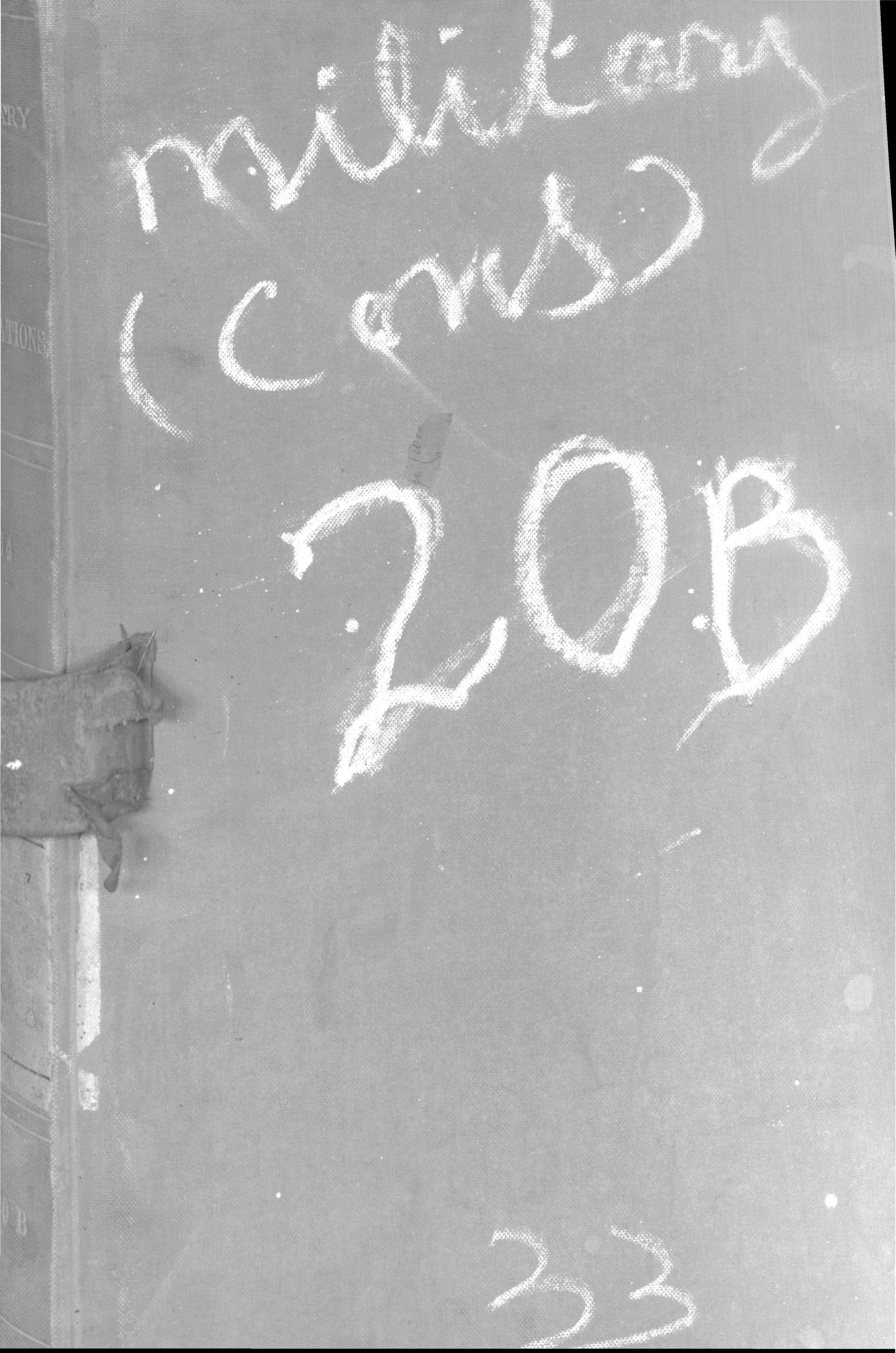
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dispatched the following Letter to John Pybus Esqr at Masulipatam —

To John Pybus Esq.

Chief at Masulipatam

Letter to Mr. Pybus Sir

We

Hon'ble

Your Letter to be forwarded to

Station as enclosed

& that

to keep

desired if possible You will

following Letter

Council at Fort William

Pabk Esqr. &

Council, John Z

George

Arnold Glunderman

Francis Swain Ward

& Robert Phillips

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the Magistrate, under

Rajah

Fort St. George

25th April 64

To the Hon'ble Robert

President & Governor &

at Fort St. George

from Mr. Pybus

Hon'ble

by Captain Maycard

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George

Arnold Glunderman

Francis Swain Ward

& Robert Phillips

given these Gentlemen any real Cause for Com-

leaving the Army in the Face of an Enemy

reprehensible, but as We have before

Dispositions to be dispatched We

an Enemy cannot be made of such

We would gladly have sent them Home

had now under Despatch but she was not

& Guarded to receive them. They may per-

leave to proceed to some of the Company's

ports in expectation of getting employed &

& they may find means to get to Bengall

Your Honor &c. in such Case that You would

carefull not to suffer them to be employed

Service or to remain in Your Settlement

had permission from Your Honor

Pardon for 3 Months is now out &

can't as We as much wanted the

able pleased to prolong his Pardon

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The Incident for Stores accompanying your Honor &c.a Letter of the 23d March is complied with as far as is in our Power by this Conveyance, agreable to the Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed.

His Majesty's Ships York & Panther sailed from hence the 17th Instant for Trincomale after having in Consequence of your Request to Captain Cowel landed the Marines — We are

Fort St George 2d May 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & Hble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c Council

7. Came in a Letter from Major Campbell to the Pre-sident advising of their having attacked one of the Enemy's Redoubts which they had carried & killed 15 Seapoys & 2 European Gunners & wounded many Seapoys & had brought off a Piece of Artillery. That they had abandoned it again on Account of its be-ing too near the Fort of Madura. Our Loss in this Af-fair was one European mortally & one slightly wound-ed. Major Campbell further advises that He intends attacking three other Redoubts on a Day or two. And that Captain Hart who was left with the Detach-ment before Palamcotah has had a Skirmish with the Enemy's Horse & Seapoys whom he has obliged to retreat into the Fort with some loss & that the Polygars continue to join Captain Hart —

Purport of Advice rec.d from Major Campbell

(3. Sent the following Letter to Colonel Monson

Letter to Col.l Monson

Sir,

Captain Troyon has Orders agreable to Your Desire to receive Yourself with the other Officers men-tioned by You on board his Ships & to furnish You with all necessary & suitable Accommodation —

We cannot Sir suffer You to depart without expressing the Sense We have of the

thanked for his Services

have rendered the Co-

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all the Operations in which You have been engaged
deserves our sincerest Acknowledgments which we
beg You will accept with our best Wishes for Your
safe & speedy arrival in England & a continued
Series of Health & Prosperity

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem

Sir,

Your most Obed. & Obliged Servants

Robert Palk &c.

Fort St George
3 May 1764

The President having this Day been advised by
Mr Van Sittart of the Intelligence received by him for Shuja
advice of a part of Carnac, of a part of Shuja Dowla's Army being actually
Shuja Dowla's Army on the march from Chiabad to Banaris and that Coja Sumbo
being on their Ally was soon to follow and enter Bengall supported
march for Bengall. by the King and Shuja Dowla - The following Letter was
immediately wrote to the President & Council of Fort William
& 25 of the Men enlisted for Bengall were this Day em-
barked on Board the Argyle Ketch for that Presidency.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Van Sittart having advised our President
in his Letters of the 29th and 31st March's of the late Intelli-
gence received from Major Carnac, That a part of Shuja
Dowla's Army was actually on the march from Chiabad
& to Banaris & that Cojeem Ally was soon to follow and
& to enter Bengall supported by the King & Shuja
Dowla's. We resolved immediately to send to Your Assis-
tance Captain Hardwick & the Men who have enlisted
for Your Presidency, in all about 50 twenty five of whom
are now embarked on the Argyle Ketch Captain Mac
key & the rest shall follow in a Day or two on the
Cuddalore Schooner, & before another Conveyance offers
We hope to have a further Reinforcement ready to

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in the Interim We should hear that this Invasion is laid aside. In case of such an Emergency We desired Captain Cowel's Permission to dispose of the Marines where occasion should require, but the York & Panther being weakly manned he absolutely forbad our sending the Marines to Bengall, tho' in such Circumstances We imagine He would not disapprove of those

We are

Fort St George
3 May 1764

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obed.t hble.
Robt. Palk

4th Received the following Letter from Colonel [illegible] & Council

To the Honble the President
& Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have had the Honor to receive Your
the 3d Instant & return You many Thanks for Letter
Orders given to Captain Tryon

I have the deepest Sense of your acknow-
ment of my Services and happy should I have been
if my endeavours to promote the Company's Interest
had been more successful. I have the Honor to be

Fort St George
4th May 1764

Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t & most hble Servt
Geo. Monson

Friday
4th May

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esqr Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner — George Skrattow

General Letter to the Honble the Court of

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General Letters to England per Deptford

Directors to go by the Ships Deptford read & signed
Ordered that the Packet be closed

Rob.t Polk
Stringer Lawrence
Gl Bourchier
Rich.d Lawfield
Sam.l Topley
Charles Turner
Geo. Stratton

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Dispatched Sails for Europe

Sailed this Day the Honble Companys Ship Dept. for Europe

Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & Council

Letter from Major Campbell

Honble Sir & Sirs

What with bad Weather, Rain &c. we have been prevented from attacking the Rebels Batteries on 5 Redoubts, and at 12 o'Clock Major Preston on one Side & I on the other assaulted them & carried them all with the loss I believe of about 20 Europeans and many Sepoys on our Side but I cannot yet be particular as the Action is but just over. We have taken 5 Guns 10 Europeans & Sepoys Prisoners, and Captain Kirkpatrick's Troops and the Guard with our Black Horse cut numbers of the Enemy and pursued them to the Gates of the Fort all over People White and Black behaved with Coolness & Spirit on this occasion, and the Enemy fought under the ground and Proper of them Dont they showed but very little Courage for the attack on Account that they had Both all round the Enemy's Horse was full of Thorns, Pardon hurry I will be more particular in my next. I have the Honor to be with much Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp: 29th April 65.

Your most obliged humble Servant
Hugh Campbell

P.S. Received the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell with an Acc[t] of the Redoubts he had taken

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Yesterday I did myself the Honor to acquaint You that I had taken 3 of the Enemys Redoubts of which are extremely Strong and have a Ditch of 15 Feet Deep around them, the other two may be rather called breast Works or entrenchments to cover the Redoubts, and they were not able to take with battering them as We did & Major Call considered the Batteries so judiciously as mean that it answering greatly to that, that We got possession of them & I can also assure the Honble Board that Major Preston as well as Call was indefatigable & exposed themselves very much on this occasion. Yesterday Evening Wolff Cann sent out for leave to bury his dead, which was granted — enclosed is a return of the Killed and wounded — I have the Honor to be with much respect —

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obliged and most

Obedient Hble Servant

Char Campbell

Return of the Killed and wounded of the Enemy before Madura 29th April 1764

1 Troop of Horse 1 Serjt & 2 R & File Killed & 2 R & File wounded —

Elephant 3 R & File wounded —

Artillery 2 R & File Killed

Infantry 2 R & F. killed & 12 R & File wounded

Seapoys 30 Killed & wounded

Compan[s] Horses 1 killed 6 wounded & 1 missing

Char. Campbell —

List of killed & wounded in the Action of the 29th Inst. of the Enemy before Madura —

Copy of a Letter from Major Campbell advising the Defeat of a Party of the Enemy marched from Pondicherry to the Tirukinopoly Country.

The Enemy abandon another Redoubt —

Letter in a Letter from Major Campbell advising that a Party of the Enemy's Horse & Seapoys which came from Pondicherry had marched with Orders to the Tirukinopoly Country — of which he had sent an Account to the Nabob & Captain Wood. He likewise advises that the Enemy had abandoned a Redoubt on the S West Side of the Fort —

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Received the following Letter from John Lytton Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
for the Military Department at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been duely honored with Your Com-
mands of the 21st & 25th Ult. Inclosed
which may pass through these Districts either
Norther or South, & have always made use of Inland Roads
upon them the Times of their dispatch which I
observe You are pleased to recommend should not be
at every Stage; but this could not be complied with
but by Stationing Coniooplies at each as very few but
any of the common Tappies can either write or
read as You are pleased to direct, correspond
onally with Messrs Smith & Dalton concerning
Business and should see a necessity for it
Gentlemen stationed on the road from Bengal
Vizagapatam.

I have wrote to the Person who Commands
Vached in Nizam Ally's Camp for the necessary
-mation relating to the Conveyance of Advices
this Place and Bombay which on the
ject you shall be immediately acquainted
Swill endeavour to Keep the Tappies station
& South from this Settlement to the Portof
the Distance of three Miles in an Hour, but
have many Rivers to cross, which are not in
-pany's limits and cannot always depend on
-ing People (even at those which are) ready to
them over at all Hours in the Night, as none
those to the Southward are paid by the Company
& there are some of those Rivers which have no ferries

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at them and are payable only at Old Tides, they frequently meet with unavoidable detention and You may depend on the most early dispatch being given to all Letters I receive to prevent as far as depends on me the least delay.

I commanded the Letter for Settlemarrumpettee mentioned in Your Commands of the 25th the day before I had any with one from myself, Copy of which comes enclosed for Your Perusal. I shall have due attention to the part You seem desirous to act in the differences between him and the Naigdatoor Rajah and am from thence to the best of my Judgement —

Busalet Jung with his Army is on this side the Berdara Pass, and has detached small Parties of Horse to the several Zemindars of the Ceded Districts to demand from them the payment of the Cost on the Bonds of their several districts payable to the Government; some have settled with him & the rest are obliged to contribute something towards maintaining his ill disciplined & worse paid Troops as have not Villages plundered which has already done to some to such fear the Inhabitants of many Villages in the Nizamgundam Circar which joins to that of Gontoor, until about the time of Hyder at one of them which had so alarmed the Inhabitants that they had abandoned their Houses, there was a small party of Sepoys in the Village which remained there & I have ordered it to be reinforced from the Company at Nizampatam & have wrote to Busalet Jung recommending to him by the Friendship subsisting between him & the English to issue out orders to prevent any molestation being given to any of the Companys Towns, by his Troops, but I cannot doubt his paying any regard to it altho upon any wording to him on this Subject on his first coming into the Country He promised me this but I cannot but

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There are several of the Bombay Detachment who
Some of y[e] Bombay Sepoys want to renew their Time but more of their Officers
want to renew can tell whether their Time is out or not, I beg
their Times Your Orders on that head. I have the Honor to be
with great Respect

Camp before Madura Honble Sir & Sirs
the 4th May 1764 Your most Obliged & most Obedt Hble Servt

Accounts of the B.S. Boy Hardwicke Honble Stevenson

Camp before Madura Intelligence I can get the Enemy
attack of the & 20 Sepoys Killed and wounded in the last Month, had 2 Europ
Redoubts. — Europeans & 30 Sepoys Prisoners.

A Court of Enquiry of the Honble Company's Troops
[at the request of Lieut. Baudouen of Artillery] by
Charles Campbell Esquire Major & Commandant at
near Madura 4th May 1764. —

Proceedings of a Infantry — Capt. Baillie Presid
Court of Enquiry Artillery — Capt. Hallhank
regarding Lieut. Infantry Lieut. Falconer } { Horse Lieut.
Baudouen's falling Artill. Lieut.
into the Enemy's
hands. —

Lieut. Baudouen informs the Court that
of last Month he rode to the Kennedy Redou
thence intended going to the new Redoubt
of the one at the ruined Village. It being the
Time he had gone so far in front of the Grand
& riding an unbarb thinking mistook the
leading to the Enemys Redoubt for the one
to Tyruvadanay. Thereupon recollecting
he found he was at the horn of the Breach
twenty Yards of the Enemys Redoubt. He
forced to send the Enemys Guns Cattle
away and calling to the People on the
that He immediately burned his Horse
to get back, but found the Enemy

Colleries had come in such numbers from the other Side of the Bank behind him that he thought it impossible, that he then got on Top of the Bank imagining he might possibly get off by advancing across the plain to the right, but found the Enemys Sepoys & Colleries to the Number of about 200 men behind it & so many spread all over the plain that it was impossible to retreat & therefore upon being surrounded surrendered himself Prisoner

Captain Cley being called upon by Mr. Brooke informs the Court that on the 15.th of last Month about 5 in the Evening he went 300 Yards in Front of the Family Redoubt to see some Coolies he had at Work that a few Minutes after Lieut.t Bawden came riding up to him & said with Tears about a Quarter of an Hour, on his going away he said (pointing with his hand to the right) that he would take a ride towards our Redoubt on the Bank & that by the time it was over it would be Roll calling Time when he would return to Camp — That he now turn'd his Horse towards the Family Redoubt on the Bank & crossed it & then lost sight of him. That a Corporal of Artillery some time after called to him from the Family Redoubt, that he knew Mr. Bawden was taken Prisoner, for that he saw a Number of the Enemys Sepoys & Colleries surrounding him, that afterwards upon looking with his Glass he found what the Corporal said to be truth —

W.m Baillie Ex.t Prov.t

12.th Read the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Enemy has abandoned the Redoubt on

Letter from Major Campbell —

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The Redoubt pro- the North Face of the Fort, which I mentioned
posed to be attack- today I intended to attack I shall then Encamp
ed attended — a Detachment against some Boops from Bundg
Advice of the & belonging to the G Cawn who are troublesome
Enemy's Incamp- Carnoor &c to Morrow I shall double to augment the
troublesome about Honble Board whether Madura or Patam
Carnoor — first to be besieged, but I fancy it will be the
I have the Honor to be with Respect
Camp before Madura Honble Sir & Sirs
15 May 1764 Your most Obligd & most
humble Servant
Thos Hector

dispatched the following letter to Fort William
Betsey Hector
To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr
President & Governor & Council at
Fort William.
Honble Sir & Sirs
We have taken the Opportunity
Betsey Hector of sending Mrs the enclosed
Captain Hardwicke's Company's List of
gether with those sent on the Augy to Madura
enclosed we also send Lists of the Sick & Invalids
on board Rear Vessels for their Use Captain Hardwicke
also comes to Town by this Conveyance
We are
Fort St. George
12th May 1764
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed & humble Servts
Rot Pultney

Carnoor the following Letter from Major Camp
commanding the Army
To the Honble Robert Pultney Esqr
President & Governor & Council
Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs
Enclosed I have the Honor to send
Reckonings made by Mr Hardwicke

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on the present Situation of Affairs I have to intreat the Honble Boards final Orders as to the When no Time shall be lost in preparing every Thing for the Seige of Madura, but I must beg leave to add that from the Force the Rebell keeps the great discontent of the Troopes on their Garrison the dryness at this present Time of the Ditch the immense Expence of the Army the uncertainty of the Company's Affairs in Bengall &c. makes me fully of Opinion that Madura should be first & immediately attacked, it is true all Military Operations are subject to accidents, but if our Troops behave like Englishmen (as I have no reason to doubt but they will) I imagine the Conquest of Madura certain & consequently the Rebell either killed or rendered unable to give further trouble 100 Marines would most certainly be a very great addition to our Force; if sending them be thought inconvenient, Captain Kinlock with his Company might be ordered here which would do full as well, & they could return the Moment Madura was taken which I hope would not make their absence from Bengall very long — I must also further observe that I differ with Major Preston as to the Time he proposes for reducing Palam Cotah &c being back here for as that Place is 120 Miles from hence it will at least take 24 Days in moving the heavy Guns and Stores there and back again & from the common Casualties by Death & Accidents, I cannot compute on less of Europeans to be less than 3 Months & if Palam Cotah should stand a Storm as we have all reason to believe it will, I think Major Preston's Leg cannot during that Seige be reckoned less than 50 Europeans so that supposing this Calculation just & it be two Months from this Time before

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Palamcotah was taken and Preston returned
should be 120 Europeans and two hundred Moors at least
besides at least 30 or 40 he would be obliged
as a Garrison there, but of all this the Officer
must be the best judges & I hope to be honored
an Answer to this enclosed 14 Days before
shall be ready to open Ground before Madura
or detach Major Preston as You may please
direct — I have the Honor to be with the greatest
Respect —

Camp before Madura
7th May 1764

Honble Sir H. Saix

Your most Obliged and most
Obedient humble Servt
Chas Carnac

Reflections concerning the immediate Siege of
Madura in form or continuing to blockade it closely and on the
Terms reducing Palamcotah.

reflections on the
road in the case of
Siege

The Rebell Nieff Cawn is now dispossessed
of almost the whole Country belonging to the
Provinces of Madura and Tenneverly & has
no Places of Consequence but Madura & Palam
-cotah. The first of these Places is over head &
ears in Body of the Army & the Rebell have
lost or abandoned all his Redoubts
will also be taken or abandoned on a few Days
The latter has already before it sufficient
to keep the Garrison from being troublesome to
Country or to the Army besieging Madura.

To ensure the speedy Reduction of Madura
is requisite to have Europeans enough to
two attacks in order to divide the attention
of the Garrison & the better to enfilade
so large a Place: This mention cannot be
two Rank & File allowing for
after Attack, but the strength

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does not exceed 750 effective Men including even that number considering the fine Corps of Artillery now in the Field is sufficient for every where if there is a great probability that one attack may reduce the Place the disappointment of Troops from Bengall & Manilha have been the only Cause that the speedy fall of Madura is the least procrastinated the delay of 200 Men promised from Bombay and it doubtfull if they will come. There are no more to be with the Army in a short Time, Even the Stores sufficient for a Seige (except Powder) and if the Nabob keeps his word that Article will also be amply supplied. Our future Operations then are to be determined by this question — "Whether We ought to begin the Seige of Madura by one attack immediately without relying on any other Reinforcement but 100 Marines" — Or whether it would not be more prudent to shut up the Garrison as close as possible by two additional Redoubts & send a proper Quantity of Stores and a force to take Patamoodah before the Seige of Madura is begun."

It is not to be doubted but the Conquest of Madura is the principal Object and when the Rebel is killed, taken or obliged to abandon Madura, the opposition of his party may be expected as at an End, & Palam cotah will make little Resistance. Add to this Consideration, other more distant ones Viz.t. It is probable the Presidency of Bengall may soon want all the Assistance the Coast can furnish; and it is also probable the Troops may return to the Coast of Coromandel if not actually assist the Rebels. These as well as the Expence are Circumstances that require the most speedy conclusion to the present Expedition.

On the other hand if the Seige of Madura should a second Time be undertaken & by any favourable incident to the Defendants many of whose Fo-

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frequently arise in Military Operations that Place
should not be taken after We have found most of our
Ammunition and by Death and Wounds our force
is weakened it will be doubtfull if We shall be
Condition to continue the blockade or even be in a
-dition to renew the Soige. This indeed is carrying
supposition to extremity, but what is possible, may
happen, & if it was very probable would make the
previous Reduction of Palamcotah the more desirable
Measure, as by that Acquisition most of these
present before it, might return, but any
Revenues of the two Provinces & the profound ma
strong Place would be conquerd, with many Ille for
Major Preston who has viewed the Place
Weeks Time, tho' he thinks a month would
so much from the Army, take Palamcotah
the Army again, besides the force which
present, he requires no more than 150 Eu
European Cavalry, with Artillery men to
& 12 Pdrs, 30 or 40 Horses & Stores proportioned to the
Day's Journy of that number of heavy Guns &c &c
most certainly nothing better could be done tha
Palamcotah, if the Success of one attack against
church appears hazardous, or of other consequen
do not require that something should be risqued
the present Expedition be speedy conclusion; &
attacked with success, the Soige will be at an
soon as Major Preston supposes Palamcotah ca
reduced & the Troops employed in that Soige re
to the Army; so that the quantity of Stores for
Palamcotah first & Madura afterwards ought
double of what is requisite supposing Madura
first attacked; & of the doubt of the quantity
der which may be taken from Palamcotah
the quantity for it required & should it
want that Article against Madura

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The body of Troops lately marched towards Carnac from Dendigall are not taken into consideration but they may in some degree affect the Operations against Madura, especially if they take time to gather strength or oblige the present Party to watch their Motions.

Rebell has Guns, Mortars & Ammunition ready in Madura & by the best Intelligence of Sick and Well is as follows, which Must probably taken from the pay Rolls, but the Artillery likely to be as on the 2d Column.

Europ Artillery	65	50
Europ Coffres	55	50
Military	85	56
Topasses	225	250
	3000	2200
Peons & Coolies	1000	500
	800	800

And Accounts the ditch is dry or has very little Water in any part, but the East Face and before possibly the Gate near the Palace. there is some Mud at the bottom, but every day will make it harder

Lieut. of Europeans who came over the North Bastion Commander of the proofs on their Legs that the Water & Mud there was not above knee deep.

In Consequence of which the following Letter was immediately dispatched to Major Campbell

To Major Campbell
Commanding the Army
Sir

We have just received Your Letter of this day with the Considerations enclosed from these as well as from other Circumstances, We judge vigorous Measures ought to be pursued. We therefore earnestly recommend that the Seige of Madura be undertaken immediately & We hope the Royal Charlotte will be arrived before this reaches You, & the five Man Weeden

Letter to Major Campbell ordered to begin the Seige of Madura immediately.

Fort St. George 15th May 1764.

to what We wrote You the 2d Instant to receive any Letters You may have lodged for him there.

We have so often & strenuously set forth the Necessity of your returning the Troops belonging to this Presidency with the utmost Expedition that We shall now only add that the large Augmentation which the Exigency of Affairs on your Coast must at Bengall have obliged Us to make to our Garrison as there Subsidies have so far exhausted, that unless We are speedily & largely reinforced, We shall not have Men of any kind to do the common daily Duty.

We are

Bombay Castle
12th April 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts
Cha Crommelin
W. A. Price
J. Spencer
Cha Waters
Cecil Bourchier

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Madras

Letter from Tellicherry

Honble Sir &c Sirs

Agreeable to Orders from England
ons for despatching round as many Troops
of 70 on the Royal Charlotte as could be spa
-ford with safety of this Place. We now e
Honor &c a Roll of all that have been in our
Name being 55 in number exclusive of 4
Joseph Bildebeck requesting
to proceed with the above as a Volunteer, the
been granted, provided this agreeable to you
We to entertain him as such.

Mr Thomas Byfield arrived here
Instant to relieve Mr William Hornby as
of this Settlement agreeable to the Commands
Letter to return to the Station of

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Our Honble Masters Ship Speaker left this
Place this Morning in her Way to Anjengo to Sail
up for Europe. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

W.m Hornby
W.m Taylor
H. Hurst
W. Ashburnham
J. A. Gladfoe

Tellicherry
26th April 1764

P.S Lieut.t Chambers has
recd his pay, May, June,
July, and August here.

Recd also the following Letter from Mr. Brouver
at Harricall
to the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Gentlemen of the
Superior Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday the Royal Charlotte arrived here
from Bombay with the Detachment of Troops, con-
sisting of 2 Captains 1 Lieut.t of Artillery 6 Lieutenants
2 Ensigns, 2 Volunteers and 192 Men, commanded by
Captain Brouver, they are all safely landed & in 2 or 3
Days will be able to march to Tondiarapaty & will
take as much powder as possibly We can, there are 700
Barrels of of Powder 6000 Shott 18 & 24 lbs.rs & many other
Military Stores of which Soon give an Account yet
as Captain Tingle is not come ashore being busy en
landing the Powder &c.a — I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servant

Christian Brouver

Harricall
May 1764

Ordered that Major Campbell be immediately
advised of the arrival of the Troops & Stores at Harri-
call & of their being ordered to proceed directly to Tanjo
& that it be again recommended to him to begin the Seige
of Madura without Loss of Time.

Consequence

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Major Campbell having in his Letter of the 4th Instant informed the Board that several of the Bombay Detachment which came from Bengall had desired to renew their Term. It is agreed to enclose a List of all the Men arrived from Bengall to the President & Council at Bombay & to request information from them, when their time expires also with regard to the Methods pursued on the Military removing their Term—

Another Field Officer wanted in Camp—

Captain Wood recommended—

The Board observing that Major Campbell in the next Officer in standing to Hers always with an unblemished Character; but however to be gratified for such a Station, his being a fo puts it out of our Power to appoint him, as me depends on the Opinions the Men have of their Co manding Officers and it is well known that Soldiers will not serve with their Inferior Officer a Foreigner as Leader of their own Countrymen & Majesty's Service Hence

The Board therefore approve of General Lawrence's recommendation of Captain Wood, who is the most Field Officer for the Duty at Camp— And the standing to Captain De Beck. It is therefore ord that a Major's Brevet be prepared for him; & M Campbell be informed that Captain Wood with Detachment to Command at Trichinopoly during Hers stay to join the Army as soon as Major Campbell arrives at

Letter from Sir Robert Phillips read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is now [illegible] Years since

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to serve my King and Country, with an unblemished Character, Ten Years of which was in India & the four last in the Honble Company's Military. If both my Gentlemen You will have no objection to my going to Bengall to get thro' the Interest of my Friends there into the Sea Service, as I have been 11 Years in His Majesty's Navy. Your permission Gentlemen to my going there will oblige much

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Respectfull most humble and Obedient Servant

Robert Palk

Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Mr. Hastings advised the Gentlemen at Bengall of the Conduct of those five Gentlemen in quitting the Service & desired they might not be received into it or permitted to remain in that Settlement & that We shall send the like Information to Bombay.

Letter from Messrs. Tierney & Hunter read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President &c. & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We take the Liberty to trouble you with the present to pray that You will, in case the Bengal Force allowed as to other Prisoners at Bourbon should come under the Cognizance of the Board here be so good as to take it into Your consideration the following particulars.

That during our detention as prisoners We & the other Prisoners received six Livres 15 Sols p Day.

That the Spanish Dollars is rated at Mauritius & Bourbon at L.s 3. 12 But during the War the Credit of the French Company was so bad that the value of the Dollar rose to L.s 20 in Billet Money and at a Medium during our & the other Prisoners detention there it might be reckoned at L.s 15 — so that

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though he received 6 Livres 15 Sols p Day which according to their Estimation of the Dollars amounted to 9/8½ P Diem at real value did not exceed 2/3 p Diem the Company ought not to suffer for the discontent of their Money.

That We & the other Prisoners were detained till they received news of the ratification of the Definitive Treaty, this there was no way of sending them either to Europe or to send away those who refused.

Mr Tierney further observes that as the Lascar of the Packet with Mr D'Estaing which was now in his profession he was entitled to be sent by the first Conveyance of his Nation at the Solicitude of the Court of Chandernagore notwithstanding his frequent Applications there on their sending thither, he was refused to go on Board the Ships which protected the Packet to Europe, therefore Mr Tierney conceives, that as he was employed on the Packet contrary to the Practice aforementioned he should not be allowed any things on that account from the Time of his first application.

Mr Hunter observes that as he was permitted to go on Board the Packet to Batavia, where he passed near 3 Months before any opportunity offered to come to this Coast, that on his arrival on the Coast of Coromandel he gave his assistance to the Officers in Command there, in sending thither, he was refused to go on Board the Ships which were in a wretched situation, that such of them as were unwilling to proceed, he was therefore by Mr D'Estaing ordered to accompany the Packet to Europe, that as he was employed on the Packet contrary to the Practice aforementioned he should not be allowed any things on that account from the Time of his first application.

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He therefore begs the Board will take into their Consideration what further

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Circumstances any Thing ought to be allowed the
French for his Subsistence. Weare very Respectfully

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servants
Michael Feeney
Robt Hunter

Ordered that the same be entered to be referred to
hereafter as occasion may require — and that their
Representations be made known to the Honble the
Court of Directors —

The Paymaster acquaints the Board that
Lieutenant Bullock of the Cavalry had applied for
his Pay from the Time he arrived at Anjengo —

As Mr. Bullock used all the Expedition in his
Power in joining the Army. It is agreed that his
Request be complied with: which the Paymaster at
Camp is to be informed of —

Read a Representation of the Tanjore Vaquil set
ting forth the absolute Necessity there is for repair
ing the Anacut and Breaches in the Bank of the
Cavery and requesting permission that it may be
set about immediately — a Letter from the King is also
read N.o 106 to the same Effect — Letters from the Nabob
are also read at the same Time as entered in Country
Correspondence N.os 97, 98, 99, 107 setting forth the un-
reasonableness of the Kings Request and prejudice
it must be of to the Nabobs Country if it is complied
with, and complaining much of the King of Tan-
jore's Behaviour towards him — Enclosing also
Copies of Letters from Maudhooroo & Morarau to him
as also a Letter from Maudhooroo N.o 103 to the Presi-
dent, requesting aid of the Nabobs Assistance against
Hyder Naigue — Complaining much of the Behavior
of Pushpanada Nimar — The Renter of the Outremalore,
Salawauk & Cavantandulum Countries on Account
of his not having discharged a Ballance due by him

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Opinion of the Board thereon

Extract from the Consultations

"We cannot withhold the greatest concern at the Subsisting between the Nabob & the King of Tanjore notwithstanding our utmost endeavours to prevent it and which if it should come to an open rupture must be attended with very bad Consequences — The Affair of Seems to be the principal Subject of dispute between them, and which it becomes absolutely necessary for us to settle to the satisfaction of both parties if possible but this We shall not be able to do unless We could obtain a fair & true State of the Case which is not to be expected from them: It is therefore Agreed that Mr. Josias do proceed thither & make the most particular enquiry into the Affair in Order that we may be enabled to judge how far the Kings requisitions may be complied with; and We are the more inclined to take this Measure, as his being there will prevent the Nabob & the King from pressing upon us with their Prejudices —

With regard to the Application from the Nabob for Assistance the Nabob is to be informed that the Situation of the Company's Affairs will not admit of our engaging in the quarrels of others — The Company's Affairs in Bengall & Mauritius require all the Assistance we shall be able to spare. As to his complaint against Pushponada Ninan. It is agreed that a Letter be wrote to the Governor & Council of Fort St. David desiring that Pushponada Ninan may be ordered to Madrass to answer the Complaints which are now made against him by the Nabob & Mr. Paul of having accused the Nabob & Mr. Paul of many Cruel Behaviour & also charges the Nabob with being indebted to him —

Letter from the Nabob (omitted) in the Correspondence, Also inserted in Copy among the Letters from y Nabob for Sundry Bills for Pag: 32008 being in Exchange for Pag: 32008

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in Part Payment of May Hist —

The Board observing that the Nabobs Sons have made a Mistake of 500 Rupees in the Calculation of Pagodas 52000 amount only to Rupees 182000 at the Exchange of 350 Rs for 100 Ps — It is therefore agreed that the receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged & that the Nabobs Son be informed of the Mistake —

Rob Palk
Stringer Lawrence
G Bourchier
Rich Smyth
Sam Ambley
Charles Purnell
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Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Com-
manding the Army

To Major Campbell
Commanding the Army

Letter to Majr Camp-
bell

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 20th & 30th
April & of the 1st 5th & 7th Instant and are
has communicated to us great Satisfaction tha
easily possessed yourselves of the Enemys
flatter ourselves You will meet with eq
in the attack of Madura itself, the co
prosecution of which We did Yesterd
again earnestly recommend to You

We have the pleasure of hearing
Charlotte is arrived at Karricall with th
Stores from Bombay, most of the Men
Evening and are by this Time some W
towards You. We hope by the help of thi
You may be able to act with such Vig
Expedition may soon be happily conclu

A Detachment of
of Captain
a return of them comes enclosed

We are unacquainted with
Gentlemen at Bombay take with regar
-litary renewing their Terms & they have
Account when the Term for which any
here have enlisted, may expire
address them on the Subject & get this Matter set
-tled as soon as possible

We are

Sir

Your most

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Dispatched the following Letter for Bombay

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr

President & Governor & Council at

Bombay

Hon'ble Sirs &c

We have been favoured with your Letter of the
12th April p Royal Charlotte, which arrived at Hurnee
the 11th Inst. &c as We had sent the necessary Orders for
having every Thing in readiness for landing the Troops
& Stores the former were all disembarked the 12th in the
Morning &c We hope the Stores are by this Time also
landed. We are much obliged to your Honor for the very
acceptable reinforcement with the Assistance of which
We have great reason to hope a speedy conclusion
will be put to this Expedition.

Several of the Men who were sent from Bengal
belonging to your Presidency have applied for the
Bounty Money for renewing their Terms - But as We
are unacquainted with the Terms for which they enlist
as well as with the Methods practised by your Honor
&c. when Men are desirous of reinlisting, We enclose
a list of the Names of all those arrived from Bengall
and request You will be pleased to inform Us with
regard to these particulars; And as some of the Men
arrived on the Royal Charlotte, may possibly make
the same application, We must request the like In-
formation with regard to them; as We always make
it a Rule to Issue the Bounty Money to any Man for
reinlisting, on his applying for it, if his Time is expired.
which is 5 Pagodas for three Years & 10 Pag. for 5 Years
and as We found it much complained of as well as
inconvenient to Issue a different Pay to Soldiers on
the same Service, We have been under a Necessity of
giving the Army Subsistance to your Detachments as it
is paid to our Troops on the Establishment the Officers
Pay shall not be drawn for —

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The Necessity there was soon shewing
Men of the Regiments as possible, drew
vice induced Us after We had entered
Power to Sign Captains Commissions
ment on his raising 60 Men and
mands having accordingly compleated
said Captains Commissions given them

Advised of y
behaviour of the
Officers reigning
their Commission.

by for the Good of the Service; yet the Soldiers
many thinking themselves much ingrossed
left the Army before Madurae, and consequently
resigned their Commissions. Viz.t

Lieutenant Bridges
George Buck
Arnold Hunter
Francis Swain Ward
Robert Phillips

Each We were given these Gentlemen a
for Complaint, their having the Army
an Enemy
before as promised
these Gentlemen
the severest Examples, We should
England on the Depot Roll, but the
crouded to receive them. We hope
it necessary to advise Your Honour
Case any of them should come to
You would not suffer them to be employed
Service as to occasion Your Displeasure

As We imagine that Disposition
might be more expeditiously
Letter we shall to Bengall
mediately this Detachment
where our Troops both Horse
them up. We have given Directions
Chief at that Place to muster

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the best Rout for them to take &c We should be glad if Your Honor &c. would do the same

We are

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Honble Sir &c Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servts

Robt Palk & Council

P.S. We have a
Aurengabad
Buschels of

already a Vaquil at
who may attend to this
forwarding Dispatches

17 Sent the following Letters to Major Campbell Com
-manding the Army &c to Captain Wood at Tritchinopoly

Charles Campbell

ing the Army.

