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The Consultations and Diary Book of Robert Palk Esq. President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George in their Secret Department containing their Proceedings in Military Affairs and Transactions with the Country Government. —

Began the 1st January 1761

Fort St. George 1st January 1761

Came in the following Letter from M^r. Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq.
President and Governor and the Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St. George
Hon^{ble} Sir &c. &c.

Came from M^r.
Floyer

several Bullocks
to Chingleput
and Pondicherry

we been favored with Your Directions
under date the 22^d Instant, concerning the making up
of Forts, which shall be duly attended to.

I received Yesterday a Letter from Major
Dreston, desiring I would deliver to the Nabob such a
Number of Camp Carriage Bullocks, which were in this
Garrison, as he might want for conveying Rice to the
Army; and of such as he did not want; He desired one
half to be sent to Chingleput for Powder; and the other
half with all the draft Bullocks, to Pondicherry; to convey the
which have been dispatched thither to the Army

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In Consequence whereof, I Yesterday dispatched 100 Carriage Bullocks to Chingleput and 120 Carriage with 660 draught Bullocks to M^r. James Daniell at Tondi, who Major Preston informs me, has been sent thither to take Care of the Stores.

The Nabob informs me that he has above 12000 Pounds of Gunpowder, ready to deliver into my Charge, but as it is all loose and ^{we have} no empty Barrels to put it into, I have deferred receiving it, untill some of those arrive from Camp, which Your Honor &c. have been pleased to inform me, You have directed to be sent thither. I will then immediately receive from the Nabob, such a Quantity thereof as the Barrels can contain. I remain with great Respect,

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obedient
Humble Servant

Charles Foyers

A^t. Received the following Letter from M^r. James Daniell at Tondi.

To the Honorable Robert Patk Esq^r.
President and Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George.

Letter from M^r.
Daniell.

Arrives with
the Stores and
Military at Tondi
which are landed

Honorable Sir & Sirs

I have now the Pleasure of informing You of the arrival of Your Military and Stores at Tondi the 19th Instant, and I have this Day advised Major Preston, that I shall very soon be ready to execute whatever Orders he may Honor me with, as the Stores under my Care will in all probability be landed in two or three Days Time.

Immediately on my arrival here I sent the Chouliah Man to the Amuldar to enquire into the safety of disembarking the Men, & finding a few Seapoyes here from Camp and no Danger to impede our landing, M^r. Maitland disembarked the Soldiers,

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and I have not the least Reason to fear any Difficulty
in Landing the Stores, or their security when landed.

The Vessel mentioned in my Instructions to
have been sent from hence by M^r. Taylor to Cuddalore
I have already got Intelligence of; She is now at Ma-
nabacotte a small Village in the Tanjore District
about ten Leagues to the Northward of this Place, the
strong Southwardly Winds she met with, not permitting
her to get farther on her Passage. I shall therefore im-
mediately send a Person for her, and when she arrives
shall forward the Stores to Major Preston, as soon as I re-
ceive his Orders concerning them.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most
Obliged Humble Servant

Ja^s. Daniell

Tondy

28th December 1763

7th Came in the following Letter from M^r. Calland at Cuddalore

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq^r.

President & Governor &c.^a Gentlemen of the
Select Committee of Fort St. George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Letter from M^r.

Calland

Agreeable to Your Letter of the 28th Ultimo, A List
of the Subadars and Jemondars doing Duty here, with
their Time of Service &c.^a comes enclosed; as also the Monthly
Report of Issues and Remains of Stores for last Month.

I am with Respect

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t humble servant

John Calland

Cuddalore

5th Janry 1764

Arrived this Day our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Pitt from
England last from Rio Janeiro with 250 Military, she had on
Board when she left England 267 Military including Officers
of whom 13 died on the Passage and at Rio Janeiro 15 deserted
at that Place, and 11 were entertained there.

I Received the following Letter from M^r. James Daniell at Tondy

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Daniell

Honble Sir & Sirs

Advices of the ar-
rival of the Nep-
tune and two
Tories at Tondi
with the Military
and Stores.

I have the Pleasure of acknowledging the
Receipt of Your Letter of the 15th and of acquainting You
with the arrival of the Neptune Schooner, Captain Roror
with the two Tories under his Command the 22nd Instant
and also of the Vessel from Manabacotte, to which Place
I advised You in my last, I had sent a Messenger for her.
I have therefore now enclosed a list of Stores on those four
sets to Major Preston, which I am landing with all possible
Expedition.

The Stores which arrived with Me in the Boat
Coja Petro, I have already landed without any deficiency, and
as soon as I am able to land the rest, shall forward a List
of all the Stores which I have received here, to Major Preston
and another to You, with an Account of what few may be
deficient.

Permit me to assure Your Honor &c. that no
Diligence or Perseverance shall be wanting in Me, to execute
the Commands I am honored with, as much to the Satis-
faction and Approval of the Commander in Chief as Yourself
I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most obliged humble serv^t

Jas. Daniell

The following Letter was at the same Time received from
Lieutenant Calvert.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take this first Opportunity of acquainting You
that I arrived at Tondi, with the Detachment under my
Command on the 22nd December 1763 where I found Lieut
Maitland, and conformable to Your Orders, I put myself &
them under his Command. The Return of the Detachment
which I received with my Orders was 60 Men Commissioned.

Tondi
24th Dec^r 1763

Letter from Lieut^t
Calvert. arrives
at Tondi puts
himself under the
Command of L^t
Maitland.

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Officers and Private Men, but on reviewing them which I could
I found a Man more. I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tondi

23rd December 1763

With due Respect Your most Obedient &ble. Servant

Matthias Catcott

Came in the following Letter of Tippias from the President
and Council at Fort William

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council at
Fort St George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Fort Wil-
liam

Our last on Military Affairs advised You of the
Surrender of Mong-heer, and that the Army was proceeding
on to Patna — We have now the Pleasure to acquaint
You of the Reduction of that Place by Assault the 6th Instant
and that the Army has since marched to the Westward in
Pursuit of Cossim Ally Cawn who seems yet undetermined which
Route to take for Shelter.

It is with the deepest Concern that We are obliged
to cloud the Joins of this Important Success with the Infor-
mation of a most unheard of Scene of Cruelty. About the beginning
of the Month of October, Cossim Ally Cawn gave Orders for putting
to Death all the Gentlemen who were Prisoners in his Hands
which Orders were carried into Execution / as well against
them as all the Private Men, who remain'd in his Power
in a most barbarous Manner, and attended with many
Circumstances shocking to Humanity which We therefore
think need less to relate.

Since these Troubles have been Productive of
such unhappy Consequences, We are very sensible of the
Necessity of giving a full Account of the Causes of the War.
But as these Causes cannot be fully explained without
giving an entire Detail of the Proceedings of our Council
for some Months together / the General Letter We proposed
sending You referring in most Parts to the Minutes thereof
We can transmit them only to the Court of Directors & leave

cannot transmit
a particular Acc.
of the Revolution
there —

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it to them to give the necessary Information to the
Publick.

We are

Fort William

25th November 1763

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & able Servants

Henry Van Sittart

Warren Hastings

Rand^t Marriott

W. Wallis

McSenior

Received the following Letter from Captain Wood Command-
ing at Trichinopoly -

To the Honible Robert Patk Esq^r
President & Governor & the Gentlemen

of the Council

Letter from Captain

Wood -

Sends in a

List of Subadars

&c

Honible Sir & Sirs

I had the Pleasure to receive Your agreeable
Letter Yesterday. of the 28th of last Month and agreeable to Your
Request I have now the Honor to enclose Your Roll of the
Subadars & Zemidars of the 6th & 13th Battalion of Scapors
doing Duty in this Garrison, and the Dependencies
belonging to it, which I believe will be right & agree with
the Form You have sent here. I have the Honor to remain
Honible Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obed^t & very obliged toble servant

John Wood

At a Consultation Present
Robert Patk Esq^r Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield,
Charles Turner

John Call

Mess^{rs} Ardley and Heath indisposed

The President informs the Board that He
had made Enquiry into the Treatment the Military ones

Capt Jackson's

Trichinopoly
3rd Janry 1764

Monday
9th Janry

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Behavior to the
Military commended.
Commissions

to the Officers arrived
on the Pitt

with on Board the Pitt and that the Officers spoke much in
Praise of Captain Jackson's Behaviour & of his Care of the

The following Officers having been appointed on
England to the Care of the Military on Board the Pitt. It is
Ordered that Commissions be made out for them from the
following Dates.

Robert Villiers Fitzgerald Captains Commission of Jan^{ry} 1st
William Rogers..... Lieutenants 9th.....
John Chandler } Ensigns.....
Charles Brady } 11th & 13th Jan^{ry}

And as more Officers are still wanted in the
Field. Resolved that Ensigns Commissions be also prepared
for Mess^{rs} John Seale } to be dated { 11th Jan^{ry} 1764
Edward Jacob } 13th ditto

as Mess^{rs} Thomas Bruce and Seale have been do-
ing Duty in Camp a considerable Time before the arrival
of the above Gentlemen. It is ordered that Ensigns Com-
missions be made out for them to be dated 1st and 2^d Jan^{ry}.
And General Lawrence having strongly recommended
Samuel Dawson for his good Behaviour during 16 Years
Service. It is resolved that an Ensigns Commission be given
him to be dated 3^d Jan^{ry} and that he be appointed to do
Duty with the Seapoys.

Mess^{rs} Bruce
Seale appointed
Ensigns.

Samuel Dawson
appointed an
Ensign

Mess^{rs} Whitheare
and Oaks made
1st Fireworkers.

Lieutenant Fireworkers Commissions are also
ordered to be made out for Mess^{rs} Robert Whitheare & Thomas
Oaks to be dated the 11th & 13th Jan^{ry}.

Captⁿ Comyns
is granted to
Captⁿ L^t Humphrey
Harper & Captⁿ L^t
Commission to L^t
Humphrey

Ordered also that a Captains Commission be
made out for Captain Lieutenant Humphrey Harper, & a
Captain Lieutenants Commission for Lieutenant James Fitz-
gerald to be dated the 1st Instant, the latter to be appointed
to Do Duty with the Seapoys.

Volunteers
admitted into
Service

The following Persons who arrived on the Pitt
having offered themselves as Volunteers are admitted Viz^t
John Bowman
Matthew Thelwall
John Siddley
Marriette

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Mr. William Shaw who came out on the Sapwing Snow is also admitted as a Volunteer.

Stores & Milit^y
to be put on
Board the Pitt
for Pondi.

As the Pitt hath been appointed in the other Department to carry the Military and Stores to Pondi; It is Ordered that they be sent on Board as soon as she is ready to receive them.

226 Seapoyes sent
from Vellore to
Chingleput.

Read a Letter from Major Campbell Commanding at Vellore dated 31st Ult^o advising that he hath sent 226 new raised Seapoyes to Chingleput, & that he had furnished them with French Arms, and recommends their being Cloathed.

Ordered to
be Cloathed.

Ordered that Cloathing of Perpetuances which will not come so dear as other Cloathing be provided for them for the present; & that Stoppage be made out of their Pay for the same.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Lucas Surgeon at Trummore.

Letter from Mr. Lucas

Sir,

The Encouragement offered to the Officers of His Majesties 96th Regiment to remain in this Country & to enter into the Service of the Honble Company, by a prospect of their Rank as well as half pay being secured to them, induces me to take the Liberty of thus Offering my Service in hopes of meeting with the same Encouragement, as having the Honor to bear His Majesties Commission as one of his Surgeons entitles me to half pay equal to that of a Captain.

Applies to come
into the Service
as Surgeon General.

The Misfortune I have laboured under in not having my necessary Orders or Instructions sent to this Country, will I hope be no Obstacle to my Enjoyment of this Rank in the Honble Companys Service, that I am enabled to in his Majestys, namely of Surgeon General which Mr. Briggs being called to the Enjoyment of his Place in Madras, leaves at present Vacant, from my long Service in His Majestys Military Hospital.

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Commissioner I bear I cannot accept of any Place that is not Superior to those You have been pleased lately to appoint but Confident of Your Candour beg leave most respectfully to Submit the whole to Your Discretion -

By Order of Colonel Monson I have had Charge of this Hospital from my first arrival. with Orders to remain untill his Corps were relieved, the small Party that are here now are in daily Expectation of marching, at which Time I must in Justice to the Gentlemen in Your Service, quit this Place, tho' in my most humble Opinion, more Surgeons as well as Assistants, are absolutely necessary here on this present Emergency -

On leaving England five complete Chests of Medicines were put on Board the Grosvenor Indiaman for the use of His Majesty's Forces in India, to be disposed of by me as I thought necessary for the good of the Service, with three complete Sets of Capital Instruments 12 of Pockett with Lancetts, Scalpels & every other necessary for the Field in Proportion, which were all landed tho' some damaged by the Surf at Madras, those Medicines & Instruments that escaped the Surf, were almost totally lost from Calcutta to Trichinopoly by the Carts breaking & being frequently in Water, of those remaining when ordered to join the Army I filled up my Field Dispensary, which has been repeatedly fitted since for the use of the Sick & Wounded Blacks as well as Europeans -

As the Medicines & every other necessary belonging to a General Hospital at the Conclusion of a War, become the Property of a Person personally presiding over the same, I have taken the Liberty to mention the Loss the Expence of them is committed to Your Judgment, flattering myself with the Honor of receiving an Acknowledgement for my Attendance, Expence & Loss of Medicines, Instruments &c. and if I should be so happy as to have the Honor of Ranking myself among the Number of the Senior Surgeons in the Honble Company's Service on this Coast, I shall

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Supplies for Brim-
stone —
I am to request Your Honor will be pleased to send
me a supply of that Article; all the Expedition papers
shall be used in making the Gunpowder.

I am,

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Willing

George Pyne

Vellour

5th January 1764

Ordered to be sent

Ordered that six Cans of Brimstone be imme-
diately sent to Vellour.

Read the following Letter from Major Prestons
Commanding the Army

To the Honorable Robert Patk Esq.
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the
Council of Fort St. George.

Letter from Major

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Preston gives an
account of the
Maratha Affairs.

I have received the Honor of Your Letter of the
16th Instant, enclosing therein You had received from the
war. Moudon Vigier, Raganarda, Veydah, who was then
for that Country the King himself being in his Infancy
since Dead; & Damodera Pilla is a acknowledged Regent
his Head. Not only the Capital, but the whole Country
already under his Management.

When Colonel Monson was pleased to go
me from Trichinopoly, Damodera Pilla & Fardiah
both attended me. The Nawab desired me to consider the
Persons of great Consequence to the Expedition. One
as I was marching thro' the Noleotah Country, they
me in a great Hurry to ask my Assistance against
Regent, telling me very plainly, that unless I could
it them, they could not give their principal Assistance
the Army in so effectual a Manner as they wished.
The Regent they told me had actually declared
self on the Side of the Rebel. That
of had sent a great

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Order was come to him to return that Instant to Raman-
poor, or to Resign his Chop of Dolloway; For that he was no
such to that Court. Damodera Pilla then gave me a History
of the Regent, that accounted very reasonably for a Resolution
he had come to of not obeying the Summons; But of taking
first Opportunity of Revengeing a number of unheard Cruelties
that his Predecessors, Relations, Friends & Countrymen had
experienced at the Hands of this same Regent, He made
him out a Monster of Tyranny that was no longer to be
suffered; & that his Troops were every where, upon the Point
of revolting. This He urged, a very pressing Motive to them to
march, without loss of Time to the rescue of the Young King
and several great Families (his own included) whom the
Regent had just thrown into Confinement, and he told
me very seriously, that if I could not assist him with a
or two, or some Companies of Sepoys he would trust himself
to the Fidelity of the Troops that then offered themselves to
follow him, the Affections of his Countrymen, and the Good-
ness of his Cause; and march directly against the Regent
who was then in Ramanandapoor. But I prevailed on him
after much Intreaty and Persuasion, to have Patience
enough to wait by me till I could have an Answer to a
Letter which I immediately wrote upon the occasion to
Colonel Morison. With the Colonel's Answer, the Nabob sent me
his Braminny (Guntoor Venkitachidam) to consult with me
in what Manner I could best act in this Affair for his Son.
Nothing less would content either Damodera Pilla or Sundia
Pilla (for the latter was equally exasperated against the
Regent as the former) than my promising in the Name of
the Company and the Nabob, that Damodera Pilla should
have all the Assistance from the Army he could in reason
require against the Regent, immediately upon
the Reduction of Madurai; upon Condition that He and
Sundia Pilla should form in their Attachments to the Nabob
during the Time of the Expedition. The above Letter

18 Fort St George January 12th 1764

12th Sent the following Letter for Preston Commanding the Army -

To Major Preston
Commanding the Army.

Letter to Major Preston Sir,

We have recd your Letter of the 30th December and are well satisf^d with the Account You have given us of the Affairs at Marawar, as well as with Your Conduct therein -

We have Pleasure to acquaint You that the Pitt arrived here Instantly brought us 250 very good Recruits, We shall in a very few Days dispatch her with those Men ^{as well} as with the Artillery Men We are able to send back the heavy Guns & other Stores to Pondicherry You will therefore be pleas'd to send thither all the transport Carriages & all the Carriage Bullocks You are able - We are

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12th January 1764

Sir,

Your most Humble Servant
Robert Dutton

Dispatched at the same Time the following Letter to Lucas at Tirumboor.

To Mr Lucas
Surgeon at Tirumboor

Letter to Mr Lucas Sir,

Our President hath communicated to him of the 28th December - The List of the Army hath been long abolished, and as there will be only the Company's Troops We shall not think it necessary to again to establish it - The Surgeons we now have are of long standing in the Service and we cannot think of sup-
planting those Gentlemen, whose Behaviour we have had no Reason to complain of. -

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and We shall very readily, if it is agreeable to You, receive You into the Service as Surgeon next in Rank to him; We purpose that You shall continue to have the Management of the Hospital at Sea, and You may be assured that the same Application shall be made to His Majesty in Your behalf, as in behalf of the other Officers of His Majesty's Regiments who have engaged in the Service.

When an Account of the Medicines and Instruments has been laid before Us, We will endeavour to make You a reasonable Allowance for what may have been expended.

We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George
12th Janry 1764

14th Came in the following Letter from Captain Clark at Vellore
To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor of Fort St. George
& Council.

Letter from Capt.
Clark.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Very Agreeable to Your Orders I have made the strictest Enquiry, I possibly could about the Lead that is missing, and inclosed I send the Examination of the People that are Prisoners on that Account. At a former Examination the Moorman impeached a Buzar Man named Culla Chitty, I sent to the Cutchwall to make the strictest Search he could for him or any of his Family, and at the same Time I sent out Sepoys to search for him. I found He with his Family went off, to a Place called Fortany about three Days march to the Northward of this Place; the Day I apprehended the Moorman

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t & most humble servant
John Clark

Vellore
12th Janry 1764

Mulla, a Black Woman servant to Paul de Costa was detected on the 10th of Nov. 1763 carrying a Pigg of Lead out of the Fort, concealed under a Basket. Being examined says, That the Piece she was

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Sir

Fort St. George
12th January 1764

Your most humble Servant
Robert Palk

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To Mr. Lucas
Surgeon at Tirumboor

Letter to Mr. Lucas Sir

Our President hath Communicated to the Army of the 28th Decem^r The Post of Surgeon General. The Army hath been long abolished, and as there will be it necessary to establish it. The Surgeons are now have no standing in the Service and We cannot think of sup-
pling those Gentlemen, whose Behaviour we have had no Reason to complain of. Mr. Gray who is at Marulba is next to Mr. Palk is the Youngest Surgeon on the List

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and We shall with readiness, if it is agreeable to You, receive You into the Service as Surgeon next in Rank to him; We purpose that You shall continue to have the Management of the Hospital at Camp and You may be assured that the same Application shall be made to His Majesty in Your behalf, as in behalf of the other Officers of His Majesty's Regiments who have engaged in the Service.

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Sir

Fort S^t George

12th Janry 1764

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Robert Palk Esq^r Council

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I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t & most humble servants

John Clarke

Vellore

12th Janry 1764

Mutti, a Black Woman servant to Paul de Costa, was detected on the 17th of Nov^r 1763 carrying a Pegg of Lead out of the Fort, concealed under a Basket. Being examined says, That the Piece she was

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Examination of Persons regarding the Lead stolen from the Yellow. discovered with, was the third Piece, having carried two out before, which she had delivered to a Moorman in the Pettah they were given her by her Master Paul de Costa for that purpose; And further says, that she knew the said Paul de Costa to have given another Pigg of Lead, to his Wife's Moor Boy to carry out.

Pedro Slave Boy to Paul de Costa's Wife, says he never carried out any Lead, but says his Master Paul de Costa had brought Lead several Times at Night into his House and buried it, some Pieces of which he had seen his Master bury, and further says, that he once went out, with his Master to a Moorman's house in the Pettah, where a Moorman gave his Master for a Rupee for one Piece of Lead, which Piece the Moorman cut into small Pieces to send to a Trooth.

Victor's Wife says, she knows of no more than of one Piece of Lead, which her Husband brought in a Basket of Earth, and that she helped to put at Night, in a Moorman's House to carry out, but did not know where it was sent, and says she was ~~agreed~~ with her Husband, in carrying it.

Isaph says, that the Prisoner Matti in Company with Sopra, in the Pettah, brought two Pieces of Lead to his House, for which he gave him 3rd Rupees, & denies having ever seen him or any Person, from the said Sopra, or him.

Paul de Costa says, that when Fover a Dutchman belonging to Captain Clark's Company deserted, he went to the said Fover's House, to look for a Berry Stone, and having found it there, was going up to carry away, when he discovered four Pieces of Lead, one over the other, under the said Stone, which he brought to his House, two of which he sold to the Moorman Prisoner, the third was taken with Matti his servant, and the fourth he buried in Matti's House.

Isaph Clarke Capt.

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Received the following Letter from Major Preston Com-
manding the Army.

To the Honorable Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c^a Gentlemen of the
Council of Fort St George.

Letter from Major Preston

Honorable Sir & Sirs

I have received the Honor of Your two Letters of
the 28th Instant, and shall be carefully obedient to the
Instructions contained in them.

I am with perfect Respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Affectionate

A^l Preston

Camp at Andacotamun

16th January 1764

Monday
16th January

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq.^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner

John Cemma

Mr. Heath indisposed.

Letter from Mr. Daniell at Pondi read as follows.

To the Honorable Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c^a Council of
Fort St George.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Inclosed is a list of all the Military Stores an-
der my Care for the use of the Army, with an Account
of Deficiencies by the Neptune Schooner and four
Boreys.

I was Yesterday favored with a Letter from Mr.
Stone concerning the Vessel which Mr. Taylor dispatched
from hence, and the Rice Boats which were some Time ago
dispatched from Madras to this Place. the former of which
I advised You of, in my Letter of the 20th Ult^o and the Cargo
of the latter was landed & forwarded to Camp in the

Letter from Mr. Daniell

Transmits a

list of Stores landed

at Pondi

at Pondi

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Month of November last, I likewise received by the same
Manner, a Letter from Major Preston acquainting me that
as soon as he had removed the Army to another Ground
he would send me as many Bullocks as could be spared
to forward all the Stores to Camp.

I have the Honor to be

Honorable Sir or Sirs

Your most Obedient Slave

Ja^s Daniell

As the Pitt will not We apprehend be able to
proceed further than Point Cagiamera, M^r Daniell is to
be ordered to send thither to wait for her the Boat which he
has for landing Goods as well as any others he may have
or can procure, which may be proper for conveying Stores
from the Ship to Pondicherry. And M^r Culland is to be ordered to
send to Negapatam to the Care of M^r Brouwer the large
Cuttamarum left at Cuddalore by the Balcon with as
many Cuttamarum Men as He can procure.

Pondicherry
2^d January 1764

To be ordered to send
Boats to wait for
Pitt off Point Cagiamera

M^r Culland is to send
a large Cuttamarum
to Negapatam

M^r Brouwer desired
to procure double
Chilingari and
Cuttamarum at
Negapatam

The Pitt to call at
Negapatam for them to call at Negapatam for them

The President acquaints the Board that He has
note to M^r Brouwer to provide 80 or 100 double
Chilingari to be sent with the Pitt, which is approved of
and Agrees that M^r Brouwer be also desired to purchase
Timbers sufficient to make two large Cuttamarum, to be
provided People for them and resolved that the Pitt be ordered
to call at Negapatam for them.

Read the following Letter from Major Preston
Commanding the Army.

To the Honorable Robert Dalk Esq^r
President & Governor &c Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir or Sirs

The enclosed is a Copy of a Letter I received from
Abbas Faizel Khan, about the same that I had dispatched
my last Letter to Your Gentlemen of the Board. I could not
help suspecting this Man / when I came to find the difference
between this Letter & his other to a late Beg to be on

Callimere

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the Secret of some Villainy unknown to the Rebels, and have been endeavouring, ever since, to find if he was or not. All I can learn as yet, with Respect to the Death of the late Regent of the Maravar, is, that he really held the small Tax. But that his Wife is reported amongst the common People of Ramnardi poor, to have mixed Poison with his Medicines. Be the Thing as it will Gentlemen, I hope his Death will be of no Detriment to the Expedition; for by strong appearances against him, he was much attached to the Rebel Chief Cawn.

I have the Pleasure to inform You Gentlemen that we have now plenty of every thing in Camp, that the Army can wish for, and that Rice is much cheaper in our Bazaar, than it has been known to be since the Army left Trichinopoly, so that there'll be no Necessity for its marching to the Southward so far as to resign our Communication with Pondicherry. There are some Rocks in the Front of our Encampment that I am now forming into a strong Post, such as shall be Proof against any Assault. This Post is about one Mile from Teynucolam; and has so fine a Command of the different Roads from Madura to all our other Posts that it will be almost impossible for the Enemy to make any Movement undiscovered, for the Interruption of our Convoys.

It will be sufficiently strong, in about ten Days more to be intrusted with a Garrison, and I shall then march the Army about six Miles more to the Southward, which will be a convenient Situation, both for attending to the safety of our own Communication, & interrupting that of the Enemy's with the Tinnerelly Country. I propose next to endeavour to establish a strong at a remarkable high Rock (with a flag upon it) about six Miles in the high Road from Madura to Tinnerelly; in order to have an Eye upon the Road to Dinidigull. But this I shall not determine on till I see how the Place is in its natural Strength. It will be the utmost Gentlemen, that I believe I can prudently undertake while our Stores are coming up from Pondicherry and Trichinopoly.

Plenty of Provisions in Camp.

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As soon as We are ready to invest Madura & that the Army can lay down before it. A Detachment may with great Safety & to a great purpose, be employed in the Tinnevelly Country.

About 100 Europeans (collected from different Parts of the Southern Countries) marched by forced Marches into Madura, three Days ago. I had only Intelligence of them the very Day they arrived, which is now con- firmed to me. I am with perfect Respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most faithful
A. Preston

Camp at Andacotarium
3rd Janry 1764

Purpose of a Letter
to be wrote in
Answer

Agreed that Major Preston be informed that are well pleased to find the Army is so well supplied that He hath taken post so advantageously. He is to be acquainted that the Pitt will sail in a few Days about 300 Military and Artillery, with all the heavy Guns & Stores for Pondicherry.

The President informs the Board that He had received a Letter from Major Preston, advising of Lieut. Mackenzie having joined the Army with his Detachment, & that the Detachment from Vellore had received Kattam.

Letter from John Pylus Esq^r Chief at Masulipatam read as follows.

To the Honorable Robert Patk Esq^r
President & Governor &c^a Council
for the Military Department at
Fort St. George.

Letter from Mr. Pylus

Honorable Sir & Sirs

I have received Your Commands of the 28th ultimo in conformity to which I have now the Honor to inclose You a List of the Seapioneers Officers in the Battalion belonging to this Garrison.

I lately visited the Forts of Pondicherry & found the Gateway of the former Fort in the Buildings of

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Desires Orders re-
garding the Stores
at Deva

Intelligence
concerning Bayal
Jung

Kizam Ally

Shettaramrao

both in want of repair. The Gun Carriages on the Walls
are quite decayed and the Ammunition both lying
lying there, in very indifferent Order and as I conclude
the Reasons for removing them there no longer solvent, I
request your Orders concerning them.

Basalet Jung is at Sornate Pettah about half way
between this Place and Ichabud, where he is carrying on
raids, and his People Plundering. He is very much ex-
pected to move this Way, which gives great Alarm to the
Inhabitants of these Parts. — Kizam Ally still continues
at Surangabad, but is reported will shortly set out for
these Provinces. Shettaramrao is encamped before Ma-
malacotah Fort and has been informed erected. But he is
against it so that I expect soon to hear it has fallen into his
Hands or that the Zemindar has complied with his Demand
when, I conclude he will make Preparations for crossing the
Jatamundry River again; One of his Principal Officers has
given some trouble lately to the Dutch at Buntiputani who
to get rid of him have been obliged to pay a sum of Money.
I am very respectfully

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your very Obed^t & most humble servant
John Pylbus

Agreed that M^r Pylbus be directed to remove
the Stores at Deva to Masulipatam.

Read a Letter from the Nabob addressed to the
Board as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 11 re-
presenting that the Company's Amildars had taken
possession of sundry Places not inserted in the Sanads
as well as of several Villages, Towns and Enclosures which
the Circar Amildars have ^{had} nothing to do with for ma-
ny Years, and which were not included in the Account
of the Circars; He then proceeds to recite the particular Vil-
lages &c. and desires We would not act agreeable to the
Sanads.

Agreed that the Nabob be acquainted in Answer

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Purpose of an ans. thereto, that in consequence of his Lordships the Company's
wer to be sent Hants. Amuldas were ordered to take possession of the Countries
belonging to each District, that they might ascertain the
Number of Villages, and register the Company's Possessions
which the find is usual, whenever the Property is changed,
ed, in order to signify such Grants to the Inhabitants that
such of them as have enjoyed particular Privileges in the
said District may produce their Titles to the new Possession
& wait their Determination either to renew their Privileges
or to annul them. But of all the Jagiendar Maheser Cawn
only has produced his Title. - Mr. Pigot always concluded
that the Countries were to be entire, and unincumbered
in which light it has been represented to the Company, &
it is what indeed we should have expected from the Nabob
Gratitude to the Company who have made his Cause their
own, and have supported him against all his Enemies
& carried on a War for sixteen Years at an immense exp
& Expence to establish him in Peace and Quietness. The
Nabob is also to be reminded that they have added to his
Government Vellam, Sant Guol, Chillumbrum, Conraut,
Wandewash as well as many other Districts never before
by his Predecessors; out of which we think he should
provide for his Jagiendar & other Dependents. We
therefore to be desired to draw out in due Form the
one General Title concluding all the Forts as well
every Thing else that has any Relation or Connection
with the Countries already granted.

Read amongst many other Petitions
two following as entered in Country Correspondence
N^o 14 and 15, the former from the Rozemadars of Chingleput
desiring that an Allowance of Paddy which had
been allowed to them, before the Country was ceded to the
Company may be continued to them. The latter from the
Rozemadars of the two Conjevarams representing that they
had always been allowed by the Nabob's Order 3000 Pagodas
per Annum out of the Rents of those Districts before they were

Petitions from the
Rozemadars of
Chingleput and
Conjevarams -

enclosed

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In Consequence of the Resolution of Council of the 16th Inst
the following Letters were dispatched.

To M^r. James Daniell
at Pondicherry.

Sir,

Letter to M^r. Daniell

We have received your Letters of the 20th & 21st Ult^o
and of the 2^d Instant.

Advised of the Milit^y
Stores to be sent
on the Pitt, with
Orders to him in
Consequence.

We shall in a few Days dispatch the Pitt with
about 300 Military and Artillery together with all the heavy
Guns and Stores for Pondicherry; You will therefore immediately
send the Boat you have for landing Guns with all the other
You have to lie off Point Callumera & there wait the Ship's
arrival. You will also at the same Time address a Letter to
Captain Jackson or the Officer Commanding the Pitt
acquainting him with the Purpose for which the Boat is
sent & giving him any further Information; You may
think necessary. — If any Boats proper for conveying
from the Ship to Pondicherry can be procured there, You will
send them as We fear the Pitt will not have Depth of
Water sufficient to proceed further than Callumera.

If M^r. Pennell has left with You any further
Information concerning the Passage from Point Callumera
to Pondicherry, a Copy should also be enclosed to Captⁿ. Jackson.

We are

Sir,

Your affectionate Friend
Robert Patterson

Fort St. George
12th January 1764

To M^r. John Calland
at Cuddalore.

Sir,

Letter to M^r. Calland
Ordered to send
Callammaras to
wait for the Pitt
at Negapatam

We purpose in a few Days dispatching the
Ship Pitt with Military and Stores for Pondicherry, & as she will
be ordered to touch at Negapatam, You will send the
to the Care of M^r. Brown or the Callammaras left there
Boat at Cuddalore, with the Men belonging to it
as any others You may be able to get for this purpose.

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We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friend

Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George

18th Jan'y 1764

To Mr. Christian Brouwer

at Negapatam.

Letter to Mr. Brouwer

desired to procure

Cattamarans that

many Boats as

possible

Sir,

As We are sending Military & Heavy Guns and Stores by the Ship Pitt to be landed at Pondicherry. We have ordered Mr. Calland at Cuddalore to send to You a large Cattamaran with as many Cattamaran Men as he can provide, & We must also take the Liberty of desiring You will purchase Timbers to make two more & engage a large sufficient for them. These as well as the 20 or 30 dromedaries Chingais which You have been desired to procure. We request You will keep till the Pitt, which We shall order to touch at Negapatam call for them.

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George

18th Jan'y 1764

Major Preston

Commanding the Army.

Major Preston

received of you

some of his

patches of Pitt

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 5th Instant. & are much pleased to find that the Army is so well supplied and that You are posted so advantageously. We shall in a very few Days dispatch the Pitt with 300 Military and Artillery & all the Heavy Guns & other Stores to be landed at Pondicherry. The particulars of which will be transmitted to You.

We are,

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George

18th Jan'y 1764

20 Sent the following Letter to John Pylbus Esq. Chief at Masulipatam

30 Fort St. George 20th January 1764
To John Dybus Esq.
Chief of Masulipatam.

Letter to M^r Dybus

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 9th Instant & would have You remove the Stores You mention to be at
Dive to Masulipatam. We are

Fort St. George
20th January 1764

Sir,

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk & Council

Received the following Letter from M^r Floyer Paymaster & Trichinopoly.
To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the Council at Fort St. George

Letter from M^r Floyer

Honble Sir & Srs

300 Barrels of Powder arrived at Trichinopoly from Vellore.

More expected from Chingleput

Ensign Short arrived here this Day with 300 Scapoyes from Vellore, escorting 300 Barrels of Powder which there being some deficiency, owing to the Diffculty that Officer met with on the Road, from the badness of the Barrels & Bullocks together, I shall duly acquaint Hon^{ble} Srs thereof, as soon as the Powder has been weighed and the Barrels repaired, which are now much better and in bad Condition

I expected the arrival of some Bullocks loaded with Powder from Chingleput on the 16th. M^r Short had Intelligence of their being pretty near to him & march further. I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Srs

Your faithfull & most Obed^t M^t

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
11th January 1764

Received the following Letter from the President & Council at Fort St. George.
To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor & the Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Srs

Letter from the Gov^r
at Council at Fort St. George

We have received Your Letter of the 12th 1764.

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by which We are sorry to observe that Your Forces have proved insufficient for the Reduction of Madura.

We are sensible of the Disadvantages which must proceed from the Cawn being allowed to remain unsubdued. We should therefore readily contribute all the Assistance in our Power to complete his Subjection, But altho' Cawn City Cawn has entirely fled the Bengal Provinces and our Army after pursuing him the length of the Camurra-fa are encamp'd on the Banks of that River, yet the Situation of our Affairs is in other Respects so unsettled, as to require every thing We can possibly entertain for securing the Safety of the Settlement and the Tranquility of the Country. It is therefore impossible for us to spare You any Part of the Force now in Bengall, but as Commodore Finkler has been so kind to offer to leave one of the Frigates to lay here for the Protection of the Place, We have determin'd to send You all the Europeans of the Detachment expected from Bombay, & which will accordingly embark on His Majesty's Ships, & the *Defford* as soon as they arrive. By them We shall also send You a supply of Gunpowder

The abovemention'd Reinforcement from hence, the Assistance You expect from Maritha, with the Marines of Commodore Finkler's Ships, and the safe arrival of the Recruits from England by the *Pitt*, We hope will enable You to renew the Attack of Madura and prosecute it with Success

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Henry Van Sittart

Bladen Finkler

Tho: Adams

John Carnac

W: Bitters

Rand: Marriotte

John Burdett

William

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Fort

17th

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Monday
23^d Janry.

