

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Brought Over £ 2150 — — 10 —

Ch: Bourchier
Sam: Ardley
Charles Turner
John Call

The Lords Report set forth in Mr Call's Letter appear to be very reasonable & to have all respects well calculated for strengthening the Fortifications along the East Front of the Town and Ordered that he be directed to carry the same into Execution according to the said Plan, and as the Commodiousness of extending the Breadth on the East Bastion to fifty feet instead of thirty feet will well answer the end & add to the strength of the Fortification & the Pagodas five hundred & fifty five fanams be paid to the Inhabitants in consideration of the loss that will accrue to them on account of a Part of their Buildings to be removed as may be necessary for the purpose according to the Calculate of the Committee of Works. Ordered that the Spaces

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news of our advancing to his Assistance that he has exer-
-ted himself greatly beyond what could be Expected for the Defence
of this City, and has constantly repulsed the repeated attacks
that have been made against it. He must consult Colo.
-nel Caillaud best what is proper to be done,
which I take to be the last Step in order to
put an end to the Siege more or less
hard. The Enemy are said to be so far off as to prefer
Sir Robert Barker's Ransom to Peace therefore
-ble to Sir Robert the Gentlemen had lodged themselves
in the Dutch, which it seems is secure from the Fury of
the Place. However I am persuaded Mr
Matthews, whom I detached forward with 1000 Europe
has got in, he will find means to secure them further off
if he do not oblige them to raise the Siege. Enough this
day. Sir Robert Barker
of Colaa met their Lady Carnac
[illegible] being to me having sundry Letters and Cheques
[illegible] said with a Summons from the Nizam
Mr Mathews took him and his people Prisoners ex-
cept the person whom he suffered to come on and who
has brought this Account. I have sent an order for Cosby
Evans immediate return and shall therefore [illegible]
able to acquaint you with his Business

I hope very shortly to bring matters here to so
happy an Issue that you may safely countermand
the orders last sent to Col Forde, and allow him after

Fort St George 15th May 1759.

Mr Henry Brooke the Garrison Storekeeper now
Com[in]g off the Board an Account of the Sandalwood re-
ceiving and the weight shall Charge the Honble Compa
with of the Same Built for a Garrison Godown

Sandalwood and Sundry small Articles re-
ceiving in Store

This day for the use of the Garrison Viz.t

Sandalwood				303840 Weight
Tamarind	10¼	Bags	Neat	37 : 13 : 4
Chitties	87	D°	D°	11 : 11 : 5
Pepper	20	D°	D°	3 : 8 : 8
Turmerick	11¼	D°	D°	3 : 3 : —
Cummin Seeds	10	D°	D°	2 : 2 : 27
Senagreek	5	D°	D°	2 : 1 : 13
Tobacco	50	Bale	D°	9 : 15 : 20
Betle Nut	24	Bags	D°	5 : 4 : 8
Leaves for Plates				20,000
Salt	fine	398	Maunds	Garse. Maunds
D°	Coarse	5	Garse	5 : 2 : 28 : 3

E. E.
J. Henry Brooke

Ordered that the Sandalwood be sent in Store
that all the small Articles be sold off as soon as they
may be paid in which there is Occasion

Letter from Lieut Paul Cannon Read as entered
in the Country Correspondence Vide Advice Boat it
appears he has received Intelligence that Salabat Jung has
placed his Artillery on several Points near to Guti
Gulpalam he does not think but adviseably the

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Letter to Mazulipatam

Consult Should get proceed to Bengal or stay for the Answers that it will be best to wait a more favourable Opportunity

Agreed that a Letter be wrote on a Cossa to Jaffa Cann to acquaint him that the Court received his from Terpasore and to desire that on their Arrival at Vellour he will acquaint the Officer with the Letter for Mazulipatam and let him know when it will be a proper time to continue his March and he will take his Measures accordingly:

George Pigot

W Brereton

Stephen Sykes

Henry Vansittart

Rich Fairfield

Sam Bradley

Charles Stevens

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Letters to Major Booth

Sir

Letter to Admiral Pocock

Fort St George 15th May 1759

Pursuant to the Honble Admiral Pocock's Letter dated the 2d Instant

I have Ordered the Stock of Stores and Provisions at this Place to be carefully

Survey'd and Examined, and I find that the Quantity of Provisions

will by no means allow of a Siege, but should any attempt be made

upon this Place during the Stay of the Squadron, I shall endeavour

to get in the Grain from Pondicherry

We shall detain the Company's Ships upon the Coast

as long as possible and We will make use of every Opportu-

nity in our Power to Recruit your Squadron, but We fear

the Ships here at present are unequal in Force to the Mar

Dec. and Bristol.

After I have already sent your Agent to acquaint

the Governor of the Provisions used on the Siege before you

to His Majesty

The Duke of Dorset is not yet arrived, nor has the

Chief of Bengal sent us any Intelligence since the Departure

of the Diligent except a Confirmation of the agreement

of Admiral Boscawen having taken Command of

the Fleet in the room of Admiral Pocock who is to proceed

Fort St George
15th May 1759

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem
Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
George Pigot

[illegible] Fort St. George 21st May 1759

At a Consultation present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President

John Smith — Charles Bourchier

Monday — John Pybus — Henry Van Sittart

21st May — Richard Fairfield — Samuel Eardley

Charles Turner

Received the following Letter from Major Preston being an answer to that wrote him from the Board the 17th Instant

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr Governor and the Gentlemen of the Council of Fort St. George

Sirs

Letter from Major Preston

I received your Letter dated yesterday and write from the Field Office on Comps of your design of putting the troops into Cantonments round the Enemy divide their Forces. Tho' it may be a favourable opportunity of attacking a part of them yet the great expence of keeping the Field and the sickness of the regiments make me be of opinion that the first is to be avoided. Tho' I think the Troops can be so cantoned as to march out and attack Arcott before the Enemy can know of our design, and if we were once to Post ourselves to the Southward of Arcott they could not relieve it without engaging us.