Sir,

In Consequence of your Representation of the Necessity for another Field Officer in Camp We have ordered a Major's Brevet to be prepared for Captain Wood to bear date 16th Instant and He is now ordered to join the Army wherever You send a proper Person to Command on his absence at Tritchinopoly

We are

Your most Obed.t hble Servants

Robt Palk & Council

Wood
at Trichinopoly

Sir,

Major Campbell having represented the Ne-
-cessity of another Field Officer in Camp & General Clarence having recommended You to be appoin-
-ted a Major's Brevet will be sent You to bear date the 16th Instant. You are therefore to proceed to with, as soon as Major Campbell shall send a Person to Command at Trichinopoly during

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to enter into the Service there be those who do not
will have a better Opportunity of being sent Home
either in the Kings or the Company's Ships as all
shall be under the Necessity of procuring Passages
for the Officers the sick of the Men of General Draft
Regiment as may not be inclined to engage in
the Service when they return from Marattas —
Letter from Captain Single of the Royal Charlotte
and as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George —

Honible Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Single
delivering a Bill
for necessaries
procured for the
Detachment on
the Royal Charlotte

After my Departure from Bombay I found
one of the Tanks sent on Board there, found to be
Troops very Leaky, at my arrival at Telliecherry
applyed for Casks to supply the place of one
(the other two only containing 10
not got any which obliged me
where I got 8 Leaguers Wh
& filled up every thing I could
And as the Troops beg
board I thought it necessary
Provisions. I could for the
Bullocks 4 large Hogs 8 Goats
which was all I could procure
was there the enclosed is a Bill
I hope your Honors will order to

Madras
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Honible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obt. Hble Servt
Jno. Single

The Commissary
to examine and
adjust the same

Agreed that the Commissary do examine the
Account delivered in by Captain Single & procure
from him the necessary Vouchers regarding the same
& that the Tanks & Leaguers purchased at Co

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demanded from him — And it is resolved to
recommend it to the Gentlemen at Bombay always
to make the Captains of Vessels transporting Troops
by Sea the usual Allowance of 2 Rupees p.r Day for the
diet of each Officer and ½ Rupee p.r Day for that of
each private Man, as this Method is attended with
much less trouble as well as Expence —

Bay Credit for
Amt. of Stores & Charges of Transport &
the Troops —
the Nabob to be debited
for the whole —

It is agreed that Credit for Them as well as for the
Freights of the Vessells and all other Charges of Trans-
=porting the Troops to the Coast be given to the Bom-
=bay Presidency and that the Amount of the whole
be carried to the Nabob's Account —

Robt Palk
Thos Lawrence
W.m Brereton
Sam.l Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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Thursday 24 May — At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr Governor President
Stringer Lawrence Charles Bourchier
Samuel Andley
Charles Turner — John Lewen Smith
George Stratton

Mr Fairfield indisposed

Read the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding ther Army —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & Council

Letter from Major Campbell —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Applies for 2000 three Wt Shott

I have this day desired the Clark of Stores to indent for 2000 three Wt Shott or 1000 if that number cannot be spared. I hope You will be pleased to order them to be sent with all Expedition —

Captain Black Brigade Major had 200 Horse Shott under him the 29th of last Month which was going from me with Orders. I hope the Honble Board will please to order Payment for them, as he was killed on actual Service — I have the Honour to be with the utmost respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obliged & most Obedt Hble Servt
Char. Campbell

16 May 1764

The President acquaints the board that He had in Consequence of the above Letter wrote to the Storekeeper at Chingleput to send to Camp the Shott indented for by Major Campbell —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter he received Yesterday from Captain Clark Commanding at Tellicherry

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
Governor & President of Fort St George

Letter from Capt Clark

Sir

I have are Accounts come to Arcot since I

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Advises of the Incursions of the Enemy's Horsen the Great Province

cannot find by whom) That there is a Semidar of the Cawn's, passed the Gate at the Pass of Tolem with 2000 Horse 400 Seapoys and some Colleries and are laying Waste the Country; the People at Arcot are in the utmost Consternation and are coming here by thousands Mess Saut sent his Family & Effects here last Night if there are any better Accounts I shall send them to You — I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t & humble Servant

John Clarke

Yellow
22d May 1764

The President informs the Board that He had immediately on the receipt thereof sent Orders to the several Out Garrisons to be upon their Guard and had directed Captain Clark to send a few Seapoys to Arcot, if he could spare them as that Place is but very weakly Garrisond — Which is approved of and as the Farmers are now getting in their Crops, this Detachment of the Enemy's may do very considerable Damage in the Country particularly in the Conjeveram Districts — It is therefore ordered that a Party to consist of as many men as can be spared with two Field Pieces be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march on Case We should hear any Thing further of the Enemy, & the General is desired to order Major Donald Campbell to proceed with them. And as our whole Force at present in Garrison consists of no more than 270 Effective Men including the Marines of His Majesty's Ships — It will be out of our Power to send the Detachment to Bengall as determined in last Consultation — The Gentlemen at Bengall are therefore to be informed of Our Intention as well as of the Reasons which prevented us from carrying it into Execution, & to be assured that We shall as soon as our Situation will admit of it send them

Action to be made in readiness to march out to m

detached and 2 Field Detachment prepared to Bengall

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Assistance in our Power —

The Commissary General lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Tingle in reply to one wrote him by Order of the Board —

To Charles Bourchier Esqr.

Sir,

I recd yours of the 23d inclosing Your Sea Store Account of Stores at my arrival here I received an Order from the President & Council here to follow all Orders I receive from Mr. Christian Brouner there who has an Order to deliver all the Troops Stores &c on Board on consideration of which I gave him a List of Stores the Provisions & Cookroom Furniture except Coals given in to the Board the 22d Instant & the Ship's equipage for which I have Captain Brouner likewise 27 Chests of Arms 708 Barrels of 5984 Shot a receit for which I was disappointed on Account of Mr. Brouner setting out for Cuddalore immediately on receipt of a Letter from his Master signifying that the Gentlemen were ready for them to Madras as soon as possible to Stand to Arms in case of Attack

The eight Lascars I purchased at Cochin are ready to be delivered to Your Order

The Provision sent on board at Bombay for the use of the Detachment I have one Fourteenth of them the Sole Provision which was delivered out daily (with one of my Officers to prevent Embezzlement) according to the best Calculation I could make as I had no Instructions, Weights or Measures regarding it —

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One of the Casks of Arrack wanted 6 Inches the fresh Provisions I purchased at Cochin lasted four Days.—

There was no regular Survey of the Provisions condemned on Board when the Casks were opened the meat was deemed not fit for use & by Order of the Commanding Officer of the Detachment was ordered to be thrown overboard which was immediately done.

Likewise to the Amount of about 10 Bags of Bread was found in the Bottom of the Bags not fit for use which was likewise by Order of the Commanding Officer thrown Overboard

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant

Ja.s Tingle

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Ordered that Captain Tingle's Bill be discharged and that Copies of the Letters that have passed on the Subject be transmitted to the President and Council at Bombay—

Tingles

be sent

to Bombay—

The following Instructions for Mr. James Bourchier are now read & signed & Ordered to be delivered to him.

To Mr. James Bourchier

Instructions to Mr. Bourchier—

Sir,

The Dispute between the Nabob & the King of Tanjour regarding repairing the Anacut & the Banks of the River Cavery, hath been of long standing in many are the Applications We have had from the latter concerning it, and We have taken great Pains to settle it to their mutual Satisfaction—

The many & Weighty Reasons We have for desiring to put an End to it have induced Us to appoint You to proceed thitherin Order that You may by taking a Carefull View of the Anacut & of the Breaches of the Island West of Seringham & also of the Country adjacent that by making particular Enquiry

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regarding them You may be able to give such Infor-
-mation as will enable Us to judge how far the Hono
request
should be complied with.—

We have great Cause to imagine that the repre-
-sentations on both Sides are not founded entirely
on Truth & Reason. The King hath probably asked
-ed more than the Nabob can grant without an Inju-
-ring his own Country & the Nabob is over kept te
tenacious of his own Privileges to comply with the
Kings Request as far as in reason he ought.—

In Order to assist You in Your enquiry & obser-
-vations You have herewith the Letters & Papers that
have passed on the Subject.—

We desire both the Nabob & King of Tanjore
to send proper People to You to explain what
one may grant without a material Injury
own Country as well as what the other may
expect as the Cultivation of Tanjore ente-
on this River.—

The Anicut or Bank West of Maloo
Spit of land runs out into the Coleroon & divi
into two Rivers & by that means form a the
wants frequent Repairs to prevent the sand
Rivers joining at present it supports itself very
well, but it is apprehended if a great Weight
of Water was to come down the Bank would be
endangered the Bed of the Coleroon being much
deeper than that of the Cavery only separated from
it by the Sand Bank composed of Wood, Straw
Mud &c.a.—

With respect to the Breaches in the Island
of Seringham near the Pagodas, they are occasioned by
have been made in the last three Years by the Waters over-
-flowing the Banks of the Cavery & by that means
running into the Coleroon so that the Bed of those
Breaches is 8 Feet from the Surface having a steep

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Descent into the River, the Rajah's Request that these Breaches may be filled up & levelled with the Surface of the rest of the Island, which he assures tho' the Nabob would not permit him to do it that he promised nevertheless to do it himself & accordingly a Number of Coolies have been employ'd but it is said by People who ought to be impartial that the Work has not Substance or Weight sufficient to support the large Body of Water that may soon be expected and besides that the Earth which composes this narrow & unfinished Work is light Sandy & unsettled.

You will as soon as you are able transmit to us an Account of the result of Your Enquiry & remarks regarding this Affair with every particular Circumstance in Your Power which can give us any light into it.—

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Rob[t] Palk & Council

St George
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General Lawrence acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Bullock had been particularly recommended to him as a brisk active & diligent Officer & that if the Captain Lieutenancy in the Cavalry Vacant by the Promotion of Captain Fitzgerald is to be filled up Lieutenant Bullock is next for that Preferment— Agreed that as He is the eldest Subaltern in the Cavalry a Captain Lieutenants Commission be made out for him.—

Lt Bullock appointed Capt. Lieutenant of Cavalry

Read a Letter from the King of Tanjour as entd in Country Correspondence N[o] 2 accompanying Bills for 2 Lacks of Rupees being the Ballance due on Account of November last & setting forth the Necessity there is for repairing the Breaches in the

Letter from the King of Tanjore sends Bills for 2 Lacks of Rupees the ballance due on Acct of Nov[r] last

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Anacut and Cavery to enable him to discharge his other Visits.—

Ordered that the receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Robt Palk
Stringer Lawrence
Ed Bourchier
Sam Ambrose
Chas Lemoine
Geo Stratton

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Dispatched the following Letter p Pallamcotta to Bombay

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay

Enclosed is a duplicate of our last address
to You. — We have ordered Credit to be given your
Presidency for the Amount of the Stores received on the
Royal Charlotte as well as for the Freight of the Vessel
& other Charges of transporting the Troops to this Coast

The Royal Charlotte after having Convoyed the
Troops & Stores at Manicapt arrived here the 19.th Inst.

We herewith transmit to You a Copy of a
Letter from Captain Tingle to us with the Commissary's
Answer thereto by our Orders & Captain Tingle's reply —

We cannot here help observing to Your Honours &c.a that
We think it would be attended with less trouble as well
as Expence if the Captains of Vessels transporting
Troops by Sea received the establish'd Allowance of
3 Rupees p Day for the diet of each Officer & half a Rupee
p Day for that of each non Commissioned Officer & private
Man during the Time they are on Board. —

We have paid Captain Tingle at the rate
of two Rupees p Day for the diet of each of the Officers
who came with the Detachment —

Enclosed is a Letter from Your Honor &c.a
from the President & Council at Fort William

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Rob.t Pulle & Council

Fort S.t George
25 May 1764 —

The following Letter was also sent to Fort William —

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

We have received your Letter of the 16.th April

and are much concerned to hear there is any Probability of Shuja Dowla's Espousing the Cause of Cossim Ally and renewing the Troubles. as We are sensible that any Reinforcement of Troops, be it ever so small wou'd in such Case be of very material Service to You, We had requested of General Lawrence to form a Company of all the effective Men being about 70 out of the re=mainder of Colonel Monson's Regiment & to order them to You by the first Conveyance, & they wou'd ac=cordingly been embarked the Royal Charlotte had not We received Intelligence that a considerable Body of Troops belonging to Usoff Cawn had entered the Arcot Province & were laying waste the Country; and as We had on Account of the Expedition to Madura been obliged to drain all the out Garrisons of every European that was fit for Duty & to leave but a very small Number of Sepoys in them, We have been [illegible] the Necessity of ordereing a Detachment of all [illegible] Men that can possibly be spared from hence [illegible] ready to march at a Moments Warning to an[illegible] of the Country which may most require their A[illegible]=tance — The whole Force at present of this Gar[illegible] consists of only 270 Effective Men including the [illegible] from his Majesty's Ships, Your Honor &c. therefore must be sensible how unable We are at this Juncture to send You the Men We proposed, But You may be assured that We shall as soon as our Situation will admit of it give You every Assistance in our Power; & if the Troops which have entered the Province shou'd retire We shall immediately send You the reinforce=ment we intended —

We are
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants
Rob.t Palk & Council

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27 Came in the following Letter from Major Wood Com=manding at Trichinopoly

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President and Governor & Council &c.a &c.a of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Majr Wood

Your Favour dated the 17th Instant I have the Pleasure to receive last Evening acquainting me of the Honor of my being appointed to the rank of Major & now take this Opportunity of returning You my most Thanks & Acknowledgements which I sincerely beg your acceptance of: & shall, always endeavour to Merit your good Opinion in doing my utmost as far as I am able for the Welfare of your Service, wherever I may have the Pleasure to be employed by You: & agreeable to your Requests shall set out for Camp on the receipt of Major Campbells Orders—

I have the Honor of being with very great Esteem and Regard.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very devoted and most
Obliged humble Servant
John Wood

Fort St. George
May 1760

29th Recd the following
Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army,
the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & Council &c.a

from Major Campbell

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor of your Favour of the 15th
Yesterday afternoon I got two Batteries to fire upon
a Redoubt which the Enemy had on the West Face of the
Fort, by dark it was so much beat that two Compa-
nies of Grenadiers were ordered to storm it but tho'
it was within reach of Grape Shot from the Walls, they quit
it on the approach of the Grenadiers after firing
a little Musquetry without hurting any body. I have
now a Party in that Work & People employed repair-
ing it, as it will be a Post of great Consequence to
cover the Flanks of our Trenches & Shut up their West
Gate being quite opposite to it. Ensign Houghton was

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were killed & 20 Seapoys killed & wounded in covering our Batteries in the Morning —

A Report is just brought to me that the Enemy have abandoned & demolished their Redoubt on the North Face so that now they have no Part of the least Consequence without the Fort & indeed none at all near to the Places our attack is to be — This Night We begin a Battery to enfilade the West Face one is already finished to enfilade the South Face so that from this Night I will reckon the Siege begun & from the Spirit & willingness that appears in the Officers & Soldiers I flatter my self it will be carried on with such Vigour & Resolution, that Success must speedily follow & as I observed in my last to the President I doubt not but before the Month of June will determine the Fate of my I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Camp before Madura
22d May 1764 —

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obliged & most Obt
Humble Servt
Chas. Campbell

Saturday
2d June 1764

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President &c
Stringer Lawrence Charles Bouchier
Charles Turner — Samuel Ardley
George Stratton — John Lewen Smith

Mr. Fairfield indisposed

General Letter from the President & Council at Bombay read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Gen.l Letter from Bombay —

Since We wrote you the 19th Inst. by the Royal Charlotte duplicates of which Letters are en-

Joining great hopes of reducing Madura before the End of June

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enclose Intelligence rec'd regarding the Affairs in Bengall

enclosed We have received your Favour of the 17th Inst & this serves purposely to enclose Copy of some Intelligence received the 23d Inst by the Way of Surat from a Priest at Lucknow which has been since confirmed with some further particulars by several private Letters from Chinsura to Surat particularly in one to Hadoby Cawn a Man of good Connections at the Court of Delhi & gives us Grounds & Reasons to believe it true which at this Juncture when the Gentlemen at Bengall have stripped themselves to afford Assistance to the Affairs upon your Coast is particularly unlucky & renders it an indispensable Duty in us to exert our utmost Endeavours to send them a speedy Succour but the large Supplies of Men & Stores We have already sent to both Presidencies in the Course of this Year puts it out of our Power to reinforce them in the Manner We could wish & the Exigency of their Affairs seems to require. We however immediately communicated the above Advices to Major Munro Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Troops now here & Captain Collins of the Weymouth & at the same Time strenuously set forth the Importance it would be of to our Hon'ble Masters Affairs, if they could proceed to Bengal with the respective Forces under their Command. The former has accordingly agreed to go with the remainder of the 89th Regiment, but We have not yet determined on accepting the unprecedented Conditions on which Captain Collins offers to proceed with his Majesty's Ship Weymouth We shall however very shortly embark the above Men & send as large a supply of Gunpowder & other Warlike Stores as our small remains will admit of our parting with & We take this earliest Opportunity of communicating the above advices

Purpose sending Round the Highlanders

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and our Resolutions thereon that You also may pursue such Measures as You may judge most Eligible & the Situation of your Affairs may admit of as the present Critical Emergency seems to demand every Aid and Assistance which can possibly be afforded from any Part of India

We are

Bombay Castle. Honble Sir & Sirs
28th April 1764

Your most Obedient Servants
Chas: Desmondelon
W: A: Price
Chas Watts
Cecil Boyyer

Copy of the Letter to be sent to Bengal

Ordered that the Receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged & that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the President & Council at Fort William

Read the following Letter from the President & Council at Fort William

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

Letter from Bengal advice that Shuja Dowla is advancing within 10 Miles of Patna—Major Carnac with the army obliged to retreat to Patna for want of Provisions—Some Desertion of y Enemy plundering the Country

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last dated the 16th Inst. Shuja Dowla with the main Body of his Forces has advanced to this Side of the River Soan within 10 Miles of Patna, Major Carnac having been obliged to return near that City not being able to get sufficient Supplies of Provisions when he was further advanced. Some Bodies of the Enemy's Horse have dispersed themselves in different Parts of the Country & made Incursions on this Side of Patna so that there is great Appearance that the Provinces will suffer a most destructive Ravage whatever may be the Event of the War.

As We are in Want of a further Supply of Cannon for our new Fortifications We request

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The Guns of the Panther to be sent to Bengall

of Commodore Tinker to spare us as many as he conveniently could out of such of his Majesty's Ships as are ordered to return to Europe. The Commodore in Consequence now sends Directions for the Panther to leave her lower Deck Guns & Shott, and We request Your Honor &c.a will please to Unload them & forward them to us by the first Opportunity granting the usual Receipts to the proper Officers of the Ship. We are

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servts
Henry Van Sittart
Warren Hastings
Rand.r Marriott
Ralph Leycester
John Burdett

P.S. We have received Your Letters of the 7th & 10th Ults.o & We shall give Notice to the Agents for the Nabob's Donation to see the Share paid to those Men of the 84th Regim.t who have enlisted at your Presidency.

As the Detachment of the Enemy which had entered the Arcot Province have retreated, the General is requested to order all the Effective Men of Colonel Monson's Regiment with a proportionable Number of Officers to hold themselves in readiness to embark for Bengall on the first Conveyance which offers: & the Gentlemen there are to be advised that as soon as Madura is reduced, We shall send them all the Assistance in our Power.

The Effective Men of Col.o Monson's Regt. to embark for Bengall by the first Conveyance

Read the following Letter from the Chief &c.a at Vizagapatam

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

Letter from Vizagapatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now the Pleasure to reply to Your esteemed Favor of the 21st Ult.o & beg leave to assure Your Honor & c.a Council, that all due attention has been paid to the forwarding of the Packets which have come to our hands; & We shall always endeavour to continue as speedy a Conveyance as possible & as We a few Days ago found some of the Tappies to the Southward

dilatory, We immediately replaced them with others whom We hope will be more Expeditious—

Advice of a large body of Morattas being near the Nulla Pass

By advices this Day from the Killedar of Vellore-nagaram, We are informed that a body of about 10000 Morattas are near the other Side of the Nellore Pass & the Killedar is under great Apprehensions of their entering this Province but as the Season is too far advanced & the Rains shortly expected to set in, makes it appear somewhat doubtfull.

We are now taking such Measures as are necessary on this Occasion but We are greatly distressed for all Kind of Military Stores having now fit for use the Gun Carriages are most of them so bad as not to be able to bear more than once Firing & We have but very few Flints & most of our Musquets are without Bayonets, The Sea and River Gates are entirely open & no ways defensive so that We are now securing them for the present with Palisades; & We shall endeavour to erect Bastions in such Cases as may be necessary and Have the Honour with all due Respect—

Desire a supply of Musquets, Flints & Gun Carriages

are setting up Palisades for their Defence

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Fort St George
19.th May 1764

John Smith
W. Barker

Orders in Consequence

As We do not look upon Triplicane as capable of making any Defence against a Body of Troops; The Gentlemen there are to be directed not to put the Company to any unnecessary Expence in making new Works: And ordered that some Flints be sent to them, with regard to the Carriages they have already been ordered from the other Department to make them up there. They having in their Letter to the other Department dated 23.d May informed us that they had entertained two French Deserters from the Country Powers, they are to be examined

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No deserters to be entertained at Vizagapatam

That We would not have them entertain any Deserters for that Place but to give them Subsistence & to take the first Opportunity of sending them hither or to Bengall as the Season may best serve —

Letter from Mr. Pyne at Vellore read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk
President & Governor of Fort St. George
&c. &c. Council —

Letter from Mr. Pyne at Vellore Hospital burned

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 30th. May in the Evening a Fire broke out in one of the Hospital Godowns (by what Accident I can get no Information) in which was the Hospital Cloathing, it came to so great a head before it was discovered that a small part only of the Cloathing is saved: The Surgeon has delivered to me a particular Account of the Loss which I enclose to you Honors &c. I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed. hble Servant

George Pyne

Godown with the Cloathing down —

Vellore
1st. June 1764

A List of the Hospital Cloathings in the Godown the 30th. May the day the fire happened & further was Saved —

	In the Godown	Saved from the Fire	Good before the Fire	Repairable
Coats	200	30	30	39
Duffels	100	5	5	15
Beds	200	15	15	34
Pillows	300	25	25	35
Shirts	200	30	30	69
Gowns	200	20	20	40
Drawers	200	20	20	9
Pillow Cases	200	30	30	43
Caps				

13 Cotton saved & Mattrass

William Gordon

Vellore
1st. June 1764

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Order in Consequence

Ordered that Mr Pyne be directed to send in an Estimate of the Expence of rebuilding the Godown which was destroyed.—

Letter from Mr Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly read as follows—

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & the Gentlemen
of the Council of Fort St George

Letter from Mr Floyer

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of Major Campbell's desire of having the Powder sent to Camp from hence as expeditiously as possible no Time has been lost in compliance therewith, as 100 Coolies cannot be procured in this Place, without the greatest difficulty within three Days. I could not prosecute my first Intention of sending the Powder to Camp in Earthern Potts; but as Major Campbell desired me to think of every expedient, which might conduce to a speedy arrival there, I immediately procured [illegible] 66 lb Bags of coarse Cloth [illegible] & lined with Wax Cloth & afterwards put [illegible] Bag I thought not only secure, [illegible] the whole being covered with a [illegible] Tarp[illegible] the most expeditious Method of conveying the Nabob's Powder to Camp; in this Manner I [illegible] many Barrels as I could get I sent to the Amount of 1300 Barrels by three Escorts in six Bags, & have now 500 more ready in these Bags; but by a Letter received yesterday from Major Call; he desired me to send no more to Camp untill I received further advice thereon. I shall therefore discontinue sending a further supply untill I hear from Major Campbell. This Manner of my sending the Powder has been approved of and Major Call adds that the Bags will when empty serve as Sand Bags which are wanted— The Expence attending these is very trivial in comparison to Barrels or Basketts

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its consisting only in the Price of the Coarse Cloth & the Pay of Taylors to make Bags thereof, for the Gunney Bags into which they are put belong to the Nabob who at my request supplied me with them at his own Charge. I shall do my self the Honr to transmit You an Account particular of this Charge as soon as I have completed the number of Bags wanted to contain all the Nabobs Powder, in the mean Time I hope I shall be so fortunate Honble Sir & Sirs to meet with Your Approbation herein, as I have no other Motive in so doing than the Good of the Service —

I have altogether received from the Nabob to the Amount of 1700 Barrels of Powder in part of his Engagement for 2000 as I am daily receiving it as fast as it can be weighed off. I hope to receive the whole quantity in two or three Days —

For want of Wax Cloth to cover the Bags now filled with Powder, I some Days ago requested of Major Campbell to send me as expeditiously as possible, as many Wax Cloth Covers as he could meet with from the Barrels already sent to Camp. I expect a supply thereof before they can be in further Want of Powder from hence — This induces me to request You will be pleased Honble Sir & Sirs to order 200 Pieces of Wax Cloth & 25 Maunds of Candles / having just received an Indent from the Clerk of Stores at Camp signed by Major Campbell for 20 Maunds & having none remaining in Store / to be sent me as expeditiously as possible for the use of the Army & this Garrison —

I remain with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull &
most Obed.t humble Servant
Charles Floyer

Fort St. George
the 2d May 1764

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing Letter I have recd 200 Barrels of Powder from Mr. Pyne at Tellore —

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Stores to be sent to Trichinopoly.

Ordered that the Stores applied for by Mr. Hay-ward and the Clerk of Stores be forwarded as soon as possible.

Enquiry to be made regarding the Compts lains posessed by the French round Cuddalore and Karrical in the beginning of 1749

As the French may shortly be expected on the Coast to take possession of the Comptoirs ceded to them by the Treaty of Peace. Agreed that Mr. Sewen Smith who is appointed Chief at Cuddalore be directed to make the most particular Enquiry regarding the Limits they possessed about Pondicherry in the beginning of the Year 1749 that We may on their arrival be able to ascertain what is to be delivered up: and the Gov-ernor is to be desired to send some proper Person to assist Mr. Smith in this Business. Mr. Brom-ley is also to be desired to make the like Enquiry re-garding the Villages possessed by the said French at that Time in the Kingdom of Tanjore Karrical and he is to be requested to send some proper Person to assist him therein.

Capt. Clark at Tellour sends in an Indent for Stationary

Read a Letter from Captain Clark Command-ing at Tellour enclosing an Indent for Stationary Agreed that Captain Clark be informed that it is a Standing Order that all Commanders shall be allowed half a Pound of Stationary which the Paymaster will pay him on his drawing for it.

Robt Palk
Stringer Lawrence
Ed Boscawen
Sam Treby
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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Sent the following Letter to Fort William & Snow Carrier

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governor &c.a Council at
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

By the first Vessels from hence We pur-
-pose sending You all the serviceable Men of Col.o
Monson's Regiment & 1000 Stand of Arms &c as
We have great reason to expect Madura will fall
before the End of the Month. The Bombay Detach-
-ment of Artillery & Infantry and what other
Troops can be spared from hence shall also be
embarked as fast as Conveyances offer, as We have
too much reason to fear from Your Advices of the
7th Inst.o just now received, You will have occasion
for all the Assistance We can send.

When the Panther returns from Trincd
-malee We will apply for the lower Deck Guns
Shott &c.a ordered by Commodore Tinker to be landed
for your Presidency, enclosed is a Copy of your last
Letter from Bombay, We shall forward that
now received from your Honor &c.a immediately

We are, Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.ts
Rob.t Palk & Council

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2d June 1764

Dispatched the following Letter to Bombay & Bengal

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay

We have been favored with your Letter
of the 28th April a Copy of which We have trans-
-mitted to the President & Council at Ft William.

It is indeed very unfortunate that
Affairs both here & at that Presidency should
at the same Time stand in so great need of Assistance

We however do not conceive that the reinforcements We have had from thence can have dispensed them as We have already sent an equal Number of Men to their Assistance & We consience to send them every Man We can possibly Spare —

We have great reason to hope that Madura will fall before the end of this Month, We shall then be able to assist them more effectually & they may be assured that every Means in our Power shall be exerted for restoring Peace and Tranquility to our Honble Masters Possessions in Bengall — We are

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. Hble Servts
Rob Palk &c. Council

Thursday 7th June

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esqr Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Peploe
Charles Turner — George Stratton
Mr Smith absent

The President laying before the Board the following Letter from Mr Brouwer at Tranquebar

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor of the Coast of Choromandel
&c. at Fort St George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Brouwer —

I arrived this Morning from Trichinopoly a French Brigantine, belonging to private Merchants arrived the 31st Ult. at Negapatam from the French Islands. Captains Ramsay & Rufell Came over as Passengers in the said Vessell no news of any Consequence at the Islands only that the Ships were getting ready Loading some Merchandizes Timber & other necessaries

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for Building, one of the said Ships is for Bengall the three others for this Coast, but shall not sail till the arrival of more Ships & money from France.

This Moment a Portuguese Frigate from Goa is arrived here having on Board Mr. Heigle some Officers & about 180 French Men, also the Bishop of Mirroma, only Mr. Heigle is come ashore with some Officers the remainder tomorrow what Steps they will take I will acquaint your Honor immediately. I have acquainted Mr. Heigle's arrival Major Campbell, Major Wood & Captain Billingham. The remainder 180 Barrels of Powder of 700 Landed at Porricall will set out for Trichinopoly tomorrow, also some Shott.

Agreable to your Orders I shall send Mr Bourchier an Exact Account of the Stores &c landed at Porricall from the Royal Charlotte

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obed.t & Obliged

humble Servant

Christian Broome

Tranquebar
3.d June 1764—

Resolution in Consequence—

Tho' We hope Mr. Heigle is arrived too late to be of any material Service to us off Cauveripatnam it is not impossible he may endeavour to throw himself into Palamcotah, Mr. Brouwer is therefore to be desired to watch their Motions as narrowly as possible and to give Major Campbell immediate advice if he apprehends any Thing of that Nature, He is likewise to be desired to inform us what Reception Mr. Heigle meets with to the Southward & to give us any other Intelligence he may be able to procure—

Detachm.t of 96 Rej.t to desert to Bengall on y Fort St. George's own

The President acquaints the Board that the Fort St. George Snow will be ready to Sail for Bengall about the 14.th Instant & will be

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able to accommodate the Detachment of Colonel
Monson's Regiment proposed on last Consultation
tion to be sent Hither provided a part of the Cargo
is taken out, which Captain Baker the Owner of
her had informed him would be about 1500 Tuns
out of his Way to which he hoped the Board
would make up to him. Agreed that Captain
Bakers proposals be accepted as no other Vessels
will [illegible] as it is of the utmost Importance
[illegible] arrive in Bengall
with all Expedition — In Consequence of which
the following Letter was [illegible] delivered to General
Lawrence —

To Stringer Lawrence Esqr
Major General & Commander in Chief
of the Land Forces in India

Letter to Gen[l] Lawrence
in Consequence

Sir,

As We have to [illegible] such reason to apprehend
that Affairs in Bengal [illegible] stand in need of every
Assistance We can [illegible] from hence as there
is a Part of Colonel Monson's Regiment now here
which We think may [illegible] ed, We have ordered
You will be pleased to order all the Effective
Men of that Regiment with a proportion of
of Officers to hold themselves in readiness to
proceed on the Fort St George Snow which will
be ready to sail about the 15th Inst:, Workmen
to Rapieres that there Assistance is not wanted
they will have more Opportunities of proceeding
being to Europe from thence than from this Coast

We
with the greatest Esteem
Sir
Your most Obed[t] humble Serv[ts]
Robert Palk Stephen

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Orders for the distribution of the Army after the reduction of Madura

As We have great reason to hope that Madura will fall before the End of this Month, Major Campbell is to be directed immediately on the Reduction thereof to order all the Bombay Detachment both Artillery & Infantry to proceed to Tondi or some Place to the Southward where they may be provided with Boats to come hither without Loss of Time in order that they may be sent to Bengall as soon as possible. He is also to be directed to send Major Preston with a proper Force to reduce Palamcotah &c after leaving a sufficient Number of Men to Garrison those Places. He is to proceed with the rest of the Army to Caddalore by Way of Porrianpollam to give the Nabob an Opportunity of settling with that Polligar. And as Conveyances will be wanted for transporting the Troops to Bengall, It is agreed to request the Nabob that the Ships Saubet Jung lately purchased by him, be detained for that purpose.

Lt James Hamilton of 9th Infantry resigns his Commission.

General Lawrence acquainting the Board that Lieutenant James Hamilton of the Infantry had on Account of his being suspected of Treachery & Unfaithfulness in going on Service resigned his Commission.

Robt Palk
Roger Lawrence
C. Brandrith
Rich. Smyth
Sam. Ardley
Chas. Turner
Geo. Stratton

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Sent the following Letter to John Lewen Smith Esqr
at Cuddalore

To John Lewen Smith Esqr
Chief at Cuddalore

Letter to Cuddalore

Sir

As the French may shortly be expected on the Coast to take Possession of the Comptoirs ceded to them by the Treaty of Peace. It is highly necessary that the exact boundaries or Limits round Pondicherry which they professed in Janry 1748/9 should be ascertained in order that they may on the arrival of their Commissaries be delivered. You will therefore procure all the Information in your Power regarding them. We have wrote to the Nabob to send a proper Person to point out to You what they really professed at that Period of Time as well as by what Titles or Grants. And you are -sire You will send us the most particular Account You are able of the result of your Enquiry.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends
Robert Palk & Council

Fort St. George
8th June 1764

Came in the following Letter from John Pybus Esqr Chief at Masulipatam

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
for the Military Department at
Fort St. George

Letter from Mr Pybus

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Since my last of the 4th Inst. Setanunnaude advises that Sea- has moved his Camp to the Distance of about 30 -tyanunnaude Miles from the Fort of Munglatore & 'tis reported had removed from shortly cross the River of Rajahmundry.
Munglatore

I received a few Days ago the Letter I have now the Honor to enclose Row from Boyadeta

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Supplies Baseles Jung with 10 Boats

requesting to be furnished with Boats to assist a Party of his Troops in crossing the River to join him which I thought it prudent to comply with him lest a Refusal might have exposed the Circar of Nizampatam which joins to that of Guntoor to Plunder & he has hitherto shewn more attention to prevent his People from committing any Disorders in the Companys Limits on my Application, than I could have well expected from him, I furnished him with two Boats hired from some Merchants in the Place for this Purpose at the Rate 14 6/12 Rupees p Month & sent him an Account of the Expence attending them, but I was under a necessity of promising to be accountable to the Merchants for the Hire of their Boats if not paid by him before they would consent to let them go on this Service which I hope Your Honor &c.a will not disapprove as the Expence if defrayed by the Company cannot amount to any Thing considerable—

I hear nothing further of Nizam Ally's Motions or Designs since my last. I am very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient & most humble Servt

John Pybus

Masulipatam
7. June 1764

9th The following Copy of a Letter was this day received from Bengall enclosed in one from Mr. Vansittart to the President

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.

President & Governor & Council of

Fort William.

Gentlemen

Copy of a Letter from Major Carnac to Govr. & Council at Fort William—

The united Forces of the Enemy who were exceeding numerous & had with them a considerable Number of Cannon presented themselves before us early Yesterday in Order of Battle and after Cannonading sometime at a Distance began a little before Noon a very vigorous & warm Attack, Sambre with the Choice of the Infantry, supported by a large Body

of Cavalry made an Attack upon our Front but not being able to advance upon so heavy a Fire as We gave them they lay under Cover waiting for the Success of the Assault upon our Rear where the Enemy directed their principal Efforts, it was Sun Set before We had compleatly repulsed them, Our People were extremely fatigued with the Labour of the Day & having been up most part of the preceding Night in Expectation of the Attack that they were not able to pursue the Opportunity of the Dark to carry off their Cannon. I had enough to do to look to every Quarter, as I was obliged to divide my attention between the City and the Nabobs Camp & our Post, all the principal Officers distinguished themselves in their respective Stations, & I cannot say too much of the good Behaviour of the Army in general & in particular of the Seapoys who sustained the brunt of the attack. The Enemy must have met with an immense Loss as our Fire was very close & extremely well directed I have not yet been able to get an Exact account of ours — in Europeans it is inconsiderable, Captain Nottikens & Lieut.t Gardener are the only Officers wounded, but both dangerously the former has recd such a Wound as it is thought will occasion the Loss of a Leg & the latter has had both his Legs broke. I wait with Impatience to know what effect this Success will have upon the Designs of the Enemy — I am with great respect

Your most Obedient Hble Servant

(sign'd) Peter Carnac

Camp near Patna
4th May 1764

Mr Van Sittart in his Letter to the President further advises that the Enemy retreated 8 Miles the Night of the Action —

Dispatched the following Letter to Pattaman to

Bombay —

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To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council at
Bombay —

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed We have the Satisfaction of trans-
-mitting You a Copy of a Letter received this Day from
Bengall, Mr Van Sittart is advised for Certain
that the Enemy retreated 2 Miles the Night of the En-
-gagement, We hope this great Event will give such a
turn to Affairs there as to establish our Honble Masters
Possessions once more in Peace & Quietness —
The Attack of Madura goes on extreamly well
& with very little Loss & We hope in a few days Time Master of
it being in our hands — We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Servants

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St George
9th June 1764 —

to Arrived this Day His Majestys Ship Weymouth from
Bombay which brought the following Letter —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council at
Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is duplicate of our last
of the 20th Ultimo, since when We have been favored
with your Letters of the 3d of that Month & are sorry to
find the News of the Dissatisfaction of our Army in
Bengal thereby confirmed & that the Gentlemen there
had on that Account detained the Succours they
intended sending You, but We flatter ourselves the
Situation of your Affairs will soon be such as to en-
-able You to send a large Reinforcement to Bengall
which is the more necessary as repeated Country
advices by Way of Surat mention the Preparations
making by Cossim Ally Cawn & the latest say that
he with the King, Vizier, & two Rajahs were actually

advanced within 30 Corse of Patna with an Army of 125000 Men. This alarming Intelligence would induce us immediately to afford them considerable Supplies of Men and Stores, but the repeated and daily Reinforcements We have already sent to Your Presidency & Bengall in the Course of this Season puts it entirely out of our Power to furnish them with more Men than the Remainder of His Majesty's 89th Regiment with which Major Munro has Commanded to proceed as above duly noticed: We have accordingly freighted a Ship for conveying them & some Stores thither as We did not deem it proper in the present Emergency of Affairs to embark them in their Ship the Weymouth under the Restrictions & Difficulties started by Captain Collins particularly as her going to Bengall seems to be very uncertain — We are

advices of the Detachment of High-landers going round to Bengal

Bombay Castle
12th May 1764

Honble Sirs &c &c Sirs
Your most Obedient Servts
Chas Crommelin
W. A. Price
Chas. Watts
Samuel Court
Cecil Pratt

Tuesday
12th June 1764

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr Governor President &c
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner, George Stratton

Letter from Mr Floyer Paymaster at Sadrinapoly reading as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & the Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Floyer

I have the Pleasure to inform Your Hon Honrs

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Nabob delivers the Powder

Few days ago the whole amount of the Nabobs Powder for which I have given him a receipt —

Of the seven hundred 100 lb Barrels which were landed at Harrical from the Royal Charlotte 200 have as Yet only arrived here which agreable to Major Campbells desire, I immediately forwarded to Camp & shall as the remainder arrives continue sending it thither —

Besides the 300,000 Musquet Cartridges which Hon.a since sent to Camp agreable to your Order & Lre of 6th Sir & Sirs under date 28th December 1763. Major Campbell informs me that he shall soon be in want of a further Supply thereof, in Consequence of which I am preparing them as expeditiously as possible & shall send them to Camp as fast as they are made up —

Mr Christian Brouwer having applied to me for the Payment of 1000 Pagodas, to defray in part the Charges he has been at on Account of the Reinforcem.t from Bombay; I have paid him that Sum & shall continue to pay him any further Sums he may demand on that Account, untill I receive Honble Sir & Sirs Your Orders to the contrary. As I have had no orders relating to Sirs Accounts, I desired him to address You on the Subject, requesting to Know whether you would be pleased to have him transmit his Accounts Disbursements to the Commissary General at Fort St George: or to me to be inserted in my General Accounts.