At a Consultation Present
Robert Patk Esq.^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner —, John Call

Read the following Letter from Major Preston
Commanding the Army
To the Honorable Robert Patk Esq.^r
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the
Council of Fort St. George.

Letter from Major

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Practise Some

Accounts of a Cor.

respondence be

between the Crown

& the French Pilla.

I have received private Information of a Cor-
respondence being carried on between the Rebel &
French Pilla. — The latter received a Letter from the
a few Days ago, which he sent an Answer to the
before Yesterday. But first carried it to Darnodera
in Order to have his Opinion upon some particula-
proposals that were contained in it, for the advantage
them both. He remarked to him the arrears of Revenue
that (it seems they both suspected) would be demanded
them by the Rebels, upon his recovering the Pilla.
Madurai, & comparing this, with the above Propo-
sals from the Rebel, he seemed to think them worth their
Darnodera Pilla (as I am told by my Informant) as per-
himself much surprized at the Letter, & said (with
any Hesitation) that he would hear them to nothing
might come from the Rebel. But as he has made
Discovery of the Matter to me, I shall be equally on
guard against them both. The next Letter that
come from the Rebel I expect to fall into my own
let it come which way it will —

Some of the House Colliers (who had received
from me) have sided again with the Rebel, & have
a Number of his own Colliers amongst them they are
bringing a fresh to infect the Nallam Pilla I therefore

and Tond
Janner
Day
Pillai
proposed
7
Revenue
demanded
palliation
entailed

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it necessary to keep a strong Detachment at Madras for its Protection; we shall very soon make use of such Measures (if no others will do) as may strike a Terror into these Creatures. —

I have last two Days Work on the Post in order to on Account of the Malabar Feast, It will take up four Days more to be finished, & will be so very strong and extensive as to admit of Troops enough to protect all our Convoys from Pondicherry and Trichinopoly, without requiring one to retreat a Step from our next Ground; unless the Rebel is tempted to interrupt them by moving out his whole Force. All I shall have to do, if he only makes Detachments, is to do the same according to the Signals that may be made me from this Post. He will have no Way of forcing this Post but by a regular Attack; by which means I shall have it in my Power (if I am not disappointed of 1000 Sepoys I expect from the Nabob) to make a Detachment against one of his Forts to the Southward; as I am sure of Time enough for calling it in, if I want to march to the Relief of this Post. It may very likely entice him (if any thing will) to risk an Action. He seems to make himself very sure of the Revenue of the ensuing Crop, having ordered it to be sent him partly in Grain, and partly in Money. The Grain I am told will be fit to be cut in about ten Days more. Immediately as I can venture a Detachment to the Southward, I may expect great Service from the Polygars that Way. —

I have made the most of the Time that I have spent on this present Encampment, by keeping the Troops to their Exercise (which they wanted much) & by keeping no more Bullocks with the Army than was necessary for any sudden Movement to Action. The rest that was not required for bringing Rice I sent to Pondicherry for the Stores.

The Rebel keeps close to his Walls venturing none of his Troops out, except his Cavalry, further than his Gladius. He has sent one of his French Officers & a Jemadar to the Ciccatoor. A — persuades him to recruit all

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would willingly secure the Tranquility & provide against the Defection of these distant Provinces in future. We recommend that so many of the Companies European & Sepoys be left to Garrison Madurai & Palamcottah or any other strong Post when taken as You may judge will best answer that purpose & may with Prudence be detached to so great a Distance.

Para 10th The Pollegars are very slippery & must have constant Attention Major Preston seems to have managed them very well & we recommend that You consult Major Call on all occasions of Consequence.

11th For other Matters We refer You to the Orders we have from Time to Time sent Major Preston.

We heartily wish You Success and

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Robert Darnley

Fort St George
26th January 1764

The following Letter was at the same Time dispatched to Major Preston.

To Major Preston
Commanding the Army

Letter to Major
Preston

Sir

Thanked for his
service

Major Campbell in consequence of his being a Field Officer, & of all our Troops being employed on the War against Madurai, hath applied for the Command of the Army, this We cannot agreeably to the Rules of the Service well refuse him, especially as there is a necessity of Field Officers in Camp.

We are so fully satisfied with Your conduct on all occasions, & more especially during the late War, that it is with no small satisfaction we find ourselves obliged to make this Appointment.

We have the highest Sense of Your Merit & doubt not but You will still continue in the Service.

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with Major Campbell to exert the same Zeal, Prudence & Activity You have so frequently shewn for the Benefit of the Service, Major Campbell now sets out to receive the Command & We flatter ourselves that Your joint Endeavours will be attended with all possible Success.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient & white servant

Robert Palk Esq. Council

Fort St. George

26th January 1764

28th Came in the following Letter from Mr. Brouwer at Pondicherry.

quebar.

Honble Robert Palk Esq.

So sent to Governor &c. Gentlemen of the

Pr. at Fort St. George

Capt. Brouwer

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Your Favour of the 18th Inst. and according to Your Orders have used my Endeavours to purchase the Timbers to make the two large Cattamarans but could not succeed for want of large Timbers fit for that use, therefore have hired two large Cattamarans with sufficient People which are now ready, as also 3 double Chilingas in order to attend the Ship and to proceed to Pondicherry to be employed there. I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. & most white servant

Christian Brouwer

quebar

January 1764

31 Came in the following Letter from the Chief Factors at Angeng.

Honble Robert Palk Esq.

Gent. Governor &c. Council

Pr. at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We received Your Honor &c. Favour of the 22nd Novem. the 25th Instant & dispatch at the particular Request of Vice Admiral Cornish purposely to give cover to his Packet for Captain Tenker.

His Majesty's Ships, America & Weymouth.

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Weymouth and
America damaged
in a Storm

Norfolk, America
of Chatham proceed
from Cochim to Eu-
rope. Weymouth
to Blay to refit

imported here, the former the 13th & the latter the 15th having lost
all her Masts in a violent Gale of Wind in the Bay of Bengal
none, they sailed from this Port the 16th in order to join the
General at Cochim, from which Place he departed for Port
Brittain, the 27th Instant with His Majesty's Ship Norfolk
America & Chatham, the Weymouth not being in a condition
to proceed, was ordered to Bombay to be repaired.

Our Honble Masters Ship Speaker arrived at
the 2nd Instant, having left the Port at Rio Janeiro, in
by Condition the 16th August.

We are Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t Hble

J. White

Arthur H.

William H.

Robert H.

Anyengo

31st December 1763

Tuesday

31st January 1764

A Consultation Present.

Robert Palk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Boucher
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner

M^r Call absent on Service

Letter from the President & Council at Bombay just
received read as follows.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor & Council at
Fort S. George.

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your
Ultimo & are extremely concerned the Difficul-
ties with before Madras have obliged You to
of that Place.

The Importance of speedily reduc-
is so very obvious, that We should not hesitate
sending the Assistance You desire, but the long
sent to Bengal is the Departure of a great

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Regiment for Europe has so far reduced our Garrison that we are utterly incapable of sending You any Men, but as by the last Advice from Bengall, We may reasonably hope that troubles there will be so far subsided, as to enable the President & Council in consequence of our repeated & strenuous Desires to return our Detachment, We from the same Motive which induced us to part with so considerable a Body of Men at a Time We could but very ill spare it now enclose a Letter, under a flying Seal to those Gentlemen desiring them in such Case to order them to Your Presidency, & You will therefore be pleased to make the necessary Application accordingly; but as by the earnestness We have expressed for the speedy Return of this Detachment; the Gentlemen at Bengall should their Affairs be settled, may possibly send them back immediately in which Case they will in all probability have left Bengall before the enclosed can reach. We have lodged Orders at Tellicherry & Arjengo, to land them on their arrival at either of those Settlements, of which the Chief & Factors will immediately advise You & the Commanding Officer of the Army that You or he may pursue such Measures as may be judged proper for effecting a Junction, tho' We cannot help being apprehensive the King of Travencore may be some Obstacle thereto unless some interested Motive should induce him to consent to it, which however your Honor &c.^{ts} will no doubt guard against.

It really gives us concern that our present Circumstances will not admit of our affording You such Succours as our Inclination prompts us to, but in order as much as possible to contribute to the Success of Your Operations We have ordered 40 Men to proceed from Tellicherry to Arjengo to join 30 Men of that Garrison & the Detachment of our Artillery which in our Letter of the 26th March last Your Honor &c.^{ts} were advised We had ordered whether making in the whole a Body of one hundred Men exclusive of Officers & to wait there untill Your Honor &c.^{ts} might acquaint the Chief & Factors in what Manner they could best forward Your Operations they being ordered to comply with whatever

by Troops from
Orderd here

at
in 1764
ward
at
Arjengo ready to
in the Army

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Directions You may think proper to send regarding them.

We shall by the very first Conveyance that we shall send You about 1000 Barrels of Gunpowder also such Fire Arms & Shot of the Sizes You mention as We can possibly spare.

We most sincerely hope the Reduction of Madras will be accomplished when we shall rely on Your Honor's returning Army Men before to this Presidency who may in consequence of the join the Army upon Your Coast agreeable to Your We are

Bombay Castle
31st December 1763

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humble son

Cha. Crommelin

J. Byfield

J. Spencer

Cha. Waters

Samuel Court

Cecil Berwyer

In consequence of which the following Letters were immediately wrote & dispatched to the Commanding Officer of the Army & to the Chief & Factors at Aringoe.

To Major Preston

or the Officer Commanding the Army before Madras.

Letter to the Command

ing Officer at Camp

Sir

Inclosed is Extract of a Letter We have received from Bombay & three Copies of our Letter to the Chief & Factors of Aringoe, to be sent by different Mincans to be forwarded with a Letter from Yourself, when You have determined in what Manner the Detachment shall join You, We judge it may be done more safely by Sea, especially as the King of Travencore is depended upon. If You consult the Marava Bole can point out to You in what Part of their Country the

Ordered to concert the most proper Measures for the Junction of the Troops from Aringoe

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Men may be disembarked & You must be very particular
in Your Description of the Place to the Gentlemen at Anjengo.

Fort St. George

We are

31st Janry 1764 By a private

Sir

Letter it is said that the Gentlemen at
Bombay intended adding another 100 Men to
the Detachment at Anjengo; You will therefore
bear our hopes in this respect to Mr. Whitehill.

Your most humble Servants
Robert Dalke, Council

Thomas Whitehill Esq.
Secy. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

The Governor & Council of Bombay having ac-
quainted us that a Body of 100 Men exclusive of Officers
will be ready at Your Settlement to wait our Orders, We
have made this known to our Commanding Officer before
Maduro & We request that You will pursue whatever Mea-
sures he shall advise for their speedy Junction either by Sea
or Land. We recommend that no Frenchmen be sent on the
Party. — We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Robert Dalke & Council

Fort St. George

31st Janry 1764

By a private Letter to Bengal And Ordered that the Letter directed for the President and
Council of Fort William be immediately forwarded to
them.

Letter from Mr. Henry Deyon at Trichinopoly read as follows

The Honble Robert Dalke Esq.

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the

Council at Fort St. George.

From Mr.

Indents

at Camp

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Copy of an Indent for Stores which I
have this Instant received from Camp. I have annexed
thereto a List of such Articles as can be sent from this Garrison.
The remaining Part of the Indent, it is not in my Power

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to comply with, having none of those Articles in Store

I remain with great Respect

Honble Sirs Sirs

Your faithful & most Obed^t Servant

Charles

Trichinopoly
22^d Janry 1764

Resolution in
Consequence

Ordered that M^r Floyer be made acquainted
that the large Quantity of Stores already sent by
of Pondicherry it unnecessary to comply with the
dent transmitted by him.

Letter from M^r Lucas Surgeon with the Army read
To the Honble Robert Pall
President or Governor and Council at
Fort St. George

Letter from M^r Lucas

Sir and Gentlemen of the Council

I have the Pleasure of Acknowledging
of Yours of the 12th Instant, in answer to that which
had the Honor of addressing to the President, & say
that when I applied for the Rank of Surgeon General
was only as an equivalent for that which I then
not meaning, or even knowing, that the Gentlemen
Your Service should be thereby suspended, imagining
M^r Briggs as well as M^r Laseley were settled in
and as to M^r Gray who was a Stranger to me as well as
Rank, I could by no means mean him.

concern to the Service

This entirely ignorant of the Pay or Consideration
of a Surgeon who has the Honor of being in Your Service
Case of Your Military, I intend myself the Honor to accept
Your offer, & of the Rank You are pleased to give me, for
that from any Attention & Care, You will have me no
for any Enquiry.

As to the Medicines, Instruments, & other
pital necessaries, which were in my Possession, I need
it will be needless to trouble You with an exact List
it will I hope sufficient that I assure You the
Government £300 one fourth of which has been expended
nearly for the use of His Majesty's Forces the remaining

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the most usefull have been already almost totally expended
as last in Your Service; But with them beg leave to submit to
Your Consideration the Loss which I have sustained by the
Cruel Neglect at Home of not sending my Instructions or
Orders, by which I have been deprived of the Gratitude of Captain
when in Garrison, & the Rank of Major in the Field, both
were as truly my Right as the Coat I wear, the latter I do not
pretend to demand, confident, I should have had every Allow-
ance which my Commission & Rank entitled me to, had
my Orders or Instructions been sent—

As I now look upon myself as entitled to the Honor
of Ranking among the Number of Surgeons in the Service of the
Honorable Company, & having been informed of Your Intentions
of my remaining with the Army, beg leave to lay the en-
closed List of Necessaries as well as Medicines before You
for their Use & being determined to make no Indent but
for such Things as are really most essentially necessary—
Hope You will do me that Honor to Order them to be im-
mediately complied with—

Permit me to Request You will Order 4 of Your
Assistant Surgeons to join Mess^{rs} Sinclair & Bowen, three
for the use of the Camp & three for the Hospital, with the
like Assistance I will promise to take such Care of both
Field & Hospital that neither Officers nor Men shall have
the least Reason for Complaint, I will myself reside in
the Field & attend to every Accident that may happen,
to regulate the Hospital that is so conveniently esta-
blished here, for the reception of the Sick & wounded from
Noise & Bustle of Camp as to give General Satisfaction—
I have the Honor to be—

Sir

and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most devoted & devoted servant

Colley Lyons Lucas

James O'Donoghue

3rd January 1764

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In Consequence of the Resolution of Yesterday the following Letters were sent away—

To Major Preston
or the Officer Commanding the Army

Letter to Major Preston Sir,

The Troop of Muffsars being much reduced, & as We do not intend to recruit it, We have ordered Captain De Beck to take his Rank in the Battalion & he is to draw his Subsistence accordingly from this date. We have appointed him to the Command of the Garrison of Chingleput. Lieutenant Walker is to Command the remaining Part of the Troop & to receive the same Pay & Batta as before, He is also to have the Cloathing of the Men & Feeding the Horses.

We would have all the Horses exceeding the Number of them sold off. — Lieutenant Walker is directed to keep the best And the Commissary & Paymaster are to sell the others by Publick Outcry, when You have pointed out to them which Horses are to be kept, that this may be done with exactness, You will call to Your Assistance the commanding Officers of Cavalry, review the Horses & deliver to the Commissary & Paymaster such as exceed the Number of those or are unfit for Service, the Horses of the two Troops should also be reviewed & disposed of in the same Manner sending us in a Report of all that belong to the Company we send their Expence, as well as of such as may be ordered to be sold off.

As many Irregularities and Inconveniences have arisen from each of the Surgeons with the Army making out separate Indents for Medicines &c We have thought proper to appoint Mr. Lucas as Senior Surgeon to have the Care and Inspection of the whole, to whom the other Surgeons are to apply for whatever Medicines &c necessaries they may want. He is likewise to regulate the Expence the Number of Assistants & Servants to be employed in each Hospital, & to certify the Bills for the Charge of them.

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And the same is to make Indents to us for Medicines and other necessaries for the Hospital. You will therefore be pleased to give it out in Orders accordingly.

We observe by the Paymasters Accounts for the Month of December that the Men who have renewed their Time in the Company's Service at Camp have received the same Bounty Money as was given to the Men enlisting out of His Majesty's Regiments. This was by no means our Intention, & must therefore be immediately discontinued. Enclosed We send You the Regulations laid down for Reenlisting the Men in the Company's Service which is to be strictly attended to.

The Case is very different in respect of His Majesty's Troops & our own, when ours have served their contracted Time and obtain their Discharge, The Commanders of the Company's Ships are always glad to give them their Passage, & perhaps Sea Pay, but We are obliged to send Home the Kings Troops at the Company's Expence. — We are,

Sir,

Your most humble Servants
Robert Pathe & Council

George

Robert Donsett
Master to the Army.

Sir,

The Commissary General hath laid before the
Your Letter to him of the 23rd Janry. — The Men who renew their Time in the Company's Service are to receive no more than the usual Bounty Money Viz. 10 Pagodas for 5 Years & 5 Pagodas for 3 Years, this was given out in Publick Orders when the Bounty to his Majesty's Soldiers enlisting in our Service was increased. Enclosed We send You a Copy of the regulations for relisting Men in the Company's Service.

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which is to be constantly observed.

In Case any Bills are presented to You by the Commanding Officer, or any other Person, which appear either Extravagant or contrary to the established Regulations, You are not to discharge them without our Orders.

Lieutenant Blaker is appointed to the Command of the remaining Part of the Troop of Husbands; His Pay is to be the same as before, & he is to have the Cloathing of the Men and the Feeding the Horses from this date. We have ordered him to deliver to the Commissary of You all Horses exceeding the Number of Men in the Troop, or that are not fit for our Service, which You will immediately sell by Publick Outcry & give the Paymaster for the same.

We have appointed M^r. Lucas who is the Senior Surgeon with the Army to have the Care & Inspection of all Hospitals. He is to make out Indents for any necessaries for the Hospitals, to regulate the Expence, & to certify all Bills for Servants &c^t attending them. The other Surgeons are to apply to him for whatever Medicines or necessaries they may want which he is to furnish.

As the Men in the Hospital are to be maintained by the Contractor, M^r. Lucas is to draw from his Deposit the Mens Allowance of all Kinds, & to disburse of it in the Hospital in the Manner He judges best.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friend
Robert Pattee

Fort St. George

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To Captain De Beek

Letter to Cap^t De Beek

Sir

As the Troop of Husbands is much reduced, we do not intend to recruit them, We purpose You shall keep Your Rank in the Battalion & draw Your Subsistence accordingly from this Date. We have appointed You to the Command of the Garrison of Chingleput, You will

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therefore proceed thither to receive the Command thereof
from Lieutenant Marchand.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George

1st Feby 1764

Your most humble Servants

Robert Palk & Council

To Lieutenant Marchand.

Letter to Lt. Marchand.

Sir,

Captain De. Beck being appointed to the Com-
mand of the Garrison of Chingleput, He now proceeds thither,
You will therefore be pleased to deliver the Command
over to him, with such Orders as You may have received.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George

1st Feby 1764

Your humble Servants

Robert Palk & Council

To Lieutenant Herker.

Lt. Herker

Sir,

As the Troop of Hapsars is much reduced in
We do not intend to recruit it, We have appointed You
to have the Command of them, You are to receive the same
Pay as Batta as before, & You are to have the Clothing the
Men & Feeding the Horses from this Date, We have given
Directions to Major Preston to order all the Horses exceeding
the Number of Men to be sold off, & they are therefore to be
examined in the best & fittest only retained in the Troop
the others are to be delivered over to the Commissary &
Paymaster who are directed to dispose of them to the
best advantage. We are

Sir

Fort St. George

1st Feby 1764

Your most obedt servt

Robert Palk & Council

Dispatched the following Letter to Fort William &
Ship Fort St. George.

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To the Honible Henry Van Sittart Esq^r
President & Governor &c Council,
at Fort William.

Letter to Fort William

Honible Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with Your Letter of
25th Nov^r & 29th Dec^r. We are much obliged to Your Hon-
or &c for Your readiness to assist us with the Detach-
ment sent from Bombay, and are well pleased to
find by the President & Councils Letter from thence
that it is agreeable to them. Their Letter on this Subject
comes enclosed. — We are

Fort St. George
1st Febr'y 1764

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & humble servant

Robert Falkner Comm^r

2. Sent the following Letter to M^r Lucas Surgeon with the
To M^r Lucas Surgeon.

Instructions to M^r
Lucas

Sir,

In Order to prevent the many Irregularities
that have arisen in the Management of the Hospitals in this
Field We have thought proper to appoint You as being the
Senior Surgeon with the Army to conduct and superintend
the whole, as well the General Hospital, as the Sick in all
Places, for which purpose the following Instructions
are to be observed:—

You are in the first Place to take an account
of all Hospital Stores Cloathing & Medicines belonging
to the Company now remaining, & to indent from Time
to Time to Madras for what further may be wanted
that so all Stores, Cloathes & Medicines may be sent for
hence & whenever You may have occasion to indent for
new Supplies, You will at the same Time
an account remains.

You are to take under Your Charge all Stores
& Medicines & to issue them as occasion may require
it be careful that such Servants as are really necessary

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for the Duty of the Hospital be employed at the Company's Charge and no more, and all Bills relative to the Expenses of the Hospital are to be sent in certified by You.

The other Surgeons are to report to You the State of the Sick in the Hospital in other Occurrences in these several Departments, & You only are to make General Reports to the Commanding Officer through whom We shall receive them.

You are to Cause regular Accounts to be kept of the Hospital, expressing the Name of the Patient, his Disorder, The Corps or Company to which he belongs the Days of his Admission, Discharge or death, that so the Contractor may be duly paid for victualling them conformable thereto at the End of every Month.

You are to draw from the Contractor every Month Allowance of all Kinds & distribute the same in the Hospitals in such Manner as You may judge best.

We have received Your Letter of the 23^d January & have accordingly Order'd Your Indent to be complied with, 30 Rattam Cotts have already been sent to You from Cuddalore & others shall follow from the same Place.

We are,

Sir,

Your most humble servants

Rob^t Patte & Council

Fort St George

2^d Feby 1764

Rec'd this Day a Letter from M^r Ternay belonging to the West Coast, advising of his arrival at Tranquebar on the 21st Janry in a French Frigate called the Expedition, that she left Bourbon 29 Nov^r last & was come for the Papers that were saved from Pondicherry, that she will return in about 15 Days in order to join M^r Laws who is appointed Governor & who it is expected will by the Time the Frigate gets back. The Islands have arrived there with 6 or 8 Ships in order to come & take Possession of their Settlements in India. M^r Ternay further advises that M^r Hunter a Surgeon belonging to the West Coast & Capt^t Tho^s Wintle who

French Frigate
arrived at Tran
quebar from the
Islands.

French

at Fort St. George 3. February 1764

was taken last Year by the French Ships in Ballasore
Road were also arrived on the Frigate

4. Dispatched the following Letter to Fort Marlborough
Send Obwe & a Duplicate thereof to John Mary.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esq^r

President & Governor &c^a Council
at Fort Marlboro.

Letter to Fort Marlboro

Honble Sir & Sirs

As We judged that many of the Chinese
Inhabitants would on the Surrender of Manila be
desirous of living under the Company's Protection
We earnestly recommended it to the Gentlemen there
as well as to the Supra Cargoes at Canton at the time
We gave Directions for withdrawing the Settlers
to use every Means in their Power of getting such
were willing to go conveyed to the West Coast where
We imagined they would be of very essential Service
to our Honble Masters &c We hope by the Time this ac-
-ed You, many of them will have arrived there.

Our Affairs here are not in the Situation
We could wish; the off Cawn who was the Ruler of the
-dura & Timorelly Countries has found means to
make himself so Independent as to have given us
already a great deal of Trouble &c We fear it will cost
us much more to reduce him to Obedience. He has
fortified himself very strongly in Madura, where
our Army laid Siege to in the Month of September
but as the Season was too far advanced & our Force
insufficient they were obliged to desist till We could
renew the Attack with a better prospect of Success
The Place is now again invested & as it is of the utmost
-most that We should be reduced. We are collecting
our whole Force against him. Unfortunately the
Troubles at Bengall breaking out obliged us to send
a considerable Reinforcement to the Assistance of the
Presidency, which has greatly weakened the Force

Consequences

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We hope when all our Troops are collected to be able to bring these Countries again under the Nabob's Management.

Upon Advice of the Troubles in Bengall Admiral Cornish sent thither His Majesty's Ships Medway, York, Liverpool & Argo, under the Command of Captain Tucker, with about 250 Marines. We also took the Opportunity by those Ships to the Lord Clive of sending to their Assistance upwards of 250 Military and Artillery. We have now the Satisfaction of acquainting Your Honor^{ship} that Captain My Caw the late Nabob is drove entirely out of the Province of Bengall & We hope our Honorable Masters Affairs there will in a short Time be again settled in Peace & Quietness. We doubt not but the Gentlemen at that Presidency will (if they have not already done it) give You a more particular Account of the Circumstances attending this Revolution.

Admiral Cornish sailed from hence for Europe the beginning of November with His Majesty's Ships Norfolk Weymouth & America, The Chatham he had before dispatched to Trincarnate, on his leaving that Place & going round the Island he unfortunately met with a violent Gale of Wind, which dismasted the Weymouth entirely & did some Damage to the Norfolk & America. The latter arrived at Amoygo the 13th the Weymouth the 15th & the 16th they sailed to join the Admiral at Cochim, The Admiral sailed for Europe the 27th of the same Month with His Majesty's Ships Norfolk Chatham & America, The Weymouth not being in a Condition to proceed was ordered to Bombay to refit.

A French Frigate called the Expedition arrived at Tranquebar the 31st Janry, she left the Island of Bourbon the 29th Nov^r by her We learn that We may expect the French on the Coast about the Month of June to settle

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Notice of a Force
coming from
Dindigul to
Madura.

Dindigul the 13th Instant, with 1000 Sepoys, 500 Horse & a
large Body of Cattle, He had an 12th Gun fixed upon a
Transport Carriage, & a large Convey of Provisions with
him, & it's reported, that He is coming to Madura. It's
very certain that Wood's Camp has received large supplies
from thence, both of Provisions & Ammunition. I have
likewise Intelligence of 1000 Horse (belonging to Hyder Ali)
being upon their March from Ambitor to Dindigul &
that 2000 more have been some time on the march from

Moves the Army to
Westward of Madura
to cut off the Com.
communication with
Dindigul

Bidanoor. — I am now marching the Army to the
Westward of Madura; as the only side for interrupting
the Enemy's Communication both with Dindigul &
Tinnevely. Our own is well secured as I explained in my
last Letter by means of the Post which I have left near
Tinnevely. — Captain Crowley commands it with his
Battalion of Sepoys, the select Detachment of Havildars &
Nairs 100 Horse & 2 Guns. Our present Encampment
is about two Miles from Madura, exactly in the Kallam
Road. We have a very distinct View of the Fort from our
advanced Post, & it's surprising Gentlemen, to see the
Work that has been done to it, in the Time that We have
been away from it. There's not the least appearance
left of those large Watercourses that were so favorable
to our Approaches. This Morning he turned out almost
his whole Force to the Westward; but not without the
each of his Guns. We had just been shifting our Tents
to a more convenient spot of Ground; & as I had made
Detachment to our Right, in Order to clear the Road
for our next march, he perhaps thought We had
given it up. — He showed a much greater Body of
Force than he ever did before, & his Infantry (the most
Part Officers & Topasses) made near as long a Front
as our own. — I am with perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.
A. Preston

Army near Madura
25th Jan 1764

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Gentlemen at Blay
to be desired to write
to Hyder Naiguer
concerning Assistance
the Staff Cown receives for

Ordered that the Gentlemen at Bombay be informed of the Assistance the Staff Cown receives from the Mysore Country and desired to address a Letter to Hyder Naiguer on the Subject.

the Mysore Country
4th Lt. Shott applied
for

The President informs the Board that he had received a Letter from Captain Wood Commanding at Trichinopoly, advising that Major Preston had desired him to send the two Brass Guns 4th Lt. at that Place to Camp & apply to the Board for 1000 Rounds of fixed Ammunition for them to be sent from Madras.

Agreed that Captain Wood be informed that two 4th Lt. Guns with 600 Shot for them besides 60 rounds of fixed Ammunition were by Mr. Calt's desire put on Board the for Pondi; so that that there will be no necessity for his sending to Camp the two 4th Lt. from Trichinopoly.

The President also lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Wood.

To the Honble Robert Polk Esq.
President & Governor.

Dear Sir Capt. Wood

Honble Sir

96th Reg. leaves

Trichinopoly 70th Reg.
left this

I have now the Pleasure of acquainting You that Captain Johnston marched from this Place Yesterday Morning; with all those Kings Troops that were to march under his Command only leaving 40th Reg. in this Hospital.

The four 12th Lt. Guns & their Carriages arrived at Tirumbar the Sepoys returned that escorted them, they have brought 4th Lt. Carriages here the other three are gone.

Major Preston is marched Southward of Madras, & encamped near the Monson engaged the Rebel Horsemen, the Battalion of Sepoys & the Buffs Company in his old Ground in order to keep the Road open from Tirumbar to the Army.

The Board has sent the same 4th Lt. to

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Northern Nabol Tondas to Kellour; & has made him an
Allowance of one Lack of Rupees p^a Annum.

As the Bentham the Nabol's Wife has been dispirited
of till this Day when there appears some hopes of her recovery
It has I assure You affected him very much.

I remain very respectfully

Honorable Sir

Your most Obed^t & very devoted till servant

John Wood

Trichinopoly

26th January 1764

removed to
Cuddalore

General Lawrence is thereupon desired to order the Men of the
96th Regiment left sick at Trichinopoly to be sent in small
Parties as they recover to Cuddalore, as also the Invalids of
the Kings Troops in Boats or by Bullocks to the same Place
to remain there till an Opportunity offers of bringing them
further by Sea. And as the Pitt may on her return from
Cuddalore bring further that Part of the 96th Regiment which
is coming from Trichinopoly, General Lawrence is desired to
send the necessary Orders to Captain Johnson to embark them
at Cuddalore as soon as the Pitt is ready to come away. And the
necessary Directions are to be forwarded to Captain Jackson to
receive them on Board & to Mr. Calland to provide Quarters for
them while they remain at Cuddalore, and to see that the
Bazaar is properly supplied. — Mr. Calland is also to be in-
formed that their Batta is to be discontinued three Days after
their arrival at Cuddalore; & that the Sappers are immedi-
ately to be returned to Trichinopoly, & that He is to take the
Opportunity of sending Powder by the Bullocks to Trichinopoly
Letter from Mr. Foye Paymaster at Trichinopoly read as follows

Honorable Robert Patk Esq^r

President & Governor of the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Yours

Since I had last the Honor to address You under
date the 22^d I have rec^d 100 Barrels of Powder from Chingle-
put & have returned the Bullocks which brought them
to Mr. Taylor for a further supply.

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with what Boats We get here & hereabouts will get in
all 28 the three Boats included, I am promised they are to
ready to night & I shall tomorrow Morning sail for Pondicherry
but by the Accounts We have here unafraid We shall not
get further than Englemann Point, the Navigation being
so intricate that I don't think it will be prudent to
attempt it with a Ship of our Burthen, If I meet the
Company's Schooner I propose going in her to try if the
Passage is practicable for us over the Teloum Side.

I am,

Sir

Negapatam
4th Feby 1764

Your most Humble Servant
Jas. Jackson

The President lays before the Board the following Letter
received from Captain Clark at Villam enclaves a Copy
of the Orders given by M^r. Kerriby Chief at Tellicherry to
Parker.

To the Honble Robert Path Esq^r
Governor & President of Fort St. George &c.

Sir

Letter from Cap. Clark
at Villam enclaves
of the arrival of
Ensign Parker from
Tellicherry over
Land.

Yesterday arrived here Ensign Parker one of the
one Topaz one Scapoy & a Buchanan arkary from
they have been twenty Days on their march to this
by the Way of Youngapatnam & Bungaloor he relates
by the same Road, & only avoids here three or four
know if You have any Commands for him, I send
a Copy of his Instructions, from the Chief at Tellicherry
He always informs me, that about the first of May
One Officer & 100 Men, marched for the French
Callicut to Madura, & when he was at Seringapatam
arrived there from Hyder Naze's Camp (which was
eng between Bedanore & Goa) about 1500
marched from there the 20th Inst. for Madura
that are confined here for standing the Land
I would be obliged Sir for your Orders concerning them.

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I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedt & most humble Servant

John Clark

Vellour

Mr. George Parker

To Mr. George Parker,

Sir,

Mr. Hornby's In-
structions to Mr.
Parker

You will now sett out for Vellour for which purpose
You have a proper Guide who is well acquainted a Crofs,
and every Stage, The Intentions of Your taking this Jour-
ney is, that You may make such Remarks, as are neces-
sary in Case of wanting to send a Body of Men over land
to Madras, remarking the proper Stages where they may
halt conveniently, at every 12 or 15 Miles Distance, with
the Names of each Stage & what is to be got at them
for refreshing of Travellers or a Body of Men; This You will
be as exact as possible in; & what Impediments are likely
to be met with, on the Road or whether the Roads are good
or bad & at what Places they are so, & how they are of
for water on the Road.

All thro' Hyder Naigues Dominions You will
pass without Molestation & no where the Roads comes
near to Cawn Suib's Dominions, so that I do not imagine
You will meet with any Hindrances on Your Way re-
member at Saint Gud We have an Officer who Under-
stand is known to You.

You will take with You Sergeant Clements & if
it should be necessary to pass for any other Countryman than
English, You may pass for what best Suits You.

The Scapoy You spoke to me of; You will send for to be
ready to accompany You, You must Travel for as little Ap-
pearance of consequence as possible, when You will be
least liable to any Insults, if You should any where fall
in with the Marattas, You need fear nothing from them
if they inquire Your Business that You are going to

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Stage - 1 st Fort Lachandavie	Rice to be had in small Quantities
Nimbapoor	Sheep there's none to be disposed of
ditto - 2 nd Pultichie	Plenty of Rice & Water
Fort. Naisure	Mutton scarce of Wood
ditto - 3 rd Fort Seringapatnam	Plenty of Rice & Mutton very cheap, No Travellers can pass from this Place without a Pass from Mopland Sub General under Hyder Aliques
ditto - 4 th Moudou	no Conveniency scarce of Wood
Bathamelly	plenty of Water every two Miles
ditto - 5 th Moodare	Wood & Water plenty no other Conveniency
ditto - 6 th Murrow	Rice to be had no Mutton killed here
Fort Chinapatnam	Plenty to be had alive source of Wood & Water
ditto - 7 th Bradie	Wood to be had Water very bad
	no other conveniency
ditto - 8 th Chonary Kidnaporu	Every Thing to be had very Plenty
Bangalore	for refreshing of Men
ditto - 9 th Moore	no conveniency Wood & Water Plenty
ditto - 10 th Alscotah, Mollaguray, Tamarika	ditto
ditto - 11 th Arreyaher	ditto
ditto - 12 th Cotlear	no Conveniency Wood & Water Scarce
ditto - 13 th Comboodey	Rice in small Quantities Wood
Catalagur	& Water Plenty
ditto - 14 th Molobagla	Rice in small Quantities Water
Mudagur	Plenty Wood scarce
ditto - 15 th Curriapatnam	Rice Plenty, Sheep Wood & Water
	Plenty
ditto - 16 th Sant Gad	Wood, Water Plenty, Sheep & Rice
ditto - 17 th Polacott Edah	Provisions Plenty Wood & Water
ditto - 18 th Brungipunam	ditto ditto
ditto - 19 th Vellour	ditto ditto

NB From Moodu to Curriapatnam exceeding
fine Cannon roads, the Stages within 12 or 15 Miles of
each other as near as I can guess.

George Parker

Ensign

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Persons concerned in

stealing of Lead at

without punishment

The President likewise informs the Board that He had given Orders to Captain Black to have the Persons concerned in stealing the Lead severely punished & turned out of the Province.

Letter from Captain: Superintendent Johnson read as follows

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

Letter from Capt.

Johnson

Gentlemen

Applie for an
Extraordinary Allowance of Balla

Having had the Honor of commanding Colonel Monson's Regiment since his leaving the Army in which I must still continue to do, untill my arrival at Madras, I flatter myself You will think me justly entitled to an Extraordinary Allowance during the Time I command & that from the Instances I now beg leave to lay before You Viz^t Haislop who commanded a Detachment of the Royal Artillery that served before us at the Siege of Pondicherry & Captain Mauleland for after that Time, untill his leaving the Coast, as also of Forbes who commanded the Bombay Detachment that went with Col^o Herring to Madras, all of whom had 12 Rupees a Day allowed them during the Time they commanded tho' not one of them had above half the Number of Men I now have. As my Pretensions are certainly equal to any of those Gentlemen, I flatter myself from the well known Justice of the President & Council of Madras they will think me equally intitled to the same Extraordinary Allowance. I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

with the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Superintendent Johnson

Capt. Commanding

the 6th Reg^t

Trichinopoly
19th Janry 1764

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Ordered that Enquiry be made what addition of
allowance of Ball & the Gentlemen mentioned in Captain
Johnson's Letter received & on what Account.