I have this Instt received two Letters from Major Monson. He says that Mr Saltly left them because

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Answers to the Representation of the Inhabitants relating to the Duties of Shawing Guards &c.

Master Attendant &c. Fort St. George

Accounts of Horses thro' Orissa to send 200 Men and Provett as many into Mondeswaka and the rest to go to Pondicherry.

In a former Letter that I received from You, you seemd to require that his Majestys Troops should be mustered by your Commissary, for which I intended to have answerd you.

Give me leave to tell you Gentlemen this is a thing unprecidented, and I cannot depart from the Forms established by his Majesty for the Regulation of his Troops without making myself liable to the censure of my Superiors. The Cheques to the Commissary of Musters and Foreigners in Europe are the returns of the several Corps. These are held most sacred, and are very explicit. You may not like this or any other Regulation for the Troops of the Company; but this is no reason that his Majesty are to be directed by them.

Both the same Orders that I am ready to accompany and Regiments for the Interest of the Company; I am obliged to maintain the Rules and Orders of His Majesty.

This is all Sir I could make you answer not unwelcome upon; but it is absolutely necessary for the Regulation of Your Affairs. It shall not be said that I was away. I have Sir—I am—Sirs—With great Esteem—Your most Obedient Servant—Chas. Boureton

Mount
7th May 1759.

Mr Colonel Adlercron made any Representation regarding the General Musters of the Troops

Fort St. George 21st Feby 1759

Letter from the Govr
& Counc
to Tranquebar

To the Hond.e Governor and Council

Honoured Friends

By the royall Danish Eastindia Company's
Vessell called the Crown Prince of Denemarke, Commanded
by Captain Jorgen Dixen, arrived here the 26th Instant. We
have received a Letter from the said Company of Directors
wherein we perceive that it has pleased the Directors, accor
ding to the Capt.n and Governor Steyn's request, to Dismis
him from the Government and in the place of him appoint
ed Councellor of Justice Hendrick Pet. Menger to Governor
thereof and the Voyage the 15th January 1759 Past. In the
meantime has the former Governor kept the same according to
Custom continued in our and Directors Letter delivered upon this
Government the 6th of this Month and it is from Governed by
us Mayor as Interim Governor and Chief, and Directors and
married Councellors whereof 1 Councellor and Secretary For the
with the before mentioned regate
fleet is arrived Vucka Fa[illegible] of this our Government, we
striving of the Attempts
no which have lately
taken place in that Go
vernment

Neglect to [illegible]
Honorable Governor and Council
as our most Honourable Friends
me for the [illegible]
our Side [illegible]
to preserve the
[illegible]
Condition Trade
wherewith we always have the Honor to [illegible]
Honoured Friends Your most Obed.t &
[illegible] Steyn — L. H. Pfeiffer — P. Tabb —

Fort Dansborg
12th May 1759

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Agreed that an Answer be wrote to the Governor & Council at Tranquebar acknowledging the Receipt of their above Letter: and to assure them we accept with pleasure their Offers of Friendship: and are ready on our parts to cultivate and improve the same upon all Occasions

Country Letters Read viz.

Letter from Mahomed Yusuff

1st & 2d From Mahomed Yusuff Cawn advising that as he was not able to keep the Tanjore and Mudonie Troops under his Command longer than 1 Years to come Salabut he thought it to be agreeable from that which he pitch now Entered and that he arrived at Tagada on the 3rd Inst

Letter from Ramarazu Polygar

99 From Ramarazu Polygar expressing his Satisfaction & Concern for the Certain Offers at the Coast and that he shall answer Application in his Power towards the Peopetty Desired And 100 from Ramarazu Punt the Polygar at Peopetty advising that the Cawn Appahey has taken the Management of that District

Letter from Ramarazu the Tasildar of Peopetty

again according to our late Agreement and that the Peopetties shall be regularly made to the stipulated Terms of Payment

Appahey has arrived there & take the Management of Affairs

The Storekeeper acquaints the Board that there are no Planters remaining in the Companys Store and that he was not wanted to convey ashore the military Stores sent from Bengal on the Leopard Snow lately arrived

Planters wanted in the Company's Store

Ordered that Application be made to the Naval Storekeeper for the Planters required or that they may either be replaced out of the Companys Store the first Opportunity or the Cost defrayed & he shall accordingly

Application Depose to the Naval Storekeeper for Planters

Mr. Nelson Assistant
appointed for
assist the Laboratory

Johan Ostrandberg
Esqr

Report
Ship a Danish Ship
arrived from
Squadron expected

Mr. Nelson

The Secretary Secretary represented that it would be very useful to have a General Director of the Laboratory & ordered that Mr. William Nelson Lieutenant Fireworker do act in that Capacity and that he have an extraordinary Allowance of five Pagodas p Month.

The Intelligence Paper from Pondichery mentions that it was reported the Danish Ship lately arrived at Trinc[illegible] had met with the French Squadron in her Passage and brought a Packet from Mr. Pocock to Mr. Lally

George Pigot
John Stables
Thomas Hodgson
John Lindsay
Henry Vansittart
Rich. Caunfield
Andrew Ogilvy
Charles Turner