The enclosed is an Account Particular of the Charges on Acc.t of Powder Bags made up to contain the Nabobs Powder —

I remain with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
12 June 1764

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An Account Particular of the Charges attending the making of Cloth Bags to contain the Nabob's Powder Trichinopoly 3d. June 1764

To 299½ Peices Coarse Cloth 60/ for making 164 8 Bags each Bag double Cloth 4/ each Rice making 5½ Bags @ Fan.y 25 P.c Fan.y 1487-10 D.o 42 P.c Pag.a is 178.-11.-10

To 190 Taylors D.o D.o Day each 5/ 70 D.o 13.-16.-

Total Pag.a 191.-27.-10

Charles Floyer Merchant

Ordered that Mr. Floyer do debit the Commissary General for the 1000 Pagodas advanced Mr. Brooome who is to transmit his Accounts to the Commissary General here

Letter from the President & Council at Fort St. David

Can read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council at

Fort St. George.

Letter from Bengall

Honble Sir & Sirs

The enclosed is duplicate of our last under date the 1st. Instant

We have now the Pleasure to acquaint You that Shuja Dowla's Army having continued their march to the Soane & Encamped over against near Patna on the 6d 3. in the Morning; a General Action ensued in which the Enemy where every where repulsed with considerable Loss, but We are yet uncertain what Effect this Success may have on their further Designs.

We have just now received your Letter of the 3d. 5d Instant by the Argyle Ketch together with a duplicate of that of the 1st. We are much obliged to You for Your ready Compliance with our Request for Military Stores

We have already received five thousand Rupees having been

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from the 84th Regiment who brought Companies with them as Captains into our Service on this Establishment & Lieut. Hardock shall on their Arrival never be admitted on his arrival according to the date of the Rank You have given him.—

Agree to receive Capt. Hardock on that Establishment

We are entirely of Your Opinion that the Behaviour of the Subalterns mentioned in Your Letter of the 7th. is highly Culpable and Merits the severest Displeasure. You may be assured therefore if any of them should come to Bengale that they shall receive no Encouragement from us nor be permitted to remain in the Settlement.—

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Henry Vansittart

Warren Hastings

Rand: Marriott

H Watts

Sam: Middleton

Ralph Leycester

John Burdett

Fort William
14th May 1764

Resolution in Consequence

Agreed that the receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged & that the Gentlemen there be informed that We should immediately on the Reduction of Mardanee send them the whole of the Bombay Detachment with every other Assistance in our Power.—

a Party of Hossain's Horse &c enter the Gingeam Gaut & seize a Fort—

Letters from Captain Clarke Commanding at Vellour & Captain Airey at Wandewash read advising that a Party of Hossain's Horse & Seapoys under the Command of a Jemidar had passed the Gaut at Gingeam & taken the Mud Fort which greatly Awes that Pass & which is about 30 Miles from Trinomaly.—

Orders to Major Camp-bell in Consequence

The President acquaints the Board that he had immediately on the receipt of the above Letters

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wrote to Major Campbell desiring him to represent to the Nabob the Inconveniencies of his carrying with him to Camp all the Pollygars with their Forces, when they can be of no Manner of Service to us by that means leaving all the Country exposed to the Incursions of any Body of Troops who are inclined to enter it.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Pyne Surgeon at Vellour.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Pyne

Honble Sir & Sirs

Proposes fitting up a Choultry for the Hospital

The Surgeon having represented that an open Choultry not at present made any use of might be made much more Commodious for the Sick than the present Hospital & the Builder being of Opinion that the making it so would be attended with as little Expence as the repairs necessary to be made to the latter, I desired them to make an Estimate of the Expence which they will not exceed 150 Pagodas; this Place when finished will be sufficient to contain 60 Sick.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Vellour
9th June 1764

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
George Pyne

Orders in Consequence

Agreed that Mr. Pyne be informed He may fit up the Choultry he mentions provided it will not be wanted by any of the Nabobs People and that He must therefore procure the Killedars Consent before he sets about it.

Letter from y. Nabobs Son with Bill in

Read a Letter from the Nabobs Son as under in Country Correspondence No. 125 enclosing a Bill

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Part of May List

For Pagodas 70000 being in Exchange for Rupees 245000 as a further Payment in part of May List

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged

Robt Pitt
Nunge Lawrie
Edmd Bourchier
Richd Taylor
Jam Addey
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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dispatched the following Letter to Vizagapatam.—

To Tolin Smith Esqr
Chief &c. Council at Vizagapatam

Letto Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received Your Letter of the 19th May
& as We do not look upon Vizagapatam to be capable
of making any Defence, if attacked by any body of Troops
We would not have You put the Company to any unnece-
-sary Expence in making Alterations or new Works.—

We have agreable to Your Desire ordered some
Flints to be sent You.—

With regard to Gun Carriages You have also
-dy had Permission to make them at Vizagapatam.

In your Letter of the 23d May to the other Depart-
-ment You inform us You had entertained a fear
Deserters from the Country Powers, As it is very com-
these People only come over to You in order to be fed
-ted for a small Time and then take the first Oppor-
-tunity of going off again. We desire You would not entertain any more of them, but only give them Subsistence till a Conveyance offers of sending them either to Place or Bengall as the Season of the Year may serve.— We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends &c

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Bob Palk

14 Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell
Commanding the Army—

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

Letter from Major Campbell.

Honble Sir

Purposes opening the Batteries agst Madura the 10th

I expect We will be ready the 10th in the Morning
to open against the Fort near 40 Pieces of Can-
-non & Mortars, hitherto our Work has gone on very
expeditiously & with very few accidents especially
of Europeans — Capt. Walbank was slightly wounded

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The Nabob arrives in Camp.

Yesterday. The Nabob with the Tanjore & 800 other Horse arrived the 6th at Night. I have heard of the arrival of Mr Heigle at Negopatam with 180 Europeans it is impossible he can get on here, if he intended it and I imagine, as he is on the Coast, he will be cautious how he acts: I have not of late heard any News of the Detachment of Wolf Cawns Horse, which threatened to enter the Arcot Country, if they should be troublesome I will press the Nabob to send a sufficient Number of very spare them from hence & have this Day ordered back to Trichinopoly a new Battalion of his Sepoys. I have the Honor to be with much Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obliged & most Obedient humble Servant

Chas. Campbell

Camp before Madura
8th June 1764

Received the following Letter from Captain Collins Commander of His Majesty's Ship Weymouth—

President and Council of Fort St. George

Letter from Capt. Collins desires to know if it is necessary for him to proceed to Bengal with the Weymouth

Sir and Gentlemen

I have the Pleasure to acquaint You that in Consequence of the Solicitations of the President & Council at Bombay, I have proceeded thus far on my Passage to Bengall with his Majesty's Ship Weymouth under my Command to be employed for the Protection & Defence of that Settlement. But as the Security of that Country is in a great Measure effected by the late happy Defeat of the Enemy's Army I beg to know what further Services I can render the Company with the Ship under my Command consistent with the Orders I am at present under & whether You think my Presence in Bengal absolutely necessary to the Protection and Security of the Company's Territories there—

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I have the Honor to be

Weymouth
in Madras Road
13th June 1764

Sirs & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Hble Servt
R. Collins

To Richard Collins Esqr
Commander of his Majestys Ship
Weymouth —

15 In Answer to which the following Letter was sent him

Answer to him in
Consequence —

Sir,

We have had the Pleasure to receive your Letter
of the 13th acquainting us that in Consequence of the
Solicitations of President & Council of Bombay you
proceeded thus far on Your Passage to Bengall but
that as the Security of that Country is in a great
-sure effected by the late happy Defeat of the Ene
You desire to know what further Services You can
-der the Company consistent with Your Orders; w
We think Your Presence in Bengall absolutely ne
-sary to the Protection of the Company's Territories
We have a due Sense of Your Readiness to hel
the Company, but from the late Repulse of the Enem
at Patna We are encouraged to hope Bengall will
not need any fur Assistance of His Majesty's
Ships especially as Mr Tinker who is on the Spot
has not judged such Assistance necessary.
Our President having acquainted Us of Your
Intentions shortly to proceed for Europe We cannot more
desiring You will be pleased to defer your Departure
until the Fate of Madras is decided on Bent which
must be near us in the meantime We may receive
further Advices from Bengal where a second Re
-gotiation was daily expected. We need not tell
You how agreable it will be to the Company to be
advised by You of your Success both at Madras &
Bengall &

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We have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Hble Servts

Rob.t Ball & Council

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Embarked this Day the Detachment of Col.o
Monsons Regiment on board the Snow Fort St. George
for Bengall & the following Letter was also sent by
the same Conveyance —

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

Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what We wrote You under
date the 2d Instant a duplicate of which comes en-
closed, We have this Day embarked on board the
Snow Fort St. George a Detachment of Troops as p
the accompanying Return — You have also an Account
of the Provisions put on board for their Use — With
respect to the Officers who are to be allowed two Rupees
p Day during their Passage We have left these to be
paid by your Honor &c.a as We could not ascertain
the Time they might be on board —

It gave Us the most sensible Pleasure to find
by Your Letter of the 14th May that the Enemy had been
so happily repulsed and We hope your next advices
will gave Us an Account of the Continuation of your
Success —

Our Approaches before Madura have hi-
therto gone on very successfully & with little or no
Loss, they are carried within 150 Yards & the Batteries
were to be opened with near 40 Peices of Cannon & Mortars
the 10th so that We hope a very few Days will put
Us in possession of Madura; We shall then immed-
diately forward to You all the Assistance in our
Power in order that You may be enabled to put a

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speedy & happy Conclusion to the Troubles in Bengal
& Panther from Trincomalee arrived here the 11th
Instant & are shortly to proceed to Europe, the enclo-
-sed Letter (D) from Your Honours came by the same
from the President & Council at Bombay —

We are

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
J L Smeathe
R Pullicat

16th arrived this Day the Ships Pigot from Batavia &
brings advice that the Revenge had got to Mauritius
in February & that our People were preparing to
come away, that the Seaford was arrived at Batavia
from thence with a Part of the Troops on board &
may be daily expected here —

17th Recd the following Letter from John Lewen Esqr
Capt Chief at Cuddalore —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council in the
Military Department of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the receipt of the Letter
you did me the Honor of addressing me the 8th Inst &
Person As soon as ever the Nabob sends a Perso
to give me the necessary Information regarding his
French Boundaries round Pondicherry I shall with
fail to communicate them to you together with the
other Accounts as I may be able to procure concer-
-ing them — I have the Honor to be with great Regard

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J L Smeathe

Cuddalore
16th June 1764

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Monday 18th June

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Boureher
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Andley
Charles Turner —, George Stratton

General Lawrence indisposed

Letters from Mr Floyer Paymr at Trichinopoly read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Mr Floyer

desires Mr Brouner to purchase Canvas for Tarpaulins

Major Campbell having informed me that he shall want 20 Tarpaulins (of which I have not one, nor any Canvas to make any having sent all there was in Store some days ago to Camp) I have desired Mr Brouner at Tranquebar to purchase some Canvas there, or at Negapatam for that purpose & to send it to me as expeditiously as possible that no Time may be lost in supplying the Army therewith. I prefix this Step to that of Indenting to You Honble Sirs & Sirs for this Article, as it would be impossible to be supplied therewith by the Time the Army will have occasion for it. From the same Motive I have applied to the Nabob's Son for the Loan of 10 Candies of Lead for casting Musquet Balls for the use of the Army which he tells me he will comply with if the Nabob has that Quantity in Store; I have so little remaining in this Garrison that it will very shortly be used in Casting of Balls which I take every Opportunity of sending to Camp. — I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Faithfull & most Obed Servt
Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
8th June 1764

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Postcript — Honble Sir & Sirs

This Instant arrived here 322 Barrels of Powder containing each 100 lb from Havrical which shall be forwarded to Camp tomorrow Morning

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & the Gentlemen
of the Council at Fort St. George

Letter from Mr Floyer — Honble Sir & Sirs

Desires 20 Candy of Lead may be sent him —

The Nabob's People having just informed me that He has no Lead among his Stores. I hope You will be pleased to order 20 Candies to be sent here in order to supply the Army with Musquet Balls which Major Campbell requires more than can at present be supplied him with from hence, as I have this day remaining in Stores only two Candies and a half besides some Cartridges & loose Balls which I am now sending to Camp. I remain with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & most Obedient Hble Servt

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
10th June 1764

Lead to be sent to Trichinopoly

Indent for Stores for Tellore to be complied with —

The Board approve of Mr Floyer's applying to Mr Brouwer to procure Canvas for Tarpaulins and Ordered that the Lead be immediately sent him.

Read a Letter from Mr Pyne Boatswain at Tellore enclosing an Indent for sundry Stores which is ordered to be complied with —

Letter from Mr James Bourchier read as follows.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Letter from Mr Jas Bourchier — gives an Acct of his observations regarding the Bank of the Cavery &c

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been in Obedience to your Orders accompanied by the Nabob & King of Tanjore's People to take a View of the several Places mentioned by the Latter — The first I examined is what the King of Tanjore calls Channels across the Island of Syrongham

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They can by no means termed such Yet tho' if not speedily prevented may in Time become so. The Island in that Part is extremely low which has obliged the Inhabitants to raise a high Bank to prevent the Cavery overflowing it. This Bank has been broke in two Places and the Country if the Freshes should come down with Violence must certainly be laid under Water as the Island is on a Slope from thence to the Colleroon a large Quantity must necessarily run into the latter and the King of Tanjore by that means be deprived of it. This may in Time also endanger the Pagoda of Syringham, but I wont presume positively to affirm this Circumstance tho' it may be probable. I do not think the repairing of this Bank (which indeed the Nabob should be prevailed to do the soonest possible) can be at all detrimental to the Nabobs Southern Countries any where, as it only serves to confine the Water thrown down the lesser Cavery by the Anicut in its usual Course. It is in vain I find to expect any Information from the Inhabitants here. They poor Wretches dare speak not but the Sentiments of their Masters

The Anicut is nothing more than a Spit of loose Sand at the Bottom of which there runs a long but of Grass. This appears a heap of Sand thrown there in a hurry without much design which serves to confirm in some Measure the Nabobs Story that it was done without his leave. Some Parts of this Spit or bank of Sand are very low, washed away I imagine by the Stream. These the Tanjoreians want to raise to a level and to extend the Bank still further up the great Cavery to throw a greater Share of Water down the lesser. If this should be consented to no doubt the Colleroon will be greatly diminished to the very prejudice of the Nabobs Countries on the North Banks and they must suffer much by such diminutions, & on the other

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Side, his Countries to the Southward of the Cavery are so low that it is unreasonable to imagine a large quantity of Water turn'd that Way, may do them great Damage, as the Nabob says / The Sort of Trichinopoly may also be endangered, But this I cannot pretend to judge of without seeing the Spot & come down the River, which I shall wait to do if Your Honor &c.a think it necessary.

I have the Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t & most Hble Servant
Jas. Bourchier

Trichinopoly
11th June 1764

From the Information given us by Mr. Bourchier as well as from the Accounts We have received from other Quarters We are fully sensible that the repairing the Breaches in the Bank of the River Cavery cannot any Ways prejudice the Nabob's Country, and if let alone may be of great Detriment to that of the King of Tanjour. We therefore Agree that the Nabob be prayed to order it to be set about immediately or give Permission to the King to get them repaired — And at the same Time to repeat to him the absolute Necessity there is for his keeping the King of Tanjour in his Interest as the safety of his Country will so much depend thereon — It is also resolved that a Copy of this Letter from Mr. Bourchier together with that to be wrote to the Nabob be forwarded to Major Campbell who is to be desired to enforce our request all in his Power. With regard to the Answer Mr. Bourchier is to be directed to continue there till the Freshes come down when he will be able to give us a more Satisfactory Account of the Expediency of getting the Nabob to repair it —

Opinion of Bd thereon —

The Nabob to be desired to order y Bank to be repaired —

Letters from Major Campbell & Mr. Call dated 10. 11 & 12 June read advising that their Approaches had gone on very successfully & that the Batteries

were

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were opened the 11th in the Morning & had done great Execution that they had made a lodgment in the covered Way, and that four French Officers had taken an Opportunity of coming off to us Viz.t

Colombé Lieut.t of Artillery

Boistel — Adjutant

Duisenvillien — Captain Topasses

Penient —— Lieut.t of ditto

As a Paymaster & Storekeeper will be wanted for Madura & Palamcotah as soon as they are reduced It is agreed that Mr. James Bo- - ther be appointed to those Employs.

Report from the Committee of Accounts read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c
Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

1st We have on the Honble Bay before You our Remarks on the Accounts of the Army from the Time they were last reported to the 31st of March 1764.

2d We find a great many Irregularities which however We observe have been most of them remedied on Reports from the Commissary General & the Paymasters as they happened.

3d In May last Feby last the Paymaster & Commissary have each drawn for three Assistant Conicopolies more than their Complement: And in Octr two Conicopolies are paid for attending 77 Peons Topasses & Colleries. In this Month's Account the European Artificers are introduced under the Head of Charges Extraordinary instead of Coolys Artificers &ca ——

4th We observe in the Month of January 64 Coolies are employed in cleaning the Camp; this is an improper Charge as We are informed that Part of Coolies allotted occasionally to the Quarter Master may

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be employed on this Service whenever it becomes
=essary —

5th Eighty seven Coolies are daily employed in
=rying Medicines for the Army who are not inc
in the Commissary's daily Returns to the Paymas
We notice not only of the large Number of Coolies
employed but the irregular Manner in whi
the Paymaster charges them, Part being brou
under the Head of Coolies Artificers &c & Part
6th under Charges Extraordinary —
The Taffrahs, Hircarrahs &c
are entertained to 162 In General. The Coolies M
Sepoys, Lascarrins and Hircarrahs employed
the Army stopped Account
We are very numerous —
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with respect my comp.s
humble Sir &c &c &c
Your most Obedient
Servants
6th 13 ditto to ditto
Richd Fairfield
Charles Turner
Edward Pearce
Thos Hyde
Ordered
the Paymaster a Copy thereof
to all the
=ntries complained of therein
Letter from the Nabob
=ty Correspondence N126 upon advising of
arrival in Camp and of the advantageous
=tion in which he found Affairs there —
Read also a Letter from the Nabob dated
in Country Correspondence N127 enclosing
for Rupees 20037 being in Exchange for Rupees
the Ballance due on Account of Mony Paid
that the receipt of the above Letters be acknowledg
The President acquaints the Board that

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Mr Bowen a Surgeons Mate who has been superseded is particularly recommended by the Head Surgeon in Camp. — It is therefore resolved to put him on the List of Surgeons from the 1st Instant

R. Pitt
E. Bourchier
Rich. Stringfield
Sam. Ardley
Charles Stevens
Geo. Stratton

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Letter from Major Campbell

Came in a Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army dated 13th Instant, intimating that Mr Buchanan & Capt Eley wounded

Chirurgeon Surgeons had lost his Leg and that Captain Eley was slightly wounded.

Letter from Major Campbell

19th Received a Letter from Major Campbell of the 17th advising that the Enemy had made a Sally from their a Sally made by the Enemy

and had carried off four empty Gabions but were repulsed with the Loss of about 50 Sepoys Killed and wounded — That Captain Smith and four Europeans were killed and ten Europeans wounded — and that Lieutenant Maitland had lost Leg shott off.

Captain Smith killed.

The Batteries ad. 20th Letter from Major Campbell of the 15th came in this Day with an Account of their Batteries on the East mounted to the East of the Glacis

of the Glacis being renedy for embarkd —

To Mr James Bourchier

21 Dispatched the following Letter to Mr James Bourchier

Letter to Mr James Bourchier

Sir.

We have received yours and shall in Consequence prepare repair the Boat himself, which Hairds may be done without forgetting Sergeant to do it. Hairds Assistant, We shall defer coming to Tell You can give his some further Time to procure all the Insight into the You are able — We are

Sir.

Your affectionate Rob Pallet

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The following Letter was at the same Time Major Campbell Commanding the Army —

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To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army.—

Letter to Major Campbell.—

Sir

Our President has communicated to us Your Letters of the 10th 12th 14th and 15th Instant. It gives us great Satisfaction to find Your Approaches are carried on so successfully and We hope before this reaches You, You will be in possession of the Place.—

Enclosed We send You Copy of a Letter from Mr. James Bouchier on the Subject of repairing the Banks of the Cavery and the Anacut which the King of Tanjour is very desirous of having done. Mr. Bouchier's Representation regarding the Repairing the Breaches together with what other Information We have been able to procure induces us to think that the Kings Request in this particular is but reasonable and what the latter should therefore be pressed to comply with.—

You have herewith a Copy of a Letter addressed to him on the Subject, and We desire You will do Your utmost to enforce it; and to get him to give immediate Orders either for his People to set about the Repairs or Permission to the King to do it Himself.—

With regard to the Anacut, We must defer coming to any Determination thereon till We can procure further Information, for the present We hope the Rajah will be satisfied if the Breaches on the Island are set to rights.—

We desire You will transmit to us a List of the Officers You have appointed on Camp with the dates of their respective Ranks.—

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
21. June 1764

Rob Palk &c. Council

Fort St George 22d June 1764

Sent the following Letter to Captain Collins of His Majesty's Ship Weymouth

To Richard Collins Esqr
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Weymouth

Letter to Capt Collins

Sir,

As We shall be in want of all the Cannon You can spare whether 12 lb or upwards and the Nabob having applied to Us for some 6 lb Guns for a Vessel of his now lying here, of which We have none that are fit for him. We must request You will be pleased to Order as many of those belonging to His Majesty's Ships under your Command to be landed as may conveniently be spared with a proportionable number of Shott, for which receipts shall be given in the same Manner as for the other which have already been received from His Majesty's Ships. We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt humble Servt

Fort St George
22d June 1764

Dispatched the following Letter per Pitt to Bombay

To the Horible Charles Crommelin Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council at
Bombay

Letter to Bombay

Horible Sir & Sirs

A Duplicate of our last address now waits on You —

We have received your Letter of the 12th May per Ship Weymouth which arrived here the 10th Instant —

The enclosed Letter for Your Honor &c We received from Bengall. By the last Advices from Mocha We learn that the Enemy after having been so happily repulsed, continued on the Ground to which

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they retreated the Night of the Action, That a party of about thirty Europeans & 300 Seapoys had since surprized a Detachment of about 6000 of Shuja Dowla's Army and had taken all their Camp with eleven Peices of Cannon — A Letter from Mr Van Sittart to our President of the 26th May mentions that both the Armies remained on the same Situation and that Shuja Dowla was endeavouring to bring about a Negociation with the Nabob in order as was supposed to prevent our Army from enter-ceepting him in his Retreat. The Gentlemen at Calcutta had however sent positive Orders to Major Carnac to act with all possible Vigour and to suffer no Negociation unless Cossim Alley, Sumroo and the Deserters are first given up so that We may expect daily to hear of an Action —

By a Vessell which arrived a few Days since from Batavia, We learn that the Revenge had got to Bantam some Time in February and that our People were preparing to come away, That His Majesty's Ship the Seaford with a part of the Troops on Board had left it on march and was arrived at Batavia from whence we hourly expected to hear of her Arrival

Our Batteries before Mardenz are now advanced to the Crest of the Glacis so that We hope in a very few Days to hear of its being taken —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servants

Rob Palk &c Council

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Came in the following Letter from John Pybus Esq. Chief at Vizagapatam —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In my last under date the 1st Instant I advised

Letter from Vizagapatam

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You that Scatarawroy had withdrawn from the
Fort of Mugdatore, He has since crossed the River of
Rajatamendry with his whole Army, and is him-
self Jon. informed going back to Chicacole with the
greatest part of his Troops intending to leave the
Management of the Rajatamendry Circar with Ra-
-gavarauze, the Guardian to the present Rajah of the
-dapore who is a Minor. The Fort of Samalcotah has
at length surrendered to Scatarawroy and Troops for
the [illegible] of Pourawroy, but he said he does not intend
for the [illegible] but to detain it until the
right [illegible] of Rajah who has the Legal

[illegible] Barrier [illegible]

Kistna to assist Annaji of Nundial [illegible]
ordering that Runt are returned having been employed
employed on that Service for which Shou[illegible]
Rupees 48-13 4 on account the Company as there was
no probability of their getting a Reque from Basaulat
Jung —

"For we ordered that Sevan Rhye's Son upon
coming to come into this Country or [illegible]
Scarawroy [illegible] the Subah of [illegible]

I learnt by Advices from Nizam Alley's Camp
which I forwarded to the President Yesterday, that
the Hircarrahs despatched from hence with Letters
for the Subah the beginning of April were met on
and on Camp & meet therefore have met with some
accident on the Road. They were People who had
frequently been on this Service before so that Not
is no reason to suspect them having mistaken
their Way, and as they have Families on this Coast
their Fidelity is not to be doubted — Hindoorao to
the President a List received from the Kachert &
employ on Camp of the Distance between this Place
& Bombay with the Names of the most considerable

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considerable Stages, but Apprehend there will be great difficulty in Stationing Topasses on the Road in the regular Method it is done to Bengal as they have a great tract of Country to travel through which is seldom or ever in Peace and which is Subject to great variety of Powers with whom We have no Connection, but should your Honor &c. determine upon making the Experiment I will do my endeavours to get them Stationed from hence to Ryanapore which is about half way. The rest will I conclude depend on the Gentlemen at Bombay.

There is a number of broken Firelocks Musquet Barrels, Swords and other Military Stores lying here which being entirely useless I propose with Your Approbation taking the first Opportunity of sending them to Madras. I am very Respectfully

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servants

Isaac Pybus

Masulipatam
16th June 1764

Received the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army

Letter from Major Campbell, regarding the distribution of the Army after the Siege.

Hon'ble Sir

I have mentioned to the Nabob what You were pleased to write to me concerning the division of the Army after the Reduction of Madura He is extremely well satisfied at calling on the Morrianpollam Men, but appoints no command Yet fully determine nor till he knows whether Wolff Cawn makes his escape or not, if he is taken or killed I shall make a proper Detachment for Major Preston to reduce Palamcotah tho' I imagine that Place will surrender the Instant

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they hear of the Fall of Madurea, but if it should not I think it will be very necessary that my Division of the Army remain here till Preston has invested Palamcotah & till it is known what steps the King of Travancore's Troops (who are now near Tinnevelly) will take and I do not suppose this can detain me above fourteen Days, this is also Majors Call and Prestons Opinions — but the Bombay Troops may march for Fort St. Davids immediately after this Seige is over, I say Fort St. Davids because no Boats can be got at Tondy and as many of the Men are French & Dutch I am afraid if they were to march thro' the Tanjore Country that some of them would desert to Hyder & to the King of Tanjore —

The Nabob is very anxious about the Officer who is to be left in the Command of Madura, for as it will be so great a distance from him and Madras & the Country will be for some Time unsettled he thinks it absolutely Necessary that a Person well acquainted with the Country & who will agree with his Samindars should be appointed & he has desired me to mention to You that He should be very happy in having either Major Preston, Donald Campbell, or Captain Blake. I have told Major Preston of this but he declines remaining in the Command and Capt.s Fordyman, Hart, & Mayne are all Senior to Captain Blake, but the Nabob does not seem to like either of them. I hope You will be pleased to Name some Person to the Command and if the Place should be taken before Your Answer arrives I shall relieve it daily by Detachments, but I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that Palamcotah should be dependant on the Officer who Commands Madura & there in case of any Disturbance in the Country all the Force that could be spared from both Garrisons would act

Four Commandants may be appointed Madura and Tinnevelly

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under the same Order, if You are pleased to approve of this and think proper to appoint Major Donald Campbell. I beg to take the Liberty of mentioning Freshman for Palam Colah for he has been long in the Service, & is now Sickly and very unable to endure the Fatigues of the Field —

Lieut. Whitehear and two Europeans were Killed & five Europeans wounded last 24 Hours —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obliged & most
Obedt. humble Servant
Char: Campbell

Camp before Madura
16th June 1764

In Answer to which the following Letter was immediately sent him —

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army before Madura
Sir,

Your Letter of the 16th Instant has been communicated to Us —

Answer in Consequence

As Major Preston declines the Command of Madura, Major Donald Campbell shall be appointed thereto, and We approve of Captain Freshman's having the Command of Palamcolah under his Directions —

Major Donald Campbell appointed to Madura & Capt. Freshman to Palamcolah

We leave it to You to remain a short Time at Madura after it is taken in case You find it absolutely necessary; but We desire you will do your utmost to retrench the Expences of the Army as much as possible, which You must be sensible are at present extreamly heavy; and which We have supplied not without great Difficulty —

The Disposition of the Stores will also require your Attention, such of them as can be spared & are wanted at Trichinopoly should immediately be forwarded thither — Those that are intended for

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Madras may be reserved for a Sea Conveyance from Tondi ~

It has already been signified to You by the President that the Bombay Troops are to march directly for Cuddalore; And as Madras when the Kings Ships sail will be left almost without Men or Officers, it will be necessary that a Reinforcement should be sent hither ~

Should You leave Madura before Major Donald Campbell arrives there, the Senior Officer who is to continue with him may have the Charge of the Garrison till his arrival ~ You will make an Offer of the Care of the Sick in Madura to the oldest Surgeon and if he refuses it, You may offer it to the next ~

The Gallant Behaviour of the Army gives us the greatest Pleasure ~

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t & Most humble Servants

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Rob.t Palk & Council

23 Came in the following Letter from Mr Brouner at Tranquebar ~

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
President & Governor of the Coast of Coromandel
at Fort St George

Letter from Mr. Brouner

Horible Sir

advice regarding the French landed at Tranquebar

I have been honored with your of the 1st Inst. in regard to Mr Haigle and his Detachment, they are very quiet, and not the least appearance of moving from hence, as the Paper Mill where they Quartered is not a sufficient Place to hold them all, they have begun to build some Pandalls near it: as soon as Cowry has lately remitted a small Sum of Money here to his assignificant Sepoys in order to send him some Provisions on to Madura, but none will stir on no Account whatsoever and they Cannot Agree to pay Sepoys Hire, Plenty themselves with being Masters of his Money ~

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Your Honor and the Gentlemen of the Council hav-
-ing wrote to me in regard of the Possessions We found
had at Karricall formerly; I cannot have the Honor
yet to Answer that Letter, as the Vaquit, or person that
was to come from Tanjour, is not arrived. I have Enqui-
to enquire Strictly into that Business & shall shall
lay it before Your Honor &ca in case the Man from
Tanjour does not arrive

Agreable to Your Order I have sent to Mr Bourche-
-or an Account of the Stores landed at Karricall from
the Royal Charlotte, there remains now at Karrical
only the greatest Part of the Shott & 27 Chests with
Firelocks. Mr Floyer by his Letter of the 7th instant, by order
of Major Campbell, wrote to me not to send any more
Stores (Except the Powder) untill further advice, some
other Articles which were unnecessary by landed at Kar-
-rikall, as large Kettles, Dishes, frying Pans, 2 Casks of
Beef, some Rice & Dall &ca as I knew it is of no Manner
use in Camp, I have taken the Liberty to send it to Mr
Bourchier by the Essex Captain Fell who has taken it
to deliver it at Fort St George

I recommend my self to your Favour & have the
Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obed.t obliged Hble Servant

Christian Brouner

Tranquebar
19.th June 1704

Received the following Letter from Mr Floyer Paymaster
at Trichinopoly

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

Letter from Mr Floyer

Honble Sir & Sirs

I Yesterday received a Letter from Mr Secretary
Stone under Date the 13th Instant, containing your
Orders, which shall be duely observed

I have now wrote to Mr Brouner acquainting
him that he is to transmit his Accounts to the Commissary

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General, to credit me therein for such Sum of Money as he has already received, & may hereafter receive from me — I remain with great Respect

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull & most Obed.t Hble.e

Charles Floyer

Trichenopoly the 18th June 1764

24 Came in a Letter from Major Campbell dated the 18th advising that the Mines for blowing in the Counter Scarp of the Ditch & their Batteries for breaching the Fort Bray would be ready by the 20th Instant —

Seaford arrives from Manilha

Arrived this Day His Majestys Ship Seaford from Batavia with a Detachment of the Kings 79th Companys Troops on Board from Manilha —

25 Letter from Major Campbell of the 19th advising that they should spring their Mines upon their Batteries the next Day — That Mr Hamilton Engineer and Ensign Bowman wounded —

Mr Hamilton Engineer killed

Mines Sprung & the Batteries open on the crest of the Glacis before Madras —

26 Came in a Letter from Major Campbell dated 20th advising that they had sprung the Mines & opened the Batteries which had the desired Effect & that they expected to Storm the Place on the 27th —

Tuesday 26th June

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr Governor

Stringer Lawrence, Charles Purchier

Richard Fairfield, Samuel Bradley

Charles Turner —, George Stratton

Read the following Letters from the Deputy Governor & Council at Manilha received p Ship Seaford

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George —

Letter from Manilha

Revenge arrives there

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with the greatest Concern We acquaint You that our Honble Masters Ship Revenge Commodore Watson, having lost her Passage by the China Seas was obliged to proceed by the Eastern Passage and did

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not arrive here untill the 8th Instant — In Consequence of Your Orders We are making the Speediest Preparations for our Departure, but are sorry to acquaint You that not having had timely Notice, there are not Vessels to embark more than half the Troops. the Falmouth & Siam not being in a Condition to undertake so long a Voyage at so precarious a Season besides which We should want Water Casks.

As We have received private Advices of the critical Situation of Affairs at Bengall, and that You had sent a large Party thither from the Coast, We proposed sending a Detachment of the best Troops by the first embarkation — and accordingly ordered 200 Men of the 79th Regiment and all the Artillery. We would have ordered the whole of the Regiment but the Seapoys would then have been left a Sacrifice to the Spaniards on the least dispute, as they are greatly incensed against them for the Excesses they have committed, & the Seapoys themselves are so provoked at being detained, that unless Part of the Regiment is left to keep them in awe, We are of Opinion the Consequences might be dreadfull. they have several Times threatened to lay down their Arms, & on our sending for the principal Officers & endeavouring to reconcile them to staying behind, they declared they would sooner perish than let the Regiment embark Without them but said they would be satisfied if a Part of each remained As We could not but think what they said, reasonable & the disgusting them by leaving them behind might prevent any Seapoys in future from embarking on any Expedition We gave Orders that 300 of them should embark with 200 of the Regiment and all the Artillery except 16 Men — but the Commandant Capt. Barchouse, would not suffer the Adjutant to give out the Order to the Regiment and wrote us a Letter jointly with all the Captains of the Regiment a Copy of which is enclosed — We afterwards declared

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in Council before Capt.n Brereton that he was supreme in the Command of the Regiment & would obey noneof our Orders, nor write to nor receive Letters from us. We should have put him under an Arrest, but that the rest of the Captains having in their abovementioned Letter declared, themselves of his Opinion, left us no room to doubt that in that Case We should be obliged to have served them all so — As the Men were become thro' Mismanagement very mutinous, We did not think it prudent to proceed to that extremity, and finding him obstinately determined not to let part of the Regiment proceed to the Coast, agreable to our Representations & Orders. We protested against him & ordered all the Company's Troops to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the Pocock, Revenge and London, who only wait for Provisions to proceed on their Voyage — As the Chinese will be incensed for having joined us if we leave them behind, Captain Brereton has on their Application, promised to carry them to China as it will be a lasting Motive on the Nation, and might hurt the Company's Affairs in China, to leave its Allies to suffer for having assisted them — We therefore resolve to examine the Siams & Falmouth's Bottoms, the former of which Ships is in a very bad Condition, and after repairing them to return & take on board the Regiment & remaining Stores —

We shall leave Mr Parsons and an Assistant with what Money will be necessary, the rest of the Cash We shall send to the Supra-Cargoes at Canton —

As the Spaniards insist on the Sovereign's Order being complied with by delivering up both Manila & Cavite, We shall demand a Place of Security for the Troops that remain till Nov.r or December — We are

Manilha
18.th March 1764 P.S.
On their Ship proceed 2 Officers & 20
Private of y.e Artil.y & 2 Y.e and 30 Men of the Company's Military —

Honble Sirs & Sirs — Your most Obed.t hble Serv.ts
Dawsonne Drake
Francis Jourdan, Henry Parsons
Wm. [illegible]

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To the Governor and Council
at Manilha

Gentlemen

Letter from the Captains of the 79th Regiment.