The Board observing by the Commissaries Account
for the Month of December that several Horses have been
purchased for the use of the Cavalry, Orders are therefore to
be sent to the Commanding Officer at Camp, that no more
are to be bought without our Approbation being first
obtained.

The Board also observe by the return of Men
victualled by the Contractor for 31st December signed by
M^r Johnson the Commissary there were 1320 Men whereas
in the General Muster Roll for 1st January signed also by him
there are only 1081 Men. M^r Johnson is therefore to be
directed to inform the Board how that difference arises.

Vencatachittum the Nabob's Braminy having
frequently by the Nabob's Order represented that a Village
called Noormerly has for a long Time past been in
Possession of the Nabob's Wife's Mother, & that she earnestly
requested it might not be taken from her, And that the
Nabob had ordered him as ^{Receiver of} Treasore to deliver up to the
Management of the Circar the Customs of the Town of
Pullicat, As they were not intended to be included
in the Grants made over to the Company. The Village
applied for by the Nabob's Wife's Mother being of no
great Value, It is agreed she shall keep Possession
thereof. With regard to the Customs of the Town of
Pullicat, We never looked upon them to have been
granted to the Company. The Person therefore who
Rents the Treasore Country is not to interfere with them
and as these Customs made a Part of the Farm last
Year were in consequence included when the whole
of Treasore was farmed out by the Company, It is
agreed to deduct the amount being about 1500 Pagodas
that the Nabob may receive it.

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28th December, & are much obliged to Your Honor &c. for the Liberty you have given us of detaining the Troops at Bengall, where they are arrived, & We are in daily Expectation of them here, as the Gentlemen at that Presidency had promised they would on their arrival send them to us.

Immediately on the Receipt of Your Letter We wrote to the Chief the Factor at Amoygo requesting of them to follow whatever Measures the Commanding Officer at Camp might advise for the speedy Junction of the Troops at that Place with the Army, whom We have directed to concert the most proper means for that purpose, but We are much concerned to find by a Letter received Yesterday from Amoygo that the Detachments of Artillery have been returned to Your Place.

We are sorry to acquaint You that We have the greatest reason to believe that Hyder Naigah hath notwithstanding his Treaty of Friendship with Us been very assisting to the off Cawar, this We are very certain of that the Rebel hath drawn very considerable Supplies both of Men & Stores from Pondichell & other Parts Subject to Hyder Naigah. We could therefore request of your Honor &c. of Your Honor &c. to address a Letter to Hyder Naigah on the Subject which may probably be attended with good Consequences.

We are

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Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Sble Serv
Robert Pulkar

Come in the following Letter from M^r. Payer, Paym^t at
To the Honible Robert Pulkar Esq^r

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the
Council of Fort St. George

Letter from M^r. Payer

Honible Sir & Sirs

I have been favored with the two
Secretary Stone under date 27th Ult^o enclosing an Ord^r

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Consultation relating to the Stoppages of Sepoy Cloathing
& containing further Directions from Your Honor which
which shall be strictly attended to.

Sends a Quantity
of Powder to Camp

On the 30th Ult^o I dispatched to Camp under an
Escort Commanded by Design Evans 292 Barrels of Powder
which with 500 sent thither on the 25th make 1392 Barrels
sent to Camp, in part of 2800 Barrels indentured for from
thence 530 Barrels of the Quantity sent to Camp on the 30th
arrived on that very Day, as did 100 more this day from
that Garrison.

All possible Expedition shall be used in getting comp-
ty Barrels, they being required not only for the Nabob's
Powder but for Musquet Ammunition.

1000 lbs for the
shot

Enclosed I send Your Honor 100th an Indent for Shot
required for 2 Batts 1st Lt^{ts} which Captain Wood has in-
dentured to me for, for the use of the Army.

There being four transport Carriages arrived from
Camp, I shall without delay dispatch the 4 nine Pounder
Guns; I wait only untill the Carriages which have been a
little damaged in coming from Camp are repaired to
send them off. I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & most Obedt^{le} Serv^t

Charles Stoper

Trichinopoly

9th February 1764

Sent the following Letter from Major Campbell Command-
ing the Army.

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army.

Sir,

Letter to Major
Campbell Ordered
not to purchase
Horses

We observe by the Commissaries Account for the
Month of December that several Horses have been bought
for the use of the Cavalry. You will therefore give Orders
that no more be purchased without our Approbation being
first signified.

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We are

Sir

Fort St George

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Your most humble Servant

Robert Palky Council

dispatched the following Letter to M^r. Calland at Cuddalore

To M^r. John Calland,

at Cuddalore.

Sir,

Letter to M^r. Calland

at Cuddalore

As there are about 70 Men belonging to his Majesty's 96th Regiment left sick at Trichinopoly Capt^l Wood has Directions from General Lawrence to send them in small Parties as they recover to Cuddalore where they are to remain till an Opportunity offers of bringing them thither by Sea You will therefore take Care to have Barracks ready to receive them.

We are

Sir

Fort St George

2nd February 1764

Your affectionate Friend

Rob^t Palky M^r. Council

The following Letter was at the same Time to Capt^l Wood.

To Captain Wood

Commanding at Trichinopoly,

Letter to Cap^t. Wood

Sir,

Our President hath laid before us your Letter of the 25th ult^o. & I am, Sir, Answer so which We acquiesce in You that two 4 lb^{rs} Guns with 600 Shot for them besides 40 Rounds of fixed Ammunition were by M^r. Calland put on Board the Pitt for Pondicherry, so that We imagine there will be no Necessity for your sending so many of the two 4 lb^{rs} Guns from Trichinopoly.

We are

Sir

Fort St George

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Your most humble Servant

Robert Palky Council

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9th Sent the following Letter to M^r Calland at Cuddalore &
to Captain Jackson Commander of the Pitt.

To M^r Calland,

Sir,

On Captain Jackson's Arrival You will deliver
the inclosed Letter to the Detachment under the Com-
mand of Captain Johnson is to be embarked in the Pitt
We desire You will provide Quarters for them & take care
the Bazaar is properly furnished with Provisions, acquaint-
ing the Contractor's Deputy that the Men are to be victu-
alled for three Days after this reaches You and the Batta-
lie to the Officers is also to cease at the same Time

The Sepoys should be returned to Camp immedi-
ately, & You may send Powder on the Bullocks to Trichi-
nopoly. We are

Sir,

Your affectionate Friends
Rob^t Palk & Council

Fort St George

8th Feby 1764

To Captain Jackson,

Sir,

When You are ready to return to Madras We desire
You will receive on Board a Detachment of Col^l Monson's
Regiment now at Cuddalore, & victual them on their Pas-
sage hither, advising M^r Calland when You would have
them embark. We are Sir,

Your most humble Servants

Robert Palk & Council

Fort St George

9th Feby 1764

12th Arrived from Camp Captⁿ Johnson's Detachment of H^{is} Majesty's Troop

Monday
13th

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq^r Governor, President
Springer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner

The President acquaints the Board that He had received

At Fort St George 13th February 1764.

M^r Taylor Paym^t
at Chingleput this
M^r Monckton ap-
pointed in his
stead.

a Letter from Captain De Beck Commanding at Chingle-
put advising of the Death of M^r James Taylor the Pay-
master at that Garrison and ^{that} he had thereupon sent
M^r Monckton thither to take the Accounts of that Garri-
son. Ordered that M^r Monckton do succeed M^r Taylor
in that Employ.

The President also acquaints the Board that
Ensign James Berry whom the Officers at Camp had on
Account of his bad Behaviour refused to do Duty with, and
come into Garrison & had resigned his Commission.
Letter from M^r Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly read as
follows.

To the Hon^{ble}. Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort St George

Letter from M^r Floyer

Hon^{ble} Sirs

Considering the Delay, which the want of
Powder Barrels, will occasion in receiving of Powder from
the Nabob, I have just proposed to M^r Call a Method of
making Country Nattan Baskets almost in the Shape of
Barrel, with Leather within, to secure the Powder from
receiving any Damage therein, which he entirely approves
of & has recommended to me to make them up; in
consequence of which, I have undertaken to begin them
& hope my doing so will meet with the Approbation
of Your Honor &c.^{ca} The Cooper we have here, is going
in making the Barrels; & that all possible Expedient
be used in receiving the Nabob's Powder, I intend to
employ our Carpenters in making Boxes with Copper
Nails, each Box to contain 60 lb of Powder that one Boat
lock may carry two of them. This shall be begun upon
in three or four Days, when I hope the Carriages &c. of the
the Carpenters are now employed for the Army will
be finished. I remain with great respect,

Trichinopoly
7th Feby 1764

Hon^{ble} Sir &c. Sir, Your faithful &c. &c. &c. for
Charles Floyer

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not approved of As We imagine a sufficient Number of Powder Barrels may be returned from Camp in Time for the Nabobs Powder; M^r Floyer is to be told We cannot think there is any Necessity for making use of the Expedients He proposes especially as they must be attended with considerable Expence.

1000 lb. Shot to be sent to the Army As Captain Wood has sent the two 12^{lb} W^g Guns from Trichinopoly to Camp. It is ordered that 1000 four & half Pounder Shot be forwarded to Trichinopoly for them, and as there are no Bottoms here to fix them with M^r Floyer is to be ordered to send whatever He may have at Trichinopoly with the Shot to the Army.

Ensign Haycock ordered to relieve L^t Smith at Vizagapatam As Ensign Haycock has been many Years in the Service, & is rendered unable for Field Duty. It is agreed that He be ordered to Vizagapatam to relieve Lieutenant Smith who is to be directed to take the first Opportunity of coming hither.

100 Barrels of Powder landed at Cuddalore M^r Calland at Cuddalore advising that He had received from J^r Lord Clive. the 120 Barrels of Gunpowder from the Lord Clive, & that He had forwarded to Camp 80 Cotts with as many complete Suits of Hospital Bedding.

Letter from M^r Brouwer at Tranquebar. The President lays before the Board the following Letter from M^r Brouwer at Tranquebar.

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Patk Esq^r
President & Governor of the Coast of Choromandel
at Fort St. George

Letter from M^r Brouwer Hon^{ble} Sir
As no Country Pilots would undertake to Navigate the Pitt as far as Tondy alledging the want of Water, Captain Jackson thought proper to take more Boats along with him for landing the Stores agreed to his desire I have provided him 30 Chilinguas & three small paddy Boats, & 4 Cattamarans, the 6 Chilinguas given by the Governor of Tranquebar, 6 by the Governor of Negapatam & 2 Cattamarans sent me by M^r Calland, are included in the Number. I have advanced Money to all the Chilingas & Cattamarans, & shall give an Account to Captain

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M^r Taylor Paym^t
at Chingleput Dies

M^r Monckton ap-
pointed in his
stead.

a Letter from Captain De Beck Commanding at Chingle-
put advising of the Death of M^r James Taylor the Pay-
master at that Garrison and ^{that} He had thereupon sent
M^r Monckton thither to take the Accounts of that Garri-
son. Ordered that M^r Monckton do succeed M^r Taylor
in that Employ.

The President also acquaints the Board that
Ensign James Derry whom the Officers at Camp had on
Account of his bad Behaviour refused to do Duty with, was
come into Garrison & had resigned his Commission.
Letter from M^r Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly read as
follows.

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort St George

Letter from M^r Floyer

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Considering the Delay, which the want of
Powder Barrels, will occasion in receiving of Powder for
the Nabob, I have just proposed to M^r Coll a Method of
making Country Nattan Baskets almost in the Shape of
Barrel, with Leather within, to secure the Powder from
receiving any Damage therein, which he entirely approved
of & has recommended to me to make them up; in
consequence of which, I have undertaken to begin them
& hope my doing so will meet with the Approbation
of Your Honor &c. The Cooper We have here, is going
in making the Barrels, & that all possible Expedition
be used in receiving the Nabob's Powder, I intend to
employ our Carpenters in making Boxes with Copper
Nails, each Box to contain 60 lb of Powder that one Bar-
rel may carry two of them. This shall be begun up-
on the 1st of March, when I hope the Carriages &c. shall
be finished. I remain with great respect,
Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs, Your faithful & obed^t Serv^t

Proposes making
up Nattan Baskets

and Wooden Boxes
for Powder

Trichinopoly
7th Feby 1764

Charles Floyer

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Not approved of As We imagine a sufficient Number of Powder Barrels may be returned from Camp in Time for the Kibols Powder; M^r Floyer is to be told We cannot think there is any Necessity for making use of the Expedients He proposes especially as they must be attended with considerable Expence.

100 Barrels of Powder As Captain Wood has sent the two 4th & 6th Guns from Trincomopoly to Camp. It is ordered that 1000 four & half Pounder Shot be forwarded to Trincomopoly for them, and as there are no Bottoms here to fix them with M^r Floyer is to be ordered to send whatever He may have at Trincomopoly with the Shot to the Army.

Ensign Haycock ordered to relieve L^t Smith at Viragapatam As Ensign Haycock has been many Years in the Service, & is rendered unable for Field Duty. It is agreed that He be ordered to Viragapatam to relieve Lieutenant Smith who is to be directed to take the first Opportunity of coming Hither.

120 Barrels of Powder landed at Cuddalore M^r Calland at Cuddalore advising that He had received from y^e Lord Clive, the 120 Barrels of Gunpowder from the Lord Clive, & that He had forwarded to Camp 80 Cotts with as many complete Suits of Hospital Bedding.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from M^r Brouwer at Tranquebar.

To the Honble Robert Dalke Esq^r
President & Governor of the Coast of Chorumandel
at Fort St George

Letter from M^r Brouwer
Honble Sir

As no Country Pilots would undertake to Navigate the Port as far as Fondy alledging the want of Water, Captain Jackson thought proper to take more Boats along with him agreeable to his desire I have provided him 30 Chilingas & three small paddy Boats, & 4 Cattamarans, the 6 Chilingas given by the Governor of Tranquebar, 6 by the Governor of Viragapatam & 2 Cattamarans sent me by M^r Calland, are included in the Number. I have advanced Money to all the Chilingas & Cattamarans, & shall give an Account to Captain

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Jackson & receive the Money agreeable to Your Orders. The 2^d Instant the Pitt was seen from Negapatam, & Captain Jackson has taken with him the Snow Neptune coming from Pondicherry to Madras, Captain Jackson met the Snow two Leagues to the South of Negapatam.

The French Frigate Repetition was adjoined here to one Monsieur Dupetitval, formerly first Bookkeeper of Pondicherry, & actually appointed a Councillor of Pondicherry. He has formed here a kind of Council consisting of as President. Mess^{rs} Rouland, Bourgeois, Dulaurens Laine & Lade. & a Gentleman came by the Frigate, his name is Le Febvre act as Secretary. They work daily on settling their Pondicherry Account & copying out old Books, in order to send to France by this Frigate, & every one of the French here under the Denomination of Writers is obliged to work daily on that Business for the Payment of those that Work. The Frigate has brought 7 Chests of Coal & 14 Chests of Stationary. This is all what the Frigate brought on Account of the Company. The private people Officers of the Frigate & Passengers has brought 20 or 25 Bahor of Islands Iron for which they ask 16 Pagoda for a Bahor some Lead & some Copper & some other trifling Things from Europe, very little Wine great deal of Coffee. M^r Maudave is preparing to go in the Frigate to the Islands also M^r Flacourt & M^r Boyellieu, is ordered by the King Minister to come to Europe by the first Ship & he goes also in this Frigate there is no People yet appointed to come to India only M^r Laus of Bengall as Governor General & Father Lavaure formerly Superior of the Jesuits at Pondicherry actually Pubbe Lavaure, Extraordinary Councillor for Pondicherry, Mess^{rs} Maraiene Nicolas Denis & more is desirous to come out again, but they have not yet the rank of Councillor of Pondicherry as before & many of them will not have more; The Place of Councillor & if they come out at all will be as private Merchants.

A Portuguese Ship Commanded by one Cap^t Coelho from Macao is saild from Madras last Week for Macao with

Intelligence the
French Frigate

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Her Passage, arrived here the 6th Instant loaded with Rice
Rottangs &c. which she intends to sell at Nagore & proceed
afterwards to Macao, the said Ship has been at Queda Acham
at which Place she has met a French Company's Ship
going to China & was by contrary Winds obliged to come to
Acham, the Ship's name was the Mary, directly from France
to China, The Portuguese Captain has made a very consi-
derable Benefit with the Opium, having gained 1000 Rupees
on each Chest of Opium, a few Days ago arrived at Nagore a
Brigantine from Queda, loaded with Tin, Betelnut Cloves
Elephants Teeth & say 6 more Brigantines was coming from
Queda loaded with the same Commodities as just now menti-
oned. While I was lately at Negapatam I heard very
privately that the Governor of Ceylon Baron Van Cch was
preparing to attack the King of Candia & to put another
King in his Place, the Dutch has got near 5000 Men at Ceylon
ready to take the Field.

The French Ship the Ruby & the Snow de Volant
belonging to private Merchants, is daily expected from the
Islands to carry Merchandise from here to the Islands.

I have advanced to M^r. Tiernay to Pagodas which
he asked me for his Expences on the Road from here to Madras
and desired me to write, Sir to You about it.

I recommend myself into Your Favor & have the Ho-
nor to be with great Respect.

Honble Sir

Your most Obed^t obliged humble servant
Christian Browner

Tranquebar 13th Febr'y
1764

As there are many Frenchmen now in Madras
publickly assisting us off Cawn, It is ordered that a protest be
sent in to Madras prepared to be sent in to them, & that a Copy thereof be sent to
M^r. Dupetit Val at Tranquebar who it seems is the Principal
Person acting on Behalf of the French Nation on the Coast.
Copies of which he is to be desired to transmitt to the Governor of
the Isle of France & M^r. Laws who it is expected is coming to preside
in India.

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An Order concerning the disposal of the amount of Prize Effects taken in Pondicherry having been long expected from Europe, We thought it best notwithstanding the frequent Solicitations to us by the Captains to defer coming to any Determination thereon, till We could receive their Orders; But as it has occasioned great Complaints & Murmurings amongst the Military, & more especially as the Squadron has been satisfied - It is therefore Agreed to recommend it to the Agents on the Part of the Army to make a division of one half of the Amount of the Prize Effects take a Portion in their Hands in order to put a Stop to the Discontent which prevails amongst the Troops, as well as to induce them to act with that Spirit & Alacrity which the present Critical Situation of our Affairs Requires.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Kirkpatrick had applied to him to be paid for a Horse which died on Service in the Field.

Agreed that the Paymaster in Camp be directed to pay Captain Kirkpatrick Pay^t 250 for his Horse, but that this may not be made a Precedent. It is resolved that as Horses are allowed to the Officers of Cavalry by the Company if they have any of their own Horses in the Field they are to receive any allowance for keeping them, nor to expect that the Company will make up the Loss in case they die or be killed in the Service. - And for the better regulating the Horses in each Troop it is to prevent their being changed it is Agreed that all the Horses be numbered & particularly described.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob entered into Country Correspondence N^o 30 giving an account of the Fortification round Pondicherry proposed by the French at the beginning of the Year 1763. - N^o 32 advising of his Son's having sent in Bills for Pay^t 76934.13 including the amount of the Forty Dist. together with the sum of 60000 being the Balance due on account of last Year's Dist.

For recommendation to the Agents for the Army to make a Division of 1/2 the amount of the Prize Effects taken at Pondicherry

taken at

Capt Kirkpatrick applies for Pay^t for a Horse which died in the Field resolution in consequence

Letter from the Nabob Gives an account of the Fortifications proposed by the French -

Transmits Bills for Pay^t 76934.13

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as also the Sum of Rupees 9267 $\frac{1}{2}$ to make up the Exchange
at 350 Rupees instead of 367 in the January List of the present
Years Assignment, and advising that He will order the
Bills He may remit in ^{to be drawn} future at that Exchange. And that
He has wrote to King of Tanjore recommending to him to
discharge the five Lacks of Rupees due on Account of Nov.
List.

Letter from Nabob's Son
enclosing 4 Bills.

A Letter from the Nabob's Son is also read N^o 3 enclos-
ing the abovementioned Bills.

Surport of an Ans.
wer to be wrote
thereto

Ordered that the receipt of the above Letters be
acknowledged & that the Nabob be advised of our having
wrote to the King of Tanjore desiring him to remit the
Money due on Account of November List.

Robt Falk
Jranger Lanza
Wm Bouchier
Rich. Sanfield
Sam. Bridley
Charles Turner

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Whereas Mahomed Cossy Cawn otherwise called Cawn Saib, formerly a Servant of the Honble the United English East India Company, who was by Nubol Mahomed Ally Cawn appointed Renter of the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries does contrary to his Allegiance to the Nubol Mahomed Ally Cawn & Fidelity to the said Company withhold the said Madura & Tinnevelly Countries with all the Forts & Places situated therein & the Rent due from him to the said Nubol, & hath moreover rebelliously taken up Arms against the said Nubol Mahomed Ally Cawn & the said Company. And Whereas one M^r Maudave who hath for a considerable Time past resided at Tranquebar, being or pretending to be the Chief of the French Nation on this Coast, by his Letters to the bearing date the 15 August & 9 September 1763 did declare that the said Madura & Tinnevelly Countries belonged to the French Nation by Virtue of a Grant or Order thereof made to the Royal East India Company of France by the said Mahomed Cossy Cawn otherwise Cawn Saib, & that the French Troops actually with the said Mahomed Cossy Cawn were regularly Commissioned by him the said M^r Maudave by Virtue of full Powers for that purpose & constituted as regular a Corps of Troops as pertaining to His most Christian Majesty as any other.

And Whereas M^r Claude Therese Clemon de Flanet by his Letter to Colonel Monson dated 2^d September 1763 his Declaration or Protest of the same date hath set forth that the said Fort of Madura & its Dependences remained Cossy Cawn, otherwise Cawn Saib in the Month of 1763, that in consequence thereof the Colours of France hoisted in the said Fort, that He held the same in Orders of M^r Maudave for the said Company. And Whereas the President & Council of Fort

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on the 10th Day of Febr'y 1763 between His Britannick Majesty
the most Christian King & the King of Spain & did require
him to conform thereto.

And Whereas Colonel Monson by his Letter to the said
M^r Flamincourt bearing date the 5th Sept^r 1763 did in like man-
ner notify the said Article of the said Treaty of Peace & did
require him in consequence thereof to deliver up to him the
said Fort & its Dependencies, notwithstanding which the
said M^r Maudave & the said M^r Flamincourt in publick
violation & Defiance of the said Treaty & contrary to the
good Faith & Amity intended to be established thereby did
obstinately refuse to comply therewith.

And Whereas We did on the 23rd September 1763 make a
Representation to the Governor & Council at Trinquetbar
regarding the Behavior of M^r Maudave, who under the
Protection of their Flag, did so openly assist the said Ma-
homet Coud Cawn otherwise Cawn Saib, they the said Gover-
nor & Council at Trinquetbar did thereupon on the 28th Sept^r
and 3rd October call before them the said M^r Maudave and
interrogated him concerning his assisting Mahomed
Coud Cawn otherwise Cawn Saib, who did then solemnly
Disavow having any concern with or Command over the
French Troops in Madura, & did moreover deliver to the
said Governor & Council a Letter from himself to M^r Flami-
court in Form following.

A Trinquetbar 1st Oct^r 1763

" J'ai l'honneur de vous informer, Monsieur, que je me
" prepare a quitter ce Pais et a repasser aux Isles. Je me
" crois obligé de vous prevenir également, que je ne me mele
" en aucune facon des Affaires du Madura ni de celles de
" votre Troupe; ce sera uniquement a vous a répondre de votre
" conduite dans les Circonstances actuelles, et vous devez me
" couter que la Raison et votre devoir dans les Resolutions que
" vous aurez a prendre, ainsi je vous demande instamment
" de ne me consulter en rien, car j'ai l'honneur de vous repletter
" que je ne puis en aucune maniere me meler de ces sortes de

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choses. Je souhaite que vous trouviez les moyens de contenter
tout le monde, mais je vous prie de ne les chercher que
dans votre Prudence, sans recourir en aucune cas à des
conculles ou à mes ordres, que je dois vous refuser par d'autres
Raisons très solides; Je compte que la Déclaration que je
vous fais suffira et que vous voudrez bien vous y conformer.
J'ai l'honneur d'être avec l'attachement le plus
sincère & le plus inviolable.

To M. de Flaminio

Monsieur

Votre très humble & très Obéissant

Mandave

And Whereas the said Mess^r Cawon otherwise Cawon Sait
notwithstanding his Rebellion & notwithstanding the said
pretended Grants, has constantly solicited to continue to Rent
the said Countries from the English East India Company, par-
ticularly by a Letter dated the 20th December last & delivered
to us by his Vaquil Chervanda Raw.

And Whereas there is still in Madaga a considerable
of French Troops consisting chiefly of Prisoners on their Parol
aiding & assisting Mahomed Gouf Cawon otherwise Cawon
Sait, contrary to & in Violance of the Treaty of Peace, made
concluded & settled between our respective Sovereigns, by
the said President & Council of Fort St. George do hereby on
the most formal & solemn Manner protest against & re-
sist the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty who have
already been or may be aiding or assisting the Rebel
Mahomed Gouf Cawon otherwise Cawon Sait & against
others whom it may concern for all the immense Charges
Losses & Detriment that may arise by reason of the said
Violation & Breach of the Treaty of Peace & We do moreover
summon & require the Officer Commanding the French
Troops in Madaga, as well as all the Subjects of his most
Christian Majesty in the Forts & Garrisons of the Madaga
& Annivelly Countries either to deliver up the said Forts
to abandon Mess^r Cawon, and We also declare that all such
as shall be taken in Arms assisting the said Rebel Mahomed

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Every Cannon otherwise Cannon Sail, shall be treated with the
Rigour, that is due to so manifest a Violation of the Treaty
of Peace.

Given under our Hands at Fort St. George this 17th
day of February 1764.

Robt. Palkin^{re} Council.

The following Letter was at the same Time sent to M^r Dupetit Val
at Tranquebar with a Copy of the above Protest under Cover to M^r
Brouwer.

To M^r Du Petit Val

Letter to M^r Du Petit Val
Sir

As We have been informed that a French Frigate is
arrived at Tranquebar from the Islands & that the Packet
by her is addressed to You; Tho' We know not what Powers
You may be vested with; Yet We must conclude You are the
Chief of Your Nation at present on the Coast; We therefore think
it incumbent on Us to furnish You with the enclosed Copy
of a Protest which We have ordered to be sent into Madras
that You may if your Powers extend so far, order those of
your Nation to withdraw themselves from the Assistance
of the Rebel Offshore Cannon; or if You are not authorized to do
that, We think the Regard You must have for the Honor
of Your Country will induce You to use Your utmost endea-
vours to prevail on them to conform to the Treaty of Peace so
happily concluded between our respective Sovereigns.

We must at the same Time desire You will be plea-
sed to cause Copies of the above mentioned Protest & of this
Letter to be transmitted to the Governor of the Isle of France
and to M^r Laws who we are informed is appointed to
preside in India. We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t & Able Servants
Robert Palkin^{re} Council

Fort St George
17th Feby 1764

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To Mr. Brouncker

Letter to Mr. Brouncker

Sir

The enclosed is a Protest which We desire You will
Seal & Deliver to Mr. De la Motte. We send it open for Your
Perusal as it will be necessary You should make a
Declaration that the said Protest has been delivered.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
18th Feby 1764

Your most humble Servant

Rob^t Palk Council

20 Came in the following Letter from Captⁿ Jackson of the Pitt
To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq^r
Governor &c of Fort St. George

Letter from Capⁿ Jackson

Sir

Sent Military &
Stores in Boats to
Tondi.

I wrote to You the 1st Inst^t from this Place, next Day
We sailed from hence & met with the Snow Neptune
Captain Rennels who as I was apprehensive of not getting
Boats sufficient, nor able to get nearer to Tondy than Port
Cagliemera) I took & loaded with 1500 lbs of Corn & 1000 lbs of
dispatches & her together with 23 Boats on the 7th they had
on Board besides the Stores 289 of the Troops 25 of whom were
Sick Spent into the Snow, they sailed at Day break next Morn-
ing & Captain Rennels expected to be at Tondi in a Day or
half. On the 9th I dispatched the remainder of the Stores in four
Cathamarans & 8 Boats Having on Board 27 Soldiers who
makes 316 Men in all including the Officers. One Soldier
that came on Board is misssed supposed to have fallen on
Board in the Night & drowned. I expect these last Boats will
reach Tondy the next Evening, they completely unloaded
& We have not a Boat to spare.

I have taken our Main Mast out here as Governor
Van Syllingen was so good as promise another in case it
had not answered, but as he would not take Payment for
it but wait till You should send him one in place of it.

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the first that came from Europe, I did not chuse to put it to an inconvenience if I could possibly help it, as now I believe I can make our own do again.

I have received uncommon civilities from Mr. Van Seylingen both in procuring the needfull for disembarking the Troops & in other respects, likewise from Mr. Brown whose friendly & ready Assistance chiefly contributed in getting of the Boats he sparing no Pains in procuring of them. I expect to be ready to leave this Place in about ten Days Time.

I am with due Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Hble Servant

Jas. Jackson

Negapatam

14th Febr'y 1764

Thursday

23rd Febr'y

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
John Pybus, Richard Fairfield
Samuel Ardley, Charles Turner

Mr. Pybus takes
his Seat

Mr. Pybus being arrived from Masulipatam takes his Seat at the Board.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Dowsett Paymaster to the Army.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor &c^a Council of
Fort St George.

Letter from Mr. Dowsett

Honble Sir & Sirs

unserviceable Horses
ordered to be sold off

Your Honor &c^a Letter of the 2^d Inst^t enclosing Regulation relative to the relisting of Men in the Honble Company's Service has been received to which a due Attention shall in future be paid. As Your Honor &c^a are already acquainted how far I have deviated from the present Regulations & have not signified Your Intentions of withdrawing the Extraordinary Bounty, I conclude they are intended

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for what may happen in future.

The Unserviceable Horses of the Troops (in turn both) were to have been disposed of this Morning, agreeable to Your Honor the 2^d Orders, but the Sale has been postponed for a few Days at the Request of the Commanding Officer. I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your very Obed^t Humble Servant
Rob^t Donnell

Camp near Madurai
13th Feby 1764

Paym^t at Camp that Frictionopoly neglect to advise the Com^{rs} missary & Paym^t of 4 Days Balla House to Cap^t Johnson's Detachment reminding them of their Duty in this particular to be wrote to in consequence

The Board observing that no Letters have been sent either by Mr. Donnell or Mr. Floyer to the Commissary & Paymaster regarding the Pay & Balla issued by them to the Detachment which arrived from Camp under the Command of Captain Johnson. Ordered that Letters be wrote to the

Read a Letter from Mr. Daniell at Pondi dated 23rd Janry accompanying an Account of Stores received by her p^r Ketch Catharina, as also an Account of Stores sent by her to the Army

Mr. Daniell transmits Acc^t of Stores rec^d of Ketch Catharina & of those sent to Camp

The President lays before the Board the following Letters from Major Campbell to Mr. Call - To the Honorable Robert Palk Esq^r President & Governor.

Letter from Major Campbell

Honorable Sir,

Advices of a large security the Post on the Tennovelly Road which I have conveyed Provisions the Honor to mention to you the 15th Instant, and as I have 26 Horses being coming Intelligence of a very considerable Convoy of Provisions going to us off Cawn. Purposes Horses being in motion from Tennovelly I intend moving the Army about two Miles to morrow to the Southward to the Srd toward the better to intercept them. The Army about two Miles to morrow to the Southward to effectually cover that Post but will I hope put in more our Power to intercept the Convoy. No News yet of Cap^t Fitzgerald's Detachment. I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honorable Sir
Your most Obed^t & Obed^t Servant
Char^s Campbell

Camp near Madurai
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To the Honble Robert Dalke Esq^r

Sir,

Letter from Major Call
arrives at Camp

Yesterday Evening I arrived in Camp & have this Morn-
ing visited a new post which is making out of a ruined Pag-
da on the North side of the River opposite the Camp. Major
Campbell & I have also been viewing the Ground between the
present Camp & the Post Major Preston has lately occupied
near Sicundra Malle or Sicundrabemder in the Tinnevelly
Road. This Post was occupied the Night before last & is now
fortifying; when it is completed it will be of the utmost
consequence especially at this Juncture when there is a very
large convoy of Ammunition, Provisions & Troops coming
from the Tinnevelly Country. to intercept this every Method
must be tried, for much will depend thereon of our future

advises that the Rebel
has many Out Works

Success. The Rebel has several Posts out of the Fort at the
Distance of 500, to 800 Yards & from these he keeps us at a
greater Distance. We have already four Posts besides the
Camp, & I believe must have two more, so that Sepoys
will be much wanting, & more must absolutely be sent to
the Army, both from Vellore; those which were lying at
Chingleput ^{besides} what you can from Madras, for We shall
want at least 9,000.

That the Naut Colle-
ries are troublesome

By means of presents of Rings &c. &c. Hooff Cawn has
found the means of drawing over the Naut Colleries again
to his Interest & to infest Terradore, Tirambore & Nattam
Yesterday while I was entering Our Sahom with 300 Horse
& 200 Sepoys they attacked our Rear & wounded five Men
They have also promised to surprise Terradore or Tirambore
& have infested the road to Tondis, so that We had no Letters
from thence these 10 Days. In short there are here so many
clashing Interests & the Naut expect such immediate
Revenues from the conquered Country that it is impossible
to reconcile all Parties.

There is not yet a Fascine, Gabion or Picket made
nor can there be any provided till the Camp fixes in one Place
Provisions too for the same Reason are scarce & there is little

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or no Rice in the Bazaar.

Desires a Supply
of Artificers &
Fascine Makers
& Sappers & Coolies

I must beg that You will order up here directly 100
black Carpenters 3 or 4 Smiths, 100 more fascine makers (for
50 paces away on the road) all the Sappers that can be got & if
possible 200 common Coolies, for We cannot get one here by
Reason of the deficiency of their Pay in bandying the Money
in Exchange. Messr Cawm however has 2000 at least working
out of the Fort on the Glacier & at several Redoubts, besides
a great number within on the Walls. I am astonished how
he makes his People stay with him or finds money to pay them.

We shall most certainly want all the Troops We can
assemble together, even tho' We had the whole Maratha
Garrison. It is astonishing that there is no advice of the British
at Pondicherry. I shall write again tomorrow & send You a sketch
that You may judge of our Motions & Position.

I am

Sir

Your most Obligated & Devoted
John Cull

Camp on the South Bank
of the River N.W. of Madurai
15th Feb 1864

Honble Robert Polk Esq.

Letter from Major Cull
advices of the Camp
moving 1/2 Miles
near Major Preston's
Post.

Sir,

I wrote You Yesterday a particular account of
position of our Posts & Situation; This Morning the Camp moved
about a mile & half nearer to the new Post at Sicutra Bura
where Major Preston is with a very strong Detachment. The
Rebell has been trying all the Morning to reach our Camp
with his heavy Guns, but has not yet succeeded. You cannot
imagine how the Division of the Army into so many Posts weak-
ens it. I am certain We have not here ^{above} 400 effective Europeans
& about 1200 Sepoys, & We had only two Field Pieces last
Night on the Line. The 4th Bⁿ sent from Trichinopoly has
no Ammunition, but some is sent for & Captain Wood says
it shall be dispatched to Camp, but at the same time he
sends Major Campbell a copy of the Gov^r's Council's Letter con-
cerning the two Guns which he is told are not necessary. On the

desires more Field
Pieces

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contrary I do assure You that We shall want at least two more Field Pieces from Trichinopoly especially when Major Preston is detached to the Southward, & has 6 Pieces with him, so that I beg You will let Captain Wood have discretionary Directions to send whatever may be wanted & he has to spare --

There is a Report from Tondra Pillah that Capt. Fitzgerald with his Detachment has been arrived 9 Days ago at Tondi, but there is no Letter come from him ^{Mr. Tondra} & I fear indeed that Southerly Winds have been against him. In future the most certain Method will be to send any Reinforcements You may have to send overland, & then they will certainly come tho' they may be a few Days longer than they were formerly, but ~~shorter~~ in all probability than the Men on the Pitt.

Unless something very favorably happens You must not expect that We can begin any Siege or even attempt it, till We have double the Force We have now in Europeans & have entirely taken from the Rebels all the Forts within 50 Miles of Madura. He has really made great additions to the Fort, & has got out Posts to a considerable Distance on three sides, so that We shall be obliged to take them even before We can get near to begin our approaches & We shall want more Seaprops as well as Horse to cut off a Communication of 10 Miles round or more. The Collieries now are very troublesome both near Nattam & between Tirambour & Towardore & I fear will continue so unless We can contrive to buy them over by means of Arm Rings & such Things as Mess^r Caww distributes plentifully among them.

I hope every Day to hear of our Friends from Madras, & as those from Bengall & the sooner they come the better for nothing Material can be done till they join us. I have not Time to say more than that. I am

Sir,

Your most Obed^t & Oblig'd Serv^t
John Call

Camp near Madura
16th Feby 1764

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Troops expected
from Bengall
to be landed at
Cuddalore

Orders in Conse-
quence

Artificers etc. to be
sent to Camp

Sepoys to be drafted
from Vellore & sent
to Camp

Capt. Wood advises
of his sending 4/2
to Camp

Desires a Surgeon
may be sent to
Trichinopoly.

As it is of the utmost Consequence that the Troops
We expect from Bengall should join the Army as soon
as possible, and as the Ships from thence will most
probably at this Season of the Year fall in with the Land
to the Southward, if the Men can be disembarked at Cud-
dalore it will save them many Days march to Camp.
It is therefore Agreed that Letters be wrote to Captain
Finckler or to the Commanders of any of His Majestys
the Company's Ships who may have Military on
Board for this Place desiring them to land them at
Cuddalore and that Copies of these Letters be sent to
Mr. Brouwer at Tranquebar, and to Mr. Calland at
Cuddalore, who are to be desired to send them on Board
the Ships should they appear off any of those Places.
and Mr. Calland is to be directed in case they should
landed at Cuddalore to supply them with Provisions
& furnish them with Sepoys, Lecties & all other Necessa-
ries in his Power for their march to Camp, & to give
as well as the Commanding Officer of the Army the most
early Intelligence of their Arrival. Ordered that the Art-
ificers, Tascars &c. desired by Mr. Cull be sent away with
all Expedition.

As it is necessary that all the Sepoys that be
be spared from the Out-Garrisons should join the Army
Captain Clarke is to be directed to Draft 40 Men out of
each Company at Vellore & send them to Camp with all
Expedition.

Read a Letter from Captain Wood Commanding
at Trichinopoly dated 14th Instant advising that he
found in that Garrison the following Shot

4th round fixed — 22
4th Grape ditto — 44
4th round — 690 which he was

getting ready to send off to Camp & at the same Time
desiring another Surgeon may be sent to Trichinopoly
in the room of Mr. Hinchley, who was obliged on account

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M^r Buchanan to be
sent from Cuddalore
to Trichinopoly.

M^r Hunter desired
to take charge of the
Hospital at Cud-
dalore.

M^r Briggs to set
off for Camp.

M^r Lucas
sends in a Plan for
removing sick &
wounded Men

Opinion of the
Board thereon

M^r Lowe applies to
come into Service
as Surgeon

not granted

M^r La Roque pro-
poses maintain-
ing the French
Prisoners.

of his Ill State of Health to remove to Cuddalore.

Ordered that M^r Buchanan who is now at Cuddalore
do proceed to Trichinopoly - And that M^r Hunter a
Surgeon belonging to the West Coast who arrived from
the Isle of France on the Expedition Frigate this morning
Cuddalore, be desired for the present to take upon him
the Charge of Hospital at that Place. - Major Campbell
having represented to the President that another
Surgeon with the Army is absolutely necessary - M^r
Briggs is to be directed to get himself in readiness to
proceed to Camp. -

Read a Letter from M^r Lucas dated 13th Inst^t
acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 2^d Inst^t
& enclosing a Plan for a Vehicle or Cote for removing sick
& wounded Men & desiring, if it meets with our Appro-
bation, that 200 of them may be made up.

The Board are of Opinion that the Machine pro-
posed by M^r Lucas might answer very well provided
Coolies could be procured to carry it: which it will be diffi-
cult to do, as it is intended to be carried by two Men only.
He likewise desires that one dozen of Sponges may be sent
him which he forgot to insert in his last Indent. Ordered
that they be forwarded immediately to him. -

The President acquaints the Board that M^r Lowe
Surgeon's Mate of His Majesty's 96 Regiment had ap-
plied to come into the Service as Surgeon.

As the Number of Surgeons already on the List
exceeds the Company's Establishment, M^r Lowe cannot
be entertained as Surgeon. -

As the maintaining the private French Prison-
ers & providing them with Surgeons & Medicines is at-
tended with considerable Expence in Trunka. The Pres-
ident acquaints the Board that M^r La Roque had pro-
posed furnishing them with all necessaries whatever
provided the Allowance which was given the Contractor for
distilling them, was paid him at the beginning of every Month.

18 days
to 1

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Accepted of — Agreed that M^r la Roques's Proposals be accepted and the Contractor be directed to deliver over the charge of the French Prisoners to him.

Read the following Letter from M^{rs} Bouchier to Russell Agents in the Port of the Army.

To the Honble Robert Pathe Esq^r.

President & Governor in a Council of Fort St George,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from M^{rs} Bouchier

regarding the

discharge of

Money

We have had the Honor of Your Letter of the 17th recommending to us to make a Dividend of one half of the amount of the Dist^{ct} Effects of Pondicherry in order to put a stop to the complaints & discontent of the Troops until his Majesty signifies his Pleasure concerning the disposal of the Whole. By this We should understand that the Honble Company mean to waive any contingent Right they may have in the half they recommend to be so divided. Tho' it is nowhere expressed ^{that} they have any. However Gentlemen being only Agents. We are sorry that Your recommendation can not have that weight with us We would wish or that it might possibly have if addressed to our Principals. On this occasion in Justice to ourselves We think it necessary to acquaint You that altho' We are doubtfull whether Orders from our Principals even could justify us in what You recommend, seeing it is a Step so very contrary to the Letters Patent under the great Seal of England dated the 14th January 1758 which express Ordains that no dividend of Plunder or Booty where in Majesty's & the Company's Troops are jointly concerned in the Capture shall be made until the Royal Treasury be known. Yet the End proposed is so desirable in its Consequences there is nothing We have so earnestly for, & should therefore long ago have taken upon us to send Instance could We have obtained the sanction of such Orders for a Pretext as the Agents for the Squadron

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did from the Admiral before they made the Dividend. You make mention of. But this being always denied Us, The Duty We owed ourselves, suggested the same Caution necessary on our Part, that We found in Others; & unless our Constituents shall think proper to furnish Us with Orders upon the Company's now waiving their contingent Right. We must in Compliance to the Letters Patent defer all further Steps until his Majesty's Pleasure be known.

We have the Honor to be with Respect

Honible Sirs & Mrs

Your most Obed^t & most humble servants

Jas^s Bouchier
Claude Russell

Fort St George

22^d Febr'y 1764

The Board informed of Col. Monson's Intentions of ordering one half thereof to be divided

The President acquaints the Board that He had communicated the Contents of the above Letter to Colonel Monson who had thereupon informed him that He would give Orders for the Agents to make a Dividend of that Part of the Prize Money recommended by the Board.

Lists of such as are entitled to it be transmitted from Camp. entitled to share therein.

It is therefore agreed that Major Campbell be directed to send in a List of all such in Camp who may be

Rob^t Palk
Kinger Lawrence
Jas^s Bouchier
Rich^d Sayfield
Sam^l Wiley
Charles Turner

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Clark Commanding
at Vellore.

To Captain Clark
Commanding at Vellore.

Letter to Capt. Clark

Sir,

You will be pleased to draft 40 Men from each
of the Companies of Seaports at Vellore & send them with a
proportionable of Officers immediately to Camp, Mr. Pyne
has Directions to advance them the necessary Subsistence for
their march, We are

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23rd February 1764

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

Rob^t. Palk & Council

In consequence of the Resolutions of Yesterday the follow-
ing Letters were dispatched

To Mr. Calland
at Cuddalore,

Letter to Mr. Calland

Sir,

As We are in Expectation of a Reinforcement of
Military & Artillery from Bengall by some of His Majes-
ty's Ships as well as by the Deptford & Bull & as they
will most probably at this Season of the Year fall in
with the Land to the Southward, If these Troops can be
landed at Cuddalore, it will make their march to the
Army much easier. We therefore enclose to You Letters
for Commodore Pinker or the Commanders of any of his
Majesty's or the Company's Ships having Troops on
Board for this Place, as also for the Officers Commanding
the Detachments, one of each You will send on Board any
of the Ships should they appear off Cuddalore. Copies of
these Letters come enclosed for Your Perusal. If any of the
Troops should in consequence thereof be landed at Cud-
dalore, You will do all in Your Power to furnish them
with Provisions, Sepoys Coolies & all other Necessaries to

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assist them as far as You are able for their march to Camp
which We judge as far as Trichinopoly will be best ac-
complished, if they go in Companies or by separate Detach-
ments, You will immediately on their arrival inform Us
as well as the Commanding Officer of the Army thence with
We have wrote to Mr. Browner at Tranquebar in case
any of the Ships should appear to the Southward to send

Fort St George. Copies of our Letters on Board.

23rd Feby 1764 If any of the We are,

Officers should want to leave any of Sir,

their Baggage behind them, You will

cause it to be put into a Secure Place & great

Care taken of it.

Your affectionate Friends

Rob^t Palk & Council

To Commodore Tinker or the Commanders

of any of His Majesty's or of the Company's Ships

having Troops on Board for this Place

Letter to Capt Tinker

Sir,

or the Commanders

of any of his Majesty's

or the Company's

Ships

As the Troops We expect from Bengall are to be

employed in the Reduction of Madura, It is of the utmost

Consequence they should be landed to the Southward,

We are therefore to desire You will be pleased to land such

Military as You may have on Board at Cuddalore.

And We request that You will give us the most early

Account thereof in Order that We may forward the

necessary Directions. We are

Fort St George

Sir

23rd Feby 1764

Your most Obedient & humble servant

To the Officer Commanding

Rob^t Palk & Council

any Detachment of Troops on Board any

of his Majesty's or the Company's Ships

from Bengall,

Letter to the Command^r

Sir,

Officer of Detachment

on Board any of

the Ships

As it is absolutely necessary that the Troops We

expect from Bengall should join the Army before Ma-

dura as soon as possible. We have desired the Commanders

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of any of His Majesty's or the Company's Ships to land such Detachments as they may have on Board at Cuddalore, as it will be a means of saving many Days march to the Men. M^r Calland has Orders to provide Necessaries for You & Your People & to furnish You with Coolies &c^a for Your march to the Army.

You will be pleased immediately on Your arrival at Cuddalore to advise us as well as the Commanding Officer of the Army therewith, and You will follow such Orders as You may receive from him.

1764/ Fort St. George 23rd Feby We are

Pl^{se} Whatever Baggage You may think proper to leave at Cuddalore, be pleased to give it in Charge to M^r Calland who has our Orders to take Care of it.

Your most Humble servants
Rob^t Palk &c^a Council

To M^r Christian Brouwer
at Tranquebar.

Letter to M^r Brouwer

Sir,

As We are in Expectation of Troops from Bengal by some of his Majesty's Ships as well as by the Deptford & Pouter, and as they will most probably at this Time of the Year fall in with the Land to the Southward. We are very desirous that the Troops they have on Board may be landed at Cuddalore, as it will save them many Days march to the Army. We therefore enclose to You Letters addressed to Commodore Finkler or to the Commanders of any of His Majesty's or the Company's Ships having Troops on Board for this Place or of which We are to request You will send on Board any of the Ships should they appear off Tranquebar. We desire You will immediately on their Appearance off Tranquebar advise us as well as the Commanding Officer of the Army & M^r Calland at Cuddalore thereof.

We are Sir

Fort St. George
23rd Feby 1764

Your most Humble servants
Rob^t Palk &c^a Council

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25th Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding
the Army.

To Major Charles Campbell,
Commanding the Army.

Letter to Major Campbell. Sir,

Captain Kirkpatrick having applied for Payment
for a Horse which died in the Field We have ordered Mr
Boswell to pay him for it, But that this may not be made
a Precedent, as We see no Reason why a Captain of Ca-
valry should not keep a Horse at his own Expence as well
as a Captain of Infantry especially when it is considered
that the Subsistence in the Cavalry is considerably high-
er on this Account, You will be pleased to signify to the
Officers of Cavalry that as they are allowed Horses by the
Company, If they find it necessary to keep any of their own
they are not to receive any Allowance for keeping them, nor
to expect that the Company will make up their Loss in
case they die or are killed in the Service, and for the better
regulating the Horses in the Troops We would have them
all numbered & particularly described that We may be
able to judge of the State of the Troops.

We have given orders for 40 Men to be drafted from
each Company of Sepoys at Vellore & to be sent imme-
diately to Camp.

As a Division of one half of the Amount of the
Prize Effects taken at Pondicherry remaining in the
Hands of the Agents for the Army will We hope shortly
be made, We desire You will send us in a List of all
such now in Camp who are entitled to share therein.

As You represent that another Surgeon in Camp
is absolutely necessary, Mr. Briggs with an Assistant
will immediately set out for the Army

We are, Sir

Your most humble servants
Robert Dalrymple Council

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The following Letter was at the same Time sent to M^r
Dowsett Paymaster to the Army

To M^r Dowsett Paymaster
to the Army.

Letter to M^r Dowsett

Sir,

Captain Kirkpatrick having desired to be paid
for a Horse which died on the Service in the Field You will
pay him 250 Pagodas, But as this may not be a prece-
dent, Major Preston is directed to signify to the Officers
of Cavalry, that as they are allowed Horses by the Com-
pany, If they find it necessary to have any of their own
in the Field, they are not to receive any Allowance for
keeping them nor to expect that the Company will make
up their Loss in Case they die or are killed in the Service.

Notwithstanding the repeated Orders to Paymaster
to advise the Commissary or Paymaster of the Place to
which any Detachment may be marching what Pay
the Battalion such Detachment may have received, not
one Direction to this Purpose has been sent with Cap-
tain Johnston's Detachment either from You or from
M^r Floyer. We are

Sir

Fort St. George

25th Feby 1764

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Pulteney Council

To M^r Calland at
Cuddalore

Dispatched the following Letter to M^r Calland at Cuddalore

Letter to M^r Calland

Sir,

As a Surgeon is much wanted at Trichinopoly
You will order M^r Buchanan to proceed thither. If it is
agreeable to M^r Hunter who is at Cuddalore to take upon
him the Charge of the Hospital at that Place, We should
be glad. He would remain there for the present. You will
therefore propose it to him. Inform us of his answer.
We are Sir,

Your affectionate Friends

Rob^t Pulteney Council

Fort St. George

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Came in the following Letter from M^r Floyer Paymaster
at Trichinopoly —

To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort St George,

Letter from M^r Floyer

Honible Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to receive Your Orders under date
the 15th Instant, In consequence whereof I have put a stop
to the making of Baskets & Boxes to contain the Nabobs
Powder: an inconsiderable Quantity of the former having
been made, I have returned them to the Owners; of the latter
desists from making I had completed 50, before Your Honor's &c^o Orders reached
me; as they were made of the Planks of empty Arm Chests
I have been at no Charge on that Account except the de-
livery of some Copper from the Stores. As they were already
completed, I presume it will be agreeable that they should
be converted to the use they were intended. —

Having no Bottoms for 4th Wth Shot, I have employed
the Turners who are constantly making spare Bottoms
for 12, 9 & 6 Wth Shot to get as many of them ready as possible
that they may be sent with the Shot to Camp. I sent no
Bottoms with the 4th Wth Shot, I had the Honor to inform
the President, I had dispatched to Camp on the Inst^t.

I remain with respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & Obed^t & Able servant
Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
20th Feby 1764

Monday
27th

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
John Pybus — — — Richard Fairfield
Samuel Ardley — — — Charles Turner

The President acquaints the Board that he had recd
a Letter from Captain De Beck Commanding at Chingleput

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Scapys sent from Ching advising of his having sent from thence to Camp 115
Lynut to Camp new raised Scapys which came from Vellout.

Read the following Letter from Major Preston at Camp
To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor &c^s Gentlemen of
The Council of Fort St. George

Letter from Major
Preston

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to inform You of my having
delivered over the Command of the Army to Major Camp-
bell. His present Situation is such as I believe will require
very little Alteration for the Reduction of Madurai. It
effectually cuts off the Road to Tinnevelly, there are two
other Roads to Tinnevelly with some very strong Posts in
them. These Posts it will be very necessary to reduce (in
my humble Opinion) immediately as a proper Detach-
ment can be spared from the Army.

The Rebels Vackel produced one Your Letter
Gentlemen to his Master. It occasioned a very extraordi-
nary one from M^r Marchand directed (as You see Gentle-
men in the Copy here enclosed) to the Council of Madras.
He had the Assurance to send it Seal'd up (attended by a
Flag of Truce) without any Direction or Note to the Com-
manding Officer of the Army. It happened to be out of
Camp at the Time. But as soon as I returned, I sent it
back (after taking a Copy of it) with as little Ceremony as
it came. Enclosed is likewise a Copy. Gentlemen of
another Extraordinary Letter (without any Name to it)
from Madurai; with my answer annexed to it. I received
it the Day before the other, & was out a whole Day in
Ambuscade, in consequence of this my answer to it -
which I hope Gentlemen, will meet with Your Appro-
bation: tho' it was disappointed of the good Effect I look'd
for. A European Descrier (an Englishman or the first Euro-
pean Descrier from the Rebels) who came from Madurai
three Days ago, saw the Man (an Indian Corporal) who was
took to carry it for me; & says that He was extremely well.

Encloses a Copy of
a Protest from
M^r Marchand.

An Anonymous
Letter rec'd from
Madurai with
his answer.

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received by the off Cawn who paid him 27 Pagodas immediately upon his arrival in Madura.

By this Deserter's Account there are now 200 Europeans in Madura & about 300 Topasses & Cofferies. More Europeans are expected very soon from the other Coast.

Advise of his having sent for the Detachment from Anjengo

Damodera Pilla has furnished Boats for bringing the Detachment from Anjengo to Kutta Kary (in the Map it's Kiltiare) where he promises to have 1000 of his Men ready to attend it to the Army. I have accordingly wrote to M^r Whitehill (enclosing your Letter to him) & recommended it to him to send the Detachment immediately by these Boats. The Thing of Travencore is really not to be trusted Gentlemen, He at present corresponds very closely with the Rebel.

Acknowledges the receipt of our Letter of 23rd & 26th having

I have received the Honor Gentlemen of your two Letters of the 23rd & 26th of last Month. I hope I shall not forfeit the good Opinion You are pleased to express for me in the latter. The less Power I may have of showing my Zeal for the Service, the more conspicuous I hope will be my Gratitude. I am with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp before Madura
13th Febr'y 1764

Your most Faithfull Able servants
A^d Prestons

The Copy of the Protest from M^r Marchand is also read as follows.

Copy of a Letter from Madura received in Camp the 8th Febr'y 1764
to the Gentlemen of the Council of Madras A Mess^{rs} Mess^{rs} du Consulat
Gentlemen de Madras

Protest from M^r Marchand

I make no doubt but Messieurs
that You know that I came Je ne doute pas que vous
into Madura a Year ago with me. Je sachiez que je ne suis venue
a French Detachment avec dans le Madure de puis un an
ted with Authority to join passé avec un Detachment
Mahomed Cof Cawn who francois revetü de pouvoir pour
was then carrying on open me joindra a Mehemet Cof
War with the Rajah of Travencore. Tant que étoit pour lors en

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I arrived with his Army 9th Jan^r pleine guerre avec le Raja de
1763 where I placed the Standard. Le jour de mon ar-
and of the King my Master. avec a son armée fut le 9th Jan^r
in the room of Yours which 1763 on le substitua au 1^{er} Can^{on}
was set up in his camp. du Roy au Roy Maître a celui de

I can no longer doubt Gen. votre qui étoit arboré dans
Hermen that You were ignorant son Camp.

of the Treaty of Alliance with. Je ne doute pas non plus
Mahomet Couf Caum had en. Messieurs que vous ignoriez
tered into with M. Maudave le traité d'alliance que Maho
in the Year 1762. et that He met Souf Mant a contract
has received some time ago avec M. de Maudave des lettres
the Grants for the King dom 1762 et qui il a reçu il a que
of Maduna of the Subah of the que les Parnana pour
Decan. Roydume du Madure du Souf

Sickness obliged me to leave du Decan.

that Place during the Month. Une Maladie m'a obligé
of Aug^r & Sept^r last which m'a absenté de cette place le
Time I remained at Simre. mois d'août et 7^{bre} de l'année
velly & Palamcottah to se. de re. pendant le quel tem
establish my Health. J'ai passé a Simavelly & Pal
the Command of my Troop at ancette pour y retourner
my Departure to M. Flamie. Sante. J'avois remis en place
court one of my Officers. tant le Commandement de

On my return to that Capital ma Troop a M. de Flamie
at the beginning of October un de mes Officiers

I found that Your Army. Mon retour a cette Capitale
had been firing at that Place les premiers jours d'octobre
for some Days. ou je trouvais votre Armée qui

I learnt at the same Time. battait cette place en ruine de
that You had paid no Man plus quelques jours.

ner of regard to the Protest. J'appris en même tems que
which M. Maudave had vous n'aviez fait aucune at-
made to You nor to that. tion ni la protestation que
made to Colonel Monson by vous avait fait M. Maudave
M. Flamie court on le march ainsi que M. de Flamie court

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of Your Army against that of M^r. Monson au Sujet de cette Place. J'immédiatement perçus le Marche de votre Armée, contre
that I had no other Method to cette Place, Je m'aperçus que
pursue but to oppose Your Ar. ce. Moment la qu'il m'y avoit
my which daily approached point d'autre party à prendre
that Place by Sap^{ts} of which qui de riposter à votre Armée
it was at last obliged to raise the qui s'approchoit chaque jour
Siege, - de cette Place par le Sap^{ts} et

Mahomet Coud^{ts} Mahomet qui fut en fin obligé d'en lever
et me Gentlemen two Letters le Siege -

which You had wrote to him. Mahomet Isouff Mahomet
I was greatly surprised at You de me communiquer M^{rs}.
Mile^{ts} at the same Time re- les deux Lettres que vous lui
proached him for having avec écrit: J'ai vu avec sur-
wrote to You de dispatching prize votre Mile^{ts} lui ai fait
a Vacheel without my hon^{rs} beaucoup de reproches en même
-ledge. For I declare that if he temps de vous avoir écrit et ce
had consulted me upon the pedie un Waquil a moy Inoue
occasion as he ought to have Car je vous proteste que s'il m'a-
done, I should have spare d'You voit consulté comme il au-
the trouble of returning him soit dute faire. Je vous aurois
such answers, I am le acquiescent à la peine de lui faire
You that in Consequence d'ny de pareilles réponses. Je vous
Orders de the Treaty of Alliance previens M^{rs}. qu'en conse-
subsisting between Mahomet quence de mes pouvoirs et du
Coud^{ts} Cawn de my Nation, that traite d'alliance que Mahomet
He can by no means dispose Isouff Mahomet a contracté avec ma
of either Madura Tinnavelly or Nation, qu'il ne peut en aucune
Palaincotah without my Con façon disposer ny du Madure
-currence, & as for me I can do ny de Tinnavelly, ny de Palain-
nothing without that of M^r.-cotte sans mon intervention
Law / Governor General of our & Moy Jne peux rien faire
Settlements in India, whose sans celle M^r de Law / Gouver-
approval with our F^{rs} on the seur général de nos Establish-
Cormandel Coast & fady ex- ment dans l'Inde qui doit
pected. It is with this Governor, arriver au premier jour avec

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Gentlemen You must dispute mes forces à la Côte Commande
the affair of Madras who will lost a ce Gouverneur, Mess^{rs} avec
fully satisfy You with regard qui vous devez disputer la cause
to the right the English Compa. du Madras qui vous donnera
my pretend to have to that une pleine Satisfaction à son
Kingdom, for I imagine You arrivée au sujet des droits qui
will be answerable for all the la Compagnie angloise que
Christian Blood spilt during tout avoir sur ce Royaume, car
the first Siege & all in future me flatte que vous serez res
as Your enemy seems to be en-pensables de l'effusion de sang
their March again to form a Christian qui s'est fait pendant
Second. — le premier Siege, et qui va encore

Our respective Souverains se font, puisque votre armée
will be greatly surprized to hear des marches de vouloir en
that War is renewed at a point formé en second. —
We ought to enjoy that Tran- Nos Souverains respectifs
quility which was lately établie men dont avec surprise so
bid in Europe, I entreat You Yen renouvellement d'une guerre
Mémor to consider upon Vous dans un temps que nous désirons
second & unjust Expedition a- tout Jour de la tranquillité qui
gainst that Capital, for it may ils ont rétablis de puis par
Orders, Intentions to support en Europe. Je vous exorte Mess^{rs}
as well as the Standard of the p faire des réflexions au sujet de
King my Master which is set votre seconde et importante entre-
up there untill the arrival of un prince sur cette Capitale, car
Governor General. I have the Orders, Intentions sent de la
Honor to be, Gentlemen, ententez, ainsi que l'indiquent

Your most humble & very Obedient Servant qui s'est de
Obedient Servant, J'ai à l'honneur de vous
(signed) Marchand Gouverneur Général. J'ai l'honneur
honneur d'être très parfaitement
votre, Mess^{rs}

Notre très humble &
très obéissant Servant
(signed) Marchand

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Purport of the
Anonymous Letter
from Madurai

The anonymous Letter received by Major Preston appears to be from the Commanding Officer of Russians. As he proposes withdrawing himself from Madurai with his Troop and in order to save Appearances of deserting desires a Party may be ready to intercept him in a Sally which he intends making from the Town. for this piece of Service he expects that the Nabob will make him a Present of 15,000 Pagodas for the Subsistence of his Troop 5000 of which to be paid immediately on his arrival at Camp, and Bills for the remainder to be given him on the Soucar at Porto Novo and Negapatam & desires that Major Preston will send him his Note by way of Security. He encloses at the same Time further Terms in which he desires Permission to retire with his Troop with their Arms and Baggage to Chittumburam. That that Place may be kept Possession of by his People alone till the arrival of the French Commissioners. That two Companies of our Sepoys may escort him or that they may remain under his Orders till he can raise two others for himself. That he may be supplied with the necessary Provisions on the Road on his paying for them. That none of ^{his} People nor their Houses shall be taken from him; and if any of them should desert that they shall be delivered up. and that he shall be permitted to go backwards & forwards for the transacting of his Business on the Coast.

Purport of the Pro-
posals accompanying
the above Letter.

Major Preston's Answer
to the above Letter &
Proposals.

Major Preston in Answer to the above Letter offers him a Present of 8000 Pagodas half to be paid at the first Interview, and to give Bills for the remainder, either on Trichinopoly or any other Place & sends him his Quinquennial Note for the Money. He at the same Time informs him of the Method he proposes taking to intercept him in his intended Sally which he desires may be put in Execution the next Day.

In Answer to the terms proposed by him Major Preston acquaints him that he shall have Permission to retire with his Troop their Arms & Baggage & promises him all the necessary Assistance till the arrival of the

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French Commissioners & that the Deserters, and that
the Deserters shall be pardoned & set at Liberty.

Agreed that Major Preston be informed that We
approve of the Measures He took both with regard to
M^r. Marchant's Protest & the anonymous Letter received
from Madras - and tho' they were not immediately
attended with the Success he might expect, yet We
hope they may yet be productive of some good Consequence.

Letter from M^r. Christian Brouwer read as follows -
To the Honorable Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor & Gentlemen of the Superior
Council at Fort St. George

Letter from M^r. Brouwer Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored Yesterday late in the Even-
ing with Your favor of the 27th Instant with a Packet en-
closed under a flying Seal, directed for M^r. Dupetit Vall.
advices of his having delivered the Packet
to M^r. Dupetit Vall. agreeable to Your Orders, I have perused your Letter for that
Gentlemen, and a Protest; I have sealed up the Packet
& waited this Morning on M^r. Dupetit Vall. & delivered him
the Packet. he opened in my Presence, I have desired him
to give me a receipt, which he has done, & promised me
an answer to Your Letter, which he has sent me this Even-
ing. The Letter & his receipt, I have the Honor to trans-
mit You here inclosed. I have the Honor to be with
great Respect -

Tranquebar
22nd Febr'y 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & Able Servant

Christian Brouwer

To M^r. Palk Governor

& the Gentlemen of the Superior Council
of Fort St. George. Madras

Monsieur Palk Gouverneur

et M^r. Dupetit Vall. du Conseil Supérieur
du Fort St. George de Madras.

Letter from M^r. Dupetit Vall.
acknowledging

Gentlemen

Messieurs

receipt of your Letter &
Protest

The Packet which You have done me the Honor to
address to me wrote in English écrit en Anglois vient de m'être

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was presented to me by M^r. remon par M. Brouwer de votre
Brouwer on Your Part which I pare du quel j'ay fait ouverture
opened in his Presence, he en sa Présence, il s'en trouva qu'il
found it to be a protest concernait une Protestation pour les
ing the Affairs of Madura ac. Affaires du Madure suivant
cording to the Translation he interpretation qu'il m'en a donnée
made me, for which Paquet du quel Paquet j'ay donné un
I have given him a receipt. - reçu l'embarras de trouver des
The difficulty of finding true gens de confiance pour traduire
ty People to translate Your votre Langue en la notre fait que
language in ours, obliged me je serai obligé de faire passer
to send away the Original en original; ce que vous avez
which You was pleased to bien voulu m'envoyer, a ma
sunt me, to the Company to compagnie de la quelle se écrit
which I belong from whom J'ai reçu absolument que des ordres
have absolutely only received pour faire ses écritures, se son
orders to copy their Papers, toutes autres directement et sans
are their direct orders & with aucuns autres pouvoir qu'il on
out any others I can do nothinguer. Si cependant je trouve
in the Affair. If however J'aurais au Vierge neuf du province
find by the 29th of this Month, j'en ai qui seray le jour du départ
Day six for the Departure of the Frigate quelqu'un qui
Frigate any one who can faithfully traduire fidèlement ces Papiers
fully translate these Pieces I Je les feray passer par des duplicatas
will send them in Duplicatas en France et a M^r. du Conseil des
one to France & the other to the Isles - Je suis avec Respect
Gentlemen of Council at the Islands. Mess^{rs}

I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your very humble servant

Servant

Dupetitval

Cherches M^r. de vos M^{rs}. Servit^r

Dupetitval

Tranquabar
28th Feb 1764

Capt. Fitzgerald's De-
tachment inspected
at Camp

Read a Letter from Major Campbell dated 19th Inst.
advising that he expected Captain Fitzgerald's Detachment
would join the Army the following Day & that He purposed

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immediately on their arrival to send Major Preston with
a Command towards the Tinnevelly Country.

Read the following Letter from M^r. Rennell Commanding
the Snow Neptune.

Letter from M^r. Rennell
Honble. Sir W. Pitt

The Snow Neptune under my Command being im-
pressed by Captain Jackson of the Pitt for the Honble Compa-
ny's Service to assist the said Ship in her intended Passage
to Pondicherry to transport Troops & Military Stores thence to
Point Calymere the 9th inst. I have the Honor to inform You
of her safe arrival here together with her charge of 23 small
Vessels & Boats laden with the Troops & the greatest part
of the Stores on Board the Pitt; the latter of which are
delivered into the Hands of M^r. Daniell agreeable to Cap-
tain Jackson's Directions.

I think it my duty to inform You that having sound-
ed most Part of the Channel betwixt Coytan & the main part
the Reef of Calymere to Pondicherry I do not think it safe for any
Ship to attempt the Passage to Pondicherry that draws more
than 13 or 14 Feet is not even then without a very competent
Knowledge of the Passage.

I am with the greatest Respect

Your most Obed^t humble Servant
J. Rennell

The President at the same Time lays before the
Board a Chart of the Passage from Point Calymere to
Pondicherry taken by M^r. Rennell, by his own Soundings and
Observations.

The Board are very sensible of the Care & Diligence
with which M^r. Rennell has executed the Service on which
he was sent as well as of the Pains he must have been at
in procuring so complete a Chart of the Passage. It is therefore
agreed to make him a Present of Pagodas 100 as a Gratuity
for his Trouble, which the Company is directed to pay him.
A Report from the Committee of Accounts is now read & the
following Orders are made in consequence.

Pondicherry
10th Feby 1764

A Chart of the Passage
to Pondicherry
by M^r. Rennell

100 Pag^{as} to be given
M^r. Rennell for his
Trouble

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To the Honble Robert Patk Esq.
President & Governor &c^o Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Committee

of Acc^{ts} with Orders
in consequence

Having, at several Meet-

ing examined the Accounts of the
Paymasters of the Out Garrisons
from Oct. 1762 to Nov. 1763 the fol-
lowing remarks occurred to us
which We now lay before Your
Honor &c^o

Trichinopoly

2^d Trichinopoly In the Month 2^d The Board observe that the Re-
of march, Balla is charged too regulations regarding this Para-
Sergeant-Major of Seaports at the graphs have been put in Execution
Rate of one Rupee & 10 Coppers
sent on Command at 4 fanams
per Day, which ought to have been
3^d 30 only agreeable to the Terms
of the present Contract at which
rate all Europeans whatever should
be paid.

3^d We find in the Month of July 3^d Ordered that the Paymaster
a Charge of Rup^{ts} 3358. 1. for work at Trichinopoly do send in a
ing up Sents 1st particular Account of the Quan-
4 Colonels tity, Quality & Prices of the several
4 Laboratory Articles of which the Sents men-
5 Officers tioned in this Paragraph were
20 Private, this appears very made as well as of all the charges
extravagant tho' We are not able attending making them that
to determine, there being no mention of Charges to make as much
of the Prices of the Materials or even as possible in Logodast fanams
of the cost of each Sort of Sents
We are of Opinion the Paymaster
should be called upon for an acc^o
particulars of this Charge.

4th We remark frequent & heavy 4th Order'd that the Paymaster be

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Charges for the Purchase of many carefull to transmit the most
Articles without the Quantity particular Accounts of all things
being mentioned & for the making bought or made up specifying
up of Stores where neither Quantity the Price Quantity & Quality of the
ly or Quality appear; The Pay several Articles as well as all other
master We think in his Account charges whatever
of Stores made up in the course
of each Month should specify the
Prices of the Materials as well
as the Cost of each Denominati-
on; The Entries in general in these
Accounts are not so full & expli-
cit as they ought to be.

5th Monthly Charges of Batta 5. It is positively ordered that
to Seapoy & Lascars sent out to this Charge be discontinued.
protect Wood Cutters are still
continued, notwithstanding an
Order of Council of the 2^d Dec^r 1761
to the contrary.

6th The Allowance for oil at 6th Ordered that the Commandant
Trichienopoly was settled at 50 & Paymaster do make out an
Rupees p Month; This Establish Acct of the Quantity of Oil neces-
sary for the Garrison which
ment is considerably exceeded being now one Month with an
ther from Feby last to 3 Rupees. together with an Acct of the Lamp
being now one Month with an

7th Candles are charged at the the Garrison they are to trans-
Rate of three for a Rupee & Gun- mit to the Board -
neys at one Rupee & half p Piece 1st Ordered that these Articles be
which We think extravagantly indented for from hence
dear

Vellour
8th Vellour In October 1762 We 8th Ordered accordingly
observe that twelve hundred (1200)
Pagodas are charged for rema-
king 30 Candys of Powder & Cre-
dit is given for Materials & paid
for the purpose to the Amount of

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Pagodas 1077. 26. 20 which We think reasonable; but the subsequent Months Expence was Ways proportionable, there being charged to the 30th Sept. 1763 on 45 Candis of Powder remade Pay^t 1339. 8. 32 & Credit given for Materials issued to that Time to the amount of Pay^t only 749. so considerable a Difference inclines us to think there may be some Omision in the Amount of Materials issued; We would therefore recommend to Your Honor that the Paymaster be directed to send in a regular Account of the Expence of Powder remade to the 31st October 1763 as well as of the Materials issued for remaking it.

9 We have nothing to remark on the Accounts of Arcot and Sout Gud.

Chingleput

10 At Chingleput We find that Order that the Morning & Evening Guns are Evening Gun be discontinued. Still continued to be fired notwithstanding an Order to the contrary of long Standing.