In Consequence of Your Request yesterday at Council, I called together all the Captains of his Majesty's 79th Regiment who are now under my Command in Manila & laid before them Your Request with regard to dividing His Majesty's 79th Regiment & sending a Part to the Coast of Coromandel Resolved as follows —

After the most serious Consideration Weare unanimous in Opinion that His Majesty's 79th Regiment should not be divided for the following Reasons. First that We have not received any Orders from His Majesty with regard to the future disposition of His Regiment. Secondly that the Regiment by a length & severity of Service are reduced to a low Standard & a number of those at present in Hospitals in the most weak & dangerous Condition, We therefore think it unsafe to divide them as the whole appears to us scarce sufficient to secure his Majesty's Colours from Insults in this dangerous and distant Part of the World —

I have likewise called together my Council and laid before them your Letter dated this Day where You say — "That the Chief want either at Madras or Bengall will be Europeans, as Seapoys are easily raised and Captain Brereton having represented to the Board, Yesterday that (notwithstanding the Condition of his own Ship) the Ships under his Command were ready for Sea & should proceed where they could be of most Service to the India Company's Affairs —

We therefore request and desire that You will immediately address Captain Brereton that He may take His Majesty's 79th Regiment on board the Moment after the Conquest of Manilha is given

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up and proceed with the utmost Expedition to the Coast of Choromandel or such other Part of India where He may be most useefull for the Honor & Service of Your Masters — We are

March 11th 1764

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Hble Servants

Tho: Backhouse
Jere: Sleigh
Fran: Du Pont
Tho: Sefton
William Ruffell

To the Worthle George Pigot Esqr
President & Governor &c. & Council
at Fort St George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Manilla

We had Yesterday Morning the Honor to address You: In the Evening the Spanish Deputies waited on Us to deliver Packets which had been sent from his Majesty to the Commanders of his Sea and Land Forces for the Restitution of any Conquests that may have been made of the Catholick Kings Dominions on these Parts & brought by Aguapulco, by Senor Don Francisco de la Torre appointed by the Court of Spain, Deputy Governor of these Islands lately arrived from thence. And the Spaniards having promised a general Pardon to all the Chinese, Captain Brereton has acquainted Us he intends to make a push for India, if He can get away before the End of the Month, all our Hon:ble Masters Troops, Seapoys and Lascars will therefore embark as soon as We are supplied with Provisions on His Majestys Ships the Tilmouth, on the Sea the Revenge, the Admiral Peacock & the London, excepting a few Lascars that are to remain with Capt Backhouse who still refuses to divide the Regiment, notwithstanding the most correct Representations. He has requested us to leave with him two Officers 2 Men of the Artillery & six Hon:ble Masters Ammunition for the said Guns which as the Spaniards deny Us Cartridge or any other Means of Strength We shall fully comply with & the Schahs of every one that will remain must be exchanged whereon We depend on Your sending as early as possible another

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Number of Ships to carry them away — We imagine they will be about 500 —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servants

Manila
19th March 1764

Danvonne Drake
Henry Parsons
Wm Stevenson

Read also the following Letter from Capt. Backhouse of the 79th Regiment. —

To the Honble the Governor and Council
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Letter from Captain Backhouse —

I beg leave to lay before You the Situation of His Majesty's 79th Regiment now under my Command, It consists of 435 Rank & File of which upwards of 100 Men are Sick in Hospitals, Barracks &c. exclusive of Invalids. The Governor & Council applied to have 200 or 250 of such as are fit for Duty embarked on board the Admiral Pocock and Revenge, without having secured any Place of Safety by Promise or otherways for such as should be left behind on this Island till the arrival of Ships and change of the Season which cannot be less than 8 or 9 Months —

His Reasons for refusing to divide the Regiment —

Consider Gentlemen in the present Situation of Affairs We cannot hold any Place by Force, therefore the most that We can expect is a proper Place to encamp on or an open Village for a Cantonment. in such Situation with 200 Men embarked; I am left with 100 Men sick & 100 fit for Duty to guard them & his Majesty's Colours in an open Field surrounded with innumerable blood thirsty Indians & many thousands of exasperated Spaniards & Mistezes, to those the Seapoys who are left by constant Marauading & acts of Cruelty will give daily Cause for Murders and hostile Measures — were a general Massacre to take Place, tho' in the midst of profound Peace I am

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too apprehensive it might be justified by the World when the transactions from the Conquest to the present Time comes to be laid open in a just View.

Being ever willing & ready on all occasions to do the best in my Power, & not relying wholly on my own Judgement in this Affair, so soon as this inconsiderate request was made I advised with the Captains of the Regement they were unanimous in Opinion that the Regt could not be divided & a Part of them May with safety, but earnestly desired that the whole might be carried away our Opinion & Request We sent to the Governor & Council: this I apprehended would have been sufficient, but those Gentlemen have since urged their Arbitrary Opinions without giveing one Reason to support them.

When the Report of being divided took Wing the Non Commissioned & Private Men of the Regiment were almost distracted & every one called out against being left behind. The best disciplined Regements when they are a certainty of being reduced or disbanded grow contentious, this certainty has comparatively been propagated since the unreasonable Declaration of Suspension of Arms. The fatal Note proceeded from a Liberty generously by the late Commander to the Lieut.ts to secure Men for Companies in the Horible Company's Service, this has been the Cause of Debauchery & Desertion without the appearance of one advantage to Your Service, You have certainly lost Men by it, but cannot have gained any. but to return to my allotted Situation with 100 sick Men & 100 fit for Duty, by discontent & the Spirit of Desertion I should (in all human Probability) soon be left with my Officers to guard the Sick & His Majesty's Colours, as many of the Seapoys who deserted joined Commissaries, those are now changed into large Bodies of Robbers who infest the Woods and Country, these very Free Booters would & will (I am afraid) draw off many of the Seapoys who are left and some Europeans.

My Situation & the Reasons I have given must I flatter myself, appear to Your Gentlemen sufficient for the Objec-

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Objections made with regard to dividing His Majesty's Regiment — four days ago I received certain Intelligence that Don Francisco de Torris is arrived from Spain & was then landed on the South part of this Island, that he is appointed Governor of Manilla & has brought dispatches from his Britannick Majesty for the delivering up this Conquest. This is not only confirmed to me by M. Anda's Commissaries but made certain by a Paragraph of a Letter wrote by the Captain of the Ship on which he sailed to one of his Brethren here.

If his Majesty's Intentions are that such of his Regiment as chuse may stay in your Service, You may be fully assured that all the Justice in my Power shall be done with regard to discipline & every Thing else during the Time that they remain under my Command. Since my arrival in India I have never separated The Honor & Interest of my King from that of the Honble Company, in this You shall find me Steady to the last. But at the same Time give me leave to assure You Gentlemen upon my Honor & Soul that I would not be connected in the same Manner with the present Governor & Council for 6 Months longer for the whole Treasure of the East were there a possibility of getting clear of them —

Some few Days after I took the Command of the Troops I went to the Magazine or Store Magazine & found the Chinese Coolies emptying it of Paddy as fast as they — could — I immediately represented to the Governor and Council the Necessity there was to keep Grain in the Garrison — I told them that exclusive of what might be wanted for our own Consumption, that a large quantity should be reserved for the use of the Ships that We had reason daily to expect to carry us to the Coast, I likewise represented that such Ships as came either from the Coast or China would not bring Rice for the use of the Troops knowing this to be an Island that afforded Plenty of that Grain: Those Remonstrances had no Effect

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Paidy bore a good Price and the Magazines were soon cleared of upwards of 20,000 Cavans — this soon reduced me to the Necessity of Hunting for our daily Support the Expence of Men in this Service will appear by the Returns & that of Money by the Companys Accounts when the Revenge arrived there was not a Cavan of Rice in Store. Captain Riddell with the Locock & Capt. Watson with the Revenge cannot be put to Sea for want of this Article —

In the honest Justification of myself & Measures I must declare to You Gentlemen, that if I had follow=ed the Advice of that Governor & Council of Manila in Mili=tary Affairs & put in Execution their Plans of Operation since the 6.th October 1763 the Result & Consequence thereof must have been a Rupture between the Courts of Britain & Spain 100,000 Dollars Expence to the Company & the De=struction of most of the Troops, without the Appearance of one Single Advantage to the Publick, or the addition of a Cavan of Rice to our Situation with respect to Provisions

Gentlemen upon 14.th of this Inst.t I was called to Council soon after my arrival at the Palace in walking about the Room before the Green Cloth was laid & before Pen Ink & Paper was introduced, I fell into Conversation with M.r Drake, who bluntly told me he did not know any Command I had, & made use of many more Ridiculous & ungenteel Assertions; he was seconded by Captain Stevenson, I replied with some warmth & told them that such Meetings were so disagreable & destructive to my Health that I must decline them & likewise answering their Letters not being able to write. This Riotous or warm Conversation past; The Table prepared after which We took our Seats with Sen.r Solgado one of the Spanish Deputies. The only Thing discussed at the Board was that the Oyadores of the Royal Audience shou'd acknowledge him M.r Anda to be the Head this Claim was committed to Paper, Sign'd & the Council dismissed

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-during some Vacant Intervals while We sat at the Board I observed Captain Stevenson & Mr Jourdan transmitting something to Paper, some space after our Departure, I told Captain Brereton that I was apprehensive some Minutes had been taken which were not read, he replied that it could not be that he knew of none We returned & to our great Surprize found all that they could say the least hold of in the Conversation before mentioned painted in their worst Dress with many Additions committed to writing & entered as Minutes of the Council without mentioning a single Sentence of their own Discourse or Assertions - at the Bottom of those Minutes I entered a Protest against such Illegal & unjust Proceedings. I now Complain to You Gentlemen of such Procedure & beg leave to where such Secret Measures are practised no Man can be safe as a Conversation that happened a Month before might been introduced as Minutes of that Council with the same Propriety & secreted in the same Manner -

At Present I am very much indisposed the Trouble that I am obliged to give You adds much to the Afflictions and Pain of —

Gentlemen

Your most faithfull & most

Obed.t Hble Servant

Tho.s Bachelier

Madras

7th March 1765

Return of the Troops at Manilha dated the 1st March there were then there including Officers

From the Return of the Troops at Manilha dated the 1st March there were then there including Officers

Royal Artillery	60	
Company's ditto	37	
79th Regiment	613	
Company's Troops	110	
Cabalé ditto	65	
Lascars	103	1468
Arrived in the Seafond		
Royal Artillery	15	
Company's Do	6	
Company's Troops	34	55
Remain.d to come away exclusive of Lascars		1413

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Considerations on the Methods for getting them away

It gives Us the greatest Conn that the Panther & ... did not proceed to Manilha & the Revenge was so late ... she arrived there, as We had great Reason to hope that ... whole Garrison might, their Assistance have been ... -dy ann this Season. From the present Situation it app... very doubtfull whether the whole or what Part of the Troop... will be able to come away or when they may be expected. The Deputy Gover and Council say that all the Compa... -ny's Troops are come away on the Admiral Pocock ... Revenge and London, If that be possible which We can... not think is, Captain Brereton who they inform Us, in... -tends making a push for the Coast, if they can get away by the End of April may certainly without any Difficu... bring away His Majesty's Troops on the Falmouth & Sea... especially as the latter is a very large Ship; at all Events ... which We have already dispatched thither will ... de to take on board the Remainder & proceed directly ... the Eastern Passage, but least they should not be able to rea... Manilha by the Time they purposed & which We indeed ... fear there is too much Reason to apprehend they will not ... as it was thought they would find great difficulty in procu... -uring Provisions & Captain Brereton should in that case ... proceed to China to refit as he had before determined. It ... is not be possible for the Pitt to carry away the whole of ... the Kings Troops — We should therefore be glad if any one ... of His Majesty's Ships could be sent immediately thither ... But the President having discoursed with Capt.n Collins ... on the Subject acquaints the Board that Captain Collins ... informs him that not one of the Ships are in a Condition ... to proceed thither — All We can the — fore at present do ... till We hear from Manila is to request of General Lawrence ... to send to ... Captain Backhouse to permit such of ... the Men ... 4.th Regiment as are willing to enter into ... the Comp.d on ... vice to embark on board the Pitt for this ... Place & inform ... se who are not inclinable to enter ... Corps at the same Time go on board the first Ships which

will be ordered to call in their Way to China from whence they may proceed to Europe; unless the early arrival of some of the Coast & Bay Ships should put it in our Power to send one or two of them to assist in bringing the whole to the Coast at once.—

Letter from Captain Brereton Commander of His Majesty's Ship Falmouth read as follows.—

To Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Letter from Captain Brereton

It is matter of very deep Concern to me that I have not been on a good footing with Your Representatives at this Place, You will see by the Letters that has passd between us who was the occasion of this Misunderstanding, and when You consider that His Majesty (jealous of his own Honor & tenacious of that of His Forces) has commanded me on all occasions to support his right & Prerogative, You will not wonder that my natural Disposition to social Harmony, should give way to indispensible Duty.

Complains against Mr. Drake

Mr. Drake's Publick Treatment of me as the Representative of His Majesty in these Seas, is so tyrannical & imperious that I think it my Duty to lay the Case before him to do me Satisfaction, but as Mr. Drake has been instrumental to my being insulted by another of Your unworthy Servants, I must beg leave to lay that Case before You, that You may chastise the Offender.—

In June last, I found the Garrison in great Danger from an Attack Licence that debauched the Soldiers, at which Time We were under continual Alarms from the Enemy, who sometimes penetrated even into St. Rogue which occasioned my sending out Parties from the Garrison to beat them off in order to preserve that Village that supplied us with our daily Provisions, more than once in Time of Exigence, I found the Troops left in Garrison) incapable of their Duty, and as I knew the Enemy

were laying in wait for an Opportunity to surprize the Garrison / Senor Anda having offered the Captain of the Rogue 25000 Dollars to assist in Securing a Body of Men in his & the neighbouring Villages, to march in with the Artificers early in the Morning, for that purpose / I represented the bad Consequences that attended the selling Arrack for thirteen Hours in the Bounds of our Garrison) to the Governor & Council, who would not at first consent to my abolishing the Arrack Licence. however as I knew the Sobriety of the Troops We had to defend it, I found myself under the Necessity of prohibiting the Sale of that Liquor, under pain of Death. This Prohibition had a very happy Effect, for the Soldiers who were before daily punished for Drunkenness & neglect of Duty, now became watchfull and Sober.—

Altho I had found it necessary to shut up the Arrack Shops to prevent the Troops from being debauched yet upon Solicitations from the Clergy & Principal Inhabitants in the Town I indulged them with having a certain & necessary quantity of that Liquor in their Houses for the use of their Families only.—

The Maistres (or Foremen) of the Artificers having represented to me, that they thought it hard that their Men should be denied their usual Refreshment I gave Permission to these Foremen to have a sufficient Quantity of that Liquor in their Houses, for the use of their different workmen which was issued out by them to the People after their Meals in order to prevent an abuse of this Indulgence.—

About this Time Mr Drake succeeding Mr Kennedy an Obstacle to his oppressions & making Money in the Parian, formed a scheme of turning him out of his Post & He was according by suspended, as these Oppressions began before Mr Cornish left us, He gave it me in charge to endeavour to seek Redress for all those that Complain

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to me: and Mr. Kennedy having Furnished me with the Defence he intended to make, & implored my Protection, I sent to Mr. Drake to acquaint him, if he did not cease to persecute poor Kennedy, I would represent his Case to the India Company. whereupon the Affair was hushed up. He however meditated Revenge & set Mr. Nodes (Deputy Paymaster at Calista) to work, to find out if I was not a Bird of the same Feather; & if possible to collect matter, to pick a Hole in my Coat —

The Master Carpenter living near Mr. Nodes He saw the Workmen go there after their Meals for their Drams, finding on Enquiry I had given this Permission He acquainted the Governor of it, with an Insinuation of his own that the Company (he thought) might enjoy the benefit of the Licence as well as me. Mr. Drake having made a private Agreement with the Arrack Farmer, to share one third of his Profits & being disgusted at his Gains being curtailed; sent for two or three of these People, (in a brutal Manner peculiar to himself) & secretly pumped them to know if they had a Licence from me to sell Arrack & whether they paid me any Thing for it, &c.. not content with their Confessions in the negative, they were sent for again by a dirty Fellow, He calls his private Secretary at nine in the Night, closetted & threatened with what the Governor & Captain General would do to them if they did not confess the Truth; The poor People having confessed the Truth before held fast their Integrity & the next Day came & acquainted me with all that had pass'd & I found by their Depositions on Oath, that he had not the least Shadow of Pretence, for his very insolent Enquiry.

As I thought Mr. Drake had behaved very much unlike a Gentleman, I held it a dishonor to have any Connection or Correspondence with him but when the publick Service required it & thereupon resigned the Government of Cavelo to their Management & wrote them to that purpose as I did not chuse to lay my reputation open to the

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Intrigues of a Man who I am convinced has no Idea of the Word Honor. whereupon the Governor & Council en-closed me Copy of a Letter from Mr Nodes to Mr Drake & an Extract of another Letter from the same Mr Nodes, Copy of which I now send You. with other Letters from him to the Officers of the Garrison at Carical & one to myself—

and Mr Nodes

Mr Nodes had sunk himself beneath the Character of a Gentleman, by betraying the private Conversation at my Table, had it been true; but You will see by the Letter from the Officers of the Garrison that he had em-bellished his Letters to the Deputy Governor with some flourishes of his own. therefore I could not help treating him & the Information He had given the Deputy Governor with the Contempt I did. & I believe Your Gentlemen (who know me well) will join with me in thinking, I could a mark of him to the Deputy Governor & Council more [illegible] richly deserved. It was however productive of [illegible] infamous Letter from him to me & those two to the [illegible] of the Garrison of Carical. I am persuaded Gent[illegible] will Blush at the Treatment His Majesty's Off[illegible] have experienced from the Company's Agents here, who I believe imagine themselves out of the reach of their Superiors & sentiment, however I shall rest a full Confidence in Your making a publick Example of this Mr Nodes by turning him out of Your Service otherwise I shall have the disagreeable necessity of representing his Behaviour to His Majesty, who I flatter myself will never expose His Officers to the Hazard of receiving such Indig-nities, as have been offered to me; from a Person under-ally had obligation to me for the distinguished Civilities I had shewn him on acct of his being the only Civilian residing at Carical.—

Desires Mr Foullet may be sent home from hence on his arrival in England.

Mr Foullet (who has been the principal Source of all our Wrangling) being on an Ill State of Health I think proper to send him to India in the Admiral Cock under the Care of an Officer—should Admiral Cornish

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have left India & there should be no Man of War on the Coast, I beg the Favour You will send Mr Faillet to England the first Opportunity & acquaint Admiral Cornish of it.

Your Agents here will no doubt acquaint You that We have at last availed ourselves of the Suspension of Arms which We might have enjoyed in August last.

I am with great Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Hble Servant

W. Brereton

Falmouth off Cavelon in the Bay of Manitham 5th March 1764

Extract of a Letter from Mr Nodes to the Governor

Disputes between Mr Brereton & Mr Nodes

He accuses the Governor and Council, of having never acted towards him with a proper Deference and Respect: but on the contrary, treated him in a scandalous & ungratefull Manner, in return for the many favours which he has often shewn them even at the risk of his Commission; the Advice he has been so obliging as to give them; on several Occasions, they have always been obstinate & foolish enough to reject. He cannot help pitying You for the unhappy Consequences to which You have exposed Yourselves in not delivering up Mr Faillet to his Summons, for which You Sir, will be inevitably tried by the Court of Admiralty. Mr Brooke was ridiculed in a most ludicrous Manner for having altered his Opinion concerning Mr Faillet & laughed at as having wrote a long Letter about nothing at all. That the Governor & Council had led themselves into many Errors by imagining themselves Primaries whereas they are but Secondaries. They do not consider (says he) that I am here the Representative of His Majesty, what do they know or ought to know of my Private Instructions. He had several Times given to understand that the Proceedings of the Board were so surprizing Ridiculous that I should not wonder if they should be obliged to retire to Cavita, to which Captain Leighton replyed — that if that was even the Case they

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should be no more a Governor & Council or be acknowledged as such upon which the Castilians answered in the Affirmative & with an Air of Approbation seemed to applaud his Observation.—

A true Copy of the Extract transmitted me by the Deputy Governor & Council of Manilha

W Brereton

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.
Governor of Manilha

Sir,

Enclosed I send You the Receipt for the Money sent me and at the same Time take the Opportunity of giving You a Peice of Information which in Compliance with my Duty I cannot omit. As I am not ignorant of the many Applications & Endeavours made by Capt. Brereton & Council to abolish the Licence given to the Arrack Farmer & Quantity of that Liquor being sold at Cavita, to the common People, I must acquaint You, that since He has obtained the Point, which with so much assiduity he pursued there has been full as much & I may venture to say even a greater Quantity sold in this Town, which our drunken Garrison can give Too many Instances of, several have been detected & Confessions have been made to me, that it is by Captain Brereton's Sanction that they sell Arrack; not to the Soldiers but to the Maylayes thro' which means our People are never at a Loss to furnish themselves with as much as they chuse, I know nothing of the particulars of these Licences, I only acquaint You with what I do know, as I think the Company might as well enjoy their Benefits as any Body else— I am with much Respect

Cavita 10th August 1763

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Nodes

a true Copy
W Brereton

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Gentlemen

Without the least partiality or Prejudice on either Side, We take the Liberty, as well in the Defence of our Characters as that of Truth & Justice which We are sorry to say it is so little regarded, that it's become a Sanction for every False Aspersion, forced to a Firm belief by the mean Insinuation of every dirty Scoundrel —

We cannot help taking notice of a Paragraph in a Letter enclosed to Captain Brereton, wherein We are Stiled the drunken Garrison by that Fiend of Hypocrisy Nodes, which in Justice to ourselves as well as the Troops under our Command, We think it our incumbent Duty to take publick notice of & not to suffer the Scurrilous & unlicensed Tongue of that Sneaking Puppy Nodes to asperse Characters of Gentlemen in every Respect so much Superior to Him —

We must now Gentlemen take Notice of that Part of his Letter which concerns Captain Brereton affirmed as the minutes of his Conversation at his Private Table, but however plausible Gentlemen the Truth of such Aspersions may appear to You —

We Gentlemen whose names are hereunto subscribed can make Oath, that to the best of our Knowledge We never heard Captain Brereton Declare at any Time any Thing disrespectfull of the Gentlemen in Council at Manilha:

We cannot help expressing our great Surprize at such dirty Proceedings to stir up the Coals of Former Animosity; and find our selves under a Necessity of acquainting You that the said Nodes has taken more Liberties with the Characters of the Governor & Council of Manila (in publick as well as private Conversation) than any other Person would chuse to do —

We are

Gentlemen

Your[s] &c.[a]

A true Copy

W. Brereton

Sign[d] by the Officers of the Garrison at Cavite

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To Captain Bishop, to Lieut. Popple
Dixon, Scott, Pitts & Ensign Spencer.

Gentlemen

I am greatly at a Loss to discover what unaccountable Motive could induce You to write so unbecoming a Letter, as that (which I am informed) You sent to the Governor & Council in detraction of me: had You not been influenced by the vile Persuasions & Malicious Reports of one who holds me in the greatest Aversion, You never could have been guilty of such rash & Precipitate Behaviour, Permit me to tell You Gentlemen, It would have been but consistent with the Friendship subsisting between Us, had You suspended villifying the Character of Mr Nodes, in so publick a Manner, (if You had founded your Assertion upon a better Basis) But he who has been the Instigation of it (however deservedly Beneath his Notice he is pleased to speak of me) shall be made Answerable for his vile unmanly Behaviour —

I think it necessary (& therefore I write) to convince You that my Assertions in my Letter to the Governor (which I understand seems to give You so much Offence; could in no wise be alluded to any of You, my Expressions were to this effect. "That as a proof that there was as "much Liquor as ever sold at Carnatic, our drunken Garrison furnished Us with fresh Examples every Day." As it is not to be supposed the Officers bought Liquor at the Arrack Shops; consequently it could reflect upon none neither was it meant to reflect on any one else but him who permitted it to be sold — after he had taken so much Pains to abolish the Company's Arrack Farmer; The Duty I owe to the Service I am in as well as to those under whom I immediately act, teaches me on all occasions to espouse their Cause: Capt Brereton's ungentel & underhanded Treatment to me as well as to those

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Gentlemen & the Questions, which have been put to me relating to him, was certainly sufficient to extort from me every Circumstance of His Behaviour; and I am willing at any Time to assert upon Oath, what I have said concerning him; but You Gentlemen that have no Cause to declare Yourselves my Enemies, is a Circumstance that gives me the utmost Astonishment.—

That the Voice of Infamy cannot prevail where Justice holds her Seat is to me above all the greatest Consolation & relieves me from the uneasiness which Captain Brereton's scurrilous Letter to the Board might otherwise have given me, I must confess my only regret is to think I should have so many Enemies in a Place where I am obliged to reside, I can only assure You Gentlemen that if I have at any Time done the least prejudice disservice to any of You, It has been foreign to my Intentions, my greatest Happiness has always been to see Harmony subsist among us, neither has any one been more anxious to bring to a Reconciliation the little Wrangles & Disputes which have from Time to Time occurred than

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Humble Servant
[sign'd] John Nodes

Manilha
2d. Sept. 1763

a true Copy
Whereof I, Pitts.

To Capt. Bishop Lieut. Fa. Spencer
Dixon, Popple & Cra. & Co.

Gentlemen

Capt. Brereton I presume was the author of Your Intelligence relative to my Letter; His Constructions which could not be the most favorable on a Person whom he holds in so Contemptible Light naturally induced me to suppose that Yours might have proceeded from his Mistaken Information.

Had I not been surprised at Your endeavoring to affect on Your Characters certainly I should be surprised at Your endeavoring to censure mine; but to take publick Notice of a Thing, before Yourselves

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were sensible of it's Voracity was greatly deviating from the Rules of common Friendship, however Gentlemen be it any satisfaction to You I do again declare I meant not to allude to any of You neither can the severest Eye draw any such Conclusion from the Letter I sent.—

Had I affronted You or called any of Your Characters in Question, I should not hesitate to make a proper acknowledgement, but since I have not nor ever intend'd it, sure it is sufficient that I tell You so: If You are yet resolved to continue my Enemies, I have no other Consolation than that which I receive from my Conscious of never having given You occasion: If on the contrary You are inclined to act on the Part of Friendship my desires will be reciprocal & my Words & Actions agreeable thereto— I am

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Humble Servt

(Signd) John Nodelson

Coveta
10th Sept. 1763 (a true Copy)
W Brereton
Captain Brereton

I had the Curiosity to peruse You last Letter to the Governor and Council which for it's indecency of Style & (Stink) Scurrility of Language is the most remarkable Piece I ever saw; to say any Thing in defence of any Character when endured by one who has no regard to veracity would be quite needless & unmanly for me to reply to Your ingenious abusive terms wod ad Concurring upon myself the Imputation of a dirty Dirty Fellow, Let it suffice then that I observe to You that had not the Company's Interest & my Duty to the Service as well as to those Gentlemen who You have treated in so wide a Manner obliged me to make known Your Proceedings, Your underhand & ungenteel Treatment to some would alone have been sufficient to have exhorted every Circumstance; Were I disposed to recriminate against me a body of Officers on Action mean & pitiful in their Behaviour in Consequence I place to Your Account.

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. For this & the rest of Your good Offices You may be assured of meeting with your Reward in due Season & altho' Your Station in this Place may for the present Protect You from the Effects of a just Resentment Yet I always hope & trust to find a favorable Opportunity to Chastise Insolence —

Should You in the mean Time have any Thing to say I am

Sir

Your humble Servant

(sign'd) John Nodes

Manilha
3d Sept.r 1763

a true Copy
W. Brereton

Orders in Consequence

We are much concerned that such Misunderstandings should have arose between his Majesty's Officers and our People at Manilha, We must however defer coming to any Resolution with regard to the Complaints alledged by Captain Brereton against Mr. Drake & Mr. Nodes till their arrival with respect to his Request concerning Mr. Faillet Captain Brereton did not at the Time he wrote the Letter know that Mr. Cornish had sent Orders for him to be set at Liberty, which were upon the Revenge & in Consequence it appears he has been released —

Read the following Report from Committee of Accounts

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Accounts

1. Our last Reports on the Accounts of the Paymasters at the several Out-Garrisons was brought down to the 31st Dec.r 1763 We have since examined them from that Time to the 31st March 1764 —

2. We have nothing to remark except on the Accounts of Trichinopoly for the Month of January where the Expences for Match Cloth &c.a appear very high; however on Referring to the Paymaster's Accounts particular Expences attending the Train, We find nothing to object to except a Charge of 135 Fathom

of 2½ Inch Coir Rope for the Laboratory Which We cannot but take Notice of as We do not know what use Cordage of so large Size can be put to in the Laboratory.—

3. The Account of Powder remade at Vellore which Your Honor &c.a were pleased to refer to Us not appearing sufficiently clear, We wrote to the Storekeeper for one more particular which he hath furnished Us with & which We think fully Satisfactory.—

4. Mr. Floyer's Letter of the 29th of March in Answer to some Remarks of ours on the Trichinopoly Accounts contained in a former Report, We have agreeable to Your Ord. duely considered; some of the Irregularities We pointed out to Your Honor &c.a he represents to have happened before His appointment & others He has made to appear to have been unavoidable; Upon the whole We are of opinion his Accounts may be passed. The Establish of Lamps at Trichinopoly as regulated by the Commandant & Paymaster Nov.r of March We think reasonable. We are with Respect

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Horible Sirs &c Sirs
Your most Obed.t humble Servants
Ch. Dorrachier
Richd. Fairfield
Charles Turner
Claud. Russell
Tho. Helsall

Order in consequence

Ordered that a Copy of the second Paragraph be sent to Mr. Floyer at Trichinopoly who is to be directed to send in an Account for what service the Rope was expended in the Laboratory.—

The Military Paymaster lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster at Camp with a Copy of Captain Brewers Letter to him relating to the Pay of the Bombay Detachment

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Extract of a Letter from Mr Dowsett Paymaster at Camp to the Military Paymaster here dated 14th June 1764 —

Extract of a Letter from the Paymaster at Camp regarding the Pay of the Bombay Troops.

I some time ago received Returns of the Bombay Troops from Mr Secretary Stone which I imagined was intended as a Guide for my Issuing their pay. The Detachment had no sooner arrived in Camp than I heard Capt. Brewer was making Promotions whereupon I sent him the Returns I had received & acquainted him that his Detachment was to be paid agreable to those Returns The enclosed is the Answer I received, as he seemed much chagrined & I thought it an improper Time to make any Disturbances I have paid his Detachment agreable to the enclosed Muster Rolls & Pay Rolls which differ much from those sent me by the Secretary should the Step I have taken not be approved of (as I am almost certain it will not) I shall stop the Overplus from the next Months Payment as soon as I have the Pleasure of receiving Your Instructions regarding it, Capt. Howard who Commands one of Companies informs me that his Orders from the President & Council at Bombay were to compleat his Company at Tellicherry to 70 Europeans but that the Chief of Tadore then judging it improper to spare him that Number gave him Verbal Orders to recruit all the Men he could after landing on this Coast & that the Promotions he has made have been with the Approbation of his Commanding Officer Capt. Brewer who has likewise drawn in his pay Rolls for the Officers who were advanced to the End of August but intends accounting with me for that Money agreable to his Engagement at Bombay. —

To Mr Dowsett Paymaster

Sir,

Letter from Capt Brewer to Mr Dowsett

I received Your Favor with the Return of my Detachment which is not a true one. I now send it back agreable to Your desire & with it the Muster Rolls Pay Rolls & Abstract for the Month of May & June agreable to which I shall

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expect to be paid.

I cannot help saying that I think my Characte attack'd in a most tender Point which I must insist o having cleared up, by having the Detachment mustered

As to the Corporal which I permitted Lt. Nugent to make in the Artillery, I look upon it that I have a right to it when I judge it for the good of the Service, which was th Case as he had no Corporal & one was wanted.

As to Lieut. Sneade, as he has had a great deal of Trouble, I think it is a great Peice of Injustice he shou not be paid for the Time he has done the Duty.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servan

John Brewer

Camp before Madura
10th June 1764

Orders in Consequence.

As We are unacquainted with fixed Establish of the Troops at Bombay, We must leave it to the Go there to settle with Captain Brewer. It is therefore or that Copies of the above Extract & Letter be transm to them — and Mr Dorsett is in the mean Time to b directed to issue their Pay conformable to the Pay delivered him by the Commandant of the Detachm at Camp, taking Care that they agree with the Mus Rolls taken by the Commissary.

Rob Palk
Ninger Laurence
C. Boureau
Rich Fairfield
Sam Ashley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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The Attack of Madura deferrd till the 23d June

Came in a Letter from Major Campbell dated 21st June setting forth that on Account of some Intelligence received from the Fort by Deserters of the Disposition of the Enemy it was thought prudent to defer the attack till the 23d —

29 Received the following Letter from Major Campbell

The Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Letter from Major Campbell —

Honble Sir

Majors Call, Preston and Wood & Myself are all of Opinion that the Breaches are ready for Storming it is therefore determined to make the attack tomorrow unless prevented by Rain which is at present very heavy and the only Rain We had for 15 Days. However should it continue I do not apprehend any bad Consequences from it, as We shall keep up our Fire and Storm the next Morning. and I flatter my self that my next Letter will bring You the News of the Fall of Madura our Loss this Day is two Europeans killed and two wounded. I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obliged and most

Obedient Hble. Servant

Char. Campbell

Heavy Rains fall in Camp — —

Camp before Madura
22d June 1764 —

P.S. Our Officers and Men are all in great Spirits and if it pleases God to grant Us Success I think We shall make such an Example as will deter all India from Rebelling, at least those in the Company's Service.

29 Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell —

Letter from Major Campbell —

Honble Sir

When I wrote to You last Night I so much believed that We should Assault the Place this Morning that the Disposition for the attack was made & the Troops in the Trenches before Daylight, but about 10 Clock I found both Majors Preston & Wood had some Objec-

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Objections to run a Risque which might be avoided in their Opinion by making a traverse in the Ditch and first making a Lodgement on the N. West Angle Bastion which is to be effected this Night if possible. as I thought no Time should be lost I immediately called together all the Field Officers & their Opinion was that the Traverse & Lodgement should this Night be attempted. as I thought it an Affair of too great Consequence to determine myself, and that the Opinion of the above Officers made our Success as secure thó not so expeditious and enterprizing, I readily gave way to that Opinion, thó I must repeat that considering there are six practicable Breaches in the Fause bray, good Passages in the Ditch & at least 300 Yards of the Rampart totally ruined & that I can Storm with 800 Europeans & 3 or 4000 Seapoys, I cannot bring myself to have the least doubt, but that we should have succeeded & have had an Opportunity to destroy more of the Garrison, however I flatter myself that what is determined on will not take above tomorrow — Capt.rs Croley & Hooker are wounded the former dangerously & 4 Europeans killed & 4 wounded this Day. I have the Honor to be with great Respect

A Traverse in the Ditch & a Lodgment on the Angle of the Bastion proposed to be made

Several Breaches judged Practicable

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Horible Sir
Your most Obliged & most Obed.t
humble Servant
Char. Campbell

30th Received this Day the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army enclosing two Councils of War the 23d & 24th June

Letter from Major Campbell

Horible Sir

The Fire of the Enemy was last Night so severe

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Obliged to desist from making the Traverse

severe that We were obliged to leave off the Traverse began a Cross the Ditch, and as I found Majors Preston & Wood still thought it too hazardous to make an Assault, I again this Morning called together the Field Officers & have now the Honor to enclose You Copies of our Opinions Yesterday & today, Mine was always for an immediate Attack, but as I mentioned Yesterday I thought it most prudent to agree with the others rather then take the whole upon myself, as now our final Resolution is taken, I hope in God the morning fixed upon will prove fatal to Usoff Cawn, We have had two Europeans killed & seven wounded to Day.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Oblig'd & most Obed.t Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura

21st June 1764

Council of War

At a Council of War June 23d 1764

Present . . . Major Campbell

Major Preston

Major Call and

Major Wood

Major Call Chief Engineer having acquainted the Commanding Officer of the Army, that there are many practicable Breaches on each Side in the North & West Wall of Madura, and there are three practicable Breaches in the False Bray on each Side of the North West Angle, and that there are also two Descents on each Face of the Counterscarp into the Ditch, which besides Passages made with Straw is fordable in every Part near an Attack -

The Commanding Officer lays the same before the Council and asks their Opinion whether or not an Assault should be made immediately, and in what Manner, whether by Day or by Night or whether

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any other Measures are necessary to be taken to ensure the Captune of the Place.—

Major Wood is of Opinion that an Assault in open Day considering the Fire of two Guns from each of the Gateways on the North & West Face which flank the Passage of the Ditch, tho' they are not nearer than 150 Yards is running too great a risk. He thinks an Gaudmont should be made across the Ditch if it can be done without too great a Loss and a Lodgement attempted on the N. West Bastion this Night, and if that does not succeed, then a general Assault is the only Alternative—

Major Call is of Opinion that the Walls of Madura are now assaultable & that there is no more Risk to be run than there is in the Assault of the most favorable Breach es, because if the Assault is given in the Night or [illegible] of the two Guns at a Distance may be avoided but on the contrary, the attack will be conducted with less certainty and Precaution, and as We are not certain of the Works within the Assault by Night may miscarry a Miscarriage will be of the most fatal Consequences & may save the Rebel from that brink of Destruction he now stands on, He would therefore be for any other Measure that carries more certainty & can be executed while there is time & Ammunition for it, suppose for Instance that during this Night a Lodgement was attempted on the N West Angle Bastion by a Passage covered on the right against the Flank of the West Gate Way made with Gabions, if this can be effected without too great a Loss it should be attempted, but if on a trial it cannot, then a General Assault is the only Resource—

Major Preston is of Opinion that a Lodgement may be attempted with little Risque & will give a certain Knowledge of the Enemy's Situation within Vizt for attempting

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it before the General Assault & at the same Time for attempting to make a Traverse for Covering the Assailants from the Western Gateway.

Tho' Sam.l Hill of Opinion that the Assault might be immediately made with Success Yet I willingly submit to the Opinion of the above Gentlemen.

Char: Campbell

a true Copy

A Second Council of War

Majors Campbell
Preston
Call and
Wood. having met the 24th in the Morning & considered what further could be done, after having failed last Night in making an Epaulment a Cross the Ditch to the breach in the False Bray, by the Loss of several Men & the Enemy's oversetting & Carrying off some of the Gabions, are of Opinion, that they have neither Musquet or Cannon Ammunition sufficient to carry on an attack against the West Gate Way & that even if an attack was directed that Way and the Gateway breached & possessed by us the Rebell might before that point would be gained have cut of by Retrenchments the Gateway & also had Time to Strengthen himself in the North West Angle, and as making an Epaulment a Cross the Ditch would confine the Passage of the Ditch to a Single Point and at least be four or five Nights in Executing with a considerable Loss, during which Time the Rebell would probably defeat the purpose of entering only by the N. West Angle, seeing our Sole effort directed that Way by cutting off that Part where We might enter, in Short considering the Danger of Delays & the great Advantage the Rebell draws to himself by having Time to Work, It is the unanimous Opinion of the whole that the Guns on the different Batteries should play briskly this Day & to Morrow

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and also in the Night on the West Angle two Curtains and Towers adjacent on each Side & that an Assault be made on the Place the 26th in the Morning in a Manner likely to Carry the Place & render the Consequences of a Repulse the least Fatal.