11 We see nothing to object to in the Accounts of Wandewash, Permakot & Gingee.

12 We have likewise examined the Accounts of the Seapoy Paymaster to the 31st Oct. 1763 & Mr Ja Taylor's Acc^t of Disbursements whilst he was employed at Pondy.

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13 We have to remark on the former that the Paymaster Ordered accordingly — charges 20 Pag^{rs} for Expenses for paying the Seapoys at Treason & Poornamale, this We think extravagant & recommend that in future the Paymaster be directed to draw Balla for the Number of Days he may be absent whilst employed on such Service.

14 M^r Taylor's Account of Disbursements at Pondy We think reasonable

We are with Respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Ch^l Bouchier

Rich^d Fairfield

Charles Turner

Ja^s Bouchier

Claud Russell

Tho^s Kelsall

Agreed that Extracts from the above Report with the Orders in consequence be transmitted to the several Paymasters

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that Captain Cley had recommended to him M^r Isaac Manoury Clerk of Stores with the Army & M^r James Sellers the Director of the Laboratory here to succeed to the Vacancies in the Artillery.

As M^{rs} Manoury & Sellers are very necessary Men in the Stations they now are, & as it was never intended they should be made Officers We cannot agree thereto. But as M^r Sellers has been a considerable Time in the Service & has always behaved himself to our Satisfaction. It is agreed to make him an additional Allowance to his Pay of 5 Pagodas p^r Month.

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M^{rs} Manoury & Sellers
recommended for
St. Fireworkers

resolution thereon

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Lt. Hooker raises 45 Men
desires a Captain's
Commission

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut.
and Adjutant Hooker of his Majesty's 96.th Regiment had
raised 45 Men for the Service, & that He expected the Board
would give him a Captain's Commission.

To have a Captain's
Commission on his
complicating them to
50 Men. Cap.^t Commission on his complicating his Number to 50 Men & that any Lieut.
ordered to any Lt.
who raises 50 Men

As none of the Captains in His Majesty's Regiments
have offered to come into the Service on the terms proposed
agreed that Mr. Hooker be promised a Captain's Commission
who can raise 50 Men out of the King's Troops now on the
Coast shall be entitled to a Captain's Commission.

Lt. Baillie on
takes 17 Men
a Lieut.^{ts} Commission be prepared for him to be dated agreeable to that He bears in
to be made out for
him

Lieutenant Baillie of His Majesty's 89.th Regiment
having raised 17 Men ordered that a Lieutenants Commission
be prepared for him to be dated agreeable to that He bears in
the King's Service, & that his pay in the Company's Service
do commence from the Time He is struck off the Rolls in
His Majesty's.

Ensign Painter
comes into the
Company's Service

Ensign Gilbert Painter of His Majesty's 96.th Regi-
ment having applied to come into the Service - Ordered that
a Commission be given him of the same date with that He
bears in the King's.

Letter from the Nabob

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered into

Desires the Pulliacat
Customs & the Village
of Kurnellee may be
delivered to the Cir-
car

Country Correspondence Mr. desiring that the Village of
Kurnellee & the Customs of Pulliacat may be given up to the
Circar - Agreed that the Nabob be informed that in conse-
quence of his Braminy Vencatachallum's Application We had
ordered the Pulliacat Customs to be delivered up, & that We
are concerned they should have been let with the Treasore
Districts, as We are sensible they were not intended to be in.

Report of an amba-
in consequence

cluded in the Grants - With respect to the Villages of Kurnellee
& Pulliambodur He is to be advised that His Vaquits have fre-
quently applied to us regarding them, & that We have indeed
them for the present to be continued under the Management
of his People. - He is at the same Time to be acquainted with
the many disagreeable Applications that are made to us
by Persons who have or pretend to have Jaquees from him
particularly by the Hilledar of Carangoly & the Hilledar of
old

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Gingee, and to be desired to find out some other means of providing for these People agreeable to what was wrote him under date 18th Janry as the number of Sagueers petitioned for would cause a very considerable Deduction from the Amount of the Grants, with which our Honorable Masters have been made acquainted.

Capt. Clark detains the
Sapours drafted from
Wellour for Coverts for
Powder

The President acquaints the Board that He had received a Letter from Captain Clarke at Wellour advising that he had detained some of the Sapours ordered to be drafted for Camp to serve as Coverts for the Powder to be sent from thence.

Captain Johnston's
Application for an
extraordinary Battal
rejected

The Letter from Captain Johnston entered in Consultation of the 6th Instant being again taken into Consideration, It appears to the Board that the Persons mentioned therein had an extraordinary Allowance of Battal on Account of their being the Commanding Officers on the Coast of the different Corps to which they belonged - and as there is a standing Order of the 13th June 1756 wherein it is said that no Captain or Subaltern Officer altho on a separate Command shall receive more than the usual Battal due to his Rank. - Captain Johnston is to be informed that We cannot comply with his request, since such a Precedent would subject us to the like Applications from any Captain or Subaltern who might be ordered on a separate Command.

Robt Falk
Minger Lawrence
Edw Bournhill,
Rich Fairfield
Saml. Hooley
Charles Turner

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Came in the following Letter from M^r Donnell Paym^t to the Hon^{ble}
To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor &c^t Council of
Fort S. George

Letter from M^r Donnell

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Honor's
Orders in a Letter from M^r Secretary Stone relative to the Passes
which shall be duly observed.

Rolls of the Seaports who have received Clothing for
the last Year are now making out & shall be forwarded as
soon as possible to the Commissary General.

A List of Men entertained from His Majesty's
Regiments for the last Month now waits on You, with the
greatest Respect I am

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your very Obed^t humble servant

Robert Donnell

Camp near Madura

6th February 1764

28 received the following Letter from M^r Calland at Cuddalore.

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor &c^t Committee of
Fort S. George.

Letter from M^r Calland

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 23^d Instant, reach'd me this Morning
& the several Letters enclosed in it, came also, duly to hand.
Your Honor &c^t may be assured, a good look shall be kept for
the expected Ships & should any of them fall in here, that I
shall do the utmost in my Power to facilitate the march of
the Military to Camp; but not having a Person here to offi-
ciate for the Contractors, puts me very often to great Difficul-
ties, which I should be glad to have removed by their appoint-
ing somebody for that purpose.

The Gunpowder received by the Lord Clive, I have
forwarded as You directed & remain with due Respect.

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &c^t servant

John Calland

Cuddalore

26th Feby 1764

Fort St. George 29th February 1764

Came in y^e following Letter from M^r. Floyer Paymaster at
Trichinopoly.

To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governour & the Gentlemen of the
Council at Fort St. George.

Letter from M^r. Floyer

Honible Sir & Sirs

This serves to inform You that on the 21st Instant
I received from the Nabob 115. sixty lb Barrels of Powder
& 110 arrived this Day from Madras. I hope tomorrow or next
Day to receive 100 more from the Nabob.

I remain with great Respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obedt^e servant
Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
23rd February 1764

29 sent the following Letter to Major Preston at Camp

To Major Preston,

Letter to Major Preston

Sir,

We have received Your Letter of the 13th Instant with
the several Papers enclosed. The Steps You took in Consequence
of M^r. Marchant's Protest & of the anonymous Letter received
from Madras We much approve, & tho' they were not imme-
diately attended with the Success You had Reason to expect
yet We hope some good Consequences may follow. We are
pleased the Army is in so good a Position & We hope
it will soon begin to feel the Effects of it.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obed^t & able servant

Rob^t. Palk & Council

arrived this Day his Majestys Ship York from Bengall
with a Detachment of Bombay Troops on Board con-
sisting of 84 Artillery including Officers

March 2^d Came in the following Letters from Major Campbell
Commanding the Army

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29th Feby 1764

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To the Honble Robert Dalk Esq^r

President of the Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major
Campbell

Expects the Mysore
out of Madura

From Letters which the Captain of the Hussars at
Madura wrote to Major Preston before & since my joining
the Army, & from the Answers sent by us to him, We have
some Reason to imagine they will come off to morrow or
the next Day but as there is little or no Dependence to be
put upon the promise or Parole of those kind of People, it
is necessary to be extremely Cautious. I have therefore made
Major Preston's Detachment 200 Grenadiers 150 Ramboes &
all the European Cavalry 1700 Sepoys, 6 Field Pieces with
300 Black Horse to lay concealed & I shall be near with the
rest of the Army to support him so that I do not apprehend
any Danger from trying to get the Hussars away.

I hope in two Days more all our Posts to the West-
ward will be finished & then I shall march with the Army
to the Southward of the Fort and attack some advanced Re-
doubts on that Face & as soon as they are taken, I hope all
Communication from the Rebels with the Country will
be cut off, the Country to the West towards Dindigul is
at present quite open to us & the different Polligars have
received Govt. it is a very fine Country & abounds with Paddy
ready to cut & under the Management of the Nabob's People.

Whatever Detachments the Honble Board may
be pleased to order to join the Army, I beg leave to recom-
mend that if the Sepoys will not admit of their being
landed at Cuddalore that they may march overland,
by Cuddalore because there they may be well supplied
with Coolies & at Cuddalore they may have hitherto been obliged
to press the Inhabitants which has given Reason of great
Complaints to the Govt. & little Maravar Polligars & may
sometimes be attended with bad Consequences.

The Army is in great want of Shoes as none came
with Captain Fitzgerald's Detachment.

desires a supply
of Shoes

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I have the Honor to be with respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most Obed^t Serv^t

Char Campbell

Camp near Madras

25th Febr'y 1764

To the Honible Robert Patk Esq^r

President & Governor & Council

Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major

Campbell

I have the Honor to acquaint You that three

Officers & 4th Muffs are this Morning come from Madras

3 Officers & 4th Muffs

come off from Bluff

Cauw

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most Obedient

Servant

Char Campbell

Camp

26th Febr'y 1764

3. Sent the following Letter to Bengall & Snow Experiment

To the Honible Henry Van Sittart Esq^r

President & Governor & Council at
Fort William

Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bengall

advised of the
arrival of York

The enclosed is a Duplicate of our last ad-
dress to You. On the 29th Febr'y arrived here his Ma-
jesty's Ship York with the Detachment of Artillery on
Board.

We have the Satisfaction of acquainting Your
Honor &c. that Mess^r Cauw's Communication with the
adjacent Country round Madras is now partly well
cut off, and three French Officers & 4th Muffs deserted
from him the 26th Febr'y. We shall however be
under the necessity of waiting the arrival of all our
Reinforcements before we can undertake the Siege again.
We are

Fort St. George

3^d March 1764

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & Obed^t Servant

Rob^t Patk Esq^r Council

Dispatched of Patk the following Letter to Bombay.

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To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esq.
President & Governor &c^a Council
at Bombay.

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Duplicate of our last address comes enclosed

His Majesty's Ship York arrived here from Bengall the
20th Feby, with the Major Part of the Detachment of
at from Your Presidency.

We have the Pleasure to inform Your Honor
three French Officers & 44 Hussars deserted from
on the 26th Feby - and his Communication with
all the Country adjacent is now so effectually cut
off We hope he will not be able to draw any more troops
from thence, tho' We shall be under the Necessity of
the arrival of all our Reinforcements before We
are strong enough to renew the Siege.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Palk & Council

Ordered the following Orders to Lieutenant Bailie

William Bailie

Orders to L^t Bailie

Sir

You are appointed to the Command of a Detachment of
Military & Artillery now under Orders to join the Army before
Madura; a Return of them will be delivered to You.

You are to proceed by the Way of Chingleput and Wan-
dewash, which is the nearest Route & You will march as
expeditiously as possible taking great Care not to fatigue Your
People.

We are

Sir

Your humble Servants

Robt Palk & Council

Fort St. George
3^d March 1764

1st Marched

Detachment under the Command of Lieut.
Bailie consisting of 137 Artillery & Military including Officers.

Saml Turner
Charles Turner
George Patton

What
measuring
iding them
friendship
of

Robert Palk
Wm Lawrence
Robt Palk
Wm Lawrence
Robt Palk
Wm Lawrence

Fort St. George 5th March 1764

Monday

5th March

At a Consultation Present

Robert Patk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
John Pybus Richard Fairfield
Samuel Ardley Charles Turner

Orders in Consequence of Major Campbell's Letter of 2^d March
Major Campbell having, in his Letter of the 25th February, recommended that whenever any Detachments may be ordered from hence to join the Army, that if they cannot be landed at Cuddalore, they may march overland as they cannot at Pondi be furnished with Coolies without provoking the Inhabitants which is a subject of great complaint to the Maravar Pollygars. Agreed that Major Campbell be informed that the Season of the Year will not admit of sending any more Supplies from hence by Sea. He is also to be made acquainted with our having lodged Letters at Tranquebar & Cuddalore for any of the Ships from Bengall having Troopson Board to land them at Cuddalore from whence they are immediately to proceed to Camp. Major Campbell having the same Letter represented that the Army is in great want of Tents. He is to be informed that all the Tents the Pitt sailed were sent by her to Pondi that twenty went with the Detachment which marched Yesterday & that the remainder of the Bombay Detachment expected from Bengall are provided with Tents. That We are however making up others which shall be sent as soon as possible.

Mr. Pyne to make up two Tents at Arcot for Muskets

The Board being informed that good Tents may be made up at Arcot at a reasonable rate Mr. Pyne is to be directed to make up & send hither one or two private Tents & at the same Time to transmit to the Board a particular Account of all the Charges attending making them. Read the following Letter from Mr. Daniel at Pondi,

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c^o Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Mr
Daniell sends in
Accounts of Stores
sent to Camp
remaining at Fort
& deficient of Pitt

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Your two Letters of the
18th & 26th Ult^o & have now enclosed You a List of Military
Stores deficient of Pitt another of those sent to the Army
since the 17th Janry & a third of remains.

On receipt of Your Letter of the 18th I immediately
addressed one to Captain Jackson, & dispatched two
large Tonys & a Mafoulah Boat (they being all I was
able to procure) to wait the arrival of the Pitt off Point
Calimere, but as I have since received all the Stores from
on Board her & those Boats have not since returned
here, I conclude they have proceeded to Madras for Pay-
ment from whence they were lately dispatched to me
with Plank. I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most humble Serv^t

Ja^s Daniell

Tondy
21st Febr'y 1764

Major Preston ex-
plains the Charges
in his Bill sent to
the Commissary
General
Ordered to be
Paid

The Commissary General having laid before the
Board a Letter from Mr Dowsell paymaster at Camp ac-
companying a Bill of Extraordinary Charges delivered him
by Major Preston, on which He desires the Orders of the Board
The Commissary now produces another Letter from Mr Dowsell
enclosing Major Preston's explanations of the several Charges
in the said Bill with which the Board are satisfied It is
therefore ordered to be paid.

Letter from Mr Calland at Cuddalore read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c^o Council
at Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Calland

I have received Your Letter under Date the 23rd Inst.
Mr Buchanan will hold himself readine^s to proceed to Trichin-
opoly on the arrival of a Person to take Charge of the Hospital

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M^r Hunter having declared the proposal I made him
on Account of His bad state of Health

I am

Honible Sir or Sirs

Your most Obed^t Humble Servant

John Calland

Cuddalore

27th Feby 1764

M^r Buchanan order'd

to Trichinopoly 18

M^r Rocholt to Cud-

dalore

As it is necessary that there should be a Surgeon
at Trichinopoly, M^r Calland is so be ordered to send M^r
Buchanan thither on whose arrival, Captain Wood is to
be directed to send M^r Rocholt to Cuddalore

Lieut^t Hooker Com-

pleats his Compe-

ment of Men

Cap^t Conisbion

given him; to Capt

L^t James Fitzgerald

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut^t
Hooker had raised 50 Men. It is therefore ordered that
a Captain's Commission be given him to be dated 8th
January and that his Pay do commence from the 1st
Instant. It is also ordered that a Captain's
Commission be made out for Captain Lieutenant James Fitzgerald
to be dated the 9th January.

Robt Park
Hanger Lawrence
Gibson

Rich^d Fairfield
Sam^l Bradley
Charles Turner

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Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

To Major Campbell
Commanding the Army

Letter to Major
Campbell.

Sir,

We have received Your Letters of the 25th & 26th Feby. & are well pleased to find that the Europeans are come off as it will undoubtedly make us off Cawn very diffident of the other Europeans he has with him.

A Detachment consisting of 137 Artillery & Military, including Officers marched from hence the 4th Instant for Cawn. The Season of the Year will not admit of our sending them by Sea; But as the Ships from Bengall will probably fall into the Southward We have toged Letters at Tranquebar and Cuddalore, for any of the Ships from Bengall having Troops on Board to land them at Cuddalore and M^r Calland has Directions to furnish them with all Necessaries in his Power for his march to the Army.

All the Tonks We had in Store were sent on the Pitt to Feridi, and 20 went with Detachment which marched from hence the 4th Instant. The Remainder of the Bombay Detachment expected from Bengall have Tonks with them and We are getting others made which shall be sent as soon as possible. — We are

Sirs

Fort St. George

7th March 1764

Your most Obed^t & Aff^e Servants

Robert Palk & Council

8th Came in the following Letter from M^r Brouwer at Tranquebar

To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor of the Coast of Coromandel &c.

& Gentlemen of the Superior Council at

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

The 28th of last Month was honored with Your

Letter from M^r
Brouwer

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favor of the 23rd with three Letters directed for Captain
Sinker, or any of the Commanders of his Majesty's or the
Company's Ships having Troops on Board from Bengall,
one of those Letters I have given to the Callamarian Fellow
who with a Callamarian, I have hired on purpose, is daily
out far in Sea with Directions to go on Board of all the
Ships that shall Pass. -

In case those Ships from Bengall with Troops on
Board shall pass this Way, I shall immediately acquaint
the Commanding Officer of the Army before Madurai also
Mr Calland Chief at Cuddalore.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honorable Sir & Sirs

Tranquebar
5th March 1764

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Christian Browner

Ist The following Letter was also received from Mr Johnson
Commissary to the Army -

To the Honble Robert Pathe Esq^r
President & Governor & Co^l Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr

Johnson in Answer

to the Letter regarding

the difference of the

Number of Men

drawn for & the

General Return

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from
Mr Secretary Stone of the 17th Instant informing me of a
difference between the number of Men mentioned in the Com-
tractors Accounts and the General Return for January. On a
Examination of those Accounts with a Copy of a Return, it
appears Your Honor & Co^l have been misinformed: there
being exactly 1028/ seven more than is mentioned by Mr
Stone) exclusive of the number taken notice of in the Me-
morandums of the different Corps, besides 15 Seapoy
Sergeants and one Cooper who were not inserted by mistake.
Your Honor & Co^l will observe this Accounts for two hundred
that probably escaped the Attention of the Gentlemen
of Committee & opens the supposed difference to be what
is the exact number overdrawn for. The impossibility of ex-
amining regularly the Provision Notes of each Boy will

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the preceding Day has subjected me to this Impassion
which however I shall in future be more careful to avoid
and will only plead the variety of Business which requires my
Attention as an excuse for such oversight
I am,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp before Madurai
29th Feby 1764

Your most Obedient & most hum. Servt.
Samuel Johnson

Ist Received the following Letter from Mr. Dowsell Pay
Master at Camp.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr.

Dowsell.

Agreeable to Your Honor &c. Instructions under
date the 25th Ult^o. Captain Fortpatrick has been paid
for his Horse which died on Service.

At the Time Captain Johnson's Detachment march-
ed from Camp, I did not omit sending Mr. Floyer a particular
Account of the Pay and Balta &c. they had received here,
which I conceive was all Your Honor &c. intended by the late
Order to that purpose; I concluded Mr. Floyer would had it
been necessary, have made the Paymaster at Madurai ac-
quainted therewith, at the same Time he addressed him
with an Account of what Disbursements he might afterwards
make. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp near Madurai

3rd March 1764

Your very Obed^t & hble Servant

Robert Dowsell

Came in the following Letter from Mr. Floyer Paymaster at
Trichinopoly.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Floyer

Enclosed I have the Honor to send You a List

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Sends in a List
of the invalided
Sapors

of the Sick and wounded Sapors in this Garrison: two of
whom being declared by the Surgeon to be incapable of future
Service, I have conformably to Your Orders, settled on them
one Pagoda each p. Month for their Subsistence.

I yesterday received 150 sixty lb Barrels of Gunpowder
from the Natch, for which I have given him a Receipt,
I remain with great Respect

Trichinopoly
the 4th March 1764
Postscript

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obedient

Humble Servant
Charles Floyer

Honble Sir & Sirs

advised of the
Draft made on
him by Major
Campbell in favor
of Mr. Rickell;

Since writing the foregoing Letter I received one
from Major Campbell under date the 3^d Instant, desiring
me to pay on Account of the Honble Company, to Mr. Rickell
Commanding Officer of the Madras, lately come from Madras
the sum of 2500 Pagodas, being the amount of a Bill of
Exchange he has drawn on me, in favour of that Gentleman.
On his informing me that there was a Necessity for my
immediate compliance therewith for the good of the Service
I shall duly accept the Bill when tendered by that Gentleman
himself. Major Campbell likewise informs me
that He has made Your Honor^{ty} acquainted with his
having drawn this Bill on me. I remain with great
Respect.

Trichinopoly
4th March 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obedient Servant
Charles Floyer

Liverpool arrives

from Bengal with
a Party of the Bty Detachment

Arrived this Day His Majesty's Ship Liverpool
from Bengal with thirty Men belonging to the Bty Detachment.

A Vaguel with a
Letter and a Present
arrives from Hyderabad

Arrived this Day a Vaguel from Hyderabad with a Letter and a Present from his Master which were received in the usual Form with a Salute of nine Guns.

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Wednesday 14th March At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
John Bybuss Richard Fairfield
Samuel Ardley Charles Turner

M^r Minchley to return

to Trichinopoly

M^r Buchanan

to continue at Cuddalore

M^r Rockolt at

Trichinopoly

The President acquaints the Board that he had recd
a Letter from M^r Minchley, advising that he was sufficiently
recovered to return to Trichinopoly, and he had thereupon
sent Orders for M^r Buchanan to continue at Cuddalore &
for M^r Rockolt to remain at Trichinopoly

Read the following Letter from Major Campbell Com-
manding the Army, enclosing Copies of Major Preston's Letter
to M^r Riquet, with the Articles granted to him & of the Agree-
ment entered into by Majors Campbell & Preston together
with a Copy of M^r Riquet's Receipt for a Part of the Money
& of his Engagement to reside at Cuddalore, & also a Letter
from M^r Marchand in Answer to the Protest lately sent him

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major

Campbell

In my last I had the Honor to acquaint You that
the French Hussars from Madurai, had come over to us
Major Preston had settled this Affair before I joined the
Army, but as the Scheme had not been put in Execution
before my arrival, M^r Riquet desired a second Capitulation
should be signed by Major Preston and me which I
readily agreed to, believing it of great Consequence to
the Service, & that such a Desertion from his Off C^o would
not only greatly dispirit his People, but would effectually
put a stop to the Desertion of our Troops, inclosed as a
Copy of our Capitulation with M^r Riquet & his engagement
to remain at Cuddalore he has further given me his word
of Honor, that upon his arrival there, he will disarm all
his Hussars & deliver their Arms to the care of the Chief

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but should he fail in any of his Promises, I humbly think
He is no longer intended to the Benefit of our engagement
with him, I hope what Major Preston and I have done on
this Affair will be approved by the Honble Board &
Fourteen of the best Hussars which Lieutenant
Walker has a good Opinion of & thinks he can depend on re-
fused going with Mr. Riquet. Therefore took them into the
Service, with their Horses & Arms at 70 Pagodas each 50 Pag.
of which is not to be paid them for several Months; I hope
this will also meet with Your Approbation but should it
not, as the Horses are very good, they may at any Time be
sold for more Money than what they now cost, & I do not
apprehend they dare return again to Madurai for by all
Accounts Usuff Cawn treats all his Europeans in the cruel-
est manner. I have paid Mr. Riquet 1500 Pagodas here
& have given him a Bill on Mr. Foyers for 2500 Pagodas,
via Letter to the Honble Board for the remaining 1000
Pagodas.

The 28th of last Month the Enemy abandoned an
advanced Redoubt, on the South Face of the Fort which we
were preparing to attack, I immediately took Possession of
it, and Yesterday encamped the Army on the same Face.
Major Preston's Detachment will this Night move to
Teyricolam, and then the Rebels will be completely en-
vested, & find it extremely difficult for to get out or in
from the Country a single Hicarrate, as our Parks are
within Gun Shot of one another all round. Their Black
Horse were encamped on the Glapis but we have con-
vinced them into the Fort & from the confusion that
appeared amongst them in decamping, I imagine several
Men & Horses must have been hurt, they have still
two Redoubts a little in Front of the East Gateway but if
Major Preston's movement, does not oblige them to quit them
I shall attack them, if I find any inconvenience from
them which at Present I do not. The Rebels Commu-
nication being now entirely cut off with the Country & the

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Troops within the Walls, I imagine they will soon be greatly distressed especially the Horse. By all Intelligence the Ditch of Madura dries fast, and that of the South Face is now very low. Major Call had an unfortunate fall from his Horse the other Day, which broke his Arm & prevents him from moving about as usual, but he is in a fair Way of recovering, & even now he is encamped amongst his Working People which he keeps constantly employed in making, Fascines, Gabions &c. as the different Posts We have established and about, takes immense labour and much Time.

I do not find that much or hardly any of this Year Grain has been carried into Madura or yet cut so that I hope the Nabob will have the advantage of it. I have taken a small mud Fort about 15 Miles to the Southward & the different Polligars seem to be sensible of the Danger that threatens Us off Cawir & consequently are ready to submit to the Nabob's Orders as soon as We can send a proper Detachment to protect them from a flying Camp which the Rebels have in the Tinnavelly Country. I shall recommend to the Nabob to join the Army as his being here, will be more convenient for settling that Country Affairs. The great & little Marava's and many other Polligars who have received Cowl from me from all Appearances, seem very well satisfied & zealous for the Nabob's Service.

Enclosed is M^r. Marchand's Answer to the Protest which I took the Liberty of Perusing, also is enclosed a Return of the State of the European Cavalry with those sold agreeable to Your Orders.

I have taken the Liberty to appoint M^r. Bowman to act as Ensign & beg leave to recommend that the other Cadets may be appointed at the different Posts & Posts takes many Officers. A particular State of which I shall do my self the Pleasure of send You tomorrow.

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I have the Honor to be with much respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obligated & most

Obedient & ble. Servant

Char Campbell

Sir,

I have received Your Letter inclosing the Articles of
Capitulation which I return You signed. according to Your
Desire I have made sure of the Bearer of Your & send You
this by a Man such as You require. To any reasonable
Proposals I shall make no Difficulty, The Engagement
I now send shall be strictly adhered to, but We hope
that Your Company of Haffars is not less than 40 Men
I will form an Ambuscade for You at the Front of
Your advanced Posts on the South Side a little on the
left of Your advanced Redoubt in the Village where is
a Pagoda or in some neighbouring Places which You
will easily discover, by the Motions of a small Party of our
Haffars which You will pursue and they will draw You
on The Night before a signal shall be given You from the
Post which We have at the Mosque which lies about
100 paces from the Place. This shall be done by firing several
Rockets which shall be sent thither. I have the Honor
to be Sir,

Sir,

Your most Obed. & ble. Servant,

(signed)

A. Preston

Article

Articles granted to

Mr. Rignall

Ditto

1. That I shall be permitted to retire with my Company
of Haffars & those who will follow me from this Place,
with their Horses Arms & Baggage without any En-
quiry or Search being made for Desertion or other Faults
under any Pretence whatsoever to Arracanopan &
2. That I shall be furnished with means to transport
myself to the destined Place as mentioned in the first
Article) with all safety untill the arrival of my Nation
in India to whom I will deliver the Company.

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Article 3. That I shall not on any Pretence whatsoever be removed from thence nor any Muzsar or Horse be required from my Company.

Ditto 4. I shall not be hindered after three Days to set out by the nearest Road and most frequented Road to the Desired Place.

The above Articles granted (signed) Char Campbell before Madura A. Prestora

In Case the Officer who Commands the Muzsars in Madura, conforms himself to the Capitulation which has been granted him by Major Campbell Commanding the English Army before that Place We the underwritten do promise to make him a present of 1000 Pagodas which shall be delivered to him, half at the first Interview the other in Bills of Exchange on Trichinopoly or other Places.

Done in good Faith before Madura

(signed) Char. Campbell
A. Prestora

Dated at the English Camp before Madura the 25th Febr'y 1764

M. Riquet receipt

Received of Major Campbell on Account of his Engagement relative to the Capitulation which he granted me the Sum of one thousand five hundred Pagodas or Pagodas 1500. - signed Riquet

My Engagement to

reside at Cuddalore

At my arrival at Cuddalore, I will address myself to the Chief of the English Nation who presides there & will commit my Company of Muzsars to the Protection of the Flag of that Nation where I will make them observe all the Order established in irregular Corps paying to all as much as is necessary

Dated at the English Camp before Madura the 28th Febr'y 1764

(Signed) Riquet

Fort St. George 14. March 1764
To the President & Gentlemen of the Council A Monsieur le President &
at Madras

Letter from Mr.

Marchand

Gentlemen

Messieurs du Conseil de Madras

Messieurs a Madras Messieurs

J'ai reçu par le Major

I have received by Major Campbell the Protest that you mi avec adressé en date du 17
Campbell the Protest that you mi avec adressé en date du 17
sont me dated the 17th Instant. du Courant; Je l'ai vu et relu
I have read it over many Times tout l'attention possible, J'en ai
with all possible Attention & aucune anxiété pour vous sa-
I see no Means whereby to com- his faire que celui d'attendre l'
tant que vous than waiting till the arrivée de M. Law qui vous don-
arrival of M. Law will give, nous une entière satisfaction
You full satisfaction, for my part, je suis sûr de faire
Part I am restrained in such que je ne puis absolument
a Manner that I cannot abso- quitter le Madhure sans obte-
lutely quit Madras without l'ordre de ce Gouverneur général
obtaining the Order of this Govt. qui va arriver incessamment
mon Général who is very soon en. avec des forces pour notre réta-
blishment with a considerable Force blissement dans l'Inde; J'en ai
for the reestablishment of our reçu des nouvelles certaines
Affairs in India. I have reçu par la Frégate qui est arrivée
authentick Intelligence of it à la Côte Coromandel; ainsi est
by the Frigate which is arrived ena ce lieu. Messieurs à qui vous
on the Coast of Coromandel. pourriez vous adresser un sujet
therefore it is to him Gentlemen des Prétentions que la noble
whom you must apply to on the Compagnie Anglaise a savoir le
Subject of the Prétentions the Madure. Moy honneur en outre
Illustrious English Company. m'engage a soutenir l'étendard
have to Madras, my Honor le Roy mon Maître que J'ai
sides engages me to defend the subsistance a celui du Votre, le
Flag of the King my Master. J'ai vu le 17th dans le Journal
which I have Hoisted instead que nos Souverains respectifs
of Yours the 9th Juny 1763 when étions encore en pleine guerre
our respective Sovereigns were. Mahomet Scouff Cawn a
in open War.

Mahomed Scouff Cawn has contracté une Alliance avec
Contracté une Alliance avec
Mahomed Scouff Cawn has unifié des l'année 1763 Je l'ai

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entered into an Alliance with Bouton contre le Travencore &
my Nation since the Year 1763 année dernière; mais je n'ai
defended him last Year against points, reçu d'ordre de mes
Travencore but I have not rec'd. depuis de puis la paix conclue
any Orders from my Superiors entre nos souverains respectif
since the Peace concluded de pour sortir du Madure ou d'
buren our respective Sovereigns abandonner Mahomet Sauf
to quit Madure & abandon Ma Hand; Vous a Vouerit M^{rs}
homed Caus Caus. You Protest que je me compromettrois vers
Gentlemen that I act contrary to avec de ma Nation si je faisais
the Intention of my Nation if I la moindre de marche sans l'
made the least step without the Intervention de celui que don on
Interposition of him who rep^{re} - représenter le Chief -
sents the Chief of it -

Ainsi Messieurs Je vous assure
Therefore I exhort You a faire des réflexions au sujet de
Gentlemen to reflect on the Vo^{tre} dernier Article, Car je pense
pick of Your last Article for I que vous serez responsable du
think that You will be answerable long Christian qui sera répandue
able for the Christian Blood pendant le premier Siège & de
which was shed in the first celui qui va encore être répandu
Siège & for that which maybe dans ce second. quant a vous
in the Second. As to Your threats Menacer M^{rs} Elles ne ont
Gentlemen they do not in the intriguent & aucunner maniere
least affright me, the more so d'autant plus que le étoit de
as the right of reprisals is allow représaille infermet contre
ed to be made against those qui agissent contre le bien
who act contrary to the Law of de l'humanité
humanity

En fin Messieurs tout ce qui
In short Gentlemen tout ce qui
I am really able to answer Vous estimer. Je ne vous assure
that I do not perceive any other autre moyen pour satisfaire
means to satisfy You & prevent qu'arguer en même Tem l'effusion
likewise the Effusion of Blood de sang que celui d'envoyer des
them for You to send Orders to ordres a Votre Armée pour se
Your Army to withdraw till septin jusqu'à l'arrivée de Mr
the arrival of M^r Lausor to - Lausor de finir toutes hostilités

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suspend all Hostilities until jusqu'a ce que la paix soit
that Time; there both Councils may dispute upon it. As to a Council, qu'on a moi je suis
myself I am so little Master in the fait des Affaires Poli-
of political Affairs that I ne sçay que je n'entend point d'
understand no other Business autre Party que celui de me
than to make use of my sword service de mon Epée contre tout
against all those who attack ceux qui attaquent ou atta-
or shall attack the French qu'on le Pavillon François
Flag hoisted in Madras qui est arboré dans le Madras
I have the Honor to be very Sais l'honneur d'être très sincère-
Sincerely ment

Madras

28th Febr'y 1764

Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t

humble Servant

Marchand

Messieurs

Votre très humble et très Obed^t

sant Serviteur

Marchand

Orders in consequence

Agreed that Major Campbell be informed that
We approve of the Steps he hath taken with regard to M^r
Riquets Detachment as of his having for the present en-
tortained the 14 Huzars in the Service, tho' We never in-
tended that Corps should ^{have} been increased. And as We
do not imagine they are much to be depended upon
Major Campbell cannot be too cautious of them.

As We imagine M^r. Marchand must be the same
Person who was taken by Captain Richard Smith near
Devil Cotah in March 1760 and was permitted on Account
of his ill State of Health to go to Negapatam on his Pa-
role, and as he has never been exchanged, but was a Pris-
oner of War at the Time he says he hoisted the French
Colours in Madras in Opposition to ours on the 9th Jan'y
1763. We are of Opinion, Major Campbell should be directed
in Case M^r. Marchand should come out again with a
Flag of Truce, or should by any other means fall into his
hands to detain him, if he is the same Person & send him
to Madras. The necessary Orders are therefore to be sent to

Major Campbell to
endeavour to seize
M^r. Marchand

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Major Campbell for that purpose, & extracts from Captain Smith's Letter to the Board, with their answer regarding M^r Marchand are to be forwarded to him. Read the following Letter from the President & Council at Fort William.

To the Honble Robert Dalke Esq^r
President & Governor & Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Bengall

Advise of their
having embarked
in Bay Detachment
on Board the York
Liverpool & Deptford

All the Company's Ships having imported safely from Bombay We now agreeably to the Resolution advised in our Letter of the 29th December have embarked the Troops which arrived in them on the Ships bound to Your Place Viz^t On His Majesty's Ship York } 104
including Officers
On the Liverpool 30
On the Deptford 200

The remainder of the Europeans with about 200 Sepoys that made part of the Detachment from Bombay shall be embarked on the Bute which will sail in a short Time.

We have also laden on each of His Majesty's Ships 100 & on the Deptford 200 Barrels of Gunpowder with part of the Field Equipage and Stores of the Detachment of which the Invoices &c^a with the other Papers relative to the Troops are transmitted in the Ships respective Batches. By the Bute We shall send You 200 Barrels more of Gunpowder & the Remainder of the Field Equipage and Stores. When the Gentlemen at Bombay sent us this Reinforcement they wrote very earnestly for having them returned as soon as the Situation of our Affairs would admit. We therefore enclose to You Extracts of their several Letters on that Subject & hope You may shortly be able to comply with their request.