In the mean Time the Passage of the Ditch may be again attempted & a Trench by way of Deception opened nearer to the N.W. Gateway.

Usoff Cawn's People Retreat from Chingum

A Copy Char: Campbell

Came in a Letter from Captain Clarke Commanding Tinnevelly Forces advising that the Rajahs of Ginger had Collected all his Forces and marched towards Chingum, on whose Approach Usoff Cawn's People had gone off towards the Pass of Police

Monday 2 July 1764

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esq. Governor President &c.
Stringer Lawrence. Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield. Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner. George Stratton

Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army before Madura read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council

Letter from Major Campbell

Honble Sir &c. Sirs

It is with the utmost Concern I am obliged to acquaint You that We have this Day met with a repulse in the Attack of Madura. The 24th Inst. I had the Honor to enclose the Governor a Copy of two Councils of War, by which the Honble Board will be pleased to observe, that by the Report of Major Call Chief Engineer and by the Observations of all the other Field Officers, several Breaches were judged practicable and the Ditch Fordable, on Consequence of which our Disposition for the Attack was determined on, and by the Opinion of all, agreably to the enclosed &c. I think I may

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Madras assaulted

Venture to say that if any one of our Attacks had Succeeded that the Place must have been taken. This Morning early at the Signal given the Assault was made but what with the severe Rains We have for several Days had, the Mud in the Ditch was so much softned & so many Holes either made by the Enemy's or our Shells (which were not before discovered tho' People had orgloed the Ditch several Times) that the Troops in pushing on eagerly had their Arms & most of their Cartridges rendered Useless, but they still went on in Hopes of Joining the Enemy with their Bayonets, & when Major Preston was gallantly leading them on to the right he was unfortunately wounded, they however got up in several Places to the Top of the Towers, but the Enemy had under cover so many Men with long Pikes which they kept pushing a Cross one another & throwing large Stones, hand Granades & Shells down the Breach that our Soldiers found it impossible, notwithstanding the spirited Example of all the Officers to gain the Top of any of the Breaches & therefore retreated, our Loss in this unfortunate Affair is Captain Bullock & Ensign Vachan killed, Major Preston Captains Kirkpatrick & Thomas Fitzgerald & Lieutenants Wear & Owen, Ensigns M.c Donald & Bruce wounded & I guess about 120 Europeans Killed & Wounded, besides many others who have slight Bruises with Stones, but I have not yet been able to get an exact Return of them or Sepoys tho' I suppose there are of the latter about 50 killed and Wounded, but I hope from the Report of the Surgeons that Captains Kirkpatrick & Fitzgerald & about 40 of the

Our People repulsed

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of the 120 Europeans abovementioned will shortly be fit for Duty. but poor Major Preston & the other Office Wounds are very Dangerous — We have had very unusual & severe Rains here lately and this Afternoon it has been so excessive hard that the whole Country is under Water & Consequently Our Trenches quite full, which has destroyed us a great deal of Ammunition. and has prevented us from undertaking one of the Plans agreed on by Majors Call, Wood & Myself of attempting a second Assault, but We have still two Things left either of which may prove favorable Viz.t to wait & collect more Ammunition or Blockade him (the Rebell) so closely that he must at last Surrender. The Nabob is in Surprizing Spirits after such a Disappointment & seems to be determined to exert himself in such a Manner in providing Powder &c.a that his Presence proves of infinite Service at this Juncture — I have the Honor to be with great Respect —

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most

humble Servant —

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura

26th June 1764

Disposition for the Attack on the Right

Disposition for the Attack on the Right
under Major Preston

The Forlorn Hope on the Right to pass into the Ditch by the large Descent where the Gabions are placed and being followed by the oldest Lieut.t of Granadiers and 24 Granadiers of the 1st Company one as soon as they have —

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crosed the Ditch, to file to the left and Mount the Corner Tower of the False Bray from whence they are to ascend the Angle Bastion, and take Possession thereof, driving with their Bayonets all before them. After them are to march a Non Commissioned Officer & 6 Artillery Men with their Havre Sacks a few Charges of Grape Shot Fixt for 3 and 6 lb.rs, Tubes, Sponges and Rammers, Light match in a Pot, & Port Fires ready. The rest of the 1.st Company of Granadiers are to mount the False Bray Tower opposite the Passage, and turning a little to the right mount the first Square Tower of the inner Wall on the West Face, after them three Carpenters and as many Pioneers with Axes are to follow, and be ready to cut the Coconut Trees if necessary.

The first Troop of Horse to follow the first Company of Granadiers till they have Crosed the Ditch and then turn off to the right, mount the second Tower of the false Bray, and from thence the second Tower of the inner Wall, a non Commissiond Officer and four Artillery Men with 3 lb.rs Grape Fixt, and all necessaries to follow the Troopers to use the Guns of the Enemys, which is supposed to be three one Serjeant and twelve Battalion to push directly into the Enemys Redoubt and afterwards follow the 1.st Troop of Horse.

A Captain two Subalterns and forty Men of the Battalion are to be placed on the Right of the 1.st descent and when the Forlorn Hope marches out they are to enter the Ditch opposite the Enemys Redoubt turn a little to the right at the Foot of the Counterscarp pass the Ditch clear of the Curvette before the Enemys Redoubt & mount

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the third Tower of the False Bray opposite, when they pass the Ditch, after which when in the False Bray, they are to turn a little to the right and Mount the third Tower of the inner Wall.

A Second Party of a Captain two Subalterns & forty Men of the Battalion to pass the Ditch in the same Manner and Place and follow the first Troop of Horse.

Captain Harper and one Subaltern, with 6 Companys of his Battalion of Seapoys, which are to lodged in the Domy Parallel on the right to march out from thence, by the right over the Glacis (two Companys going to the Right of all at the 2d. Descent, the other Form to the 1st.) and enter the Ditch as for the Europeans, then mount the False Bray & the inner Wall at all the Curtains and Towers they can to the right of all the Europeans.

The other three Companys of Captain Harper's Battalion with one Subaltern to be lodged in the Parrellel between the 8 Gun Battery, and the other Battery on the Right, and when the rest of the Troops march into the Ditch from the Sap they are to move out briskly, directly to the low part of the Glacis before them descend from thence into the Ditch, with or without Ladders as shall be practicable, and mount the False Bray & Inner Wall directly opposite, after which they are part of them to turn off to the Right & take Possession of the Bastion where the French Flag is, and that to the left of it & the West Gate Way.

The Select Picket and two Companies of Seapoys of Captain Croley's Battalion, to be posted in the Five Gun Battery to the Right, & one Serjeant & 12 Rank & File with

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the Caffrees and some Pioneers, who are to carry Ladders and endeavour to Escalade the West Gate Way in Front where they cannot be seen from any Flank, after the Seapoys have attacked & drove away the Enemy's Seapoys in ye covered Way before the Gate. A non Commission Officer & 6 Artillery Men with 10 lb Cartridges & Grape Shot Tubes, Spunges, Rammers, match &c^a^ to be ready to follow this Detachment.

The rest of the Army to be in the Trenches told off in Divisions & Platoons and reedy to support the attacks or Cover their Retreat —

(a Copy) Char: Campbell

Disposition for the Attack on the Left under Major Wood

Disposition for the Attack on the left —

A Serjeant and 12 Men from the Battalion to pass into the Ditch, by the descent opposite the Enemys Redoubt & push directly into it, The second Troop of Horse to descend immediately after at the same Place but turn off a little to the left & pass the Ditch on the left of the Redoubt, opposite the third Tower of the False Bray, & from thence mount the third Tower of the inner Wall, where the Serjeant is to join them —

The second Company of Granadiers are to pass the Ditch at the same Time as the Serjeant & 12 by the first descent on the left, and turning a little to the left as they Cross the Ditch, mount the Breach in the 2d Tower of the false Bray, and from thence the 2d Tower of the inner Wall — a non Commissiond Officer & 4 Artillery Men with 3 lb Grape Shot fix'd, Spunges, Rammers, Tubes, Portfires,

and Matches lighted in Pots to follow the Granadiers.

A Captain, two Subalterns & 50 Men from the Battalion to descend into the Ditch immediately after the Granadiers, cross over a little to the right & Mount the T. Tower of the False Bray on the left of that of the Angle and from thence the T. Tower of the inner Wall —

Captain Fitzgerald & one Subaltern with six Company's of his Battalion of Seapoys to be lodged on the Demy Parallel to the left & march out from thence by the left over the Glacis & enter the Ditch after the Europeans, mount the Breaches in the Towers of this false Bray & from thence pass on to the left of the European & mount the Walls at all the Towers & Curtains as far as they can find an Ascent —

The other 3 Companies of Capt. Fitzgerald's Battalion with one Subaltern to be lodged in the Parallel between the 4 gun Battery & the Battery of the left of all, and when the rest of the Troops march onto the Ditch, the three Companies of Seapoys are to move on briskly directly to the low part of the Glacis there descend into the Ditch with or without Ladders as shall be practicable & mount the False Bray and inner Wall directly opposite, after which part of them are to turn to the right & part to the left, taking Possession of the adjacent Towers —

Three Companies of Captain Coote's Battalion of Seapoys with People chosen to carry Ladders are to be lodged on the left of the five Gun Battery on the left of all, & when the other Troops begin the attack, they are to move on quickly towards the Flank of the Old Gateway to the North West

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Ladders endeavour to Escalade & take possession thereof & of the other Gateway where the Rebells Flag is hoisted. one Subaltern & 30 Volunteirs from the Battalion to lead this last Detachment. The rest of the Army to be in the Trenches told off in Divisions & Platoons ready to support their Attacks or cover their Retreat.

(a Copy) Chas: Campbell

Resolution in Con-sequence - - - -

It gives us the greatest concern to find that our Troops have met with such a repulse & We could have wished that if the Breaches were really so practicable as they have been represented the Attack had been made on the 23d. when We have great reason to imagine they would have succeeded as there were not then so many Obstacles to surmount, as We conceive no Time should ever be given an Enemy after the Breach is once practicable.

We are however extreamly well satisfied with the Behaviour both of the Officers and Men who appear to have acted with the greatest Spirit and Resolution —

Our Thanks to be given the Officers & Men - - - - - - - -

It is therefore agreed that Major Campbell be desired to thank them all in our Name and particularly Major Preston and the other wounded Officers of whom We are very anxious to hear they are out of Danger — As We are unacquainted what Measures Major Campbell now purposes taking, We can only agreably to his request order all the Powder which is ready at Vellore to be immediately sent to Camp.

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To —

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Three Companies of Captain Craig's Battalion of Seapoys with People chosen to carry Ladders are to be lodged on the left of the five Gun Battery on the left of all, & when the other Troops begin the attack, they are to move on quickly towards the Flank of the Old Gateway to the North work

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To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army.

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Sir,

We are greatly concerned at the Contents of Your Letter of the 26.th in which We find Major Preston and so many good Officers & Men have suffered, but as We are convinced they all did their utmost & that with the greatest bravery & Resolution, We desire You will thank the whole Army Men as well as Officers in our Name, for their gallant Behaviour & in particular Major Preston of whom and the other wounded Officers We are very anxious to hear they are out of Danger. —

As We know not your Resolutions, ordered the Powder that is ready to be imm dispatched to You from Vellour, We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

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Robert Palk & Council

P.S. Captain Clark at Vellour in a Letter to the President advises that the Raja at Gingee had collected all his Force and had marched towards Gingee a mud Fort which lies near Trinomaly in order to dislodge one of Ulooff Cawns Jemidars who had taken Possession thereof and who upon the Raja's Approach abandoned the Place & marched towards the Pass of Solem. —

Read a Letter from Mr. Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly enclosing a Letter to him from Mr. Hinchley Surgeon at that Place requesting that Mr. Mayer

the from Mr. Floyer
Hinchleydesiring
Aupet may be

put upon the List of Assistant Surgeons

who has attended in the Hospital there for a considerable Time may be put upon the list of assistant Surgeons & receive the pay & allowances accordingly.

Enquiry to be made concerning his Capacity

Tho' Mr. Hinchley has recommended Mr. Meyers for his Care and Diligence, he has not informed us whether he is qualified for such an Employ. It is therefore ordered that Enquiry be made regarding his Capacity before he be appointed.

Letter from Captain Backhouse

Read a Letter from Captain Backhouse dated 30th December last received p. Ship Luconia containing an Account of his Operations during his Expedition to Manilha which is ordered to be kept with the Manilha Papers.

Letter from Seyd Abdul Hucheem

Read a Letter from Seyd Abdul Hucheem at Cochin as entered in Country Correspondence N°33 advising that the King of Cudda was very desirous of renewing that Friendship with the English which had continued for serch a number of Years & of trading to their Settlements on this Coast, provided he could obtain a Cowle that his Vessells might come in safety and that every thing that passed regarding the Capture of Captain Mackenathis Snow might be forgotten.

The King of Cudda's proposal thro' him for renewing the Friendship with the English

Ordered that Reference be had to what passed relating to that Affair before an Answer be returned to the above Letter, and that the Presidency of Bengal be acquainted with the purport thereof, that they also may if they think proper signify their approbation, and to advise them that if they have any demands on the King of Cudda, to make them by any Vessel proceed-

Orders in Consequence

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proceeding that Way. As it is certainly much to the prejudice of our Honble Masters Affairs to exclude them from trading to our Ports, as the Company are not only deprived of the Customs of Goods brought here, but the demands for Goods from this Coast is very considerable.

Robt Palk
Wynge Lawrell
Edwd Boardhill
Rich Fairfield
Sam Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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R 3d Received the following Letter & Papers from the President and Council at Fort William.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President and Governor &c.a Council at

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir &c.a Sirs

Letter from Ft. William.

Since our last under date the 14th. Instant of which a duplicate goes enclosed, We have received your Letter of the 12th. by the Betsey Ketch on which Vessel Captain Flinlock arrived with the remainder of his Company.

We have enquired regarding the Payment of the Subsistence to the Bombay Detachment & find that when they embarked they only had received it to the middle of February, & when a part of the Troops were countermanded, it was ordered to be paid to Lieut. Goodchild of the Artillery to carry with him, but this having been omitted We have received it back from the Officer to whom it was advanced.

We have had no remarkable advices from the Army since our Success of the 3d. but as Shuja Dowla continues to occupy a Post within three or four Miles of our Camp & has in a Manner invested both that & the City of Patna We expect daily to hear of another Action. In such Circumstances your Honor &c.a must be sensible how necessary it is We should receive all possible Supplies of Men & We are persuaded from Your ready attention to our former Applications that You will continue to reinforce us to the utmost of

Your Power.

We

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31st May 1764

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt humble Servants
Henry Van Sittart
J. Spencer
Rand.h Marriott
Sam.l Middleton
Ralph Leycester
John Beardett

Advices also came to the President by the same Convey=ance that Sheja Dowla had suddenly broke up his Camp & was retreating with his whole Army towards his own Country.

Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell & Ge=neral Lawrence,

General Lawrence,

Letter from Major Campbell to General Lawrence.

Sir,

Yesterday I wrote to the Board as particularas the anxiety of my Mind would allow, that Letter with the enclosed Papers, You must have seen, I shall not trouble You with a repetition of the same, Our Loss In Men will not I hope in a Month be very great as many of the Mens Wounds are very favorable, but that of Majo Prestons & other Officers is much, Captain Coley & Ensign Mc Donald are dead of their Wounds: and the excessive Heavy Rains and fatiguing Duty has occasioned a great many Men & several Officers to go to the Hospital

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but I doubt not, but a little good Weather and rest will re-
-cover them soon. We shall have left a sufficient number of Men
to make a second attempt if the Board think the Situa-
-tion of the Company's Affairs can run the risque of a se-
-cond repulse &. Iam still of Opinion that our prospect of
Success is good, my opinion is that if Englishmen can but
once get within reach of Bayonets, that the most resolute
black Troops will give way, & I should think it impossible
for the Rebells to have much Ammunition left, & as he
cannot possibly get any Recruit of Men, his Garrison must
of course be still growing weaker and when they find the
persevere their Spirits must also be less; however of all this
the Board and You must be the best Judges, & I hope tho
I have not been fortunate enough to succeed, that the
Measures that were taken will not be disapproved of in
the mean Time it shall be my constant endeavours to for-
-ward every Thing to act as the board are pleased to direct.
The Surgeons have great hopes of poor Preston's recovery.
I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Sir,

Your much obliged & most Obed.t Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura

27.th June 1764

In answer to which the following Letter was wrote to Major
Campbell

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army.

Sir,

answer thereto —

General Lawrence has communicated to us
your Letter of the 27.th Ultimo. It gives us great Satisfaction

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to find You have still such Hopes of Success. Our Views
sending so considerable a Force against Madura were
possible to prevent any Risk of a Failure, as We are fully
sensible if the Rebell is left unmolested it may be attended
with the worst of Consequences. We shall therefore depend
upon Your pursuing the most promising & vigorous Means
that We are fully convinced of Your Zeal & Conduct & must
leave it to You to take such Steps as You may think will
soonest conduce to the Fall of the Place. We would not have
You on any Account delay carrying into Execution any
attempt which may appear to You advisable in waiting
for Orders from us as much Time must thereby necessarily be
lost.

We are extreamly glad to hear there are such
of Major Preston's Recovery.

We have just received News from Bengal that Shuja
Dowla with his whole Army on the 23d May marched back
of his own accord with the utmost precipitation, which
will enable us to assist You with a further supply of Men
if a further supply is necessary. We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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Dutch at Negapatan
raising Troops for
Ceylon.

Received a Letter from Mr Brouwer at Tranquebar ad-
vising that the Dutch at Negapatam were endeavor-
ing to raise Troops to send to Ceylon.

Ord.d Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell
Commanding the Army.

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Honble Sir

Letter from Major Campbell desires Orders regarding his Operations

The Uneasiness & Concern I have laboured under since our unfortunate Repulse the 26th has prevented me from addressing You since & what adds greatly to my uneasiness is the Disappointment such unexpected News must be to You, yet upon the most strict enquiry into every part I have acted I am not conscious to myself of doing any Thing but what I imagine most People would have done in the like Situation & happy will I be if my Superiors are of the same Opinion. You will see Sir by the Papers which I transmitted You the 24th that it appeared to every body that several practicable Breaches were made and by the report of many Men who crossed the Ditch several Times & even some of the Engineers who had been over, that the Ditch was very fordable after this Sir & after the immense Expence for Guns & other Stores to bring Things to that Situation could I do less than attempt the Assault when I had 900 Rank & File including dismounted Troopers, if I did wrong in making the assault for what Reason did We open Ground before the Place, however notwithstanding all this I would not of myself give Orders for it without the joint Consent of the other Field Officers, for tho as I had the honor to mention to You the 22d. 23d. & 24th I was always of Opinion that the attack should not be a Moment delayed yet I readily gave way to the Opinion of Majors Preston, Call and Wood to try other Expedients less Hazardous & I believe they will now do me the justice to say that the

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Time I then proposed was not improper, for We had
posted our Trenches with such Spirit & Expedition
& our Fire was so heavy & well served that the Breaches
were so suddenly made that by all Accounts the Enemy
were in the utmost Consternation & of course could not
possibly be so well prepared the 22d as the 26th besides it
was very material to them that they would recover fresh
Spirits by seeing the last four Days looking at the Brea-
ches made & I believe it is justly remarked that in all
Military Operations the less Time that is given to an
Enemy to recollect themselves & the more Spirit things
are carried on with the more Chance there is of Success.
but indeed the very severe Rains that fell from the 22d to
the 26th was undoubtedly a favorable Circumstance
for the Rebell & allow that it was wrong to attack the
Breach We have it still in our Power to continue the Blo-
-kade as well as before & even attempt a second Assault
if You think the Situation of the Companys Affairs can allow
to run the risque of another Repulse; but I think it my
Duty to acquaint You that Major Preston who is perfectly
in his Senses is of Opinion that the Place ought to be
closely blockaded, Major Wood thinks that a Work higher
than the Glacis ought to be carried a Cross the Ditch by
that Means make a Lodgement on the NW. Bastion
Major Calls Fras himself he tells me been particular to
You, so that the Board will be pleased to determine what
is best to be done. The Nabob assures me of the Fidelity &
Attachment of the Polligars which is a very material
Point & fully insures by Blockade the Fall of the Rebell's

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tho it may be more tedious than by other Measures, but if the Intelligence I received from Rowling & Wolff Cawn's Heard Hircar was true at most he cannot have above two Months Provisions. If the Blockade is determined the Expence of the Army may be immediately greatly lessened by discharging many of the Bullocks Coolies &c.a

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obliged & most Obed.t Hble Servant

Camp before Madura
20th June 1764

Char. Campbell

In Answer to which the following Letter was immediately wrote to him —

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army —

Sir

Letter to Major Campbell Ordered to pursue such Measures as may appear most advisable

Your Letter of the 20th to the President has been communicated to us, from which We are concerned to observe the great Risque & unpromising Prospect of Success in another Attack. We recommended to You Yesterday to pursue the Plan which shall appear to You most reasonable. We are convinced of the Difficulties in assaulting any Place where the Garrison within are resolute & determined, but We can scarce flatter ourselves with the Hopes of reducing Madura by a Blockade before the Monsoon. These desperate People will find a thousand Methods of supporting themselves, however We leave it entirely to You who are on the Spot to determine, satisfied that You will do whatever appears to bid fairest for Success, We recommend therefore that no Time be lost in writing further for Orders, We have

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already said to You all that is necessary —

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Hble Servants —

Robt Palk & Council

rt St George

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Dispatched the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort William —

the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort William —

ter to Fort William

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se before Madura.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A duplicate of our last address now waits on You together with an Invoice of Arms & Accoutrements put on Board the Snow Fort St George Captain Wintle with the Detachment of Troops on board that Vessell which was not prepared when she sailed —

We have received Your Favor of the 31st May & our President has communicated to us the most pleasing Intelligence receid from Mr Van Sittart of Shuja Dowlas having marched back to his own Country. This advice comes the more seasonably as the obstinate Defence of Madura puts it out of our Power of sending You at present the Bombay Detachment agreable to our Intention — We had indeed the greatest hopes that We should before this from the Success with which the approaches against Madura were carried on have been able to have informed You that the Rebellion was entirely reduced, but after several Breaches were deemed practicable & about 500 Yards of the false Bray beat down there fell such excessive Rains for three Days that almost

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filled the Trenches & rendered the passing the Ditch very difficult & likewise gave the Enemy Time to prepare themselves for receiving us. however an Assault was made on the 26th June and We are much concerned to acquaint You that our People on Account of the above Difficulties were obliged to desist after having been for near an Hour on the Attack & their Arms & Ammunition rendered unfit for use in passing the Ditch. Our Loss in Men was not very great but in Officers very considerable, as there were three killed & 8 wounded, among the latter is Major Preston, who is very badly, tho' We hope not dangerously wounded, It is at present uncertain whether We shall be able to make another attempt or shall be obliged to turn the Siege into a Blockade, however the Necessity of reducing the Place is so great, that We shall use our Utmost Efforts for that End. & We still flatter ourselves a short Time will accomplish it.

Ensign Grant of the 79th Regement having entertained some Men out of that Regement for Your Presidency & being desirous of entering into the Service on Your Establishment now proceeds with them on the Cuddalore Schooner. We have also embarked on her 20 Men of those who arrived here on the Northumberland the 2d Inst.t. which with the Men of the Regiment are as many as she can take on board. Lists of whom together with an Account of the Provision shipped for their Use & Invoice of 1000 Shard of small Arms &c.a which We have taken the Opportunity of sending You by this Conveyance come Enclosed — Weare

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Honble Sir & Sirs — Your most Obed.t & Hble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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Sent the following Letter & Patterson to the President and Council at Bombay.

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

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sirs & Sirs

The enclosed Packet for Your Honor &c.a We received from the President & Council at Fort William and We have the Pleasure of acquainting You that Mr Van Kittart in a Letter to our President advises that Shuja Dowla had on the 23d May suddenly decamped & was returning to his own Country. His motive for this Step is thought to be either some alarming Intelligence from thence or finding no Possibility of succeeding in his designs on the Bengall Provinces, He was willing to get back before the Rains prevent him.

Our Honble Masters Ship Northumberland arrived here the 2d Instant. She brought us 100 Recruits & We may expect to receive by the other Ships bound hither as many as they can accommodate.

The Lapwing which We dispatched in September last with advices of the Troubles in Bengall arrived in England the Beginning of Febry. in consequence of which the Honble Court of Directors acquaint us that they had altered the Destination of the Ships Fort William Captain Roach & the Success Captain David Crighton which they had before taken up to carry Slaves from Madagascar to the West Coast, & they purposed dispatching them hither with as many Troops as they can possibly bring, which would be about five hundred

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We had the greatest Reason to hope that We should before this have been able to acquaint You with the fall of Madura. In our last We advised You that Our Batteries were advanced to the Crest of the Glacis, but after several Breaches were judged practicable & near 500 Yards of the false Bray entirely demolished, there fell such excessive Rains for three Days, that the Trenches were half filled & the Passage over the Ditch rendered very difficult, which gave the Enemy Time to prepare for receiving the Attack. — An Assault was however made on the 26th. June, but We are sorry to acquaint You that our People after having in vain attempted to Storm the Breaches were repulsed with some Loss, but which considering they were near an hour on the Attack was not so considerable as might have been expected. We are now taking every possible means in Our Power for reducing the Rebell & which We still hope to be able to accomplish in a short Time. We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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5.th Received the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army,

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council at Fort St. George

Letter from Major Campbell —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honor of Your Letter of the 21st Instant inclosing a Letter for the Nabob, with a Copy of Mr. James Bourchier's Letter to the Honble Board on the Subject

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regarding repairing the Banks of the Cavery and Anacut

of repairing the Banks of the Cavery & Anacut, I am just now returned from the Nabob after having had a long discourse with him on those Matters. He seems much affected at the ungenerous Part the King of Tanjore acts by taking such an Advantage of the present Situation of his Affairs by being so pressing in asking now what never before would or could be granted, but as the President is pleased to represent it so highly necessary to remove all Pretensions for disputes between him and the King of Tanjore. He desires me to acquaint You, that the Moment You are pleased to let him know that repairing the Banks of the Cavery is all that will be required. He shall give Orders to his own People to have it done, but with regard to the Anacut he thinks it so very unjust & unreasonable in the King of Tanjore that he can never give up that Point & he hopes the Honble Board will be of the same Opinion with him in this Opinion.

I beg leave to refer the Honble Board to my Letter of the 26th to them & of Yesterday to the Governor with regard to the Situation of the Affairs of the Army. I have the Honr to be with great Respect.

Camp before Madura
29th June 1764.

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obliged & most Obed.t
Humble Servant
Char Campbell

In Answer to which the following Letter was sent to Major Campbell

To Major Campbell,
Commanding the Army.

Sir, We have received your Letter of the 29th Inst.

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in Answer

We are sorry to find that all our Arguments supported by the reasonableness of the Tanjore demands the ingenuous Observations and Enquiries of Mr Bourchier on the Spot and the Necessity of the Times will not prevail on the Nabob to drop his inveteracy & consent to what We so earnestly recommended on the Subject of the Banks of the River.

For many Years past the Rajah has repaired those Banks himself, how then is it ungenerous in him or taking advantage of the present Situation of the Nabobs Affairs, to wish to do it now & indeed We have too much reason to believe, if it is left to the Nabob the Reparation will be very ineffectual You will therefore once more desire that the Rajah himself may be permitted to do it & should the Nabob persist in refusing We shall direct Mr Bourchier to Superintend the Work which should instantly be set about, without waiting for fresh orders from hence which is always the loss of a Fortnight.

We think You cannot want Arguments to convince the Nabob how necessary it is that He and the Rajah should drop their little Jealousies and be upon good Terms as is their mutual Interest & not less that of our Honble Masters, whose Misfortune it is to be involved in their idle Disputes — as We said nothing on the Subject of the Anacut the Nabob may be persuaded that We shall never ask any Thing of him which may appear unreasonable —

We have already given You our Sentiments on Your

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two last Letters and very heartily wish You Success in whatever You determine. Weare,

Sir,

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Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Counc.l

Sepoys raised by the Dutch at Nagapatam desert.

6th Received a Letter from Mr. Brouwer at Tranquebar advising that the Seapoys who had been raised to be sent to Ceylon had all deserted. and that the French Company in the Dutch Service whose contracted Time was expired had refused to renew it and were come to Tranquebar. He also advises that it was currently reported that the Dutch on the Island of Ceylon, had been greatly worsted & had lost many Men.

Monday
9.th July 1764

At a Consultation Present
Robert Palk Esq.r Governor. President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner — George Stratton

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Governor & Council at Manilha received p.r Ship Leconia

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

Letter from Manilha

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your several Letters of the 23.d May, 21st June 10th July & 16th August have been duly received.

We are concerned to acquaint You that notwithstanding our utmost endeavours to induce Senor Anda

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to conform to the Cessation of Hostilities, commanded by our Respective Sovereigns, he refuses to adhere thereto, unless We will engage to evacuate Manila, Cavite &c.a before the end of this Month, In the first Letter he sent us on the Occasion he declared he should look upon our non compliance therewith as a Declaration of War; neither the definitive Treaty nor Orders from Your Honor &c.a for that purpose having been received, We represented to him the impossibility of our complying with his demands however he still persists in the same unreasonable request & therefore as Hostilities have been & are daily committed on his Side, necessity will shortly oblige us to take the Field.

regarding Mr. Faillet

In the Month of May last, Letters from Mr. Faillet to his Correspondents at Batavia to the same effect as that We received from You, having fallen into Captain Brereton's Hands, he transmitted us Copies of them & demanded the Offender, who in Consequence of his Accusation was confined in the Citadel. We were however surprized at Captain Brereton's address, & as We were ignorant of any Right he had over Prisoners made on Shore, We refused to deliver him up, because We feared We should thereby have given up the Rights of Our Humble Masters entrusted to our Care, a Majority of the Council however recommended the Falmouth as the secured Place for his Confinement but the President, thinking himself more immediately accountable for Prisoners of War, took him under his charge, some time after Mr. Faillet being greatly indisposed, the President gave him the Liberty of his House in Town. Your Orders for delivering to Capt. Brereton

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was received a few days after, in Consequence whereof
Instant the Packet was opened the Town Adjutant was
sent to secure him, but on searching his House he was
not to be found, early next Morning he received an ad-
dress from Captain Brereton demanding him in pursu-
ance of your Directions, in Answer to which We advised
him of his Elopement, & assured him upon his being
reapprehended, he should be immediately sent to him.
the following Day Mr Taillet wrote to one of his Friends
dating the Letter at Guadaloupe, desiring him to acquaint
the Governor, that he would surrender himself on Condition
of his having the Liberty of the Town & Permission to go
to Madras in one of the Company's Ships. as Mr Taillet
is a Man of Intrigue and We apprehend his Services
the Enemy might be of Consequence, We thought it ex-
pedient to grant his request, provided he would sur-
render to be confined in the Citadel. To this he objected
in a reply he pretended to write from Guadaloupe, for all
the Time he was in Town, altho' he eluded the Strictest
Search made after him by the Deputy Governor) & as the
Archbishop had strongly solicited Us on his behalf We
at length further consented to his having the Freedom
of the Town & not to give him up, but to permitt him
repair to Madras to surrender himself to Your Honours
but Intelligence having in the mean Time been obtained
by an Officer of the Place of his Concealment the 4th October
he was secured. The President having the next Day men-
tioned the above to Messrs Parsons & Stevenson, they were
for immediately sending him to Capt. Brereton & We are

persuaded he would have followed their Advice, had he not been demanded in a very improper and indecent Terms. He acquaints Us that he notwithstanding would have delivered him up had not the following Occurrence put it out of his Power.

And the Behaviour of Major Fell.

The 6th. of October early in the Morning Capt. Dupont waited upon the Deputy Governor with a Letter he had received from Major Fell then at Cavita containing (as per enclosed Copy) positive Orders to send Mr. Faillet a Prisoner to him; but these were immediately Countermanded and Directions given that Major Fell should be put under Arrest. In the Afternoon he returned from Cavita when Captain Favian, the Officer of the Day, informed him it was Mr. Drakes Commands he should repair to his Room under arrest, to which he replied he neither would obey him or his Orders. Capt.n Favian then acquainted the President with what had passed as was directed by him to take a part of the main Guard as make him a Prisoner. He in Consequence of these Orders went on the Parade & endeavoured to prevail on him to surrender himself; but he expecting that Captain Favian would use Force to secure him turned hastily towards the Barracks of His Majesty's 79th. Regiment as the Men were paraded for roll calling, He ordered them to stand to their Arms. Mr. Drake then went on the Parade attended by the Town Major & others & addressed himself to Major Fell in Order to convince him of his Error, as also to the Men, but they having heard an Extract from Your Letter to Us concerning Mr. Faillet and were greatly influenced in Favr of their Commandant when

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wherefore the Deputy Governor having observed that all he could urge would be ineffectual retired to the Palace Major Fell throwing out against him many unjurious reflections & much abusive Language. as soon as he left the Parade Major Fell sent to the Officer of the Main Guard. directing him not to follow any Orders but such as he might receive from him & enjoined him not to [illegible] ment. he intended to send to seize Mr. Faillet under Pain of being tried by a General Court Martial accordingly he immediately after detached Lt. Richbell with a Party of Grenadiers who forced the main Guard entered the Palace & carried off Mr. Faillet. before the Officer of it who had sent to advise the Captain of the Day thereon could receive any Orders relative thereto. The Major then proceeded to Cuvita with his Prisoner without giving informed the Deputy Governor of his Intentions.

Orders were immediately sent to Cuvita for making him a Prisoner in Consequence of which he was the next Morning secured & the Command devolved on Capt: Backhouse of His Majesty's Regiment.

Major Fell at his Request was permitted to proceed to Cantom in order to take his Passage on the Sabut Jang for Madras where We imagine the Charge alledged against him will be taken Cognizance of.

We are much concerned to acquaint Your Honor &c. that Captain Backhouse his Successor has also given us great room for Complaint. He having told Mr Drake he would try a Company's Servant by a General Court Martial & frequently spoke to us of Secret Instructions which we could

d Complaining
Capt.n Backhouse

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justify his refusing to obey Orders from Us. We have called upon him for a perusal of them, as he hinted they invested him with Powers which were incompatible with the Rights of our Honble Masters, but have never been able to procure an Answer from him, however he has since convinced Us that he imagines himself independent of Us, as on a dispute between the Deputy Governor & Him, the former having ordered him under him under an Arrest, he in a scornful Manner refused it.

Our Situation being at this Time very precarious, & the Men of the Regiment at all Times partial to their Officers and Capt. Backhouse one of the most experienced on the Island We were unwilling to proceed to Lengths, the dangerous Consequences of which were evident; but altho' for the good of the Service, We have for the present thought it expedient to let the Affair rest, We shall at a proper Time take Notice of it. having thro' the whole confined ourselves to a Relation of Facts, We shall no further intrude our Sentiments on these Occasions, than to observe they might have been productive of the most dangerous Consequences & that Company's Servants cannot be answerable for any of their Settlements should the Commandants of the Military infringe upon their Rights & endeavour to controul or refuse to obey the Orders of those to whom they are entrusted, with Impunity.

and Capt. Brereton

After the foregoing Representations it is with Pain We proceed to acquaint You that Captain Brereton, instead of using his endeavours to fulfill the end of his having been left with Us, has continually with Eagerness grasped every Opportunity of entering into altercation with

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Us. We shall defer mentioning particulars until We see the Consultations (which We hope will be shortly) as the Letters We shall be obliged to refer to are many & long but We think it will not be unnecessary to add that as he threw up the Government of Cavita in August last & at that Time declared that he derived an Authority from Admiral Cornish to hold it independent of Us. We are of Opinion he cannot have any Pretensions to the Allowance You were pleased to permit Us to grant him and indeed he seems desirous of it for he never yet applied for the Payment of it. We are with great Respect

Manila
24th Febry 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servts

Dansorne Drake
Hen. Parsons
Wm Stevenson
Francis Fourdan

P.S. By a Letter the Governor has just received We have reason to think Sonora Anda will conform to the Capitulation of Hostilities —

Dansorne Drake
Hen. Parsons
Wm Stevenson
Francis Fourdan

Extract from a Letter from the President & Council at Fort St. George to the Deputy Governor & Council of Manila, dated 10th July 1763 —

We enclose to You a Copy of a Letter addressed to Us by Mr. Cornish & of one enclosed referred to therein We are much concerned for the Cause of it & agreable to his Request directed Mr Saillet to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships —

A true Extract (Signed) I. H. Stone Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) L. Cornish

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A true Copy, Rob.t Edw.d Fell

Sir,

In pursuance of the above Order Capt. Brereton has sent his Boat manned & Armed with a Lieut.t to receive M.r Taillet, You will therefore on Receipt of this immediately order the Garrison under Arms & Shew the above Order to the Governor, should he refuse him, You will immediately order a strong Detachment from the Regiment to acquaint the Officer of the guard that it is my positive Orders he delivers him to You - Should he refuse, relieve him immediately & put him in arrest, & escort Taillet to the Boat which waits to receive him, I expect this Order to be punctually obeyed and am.

Sir

Your humble Servant

Rob.t Edw.d Fell

To Captain Franc.s Du Pont

Commanding at Manilha

P.S. Should the Boat as I'm afraid it will be too late for his delivery to night I think on second Thoughts, You had better defer it till to Morrow Day break -

A true Copy attested p.r

A true Copy, Franc.s Tourdan

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that He had received from M.r Drake Depositions of several Officers relating to the Conduct of Major Fell & that He should order the Depositions of others now here to be taken & properly attested to be transmitted to the Secretary at War, of all which the General is requested to furnish us with Copies in Order that they may be sent to the Court of Directors. The General also desires he may have an Extract

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of the above Letter so far as concerns the Conduct of Major Fell which is ordered to be delivered to him.

We could wish to have this Matter settled here by a General Court Martial, but General Lawrence represents it as impracticable as many difficulties would occur, & as Major Fell has informed him that several of his Witnesses are in England. The General therefore acquaints the Board that he purposes permitting him to proceed in the Weymouth to England & at the same Time to transmit Mr Drakes Complaint & the several Papers to the Secretary of War to be laid before his Majesty

The President acquaints the Board that Major Fell had applied to him for his Gratuity from &c 1763 the Day his leaving Manilha to this Time at 400 £ p Annum. £ 600

The Board are of Opinion that Major Fell's Behaviour during the Time he was at Manilha does by no Means entitle him to such an Indulgence. But as the whole of the Affair will be transmitted to our Honble Masters, It is agreed to refer this Matter also to them, if the Major should make any further Application.