We are

at Fort St. George 11th March 1764

We are

Fort William

6th Febry 1764

P. As We find since finishing our Letters

that His Majesty's Ships cannot take on

Board so large a Quantity of Powder as We at

first expected, We beg leave to refer You to their

respective Invoices for an Account of the exact

supply You will receive by them

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t M^t Servants

Henry Van Sittart

H^c Billers

Warren Hastings

Randth Marriott

H Watts

Ralph Leicester

John Burdett

Extracts of sundry Letters from the Presidency of Bombay to F. William
From their Letter dated 23rd September 1763

Extracts of Letters

from B^hay to Bengal

requesting this De

achment may

be returned to B^hay

as soon as the

Service will ad-

mit it

As nothing but the concern We have for the
Welfare of our Employers & the Importance of supporting
their Affairs in Bengal is essentially necessary to the well
being of all their other Settlements could have induced them
part with so considerable a Body of Men which will very
much reduce our Garrison already but what, We cannot
doubt Your Honor &c^t will see the Necessity of returning
them as soon as the Situation of Your Affairs will admit
in which We shall accordingly depend upon

From their Letter dated 30th September 1763
We flatter ourselves the readiness We have
shown on this occasion not only in anticipating Your
wishes for a reinforcement but in increasing the same
on receipt of Your Letters will fully evince our Zeal for the
Publick Good and induce Your Honor &c^t with the same
readiness to return them to us as soon as Your Affairs will
permit by admit

From their Letter dated the 13th October 1763
As the usual Deduction for Cloathing is stop-
ped here from the Detachment You are only to allow them
their bare Subsistence at Your Place. The Scapions by their
own desire are only to receive two p^{ts} of Pay per Month having
left the remainder for the Maintenance of their Families

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which leads us to desire You will send us from Time to Time
List of such as may die or Desert the Service

Fort William the 6th Feby 1764. Some Extracts

I gratulate you very

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged
and that the Military Storekeeper do take an Account of
the Stores belonging to the Bombay Detachment, that
the Presidency of Bengall may be credited for them and
the Nabob debited for such of them as are sent into the Field.

The Detachment by the
Liverpool to proceed to
Camp. Capt. Fletcher
to Command them.

Agreed also that the Detachment which came in the Liver-
pool with assembly Men as can be spared from hence be ordered
to prepare to join the Army as soon as possible and that Captain
Fletcher be appointed to Command them, for whom Instructions
are to be prepared.

Read the following Letter from Major Campbell

To the Honble Robert Patke Esq.

President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major
Campbell.

desires that all
the Cadets may
have Commissions
given them.

Enclosed I have the Honor to send a Detail of the
different Forts and Posts depending upon the Army none
of which can with prudence be made weaker yet, and
which was the Reason that I draughted five Companies
of Sepoys from Trichinopoly & took the Liberty of re-
commending Yesterday to the Honble Board to have all
the Cadets appointed Ensigns. I have the Honor to be
with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & most Affctd

Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madras

3rd March 1764

State of the Forts and Redoubts depending on the Army 3rd March 1764

State of 4th Redoubt

Fort Madras

At Muttam 2 Sub. 2 Guns & 6 Companies of Sepoys

At Sattam 2 Sub. 2 Guns & 5 B. D.

At Trivandoor 2 Guns and 3 Companies of Sepoys

At Trivandoor 3 Guns and 4 Companies of Sepoys

At Pondy two Companies of Sepoys

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N^o 1 At Pondy Redoubt 1 Capt. 5 Guns and 7 Companies of Sepoys
 2 at Fort Defiance 1 Sub. 25 Pikes 29 Military 23 P. 20
 3 at Nallam Redoubt 1 P. 2 P. 22 P. 4 P. 20
 4 at the Oregon 1 P. 2 P. 22 P. 2 P. 20
 5 at Damodera Pillai's Redoubt 1 P. 12 P. 5 P. 20
 6 at Tennavelly Redoubt 1 Sub. 2 P. 3 P. 20
 7 at Nemellie P. 1 P. 1 P. 4 P. 20
 At Pulla Cotta Fort 15 Miles dist. on Tennavelly road 3 P. 20
 At Sholavaram Fort 12 P. on Vindigull road 1 Sub.
 4 Companies of Sepoys

All Artillery Men at each Post in proportion to the Guns, and out of the above Sepoys 20 Companies belong to the Nabob.

To be erected by Char Campbell

N^o 8 a Redoubt to the left of Toppu Colam Major
 9 Ditch in front of Toppu Colam

The President also lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Campbell.

To the Honble Robert Path Capt.

President & Governor

Letter from Major
Campbell.

Honble Sir,

Enclosed I have the Pleasure to present You with the Returns of the Army.

Major Preston's Detachment is securely settled at Toppu Colam and the Engineers busy in making strong Post there. Major Call tells me that he is to send You a Plan of the Situation of our Encampment and the different Posts the 2^d Instant. since that time I have moved my Camp a mile nearer to Toppu Colam and have begun a Post between me and Preston. The Sepoy Clothing is not yet arrived so I do not hear of any being at Pondy or on the Road from Fort St. George. I assure You Sir they are much wanted. We have great plenty of Rice. I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Camp before Madurai

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Honble Sir - Your most Oblig'd & most Obedt Servant

Char Campbell

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Ordered that Major Campbell be informed that the Agent for Supply Cloathing hath sent all that was intended for by Boats to Pondicherry.

Agreed also that Ensigns Commissions be agreed to as Marriette appointed to Major Campbell's desire prepared for

Ensigns

Messrs. Bowman

Sidley

Marriette

to be dated

13th March

15th Do

16th Do

M. Shelwell L^t

Fireworks

and that a Lieutenant Fireworks Commissions be made out for M. Shelwell to be dated 14th March. With Respect to Messrs. Heating and Shaw if Major Campbell thinks them fit for Officers, He is at Liberty to put them in Orders, and Commissions shall be sent them also.

Representation of
Ensign Johnson
on Acc^t of his being
superseded by
Beaver.

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that He had received a Letter from Major Campbell enclosing one from Ensign Johnson, who complains of being superseded by Ensign Beaver, tho' he was five Months a Volunteer and as many an Officer before M. Beaver's arrival in India.

Orders in consequence

As our Honorable Masters have ordered that Ensign Beaver should only take Rank from the Day of his arrival in India. Major Campbell is to be desired to put Ensign Johnson in Orders next in Rank before Ensign Beaver.

Letter from Ensign Drought read as follows.

Letter from Ensign Drought
complaints of his
being superseded.

Gentlemen

I make no doubt my being superseded last Savary has come to the Knowledge of You all which is a disadvantageous Introduction as the word supersede conveys to the hearer the Idea of a Man who has done something unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman or a Soldier. This Idea is as it were affixed unto the Word supersede so much that We are generally prejudiced against the People whom We hear to be superseded, but I hope this is not the Case with You Gentlemen, that you'll lend me Your Attention for a little that I may endeavour to manifest it.

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to You, my being superseded has been owing to no other
this sort but to Major Charles Campbell's unkind ~~presentations~~
presentations to the Commander in Chief or as he was
pleased to call them. Mistakes those which then appeared
so, I shall not trouble you with, there was two that did not
one was that when sick I had not taken proper care for the
recovery of my Health in answer to this I shall give you a
Copy of the Doctors Chitt which I hope will be sufficient to
prove the invalidity of this Assertion.

Sir I did not think You fit for a Campaign or I
should have told You so neither do I know of any means
You have neglected for the recovery of Your Health.

I am Sir Geo^m Gibb & Pastory
the other was that I went on the Parade where Major Char-
Campbell was reviewing the Men which gave much
umbrage to him I have been since told was insulting
my Brother Officers, why I know not for whatever reason
I had to repent of my ill Fortune that was not able
go with them surely they had none to envy mine
neither can I tell why he was offended as there was no
orders for me to go there neither to stay away, the Doctor
advice to me at that Time You'll see by the following
Letter.

Sir In answer to Yours it is only necessary to say
that You may recollect my advice to You was to take good
Exercise while You continued under your attendance course
of Medicine as the Situation of Your Health at that Time
would not admit of Confinement. this I then recom-
mended to You, even to mount Guards if cold season
yourself against taking cold, this Method You pursued
no longer than was necessary to acquire the strength
 requisite for the course of Medicines which has since
obliged You to leave Your Room. I am Sir Geo^m Gibb & Pastory
when I showed this to the General the 5th Jan^y 1764
it was very well but he would not recommend any more
has obliged me to give You this trouble. I am Sir

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it is manifest to You that I have been superseded without reason as such beg You'll take into Consideration the Difficulties I must of Course labour under in a Country so far distant from my Relations as to be unable to be succoured by them, if not agreeable to You to give me my Rank beg You'll let me act this Campaign as a Volunteer which will much oblige Gentlemen,

Fort St. George

Your most Obed^t & most humble Serv^t

W^m Drought

6th March 1764

Sickness was another Objection but as I am recovered I imagine it unnecessary to say any thing about it.

Agreed that M^r Drought be informed that the Reasons for his having been superseded were on Account of a Representation of the Commanding Officer of some Irregularities in his Conduct. That He is however at Liberty to proceed to Camp, & if from his Behaviour the Commanding Officer shall think proper to recommend him He shall be immediately promoted to his Rank in the Service. Read the following Letter from W^m Floyer Storekeeper at Trichinopoly.

To the Honible Robert Path Esq^r

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the Council

at Fort St. George

Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter from M^r
Floyer

This serves to inform You that I have this Day delivered to the Mabel for His use various sizes of Shot &c. as particularly specified in the enclosed Indent received from Captain Wood.

I have likewise the Pleasure to inform Your Honor &c. that I have this Instant received 120 Barrels of Gunpowder from M^r Calland at Cuddalore

I remain with great Respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most

humble Servant

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly

7th March 1764

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To Charles Floyer Esq^r

Sir,

Please to Order the delivery of the following Stores
for the Nabob's Use—

Incident of Shott
supplied the Nabob

24 lb^s Shott 200 Grape Shott

6 lb^s 198 lb^s 25

5 lb^s 212 lb^s

4 lb^s 200 lb^s

3 lb^s 129 lb^s 50

2 1/2 lb^s 101 lb^s

1 1/2 lb^s 7 lb^s

Tubes filled—10000

Port-fires—1000

Total—1347 round & Grape 1/5

C. F. Storey

John Wood

Trichinopoly 14th March 1764

The President lays before the Board a
Letter from M^r. Brickenden with some Remarks regard-
ing the Freight of the Neptune Schooner to Pondicherry with
Captain Baker's Opinion thereon.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r

Letter from M^r.
Brickenden
regarding the
Freight of the
Neptune Schooner

Sir,

As I find Captain Baker in consequence of Your
Directions is about to lay before You his Opinion of what
may be reasonable to allow me for Freight of the Neptune
Schooner I think it my Duty in Justice to my Constituents
at the same Time to represent to You some Circumstances
which will shew how great a Sufferer M^r. Dobson has been
& I flatter myself will have due Weight when the Board
shall take the Matter into Consideration

I am with Respect

Sir

Your most Obed^t M^t. Servant
Richard Brickenden

When

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When it shall be considered what to allow for Freight of the *Neptune* Schooner lately employed for the Company at Pondy the following Circumstances it is to be hoped will be taken into Consideration & have weight with the Honble the President & Council in their Determination

- 1st And principally the Detention of the Vessel by Captain Jackson at a Time when the Season would admit of her going to Vizagapatnam to take on Board on Freight the Honble Company's Bales, or of employing her on a Voyage to Bengall for which M^r Dolben had made Preparations by providing a Cargo for that Market. Every one must be sensible what M^r Dolben must by such a disappointment.
- 2^d The Damage the Vessel must have sustained by having on Board so great Quantity of dead Weight, by the frequent shifting of Shot & Shells in her hold & chiefly by the Accident of her striking on a Shoal where she continued Thumping a considerable Time before she could be got off.
- 3^d The risk the Vessel was exposed to in a Passage where the Navigation was very little known & always represented to be very Dangerous which determined M^r Brickendon to insure and for which he paid a Premium of twenty Pagodas.

To the Honble Robert Park Esq.

Captⁿ Bakers
Opinion thereon

Honble Sir,

M^r Brickendon having informed me that You was pleased to direct me to estimate what might be a reasonable Freight for M^r Dolben's *Snow Neptune* to Pondy. I take leave to present Your my humble Opinion thereon.

I judge her to be 60 Tons & apprehend ten Rupees or 3 Pagodas p^r Ton p^r Month to be a reasonable Freight for a Vessel in this Country at this Time, she sailed hence the 17th Dec^r and returned again the 25th Febr^y being 2 Months and 8 Days, which at the Rate above would make her Freight (admitting her to be employed the whole Time in the Company's Service as I think she was) amount to about 405 Pagodas.

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M^r Bruckender mentions some Circumstances which he thinks ought to be considered in adjusting the Freight such as a premium paid for Insurance, her long Detention at and about Pondi, The Loss of what she might have gained elsewhere had she not been so detained, & the Disappointment M^r Dolben met with by her not returning at the Time he expected her. I have considered her as willingly let for a Reasonable Freight & these being Circumstances that I am ignorant of I can form no Judgment of them.

I engaged the Catharine Ketch for a Trip to Pondi for 200 Pagodas, she carried one third more than the ^{last} time, sailed hence before, and returned here after her, but she must indeed be a considerable Loser by the Voyage her freight at the same rate for the same Time would have amounted to upwards of 300 Pagodas.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obed^t & most aff^l Serv^t

George Baker

Fort St. George
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Resolution in Con-
sequence

As We are of Opinion ^{that} M^r Bruckender's Application is very reasonable and the Vessel has made two Trips between otherwise usefull in sounding between Pondi and Point Calumere to Pondi. It is agreed to allow M^r Dolben 600 Pagodas for the Freight of the Vessel which the Com^{rs} is to pay him.

Lt. Madge compleats
50 Men

Lieutenant Madge of His Majesty's 96th Regiment delivering in a Roll of the Names of 50 Men enlisted by him out of the said Regiment. It is agreed that a Captain's Commission be made out for him to bear date the 1st Instant, being the Day he compleated his Number & that his Day in the Company's Service do commence from that Time.

A Captain's Com-

mission given him

Letter from Lieutenant Calvert read as follows.
Honorable Sir & Sirs

Letter from L^t Calvert

I am informed that on the 27th Feby an Order was issued out by You, that any Lieut. who could raise 50 Men

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should have a Captain's Commission.

Thereby inform You that a little before I was admitted into Your Service I had engaged 70 Men to enter along with me, in case I got a Captaincy, but that I could not obtain it, in consequence of which the Agreement with the Men was broke, as I gave each of them a Rupee in earnest to be in Your Service, and my Company if I got that Rank. otherwise they should be at Liberty, when they found I had entered only as Lieut. many of them came and demanded the articles of the Agreement which I gave them but at the same Time spirited them up myself & the others that I can prove upwards of 50 of them Men are now & have been some Time in Your Service. I do not expect that You will give me a Captaincy for those Men tho' I am well convinced the greatest Part of them would not have entered had it not been for my Influence over them. I mean to ask a Favour of You, and only mention these Circumstances (as I think there is some Merit in them) in hopes they may induce You the readier to grant my Request.

If You will give me leave to go to Europe by the first Opportunity, continuing me upon pay as Lieutenant till my return, I will raise You 100 Men (clear of all Expenses to the Honble Company) allowing me to take Rank as Captain from the Day I arrive with them in the Country.

I hope Honble Sir & Sirs that You will take this matter into Consideration so as to determine it in my Favour, as I flatter myself You will not think the terms I have proposed unreasonable considering the loss of my Rank (with two Commissions) in His Majesty's Service.

I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

with due respect

Your most Obed^t & able Servant

Matthias Calvert

Agreed that Lieutenant Calvert be informed that it is not in our Power to comply with his request.

supplies for leave to
go to England &
raise a Company

Camp

16th March 1764

when I say clear of all Expenses

I mean as to Country Money.

Opinion of the
Honble Council

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that We have no Objection to his proceeding to Europe where the Honble the Court of Directors will take what Steps they judge proper for his future proceeding; but that in Justice to the other Officers who might by such a Measure be superseded, We shall at the same Time signify our Disapprobation, as nothing but the very great want of Men at this present Time could have induced Us to publish the Order mentioned by M^r Calson.

M^r Calland advises

of M^r Riquet's arrival at Cuddalore.

Read a Letter from M^r Calland at Cuddalore advising that with 27 Huzars was arrived there & desiring Directions regarding them.

Orders in consequence

Ordered that a Copy of the Articles granted to M^r Riquet and of his Engagement to remain at Cuddalore be forwarded to M^r Calland, who is also to be made acquainted with M^r Riquet's Promise to Major Campbell of delivering his Huzars & delivering their Arms to the Care of the Chief there, which M^r Calland is therefore to demand and to see that they are properly supplied with all necessary in their paying for the same, and that they live in a regular and quiet Manner.

Bombay Detachment

The Paymaster informs the Board that the arrived on 4th Liverpool Officer commanding the Bombay Detachment arrived on 4th Liverpool had represented to him that paid their Subsistence on the Liverpool had represented to him that for the Month of Feby the Non-Commission'd Officers and private Men had not been advanced their Subsistence for the Month of Feby, which he had therefore ignored. Ordered that the Gentlemen at Bengall be advised of it.

advise thereof to be

sent to Bengall.

As the Liverpool will sail for England in a very short Time, Ordered that a Letter containing the material advices to the Honble Court of Directors be prepared to be sent by her.

Read a Letter from the Nabob's Son as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 8 accompanying Bills of L^{ts} 88000 being for 2 Lacks of Rupees on Account of March 1767 and 109000 Rupees in advance for April 1768. A Letter from the Nabob N^o 51 was also read advising

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he had procured the above Bills to be paid in 10 Days after sight & at the same Time enclosing Bills for the Sum of Pagodas 42 1/4 - the Amount of Rupees 14960 as a further advance on Account of the April Rent --- Ordered that the receipt of them be acknowledged.---

Robt Palk
Jruger Lawrence
G. Bouchier

Rich Fairfield
Sam. Ashley
Charles Turner

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Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army.
The Honorable Robert Polk Esq.
President & Governor.

Letter from Major
Campbell.

Honorable Sir

In my last I had the Honor to acquaint You with the secure Situation which Major Preston was in at Poyndam the Niginaurs have since been busy fortifying strong Post there, and have Yesterday began another assault I hope shall be the last of any consequence I will have a detachment to make, as soon as those Posts are finished I shall detach Major Preston, but I cannot prudently do it soon however in the mean Time I make frequent Detachments of Seapoyes to take possession of as much of the Country as possible the last night a party consisting of 1 Capt. & Sub. 6 Europeans 300 Seapoyes some black Horse and as many Colliers & Poligon Peers & 2 Guns marched to attack Chinampatuk a mud Fort which commands a very large & extensive Country - & it is with pleasure I observe that the Polliqurs almost all over the Country assure me they will revolt from Us off Cawn as soon as they can do so with any safety to themselves, several of them have already been as good as their Words on the Detachments I have made coming near their Country.

many of the Polli-
gurs came over to the

I am happy to find by the Letter from the Detachment to Major Preston that what was done regarding the French & Niginaurs was approved of, & it gives much assurance to every Body to hear that so strong a Reinforcement of Men are coming to join us. I hope they are on their March. I have the Honor to be with great respect
Honorable Sir

Camp before Madurai
14th March 1764

Your most obliged & most Obedient
D. I wrote a Letter to the Fisdar of Chinn Campbell
Ondigull to supply the Army with Provisions &c. &c. &c.
he has returned a very polite Answer & assures me that he
is that He has Orders from Ryder Saib to give no kind of
to the rebels but live in the most friendly Manner with

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15th dispatched the following Letter to Major Campbell
To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army before Maduree

Sir,

We have received Your Letters of the 24th 3rd Inst.
and the President hath communicated to us Your Letter
of 4th. We approve of the Steps You have taken with regard to
M^r. Rigouts Detachment & of Your having for the present
entertained the 14th Russians in the Service, tho' We never in-
tended this Corps should have been augmented nor do We
imagine they are much to be depended on; You cannot
therefore be too cautious of them.

General Lawrence hath laid before us your Letter to
enclosing one from Ensign Johnson. We think M^r. Johnsons
Rank very reasonable & would have You put him in Orders
regarding his Rank before Ensign Beaver.

M^r. May informs us that he sent all the Surging
thing intended for by Boats to Pondicherry the 24th 11th & that
it should You thereof at that Time.

We have ordered Commissions to be prepared
for Mess^{rs}. Bowman, Thelwell, Sidley & Marietto. M^r. Thelwell
shall have a Commission in the Artillery. We apprehend Mess^{rs}
Sidley & Shaw are rather too Young, however if You think
it fit to do make Officers You may appoint them & their
Commissions shall also be made out.

We have received Your Letter of the 7th Inst.
we are well pleased to find that the Polygars do so readily
give over to our Interest.

The Liverpool arrived here the 11th Inst. from
Bengall & brought us 30 Men of the Bombay Detachment
here with about 70 more from hence will march for Camp to-
morrow the End of this Week.

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servant
Robert Falk the Council

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desired to admit
M. Fiske a Volunteer
on their Establishment

came out a Volunteer for this Place & was by the
sent to your Presidency hath not been able to obtain
any Promotion on Account of our not having a
You regarding him. We are very willing He should
remain on Your Establishment, as We have
sufficient Number of Volunteers on the Coast.

We have been favored with the Deed of
Your Honor's Letter of the 6th Feby by the Ship
which arrived here the 11th Instant.

The Officer commanding the Bombardment
which came in the Liverpool reported
the Non commissioned Officers & Private
received their Subsistence for the Month & Count
It has been paid them here. We are of

Fort St. George
15th March 1764

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed

Robert

Sent the following Letter of Dathann & Council
To the Honorable Charles Crommelin Esq^r
President & Governor & Council
at Bombay.

Letter to Bombay
enclosing a

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Packet to Bengall.

On the 11th Instant arrived from
the Ship Liverpool from Bengall
with the enclosed Packets for Your Honor
Price and 30 Men of the Detachment belong
Presidency. We herewith send You a
of our last address. We are

Fort St. George
17th March 1764

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed

Robert

delivered the following Letter to Captain West
Captain Williamson, Legard Hooker
Sir,

Ex^{te} Notice

You are appointed to the Command of a
Detachment of 300 Men under Orders to join the Army

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before Madure a Return of them of them will be delivered
to You.

You will proceed by the Way of Chinglypett the
nearest Rout; You will march as expeditiously as possible
We taking great care not to fatigue Your People.

We have received great complaints from the Natives
dars & Renters of the Countries thro' which You are to march
on Account of their Cattle being carried away & of their be-
ing otherways ill treated by some of the Detachments
which have passed the same Road; You will therefore be
particularly careful to suffer no such Irregularities.
You will also take care to see that the Contractors Servant
who is to provide You on the road is well used.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
17th March 1764

Your most Humble Servants
Robert Pulteney Colonel

Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell
The Honible Robert Pulteney Esq.
President & Governor

Honible Sir

Letter from Major
Campbell

Advances of taking
of Chinampettah

Captain Hart who commanded the Detach-
ment against Chinampettah acquaints me that Voss Clavin's
People were so insolent as to refuse receiving a Summons
that after he had fired against the Fort a few Hours he
stormed it that our Seapoyes behaved on this occasion with
great Spirit 15 of them with Ensign Carty were wounded
in the attack, that upwards of 300 of the Enemy were killed
& wounded on the Fort & in endeavoring to escape, this
was agreeable to my Orders for an Example which I hope
will have a good Effect. 17 Horses & some Prisoners are taken.
I have another Detachment of Seapoyes only on their
march to attack a Mad Fort to the S. W. of Madurea wh.
commands a 10000 Pagoda Country. I have the Honor to be
with great respect

Honible Sir

Your most Obedient & most
Obed. Servant
Char. Campbell

Camp
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Came in the following Letter from M^r Brewster at Trincomalee
To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor of the Coast of Coromandel &c
& Gentlemen of the Superior Council at
Fort St George

Letter from M^r Brewster

Honible Sir & Sers

I have been honored with your favour of the
26th Jany by Captain Jackson of the Honible Company's Ship
the Pitt & agreeable to Your Orders have furnished him with
as many Chulunga's as he wanted to land the Military
& Stores at Pondi, also 4 large Cathumurans. The Expens-
ces I have been at for hire of those Chulunga's & Cathuma-
rans I have received from Captain Jackson. I have the
Honor to be with great respect

Honorable Sir & Sers

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Christian Brewster

Tranquebar

18th March 1764

Monday

19th March

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
John Pybus Richard Fairfield
Samuel Ardley . . . Charles Turner
George Stratton

The President lays before the Board the following
from Major Campbell Commanding the Army

The Honible Robert Palk Esq^r
Governor of Fort St George

Honible Sir

Letter from Major
Campbell

Desires the Marines
may join Army

As You are pleased to say that the Marines
be got, I think it will be acting the most secure. I am
have them join the Army & I hope the additional
Expences occasion'd on their account will be of great
duration.

Subsistence of the
this carracks.

I have catched one of the Buffaloes head brought
a Doctor who has been seven years in his service & who

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all Accounts he had great Confidence in & who seems thoroughly acquainted with all his Affairs. as I keep him close Prisoner & have assured him that ^{his} future Punishment or Reward will entirely depend on the truth of his Intelligence. He has promised to make me acquainted with every Thing he knows. & that if after the Reduction of Madurai I find he has told the least untruth he will deserve no Mercy. I hope He will be of some Service as he is perfectly well acquainted with the Spies of the Government some of whom he hopes soon to discover to me; eight of the Rebels Seaports have deserted to us these two Days past & all agree that the Seaports in General are greatly discontented, & would certainly come off, was it not on Account of their Families which are Prisoners in the Fort no Provisions but what is served out of his Magazines, different Poligars & head People are coming daily for Cont & David Cann who Commands in the Tinnavelly Country has only 250 Black Horse & 900 Seaports with him & nothing but small mud Forts between me and Palamcotah; I therefore make no kind of doubt but Major Preston who is to march in three Days will very soon & with little Opposition bring great part of that Country under the Nabob's Subjection. I have already Troops about 25 Miles on that Road & I expect Major Preston back in about 20 Days when I flatter myself we shall open ground before this Place, for I do not think it prudent for to attack Palamcotah now for fear that the Siege of that Place should prove more tedious & require more Men & Stores than what we now expect which would of Course retard our Operations here. however if the Marines & other Troops expected should join me I shall be able when Major Preston returns to leave such a Detachment as will protect & enable the Nabob's Renters to receive the revenues of the Country.

J. S.

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Have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honible Sir

Camps before Madina
13th March 1764

Your most Obedient & most Obedient Son
Char: Campbell

The President acquaints the Board that if it is necessary to apply for the Marines, Captain Clark should be desired to leave those belonging to the Liverpool on board the York.

As We have already experienced the Inconvenience of having the Kings & Company's Troops on the same Service, We should be very unwilling to send the Marines to Camp, & We would if possible avoid having them landed, as it must be attended with a considerable Expence - It is therefore agreed to request of Captain Clark to turn over the Marines of his Ship to the York - that We may if the Situation of our Affairs should require it have them landed.

The President informs the Board that Major Adjutant Robinson Campbell having desired that Adjutant Robinson might be ordered from Willow to Camp, He had directed Captain Clark to send with him all the Europeans in that Garrison who were fit for Field Service, which is approved of.

The President acquaints the Board that another Lieutenant of the 96th Regiment had applied for leave to enlist 50 Men on the Conditions before offered. The President at the same Time represents that he had been advised that this Method of raising Men had been a Subject of great Complaint among some of our Officers at Camp.

The Order for giving a Captain's Commission to any Lt. on raising of 50 Men discontinued

As the Number of Men who have not enlisted in the Company's Service is now very small & the Officers who may come from Madras may expect the same Indulgence, which would be a means of bringing too many Captains into the Service, It is resolved that the Order be discontinued.

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The President acquaints the Board that one Mr. Munro ^{on acc^t of his Health where he was an Officer} a Gentleman who came from the West Coast, & is well recommended by Mr. Carter, had desired leave to go to Camp, which is agreed to & Major Campbell is to be directed on his arrival to put him in Orders as an Ensign.

President & Council
at Blay desire
89th Regt may
remain there.

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Major Munro, enclosing a Copy of a Letter from the President & Council of Bombay to him desiring that the Men of the 89th Regiment may continue there some Time longer.

request to the
General in Com.
regarding.

As We imagine the request of the Gentlemen at Bombay to Major Munro, proceeded from a Supposition that the Troops sent by them to Dongall may not be returned, & that We may be in want of further Assistance from them. The General is desired to order Major Munro to suffer the Men of that Regiment to remain there, if the Governor & Council find it absolutely necessary.

Capt. Airey appoint
ed to Command
Wanderwash.

It being thought proper that an Officer should have the Command of the Garrison of Wanderwash Capt. Airey is appointed to the Command thereof.

Robt Falk
Kinger Lawrence
Gibson

Rich Fairfield
Sam. Adley
Charles Turner
Geo. Stratton

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Clark Commanding
the Liverpool
To Edward Clark Esq^r

Letter to Cap. Clark Sir

requested to

turn his Marines

over to the Fort

As the Situation of our Affairs may make it
necessary to request the Assistance of the Marines of
Majestys Squadron in case the Ships from Manila and
Bengall should not arrive soon to the speedy Reduction
Madura being of the utmost Consequence to the Company
We desire You will be pleased to leave the Detachmentth
board Your Ship in the Fort at the disposal of Captain
Cornet that if the Siege of that Place should require a
additional Force, We may be enabled either to send out
all the Troops in this Garrison or a Reinforcement of
his Majestys Marines. We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Fort St. George

20th March 1764

News from Madras
arrived from Madras

Intelligence recd
by her

Your most Obedient humble servant

Robert Falkner Council

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship ^{Amoy} from Manilla.
She had it seems been dispatched by the Gentlemen there
on 30th Janry for a place called Caputoc in the Province
of Tyabas on the South Coast of Luzonia in order to per-
suade a body of Moors supposed to be there to proceed to
Manilla to the Assistance of our People, who were in a
Manner shut up by a very considerable Force headed
by Don Andar, but on going round the Island she was
drove off the Coast by a hard Gale of Wind & not being
able to regain it was obliged for want of Water and
Provisions to bear away for Malacca. On the arrival
of the Admiral Pocock at Manilla with the Procla-
matory Articles of Peace every Means were used to
publish them & to persuade the Malcontents to stand
from Hostilities, but to no Effect, neither the Panther nor
the Revenge with the definitive Treaty & Orders to
People to come away were arrived. Tho they anchored at

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Malacca four or five Days after the Departure of the Admiral Pocock so that our People did not think they could safely abandon the Place without Orders from home. The great scarcity of Provisions in the Place had determined them to take the Field with a View of dispersing Don Andra's Party which consisted of upwards of 100 of our Deserters 100 Spaniards, 400 500 Mexican Troops & from 2 to 3000 Malabares. Our Troops were reduced by Death & Desertion to about 400 Europeans & as many Sepoys.

Havannah, Cruthenden. The Havannah, Cruthenden & Falmouth were arrived
Falmouth arrive there from China & the Slave was daily expected; about
Manilla 200 of the Chinese Inhabitants had been embarked on
Chinese sent to the two former & had waited for the West Coast of the
West Coast - the Governor & Council were endeavoring to persuade others to follow them.

24th Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

To the Honible Robert Dalk Esq.
Honible Sir

Letter from Major Campbell.

The Enemy have abandoned Anioor upon the approach of the Detachment I sent, & I am just now informed that Dand Caur with what was called the Sinnavelly Army is retired from Manar & Nemillie to Palamcotah, & that there are hardly any Troops but what are now assembling at Palamcotah. Major Preston marches this Evening & I make no kind of doubt but that in a Weeks Time the Nabobs people will be in possession of almost all the Sinnavelly Country as they are already of Part of it & of all the Madura districts. For I have Detachments 45 Miles from hence. There has been no Arrack for the Army for 20 Days past & our sick list is 100 more than last Month which the Surgeon imputes to the want of Arrack & I am sensible Major Call has tried all means to get some. I am with great respect

Camp before Madura
10th March 1764

Honible Sir

Your most Obedt & most Affct Servt
Char Campbell

Fort St. George 24th March 1764

Received the following Letter from Mr. Major Daymond
at Trichinopoly
To the Honble Robert Patk Esq^r
President & Governor & the Genl^l Members
of the Council at Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Major
200 Barrels of Powder
Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to inform You that this Day arrived
at Trichinopoly 200 Barrels of Powder from Vellore escorted by Captⁿ
from Vellore 8000 Shovels & 128 barrels of Powder from Chingelput all
which I have detained in this Garrison until
Major Campbell desires me to send it to Camp in
sequence of his letter to me of the 16th Febr^y on that sub-
ject of which I had the Honor to inform the President
in my Letter of the 12th of that Month.

I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most obed^t & ble servant
Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
16 March 1764

Monday
26th March

A Consultation Present
Robert Patk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourschier
John Pybus
Samuel Bradley Richard Fairfield
George Strutton Charles Horner

A Detachment of 80
Europeans marches
from Vellore for
Camp. —
Read a Letter from Captain Clark commanding at Vellore
advising that a Detachment consisting of 1 Sergeant
of Artillery four of Military, 1 Sth & 1 Drummer has been
being all that were fit for Field Service marched from
thence the 20th Instant for Camp.

Letter from the Commandant
to the N^o 1000 Company
of the Garrison of
Scataram
Adviseing of the Hostilities committed by Scataram
that he is now attacking the Muzlatore Raja who
has put himself under our Protection
Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Scataram
requiring him as he Values the Company's Friendshipp

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to desist from troubling the Muglatore Raja; and M^r Sykes is to be directed in case he continues to do so to give the Raja all the Assistance he can with safety to the Company's Possessions & Trade. A Letter is also to be wrote to Nizam Ally Cawn assuring him of our Friendship & of our readiness to give him all the Assistance in our Power.

Resolution to

dispatch the

Pitt to Manila.

As by the late Intelligence from Manila there is but too much reason to apprehend that neither the Dutch nor Revenge have been able to gain their Passage, or if one or both of them should have arrived there before the end of Feby, Shipping might be much wanted to bring the Troops to Shore away, none having been appointed for that Service at Canton, & His Majesty's Ship Falconmouth being in so bad a Condition, as to make it doubtful, whether she can be sufficiently repaired to come hither & the Siam a large Spanish Ship laden with private Effects is intended to assist in transporting the Troops may possibly have been dispatched from thence; & it being of the utmost consequence that our Troops & People should be withdrawn from thence as soon as possible & an End thereby put to the heavy Expences of that Settlement. It is agreed that the Pitt be dispatched thither with all Expedition & be put under the Orders of M^r Drake & his Council that she may if they have not Convoys sufficient assist in transporting our people from thence otherways she is to proceed directly for China.

General letter to

England & Liver

pool signed.

General letter to the Honorable Court of Directors to go by His Majesty's Ship Liverpool read & signed. Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Geo. Wallon

Robt Falk

Aringer Lawrence

W. Bousfield

Rich. Saigfield

Sam. Ridley

Charles Turner

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Delivered the following Orders to Captain Avery

Orders to Capt. Avery

Sir,

We have appointed You to the Command of
Mandewash, You will therefore proceed thither & receive
the charge of that Garrison from the Sergeant-majors there

directed not to
suffer the Indians
to be molested.

Frequent complaints are made to us by the
Renters & others belonging to the Nabob on Account
of their being plundered of their Cattle & other Goods
of Oppression. You will therefore be particularly
careful to suffer no such Proceedings in the Nabob's
Districts. We are

Fort St. George

Sir

27th March 1764

Your most humble servant

Robert Falkland

29th dispatched the following Letter of Advice & Diligence to the
To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esq

President of the Governor & Council at
Fort Williams

Genl Letter to William

Honble Sir & Sirs

A duplicate of our last address now waits on
You. On the 22nd Instant arrived here our Honble Master
Brig Spedwell from Manilla. She had been dispatched
by the Gentlemen there on the 30th January for a place called
Cappoloco on the South Coast of Luzon, in order to provide
on a Body of Moors supposed to be there to proceed to Ma-
nilha to the Assistance of our People, who were in a
men shut up by a considerable Body of Troops headed by
Don Andar but in going round the Island she met with
a very hard Gale of Wind which drove her off the Coast
& not being able to regain it she was obliged for want
of Water & Provisions to bear away immediately for
Malacca. The Admiral Pocock with the Pelican
ry Articles of Peace had been there a considerable
Time but unfortunately neither the Panther nor Pelican
with the definitive Treaty & orders to our People to come

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away were arrived, & we much fear they must both have lost their Passage - when this Vessel left Manilla our Troops were about taking the Field in order to disperse Don Andra's Party who could not by any means be brought to desist from Hostilities till the Definitive Treaty might arrive, it consisted of about 100 of our Deserters 100 Spaniards & 800 Mexicans & from 2 to 3000 Malages - Our Troops by Death and Desertion are reduced to about 400 Europeans & as many Sepoys - The Necessity there is for getting them away as soon as possible has determined the immediately to send the Pitt to assist in transporting them hither if her Assistance is wanted.