Letter from Major Campbell read as follows.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell

Several of the Military demand 10 £ for Soldiering

There are many Men whose time is out, but will not enlist again unless they receive £10 the same as the Things Soldiers did, & which is what the Soldiers at Bombay always receive when they renew their Time.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Camp before Madura
30th June 1761

Your most Obliged & most Obedt Hble Servt
Char: Campbell

The President also lays before the Board the following Letters received from Major Campbell with the Copy of his Answer to that of the 2d. Inst.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor.

Honble Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell — a Subedar with his company desert from Mosff Cawn.

Last night a Subadar who was posted in the outside the Walls of the Fort deserted with his Company consisting of 46 Men to us. The Intelligence they give is that the Enemy had 250 Men killed & wounded on the 26th of last Month that after our repulse Mosff Cawn flattered them that We were going to raise the Siege, but now finding We have kept our ground they begin to be uneasy & discontented as ever, that the Conicoplies who take care of the Provisions say they have four Months in the Place but that every body believes they have only for two Months that they have plenty of Ammunition, that the Horses are starving that they are constantly on their Guard for fear of another Assault & that nobody who dares speak their Minds doubts but that the Fort must at last fall.

Opinion of the Officers regarding the Expediciency of a Blockade —

I still find Major Preston & indeed Majors Call & Wood to think that a close Blockade is the most certain means of getting the Place without expending much more Ammunition or running the risk of another Assault & indeed I find many more Officers are of Opinion that Mosff Cawn & several of his People are so very desperate

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that were we even to get on the Walls that our Succefs would be uncertain & that a Repulse would be very dangerous, as so many seem now to be of this Way of thinking, I cannot for my own part recommend another Assault, tho' I must still think that if our Men could come within push of Bayonet of them that they would soon conquer, if a Blockade is determined on I am of Opinion that a strong Detachment of Europeans & Sepoys may be made from the Army for the Coast & have still sufficient left & of Course the Expence of the Army in Bullocks &c.a may be considerably lessened.

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir

Camp before Madura
2d. July 1764

Your most Obliged & Obed.t Humble Servt
Char Campbell

P.S. If the Blockade is to take Place We shall not want any more Powder or Stores from Madrass, but otherwise we shall want at least 200 Barrels.

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army.

Letter to Major Campbell in answer.

Sir,

At noon I received Yours of the 2d. The Desertion of the Subadar with his Company looks well, unless they are sent to see how the land lies & to return, I hope the Quantity of Provisions is no more than You Surmise, as in that case it will certainly be better to have Patience, save our Men & reduce our Expences, which I shall depend on Your doing immediately, for indeed the Treasury severely feels the Demands of this Expedition. If You think it will be

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best to expect the Surrender of Palamcotah from the fall of Madura & a Detachment can be spared this Way, our former Intentions of calling on Worriarpollam may be put in Execution. The Bombay Troops not being wanted at Bengall may I think return to Anjengo & Tellicherry more conveniently from Tinnevelly when the Expedition is over.

As the Field Officers agree with You that a close Blockade is the most certain means of getting the Place. I conclude this will be your Plan. but as to the Opinion of many more Officers, I should not think it all necessary. It is good to have the Approbation of two or three, whose Rank & whose Experience should always be attended to, but it is wrong in my Opinion to consult the Notions of the whole Army whose sole Business it should be to obey with chearfulness, besides it lessens the Dignity & Authority of Command —

Depending that Your Plan will be the Blockade, no more Powder or Stores shall be sent, If Mr Call can be spared as I suppose he can I desire he may come to Madras

desired to send Mr Call to Madras if he can be spared.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Rob.t Palk

Fort St George

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor of Fort St George

Letter from Major Campbell —

Honble Sir

Tho I doubt not but that the Board have determined what Part the Army is to act. I take the Liberty to enclose all the Reflections on our present Situation which

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transmits reflections on their present Situation

Majors Preston, Call, Wood and Imyself can think of. Major Call & I propose to set out in a Day or two for Palamcotah & then We shall be more able to give our Opinion about that Place. The Nabobs Reasons for keeping all the Army is to be sure very good & will effectually secure the different Polligars in our Interest, whereas was any one to quit us, it would in all probability effect the others, & if the Blockade takes place as I observed before a considerable Number of Bullocks &c. may be discharged & the expences of the Army much lessened. the Revenues of this Country effectually secured & if necessary the Nabob may still detach more Horse for the Security of the Coast Country - & indeed considering We must have Powder from Madras if another attack is resolved on I don't imagine even by that Means the Affair can be over before the Middle of August so that before the Troops could reach the Coast it would be the 20th or perhaps end of September which would be time to be thinking of Cantoning.

From all these Considerations, I hope the Situation of the Company's Affairs will not require any Detachment to be made from the Army. Preston & all the wounded Officers, excepting Mr. Maitland are in a favorable Way. but the Rains have made many of our Men fall sick. eight Men of the two Troops & one Granadier set out this Day with passports to obtain their Discharge. I have the honor to be with much respect.

Horible Sir

Your most Obligd & most Obed. Serv.

Chas. Campbell

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Reflections on the Expediency of reducing Madura by Blockade Or making another attack ——————

The Assault made on Madura having unfortu-
-nately miscarried & the very heavy Rains which fell immediately after for two or three Nights, having rendered it impossible to renew the Assault immediately as the Soldiers were greatly fatigued & Sickly. The Enemy by the same favorable Circumstances had Time to repair their Works & clear the Rubbish between the false Bray & inner Wall in such a manner as to render the Brea-
-ches impracticable without being battered again & the approach to them was still made more difficult by the means of Thorns & Chevaux de Frise placed round the Tower & in the most practicable places. This being the Case & our Stock of Powder insufficient to keep up the Fire requisite for making such Breaches & shou'd warrant a second Assault; it is requisite to consider what Plan is most eligible to be pursued hereafter to insure the Reduction of Madura & the destruction of the Rebell. Two Measures only seem to offer themselves. a Continuation of the Attack or forming a very close Blockade, so that nothing shall be able to go in or out of the Fort. If the Rebell expects certain Assistance in the Space of two Months, that can effectually relieve him by throwing in Provisions or forcing us to act defensively, then another vigorous Effort shou'd (6) doubt-
-less be made to reduce the Place by an Assault, but if the Rebell has only two or three Months Provisions & has no chance for considerable Succour then the most safe & least destructive Method is to draw lines & Works round (6) the Fort as to prevent either Man or Beast going in or out

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Appoint a proper part of the Army for guarding these Lines & withdrawing the rest to form a Camp for the Security of Peace in the Northern Parts of the Carnatick.

Let us consider each plan more particularly —

Notwithstanding a considerable number of Europeans & the best of our Soldiers were killed or wounded in the late Assault, & that We have lost a great number of good Officers in this Seige, yet We have sufficiently a sufficient Military Force to pursue the attack which should be either against the North Face or ~~West~~ by against the West. On these Attacks the Chief Engineer says, "If the North Face is preferred as the most compact "Attack & requiring least Work & Cannon, I would propose "to extend our Lodgment on the Glacis about 100 Yards "more to the left, to erect a little to the left of the Enemy's "Redoubt in the Ditch a Battery of three or four Guns "opening the Embrasures thro the Counterscarp so as to "Breach the false Bray & inner Wall quite to the Foun- "dation. I would also have a good line of Musquetry "to the Right & left. Before the Battery was opened, I "would have two Mines ready to blow up the counter- "scarp opposite the Enemy's Redoubt & to the left of it "that there might be two Descents into the Descents into "the Ditch over which a fair and easy Passage should be "made to the false Bray & one of them over the Enemy's Re- "doubt. Besides the Breaches to be made by this Batte- "ry another Breach should be made in the False Bray "& Curtain adjoining to the NE Angle Bastion & even "that Bastion rendered untenable upon it which

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"a Passage should be filled in over the Ditch. To effect this
"another Battery of three Guns will be requisite & may
"easily be made as well as a descent into the Ditch. Those
"three Guns are employed, four more must enfilade the
"North Front from the eight Gun Battery & four from
"the South enfilading Battery, besides which it may pro-
"-bably be necessary to have two heavy Guns on the 7 Gun
"Battery & two to fire against the Flank of the North Gate
"way. For this Service about 2,000 heavy Shot & 2000 Bar-
"-rels of Powder will be requisite, & also about twenty Days
"Time for the Work — The loss of Europeans in carrying on
"the whole will not probably exceed 100 in killed & wound-
"-ed, besides many may be lost in the Assault — If the
"Attack is to be directed against the West Front I would
"still propose to have the Battery of three Guns against the
"North Face of the N.W.d Bastion & adjacent Curtain,
"where I am certain a Breach can easily be effected. I
"would also extend our Lodgment about 150 Yards to the
"Right & have a Battery Descents & Passage over the
"Ditch as in the other Case; & breach the Curtain & Towers
"opposite quite as low as their Foundations, & as it
"may facilitate greatly the Success of the Attack I would
"carry on our Trenches from the Right quite to the
"West Gate Way. Till I gained an Establishment in the
"reintrant Angle of the Glacis either erect a Battery
"against the Flank or make a Breach in the Gateway
"where it is certain there is no Obstacle from the Ditch.
"This Attack as more extensive will require more Time
"Risque of Men, Expence of Ammunition & Guns, but it

"can hardly fail in its Consequences." Upon the whole it is allowed We are in a Condition as to Numbers to undertake either Attack to make the Breaches &, to Effect a fair & easy (tho' open Passage) over the Ditch; but after all this is done the remaining Points to be carried is always liable to great Risques in the Attack of the Breaches with Success for even if the Assault succeeds, it cannot well be expected to come cheaper than 100 Europeans killed and wounded, & if We meet with a repulse, it will be well if We come off for that number. The Consequence will then be our Disgrace & the Rebells Safety. We was not our whole European Force here or had We at Battalions to replace those who might suffer an as an Assault would bear quite a different Face for a Repetition of attempts superior Numbers would in the End carry the Point, but in this Country Our manner of Proceeding cannot with Prudence be desperate while there is an alternative. The Rebels defence is desperate by necessity & the only resource he can hope for safety in, is our attempting to force him from the Walls & thereby destroying that Superiority which he cannot otherwise effect. He has nothing to lose, stakes nothing, We risque our all & if the Castle against us, regains it, & to sum the whole up accord "ing to what Major Preston has always advanced. "We ought to make sure of well Cause without Risque for "We can gain no honour or Credit, reduce him in what "Manner We will, but We may risque our whole in "attempting it ...

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"Time & Caution with a moderate Force, rather than "Brisk Measures & depend on our apparent Strength". For thó he is allowed by all to be as active & enterprizing as any Man, yet he thinks it no discredit to our Arms to act cautiously against a Rebel whose destruction We seek, not the Honor to gain a Battle or Place from him.

If these Arguments or the Affairs of Bengall or the Security of the Northern Parts of the Carnatick, or any other Conciderations, should prevail over those for persisting in the Attack, then the Manner & Force to form a close Blockade is to be considered. As to the Manner the Blockade cannot be formed without an additional number of Redoubts erected within 600 Yards of the Fort, or as near as the Ground will admit & between them two small Posts, for Guards of Sepoys to be so posted, that the Centinels by night may be within speech of each other, all these Redoubts to be joined by a Trench of Communication & that Trench fortified by Thorns & Pallisadoes, such works may be raised at an expence of about £2000 & compleated within a Month with the Assistance of the Pallicoat Guard & all Provision even to a little Beetle excluded from Madrass. The Force necessary to guard these lines & Command the Force of the Garrison will be about 600 European Military 100 Artillery one Troop of Cavalry & the Hussars, 3300 Sepoys of the Nabob's & Company's & 1000 Black Horse & the Assistance of the great & little Maraver, the rest of the Army may then be withdrawn to act as occasion shall require the Expence of the whole be lessened, our Ammunition saved & the downfall of the Rebell be made certain, tho' perhaps somewhat tedious. Upon laying remaining

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these Plans before the Nabob & explaining to him the pro-
posal and use of sending a part of the Troops to the Coast
he is of Opinion, that such a Motion would have a very
bad Effect on the great & little Maravars & even on all
the petty Polligars of the Tinnevelly Country, who would
not believe that the Rebell was to be destroyed if our
Army divided or if the Nabob returned again to the
Northward. Their Defection or even lukewarmness to the
Business in hand might render our Intention of a
Blockade ineffectual by supplying the Rebell with
Provisions, instead of assisting to guard the Lines to
keep it out. In short the Nabob is very desirous of seeing
a close Blockade formed & thinks it will dispirit the Gar-
rison greatly to see themselves cut off from every Chance
or resource; but he is positively against sending any part
of the Army towards Trichinopoly or farther North till
the last Extremity or moving himself, tho' his Family as
well as publick affairs require his Presence in the strong-
est Manner. But if any part of the Army can be spared
from before Madura, he desires that a small Force may
be sent to take Vaddagerry which will be of great Conse-
quence towards reducing Palemcotah & he could wish
that Palemcotah too might be attempted if it can be
done without too great a Risque or interfering with our
Views on Madura, because Palemcotah once taken all
the Force might be brought to Madura & then a Detach-
ment from the Army might more safely go to the
Northward

Solution in Consequence.

The Board approve of the Letter wrote to Major

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Campbell by the President &c are concerned to find that the Expedition is likely to last so much longer as the reducing the Place by Blockade must We apprehend be very tedious as We have no certain knowledge of the Quantity of Provisions left therein. We have the Satisfaction however of reflecting that every thing in our Power has been done, by supplying them both with more Men and Stores than were heretofore judged requisite.

With regard to the Demand of the Military for 10 £ each for reinlisting, Major Campbell is to be informed We can by no means agree to it, since those who have enlisted for Years past would have an equal title to it, which would create the utmost Confusion, Major Campbell is therefore to be directed to send such as refuse to renew their Time on the usual Terms to Madras.

Read a Letter from Mr. Floyer enclosing an indent for sundry Stores wanted for the use of the Army, with an Account of what he is able to supply from Trichinopoly

Indent from Mr. Floyer for Stores from Camp

As the Blockade will now probably take Place Mr. Floyer is to be directed not to send any more Stores to Camp unless Major Campbell should apply again for them, when he is immediately to forward such as he may have in Store or may be able to procure & to advise its immediately that the Remainder may be sent from hence

Resolution thereon

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from John Lewen Smith Esq.r Chief at Cuddalore

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Letter from Mr Smith Chief at Cuddalore

Sir,

Since writing the accompanying Letter an Affair has come to my Knowledge which I thought it would be proper to apprise You of immediately. Monr Riquet the Captain of Hussars that came out of Madura with his Troop & at present resides here, having had some difference with his Surgeon that came with him the latter has disclosed to me some projects Riquet has been carrying on through him to dispose of himself & his Men to the Dutch or any of the Country Powers he could make the best Terms with & as I assume he has actually offered himself to Mr Van Teylingen the Governor of Negapatam but who rejected his proposal & that he has, & is still believes treating with Morarow the Maratta General with that View, but whether his proposals are accepted or not, I can't say; he has produced some Letters of Riquets which seems to corroborate what he alledges in the manner he explains them, for otherwise being wrote in an artfull Manner it would be difficult to understand them in the same light however it plainly appears by them that he has had some secret transactions with this Man, Fischer at Tranquebar & that I shall be glad therefore to have Your directions how Time I will keep a sharp look out after them, but with out giving them any Suspicion, altho' should they not be to go off. I am doubtfull whether our Garison would be strong enough to prevent them consisting

Mr Riquet suspected of offering to enter into the Service of the Dutch and Morarow.

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only of Invalids and a few Sepoys. The Letters I am getting Copies of being wrote in a very bad hand & when they are done will transmit them You for your Perusal — I have the Honor to be with great Respect.

Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

I L Smith

Cuddalore
7th July 1764

Orders in Consequence

Agreed that Mr. Smith be directed to keep a watchful Eye upon Mr. Riquet & if he finds he has any such Design as mentioned in the above Letter, He is to cause him to be put under Charge of a Guard —

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Collins who had at our Request waited some time in Order that We might have the Satisfaction of sending by him the News of the Fall of Madura, as well as on Account of the Success of our Army at Bengall had informed him that he purposed proceeding to Europe in a very few Days — It is therefore ordered that a Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors be prepared to be sent by him —

Letter to England to be prepared to be sent by the Weymouth

Rob.t Palk
Wmge Lawrence
C. Boscawen
Rich.d Fairfield
Sam.l Ridley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

No 1

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Received the following Letter & Paths from the President &
Council at Bombay.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c Council at
Fort St George

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We last did ourselves the Pleasure to address You by His Majesty's Ship Weymouth since when Your Letter of the 1st April has been received & You may rest assured every endeavor in our Power shall be exerted to prevent Hyder Naig or his dependents affording Supplies to the Poligars mentioned in the Extract of Major Campbells Letter to You

We observe what Your Honor &ca had been informed regarding Mr Eagle & his followers who certainly left from Hyder Naigue's Army & repaired to You where it was he prevailed on the Viceroy to afford him a Frigate for transporting him and his Men to Your Coast which Frigate one of our Cruizers spoke with in her Way from Tellichery. We know not what Mr Eagles Intentions may be, but he is reported to be a very prudent Man, We do not suppose he will go to Madura unless the Situation of the Rebells affairs should be more favorable than We hope they are, We are rather more inclined to believe he will go to Negapatam or Porto-queban & wait there the arrival of the expected Ships from Europe for reestablishing the French Affairs in India.

In our last We transmitted You Copies of such Particulars as had come to our Knowledge relative to the Situation of Affairs in Bengall, We now enclose an Abstract of such further Particulars as We have since received by the last

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Paragraph of which We are truly sorry to perceive our Troops have been repulsed & that the Enemy are in possession of Patna more especially as it is utterly out of our Power to afford them any more Assistance as our Garrison is already very much reduced & our Neighbours the Moratas are not wanting by frequent Insults in endeavoring to convince us they only wait a favorable Opportunity to proceed to greater Lengths. besides the large Reinforcements sent to Bengall in October last. Major Hector Munro with the 39th Regiment consisisting of 100 Effective Men exclusive of Officers with a supply of 400 Barrels of Gunpowder & a considerable Quantity of other Warlike Stores left this Place the 20th Ult.o to their Assistance & We flatter ourselves the Situation of Your Affairs will be such on receiving the above Intelligence as to admit of Your sending them a large Reinforcement, in which Case We doubt not the Gentlemen in Bengall will very shortly be able to bring the Enemy to terms. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
10th June 1764

Chas. Crommelin
Wm Hornby
W. A. Price
Chas. Waters
Samuel Court
Cecil Bonyer
James Ryley

10th Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Command-

ing the Army.

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To Major Charles Campbell

Commandeing the Army.

Letter to Major Campbell

Sir,

The President has communicated to Us Your Letters of the 2d & 3d We have already told You that it is left to You entirely to pursue the most reasonable Plan in the Busines before You as in whatever is resolved on We shall as We have hitherto done, continue to supply You with whatever is necessary.

In Consequence however of your own and the Opinion of the other Field Officers to change the Siege into a close Blockade, We have not ordered any more Powder except what may already be on the Road from Vellore, Your Letter of the 3d expresly says You shall want more tho Mr Call in lieu of the 6th thinks that Powder should be sent at all Events, We shall therefore prepare a sufficient Quantity to compleat to 700 Barrels, that You may not lose any advantage which may offer for want of Powder. If the Rebel has only two Months Provisions no doubt he will fall before the Monsoon, but if he has double that Quantity & You are obliged to Canton at any Distance We apprehend, he will find means of recruiting his Magazines & engage Us in almost an endless pursuit. We recommend therefore that You use every possible Method to find the Quantity in the Fort & Man & the daily Allowance which is actually served to each & that You endeavour to prevent People coming out of the Fort except now and then a single Person from whom You may learn Intelligence.

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If the Difficulties of reducing Palemcotah are not much greater now than they were represented sometime since, We imagine You will determine to set about it, as the reducing the Rebell to a single Spot of Ground, must intimidate his Garrison & be otherwise attended with many good Consequences. The Nabob may settle the Revenues of that Part of the Country & be able to return immediately this Way when Madura shall fall.

We cannot consent to the Demands of 10 £ for each Man, that inlists, those who inlisted for Years past having an equal Title, which would create much confusion. You will therefore permit all those who refuse the usual bounty to come hither. The Establishment at Bombay has always been different from ours, tho' We believe in every other respect a Soldier has much the advantage on this Coast. by giving 25 Pagodas to the Kings Soldiers We only advance what the Company would pay for their Passage home, but with us the Passage of Invalids only is ordered to be defrayed.

We desire You will send us a compleat List of the Officers to the Southward & a Return of Officers & Men killed & wounded.

You are to order such Arms as cannot be repaired on the Spot to be sent by Seapoys returning to Trichinopoly, leaving their own instead, & the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly should be ordered to follow the same Method with the Seapoys returning to Madras.

The Madeira Ships being shortly expected, the Officers in general are desired to write to their Correspondents

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to receive the Quantity of Wine which each Officer will be allowed. We are,

Sir

Your most humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

Fort St. George
10th July 1764

Received the following Letter from the President and Council at Fort Marlbro'.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a &c.a and to the
Secret Committee at Fort St. George.

Letter from Fort Marlbro' Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Letter of the 4th Instt by the Lord Clive Captain William Webber & it is with concern We observe You have not met with the wished for Success in the Reduction of Wandiwash, but We hope that this troublesome business will soon be brought to an happy Issue.

We return Your Honor &c.a Thanks for your attention to our Interest in the Dispatches You gave from Manilha here, We have received by the Cruttenden & Havannah 209 Men & the Ship Luconia lately imported with 46 more which is all that Mr Drake & Council could persuade to migrate here.

The Troubles & unhappy Massacre at Bengall is a matter of great concern to us, as our Honble Masters Investment must have been affected thereby, it is however a sensible Pleasure that We find by the Bengal Dispatches that the Gentlemen there have hopes that the Peace of the

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Country will be soon & firmly established —

We suppose Messrs. Tiernay & Hunter whom You mention to be arrived on the Coast from the Isle of Bourbon will take the first Opportunity of coming over to their Stations here.

The Country's under our Government are at present in Peace, but the minds of the People do not appear so well settled as we should wish, & We are apprehensive that it will be some Time yet, before the Pepper Plantations are in the flourishing Condition they were in before our Misfortunes —

We have nothing further to add than wish You all imaginable Success being with Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t hble Servants

Roger Carter

Henry Idell

Robert Fairne

John Herbert

Fort Marlboro
3. May 1764.

Came in the following Letter from Mr Dunsett Paymaster to the Army —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St George —

Letter from Mr Dunsett & this Answer to the remarks of the Committee of Accounts

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having been favored with the Remarks of the Gentlemen of the Committee of Accounts with a Letter from Mr Secretary Stone I have now the Honor to reply thereto —

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The extraordinary Charge incurred for three Comiceplies more than usual was occasioned by some Detachments being made from the Army in the Months they were charged they were absolutely necessary for those Services, & I perswade myself your Honor &c.a will do me the Justice to rely on that for a reason.

As to those Employed for attending Peons &c.a I can only observe that it happened when Colonel Monson Commanded the Army, & at a Time that every Thing was forced by the Current of his Inclination. The ten extraordinary Coolies were also allowed the Provostt the same Time, which would be saying enough, but here it may not be improper to assure Your Honor &c.a of the Propriety of this Charge, as all the other Coolies were constantly employed on very essential Services. The Coolies under the Surgeon have been employed at such a Distance from the Camp that the Commissary was forced to submit to their being drawn for seperately at the end of every Month, but it was not till We were both well convinced of its being improsible to avoid it without Creating Difficulties: the large number of them I hope will not appear surprizing when Your Honor &c.a consider that We have two Hospitals & in both a great many Sick & wounded. On the whole The Gentlemen of the Committee seemed surprized at the large number of Coolies, Artificers, Lascars &c.a which permit me to assure Your Honor &c.a tho numerous were by no means sufficient for the Exigencies of this Siege so extreamly troublesome it has

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proved. I can only say that neither Mr. Johnson's nor my endeavors have been wanting to act most for the Interest of Our Honble Masters as well Your Honour & Co's particular Satisfaction whose Confidence I flatter myself We shall both Merit

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Robert Dowse&Co

Camp before Madura

4th July 1764

12th Received the following Letter from Mr. Brouwer at Tranquebar

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor of the Coast of Coromandel &c.a

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

The 8th Instant arrived here from the Islands of Mauritius, a Danish Sloop, that sailed from Bengall in January last. this Sloop left the Island the 26th Mayno French Ships from Europe was arrived there, at the Islands they are preparing and Loading the Ajax & the Berlin with Timbers for this Coast, & is to sail from thence as soon as the Ships from France will bring Money, no other material News from that Place, this Sloop has made on[e] Sine Voyage, she brought to sell here for 30,000 Rupees worth of Coral, Majesty's Cunts of a good sort, a few Bales of Europe Broad Cloth [illegible] er, Black Wood & some other sort of Timbers, no Iron, two English Gentlemen, taken last Year by the French in coming out from Bengall are come as Passengers with this Sloop. the Name of one of the Gentlemen is Mckenzie.

The Vacquel from Sanjour mention'd in Your

Ano Fort St. George 12th July 1764

Honor'd General Letter of the 8th of June, for the Affair of Hanivadi is arrived here Yesterday late in the Evening, & I will begin to Day to compare his Account with mine in regard of that Business —

Advice of some Disputes between the Dowry & the King of Tanjore —

A Manigar from the Tanjore Country run away & came here for Protection which was granted & his Escape from thence favored, the King of Tanjore & his Vizadore, Permaul Naick demand the delivery of the Manigar, the Danes pretend Ignorance of the Affair, some Poligar People are assembled a little distance from the Tranquebar bounds & are troublesome, to this & that want to come in this Place & go and from hence the Tappies complain also that they have been stopp'd at Night with Letters & released in the Day time, but no other Hostilities are begun, & it is hoped two it will finish, the Danes having communicated to the King of the Insolence of his Vizadore & Moment his Letters with Orders to the Vizadore to withdraw — I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir,

Your most Obed.t & very hble Servant

Christian Brunner

Tranquebar
9th July 1764

14th Sent the following Letter thro' President & Council at Fort William.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr President & Governor & Council at Fort William:

Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Duplicate of our last Address by the Addalore Schooner now waits on You —

Corporal Haughton a Recruit from Col.o Monson's

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Regiment having inlisted for 5 Years takes his Passage with Captain Stevens & Daniel Wilmot one of the Recruits by the Northumberland is at the Request of Captain Woodward permitted to proceed with him on the Vessell.

We are,

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t hble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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Saturday
14th. July 1764

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner, George Stratton

As His Majesty's Ships Weymouth & Panther will call at Negapatam, Ordered that the Stores to be sent to Camp be put on board & that Mr. Brouwer be furnished with Lists of them, He is also to be desired to get them landed at Harricall, or wherever they may most conveniently remain till Mr. Floyer can send Bullocks for them.

General Letter to go by the Weymouth read and signed.

General Letter brought by the Court of Directors to go by His Majesty's Ship Weymouth read and signed. Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Letter from the Nabob's Son with Bills for Pagodas 50,000 on Part of June Inst.

Read a Letter from the Nabobs Son as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 130 enclosing Bills for 50000 Star Pagodas being in Exchange for Rupees 175,000 in part Payment of June Inst.

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the receit thereof to be acknowledged.

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Rob Palk
Stringer Lawrence
Ch. Boucher
Rich. Fairfield
Sam. Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo. Stratton

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16th delivered the following Orders to Lieutenant Cook.

To Lieut.t William Cook,

Sir,

Orders to Lieut.t Cook

You are appointed to the Command of a Detachment which sett off for Camp Yesterday a return of which You have, You are therefore to follow them with all Expedition and take with You the following Cadets Viz.t James Powell James Mitchell & George Nixon, as also Samuel Roberts Cadet Practitioner Engineer & also two Private from Chin-gelpet. You are to proceed by the nearest Rout & make the best of Your Way thither, taking Care not to fatigue Your People. And You must be particularly attentive that the Men under Your Command, do not on any Account molest or Trouble the People belonging to the Countries thro' which You are to pass, but that they be-have themselves in a quiet & proper Manner.

On Your arrival at Camp You will deliver the enclosed Letter to the Commanding Officer under whose Orders You are to put Yourself.

Dated in Fort St. George this 18th July 1764

Signed by Order of the President & Council

I. Mc Stone Sec.ry

The Commanding Officer & the Paymaster at Camp were also advised of the above Detachment having marched from hence.

Major Wood advises of a large Quantity of Beetle &c. being taken which was ready to be carried into Madura

Came in a Letter from Major Wood Commanding before Madura advising that he had intercepted two Cobla-nies who were attempting to carry Beetle &c. into the Fort & having learnt from them that a large Quantity

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was at a Village about three Miles off, he had sent some Sepoys who had brought away or destroyed the whole.... He advises of the Death of Lieut.t Maitland & that he was apprehensive Major Preston could not live many Days.

Lieut. Maitland dies Major Preston in great Danger.....

Received the following Letter from Major Campbell

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell....

Enclosed I have the Honor to send a List of the Officers I appointed, those I have marked doing duty in the Battalion will I doubt not do very well Mess.rs Andrews & Hammond have always been with the Sepoys. Mr. Rose was Captain of a Ship & is a Gentleel well behaved Young Man. There is one Mr. Maclain a Portuguese Young Gentlemen who Captain Jackson brought from Brazil & recommended him to me in the strongest Manner, he has ever since done duty as a Cadet in the 1.st Company of Granadiers has been on every attack & always behaved himself with such Spirit that he is a favorite of all the Officers & I hope the Honble Board will not think him unworthy of a Commission. Mr. Shaw did Duty as a Cadet till after the 26.th last Month & always behaved with Spirit. I therefore took the Liberty of appointing him an Ensign, but as Mr. Keating has constantly been in Sick Quarters I thought it improper to promote him. I have the Honor to be with great respect

Camp before Tadwai 5.th July 1764

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obliged hble Servant

Char. Campbell

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Return of Promotion in Camp since the 10th of Febry 1764

Promotions made by him.

24th Febry	John Bowman	appointed Ensign	
19th March	William Collins	do	do
do	Richard Rose	do	do
26th do	John Short	do	Lieut
do	William Robinson	do	Ensign
do	Thomas Marriot	do	do } Battalion
do	Augustus Manderet	do	do
do	Andrew Johnston	do	do
do	William Lithgow	do	do
do	Jonathan Ramsay	do	do
3d July	William Shaw	do	do
26th March	Richard Hammond	} Ensigns in ye Sepoys	
do	William Andrews		
do	Jacob Verrong	do in the Coffrees	

Camp before Madura
5th July 1764

Chas. Campbell

In Answer to which the following Letter was wrote to him.

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army

Sir,

Answer in Consequence

Of the Cadets arrived by the Pitt, John Searle & Edward Jacob had Ensigns Commissions given them the 11th & 15th Janry. William Collins having never appeared while at Madrass & known himself out of the Society of all the Gentlemen on Board We deferred his appointment, till from his good Behavior he should be recommended but now We observe he is appointed, We hope his Behaviour has been to Your Satisfaction & that he has retrieved

Fort St. George 19th July 1764

Lieut. Cook marched Yesterday with 4 Volunteers
the Pioneers & Coffrees in all about 40 a Detachment
of Old Soldiers from the Recruits shall soon follow.

It is with the deepest concern that We hear of
the Death of Major Preston as in him the Company
have lost an Officer who can never sufficiently be regretted.

We are,

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George.
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Rob.t Palk & Council

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23: Received the following Letter & Paquets from the Presi-
dent & Council at Fort William.

To the Honible Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St. George

Letter from Fort William
advising that the
Soldiers had
retired across the
Soane - - - - - -

Honible Sir & Sirs

In our last We advised You
Expectation of another Action with the
Bowla but in this We have been disa
for on the 23d of May he suddenly
Camp near Patna and retired a co
He yet remains between the Soane
Caramnassa & has sent frequent
an Accommodation, which We have in answer
acquainted him, We shall not on any Terms
agree to, unless Meer Cossim, Sombre and our
deserters be surrendered into our Hands as a
Preliminary -

of being on
Army of Maja
appointed -
broke up his
of the Soane
and the
removals for

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We have

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. humble Servants

Fort William

21st June 1764

Henry Van Sittart

J. Spencer

Warren Hastings

Rand. Marriott

H Watts

Sam Middleton

R Leycester

In Consequence of the Resolution of the 26th Inst. the following

Letter was wrote to General Lawrence

To Major General Lawrence

Sir.

The Deputy Governor & Council of Manila in their

Letter of the 18th March acquaint us, that as Conveyances

could not be provided for the whole of His Majestys Regi-

-ment & the Royal Artillery, & Captain Backhouse refusing

to embark a part of H Majestys Troops, they were all to

wait in Expectation of Joining away together. That Capt.

Brereton on an application of the Chinese had promised

to carry them the Chinese to Canton where he purposed

to examine the Siams & Salamanthes Bottoms & after re-

pairing to return & take on Board the Regiment & remain-

ing Stores. That they had therefore ordered all the Compa-

-nys Troops to hold themselves in readiness to embark

on the Pocock, Revenge and London who only waited for

Provisions to proceed on their Voyage.

But the next Day the 19th they acquaint us that the

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We are,

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

Fort St. George.

19: July 1764

(c)

23: Received the following Letter & Papers from the President & Council at Fort William.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

at Fort St. George

Letter from Fort William advising that the Jeypore Dowla had retired across the Soane - - - - - -

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our last We advised Your Expectation of another action with the Dowla but in this We have been disappointed for on the 23.d of May he suddenly broke up his Camp near Patna and retired across the Soane. He yet remains between the Soane & Caramnassa & has sent frequent vakeels for an Accommodation, which We have in answer acquainted him, We shall not on any Terms agree to, unless Meer Cossim, Sombre and our deserters be surrendered into our Hands as a Preliminary -

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We are

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. humble Servants

Henry Van Sittart

J. Spencer

Warren Hastings

Rand. Marriott

H. Watts

Sam. Middleton

R. Leycester

Fort William
21st June 1764

In Consequence of the Resolution of the 16th Inst. the following Letter was wrote to General Lawrence

To Major General Lawrence

Sir.

The Deputy Governor & Council of Manila in their Letter of the 18th March acquaint us, that as Conveyances could not be provided for the whole of His Majesty's Regiments & the Royal Artillery, & Captain Backhouse refusing to embark a part of H. Majesty's Troops, they were all to wait in Expectation of coming away together. That Capt. Brereton on an application of the Chinese had promised to carry them the Chinese to Canton where he purposed to examine the Siams & Salmoathes Bottoms & after repairing to return & take on Board the Regiment & remaining Stores. That they had therefore ordered all the Company's Troops to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the Pocock, Revenge and London who only waited for Provisions to proceed on their Voyage &c.

But the next Day the 19th they acquaint us that the

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Spaniards having promised a general Pardon to all the Chinese, Capt. Brereton's Intentions were to make a push for India if they could get away before the end of that Month & that all the Company's Troops, Seapoys & Lascars would therefore embark, so soon as they were supplied with Provisions of His Majesty's Ship Falmouth the Siam, the Revenge, the Admiral Pocock & the London excepting a few Lascars that were to remain with Capt. Backhouse who still refused to divide the Regiment notwithstanding their most earnest Representations, that he had requested to have from him two Officers & 24 Men of the Artillery & Ammunition, which as the Spaniards were in Cavita or any Place of Strength they intended complying with, at the same time despatch as early as possible a sufficient number of Ships to carry them away, imagining they would be about 5 or 600 Men.

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Requested to send Orders to Capt. Backhouse for embark.g the Troops at Manilha — — — —

Sir

Your most Obed.t & most Hble Serv.ts

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St. George
23d. July 1764

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

Tuesday
24th. July 1764

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor & Council

Letter from Major Campbell —

Hond Sir & Sirs

Since my Return from Tinnevelly I have had the Honor to receive Your Letters of the 2d & 10th Inst. my Letter of the 12th will inform the Honble Board of my Opinion with regard to the Last the Army should act. We are at present busily employed in making Redoubts & deep Ditch all round the Fort which will be compleated I expect before the Stores I have wrote for arrive, it will then be in our Power to go on with another Attack or continue the Blockade as appears most for the good of the Service. The Nabob has promised to assist us with some more Powder so that even 500 Barrels from Madras & Vellore may do, if it is inconvenient to send more. The Ground I am now encamped on is so good & high that should I be obliged to remain here during the Monsoons, I can secure the Men by Huts, full as well as in any Country Garrison — Enclosed is a Return of the Killed & wounded & tomorrow or next Day I shall do myself the Pleasure of sending the List of Officers You have desired, & Hope the Honble Board will excuse the Liberty I take in recommending that a Promotion amongst the Lieut.s & Ensigns should be made before all the expected Officers from Europe should arrive indeed the Dangers & Fatigues those under me have so chearfully gone thro' requires one to mention them to the Honble Board in the most favorable Manner

Sends a Return of the Killed & Wounded —

Desires more Captains & Lieut.s may be made

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at the same Time I think it my Duty to acquaint You Gentlemen that neither Corther or Cartledge will in my Opinion be ever fitt for Field Duty & therefore ought to be invalided — Captains Frischman & Jannes are both gone Sick to Trichinopoly, The former as I had the Honor to mention to You some Time ago is quite worn out & the latter unable by his old Wounds unable to bear the Shock of the Firing of Cannon & has been absent from the Field since our first firing against the Fort I have therefore wrote to him to return to Madras where he may be of Service. I have already sent a great number of bad Arms to Trichinopoly, & shall in future send more in the manner You direct or by returning Bullock as I have done before — Capt. Kirkpatrick set out Yes-terday for Madras as the Surgeons tell me his wound will for a long time prevent him from doing his Duty.

The Nabob & orders for repairing the Banks of the Cavery

The Nabob has sent Orders to his Son to repair the Banks of the Cavery immediately & in such a Manner that the King of Tanjore will have no Reason to find Fault with it, & has desired me to acquaint Mr. Jannes Bourchier that he may Superintend the work if he pleases which I have wrote him at the same Time enclosed a long Letter from the Nabob to him on that Subject. The Substance of which seems to me chiefly to shew that the Work he has now given Orders for is in Consequence of the Presidents Representations, & hopes it will for some Time remove the Tanjour People's Uneasiness.

I have

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I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Faithfull & Obliged

Humble Servant

Char. Campbell

Campbefore Madura
16th July 1764

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor & Council

Letter from Major Campbell

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed I have the Honor to send [illegible] the Lists of the wounded Officers at Trichinopoly and [illegible] to the Army and have marked opposite those that are unfit for Duty by Wounds Sickness.

I am with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Campbefore Madura
17th July 1764

Your most Obliged and most Obedient humble Servant

Char. Campbell

A General

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A General List of the Military Officers at Camps & Trichinopoly under the Command of Charles Campbell Esqr Majors

Camps before Madura 16th July 1764

			Remarks
Cavalry			
List of Officers at Camp & Trichino poly	James Kirkpatrick	Captain	Wounded & absent with leave
	Thomas Fitzgerald	do	do present
	Leopold Hinker	1st Lieutt	
	Richard Matthews	do	
	William Cowley	do	
	Jona. Willecomb	2d Lieut	
	Francis Robson	do	
	Stephen Hearn	Cornet	at Tinnevelly
	John Gilbchrist	do	
	William Knox	Quar. Master	wounded present
	William Noarin	do	
	Phill. Scissor	do	
Royal Artillery			
	Agcar Weltman	Capt. Lieut	
Coast Artillery			
	John Cley	Captain	wounded present
	Edward James	do	at Trichinopoly
	Hugh Wallbank	Capt Lieut	wounded present
	Thomas Reguil	1st Lieut	
	John Lebbe	do	
	William Baillie	2. Lieut	
	Augustus de Morgan	Lieut. Fireker	
	John Dolive	do	
	Thomas Oates	do	
	Wathin Shelwall	do	

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A General List of the Military Officers at Camp and Trichinopo

Bombay Artillery

Shapliere	2d Lieut at Tinnavelly	
John Nugent	Lieut Worke	Sick in the Hospital
George Goodchild	do	
William Threlkeld	do	
Thomas Bawdwin	do	

Coast Battalion

Charles Campbell	Major	
John Wood	do	gone to Trichinopoly
Daniel Frischman	Captain	Sent sick to do
Simon Hart	do	Command at Tinnavelly
John Henry Meyers	do	Sick present
David Blake	do	absent with Leave
Roderick Orton	do	
Ross Lang	do	
John Billingham	do	at Trichenopoly
Robert Villiers Fitzgerald	Do	
Willm Legard Hooker	do	Wounded present
William Baillie	do	Sick in the Hospital
John Dormond	Capt Lieut	
John Cowper	Lieut	on Command at Tinnavelly
Daniel Ware	do	wounded present
Matthias Calvert	do	
James Selleck	do	
Thos Colby Owen	do	wounded present
John Ogilvy	do	do do
William Rogers	do	Sick in the Hospital
William Johnson	do	on Command at Tinnavelly
Gilbert Painter	do	
John Short	do	Secretary
John Drought	Ensign	
Peter Mills	do	
John Fortune	do	
John Smith	do	

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by under the Command of Charles Campbell Esqr. Major — Continued

Coast Battalion continued —	John Cotgrove	Ensign	
	William Fitzgerald	do	
	James Bathurst	do	on Command at Tennanelly
	Michael Gee	do	Sick present
	Alexr. McKenzie	do	
	Hugh Robt. Alcock	do	
	Thomas Bruce	do	Wounded present
	James Peddie	do	
	John Candler	do	
	John Searle	do	
	Colleja	do	Sent Sick to Tritchinopoly
	Edward Jacobs	do	on Command
	Marriotte	do	Sent Sick to Trichinopoly
	Augustin Mandret	do	
	John Bowman	do	Wounded present
	Richard Rose	do	Sick present
	Andrew Johnson	do	
	William Lithgow	do	
	Jonathan Ramsay	do	
	William Shaw	do	
Bombay Detachment	John Brown	Captain	
	Richd Howard	do	
	William Sneade	1st Lieut.	
	William Nesbett	do	
	John Chambers	2d Lieut.	
	Thomas Prince	do	
	Alexr. Rose	do	
	Robert Coe	Ensign	
	Thomas Whippy	do	
Coffres	John Geldard	Ensign	Sick in the Hospital
	Jacob Vernong	do	
Engineers	John Call Chief	Major	

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A General List of the Military Officers at Camp & Trichinopoly under the Command of Charles Campbell Esqr. Major Continued

Engineers Continued		
Abram Bonjour	Director Captain	belonging to the Battalion
Con. Colsford	Engineer do	
John Adams	Sub. Lieut.	
John Mc. Lean	do do	Sick present
Will.m Stevens	Pract.r Ensign	
Cha.s Desvoeux	do do	
Wm. Topladey	Extra do	Sick present belonging to the Battalion
Wm. Delafield	do do	
Lt. Robert Kelly		on Command
Seapoys		
Humphrey Harper	Captain	Sick in the Hospital
James Fitzgerald	do	
William Hunt	Lieut.	
George Brunnen	do	Sick at Tinnavelly
Henry Davis	do	
Samuel Evans	do	Sick in the Hospital
Samuel Dawson	Ensign	
Rich.d Hammond	do	
William Andrews	do	
Surgeons		
Stephen Briggo	Surgeon	
William Gray	do	
Colley Lucas	do	
Dunkin Buchanan	do	Wounded present
Arthur Sinclair	do	Tinnavelly
William Bowen	do	
Fawke	Apoth.y	
Benjamen Walker	do	

Char. Campbell Major

Resolution in consequence

We are much concerned to find so many Officers by Wounds or Sickness rendered unfit for Service — Agreed therefore that Major Campbell shoud be directed

do

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wounded Officers to be removed to Cuddalore.

to send such as are not likely to recover soon as may with Safety be removed to Cuddalore, as We are in great want of Subaltern Officers for the Duty here He is to be directed to send in such as are only fit for Garrison Service and as a Surgeon is much wanted at Cuddalore Mr. Buchanan is to proceed thither as soon as he is able.

Those that are only fit for Garrison Duty to be sent hither.

Mr. Buchanan to be sent to Cuddalore

As We are sensible of the Necessity of Major Campbell's Representation regarding the appointment of more Captains & Lieutenants. It is Agreed the following Promotions be made &c.

Promotions of Officers

John Mackcane, John Dormond	appointed Capt.ns to Rank from the Deaths of Capt.ns Smith & Croley	13th June, 27th June
Thomas Fletcher, Eccles Nixon	appointed Capt.ns to Rank from	3d July, 4th ditto
Simon Corber, John Cowper, Daniel Ware	Appointed Capt.n Lieutenants	24th Do., 25th Do., 26th Do.
Peter Mills when acquitted by a Court Martial, John Pomeroy, John Fortune, John Smith, James Buckenell, John Colgrave, Samuel Barnes	Appointed Lieutenants	25 June, 26 Do., 27 Do., 28 Do., 29 Do., 30 Do., 3 July

Reason for appointing Mr Corber a Captain Lieutenant

Pulteney George Collins appointed an Ensign to Rank from this Day. Major Campbell is also to be informed that before the receipt of his Letter Lieutenant Corber had expressed a desire of proceeding to Europe, that We have therefore appointed him a Captain Lieutenant as ordered

him to join the Army—

Orders regarding Mr. Brought—

Major Campbell having omitted giving us any Account of the Behaviour of Mr. Brought. We are to be informed We have deferred promoting him till We hear his Conduct is deserving of it which if it is Major Campbell is to be directed to appoint him to his rank, as if he had never been superseded—

The Secretary acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Mr. Mannory Clerk of Stores with the Army informing him that he had had the Misfortune of having his right Arm broke as he was getting a Gun into one of the Batteries, which has disabled him from writing, & that Mr. Carter the Conductor who was appointed to assist him, has been unfit for Duty these five Months past & therefore requesting that he may be permitted to employ a Writer—

Mr. Mannory desiring he may be allowed a Writer—

Agreed that Major Campbell be informed thereof. & directed to send Mr. Carter to Madrass & that Mr. Mannory be allowed a Writer till We can send a proper Person to Camp as Conductor—

Orders in Consequence—

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Preston who has been on Service at Manilha hath by the late Promotions been superseded. It is therefore ordered that he have his proper Rank & that Lieutenant's Commission be given him to Rank from the 3d. October last—

Lieut. Preston appointed to his proper Rank—

Letter from General Lawrence Read as follows

To

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Letter from Genl. Lawrence

I have received Your Letter of the 23d. Instant & now enclose You a Copy of my Orders in Consequence to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops at Manila, that what You have recommended may be properly executed. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Hble Servant

Stringer Lawrence

Fort St. George
24th. July 1764

To Captain Thomas Backhouse
Ofr Officer Commanding His Majesty's Troops
at Manila

Sir,

His Orders to Capt. Backhouse

Enclosed You have Copies of all the Orders I have received from His Majesty, relating to the Embarkation of His Troops for Europe, You have likewise a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Presidency of Fort St. George in which a Provision is made for embarking his Majesty's Troops on the Company's Ships Worcester & Lord Holland bound from hence to Manila & Canton where those who do not chuse to be entertained in the Service of the East India Company may be distributed among the Ships returning to Europe. In Consequence therefore of this Representation which is entirely consistent with his Majesty's Orders, You will embark with the 79th.

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Regiment & the Royal Artillery on such Ships as may be recommended to You by the Deputy Governor & Council or their Deputy at Manila —

On Your arrival at China You will not suffer any of the non Commissioned Officers & Private Men to be on Shore unless it be with the Consent & Approbation of the Company's Agents at Canton, that no Umbrage or Alarm may be given to the Chinese Government —

And when You shall be requested by the Council in China, You will not only permit such as are willing to enlist with the Company, but I desire You will also use Your utmost Endeavours to prevail on the non Commissioned Officers & Private Men to enter into the Service of the Company, taking Care their Arrears are settled & paid.

His Majesty having also permitted the Ensigns of his Regiments to remain in India, such as those to stay will be Commissioned by the Company —

With the Officers & Men who may choose to return to Europe, You will embark on such Ships as shall be pointed out to You by the Council at Canton & comply with any reasonable Request which may be made to You by them —

Should Captain Brereton be at Canton in that case he will be requested to assist in conveying the Kings Troops home — I am with much Esteem

Sir

Your Humble Servant

Stringer Lawrence

Fort St. George

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Ordered that Copies of General Lawrence's Orders to Captain Backhouse be transmitted to Manilha & to the Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton & that a Letter be wrote to the Supra Cargoes by the first Ships advising them of the Plan We have adopted for getting over People from Manilha, in order that they may approve the China Government of the Necessity of this Measure & thereby prevent their taking any Umbrage or alarm thereat

resolution regarding getting the Troops from Manila

The necessary Orders are also to be prepared to be sent to the Deputy Governor & Council at Manilha

The President acquaints the Board that the two People belonging to the Sultan of Sooloo, who arrived here with Mr. Goodlad in the Brig Speedwell had applied for Leave to return with their Servants on one of the Ships bound to Manilha & China, & that if they should not be able to procure a Conveyance from Manilha to Sooloo that they may be permitted to proceed to Canton; They likewise request that they may be advanced something in order to enable them to provide necessaries for the Voyage. — Agreed that they be permitted to return either on the Worcester or Lord Holland & if they have not an Opportunity of getting from Manilha to Sooloo, that they may be allowed to go on to China.

The two Solo People to return on one of the China Ships

It is also agreed to advance them 100 Pagodas & to allow the Captain 10/ p Day for their diet during their Passage, which is to be carried to the Debit of the Manilha Expedition; As these People were sent by the Deputy Governor & Council in order to prevail on a Body of Moors to come to their Assistance —

allowance to them & to the Captain for their Diet —

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Letter from Mr Cuthbert Agent Victualler & Storekeeper to His Majesty's Ships in India read as follows.

Robert Palk Esqr.

President &c.a Council of Fort St George

Letter from Mr Cuthbert Exhibits for an Allowance for Mr Cunison Surgeon of the Ron ther for Medicines & Attendants to Spanish Prisoners & Lascars.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to lay before You the Demand of Mr John Cunison Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Panther for Medicines & Attendance to Spanish Prisoners & Lascars on board the said Ship, requesting You will be pleased to order Payment for the whole or such part of the demanded Sum as shall seem to You just & consistent with the Rules of the Service. I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & most Hble Servt

Arthr. Cuthbert

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Resolution in Consequence

As it was intended that all the Charges of the Expedition to Manilha should be defrayed by the Government, & as We have not before made any allowances on the like occasions; Mr Cuthbert is to be informed that We are of Opinion Mr Cunison's demand should be charged to the King in the same Manner, as all other Persons victualled by his Majesty.

Cunison

The maintaining the French Prisoners to be discontinued.

The Board taking into Consideration the long time they have waited in Expectation that the French Nation would have fallen upon some Method for the support of so many of their People still remaining here; but finding that notwithstanding three Years upwards have elapsed & the definitive Treaty was

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signed in Feby 1763, no measures have yet been
are likely to be taken for that End, altho several Ships
have arrived from the Islands & some of them with
valuable Cargoes; It is therefore resolved that Mr
Isaac de La Roque be acquainted that We cannot
think of continuing so large an Expence as Pagodas
2000 p Month to the Company

Letter from y Nabob y Son with Bills in further Payment on Acct of June Rist

Read a Letter from the Nabobs Son as entered in Country Correspondence N220 enclosing Bills for Pagodas 30,000 being in Exchange for Rupees 10,000 as a further Payment on Account of June Rist

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged

Robt Palk
Wrenger Lawrence
E. Boscawen
Richd Saunders
Saml Ridley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

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Sent the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort Will.m

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council at

Fort William.

Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 21st Ulto. & to enclose to Your Honors &c.a a duplicate of our last address and an Invoice of Military Stores put on board the Ship Ali Bosch for Your Presidency. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
25th. July 1764

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants
Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

26th. Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army before Madura

Sir

Letter to Major Campbell.

Advised of the appointment of Officers

We have received your Letters of the 16th. & 17th. Instant the latter enclosing the List of Officers under Your Command and in Consequence of Your Representation have made the following appointments.

John Mackane
John Dormond } appointed Captains to Rank from 13 June / 27 Do.

Tho.s Fletcher
Eccles Nixon } do. 3d July / 4 Do.

Simon Corbet
John Cowper
Daniel Ware } appointed Capt.s Lieut.s to Rank from 24 Do. / 25 Do. / 26 Do.

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Peter Mills when acquitted by a Court Martial — 25 June
John Pomeroy — 26 Do
John Fortune — 27 Do
John Smith — 28 Do
James Bucknell — 29 Do
John Colgrave — 30 Do
Samuel Barnes — 3 July
} appointed Lieut.s to Rank from

George Pettenoy Collins appointed Ensign to Rank from 24 Do

We are concerned to find so many Officers by Wounds or Sickness rendered unfit for Field Service; We think how-ever that such of them that are not likely to recover soon-er than such as may with safety be removed, should be ordered to Fort St. David & those of them who are fit for Garrison Duty may come hither where at present We have only two Subaltern[s] —

If Mr. Buchanan is well enough recovered to be able to pro-ceed to Cuddalore, He may return to the Care of the Hospital there where a Surgeon is much wanted —

Lieutenant Corbet had before We received Your Letter ex-pressed a desire of going to Camp if He is really fit for Field Duty We would not Supersede him & have therefore appointed him a Captain Lieutenant & ordered him to join the Army.

We have not yet appointed Mr. Drought a Lieutenant as We were in Expectation of hearing from You an Account of his Behaviour, which if it has been to Your Satisfaction since his arrival in Camp, We desire he may have his Rank as if He had never been Superseded —

Mr. Manary the Clerk of Stores having represented to us that the Conductor has been unable to give him any Assistance for these 5 Months past — We therefore

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desire he may be sent into Madras &c. We have on Acct. of Mr. Manoury's being disabled from Executing the whole Business of his Employ given him leave to employ a Writer, till We can pitch upon a proper Person to send as Conductor to Camp.

A Detachment of Men under the Command of Captain Fletcher will march from hence to morrow Morning a Return of them comes enclosed.

We are,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Rob Palk & Council

St. George
July 1764

delivered the following Orders to Capt. Thomas Fletcher appointed to the Command of a Detachment under Orders to proceed to Camp.

Captain Thomas Fletcher

Capt. Fletcher

Sir,

You are appointed to the Command of a Detachment of Troops under Orders to proceed to Camp tomorrow Morning a Return of which will be delivered to You. You will therefore march with them by the nearest Rout & make the best of Your Way thither, taking great Care not to fatigue Your People — and You must be particularly attentive that the Men under Your Command do not on any Acct. molest or trouble the People belonging to the Countries thro' which You are to pass, but that they behave themselves in a quiet & proper Manner.

On Your Arrival in Camp You will put Yourself under [illegible] Major Campbell or the

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Commanding Officer there

Dated in Fort St. George this 26th July 1764

Sign'd by Order of the President & Council

I. M. Stone Secretary

27 Wrote the following Letter to General Lawrence

To Stringer Lawrence Esqr.

Major General & Commander in Chief

of the Land Forces in India

Sir,

Letter to General Lawrence

If the Pitt should be at Manilha & a sufficient Number of Men from His Majesty's Regiment should — incline to enter there into the Company's Service, as may make it expedient for her to deviate from her intended Voyage & return to this Place, We request the Commanding Officer may have Directions to permit them to enlist, that they may embark on board her, & We shall send Orders for her proceeding with them & the Stores directly hither —

Desired to Order Capt Bachhouse to embark Men who may [illegible] into the Company's Service on board the Pitt.

In Case Captain Brereton should be either at Manila or China, He will, We doubt not readily receive on board the Ships under His Command, as many of His Majesty's Troops as He can accommodate, upon Application of the Commanding Officer —

We must request also that You will be pleased to order such of Arms belonging to the Regiment as are serviceable to be delivered to such Persons as We may appoint to — receive them. We have the Honor to be with the greatest esteem

Sir

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Co.a Council

Fort St. George

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Sent the following Letter to Mr. Jas. Bourchier at Trichinopoly

To Mr. James Bourchier

Letter to Mr James Bourchier ——

Sir,

regarding the repairs of the Bunds of the Cavery ——

Major Campbell having acquainted us that the Nabob has given Orders to his Son at Trichinopoly to set about repairing the Banks immediately: We recommend to You to Superintend the Work, & to represent constantly to the Nabob's Son whatever shall appear to You necessary for finishing it in a proper & durable Manner, when this is compleated or as nearly so as the present Season will permit, You will acquaint the King of Tanjore how far You have succeeded previous to Mr. Orme's ordered to Madras return to Madras.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Frds. &c.

Fort St George

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Robt. Palk

P.S. You will deliver the enclosed Letter to the Nabob's Son & a Copy thereof comes for Your Perusal.

28. Dispatched the following Letter & Northumberland to the Supra Cargoes at Canton

To Messrs. Thomas Eckleigh, Samuel Blount, George Mandeville, Nathaniel Garland, William Mc. Hennie, Alexander Hume, Stephen De Visme, Thomas Smith, Mann Horner, William Rous & William Harrison. Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

Letter to the Supra Cargoes at Canton

The Panther's not proceeding to Manilha & the very late arrival of the Revenge at that Place, have occasioned us to alter the Measures We had taken for withdrawing the

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Troops from thence this Season unsuccessfull We are therefore
obliged to have recourse to such Means as appear to be
the most likely to enable them to leave the Place with the
greatest Expedition -

When the Seaford left Manilha which was the 25th March
His Majestys Ship Falmouth, the Siam, Admiral Pocock
Revenge & London were all there. The Deputy Governor
& Council in their Letter of the 18 March acquainted us, that
as they had not sufficient Conveyances to bring away the
whole of the Kings & Company's Troops, they had proposed
to Captain Backhouse the Commanding Officer of His Majestys
Troops that 200 of the 79th Regiment should embark & that
the remainder of the Regiment should continue there till
an Opportunity offered of transporting them hither.
But Captain Backhouse refusing to divide the Regiment
they were all to wait in expectation of coming away to-
-gether. That Captain Brereton, on an Application of
the Chinese, had promised to carry them to China, where
he purposed to examine the Falmouths and Siams Bot-
toms, and after repairing them to return & take on board
the Regiment & the remaining Stores — That the Deputy
Governor & Council had therefore ordered all the Company's
Troops to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the
Admiral Pocock, Revenge & London who only waited for
Provisions to proceed on their Voyage -

But the next Day the 19th March they inform us that
the Spaniards having promised a general Pardon to all the
Chinese, Capt Brereton intended making a Push for India
if they could get away before the End of that Month; that

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all the Company's Troops, Seapoys & Lascars would there-
-fore embark so soon as they were supplied with Provisi-
-ons, on the Falmouth, Siam, Admiral Pocock, Revenge &
London, except two Officers & 24 of the Artillery & a few
Lascars who at the request of Captain Backhouse (who
still persisted in not dividing the Regement) were to
remain with him, as the Spaniards had refused them
Cavita or any other Place of Strength — & at the same
Time desired us to dispatch as early as possible a suffici-
-ent Number of Ships to carry them away imagining
they will be about 800 Men —

As Captain Brereton's assisting in transporting the
Troops hither depended on their being able to leave the
Place by a limited Day, We are quite in a State of uncer-
-tainty with regard to their Return especially as nothing has
arrived from Manilha since the Season —

Immediately on our being advised that there was great
Reason to imagine the Panther & Revenge had lost their
Passage, We dispatched the Pitt which sailed from hence
the 15th April & We hope would be able to reach Manilha
by the End of May. From what the Deputy Governor &
Council have informed us, We think the 79th Regement
will remain there till her arrival, & that Captain Jackson
who Commands her will be detained for further Advices
from hence in case the Kings Troops & they only remain
there; But should any Accident have detained Captain
Brereton, in that Case We judge with the Pitts Assistance
they have proceeded on their Return hither by the Eastern
Passage. This however is but Conjecture, & it is absolutely

advised of the Plan for getting the Troops from Manilha

necessary for Us to take such Measures as may obviate any future Difficulty. For which reason We have determined to Order the Worcester & Lord Holland to call at Manila in their Way to China, & to receive on Board such of the Troops as may remain. For Conveyance of which We applied to General Lawrence to send Orders to Capt Backhouse or the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops to embark with them on Board these Ships for China from whence such of the Ensigns & Non Commissiond and Private Men as are willing to enter into the Company's Service, may be sent either to this Place Bengall or Bombay as Conveyances offer & the remainder be divided among the Homeward bound Ships. But if the Pitt should be found at Manilha in sufficient Number of His Majesty's Troops should be willing to enter into the Companys Service there, as may make it Expedient for her to return to this Coast. Orders will be sent for such to embark on board her with the Stores & come directly hither & for the remainder only of the Regiment to proceed to China on the Worcester & Lord Holland. By this means such of His Majesty's Troops as are not inclinable to enter into the Service will with greater ease & Expedition be conveyed to Europe than they could be from any Part of India, General Lawrence has accordingly furnished us with a Copy of the Orders he purposes sending to Captain Backhouse which comes enclosed & We think it requisite to give You this early Intelligence in Order that You may apprize the Chinese Government of the absolute Necessity of this Measure, & thereby prevent their

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taking Umbrage at it, & the more effectually to avoid any Thing that may give the least Cause for Suspi-cion General Lawrence, You will observe has given Orders to Captain Backhouse that none of the non-Commissioned Officers or Private shall be permitted to go on Shore but with proper Leave first obtained.

We have now made You acquainted with the Plan We have laid down for getting the Troops con-veyed from Manila. We shall next inform You in what particulars We must Request Your Assistance.

In Case the whole of the 79.th Regiment should ar-rive in China, We must Request You will do Your utmost to engage as many of them as possible to enter into the Company's Service, This We doubt not You will rea-dily do, as You must be sensible how much We are in want of Europeans. Capt. Backhouse the Com-manding Officer of His Majesty's Troops has Orders to assist You all in his Power. The Bounty Money We have advanced to those who have enlisted out of His Majesty's Regiments here is 10 £ a Man for 5 Years & 6 £ for 3 Years. In the absence of the Deputy Governor Mr Parsons was to be left to execute the nece-ssary Orders & He may have the Charge of inlisting the Men, in that Case We shall only desire You to fur-nish him with Money to advance a Part of the bounty & to Satisfy them that they shall receive the remainder on their arrival in India. We flatter ourselves that You will be able to procure Conveyances to send such as may enter either to this Place, Bengall or Bombay.

and that the Remainder may be accommodated on board the Ships bound for England —

If the Pitt shou'd proceed immediately for this Place with such of the Men as may have entered in- to the Company's Service at Manilha; when the Remainder arrive in China, We doubt not but se- veral of them who were unwilling to enter before may be induced to enlist after their Passage to Canton, We therefore earnestly recommend to You to engage as many of them as possible & send them to India as before desired —

Shou'd Capt. Brereton be in China in that Case agreable to His Majesty's Orders, He will at Your Request embark as many of His Majesty's Troops as He can accommodate with a Passage, or shou'd He be at Manila, We are persuaded his Assistance will not be wanting —

His Majesty having been pleased to order that all the Serviceable Arms belonging to his Regiments in India shall be delivered for the use of the Company on their Agents giving proper receipts to the Com- manding Officers of the different Corps that the Company may Account for them at Home We are to request You will receive from Capt. Backhouse or the Commanding Officer of the Kings Troops who may arrive in China, such Arms as they may bring with them, delivering to him proper Receipts for them, & We also desire You will be pleased to forward them to Us, as Conveyances offer —

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We are

Fort St George

22d July 1764

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

P.S. We herewith send You an Extract of the Company's Orders relating to the transporting His Majesty's Troops from India.

Sent at the same Time the following Letter to Captain Brereton Commander of His Majesty's Ships Falmouth.

To William Brereton Esq.r

Commander of His Majesty's

Ships Falmouth.

Sir,

Letter to Capt.n Brereton

We have been favored with Your Letter of the 4th Inst.t & Our President has communicated to Us Your Letter to him of the 12th. You may be assured we shall on the arrival of the Gentlemen from Manila take proper Notice of Your Representation.

From the Purport of the Letters We have received from the Deputy Governor & Council, We know not what to conclude with regard to the return of the Troops from Manila. We are indeed willing to hopes that the whole of them by Your Assistance & that of the Pitt which sailed from hence in April last are by this Time on their Passage hither. But as We would not trust any Thing to chance We have determined to Order two of our Chinas Ships to call there in their Way to Canton to receive on board such of the Troops as may remain & We have desired the Supra-Cargoes there to endeavour to procure Con-

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Conveyances for such of the Men of His Majestys Regiments as may enter into the Company's Service & send them hither & to divide the remainder on board the Homeward Bound Ships —

We are thoroughly convinced that no Assistance in Your Power will be wanting to bring away the Troops either from Manila or China, should this Letter find You at either of those Places —

We are with great Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient hble Servants

Robt Palk & Council

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29 Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor &c^a Council

Letter from Major Campbell —— Vaidagarry deserves Importance of that Place —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have just received a Letter from Lieut^t Kelly acquainting me that the Garrison of Vaidagarry had Surrendered to him the 19 Inst^t it consisted of three Officers 8 European Gunners, 94 Sepoyes, 3 Companies of Seapoys & many Collaries in it is 16 Guns (three of which fit for the Field) some Grain but few Stores. This Fort is of great Consequence to the Nabob, as it is Strong & so well situated that it is not only a Check upon all the Hill Polligars, but the Country depending upon it is pretty Considerable & what made me more anxious about taking this Place was, that it Commands several Passes into the Travancore

Country by which Land Europeans & Topasses enlisted on the Malabar Coast for Usefull Corps Service used to come & I had certain Intelligence that those now taken there only waited for a favorable Opportunity of entering Madura or Palem cotta. I have the Honor to be with great respect. Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Camp before Madura
22.d July 1764

Etyn Campbell

30 Recd & Copyed the following Letter from Fort William

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

Horible Sir & Sirs

Letter from Fort William

We have received Your Letters of the 25 Ulto & 2.d Inst.t

advising of Shuja Dowlas retreat

We advised You in our last of the 11th Inst.t a duplicate of which goes herewith that Shuja Dowla had broke up his Camp before Patna & retired across the Soane. He has since retreated from the Station he had taken between that River & the Carremnassa & seems to be making the best of his Way to Benares, but as We are determined to prosecute the War in his own Country untill he submits to the Concessions mentiond in our last, We shall be well pleased to receive any Reinforcements that it may be in Your Power to send us.

On the 22.d Instant Major Munro arrived here from Bombay with a Detachment consisting of 80 Rank & File of the 89 Regiment & is now preparing to join the Army.

I Have

At Fort St. George 30th July 1764.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servants

Henry Van Sittart

J. Spencer

H. Watts

Sam.l Middleton

Ralph Leycester

Fort William
28th June 1764

Wednesday } At a Consultation Present
1st August — Robert Palk Esqr Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Andley
Charles Turner ... George Stratton

Read the following Letter from Mr Colley Lucas Surgeon at Camp

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c Council at Fort St George

Letter from Mr Lucas Surgeon

Sir, & Gentlemen of the Council

Some time on Monry last past I had the Honor of addressing You in answer to a Letter You were then pleased to Honor me with, informing me that a reasonable Allowance should be made me for my Medicines, Instruments, Hospital Stores &c. that had been lost or expended in the Service of the Honble Company wherein I had the Pleasure of informing You that they cost to the Government 300 L Sterling about one fourth of which has been expended for the use of His Majesty's Forces

Now willing to interrupt Your when the Dispatches for Europe & this Seige more justly demanded Your attention

I postponed troubling You on this Head, but upon a Presumption that the former are dispatched & that the Survey of the latter is nearly at an End, I take this Opportunity of addressing You & hope You will be pleased to pardon my being thus Importunate. requesting You will do me the Honor to Order Your Pay Master in Campe to pay me the Sum of 563 Pagodas being in full for three fourths of the Europe Medicines. Hospital Stores, Instruments &c. sent with me from Europe for the use of his Majesty's Forces for which I shall give him a Bill & Receit, Your Compliance will particularly Oblige him who has the Pleasure to Subscribe himself.

Applies for an Allowance for Medicines

Sirs & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t & devoted humble Servt

Colley Lyons Lucas

Secander Mettle
19 July 1764

Agreed that Mr. Lucas be informed that We cannot as We before acquainted him, think of making him any Allowance for the Medicines & Instruments expended by him in the Company's Service, till he furnishes Us with a particular Account of them, when We will Order him to be paid what is reasonable

Orders in Consequence

Letter from Messrs. La Roques, Isaac read as follows —

Letter from Messrs La Roque & Isaac

Jas & Isaac & Dela Roque

A Messieurs le President et Conseillers du Council. Superieur de Madrast

Messrs Isaac & Delaroque

To the President & the Superior Council of Madras

Messieurs

Nous avons reçu la lettre que Mr. Stone nous a ecrite de votre

Gentlemen

The Letter which Mr. Stone wrote to Us in Your name on the

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regarding Striking off the Subsistence of the French here.—

votre Part le 21e. du present, allow the 24th Inst.t We have receives
jette la Consternation dans Lesprit il has occasiond the calamit-
de tous. les Francois qui avoient la Consternation among all the
Connoissance. Nous Lavez sans French who have seen it, their
doute prouvee Mess.rs et combien Gentlemen, Your doubtless found
ils sont fondes à sein allarmer. & how well our Reasons were grounde
Nous ignorons Comme vous Mess.rs for being alarmed.
les raisons du silence de notre We are equally ignorant with
Compagnie qui vous porte a nous You Gentlemen of the reasons
oter la Subsistance sans la quelle for the Silence of our Company
il n'y apas vingt personnes pa which induces You to deprive us
-rmis nous qui puissent se sou- of our Subsistence without which
-tenir quinze Jours. cette verete there are not 20 Persons among us
est malheureusement trop ma- who can Support themselves
-nifeste pour que vous la reasoquez 15 Days. The Generous Patience
en doute. la patience generouse which You have hitherto shewn
avec laquelles vous avez ete au & thereby prevented the Conse-
devant des suite pour nous de quences attending such a depri-
telle Privation qui fait fremir vation, which makes even the
l'humanité, nous prenons dequi- manity shudder, persuades
nous vous trouverez bien Mess.rs Yourselves Gentlemen that Your will give
encore aux modiques frais des continue to furnish us with the
besoins physiques de plus de 100 common necessaries of Life more
françois, Exposes pour Invalids than 100 French the greatest
qui n'ont point de autre reffour part of whom are Invalids &
la Soustraction de cet aide espere have no other resource. Inclos
-table que, depuis la Paix pro- -ed is this equitable allowance
-nom de bien fait mettra un terme since the Peace may be
ombre au monde que nous ont. terme a favor will greatly depri-

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ont acquis les grandes Sommes the merit which You have ac-
que vous avez déjà avancées et- quired by the immense Sum
qui rendent presque imperceptible already advanced is wholy lost
sible celles qui vous faites encor dans the Expence You are now
à present à notre entretien on Our Account almost imper
Cnvain chercherons nous Mess.rs ceptible — In vain Gentlemen
les motifs de oubli apparent que de we consider what motives
notre Compagnie fait de nous peut can induce our Company to shew
être nous avoit elle en bien moin such apparent forgetfulness of
dre nombre icy, ou que nous pren- perhaps they think We are not
ons sur les revenus des terres qui so numerous as We really are or
nous sont vendues par le traité that You have reimburs- by you
de paix les depenses que que vous selves for the Expence You are
faites pour nous cette dernière cup.n been at for our Support on
position ne pouvoit elle pas the Revenues of those Countries
avoir lieu et vous autorisez which are ceded to Us by the
a vue de Votre compagnie a nous Treaty of Peace, will not that
continuer vos attentions ? si vous tast Supposition be sufficient
nela trouve pas valable ne pour authorise You to continue Your
rier vous pas Mess.rs nous donner ce ? If not Can, You Gentlemen
à titre de prests lequ vous nous give that, the Title of Loan which
donnez a titre de Subsistance at present bears the name of
dont nous vous donnerons des Subsistence, for which We will
reconnoissances au nom du Roy give You receipts in the name of
ou de la Compagnie a votre choix the King or the Company which
a changement etc dénomination ever You chuse. This change of
qui éloigne l'idée des suites de la Title which banishes the Remem-
Guerre assurera Votre rembour- brance of the Consequences of the War
sement —

will assure You of being repaid —

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Nous Croyons Mess.rs devoir re- We know think it our Duty Gen-
-pondre un mot a l'article de- -tlemen to answer briefly in re-
Vaisseaux des Isles qui sont venus- gard to the Ships which are
a cette Coste et qui paroissent etre arrived on the Coast from y.e Islands
un motif de plus pour vous de which appears to be Your Chief
nous priver de vos Secours.- Motive for depriving us of y.r Assistance
Nous n'avons point connoiss- We know not that there has any
sances qu'il en soit venu de chargés as Yet arrived loaded on the Acc.t
pour le compte de notre Compagnie of our Company unless a very mo-
a moins qu'on ne donne le nom de- derate Sum of Money which M.r
Cargaison a une Fort Modique de Forges had empowered M.r Mau-
somme que M.r Des forges avoit donné dave to take up for his own
pouvoit a M.r Maudave de prendre private Use, can bear the name
pour son propre entretien, sur la of a Cargo & on the small one of
petite Cargaison de la Fregatte la the Gracieuse Frigate which
Gracieuse qui appartenoit a divers belonged to many different
particuliers aussi que celles de l'Equipage, as well as that of the Ex
Expedition adressée a M.r Dupetit-pedition consigné to M.r Dupetit Val
Val sur la quelle la Compagnie the Company had not even 2000
n'avoit pas deux mille Pagodes Pagodas. We shall say nothing
nous ne disons rien de celle about the last Brigantine that
Brigantin venu des Isle a has arrived at Tranquebar from
Tringuebar, parce qu'il est connu the Islands as it is publickly
republié qu'il appartient a known that she belongs to the
M.rs les Danois de Bengale Danes at Bengall from whence
dou Il a été expedié. Nous Som- she had been dispatched. We are
-mes avec respect. — Messieurs with respect. Gentlemen

Vos tres hble tres obes.t Serviteurs Your most hble & very Obed.t Serv
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Montaignes de la Roque Montaignes De la Roque

St Thomé
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the Honble Board that all the Officers which I appointed have hitherto behaved extreamly well (excepting Mr Collins) which emboldens me to humbly Request the Board would be pleased to confirm their Appointment otherwise they will be ruined. As to Mr Collins I acknowledge he has greatly deceived me. Once more beg the Honble Board will be pleased to consider that tho' I have taken more upon me with regard to the appointing Officers & Cadets than any Commanding Officer before that the Situation of Affairs were more unfortunately circumstanced which obliged me to do so. I have nothing further to add in my own Behalf but to assure You Gentlemen that the least Appearance of Your displeasure will always make me extremely Unhappy

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most

Obed.t Humble Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura
26.th July 1764

Agreed that Major Campbell be informed that We confirm the Appointments He has made but that in future whenever the absolute Necessity of the Service requires the immediate Appointment of an Officer, He must only be ordered to do Duty as such till He can receive our Directions — With regard to Mr Robinson there could be no Necessity for appointing him an Ensign as while he did the Duty of an Adjutant, He could not by that Means be of any further Service — It is therefore ordered that he only have the Rank of Ensign but that

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have only the
nk of Ensign
t no Pay ——

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in future he receive no Pay for such Appointment —

Lieut.t Matthews applies to be appointed a Capt.t Lieut.t of Cavalry in the Room of Capt.t Lieut.t Bullock ——

Ensign M.c Kenzie desires to have the Rank he has in the Kings Service.

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that he has received by the Hands of Major Campbell a Letter from Lieutenant Matthews of the Cavalry requesting to be appointed a Captain Lieutenant in the Room of Captain Lieutenant Bullock deceased, as also a Letter from Ensign Mackenzie desiring that he may have his Rank from the date of the Commission he bore in the King's Service, as several of His Majesty's Regiments have been reduced

Orders thereon.