The Havanna, Crattenden, & Palmonetto were arrived at Manilla from China & the Flawhe was hourly expected, about 200 of the Chinese Inhabitants were embarked on the two former & had sailed for the West Coast & the Governor & Council were endeavoring to persuade others to follow them.

Enclosed sent within We have taken the Opportunity by this Conveyance of sending You three Men who were brought in from Camp on a Suspicion of intending to desert to the French, They may be of Service to You as they will not have an Opportunity if they have Inclination of deserting again to the French, a List of them comes enclosed. They have been advanced their Subsistence for this Month - His Majesty's Ship Liverpool will sail from hence this Evening or tomorrow the Bedford is not yet arrived. We are

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt^h & Able Servants

Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George
29th March 1764

delivered the following Letter to M^r Pybus

To John Pybus Esq^r
Chief at Manipalattu

Sir

As We are informed that Satarainraure

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has made himself Master of Rajahmundry & is making
against the Mogul or Rajah. We have addressed an order
him requiring him to desist from further Hostilities, a copy
of which comes herewith. We desire You will also write him
one to the same Effect. And should he still persist in at-
tacking the Raja You will send as strong a party of Sol-
diers as You can with safety spare to his the Raja's Assistance.

Enclosed is a Copy of a Letter We have wrote to the
Ally Cawn You will forward it to him with one from Your-
self & do all in Your Power to maintain a good under-
standing with him.

We have put on Board the Snow Diligence some
Military & Scurvy Cloathing for Masulipatam.

We are Sir,

Your most affectionate Friend

Robert Daltoun

Fort St. George
29th March 1764

I received & pass on the following Letter from Bombay
To the Honble. Robert Daltoun Esq.

President & Governor & Council at
Fort St. George

Letter from the Governor
& Council at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Season of the Year for Ships proceeding
Your Place being now at hand, We have freighted one to
carry round the Gunpowder & Stores You was advised
in our Letter of 31st December. We intended to furnish
with the having since made an Application to the Com-
manding Officer of his Majesty's Troops, to remain here
till the Departure of our laster Ships, in order to enable
us to send You some Men; the necessity of which We
strongly pointed out to him, he has agreed thereto
We have accordingly determined to send You 100 Europeans
Infantry & 30 Artillery from this Garrison & 70 of the
former from Tellicherry all of whom will accordingly
embark on the above Ship, but as she cannot be ready
to leave this Place in less than three Weeks it will
be too late to touch at Arzengo. We have ordered the

purpose sending
100 Infantry & 30
Artillery from
thence.

and 70 Infantry
from Tellicherry

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now there to repair to Tellicherry in the room of those ordered
from that Settlement.

By private Advices We are informed the Earl of
Middlesex was arrived in Bengall River with part of
the Troops from this Presidency which the Gentlemen there
had it seems ordered to Your Assistance in such case
We flatter ourselves the Reinforcements You may receive
from thence. Manila in this Place will enable You speedily
to reduce Maffa Cawn, when We doubt not You will take
the earliest Opportunity of returning all the Troops be-
longing to this Presidency, the Necessity of which will be
very obvious when We assure You We have now hardly
regulars sufficient to do the common daily Duty of the
Garrison and on the Departure of his Majesty's Troops
shall be obliged to admit of Sepoys mounting at most
of our Guards. We are

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient Servants

Chas Crommelin

J. Byfield

J. Spencer

Chas. Waters

Samuel Court

Cecil Bonyer

Bombay Castle

1st March 1764

To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor &c^t Council at
Fort St. George.

Honible Sir & Sirs

My dear Gen^l

Council at B^ombay

Prepare that

the Royal Charlotte

with the Men &c

should call

at Negapatam to

land them there

Since closing our Letter of Yesterday it has oc-
curred to us that if the Royal Charlotte (the Ship We have
freighted for Your Presidency) is ordered to touch at
Negapatam it may probably be a means of the Troops
& Stores on Board her being conveyed to the scene of
Action much sooner than if she was to proceed immedi-
ately to Your Place. We shall therefore give Captain James
Single the Commanders directions to touch there accord-
ingly, to follow any orders you may think proper to lodge
there for him & the Commanding Officer of the Troops will
likewise have the necessary Instructions for that purpose.

at Fort St. George 31 March 1764

We are

Honble Sirs

Bombay Castle

2 March 1764

Your most Obedient Servants

Chas. Crommelin

J. Bayfield

J. Spencer

Chas. Waters

Samuel Court

Cecil Bowyer

In consequence of which the following Letters were
immediately ^{with} sent away

To Mr. Brouwer

Letter to Mr. Brouwer

Sir

We are in Expectation that the Royal Charlotte
from Bombay with about 200 Troops on board will call
at Negapatam. We are desirous they should be landed
as possible. We must therefore request You will supply
them with Boats, Cooks & every Thing else they
may want in Your Power for that purpose, enclosed
is a Letter to Mr. Van Teylingen in which he is desired
to give You any Assistance You may require. You have
herewith Letters addressed to Captain Fingle the
Commander of the Royal Charlotte & to the Officer Com-
manding the Detachment of Troops on Board.

desired to procure
every Thing necessary
for 4 Troops con-
sidered to give
them all the As-
sistance in his
Power for their
March to Camp
and in landing
the Stores

He has also furnished us other Stores on board
which We also desire You will cause to be landed.
Warrials sent to Trichinopoly by Bullocks as You
can procure them.

You are so well acquainted with what Troops
may require on their March, that We doubt not You
being able to point out & procure whatever may be
necessary. Enclosed are Letters to the King of Tanjore
& the Warrials sent to him. We are persuaded will
give You their Assistance.

W.

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Fort S^t George We are
31st March 1764 Sir

If You will be pleased immedi- Your most humble Servants
ately on the arrival of the Troops to Robert Pakk & Council
advise Cap^t Wood at Trichunopoly thereof in Order
that he may send a proper Escort to meet them.

To the Honible Christian Van Teylingen Esq^r
President & Governor of Tranquebar

Letter to y^e Governor Sir,
of Negapatam

We are advised from Bombay that the Royal
Desired to Charlotte is dispatched from thence with Troops & Stores
afford all the for this Place & is to call at Negapatam. We have sent
Assistance in Directions to M^r Brouwer concerning their disembarking
his Power. at Harricall & We hope in case he shall apply to You
You will continue to give Your Assistance.

We are with great Esteem
Sir

Fort S^t George 31st March 1764 Your most Obedient humble Servant,
Robert Pakk & Council

To Captain Fingle
Commanding the Royall Charlotte

Letter to Cap^t Fingle Sir,
Ordered to land
y^e Stores
at Harricall
to y^e M^r
M^r Brouwer's di-
rections

By Letters just now arrived from the President
& Council at Bombay, We are advised that they
purpose sending round to the Coast on Your Vessel
about 200 Troops some Powder & other Stores, as it is
of consequence, they should be landed at Harricall
We have addressed a Letter to M^r Brouwer to give You
the necessary Assistance in disembarking them at
that Place & in furnishing them with every Thing
requisite for their march to Camp You will therefore
follow such Directions as You may receive from him

We are Sir

Fort S^t George Your most Obedient Servant
31st March 1764 Robert Pakk & Council

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To the Commanding Officer of the Detachment
of Troops on Board the Royal Charlotte

Letter by Officer
Commanding of
Detachment

Sir,

directed to follow
the Orders of Mr
Browner —

By Letters from Bombay of the 1st 2nd March
just now received We are informed that the President
& Council purpose sending round to this Coast by the
Royal Charlotte about 200 Troops and that they should
call at Negapatam. We have therefore sent Orders to
Mr Browner at Tranquebar for disembarking them at
Maricall, & We have desired him to furnish You
with whatever You may want on Your march to
Trichinopoly. You will therefore pay due regard to
the Directions you may receive from him, as it is of
consequence You should join the Army before Madras
as soon as possible.

We are Sir

Your most humble Servant

Robert Paltr, Council

Sent the following Letter to Mr Dybus Chief at Masulipatam enclosing one for Fort William

Fort St. George
31st March 1764

To John Dybus Esq^r
Chief at Masulipatam

Letter to Mr Dybus Sir

We enclose You a Letter under a flying Seal of
Bengall which We hope will reach Captain Forrest
either at Masulipatam or Negapatam, but in case
It should be sailed from both Places, You will desire
Mr Smith to forward it over land.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friend

Robert Paltr, Council

Fort St. George
31st March 1764

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esq^r
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed You have a List of Shipping just

Letter to Bengall

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now sent us by the Gentlemen at Bombay which they received by way of Bussorah. They also inform us that advised of 4 Troops they purpose sending round the Royal Charlotte with expected from Bay about 200 Troops for this Place which we have ordered to be landed at Harricall to proceed immediately to Madura. The Liverpool is just getting under sail.

We are

Fort St George
31st March 1764

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & ble. servants

Robert Dalkin Council

April 1. Sailed his Majesty's Ship Liverpool for England.

Monday At a Consultation Present
2^d April 1764 Robert Dalk Esq^r Governor President
Siringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner George Stratton

Advice of a general
Mutiny of 4 Troops
in Bengall.

The Detachment put

on Board of Deptford

unembarked

at Vindia requested

to stay in Bengall.

The President acquaints the board that he had recd a Letter from Bengall, advising that a general Mutiny of the Troops on the Frontiers had obliged the President & Council to disembark the Detachment which was coming on the Deptford and to request of Captain Pinker to remain there some Time longer for their Security. It seems that all the Europeans & Seapoys stood to their Arms & marched to the Banks of the Caranunafra, demanding their Donation Money, they had indeed all returned except about 150 French, but it would probably take some Time before their discontent would entirely subside; & Shuja Dowlah encouraged by the News of such a Defection might possibly join Meer Cassim & attempt what the others would not dare to do; in which case it would require their whole Force to oppose him.

We are much concerned at this unfortunate Event when there was so great a probability of Affairs in Bengall being happily settled. Ordered that immediate

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advice thereof to sent to Bombay. -

Major Campbell is likewise to be informed that We can expect no further reinforcements from Bengal. That when the Troops expected from Bombay together with the Detachments which have marched from hence to Vellore join the Army, He must look upon his Force to be as strong as it is in our Power to make it work which We hope he will be able to prosecute the Siege with Success.

The General acquaints the board that Major Campbell had represented to him that it would be necessary on account of the additional number of Men out of the Regiments to make more Captains & Lieutenants, which were much wanted both for the Infantry & Sepoys. It is therefore resolved that the following Promotions be made. -

Lieut.	{	W. ^m Baile	}	appointed Capt. ⁿ to rank from	{	2 April
		Alex. ^d W. ^m Smith				3 ^d 2 ^d
		John M. ^r Hearn				2 ^d 3 ^d
		John Dormond		Capt. ⁿ Lieut. ⁿ		2 ^d 3 ^d
Ensign	{	Will. ^m Johnson	}	appointed Lieut. ⁿ to rank from	{	2 April
		Henry Davis				3 ^d 2 ^d
		Gilbert Winter				4 th 2 ^d
		Samuel Evans				5 th 2 ^d

The President at the same Time informs the Board that Major Campbell had advised him that several of the Lieutenants had threatened to resign the Service on Account of Captains Commissions having been given to the Officers of his Majesty's Regiments who enlisted Men, in which case he proposed appointing some good Sergeants to do Duty as Ensigns. -

We are concerned that such discontent prevails among the Officers &c. We should be much more so were we conscious of our having given any just Cause for it. Our demands for Men were great & it was therefore determined in Consultation of 27th Feby to give such

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an Encouragement which We find answered very well.
Major Campbell is to be told that We cannot approve
of his making Officers from Sergeants unless the Exigency
of the Service renders it absolutely necessary in which
case, We hope He will use the greatest Precaution in
the appointments he may make.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Calvert.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut. Calvert

I was Yesterday honored with your Answer to
my Request, wherein You say You have no Objection to
my proceeding to Europe, but at the same Time signify
Your disapprobation.

After such a Declaration I cannot think of pro-
ceeding to Europe on that Scheme, for I may reason-
ably imagine if You write against me, the Honble Court
of Directors, will not hearken to any Thing I can propose.
I desire leave to raise as You say the great ward of Men at this present Time
so Men out of 4 Dragoons is what induced You to publish the aforementioned
Order, as I understand it extends to all those who can
raise 50 Men, I flatter myself You will have no Objection
to my taking advantage of it, as I think I have Friends
when General Drapers Regiment arrives, who will raise
me that number of Men, if you Honor me with Your
Approbation of this, I will beg You will suffer Your
Secretary to acquaint Mr. Calvert of the same in order
(for the good of the Service) that no Time may be lost.

I hope You will pardon me for the trouble I have
given You, as it is natural for every Man to endeavour
the best he can for himself.

I am

Camp before Madras

Honble Sir & Sirs with due respect

22 March 1764

Your most Obedient & Affectionate Servant

To the Honble Robert Dalhousie Esq. & Council. Matthias Calvert

Agreed that Mr. Calvert be informed that this
Order for giving a Captains Commission to any Lieutenant

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Purpose of an on his raising 50 Men has been discontinued; no more
Answer to be sent having been admitted than the three who first offer
him. ed. And should We ever think proper to adopt it again,
It will then be Time enough to consider what attention
should be paid to his Rank & Pretensions. He is also to be
informed that whenever he has occasion to address the
Board he is to do it thro' the means of the Commanding
Officer at Camp. And ordered that Copies of his Letters
without Answer be transmitted to Major Campbell.
Letter from M^r Foyce Day master at Trichinopoly reads as follows

To the Honble Robert Path Esq
President & Governor & the Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St George

Letter from M^r Foyce

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been favored with M^r Stone's Letter of the 1st
Inst enclosing an Extract from the Report of the Committee
of Accounts with the Orders annexed which I have forwarded

In a Letter I had the Honor to write on the 16th Inst
to the Commissary General. I explained as fully as possible
the Nature of every Charge of which the Committee of Accounts
were pleased to take notice giving at the same Time my
Reasons for the necessity there was for purchasing the
sundry Stores specified therein at so dear a Rate.

transmit an Acc^t

of Lamp No^{rs}

In Consequence of Your Honor the 1st Orders relating
to the Allowance of Oil for the use of this Garrison, I had
the Pleasure to enclose herein an Acc^t particular of the
Quantity of Oil in the number of Lamps served out in the
Month of Feby, with the price thereof, as likewise another
Account of that Article delivered me by Captain Wood
the 17th Inst of the number of Lamps now necessary to be
daily lighted in the several Parts of this Garrison with
a Monthly Charge thereof, according to which Acc^t the
Oil will daily be continued to be served out until I am
favored with Your further Orders thereon.

I yesterday received from Madras 154
Barrels of Powder.

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I remain with great Respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Trichinopoly

21st March 1764

referred to Committee of

Accounts

Your faithfull & most Obed^t Serv^t

Charles Foye

Ordered that the Account accompanying

the above Letter be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Letter from M^r. Pyne Paymaster at Vellore

read as follows.

To the Honible Robert Dalk

President & Governor & Council at
Fort St. George.

Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter from M^r. Pyne

In Obedience to Your Orders I now enclose

sends in enclosed
of remade Powder.

an exact Account of the Powder remade at Vellore &

of the materials delivered out of Store for remaking it.

The small difference between the Debits & Credits to Oct. 1763

is occasioned by the Contractor having at the End of that

Month, a quantity of Materials by him; which will

appear to be so not only from the Acc^t of materials de-

livered out, but from the expence of making the Carriers

of Powder the Cartage time for which; exclusive of a small

advantage to the Contractor being nearly 300 Pagodas.

I am

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t humble Servant

George Pyne

Vellore

13th March 1764

to be laid before the

Committee of Acc^t

Ordered that the Account of remade Powder

be laid before the Committee of Accounts

Read the following Letter from M^r. Calland

enclosing a Draft from Major Campbell for £^s 4000

payable to Request.

To the Honible Robert Dalk Esq^r

President & Governor & Committee
of Fort St. George

Honible Sir & Sirs

The enclosed is a Letter that Captains

Letter from M^r. Calland

enclosing B. M.

at Fort St. George 2 April 1764

drawn by Major
Campbell in favor
of Mr. Riquet

Riquet of the Huguenots have desired me to transmit
to You, requesting your Honor etc. compliance with
the Contents of it. I am with Respect

Cuddalore

28th March 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t humble Servant

John Culland

to be discharged.

Agreed that the Commissary do transmit
the above sum to Mr. Culland to be paid to Mr. Riquet,
in that the Mole be debited for the same.

Robt. Kirk
Jruger Lawrence
Gibson, Clerk
Rich. Sawfield
Saml. Hilly
Charles S. Smith
Geo. Stratton

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Wood Commanding
at Trichinopoly

To Captain Wood Commanding
at Trichinopoly.

Letter to Capt. Wood

Sir,

As We are in expectation of a Detachment consisting
Ordered to send an ing. of 200 Men from Bombay to be landed at Haricoll
Officer to escort the to who may probably arrive there by the Time this next
Detachment expected You or soon afterwards it being of consequence that it could join
to be landed at the Army as soon as possible We desire You will send a
proper Officer to Haricoll to M^r. Browner with directions
to conduct them by the best way to Trichinopoly or if You
have not a proper Person with You, You will write to Major
Campbell, desiring him to send one to M^r. Browner. We shall
forward some Troop for this Party to meet them at Trichinopoly
We imagine the Countries thro' the Tanjore Country will
be a sufficient Cover as their march

We are

Sir,

Fort St George

2^d April 1764

Ship Panther was 3^d

arrived from Batavia

Intelligence

recd by her

Arrived this day after a safe age of 104. M^r. the his Majesty's
Ship Panther from Batavia Captain Matthewson the Com-
mander of her died there the 4th Inst. The bringing advice
that the Vengeance sailed from thence the 13th December by
the 1st Passage for Madras, the Glutton Capt Bluffon
having lost her Passage after making M^r. Condore
went to. Batavia & sailed from thence a few Days before
the Panther arrived, as did the Pococke Captain Hooker
1st Inst. by the Eastern Passage.

despatched the following Letter of Pattermar to Bombay

To the Honble. Charles Cornwallis Esq^r

President & Governor &c. Council

at Bombay

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sirs Sirs

On the 31st March We were favored with Your Letter

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Captain Mathewson died the 14th Janry. The *Revenue* sailed from Batavia the 13th Dec^r by the *Pitt's* Strait for Manilla. The *Glatton* Captain Duffen having lost her Passage after making *Pulo Condore* sailed to Batavia & sailed from thence a few Days before the *Panther* arrived as did the *Pocock* Captain the 1st Feby by the Eastern Passage.

I came in the following Letter from Major Campbell enclosing one from Major Preston to him.

The Honble Robert Falk Esq^r

Letter from Major Campbell

Honble Sir,

When I had the Honor of addressing you last I acquainted you that our Lieutenant's were wavering but Yesterday I received a Letter from some of *Lieut. Hunt* Freshman at *Supacolum* with a Chiff from *Lieut. Ward* and *Phillips* desiring leave to go to Madras to get redress or to quit the Service, as they had used every method to convince them as well as the other Officers of the unreasonableness of such a request at this Juncture, & I even went so far to shew them that Part of your Letters which concerned them & which I really think was quite sufficient to make them easy & reconcile them to the Measure the board had taken, but all was in vain. & as it became general even amongst the Ensigns. I thought the good of the Service required acting with spirit with them. I therefore wrote what follows to *Capt. Freshman*.

Sir,

You will be pleased to acquaint *Mess^{rs} Huntman, Ward and Phillips* that the I think their request unreasonable. I am not giving permission to retire to Madras immediately & you will please to give them a proper answer to *Huntman* & *Phillips*.

Major Campbell's
behaviour on the
occasion

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Moment You receive this 4 more Officers shall be sent You. Yours &c.

This Sir may appear severe but really considering that I have almost certain Accounts that many more Lieut.^s intend following their example & that from private Intelligence I was informed that under hand means was used to infect the whole Corps I therefore thought it best to separate the Cabal as soon as possible & by appointing some Lieut.^s & Ensigns show them that the Service would not be so distressed as I am sorry to say, I believe some of them thought it would be on their resigning. As fast as any others applies to me I shall permit them to retire, for it is much better to be without Officers than have those that I am not sure of for a Moment & that can be so ungenerous to have the most distant Thoughts of quitting in face of an Enemy. when I know how many are fully resolved to go I shall be able to acquaint You how many Sergeants are made Officers for as Affairs are at present situated it is absolutely necessary to have some new Officers of Experience & You may depend upon it that I shall be extremely careful to promote none but such as are well known & strongly recommended by the Officers. & I think I may venture to repeat to You Sir that I make no doubt but that they will execute their Duty with Courage & Diligence, & I shall be very happy if this Step which I have for the good of the Service been obliged to take meets with the Approbation of the Honorable Board. Enclosed I have the Honor to send a Letter which I recd from Major Pratten, Sunderasandy & their Depots are very great conquests as they distress the Rebels much & brings in a considerable Revenue to the Cabal. Major Pratten will soon bring the greatest part of the Tinnevelly Country under the Rebels Subjection, but he is not to undertake any

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To the Honble Henry Vane Tarrant Esq^r

President & Governor &c^a Council of Fort William

Copy of Capt^{rs} Journals Honble Sir &c^s

Letter to y^r Gov^{ty}

Council at F^t Will^m

containing an

Acc^t of y^e Mutiny

of y^e Seapoys.

In my ^{last} Letter to the Board dated Feby 1st I

acquainted You of the European Troops standing to their

Arms & demanding their donation Money. The Grena-

diers appearing forwardest on this occasion to pre-

vent their raising again a few Days or so. I ordered the

Command of Caracinnassa to be reinforced by the Grena-

dier Company, two Guns & one Troop of Moped Horse

& one Battalion of Seapoys. This Detachment marched

off to the Caracinnassa the 3rd Inst^t & I was in great hope

by the Men's behaviour that all disorders would at an

end but notwithstanding all the endeavours to keep

the Troops within due bounds till their donation Mo-

ney arrived from Calcutta. The 11th Feby about 2 O'Clock

in the Morning the Battalions forced the Detachment to

beat the General stood to their Arms & appointed

themselves a Leader, after loading their Pieces and

fixing their Bayonets they took possession of the Ar-

tillery Parks & forced the Lascars & Gunners to bring

out six Guns placing three on each Flank. The

European Cavalry formed on the right & the Moped

Cavalry on the left. The Seapoys were likewise in arms

but by a timely admonition they desisted in order

to pacify the Europeans.

I collected from the Paymaster & Gentlemen

all the Cash they had about them amounting in

the whole to 32000 Rupees. This I desired to be laid out

upon them to satisfy as far as it would go till such Time as

I could apply to the Nabob for more. They would not

hearken to any Thing but marched on in the above

order thro' the Nabob's Camp & proceeded to the Camp

of Caracinnassa notwithstanding the utmost endeavour of

all the Officers to prevail with them.

I went to the Nabob who came out to meet

them.

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them on their march offering a Lack of Rupees 50000 to be paid immediately & the other 50 at four Clock in the Afternoon; but neither promises or Threats would stop them, as they could not get their Guns along for want of draft Bullocks which I ordered away in the Country they left some on the road and the remainder in the Nabob's Camp on their march. We prevailed on part of them to return I followed the remainder in Company with many of the Battalion Officers endeavouring to persuade them to return to Camp to receive their Money but they still persisted marching on; on their arrival at Carannafas they drew up in Front of the Guns belonging to the Detachment & immediately secured them, at the same Time the Mogul Horse dispersed themselves amongst the Leaders of the Detachment to influence them to join. Here I got the Europeans to halt & take a Drank & a Bisquit while this was serving I prevailed amongst the English &c. to return but the Frenchmen & most of the Foreigners persisted in crossing the Carannafas.

As I had taken the same Precaution in respect to the Guns they were obliged to leave them behind most of the foreigners to the amount of near 300 crossed the Water & proceeded towards Benarass at the same Time by the Influence of the Mogul Horse part of two Battalions of Sepoys rushed to their Arms fixed their Bayonets followed & joined the remainder of the Europeans with the Guns of the Detachment I brought back with me to Camp.

The next Morning I ordered part of the Donation to be paid from the Lack which the Nabob sent, The Europeans 150 Rupees & more to the Sepoys & each the non commission'd Officers in proportion this appeared to have satisfied them, & I believe most of the returned Europeans are ashamed of their proceeding being convinced of the bad Intentions of their Leader the French to draw them in to a Revolt which they never intended.

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The 12th in the Morning I sent Officers after the
Seapoyes & Europeans which had crossed the Caranma
again & all endeavours were used to prevent their go-
ing off in the Evening. We got back 74 Europeans
& most of the Seapoyes. There remains still a Body of
Europeans mostly French about 450 headed by Serj^t
Detammar & two other French Serjants. I have very
little hopes of this Party, for it appears to be a pre-
meditated Scheme of the French in particular
under Color of the Donation Money to entice the best
part of the Army to go over to the Enemy at the same
Time were determined to refuse a Pacification. I wrote to Buda
to endeavour to stop the Europeans crossing the
Ganges & got the Nabob to write likewise to the same
purpose when the Europeans stood to their Arms the
Seapoyes in Camp did not move which made me
more confident of our safety, but when they heard
of the revolt of the Seapoyes at Caranma they re-
fused the next Morning taking the 600 Europeans & Man
& immediately stood to their Arms.

Here began the utmost Confusion Capt. Smith
Battalion fixed their Bayonets crossed the Kutta
opposite our Camp & proceeded towards Caranma
to join the Seapoyes there. The Europeans be-
ing ashamed of their former Behaviour persisted
in forcing the Seapoyes back accordingly they
stood to their Arms & the Artillery to their Guns
this I endeavored to prevent to the utmost of my
Power in the mean Time I was informed that the
two Battalions of Seapoyes on the left were getting
upon the Parade ground & fix their Bayonets but
upon no Pretence to use Violence without they were
attacked.

The Seapoyes took possession of some of our Guns

but

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but could not get them over the Nulla therefore was obliged to proceed without them, all the black Troops except a few Guards left the Camp & proceeded towards the Carannappa. I thought it expedient to draw up the Europeans & Guns near the Maganone in order to defend it & to upon our guard for our own Preservation.

The European Officers belonging to the Sepoys solicited their Battalions to prevail with them to return to me with great Difficulty & hazard of their lives they were obliged on condition that they should receive half as much Money which the Europeans had received for the same service else would content them it was judged necessary that their demands should be complied with.

Yesterday & today has been taken up in paying according to the following rates. Viz^t —

Navidians	— 1 Man	— Rupees 10
Naicks	— ditto	— 30
Seapoys	— ditto	— 20

These Disorders have obliged me to call in the detachment from Carannappa to pay them at the same time as the other Sepoys they all appear satisfied at present.

And in order to prevent the like again I thought it necessary to move further from the Carannappa. The Nabob began his march this morning & is on his way to Calcutta, & I propose moving tomorrow Morning towards Sasaram where I shall wait Your Order as every thing has been in the greatest confusion since the 11th Inst. I have not been able to get the proper relations of the missing, but I believe they are nearly about 150 Europeans & 100 Sepoys the latter I am just now informed ^{by a Native} are willing to return on Condition of being pardoned & I have just now dispatched an Officer for that purpose.

I shall with the Assistance of Officers do the utmost Endeavour to promote Harmony & Concord, & am

Honble Sir &c Sirs with great Respect

Your most Obed^t &c Wm. Forster

Camp at Saah
12th Feby 1764

For Wm 21st Feby

True Copy

Wm Forster

Wm Forster

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In consequence of which following Letter was immedi-
ately sent to Bengall & Patnamar
To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esq^r
President & Governor & Council at
Fort William.

Letter to Bengall
in consequence

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received by Capt. Major Tregon Your Ho-
nor's Letter of the 27th Feby^r & are much concerned
to find that your detaining Mr. Mordaunt is become
absolutely necessary, Your Ho^r to that end are so convincing
that We could not disapprove of it. The fate of
Madras depended on this Point.

The Gentlemen at Bengal have ordered their in-
tending to send round 200 Military & Artillery to the
Royal Charlotte, there added to the Army before Ma-
dras will We hope enable us to prosecute the War
with Success & if hereafter it shall appear to us
that more Troops are necessary, We shall have no
difficulty in procuring on Captain Corbett either
land 120 Marines here or to embark them for the
Presidency, at all Events Your Honor &c. may de-
pend on our utmost Efforts to promote Your Ho-
nors' Safety and Security. - We are

Fort St George

7th April 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & Aff^t Serv^t

Rob^t Dalk & Co

I received p Patnamar the following Letter from the
& Factors at Amoygo -

To the Honble Robert Dalk Esq^r
President & Governor & Council
at Fort St George

Letter from Amoygo

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honor's Letter of
the 30th & 31st Feby^r last with a Box of Venetians by the
Monmouth Metch.

Major Charles Campbell wrote us on 10th Feb^r

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regarding the
Troops destined
for this Coast.

27th Ult^o requesting that We would send the Detach-
ment that was expected to be on readiness at this
Place on three Munchusas which he had sent from
Mellicherry for that purpose in answer to which We
advised him of the Governor & Council of Bombay's
having taken up a Ship to convey the Troops to the
Commander Coast which are to be draughted from
the Presidency & part from Mellicherry so that it was
not in our Power to send any Troops from this Place
especially as We are ordered to reinforce Mellicherry
from our Garrison.

We daily expect our Honble Masters Ship
Speaker to receive from us her final dispatches for

Amoygo Europe.

We are

23rd March 1764

Honible Sir & Sirs

Enclosed We now transmit
a Packet under Your Honorth address.

Your most obed^tble servants

J. Whitehill

Arthur King

Robert Sparks

Came in the following Letter from Christian Van
Teylingen Esq^r Governor of Negapatam

To the Honible Robert Palk Esq^r

Letter from Christⁿ
Van Teylingen
Esq^r Governor of
Negapatam

Honible Sir,

I have been favored with the Letter You and
the Council did me the Honor to write.

And won't fail upon the arrival of the Royal

promises all Charlotte in case they'll apply to me to give the full
the Assistance the Assistance that depends on me & not only on this
his Power but on all other occasions

I have the Honor to remain

Honible Sir,

Your most Obedient

Obliged humble servant

Chr. Van Teylingen

Negapatam
6 April 1764

Received the following Letter from Captain Wood
Commanding at Trichinopoly

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To the Honble Robert Patk Esq^r
President & Governor of the Council &c^o

Letter from Capt. Wood

Honored Sir & Sirs

Sent Lt. Smith to
Harricall to escort
the Troops expected
from Bombay

I have just this Moment had the Honor to
receive Your Letter dated the 2^d Instant with Your
Orders to me for sending a proper Officer to Harricall to
assist in conducting the Bombay Detachment on their
march to this Place when they arrive at Harricall;
in consequence of which I have ordered Lt. Alex^r Smith
this day to proceed for that place, as I think he is the
properest Person at this Place now for that Service
agreeable to Your Request have given him directions
to wait on Mr. Browner at Harricall to give the most
Assistance he can to the Detachment, in forwarding
it on the march to this Place, I have sent some Sepoys
& Mircars with him to show them the best road; &
desired him to acquaint me if they should be in want
of any Thing when on their march; I shall do my ut-
most to forward it to them from this Place.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint You of the ar-
rival of Captain Hooten here with his Detachment the
3^d Instant; & I am requested by Major Campbell that
it may remain here to Escort the Nabob to the Army
to which he informs me he shall be able to set out
in a few Days. I am most respectfully having the Honor
to remain

Honored Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & very devoted M^t

John Wood

At a Consultation Present
Robert Patk Esq^r Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bouchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardder
Charles Turner
George Stratton

Letter from John Doyles Esq^r Chief at
Masulipatam read as follows

Trichinopoly
8th April 1764

Monday
9th April 1764

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President or Governor &c^a Council of the
Military Department at Fort St George

Letter from Mr. Dyer Honble Sir & Sirs

320 51
I landed here the 2^d Inst^t & immediately
dispatched the President's Letter inclosed in your
Commands of the 29th Ult^o to Shitteramrao & with
one from myself, Copy of which comes under cover. He is
encamped with his Army within a few miles of the
Fort of Muglatore & by a Letter this day received from
him (which by the purport of it must have been dispatched
before those I sent reached him) he has actually begun
hostilities before that Place. He has hitherto been par-
ticularly careful not to give any disturbance to the
Inhabitants of the Company's Districts which are
rented by the Muglatore Rajah, but how long he may
continue to observe this Conduct is uncertain & from the
contents of the abovementioned Letter (which comes under
cover for Your perusal) but little to be depended on.

Father Woodce Mahomed Cawn & Badda. Je-
mah Cawn not being able to make head against him
& having no Money to pay their Troops who have con-
sequently abandoned them are at present in the Dis-
tress & many Inhabitants of the Villages belonging
to the districts of the Muglatore Rajah, finding the
Company's undisturbed, have been informed conveyed
their Grain thither for Security & have removed likewise
with their Families; these you will be pleased to observe
are Circumstances he dwells much upon in his Letter
& requires that I should issue out my Orders for their
removal, that He might not be reduced to the Ne-
cessity of obliging them to it himself. I shall not
return him an answer to this Letter till I see what Effect
that from the President may have on his Conduct
when I shall likewise be better able to judge what
Measures will be most proper to be taken towards
the Support & Assistance of the Muglatore Rajah.

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I have this day dispatched by Meicavath the
President's letter to Miram. Ally & under cover is copy
of the one wrote him conformable to Your directions
He continues to move this way, but by very slow
marches being by the last advices no farther ad-
vanced than within about 150 Miles of Hydrabad
which place it was supposed he would reach by the
29th or 30th of last month. Basoleet Jung his Bro-
ther is expected in the Circar of Gondoor in two or
three days, who is supposed is in Alliance with
Shitteramrao & will join with him to prevent
Miram. Ally from entering into these Provinces.
I shall not fail to communicate the most early
Intelligence of any thing material which may
happen & am very respectfully

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your very Obed^t & most humble serv^t

John Pybus

Masulipatam

9th April 1764

Capt. Madge ordered to
Masulipatam

Serj. Warren appointed
an Ensign ordered
thither also

M. Pybus to be
very cautious how
he acts

Serj. Frimble appointed
Foot Adjutant

As M. Pybus from his Situation must have
occasion for more Officers. It is agreed that Capt
Madge be ordered to proceed thither; & Colonel Mon-
ro having particularly recommended Serjeant
William Warren. It is resolved to give him an En-
sign's Commission to be dated 13th Inst^t & to send
him also to Masulipatam. And ordered that M.
Pybus be acquainted that altho we would willingly
protect the Naglatois Raja against Scata-
ramrao, yet we do not think the Peace and
Tranquility of the Company's Trade & Possessions
ought in the least to be risked. M. Pybus therefore
can not act with too much Caution—especially as
the Naglatois Raja has not a much greater
Settle in our Protection than any other of the Zamins
under the Circars of Rajahmundry. —
Colonel Monro having strongly recommended
Serjeant James Frimble. Agreed that he be ap-

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Capt. L^d Dormond
order to Camp

appointed Fort Adjutant without any other Rank
in the room of Captain Lieutenant Dormond who is
to be ordered to Camp with as many Men as are fit for
Field Duty.

Read the following Letters from Major Campbell
Commanding the Army.

To the Honble Robert Dalke Esq^r

President & Governor,

Honble Sir,

Letter from Major
Campbell.

L^d Bridger & Birch
quit the Service.

I have given leave to L^{ts} Bridger & Birch
to quit & as I mention'd Yesterday, I flatter myself
no more will be so unreasonable at least until the
Expedition is at an End, & I again take the liberty
to repeat, that I think those who have resigned
are very little entitled to Your Notice for what I
communicated to them from your Letters was in my
opinion more satisfactory, than they had reason to
expect, and if they were not of a discontented Dispo-
sition, they would not have acted the unmilitary
part they have done all that I hope is that what
I have done will meet with Yours & the approbation of
the Board and General, if it does not I hope You will
impute it to an Errour Judgement & not to any de-
sign of offending, but I still beg leave to repeat
that I really believe the unexpected promotion that
I made staggered them much, I hope this shall
be the last Time I shall trouble You with so disa-
greeable Subject.

Desires to know
how the B by Detachment
are to be paid

The Commanding Officer of the Bombay
Artillery brought me the enclosed abstract of the
Pay & Allowances at Bombay & wanted to know
in what Manner he was to receive for them here
which I desired should be the same as your Artillery
I have the Honor to be with great respect

Camp before Madras
11th March 1764

Honble Sir

Your most obliged & most Obedt^{serv}
Char. Campbell

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The Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor &c.