Officers from His Majesty's Regiments have been received on the same Terms —

Agreed that Major Campbell be informed that he has since the Death of M.r Bullock received an Establishment from the Honble Court of Directors in which no Captain Lieutenant of Cavalry is allowed; that We cannot therefore comply with M.r Matthews's Request, but We have a proper Sense of his Merit & good Behaviour — With regard to M.r Mackenzie as there was not at the Time he came into the Service any Order for receiving the Kings Officers & as his coming in a Volunteer was entirely an act of his own, We cannot think now of putting him over the Heads of many others who have served equally well —

M.r Corbet not to have a Capt.n Lieut.t Commission —

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that He received a Letter from Lieutenant Corbet advising him he was unable thro' Infirmities to proceed to Camp — It is therefore Agreed that the Captain Lieutenant's Commission ordered for him do not take Place —

Lieutenant Hinkes & Cornet Hicker having been frequently recommended for their gallant & good —

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Capt. Lieut. to Brevet ordered for Lieut. Hatker — and a Lieut. to Brevet for Cornet Kuhn —

Behaviour on all occasions — And as the Corps of Hussars will, when the Establishment takes Place be broke. It is Agreed in order that these Gentlemen may not lose their Rank to give Lieutenant Hatker a Captain Lieutenants Brevet to take Rank from the 23d July & Lieutenants Brevet to Cornet Kuhn to rank before the Lieutenants lately appointed —

Ensigns Commissions ordered for Messrs. Thomas Bonnet & Weston Greenwollers ——

There being a Want of Subaltern Officers in Camp & in Garrison ordered that an Ensign's Commission be given to Mr. Thomas Bonnet eldest in Rank of the Cadets yet arrived from England to take Rank from the 26th July —

The Honble the Court of Directors having appointed Mr. Weston Greenwollers an Ensign — Ordered that he take Rank next before Mr. Lutterway George Collier & that Major Campbell be informed thereof —

Our Honble Masters having also in the 2d Paragraph of their seperate General Letter of the 30th December expressed their Satisfaction at the Treaty concluded between the Nabob & the King of Tanjore. It is ordered that a Copy of what relates to the said Treaty be transmitted to Mr. Call, who is to be desired to make use of it in such a Manner as may the more effectually influence the Nabob to be upon better Terms with the King of Tanjore It is also ordered that a Copy of the 137 Paragraph of the Company's General Letter of the 30 December relating to the Debt due by Captain Robert Villiers Fitzgerald be transmitted to Major Campbell, who is to make Captain Fitzgerald acquainted therewith & to order

Extract of 2d Comps Gen. Letter regard. Capt. Fitzgerald to be sent to Major Campbell ——

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Mr Dowsett the Paymaster to recover from him the Money mentioned therein —

Read the following Letter from Captain Richard Hall Commander of the Ship Worcester

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President and Governor and
Council of
Fort St George —

Letter from Captain Hall ——

Honble Sirs

When I touched at the Island of Johanna I found there a small Vessel from Mauritius on board of which were nine Sea Peapoys belonging to the Honorable Company who were taken Prisoners at Bencoolen — They made Application to me to come on board my Ship in Order to be brought to this Presidency and I in Consequence received and delivered them

Desires an allowance for the Diet of some Seapoys he received on board at Joanna belonging to the West Coast ——

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them here —— Must therefore request You will please to Order to be payed whatever You shall judge proper, for the Expence my Owners must consequently have been of Furnishing them with Provisions for thirty four (34) Days —

I am with great Respect

Honble Sirs

Madras
27th July 1764

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Richd Hall

Agreed that Captain Hall be allowed at the Rate of four Fanams P. Day for each of the Seapoys during the Time they were on board —— and that they be returned to Fort Marlborough by the first Conveyance — which Presidency is to be debited for whatever may be advanced for their Passage, or Subsistence while they remain here

Orders in Consequence

The President lays before the board the following Letter from John Lewen Smith Esqr Chief at Cuddalore; together with the

Captain Hall

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Explanation of sundry Passages of Letters from Mr. Riquet in Mr. Carrere's Possession —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Sir,

Letter from Mr. Smith at Cuddalore —

Since my last address to You nothing extraor-
-dinary has occurred, Riquet & his People having re-
-mained quiet & I have managed it so with him that
I have put a guard over his Horses without giving
him any Suspicion, having persuaded him it was
for his Security to prevent the Hussars going off with
them, as he claims the property of them, & which I
insinuated I had Intelligence they designed, so that
now I hope they are secure — Yesterday he came to me
& opened himself by telling me that as he now despair-
-ed of the arrival of the French Ships this Year & being
unable longer to Support the vast Expence of Maintaining
the Men & Horses of his Troops, he found himself obliged
to take Measures accordingly & therefore if You were
inclined to purchase his Horses for the Company he
made You an offer of them & their Furniture Viz.t
their Saddles with Holsters &c.a & Bridles for the Sum
of 300 Pagodas, there are 25 of them & all the Saddles
he says are good & many new & as I have often seen
the Horses I can't help saying I think them in general
very, & in good Order so that Sir, if I may give my
Opinion they cannot be dear at that Sum may rather
Cheap & that perhaps You may not so soon again have

Regarding Mr Riquet —

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such another Opportunity of supplying Your Cavalry
as to the Men he says You must be sensible he cannot
oblige them to enter into our Service, he shall therefore
endeavour to maintain them some Time longer, how-
ever that he will not use any Means to prevent their
listing in our Service if they chuse it, he requests Your
Answer to his proposals as soon as possible & to which
You will please to favour me with, as also Your Di-
rections in Case You should not accept his proposal
whether I may let him dispose of them otherwise as he
undoubtedly intends doing. Carrere his Surgeon desir-
ed me leave a few Days ago to go to Madras which
I acquiesced in, but Mr. Riquet has since informed
me that he has carried away one of his Horses which
he therefore will apply for Recompense when he learns
he is at Madras, for he does not yet know what
he is gone, being obliged to put a Guard of Sepoys
over these Horses & having also sent an Escort with
the Money to Trichinopoly it has so reduced our
small Garrison that I found myself obliged to send
for some of the Sepoys at Deve Cotah to assist us till
our Sepoys return from Trichinopoly when will return
them to accordingly as Havildar & 12 Sepoys from that
Place are now here the Renter having made no objec-
tion to it.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Humble Servant
J. L. Smith

Cuddalore
25 July 1764

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Explanations of several Passages of the Letters in the Dispute of Mr. Carrere regarding Mr. Piquet:—

Explanation of Mr. Piquet's Correspondence.——

The Sick Person hinted at is the Governor of Negapatam & the Prescription to his Malady is the proposal made by Piquet of entering in his Service with his Troops

3000 Pagodas—

Expected recovery of Fischer's Horses from their suppposed Malady is the Return of a Messenger sent to Monsieur Row with the same Proposals—

The Hunting Match alludes to the Day fixed for their Departure & which was to be Executed under the Pretence of coming down to Madras with a Passport from the Chief of St Davids—

The fear of not tasting the Game is the Delay occasioned by the Absence of the Messenger—

Mr Piquet in his Letter to Monsieur Row says that Mr Heigel was disposed to join him with his Detachment if the Obstacle in his Way could be removed, at the same Time makes him a tender of his Services with 30 Troopers & a further Promise of Recruiting in three Months 100 Europeans properly equipt with Common Ammunition & Sundry other Military Stores. requesting some trusty Packet may be sent to Trichy the Place of Rendezvous with the Sum of 1[illegible]000 Pagodas to defray the Expences attending his march &c. that from the little Confidence he had in the Messenger, he had not thought it prudent to trust him with any Articles of Agreement for fear of a Discovery, however it appeared highly necessary to

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such another Opportunity of supplying Your Cavalry.
As to the Men he says You must be sensible he cannot
oblige them to enter into our Service, he shall therefore
endeavour to maintain them some Time longer, how-
ever that he will not use any Means to prevent their
listing in our Service if they chuse it, he requests Your
Answer to his proposals as soon as possible & which
You will please to favour me with, as also Your Di-
-rections in Case You should not accept his proposal
whether I may let him dispose of them otherwise as
undoubtedly intends doing. Carrere his Jung con-
-ted me leave a few Days ago to go to Madras which
I acquiesed on, but Mr. Rigest has since inform-
me that he has carried away one of his Horses which
he therefore will apply for. I suppose when he hears
he is at Madras for he does not yet know why
he is gone, being obliged to put a Guard of Seapoys
over these Horses & having also sent an Escort with
the Money to Trichinopoly it has so reduced our
small Garrison that I found myself obliged to send
for some of the Seapoys at Dave Cotah to assist to fill
our Seapoys returning from Trichinopoly when will return
them accordingly at Havelock. 12 Seapoys from that
Place are now here the Renter having made no objec-
tion to it.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed. Humble Servant,
J. L. Smith

Cuddalore
25 July 1764

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Explanations of several Passages of the Letters in the Possession of Mr Carrere regarding Mr Riquet:—

Explanation of Mr Riquet's Correspondence.——

The Sick Person hinted at is the Governor of Negapatam & the Prescription to his Malady is the proposal made by Riquet of entering in his Service with his Troops

3000 Pagodas —

Expected recovery of Fischer's Horses from their supposed Malady is the Return of a Messenger sent to Monsieur Kow with the same Proposals —

The Hunting Match alludes to the Day fixed for their Departure & which was to be Executed under the Pretence of coming down to Madras with a Passport from the Chief of St Davids —

The fear of not tasting the Game is the Delay occasioned by the Absence of the Messenger —

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to improve the Present Opportunity by a Speedy Conclusion.

Morary Row's Answer was to this Effect that he had with the greatest Satisfaction, received his Letter, that the offer made him appeared of too advantageous a Nature not to close in with it, that he is concerned that Messenger could not be trusted with the Articles of Agreement, desires Lieut. Moss. Riquet to pitch upon a proper Person who may be Authorised to terminate the Affair in hand with the utmost Speed, being then on his March to join the Army for an Expedition against Hydra-Naigue a Speedy answer will much oblige me —

Orders in Consequence

It appears very evident from the above that Mr. Riquet's Intentions are by no means to observe the Capitulation he entered into by remaining quiet at Cuddalore, if he can find an advantageous Opportunity of breaking it, and his offering to dispose of his Horses after finding his Correspondence was discovered, seems as if he purposed to go off with the Money & leave the Men to be maintained by us, or to shift for themselves. It therefore becomes necessary that Measures be taken to prevent his carrying his Designs into Execution — Towhich purpose Mr. Smith is to be directed to keep a very watchfull Eye upon his actions & to continue the Guard over the Houses & when by the return of the Sepoys to Cuddalore, he has a sufficient Force, He is to cause Mr. Riquet to be seized & his house to be searched for Arms & Ammunition & such Papers as may give us any light into his Designs. Here is

then

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then to acquaint Mr. Rigaut as well as the other Offi-
cers & Men with the Motives that have obliged us to
take this Step—

Letter from the Governor & Council at Tranquebar
read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor & the Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Govr. & Council at Tranquebar

There is at present a Matter in discussion between
this Settlement & the Court of Tanjore, that is likely to
cause us some Troubles with those People, troublesome as they
are whenever they think they can act as they please, with-
out Consequences & paying no respect to reason. And be-
-ing persuaded that You have it in Your Power to settle
this Matter in a good Way, by the Influence You have in
that Court, We take the Liberty to request Your assistance
& intermeddling in a Case wherein You will highly oblige
not only us & this Settlement, but our Company & the Do-
-minion Nation & it can give You no other Trouble at all but
the wording of a single Letter to that Court—

It has always been a Custom with the Kings
of Tanjore & this Settlement that upon the King's installa-
-tion that Part of his Dominion that borders our
Boundaries, that Pigiadon whom the Danish Government
has no Grievances against him is likewise received in
that Quality in some Part of our Territory & this Custom has no
other Foundation as a mere complaisance to the Court, You
may have heard that some Years ago one Perumal Naick for

Desire our Interposition with the King of Tanjore

regarding the Appointment of a Pigiadon.

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was in this Manner installed as Vigeador in these Parts, a Man of a settled, Cruel & barbarous Character who Caused great Mischiefs & Disorders between this & the former King & the loss of many Lives, so that the said King thought it convenient to devest him of that Imployment. Since which he has lived in a private Way till now he has found Means to get into the favour of some Ministers of the present reigning King who has restored to him his former Imployment & desires of Us to do the same, under Pretence that he is indebted to the Court of a great Sum of Money & that his reinstalation is the only means whereby he may get that Money & pay his debts. but as We are too much informed of the Character of that Man We could not help refusing to accept him & shall be obliged hence forth to do so.

We are conscious that it only is some Intrested Ministers who promote the Cause of this bad Man & We shrewdly suppose that the King is not well informed of the Matter. However the Court seems resolved to insist on his Reception, & threatens in case of our Refusal to hinder the importations of Goods in our Territories & to offer other insults that very likely might occasion great disorders & mischievous Accidents.

This is the Case truly stated, & seeing that the King is most certainly in the Wrong, We hope that You will as our good Friends not deny Your Interposition to persuade the said King to leave any farther insisting on a demand wherewith We can't agree and

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and whereunto he has no right at all. We think it would answer the end very well if the Nabob cou'd be persuaded to write to the King in the same Manner, which We must leave to Your Pleasure & only beg that some expeditious way may be used to prevent any Disturbances that otherwise could arrive.

We have so many Instances of Your kind Behaviour against us that We can't but hope that You will be pleased to add this Favour more & We remain always with the most perfect Esteem & Consideration.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed[t] humble Servants

P Haulbeck H. Abbestee
C Bie. J. Hb. Gille
P. Falk

Fort Dansborg
28. July 1764

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged & that a Letter be wrote to the King of Tanjore agreable to the request of the Gentlemen at Tranquebar.

Read a Letter from the Nabob's Son as entered in Country Correspondence N°50 enclosing Bills for Pagodas 62,857 in Exchange for 220,000 Rupees being the Ballance due on account of June Hist. Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Rob[t] Palk
Ringer Laurence

Rich[d] Fairfield
Sam[l] Hadley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

resolution thereon

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Caused to be Entered the following Letter from Mr. James Bouchier

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Jas. Bouchier

The Freshes being come down the River, I yesterday visited the Anicut which I believe, from what Judgement I can form by my Eye only, must have been when it was first made about 300 Yards in length, but being long neglected there is not left more above 150, of a height sufficient to prevent the Water overflowing it, yet the lowest Part of it answers the End originally designed in some Measure by dividing the Stream of the grand Cavery which forms the two Branches called the Colleroon & Leser Cavery. The former of these two being much the deepest & widest carries off the greatest Proportion of Water we could, if no allowance is paid to the Anicut; in the Space of very few Years now the whole Course of the River that Way, for by the Bed of the Leser Cavery being so much higher than the Colleroon the River forms an Eddy just at that Point which throws up such a Quantity of Sand in the Entrance of the former that it must by Degrees entirely choak it up. Indeed the Anicut itself has greatly contributed to this inconvenience, for being formed only of loose Sand, what the Force of the Stream had washed down has been thrown to that Side.

All I can say in regard to the Nabob's appropriations for Trichinopoly that of the River should be such as to work that to a wish the Island of

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Syringham must be totally overwhelmed &c.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t and most

humble Servant

Jas. Bourchier

Trichinopoly

28 July 1764

Received the following Letter from Mr. Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the

Council at Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Floyer

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Pleasure to send You herewith

Copy of an Indent for Stores received from Camp with an

Account annexed thereto of such Articles as can be sent

from this Garrison.

I have received at Sundry Times from Mr. Brow-

-er at Karrical the following Stores, landed there

out of the Royal Charlotte, the remainder he intends

dispatching to this Place by every Opportunity he can

meet with &c.

Major Campbell informs me he has ordered

300 Bullocks to be sent hither for conveying of Stores

from Karricall & this Places. to Camp; as soon as they

arrive, a sufficient Number shall be sent to Karrical

& the remainder employed in carrying Stores. We

have here ready to be sent to the Army. I remain

with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly

28 July 1764

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Came in the following Letter from Mr James Bouchier

To the Honble Robert Pitt Esqr

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Jas Bouchier

The Freshes being come down the River I Yesterday visited the Anicut which I believe (from what Judgement I can form by my Eye only) must have been when it was first made about 300 Yards in length, but being long neglected there is not left now above 150 of a length sufficient to prevent the Water overflowing it, yet the largest Part of it answers the End originally designed in some measure by dividing the Stream of the grand Cavery which forms the two Branches called the Coleroon & Leser Cavery. The former of these two being much the deepest & widest carries off the greatest Proportion of Water as well, if not more than is paid to the Anicut, in the Space of every few Years goes the whole Course of the River that Way, for the Bed of the Leser Cavery being so much higher than the Coleroon this River forms an Eddy just at that Point which throws up such a Quantity of Sand on the Entrance of the Leser that it must by Degrees entirely choak it up. Indeed the Anicut itself has greatly contributed to this inconvenience, for being formed only of loose Sand, what the Force of the Stream has washed down has been thrown to that Side

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hensions for Trichinopoly that if the River should
swell so high as to push that to a Side the Island of

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t and most

humble Servant

Jas. Bourchier

Trichinopoly
28 July 1764

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President & Governor & the Gentlemen of the

Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Floyer

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-wer at Karrical the following Stores, landed there

out of the Royal Charlotte, the remainder he intends

dispatching to this Place by every Opportunity he can

meet with —

Major Campbell informs me he has ordered

300 Bullocks to be sent hither for conveying of Rice

from Karrical to this Places to Camp, as soon as they

arrive, a sufficient Number shall be sent to Karrical

& the remainder employed in carrying Stores. We

have here ready to be sent to the Army. I remain

with great Respect — Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithfull Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly
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Stores received from Mr Brouwer at Harricall.

Bombay Powder	100 Barrels	101 Barrels
Shott 24 ℔r		467
Do 12		1987
English Firelocks with Bayonets		150
Iron bar'd & Wooden Ramrods		
Cartouch Box & Payorah Scabbards Wooden Ramrods		75
Leather Slings		346

Charles Floyer Storekp.

Sent the following Letter to the Deputy Governor & Council at Manila p Ship Worcester

To Dansonne Drake Esqr

Deputy Governor &c.a Council at Manilla

or to the Persons appointed by them to the Charge of the United English East India Company's Affairs there

Gentlemen

Copy Letter to Manila

We have received Your Letters of the 18. & 19 March by the Seaford which arrived here the 24th June & that of the 24th Febry by the Luconia which vompanied here the 4 July.

Enclosed We send You a duplicate of our Letters by the Pitt which Ship We hope arrived with You by the end of May & that by her Assistance the whole of the Troops are on their Passage hither, but however this should not be the case, We have thought proper to order the Worcester & Lord Holland to call at Manilla in the Way to Canton by the enclosed Copy of a Letter to the Supra Cargoes there, You will be fully acquainted with the Plan We have laid down for withdrawing our

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of the Troops &c.a as may have been left behind. We can say little more than to recommend it to You to do Your utmost for carrying the same into Execution. We likewise send You a Copy of General Lawrences' Orders to Captain Back house &c. in this You will find our Intentions fully explained.

You will be particularly careful that the Troops & Stores are embarked with all Expedition that the Ships may be detained as short a Time as possible from their intended Port of Canton, & their Destination must on no Consideration whatever be altered.

At Your arrival at Canton You will pay particular attention to what the Supra Cargoes may recommend to You, both with regard to the Conduct of Your People that the Chinese Government may have no Reason to take any Umbrage or Alarm at this necessary Measure as well as with respect to the Conveyances they may propose to You, for getting them from thence as soon as possible.

We have embarked on board the Vessels for Us Spanish Prisoners of War to 13 on the Lord Holland, List of whom comes in the Packets of the respective Ships. You are to pay the Captain for their Passage, at the rate of 10 Dr. or 4 Spa.s Dr. Day from the D. Instant to the Time of their being landed.

The two People belonging to the Sultan of Soolo who were sent by You with Mr. Paddrik in the Brig Speed will be endeavour to prevail on the Moors to come to Your Assistance, take their Passage on the Worcester

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We have given them Permission either to be landed at Manila or proceed to Canton, whichever they shall most convenient — If they should choose to remain at Manila You are to Pay the Captain for their Passage at the Rate of 5/6 ℔ Day for each of them from the Instant to the Time of their being otherwise disposed of; but if they should proceed to Canton, the Supracargoes will pay for their Passage at the same Rate.

We have addressed a Letter to the Spanish Governor of Manila a Copy of which comes enclosed; You will receive it from the Captain & deliver it. We recommend to You to part with the Spaniards on the best Terms possible.

In these Ships Worcester & Lord Holland there is only a very small Quantity of Treasure & what we have been able to procure will not be sufficient for the demands in China. We therefore recommend to You not to apply for any Part of this Treasure which we hope will not be necessary, but in Case the Spaniards have any demands on You it may be left to us to settle.

I am
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
& Servants
Robt Palk & Council

Fort St. George
4 Augt. 1764

The following Letter was also wrote to the Spanish Governor there

To His Excellency the Governor & Captain General
of the Philippine Islands for the Time being

Most Excellent Sir

The Peace so happily established between our

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Letter to the Spanish Governor of Manila

respective Sovereigns induces me to express my Satisfaction at so desirable an Event, & at the same Time to assure You that nothing in my Power shall be omitted which can any Way tend to the maintaining a friendly & Amicable Correspondence with Your Nation.

It is not without the greatest concern I find that so many vexatious Disappointments have prevented our Troops from leaving Mounilha; every possible Means have been exerted by me for that End & I hope that the greatest Part of them are by this Time come away. The Worcester & Lord Holland two of our China Ships are ordered to call in their Way to Canton to receive on Board such of the Troops & Stores as may remain. I flatter my self no Assistance in Your Power will be wanting to enable them to embark with the utmost Expedition.

I have returned on these Ships all the Subjects of His most Catholic Majesty who remain of those who were brought here by His Majesty's Ships

I have the Honour to be

Most Excellent Sir

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servant

Robert Palk

Fort St. George

4th August 1764

at the same time

Dispatched the following Letter to the Supra cargoes at Canton

To Messrs Thomas Fitzhugh, Samuel Blount, George Mandeville, Nathaniel Garland, William Mackenzie, Alex.r Hume, Stephen de Kame, Tho.s Smith, Hann. Korner, Will.m Rous & Will.m Harrison. Supra cargoes of Council at Canton

Gentlemen

Letter to the Supra. Cargoes at Canton

We herewith send You a duplicate of our

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Letter by the Northumberland —

Agreable to what We then advised You, the Worcester now proceeds to Manilha in her Way to Canton & We enclose a Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council for Your Perusal; The Lord Holland will be dispatched as soon as possible —

The two Soolo Men mention'd in the above Letter were principal Persons belonging to the King, who has for many Years been a Prisoner at Manilha; They are apprehensive that if they should be left there, when our People are gone away, the Spaniards would resent their having been so ready to afford Us Assistance — We have therefore thought it but reasonable to permit them to proceed to Canton if they find it convenient from whence they may with ease procure a Passage to Soolo, & We must Request in case they should arrive with You that You will pay the Captain for their Passage at the Rate of 2 Shillings p Day for each of them during the Time they are on board —

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Hble Servants

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Rob Palk & Council

The following Letter was also sent to Captain Backhouse at Manilha —

To Thomas Backhouse Esqr

or the Officer Commanding His Majesty's Land Forces at Manilha

Letter to Capt. Backhouse —

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 30th Dec. 1763

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and 17th March last —

It gives us the greatest Concern to find that so many Disappointments have concurred to prevent Your Return with the Troops & Stores from Manila notwithstanding We have exerted our utmost Efforts for that Purpose —

We have now ordered the Worcester & Lord Holland to call there in their Way to Canton to receive on board such as may remain — And We are well assured You will do every thing in Your Power for their speedy Embarkation —

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

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4.th August 1764

Delivered the following Orders to Captain Hall Command-

-ing the Ship Worcester —

To Captain Richard Hall

Commander of the Honble Company's

Ship Worcester.

Orders to Capt.n Hall of the Worcester —

Sir,

It having been thought proper to Order Your Ship & the Lord Holland to call at Manila in their Way to Canton to assist in conveying away such of the Troops and Stores as may remain there, You are therefore on Your arrival at Manila to follow such Orders & Instruc-tions as You may receive from the Deputy Governor & Council or the Person appointed by them to the Charge of the Honble Company's Affairs there —

We have sent on board Your Ship fourteen Spanish Prisoners, who are to be landed at Manila, for the Passage

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of whom You are to be allowed at the Rate of 10 Pence or 4 Fanams p Day for each of them during the Time they are on Board.

You will receive on board Your Ships two Persons belonging to the Island of Sooloo they are either to send a Passage from Manila or to be carried to Canton whichever they may think proper, You will be allowed for their Passage at the Rate of 3 Shillings p Day each during the Time they are on Board, We recommend that You treat them with attention & Regard, their Servants & Attendants also with them for whom You are to be allowed 10. with Fanams p Day each while they are on board.

The accompanying Letters You will deliver as directed; except that for the Spanish Governor of Manila which is to be given to the Deputy Governor & Council or the Person having Charge of the Company's Affairs there. But in Case of their absence You will present it to the Spanish Governor & endeavour to convince him that it is our Inclination to be on good terms with his Nation.

Dated in Fort St. George this 4th August 1764

5th

Mr Haigel supplyd with Arms &c. by Ben Evans

Came in a Letter from Mr Bronsden advising that Mr Haigle had been furnished with Five Arms from the Danes for about 30 of his People their reason for doing this they say was to oppose Pennaul Naick the King of Tanjore's Vexiador who was coming with about 20 Horse & 100 Seapoys near the Bounds of Tranquebar.

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7 Sent the following Letter to the Governor & Council at Tranquebar —

To the Honble Herman Abbestee Esqr.

President & Governor & Council at

Tranquebar.

Letter to Tranquebar

Gentlemen

We have received Your Letter of the 26 July the 1st
concerning the Visiadour lately appointed by the
Rajah of Tanjore & according to Your Request have
made proper Representations on the Occasion, which
We hope will have the desired Effect as We shall
at all Times rejoice to be any Ways Instrumental
in accommodating Disputes & promoting Harmo-
ny & Tranquility — We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Servants

Fort St. George

7.th August 1764

Robt Palk & Council

8 dispatched the following Letter to Major Campbell
Commanding the Army

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army.

Sir,

Letter to Major Campbell

We have received Your Letter the 26 July &
have thought proper to confirm the Appointments You
have made. But must expect that in future when-
ever the absolute Necessity of the Service requires the
immediate Appointment of an Officer He be only ordered
to do Duty as such till You can receive our Directions.

With regard to your giving Mr. Robinson the

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the Rank of Ensign without our Concurrence to say no more it was certainly very premature & particularly so, as while he did the Duty of Adjutant, there could be no urgent Necessity for such an Appointment, as You could not by that means have any further Service from him, & admit he may have Merit & that it is at present well rewarded with an Adjutancy but in Justice to many others this Superior Rank might have been found among them. Officers who as fully merited a double Commission, but as You have appointed him, We are willing he should have his Rank in the Battalion & do therefore agree that he shall have a Brevet as an Ensign from the Day You appointed him, But We cannot allow his receiving any Pay on that Account. — Whenever an Adjutant has behaved well, We can always give him Rank from his first Appointment, in future therefore an Adjutants Rank in the Battalion will depend on his own Merit.

Colonel Lawrence has communicated to Us Your Letter to him enclosing those from Lieut.t Matthews & Ensign Mackenzie — You will acquaint the former that since the Appointment of Mr. Bullock to a Captain Lieutenancy of Horse We have received the Honble Company's Orders relating to the Establishment of their Military on which no Captain Lieutenant of Cavalry is to be allowed — We cannot therefore think of making such an Appointment, tho' We are extreamly well convinced of Mr. Matthews's Merit & Services & are well pleased to

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think that tho' no Captain Lieutenant He is next in succession to the first Vacancy of a Captain in that Corps. with regard to Mr. Mackenzie as he Came into the Service a Volunteer before leave was given to receive the Kings Officers it would be unreasonable now to put him over the Head of many who have served equally well. It was entirely his own act the accepting the Service in that Station.

As We have a very just sense of the Merit & good Behaviour of Lieut.t Hinton & Cornet Hutton of the Horse We are desirous of making such a Provision that they may not be superseded in the Service in Case of a Reform. for this purpose We have agreed to give the former a Captain Lieutenants Brevet to take rank from the 23. July & the latter a Lieutenants Brevet which shall bear date before the Lieutenants lately appointed Viz.t 23 July 1764.

As Lieutenant Stout of the Artillery is now doing duty here, He may proceed to Camp, if You can send any Officer who is capable of Garrison Duty to supply his Place. And as there is no Artillery Officer at Trichinapoly Captain James may continue there.

Enclosed You have an Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors concerning Captain Robert Villers Fitzgerald, You will make him acquainted therewith & direct Mr. Bonsett to recover from him the Money mentioned therein for which purpose We herewith send You a Note of hand transmitted to the

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The Honble the Court of Directors having been pleased to appoint Mr. Weston Greenwolters an Ensign, He is to take Rank next before Mr. Pulteney George Collins namely from the 23d. July last.

We are

Sir

Your most Hed & Obt. Servants

Fort St. George

8 August 1764.

Rob Palk & Council

9th. The following Letter was sent to John Lewen Smith Esqr Chief at Cuddalore

To John Lewen Smith Esqr.

Chief at Cuddalore

Letter to Mr. Smith at Cuddalore

Sir,

The President hath communicated to us your Letter of the 26th. July together with the Interpretation of Mr. Riquets Letters from the Original Correspondence in Mr. Carrere's Possession. It appears evident from them that his Intentions were by no Means to keep the Capitulation he entered into, if He could find an advantageous Opportunity of breaking it - His proposals of first engageng in the Service of the Dutch & then of Morarow & his procuring Arms &c.a & preparing to go off, are sufficient Grounds for our Opinion Since by his Capitulation He was to remain quiet at Cuddalore till the arrival of his Nation in India His offering to sell the Horses after suspecting his Correspondence was discovered seems as if He purposed to go off with the Money he might get for them & leave the Men to be maintained by us or to shift for themselves

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It is therefore necessary that some Measures should be taken to prevent his carrying his Designs into Execution. For which purpose We would have You keep a very watchful Eye over his actions as a Guard upon the Horses, until You find You have a sufficient Force to seize him which You will do as soon as You find it convenient, and search his House for Arms & Ammunition & such Papers as may give You any light into his Intentions, which You will also secure. You will then call him as well as the other Officers & Men before You and acquaint them with our Motives for this Step — We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St. George
9th August 1764

Monday
13th August

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Ardley
Charles Turner, George Stratton

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Campbell —

The Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c.

Honble Sir,

Letter from Major Campbell — Encloses intelligence from Rowling

Amongst the half Starved People who have lately come out of Madura is a Widow of an European, she brought me a Chit from Rowling an exact Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose, every Body that has come out differs

greatly from him as to the Quantity of Provisions in the Place & agree that Ussoff Cawn has not taken one Days Grain for his Garrison from the Inhabitants, as they have it not, tho' Rowling gives that as his Reason for differing now so much from his Accounts given in the beginning of April last to me, but all agree with him that Ussoff Cawn encourages his People much with affirming that General Lawrence is coming up to make Peace with him & that if he does not We must be obliged to return to Trichinopoly before the Moonsoons — a Coffre came off the other Night, & four Europeans who intended following, were taken, he says all the Europeans & Topasses seem much alarmed at the certainty that appears to them of the Fall of the Place, from all Accounts which I can get I flatter myself that before the middle of September, some favourable Alteration in our Favour will happen in the Fort. for the Horsemen in particular begin already to complain loudly of their Horses dying & the Prospect they have of Starving themselves. however this shall by no Means prevent my taking every Precaution to continue a close Blockade or make a second Attack as may by & by be judged most Prudent ...

Builds Pandalls for the Army —

... I am now getting Pandalls made which if We shou'd remain here during the Monsoons will be as secure & good Places for the Men as any Houses, & as fast as they are finished I stricke the Tents which will save them — All the useless & unserviceable Stores are sent to Trichinopoly — as to the Works that is carrying on round the Fort I have begg'd of Major Call to

to explain to You. — That part of Rowling's Letter which mentions Wolff Cann's having wrote to the King of Tanjore, I take the Liberty to recommend to Your Consideration for I once before observed the Behaviour of the Kings Jemidars here, shews that they have very little regard for the Nabob's Honor or Services for they have never yet done the least duty, nor have they come near me for three Months past, & they are endeavour-ing to enlist some of the Nabob's Horsemen as I am well assured by the Jemy daves who Commands those Horsemen. — I believe the Nabob would readily agree to grant Mr. Heigel some Subsistance for himself & People if he would give proper security that he would remain quiet

The Nabob desirous of entertaining Mr. Heigel in His Service

The Nabob has desired me to present You with his best Compliments, & to acquaint You that he will be much obliged for as many Arms, Shot & all kind of Military Stores as can be spared. I before this wrote to Mr. Turner by his Orders on the same Subject for he will be extremely happy in getting every Thing of that kind from Madras. It is true he had after our repulse wrote to Brouwer to purchase some Stores at Trangueber or Negapatam; because he was ap-prehensive that the large Indents that had been complied with at Madras, might have made it inconvenient to spare him any large Quantity. but I am persuaded that he will never apply to any other Settlement for any Thing he wants, if he can be sup-plied with it from Madras, Indeed I am much Mistaken if in future he will not make pretty large

Desires a supply of Stores

large Demands, for tho' he has a Number of Sepoys, their Arms in general are bad, & for want of proper Care in his different Forts many go to ruin for want of repairing.

Lieut.t Holly is wounded at Srinavelly in a small Skirmish. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect & Gratitude.

Horrible Sir

Your most obliged & most

Camp before Madura
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Obedient Humble Servant.

Char.s Campbell.

Opinion of the Board with regard to Rowlings Intelligence.

With regard to the Intelligence communicated by Rowling Major Campbell is to be informed that We think no dependance is to be had on it. & We are fully of Opinion the whole of what he has sent has been dictated by Wolff Cawn himself, & therefore worthy no other notice than as it may enable Major Campbell, when he is apprized thereof to guess at his Intentions & the Motives he has for making use of such an Artifice. We much approve his building Pandalls & sending the Wounded. -veable Sheds to Trichinopoly & he is also to be directed to send thither by Doolies as Opportunities offer such of the Sick & Wounded, as are not likely again to be fit for Service during the Expedition & may with safety be removed.

The Building Pandalls approved of.

As to the Behaviour of the Kong of Tanjore Troops We are not at all surprized at it, when We consider what Pains the Nabob takes to make them his Enemy - which We have already hinted to Major Campbell. Tho' notwithstanding what he now says, We before very much commended them. Major Campbell is therefore to be directed

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to be very Carefull not to fall in so readily with the Nabobs Sentiments on this Head, as they can only tend to encrease the Breach between them, in Order to give the Nabob an Opportunity of taking his Revenge as soon as the Affair of Madura will permit him — And We think the Tanjore Jemidars, would yet act with great Vivacity provided Major Campbell was to call them before him & converse with them regarding their Behaviour, which He is therefore to be directed to do — And Ordered that a Letter be addressed to the King of Tanjore on the Subject —

As to the Nabobs taking Mr. Fleigel into his Service & allowing any Subsistence to remain quiet, Major Campbell is to be acquainted We can by no Means agree to it.

We cannot approve of the Nabobs applying to Pondicherry for Arms or Military Stores; We will at all Times supply him as far as We are able, if He will inform Us what kinds He is most in Want of —

Major Campbell having represented that Ensign William Collins who came out on the Pitt, whom he had appointed an Ensign had by his Behaviour rendered himself unworthy of a Commission — It is therefore agreed to order Captain Bollingham at Trichinopoly where he now is, to acquaint him that We have no further occasion for his Service —

The President acquaints the Board that Messrs. Isaac & La Roque had in Consequence of the Resolution of the Board for their receiving the Subsistence of the French Prisoners & giving Bills for the Amount, proposed making some Alteration in the Distribution —

thereof in a more equitable manner, & by which means the Expence would be something decreased — which is according

Agreed to — by Agreed to —

Recruits of the Gloucester very sickly

The President acquaints the Board that of the Recruits put on Board the Duke of Gloucester many had died in the Passage, & that several of those landed here are afflicted with the Scurvy to such a Degree as to make it doubtful whether they will ever be fit for Service which is in a great Measure owing to that Ships not having touched at any Place for Refreshment — It is therefore Agreed to represent this Matter to the Court of Directors, that they may give the necessary Orders to the Commanders of their Ships having Recruits on Board —

Orders in Consequence

Mr Hinderdine sent out Surgeon on the Gloucester

The President acquaints the Board that Mr Thomas Davis & George Manwaring Hinderdine who was appointed by the Company Surgeons either for this Place or Bengall wherever they should be most wanted are arrived the former on the Van Sittarts & the latter on the Duke of Gloucester — As a Surgeon is wanted at Cuddalore on account of Mr Buchannon not being able to proceed thither. It is agreed that Mr Davis be received on this Establishment & sent to Cuddalore & that Mr Hinderdine do proceed to Bengall — The President likewise acquaints the Board that Mr Carrere who was Surgeon on Madura & came off with Piquets Troop had desired to be employed as Surgeons Assistant — As Surgeons Assistants are wanted in Camp — It is Agreed

to be employed as Surgeons Assistant to Bengall

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that He do proceed thither in that Capacity —

Mr Smith a Cadet resigns the Service

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that Mr Joseph Smith who came out a Cadet for this Place had desired leave to resign which is granted as We find his Behaviour has rendered him unfit for an Officer —

Mr Jas Surtees & Francis Knox admitted Cadets

The President Acquaints the Board that Mr James Surtees who came out a Free Merchant on the Fanditaar and Mr Francis Knox who arrived on the Earl of Lincoln had desired to be received as Cadets on this Establishment which is agreed to as they are both very promising Young Men —

Orders relating to Victualling the Troops

The Commissary General acquaints the Board that the Commissary at Camp had represented to him the Difficulties he laboured under, on Account of his not having regular daily Returns made to him of the Men victualled in Camp. It is therefore ordered that the Commanding Officer do direct the Victualler never to supply Provisions without first receiving from the Captain or Officer Commanding each Company or Detachment a Return of the number of Men to be victualled for that Day, & those Returns are to be entered daily in a monthly Roll kept for that purpose — as regular the Commissary is to examine each Day's Return & see that regularly posted on the Monthly Roll. The Surgeons of the Hospitals are to observe the same Method & their Monthly Rolls to be inspected by the Commissary and this Practice is to be followed by the Commanding Officer, Surgeon, & Victualler & Commissary or Paymasters Deputy on detached Commands —

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Orders regarding enlisting Men into the Service

Many Irregularities having arose in entertaining Men in the Service — It is ordered that the Commanding Officer Town Major or Adjutant in Garrison or in the Field shall first of all examine any Person inclinable to enlist & if he appears proper for the Service, He is to make out a Certificate of his Name, Age Country, Occupation, and from whence he came & the Day he enlisted & for what Term. The said Recruits then to be sent to the Surgeon, who will examine and if he is an able bodied Man — The Secretary in the Military Department is then to certify that the said Recruit is registered, & this shall be a Certificate to the Paymaster for advancing him his Enlisting Money & entering him on the Rolls —

This is to be entered in the Military Register Book & Copies thereof sent to all Paymasters Commanding Officers & Garrisons to the Coast & such Certificates may be sent by the Recruits themselves to the Paymasters of the Garrisons. They shall & are hereby required the Recruit to the Secretary as aforesaid & the Certificate of Enlistment by him shall be delivered to the Paymaster and Commanding Officer of E by him shall be delivered to

Reflections on the Expediency of getting Possession of the Circars to the Northward —

The Honble the Court of Directors have frequently recommended our using our utmost endeavours for getting Possession of the Circars to the Northward. We are fully sensible of the Importance of such an acquisition, Yet the Expedition to Manilha & the Reduction of the Dutch Coast have hitherto obliged us to postpone our Views with regard to them — The present Opportunity appears favorable for our attempting to get a