Letter from Major
Campbell

Honble Sir

I have appointed Lieutenant Ogilvie
act as Quarter Master to the Infantry which I
hope will meet with Your Approbation and that
You will be pleased to order a Commission for
him. I have the Honor to be with great respect
Honble Sir

Camp before Madras

2^d April 1764

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor & Council

Your most Obedt^t & most Affct^d Son
Chas. Campbell

Letter from Major
Campbell

Honble Sir & Sons

Enclosed I have the Honor to send a copy of
of a Letter I Yesterday received from Arjunge by Lieut
Bullock from what he says the disappointment of
not receiving those Troops is not very great as
they were almost all miserable looked Sopas
which I hope is the reason that the Presidency
of Bombay recalled them so that they intend
sending better Men in their Place.

The Foddar of Sindigult notwith-
standing his late Professions of Friendship with
stops Provisions from coming through his Country
to the Army & I find is collecting a Body of
Scaperys together which by Intelligence I have
reason to imagine are designed to join Macflann
perhaps as soon as M^r Cyt joins tho' I do not yet
hear of his being on the march that way

Major Preston continues still march-
ing to the Southward without Opposition
I have again repeated to him by no means to
undertake any thing which may retard the
Siege of Madras, for if the Troops in Palk

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cannot be compared with the Reduction of it by Force will in my Opinion from this Day take up near two Months in moving heavy Cannon Stones &c. the Expence of Men & Ammunition may be such as will delay our Operations here longer then We imagine or I hope all our expected Reinforcements will be here or at least so near that We may open Ground by the end of this Month, however as I may be mistaken in regard to the Situation of Affairs to the Southward, I have desired Major Preston's Sentiments ^{on that Subject} as well with his & Major Cull's Approbation do every thing in my Power for the best. The enclosed Intelligence I had from Lieut. Bullock; to prevent the Junction of Egil's Detachment with Moseff Cawn is an Affair of such Consequence that my utmost endeavours shall be used to intercept them & of course will put it left in my Power to undertake the Siege of Lalum Cotah.

I wrote Yesterday to Moseff Cawn telling him that I would use some Prisoners taken at Soondawandy well; in hopes that He would act in the same Manner with two or three of ours which he has got his Answer was civil enough, but he begged I would send them to him with his head Heiconah which I had some Time before taken this I do not intend to comply with, under the same cover with his Letter came a Chitt wrote on a Sheet of Paper by his Portuguese Writer as follows.

To Major C. Campbell

Honored Sir I take this opportunity to enclose this little Billet to Your Honor begging Your Protection as Your Honor must certainly must know by some People or other in what Cage I have got at present here that have no Way to come down to Your Honor's Feet, Pray Your Honor will not write

It received by

Major Campbell from

W. C. Cawn's Writer

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to me any thing, for if come to know or be ketch'd
certainly I shall loose my Life, see the Provision
have got here in the Fort & expect some Forces
from Dindigul Country. I remain with great
Submission honored Sir Your most Obed. M^{ty} Servant

Barthol. Rowling
P.S. if any body see or know this some Spec will cer-
tainly tell us I must doe.

The above are the very Words of Rowling
if he is sincere he may be of further Service for by
all accounts he is perfectly well acquainted with
Moff Cawn's Affairs tho' he is Rattling the head
hinder differs one Month in the Quantity of Pro-
visions for the latter says there are but 3 Months
I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most Obedient

Humble Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura

3rd April 1764

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Honible Company's Troop
before Madura

Sir

Letter from the Chief Factors
at Anging

Your favour of the 15th and 27th ultimo likewise
one from Major Preston reached us the 24th Inst. with that
Munichund, &c. We are sorry that it is not in our Power
to send that Assistance which you expected from this
Place, The Governor & Council of Bombay having sig-
nified to us that they intended taking up a Ship to
convey the Troops to the other Coast, which will be
draughted from the Presidency & Jillicerry

Mons^r Cgle whom you mentioned in your last
some time ago quitted Hyder Ali's service with 200 Cav-
alry & have marched thro' a Pass in the Moun-
tains between Cochin & Calicut in order as it is supposed
to reinforce the Rebels.

You will receive this by Lt. Bullock who has taken

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The Opportunity of the Munchuas returning to join us.

We heartily wish You Success in all your operations
& request that on any material Event We may have the
Pleasure to hear from You.

Anyengo

We are

24th March 1764

Sir

Your most Obed^t <th> Servant

As the People of the Munchuas have been advanced 30 Rupees

& the Company's Lascars (seven in Number)

the like Sum

J. Whitehall

Arthur King

Robert Sparks

The purport of the Intelligence received by Lieut.
Intelligence regarding Bullock is that Captain Heigle with about 350 Europeans
and Horse and Foot under his Command had left Hyder
Naig's Service the latter End of February, & had marched
as was supposed to join Mofsy Cawn. The other Accounts
say & those more to be depended, that being in a manner
a Prisoner with Hyder Naig & within a Days march of
Goa, He made his Escape to that Place with all his Country
men.

Purport of an Answer

to be wrote to Major

Campbell

Agreed that the receipt of the above Letters be ac-
knowledgeed & Major Campbell is to be informed that we
shall take proper Notice of the Behaviour of the Lieutenants
who may quit the Service at this Juncture, with regard
to the Bombay Detachment they are to be paid in the
same Manner as our own People; but nothing is to be
drawn for their Off reckonings as their Clothing is to be
made up at Bombay.

Quar^r Master's Commission

to be prepared for Lt. Ogilby be prepared for Lieutenant Ogilby.

Ordered that a Quar^r Master's Commission

As to M^r Heigle if he should have any Intention
of assisting Mofsy Cawn it must be by throwing himself
into Lalarncoah, which We hope Major Preston will
be able to prevent, & if Major Preston could be able to get
possession of that Place it would greatly facilitate the
Fall of Madura by reducing their Operations to a narrow
Compass. but of this Hyder Naig must be the best Judge.

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The President lays before the Board the following letter
from Colonel Monson.

To the Honble Robert Dalk.

Letter from Col. Monson. Sir,

The General some time since sent me the
Kings Orders for his Troops immediately to return home.
I think it my Duty to comply with them as there are
now Ships going for Europe, therefore I should be glad to
be informed what number of Officers & Men may be
allotted to each Ship.

I hear (perhaps without foundation) that the
Company's Affairs in the Kingdom of Bengall are not
yet entirely settled & as the Military Operations on that
Coast may not as yet allow Time to send any reinforce-
ments there; if the small remains of my Regiment
should be sent home by this opportunity, I suppose
they must be replaced by the Marines to do Garrison
Duty in Fort St George in which case the Marines
cannot be sent to Bengal where it is probable they
may be wanted; if my few Men would be of any Ser-
vice to the General as against me without in writing
or give out an Order for their returning it would
be sufficient for me to leave them here, as the Gov-
ernment as well as the Company might be relieved
of Regence the private Men may be incorporated with
two Companies by the Generals Order & the Superintend-
ent's Commission'd & non Commission'd Officers sent
home on Board these Ships. The Company may be
left under the Command of a Major as You or the General
shall think proper. I hope Sir you will not think I
am dictating to You or the General I do assure You it is
not my Intention, I only submit this to Your Considera-
tion. I have a desire of serving the Company as much as is in
my Power - I have the Honor to be Sir

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Your most Obedt & most Hble servant
Geo. Monson

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Orders in consequence

Agreed that Enquiry be made of Capt. Fryer of the Deptford what number of Officers & Men He can accommodate on board ^{his} Ship & that Colonel Monson be advised thereof. The General is ^{also} desired to consult with Colonel Monson on the most expedient Method to be used regarding the Officers & Men who may remain behind.

Detachment of Military

arrived on 4th Liverpool

receive their Pay & price

for 4th Mth of Feb

Orders in consequence

The Board observe that by the List of Military embarked on the several Ships at Bengal for this Place it appears that they all received their Subsistence till the End of Febr^y the Lieut. Price who came with the Detachment on the Liverpool demanded & received here the Pay for the men commissioned & Private for that Month. It is agreed that the Gentlemen at Bengal be advised thereof & that the Paymaster at Camp be directed to recover it again.

The President informs the Board that Capt. Lavel of his Majesty's Ship York had acquainted him that he purposed sailing with his Majesty's Ships York & Panther for France in a few Days & that He expected to return again in about two months, that He will if the Board find it necessary to desire it, leave the Marines behind him, but He must in that case request that an equal Number of Lascars be put on Board as his Ships are very badly manned.

Marines to be landed

As We are disappointed of a part of the reinforcement expected from Bengal & as the Deptford will carry ^{about} 30 of the Men of Colonel Monson's Regiment which will not leave a sufficient Number for Garrison, ^{Duty} It is agreed to apply to have the Marines landed & Ordered that Lascars be provided & sent on board in their room.

M^r Daniell permitted

to return to Madras

The President acquaints the Board that he had rec^d a Letter from M^r Daniell desiring on Acc^t of his Ill State of health to return to Madras - which is granted.

Charles Surrist
Geo Stratton

Rt^t Falk
Ranger Sawant
G^r Boischell
Rich^d Sawfield

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10th dispatched the following Letter of Paltanna to Bombay
To the Honble Charles Cromwell Esq
President & Governor &c Council at
Bombay.

Letter to President &
Council at Bombay

Honible Sir & Sirs

A duplicate of our last address now comes enclosed in
the accompanying Packet from the President & Council
at Bengall contains a Circumstantial Account of the
Mutiny of the Troops there of which We advised Your
Honour &c in our last.

The Deptford after having disembarked the Troops
intended for our Assistance arrived here the 7th Inst
& We purpose dispatching her for Europe by the End of the
Month.

Captain Corbet with his Majesty's Ship York &
Pantier intends sailing for Trincomalee in a few Days
& will return again about the End of May.

In our Letter of the 2th Feby. We advised Your Honour
&c of our suspicions that the Rebels receive Supplies
from Hyder Nizg; certain it is that his Order at Pondicherry
gilt tho' he had promised to afford all the Assistance
in his Power to our Army, now stops Provisions &c
coming to them tho' his Country &c We suspect is now
Troops to join the French from Hyder Nizg's Army
herewith send You an Extract of Major Campbell's Letter
to Us on the Subject together with some Intelligence re-
garding Mr. Hoyle. We are

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Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & Able Servant
Rob^t Paltanna Esq

The following Letter was also sent to Bengall
To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esq
President & Governor &c Council
at Fort Williams

Letter to the Gov^r &
Council at Fort Williams

Honible Sir & Sirs

The undermentioned Men have enlisted

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decided to procure with us out of the Detachment of the 24th Regiment embarked on the Liverpool. We are therefore to request of Your Honor that You will procure them their share of the Donation Money when a distribution is made. We find by the list of Military of the Bombay Detachment enclosed in the Deptford's Packet that they all rec'd their Subsistence for the Month of Feby this it has been demanded & paid here to the new Commissary's private according to our establishment for that Month as We have before advised You. We desire therefore Enquiry may be made to whom it was paid that it may be received back again. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George

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Your most Obed^t humble servants

Robert Palk & Co

List of Men enlisted out of the Detachment of the 24th Regiment embarked on the Liverpool—

Thomas Smith

Benjamin Jackson

John Willis

L. Revere

Robert Young

John Bury

William Abeli

John Holland

John Green

Andrew Johnson

Thomas Pitcher

Ist Sent the following ^{Letter} to Captain Cowell Commander of His Majesty's Ship York

To Henry Cowell Esq^r

Commander of His Majesty's Ship York

Letter to Capt. Cowell

Sir,

desired to land the Marines

Our President having advised us that You purpose sailing for Trincomalee, in a few Days with the York or Panther, We are to request You will be pleased to order the Marines capable of Duty to be landed that We may not want their assistance in case of Emergency.

We will endeavour to procure You Lascars in their room—

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Fort St. George
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We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t & humble servants

Rob^t Walk & Council

Dispatched the following Letter to John Pylus Esq^r

Chief at Masulipatam.

To John Pylus Esq^r

Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 3rd Inst^t
as we judge You may have occasion for more Officers
We have sent Your Captain & Mudge Ensign Warred
Serjeant Barton & Corporal Duff

Altho' We should be glad to see the King
Interests protected against Scataramore
could it be done with Prudence, yet We do not think
the Peace & Tranquility of the Company's Possessions
& Trade in these Parts ought on the least to be exposed
You therefore cannot act with too much caution &
Circumspection. We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Rob^t Walk & Council

Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell
Commanding the Army.

To the Hon^{ble} Robert Walk Esq^r

President & Governor & Council

Letter from Major

Campbell handwritten

Copies of letters from

Major Preston

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Enclosed I have had the Honor to send
Copies of two of Major Preston's Letters to me as I
the translation of the Capan-he mentions. I have
desired he might march on sight of Telam cotah
to see what effect that will have on the Rebels
of that Garrison or to try all means to bring them
off from their haunts Interest & as I have yet no
Intelligence of the arrival of the Bedford or the

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other Ships from Bengall, I have told him that I think
he need not return before the 25th Instant which will
days longer than what he desired & may put it more
in his Power to do the Business effectually & to be a better
judge of what dependance is to be put on the King of
Travancore's Troops besides giving the Nabob's People
more Time to recover the Revenues of that Country &
He will be able I hope to let me know what Stone galling
will be necessary for the attack of Palamcottah but
it be found by the further lengthenings of the Ships proper
to reduce that Place before Madura, but of this I shall
be more able to give the Honble Board my Opinion of
in a Week hence in the mean Time the Rebels in
Madura are exhausting their Provisions fast & the
Nabob's people in possession of and collecting the lands
of the Country, The Nabob tells me that he has sent a
Man who has promised to bring over to his Service
part of the Garrison of Madura, by my Intelligence
the Troops there are in General very much discontented
but Mofsoo Cawn behaves with such Severity & Cruelty
to them that even Brothers are afraid of revealing their
Sentiments to one another, he hangs & cuts heads high
and cuts off for trifling Offences & I hear he has got several
of his Jemidars of Horse in Prison for being repulsed by
Captain Fitzgerald. I have the Honor to be with
great Respect

Camp before Madura

Honble Sir & Sirs

the 5th April 1764 I beg leave to desire
the Honble Board's permission to complete
the two Troops of Horse with Horses.

Your most Obedient & most

Obedt^{le} Servant

Char Campbell

To Major Charles Campbell

Sir

Letter from Major Preston to
Major Campbell

The Garrison of Shavelapottam
to put our relief into
the Poligar Country

The Garrison of Shavelapottam instead of retiring
to Palamcottah, take refuge in the Poligar Country of Shoc-
ter about 18 Miles to the Southward of Shavelapottam.
Immediately demanded the Poligar of that

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place to make his appearance, who accordingly came to me
upon my first promising him Conl, He likewise came
bringing his Troops Commissioned by Parced Saib the brother of Modern Saib, &
into the Nabob's Service. late Stalledon of Shevelapetlaan to demand Conl for himself
to the Troops that were with him & that he would bring them
into our Service. —

As he had more ways than one to escape me & I had no
Time to throw away upon Trifles, I thought it best to grant
him the Conl he asked & to march directly for this Place. —

Kimilly surrenders

From hence I detached Captain Hart to Kimilly which
surrendered to him immediately on his appearing before it.
He found one Company of Seapoyes in 1000 300 & 2 Servants about
200 Bags of Salt & some Rice and Paddy. —

Parced Saib, joined me yesterday in the Afternoon with
3 Subadars, 6 Semidars, 14 Havildars, 12 Naicks, 6 Colourmen &
1000 Men 1 Trumpeter, 3 Vachels, 1 Water Man & 100 Seapoyes total 163
& 50 Horse 22 Seapoyes deserted him upon the Road being
doubtfull of the Bread they were coming to, but he has brought
the Arms with him. —

Nabob desires Major

Drester to entertain

all the Horse &

Seapoyes in his

Service

I have had Letters from the Nabob desiring me to enter-
tain all the Seapoyes & Hensermen in his Service that I can
win over from the Enemy. The Drester will certainly request
them all besides what We may spare him for the Protection
of the Country, as far as this further You cannot pretend to
think of or left you send me against Palamcotah

Major Drester pro

poses appearing

before Palamcotah

I think it very well worth while to appear in sight
of it if it's only to favor the Desertion of a good many Horse
& Seapoyes, that I am made to hope are perfectly ripe for it
it will likewise be a great enforcement to my Letter to
Parced Cann who I am told is greatly at Variance with
Mahomet Jacob. —

I don't think it well to write to the latter or any other
till I have first received an Answer to the Letter I have
sent to Parced Cann, but I have got Parced Saib & the
vaidars that are come with him to write to all their
intimates at Palamcotah an Invitation to follow them,

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Example, I can do all that I have proposed here, or can be required to do with my present Detachment and be back with You by the 16th of this Month - I am Sir

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) A Preston

The accompanying Cadjan I have just now recd from the King of Travencore You'll please to let me know in what Manner I am to Answer it.

The persons who brought it me left Killekarni one day to the Southward of Trinnavelly the Day before Yesterday, there were then at that Place about 1000 Sepoys & 5 Guns manned by Europeans & 200 Horse all belonging to the King of Travencore & a larger body with a great Gun was upon the march to join them - I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) A Preston

Coilpetta

3rd April 1764

Sundagge Beg Cann to Major Preston

Translation of a Cadjan

from Sundagge Beg

Cann to Major

Preston

The Nalob knowing that Usoff Cann had given a Country worth two Lacks of Rupees to the King of Marjanant to join him & support each other on all occasions.

For this reason the Nalob sent me to the King of Marjanant desiring him to add his Troops with me to join the English against Usoff Cann, having conferred with the King many Times & making every Thing clear to him he complied & sent some Troops to Calicut on the borders of his own Country to be ready to join the English when they had Intelligence of their marching towards Pulem Calah. - These Troops having staid at Calicut some Time & not having any advice of the English Army being in Motion, they returned to their several Garisons.

Having advice that You are coming with an Army I have dispatched expresses to the different Forts desiring these Troops may repair immediately to Calicut as the English Army is on their March towards Pulem Calah. I have had their Answer & expect them to Day.

Translation of a Cadjan sent to Major Preston

Char. Camp. et

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13th Received the following Letter from Captain Corwell Command-
er of His Majesty's Ship York.

To Robert Pulk Esq^r

President of Council.

Gentlemen

Letter from Captain

Corwell

Promises to land

the Marines

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of this days
date desiring, I would land the Marines belonging to
His Majesty's Ship York & Panther

I shall comply with Your Request in landing
them on all other occasions be ready to give You all the
Assistance We are able for the Wellfare of the East India
Company.

At the same Time must acquaint You the
said Ships are very sickly short of Complement many
Invalids on board & leaky. the immediate necessity
of the Yorks going to Trincomalee is must entirely prevent
the Ships to come to her Bottom where the Sheathing has
been off for some Months & the Worm got into her main
Plank. The necessity of the Panther going off the Coast
for fear of a Gale on the Monsoon breaking & to repair
her standing rigging &c. that after the Marines are
landed there will not remain on board the said Ships
a sufficient number of Men for their security in case of
a Gale of Wind which if so must respect our Complaints
in regard to leaking must increase.

Therefore must request You will be pleased
to replace the Marines by sending on Board an equal
number of Sascar Seamen. I must further acquaint
You I have not authority sufficient to bring any charges
on the Government for their Wages.

I am

Yours in Madras Road

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Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t Hum^l Servant

Thos^l Corwell

Dispatched the following Letter to Major Campbell.

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To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army before

Madura

Letter to Major Campbell

Sir,

Our President has communicated to us Your Letters of the 31st March & 2^d April & we have recd those of the 3^d and 5th April.

You may be assured We shall make proper remarks to the Hon^{ble} Company on the Behaviour of the Officers who are capable of leaving the Field at such a Juncture as this.

The Bombay Detachment are to be drawn for a fund in the said Manner as our own People, but they are to have no Stoppages advanced them as their Cloathing is made up at Bombay & You will be particularly careful to keep them to their proper Establishment, the Detachment landed from the Liverpool have been paid by us their Subsistence for the Month of Feby, tho' We observe by the Rolls transmitted from Bengall it had been advanced them there for that Month.

We have agreeable to Your Desire ordered a Quarter Masters Commission to be prepared for Lieut Ogilby.

It gives us great Satisfaction to hear of Major Preston's Success in the Tennavelly Country; if Mr. Knight's Intentions are to assist Mess^{rs} Coors it will most probably be by throwing himself into Palencolah, which We hope Major Preston will be able to prevent, & if he can by any means get possession of that Place it will certainly greatly facilitate the fall of the Rebel, by reducing our Operations to a narrow Compass.

We have already informed You of our being disappointed of the Troop by the Dept^y and that it will be scarce possible for us to send You any further Assistance of Men. Capt^t Lieutenant Desmond marched from hence the 10th Instant with 27 Men which as well We have which are fit for field Service. You are on the Spot can best judge

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whether You should undertake the Siege immediately
or wait to be reinforced & continue the Blockade & en-
deavour to reduce Delamietah. This We must leave
entirely to You not doubting but You will do every
Thing in Your Power to bring this tedious & expensive
Expedition to a Conclusion as soon as possible.

We do not apprehend there is much dependance
to be placed on Mr. Howling Your Correspondent in Madras.
It is indeed possible that his Fears have induced him to
send You Intelligence tho' he certainly runs a great danger
in so doing. We therefore think it most probable that
Staff Cohn must have been privy to his Correspondence.

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter from Cadogan brought to
Us with our Answer. You will therefore if You find him
deserving of it promote him to his former rank agreeable to
the promise We made him of his being restored provided
He was properly recommended by the Commanding Officers.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t Hum^l Servant

Rob^t Palky Esq^r

13 Sent the following Letter to the Deputy Governor & Council at
Mandtha Ship Pitt which sailed this Day—

To Parsonne Drake Esq^r
Deputy Governor & Council
at Mandtha

Dear Mr. Mandtha

Gentlemen

The Brig Speedwell which You had dispatched
to Capetown arrived here the 22nd March. she was drove
off the Coast of Seconie by a violent gale of Wind & after
having attempted for several Days to regain it was obli-
ged for want of Water & Provisions to bear away for Mullwa.

It gave us the greatest concern to hear by her
that neither the Justitia nor Revenge were arrived at
Mandtha with the Despatchive. In consequence of our Orders to them
in consequence to come away the they sailed from hence.

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The 22^d August our concern was much increased on being
advised of the troublesome Situation, in which this Report
had left You.

On the 3^d Instant arrived here the Packet
from Batavia, by her We learn that the revenue of
having lost her passage went to Batavia from whence
she sailed for Amoy the 13th December. We still
flatter ourselves with the hope she may arrive in time
for you to come away this season and that the convey-
ances you might have would be sufficient for that
purpose.

But this however should not be the case & as it
is of the utmost consequence you should leave the
Place as soon as possible, We have determined to
dispatch to you the Pitt with a duplicate of our Order
by the revenue & the Treaty of Peace in order that she
may if her Assistance is really necessary help in
transporting you hither. We have for that purpose
directed the Captain to follow such Orders as you may
give him; if you have conveyances sufficient with-
out her We would have you by all means forward
her to China.

We imagine she may be at Amoy by the 1st
of May & if so We hope you may be able to come away
by the Pitt's Passage in June or July.

We are

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Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Rob^t Pulk Esq^r

A Consultation Present
Robert Pulk Esq^r Governor President
Spranger Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner, George Stratton

Read the following Letter from the President
& Council at Fort William received 4th Bute

Monday
16th April

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To the Honble Robert Falk Esq^r
President & Governor &c^r Council
at Fort St George

Letter from Bengall

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You an additional Letter by the
Ship Deptford under date the 27th Ult^o of which a
duplicate is here inclosed.

Mutiny of the Troops
there entirely sub-
sided

By the last Letters received from Captain
Jennings We are advised that the Mutiny in the Troops
has entirely subsided & that they are again restored to
obedience and good Order We have however judged it
necessary to order a Reinforcement of 300 Europeans to
march & join Major Carnac that those Persons who
may appear to have been the most forward in promoting
or fomenting this late Sedition may at a proper
opportunity be removed from the Corps.

Admⁿ of 260 Barrels
of Gunpowder &
Balls

We have consigned to You on this Ship
the Bute a few more Supply of Gunpowder amount-
ing as per Invoice to 68th 4234.1.3 which with the first
Bill of Lading is enclosed in the Packet.

The York Man of War having left the
River before our Sloops could get down to the Medway
being detained here as advised in our last Council
be therefore deprived of the Barrels of the Gunpowder
originally intended to be sent You; but We hope that
the want thereof will not Subject You to any Inconve-
nience. We are

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & ble servants

Henry Van Sittart

W^m Bitters

Warren Hastings

David^r Harriott

Th^o Wallis

Sam^l Middleton

John Burdett

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Ordered that the receipt thereof be acknowledged
or they be informed it gives the great Satisfaction to hear
that the Harmony among the Troops is so happily well
sided.

Lieut. Kinloch com.

pleads his Company.

Desires to go to
Bengall.

Resolution in
consequence.

Letter from Lieutenant Kinloch read accompa-
nying a List of 65 Men raised by him 40 of which
have entered for Bengall to which place Lt. Kinloch
desires to proceed with them or desires We would write
to the President or Council to admit him a Captain
upon that Establishment.

Agreed that a Captain's Commission be given
Mr Kinloch here to be dated 11th Instant being the Day
he completed his Number, & as We do not apprehend the
Gentlemen at Bengall can have any Objection to re-
ceiving him on that Establishment according to his
Rank upon his carrying his Company with him. It is
therefore resolved that he be sent thither with them by
the first Opportunity & in the mean Time that the
Gentlemen there be acquainted with Mr Kinloch's
Intention.

Letter from Major Campbell read as follows.

To the Honble Robert Dalrymple Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major
Campbell.

The 3rd Instant I had the Honor to address
You & enclose Major Preston's Letters of the 2th & 3rd with
the Translation of a Larkian & have now the Pleasure
to send a Copy of his Letter of the 3rd which will show
the Honble Board the Situation of Affairs in the
Unhappily Country. I have also the pleasure to enclose
a Copy of a Letter which I received Yesterday from M^r Cluff
Cannon & under the same Cover came a little Chit from
his Clerk the Contents of which I now send.

M^r Cluff Cannon has certainly sent Money & some
People to raise Horse & Leopards at Dinagull where
there is already about 300 of the former & 200 of the latter.

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the person who it is said to Command them came lately from Hyder Ali's Army but he only brought 30 Horse with him. The Nabob has sent some People to endeavour to bring into his Service what effect this will have I shall shortly know. I desired Capt^m Hooker to wait a few Days to escort the Nabob but have now wrote that if he is not ready for the Detachment to march without him so he may come with the expected Bombay Troops. I have the Honor to be with great respect—

Honorable Sir Mr Sirs

Camps before Madras
2nd April 1764

Your most obliged & most obed^t Serv^t
Chas. Campbell

Letter from Major
Parker to Major
Campbell

I am now set down to reply to Your Letter of the 7th Inst. I hope You have need my two last to Yonge Esq^r. It was never my Intention to march further Southward than Coimbatore, till I was persuaded by some of the Subadars who came with him that there was great Divisions amongst the Officers at Pulem Cotah, & great contentions amongst their Peopls & that as most of the Families of the Peopls as well as of the common Subadars & Zemidars were at a Distance from Pulem Cotah & many of them within my reach, I might almost make sure of bringing over a great many (of one kind or other) of the Garrison to our Service. After appearing a few days within their Sight, if I am not disappointed in this my Motive of marching towards them I am confident it must be of some Consequence to You in lessening the number of Troops that are required for the Protection of the little Forts we have already possession of not one of which You can think of parting with if You set the least Value upon the Assistance of the Southern Poligars who in general appear very happy at the thoughts of being under our Protection.

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The exact Force that I think will be required for the safety of the Three Forts I'll describe to You when I return to Colpetton. I left that Place Yesterday Morning, & was this Morning with the Cavalry within three Miles of Paterncotah, which I take to be something more than 40 Miles from the others.

Skirmish between
ours & the Enemy's
Horse near Patern-
cotah.

About 5 Miles from Paterncotah We fell in with a small party of M^r David Canon who it seems was just come out to watch our Motions. He had a considerable body of Horse with him in a Hollow Way which had something the appearance ^{of a Post} & as he might have had a larger body of Troops concealed from us than what appeared to us, I thought it prudent to make a Halt with the Mufflers, for the coming up of our black Horse (which You may judge were not very thick together after a march of 16 Miles succeeding the one the had Yesterday of 20) in the mean Time our advanced guard of Mufflers & a few of the few black Horse that were with us amused the Enemy with a little skirmishing & popping till they thought proper to remove out of their Hole upon observing us to increase very fast in our number of black Horse their numbers we judge to be about 300, our Mufflers were ready formed for an attack & we immediately made towards them upon a Gallop, they waited but a very little while before they betook themselves to a General Flight without giving us a chance of getting up to them, but by a General pursuit I accordingly let loose the whole of our black Horse & M^r Wayne to attend them with his little Troop keeping the Mufflers in a Squadron to support them, the most of Innes Canon's Horse about 50 of Akerate Beg's Horse & M^r Wayne with about 8 of his Troopers were up with them before they could all cross the River of Tinnevelly, a few of Innes Canon's & Akerate Beg's who had been skirmishing with them from the first were in the thick of them & behaved themselves

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very Gallantry 6 of them are come back severely cut
or two of them are lost entirely one of them overtook Mr
David Cawen himself & made two cuts at him, but
unluckily this fine fellow was apart from his fellow
passengers or was therefore cut down himself, but there
great hopes of his getting the better of his Wounds
It's very certain that David Cawen has got a Shower
over his Neck & that about 20 of his Horse were over-
set from their Horses for the Horses are brought into
Camp, Mr. Wayne with eight of his Troopers one of
Innes Cawen's Jemidars, one of Murchie Beg's Jemidars
is about 20 of their black Horse pushed over the river
where it was breast high & Mr. Wayne with his Serje-
ant the above Jemidars is about 2 of the black Horse
pushed on fairly into the Thicket of the Enemy's Camp
which lies close under the Walls of Puternkotah -
Wayne has acquired a great Name amongst the black
Cavalry, one of the Jemidars assured me that he saw
him cut down three of the Enemy's Horsemen him-
self. I promised I would make known his good
Behaviour to You & I hope You'll communicate it
to the Nabob. It's very remarkable that several
Prisoners were brought into me by the black Horse
without being cut or so much as plundered of any
of their Cloaths David Cawen's boxes & Guard of baggage
(consisting of one Havildar one Nook & 2 privates)
were taken with their trunks all extremely good En-
glish Firelocks - I have now no more room than
than to subscribe myself - Your affectionate

A. Prestore

The Letter from Woff Cawen to Major Campbell is
also read wherein he desires his Havildar & some
others may be exchanged for an English Gunner who
threatening to defend the Place to the last Extremity.
The Chist from Rowley Woff Cawen's (Walter) is
also read wherein he expresses his dislike to Woff

David Cawen wounded

Campuzotum
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Report of a Letter
from Woff Cawen to
Major Campbell -

Report of a Chist
from Rowley Woff Cawen's

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Council's Minutes to

Major Campbell

Council's proceedings & begs that Major Campbell will give him his protection.

Ordered that the receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged.

Capt Smith of the

Marines desires

that Officers Gra-

duity

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Smith who commands the Marines landed from the York & Panther had applied to have the same Gratuity that Captain Hislop had & being Com-manding Officer of that Corps now in India.

Consequence

Agreed that Captain Smith be informed that when Captain Mantley was landed with the Marines in the Time of the Siege He had no other Allowances than what were due to him as a Captain; that We therefore cannot comply with his request.

Range of Landing

Marines & transport

from other

Presidencies to be

ordered by the

Board

As the Expedition against Madura hath laid the under the Necessity of landing the Marines & sending Lascars on Board in their room as well as of procuring Troops from the other Presidencies, it is but reasonable that the Nabob should defray the extraordinary Charges incurred thereby. It is therefore ordered that they be paid by the Commissary & carried to his Acc^t.

Mr Brouwer pre-

paring things

for the

expected

Board

Read a Letter from M^r Brouwer acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 6th Instant, & advising that in consequence thereof he had prepared every thing at Moorilla for the reception of the Troops & Stores expected from Bombay as also for their march to Trichinopoly whether he proposed to accompany them.

range up

for the

Board

The Board taking into consideration the readiness M^r Brouwer hath always shewn to the Service he hath taken in executing the Orders We have so often been obliged to trouble him with, & as it has been before determined to make him some Consideration, It is agreed to give him the same Allowances as M^r Bodle had who was for some Time President at Negapatam & to commence from the 1st of January & which is to be carried to the Nabob's Acc^t or to ours, continued as soon as our Affairs will.

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will admit of it.

Letter from the King

of Sangha sends

Bills for part of

Nov^r Hist.

Complaints of the

Behaviour of the

Kabob towards him in not

suffering the Banks of the River

Carry to be repaired

notwithstanding his frequent

Intimations on that Point.

Tho' it is most likely that the

representations both

of the Kabob & the King of Sangha

against each other

are exaggerated or not entirely

founded on Truth or

Reason, it is certainly much to

their mutual Interest

to bear friendly Terms & it more

particularly con-

cerns the Kabob at this Juncture

to be careful not to

make the King his Enemy as it

is undoubtedly much

in his power to prejudice our

Affairs. It is therefore

Agreed that Letters be addressed

to them setting

forth the advantages that will

accrue to them both

for maintaining a strict

Friendship with each other.

The King is likewise to be

desired to remit the com-

mission of the Nov^r Hist as to be

informed that we hope

Read a Letter from the King of Sangha as ordered
in Country Correspondence of accompanying Bills
for 3 Lacks of Rupees in part payment of the 5 Lacks
due on Account of Nov^r Hist, & complaining, on the

Complaints of the Behaviour of the Kabob towards him in not
suffering the Banks of the River Carry to be repaired
notwithstanding his frequent Intimations on that Point.

Tho' it is most likely that the representations both
of the Kabob & the King of Sangha against each other
are exaggerated or not entirely founded on Truth or
Reason, it is certainly much to their mutual Interest
to bear friendly Terms & it more particularly con-
cerns the Kabob at this Juncture to be careful not to
make the King his Enemy as it is undoubtedly much
in his power to prejudice our Affairs. It is therefore

Agreed that Letters be addressed to them setting
forth the advantages that will accrue to them both
for maintaining a strict Friendship with each other.
The King is likewise to be desired to remit the com-
mission of the Nov^r Hist as to be informed that we hope
he will discharge the Hist for this Month immediately
on its becoming due. with regard to the hurried
Accounts He is to be told they shall be settled as
soon as possible.

Robt Park
Ringer Lawrence
Edw. Bouchier
Rich. Sawfield
Saml. Sadley
Charles Turner
Geo. Stratton

and
in Dec
1764

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Book of the South Sea
Islands

17 I sailed his Majesty's Ship York to Dartmouth for Trincomalee
19 I came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Command-
ing the Army.

To the Honorable Robert Pathe Esq.
President of Governor & Council

Major
Campbell

Honorable Sirs

I have the Honor to receive Your Favour of the 11th Inst.
& am happy to find that the Measures I took with regard
to the Lieutenants has met with Your approbation & I
flatter myself that the reasons which I have given the
Governor & General for appointing Sergeants will be ad-
mitted as an excuse by the Honorable Board, but that this
may appear more clear to Your Gentlemen I now enclose
a State of all the Officers belonging to the Infantry &
Sergeants in Camp & as they are at present dispersed of

Myself I have sent a Vachet & some Horse &
Sergeants to Pondicherry to join some more Troops that are
collecting there, I have moved Captain Freshman's Company

Bengal

to the Nattam Redoubt which is on the direct road from
Pondicherry to Madras, & as I keep spies every where I
think if they should attempt coming that I shall be able

to intercept them. I have wrote to Major Preston to return
from 20th unless his hopes of getting Palernkotah soon
the Cavalry or other means are not very sanguine & to

into for the security of that Country & Capt^l & Sub^l 50
ascer 50 Sergeants 20 Artillery Men & field Pieces &
ing 2000 of our Sergeants & Companies of the Nabob's

Appt Black Horse, this by all the Intelligence I have
of our will be a Force sufficient to keep the Rebels
at bay in a few Miles of Palernkotah however as Major

is now as being on the Spot must be the best Judge
I have left it to him to give what Orders he thinks
proper to the Officer who Commands that Detachment.

I think with Time Major Preston returns & Capt^l & Sub^l
for this sent joins. I hope we shall have a certainty of
winning Sugarcree & be then able to determine on our

